

Church news

God shows followers the way, the truth, and light of his world

God's Called Out People (Colossians 3:1-3; 4:5; 1 Peter 2:9-17).
 "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9).
 These words were spoken by Peter in a letter which he sent to the first century Christians, who had been driven out of Jerusalem and scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, provinces of Asia Minor. Although the letter was addressed to these people specifically, in a greater sense it is addressed to all Christians in all the

centuries since, even today. Let us first consider some background. The city of Jerusalem was a hub of heaven. Many Jewish people had been converted to Christianity, the day of Pentecost had come and thousands more had been converted on that day and the days following. The ranks of Christians were swelling as the Gospel was preached and taught and the Holy Spirit was doing His work. Few were leaving and going back home. Most of them wanted to stay in this city of Christian excitement. There was so much to learn yet about Christ's Gospel, and the joys of worship, prayer, preaching and fellowship. There was a great shar-

ing spirit among them. It was a great place to be. But Christ had left His Great Commission with them. They were to go into all the world and preach and teach His Gospel. The religious establishment, and the Roman Government would not stand for all these people to be in Jerusalem for long. They were surely disrupting the status quo. The persecution began, and the Christians in Jerusalem had to flee for personal security. Stephen was put to death. Phillip left for Samaria where he had great success for the Lord. As they went out into the world the principle of the wolves and the lambs set in - it would not be easy. There would be hardships and perse-

cuting as they come into conflict with the worldly powers. They would have to keep in mind that they were a called out people, enabled by the Holy Spirit. The question then is - called from what - to what?
 The Higher View. (Colossians 3:1-3; 4:5-6)
 Paul's letter to the Christians at Colosse gives us far more than a hint as to what a called out people are to be.
 Read the five verses given above. They would, of course, be in this world, but they were not of this world. Their real world was God's heavenly kingdom. They were to have a higher view, to "Seek those

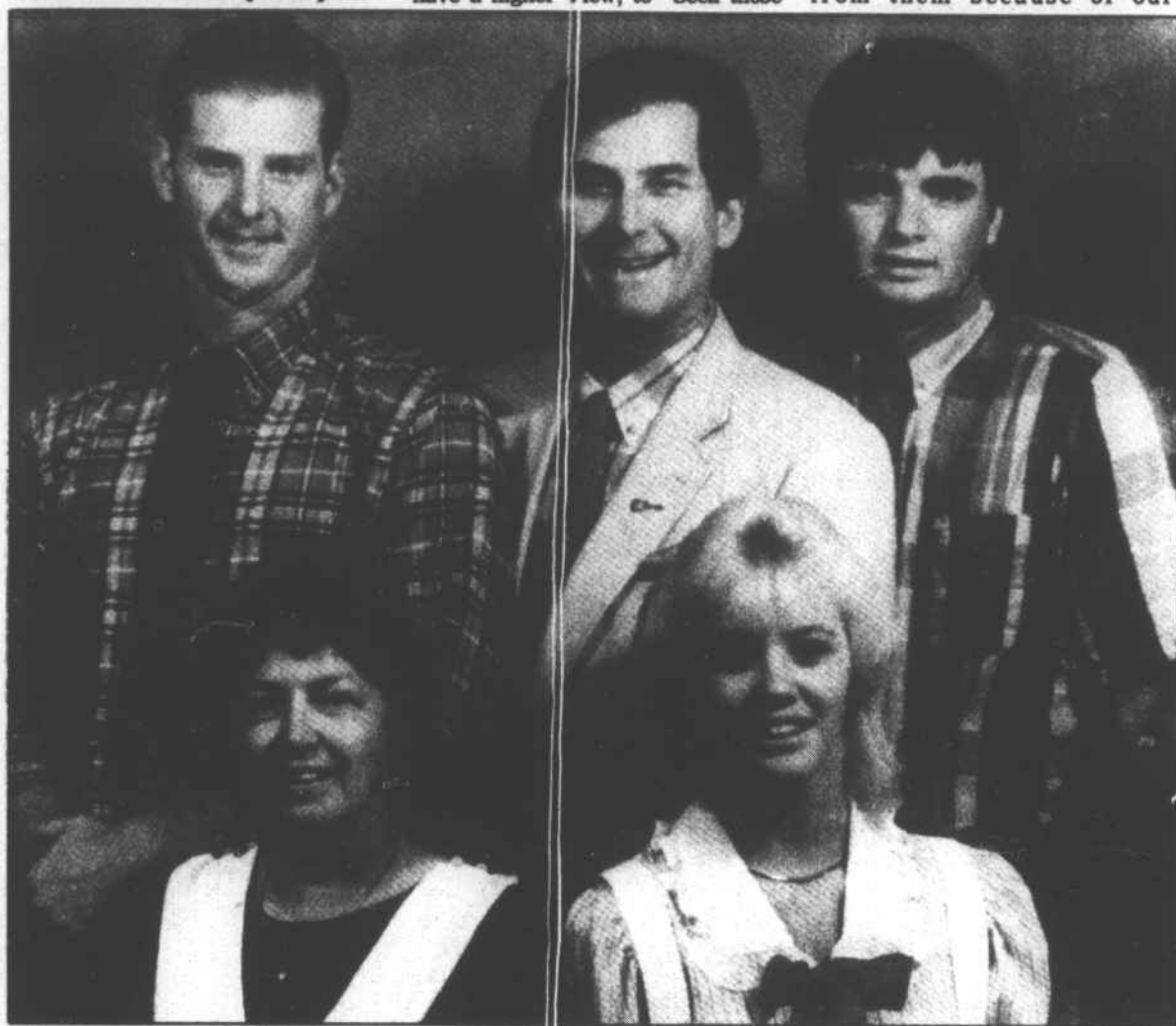
things which are above" and "Set your affection on things above, not things on this earth." Paul is saying that when we become Christians, our life is dead to the worldly ways and that our lives are "hid with Christ in God." We are called from this worldly attitude of living because this is not our real home.
 Called to a Separated Life. (1 Peter 2:9-17)
 Peter tells us that as Christians we are called to be separated from the people of this world. Not by distance, of course, but by character and action. We live among people who are not Christians, but we are different from them because of our

relationship to God, and our responsibilities for carrying on His kingdom's work. We have been called out of darkness into His marvelous light as noted in verse nine. The spiritual light of revelation and love. These verses tell us something else, too. Before we became Christians we were not a people, a unified group. We were scattered individuals - Greeks and Jews, Barbarians, Chinese, all races and nationalities. But with salvation, through Christ, we were welded into one - the people of God. A royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, but real.

Youth weekend set

Attention! It is right here on us. You haven't heard? Well, it is not too late. Beginning this Friday night through Sunday morning, the New Hope-Woodland United Methodist Church will be holding a Youth Emphasis Week-end. The theme is "You Make a Difference". We want our young people to get the message that they do count, they are persons of self-worth, and that we need them in our lives. They also make a difference to God.
 The week-end schedule is as follows:
 Friday-New Hope ages 2-5, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Friday-New Hope ages 6-10, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Friday and Saturday-Woodland ages 11-up lock-in 8:00 p.m. - 8:30

a.m.
 Saturday-New Hope ages 2-10, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Children may come dressed as clowns.)
 On Saturday night at New Hope Church, it will be Family Night. We are encouraging parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends to come and join in this special evening.
 At 6:30 p.m., we will see a Video of our young people's week-end activities and at 7:00 p.m. the Carroll's Family of Roanoke Rapids will sing and also speak through Muppets.
 This will be an exciting week-end and we invite everyone to participate in some or all of the activities.
 For further information contact Mrs. Shirley Fleck, 264-3189 or Rev. Larry Higgins 264-2430.



Pictured above are members of the Carrolls. The Carrolls will be performing during the youth weekend at Woodland and New Hope United Methodist Churches.

Nutrition site menus

The following is the nutrition site menu for the elderly of Perquimans County, week of Sept. 14-18, 1987.
 Monday—Hillshire smoked sausage, scalloped potatoes, buttered broccoli, dinner roll, margarine, white cake with whipped topping and strawberries (separately), milk, fresh orange.
 Tuesday—Bar-B-Que, chopped spinach, corn, whole wheat bread, margarine, tomato juice, milk.
 Wednesday—Country fried steak with gravy, marinated fresh toma-

atoes, green peppers and onions, buttered green beans, rice, margarine, cherry gelatin with fruit cocktail, milk.
 Thursday—Paprika baked chicken, baked sweet potatoes, buttered green peas with onions, dinner roll, margarine, orange, milk.
 Friday—Lasagna, salad lettuce, cabbage, bell pepper with thousand island dressing, buttered corn, french bread, margarine, purple plums, milk, orange.

Area church news

Prince Hall day set

District wide Prince Hall Day will be observed Sunday, September 13, 1987 at 4 p.m. at the New Sawyer Creek Baptist Church for the Seventh District Prince Hall Jurisdiction of North Carolina. The Rev. Johnnie M.

Etheridge, Jr. will be the speaker along with his choir.
 The public is invited to worship with us. Brother James Modlin is the District Deputy.

Workshop scheduled

A qualifying test of general knowledge will be administered (to all non-certified applicants who have not previously taken it) on Monday and Tuesday, September 14 and 15, 1987 from 9:00-12:00 noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m. Those making a passing score of 70% in the test will be asked to return the next week for the workshop.
 Perquimans County Schools will offer the Effective Teacher Training for all substitutes September 21-25, 1987, 8:30-3:30 p.m. at the A.R.P.D.C. Building. If you plan to substitute during the 1987-88 school year, you

are required to participate in this training. Please call 426-5741 to register for this workshop. Pre-registration is necessary in order to have appropriate materials and refreshments.
 If you plan to substitute during the 1987-88 school year, you will have to meet 2 requirements: (1) Take the qualifying test if you have not already done so. (2) Use persons holding any teaching certificates are exempt. (2) Take the Effective Teacher Training.

Child safety month marks victory for kids

September is National Child Safety Month and what better time to announce that some 20 million American children are better off this year due to a national effort to promote the use of seat belts. Seat belts for use in automobiles? No, seat belts for use in shopping carts in supermarkets and department stores.
 Since the Consumer Product Safety Commission first reported that more than 9,000 children under the age of 5 are injured from falling out of shopping carts annually, the amount of "safe supermarkets" has doubled. This is due to a commendable display of cooperation between consumers and private industry working together toward the common goal of

bringing down that alarming number of accidents. But, unlike the mandatory use of automobile seat belts and child car seats in many states, shopping cart seat belts are being installed voluntarily. It is the overwhelming acceptance and appreciation of the seat belts by people that shop with small children that has prompted a growing number of supermarkets to install the straps. This rapidly expanding movement has not stopped or rested with supermarkets. When hearing about these efforts to ensure child safety, LUVS Diapers, a division of Procter & Gamble, sponsored 1,000,000 Safe Straps for use in shopping carts throughout the United States.

Cards Of Thanks

Words cannot go deep enough to express our thanks to all our many friends, relatives & neighbors for all acts of kindness shown us during my illness.
 Your support and concern has been most helpful through these days of distress.
 Annie White & Family
 We will long remember and forever cherish the many deed of kindness and expressions of sympathy, prayers, thoughts, cards telephone calls, food, flowers, visits and donations, extended to us during the illness of our most and at her death.
 We deeply appreciate each deed and expression. May God bless all of you. The Family of
 Annie J. Barnett

"SALTY CHRISTIANS"

(Matthew 5:13)
 REV. JOSEPH L. WILLS, Pastor
 SALT - ANYTHING THAT GIVES LIVELINESS, FRESHNESS, EXTENSIVELY PREPARED FOR USE AS A SEASONING: A PRESERVATIVE FOR FOOD.

(Baking Soda is a salt)(A sailor is sometimes referred to as being a "salt" if he has been around for some time.) Epsom salt is used as a laxative (action). Those Christians who never do anything for the church or anyone, can be referred to as a grain of salt.
 Scripturally speaking, salt can be referred to many things. Leviticus 2:13 states, "And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offerings, thou shalt offer salt."
 II Chronicles 13:5 states, "Ought ye not to know that the Lord God of Israel gave the Kingdom over Israel to David forever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?" It becomes a symbol of a binding covenant. In II Kings 2:20 & 21, it becomes a healing and cleansing aid when God instructed Elisha and he said, "bring me a new cruse and put salt therein. And they brought it to him." Verse 21 says, "And he went forth unto the spring of the waters and cast the salt in there, and said, "Thus saith the Lord, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land."
 What does Job say? Job states, "Can that which is unsavory be eaten without salt or is there any taste in the white of an egg?"
 Thus, salt becomes a stimulant to the appetite. Salty Christians will be anxious to taste and see that the Lord is good,
 St. Luke 14:34 and 35th states that salt is good, but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned? Is it neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ear to hear, let him hear. Thus, it becomes a preventive from decay. Old age. Mark 9:50 refers to it as a promoter of peace when he said, "Salt is good, but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith shall ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another. Salty Christians should be an evidence of grace, for we find Paul writing to the Colossians in the fourth Chapter and the sixth verse, saying, "Let your speech be always with the grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."
 It is check-up time! Christians, have you lost your savour? How savour is the conduct you display in your everyday contacts with others? Can others tell by your actions that you live in close fellowship with Jesus? Is your word as dependable as an Old Testament "Covenant of Salt"? Does your influence have a healing virtue and create an appetite for Christ? Do you seek to retard sin and encourage others to live peacefully? Is there abundant evidence of his transforming grace in your life? Today, tonight and every day, as we go into the world of corruption, may we keep in mind that the Lord need, want and expects you and me to be a preserving "Salty Christian". There is nothing wrong with God's world. Just the individuals in it have lost their savour.

Dear friends,

Nothing is more important for the continuing progress of our nation than the fullest education of our young people within their capabilities. Our teachers, who assume this awesome responsibility, need and deserve our utmost respect and cooperation.
 Respectfully,
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