

Church news

Pony express ride begins

The "run" of the Pony Express will get under way Sunday, October 25, at Hertford United Methodist Church with a "trail boss" breakfast and worship service.

An estimated 27 church members acting as trail bosses and station agents are expected for the breakfast briefing. Lyn Boynton will be the chief cook for this event. Church families on the Pony Express "run" will again relay stewardship saddlebags to gather "estimate of giving" cards. Saddlebags and run route lists will be handed out at the breakfast by Emmett and Eva Wrae Landing, general managers of the stewardship campaign.

The relay of the saddlebags among church members will begin immediately after the morning worship service. Each saddle bag bears the names of 10 church families. Each family fills in a giving estimate card, seals it in an envelope and inserts it in the saddlebag pouch and then hand-carries the saddlebag to another of the families on the route.

Station agents are Miriam Haskett, Frank McGoogan, Joyce Riddick, Eddie Barber, and Judy Christensen. Those serving as trail bosses are Mrs. Jessie Perry, Mrs. Billy White, Mrs. Claire Payne, Mrs. Talmage Rose, Mrs. Grace Bizzell, Mrs. Jessie Harris, Mr. John Decker, Mrs. Anne Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Harrell, Mrs. Susan Harris, Mrs. Madeline Nixon, J. T. Lane, Mrs. Ginger



Ann Thatch, route rider on Angel, receives the saddlebag from trail boss Pat Harrell to begin the Pony Express "run" for Hertford Methodist Church on Sunday, October 25th.

O'Neal, Mrs. Marjorie Holland, Mrs. Minnie Hurdle, Billy L. Winslow, Mrs. Marie Byrum, Mrs. Dianne

Hoofnagle, Mrs. Joann Kirby, Mrs. Julia Bryant, and Mrs. Kay Whedbee.

Abraham's family becomes divided

Esau said, is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplanted these two times: he took away my birthright: and behold, now he hath taken away my blessing." (Genesis 27:36)

Our lessons are currently in the fall quarter of studies under the theme, "Genesis. Book of Beginning." We have covered, thus far in our studies, God's creation and man's fall—the first murder recorded, when Cain slew Abel—the great flood when God destroyed all on earth except Noah and his family—the tower of Babel episode, when God scattered humans throughout the earth and gave them differing languages—the selection and the calling of Abraham in a covenant relationship. The scripture text given for today's study records the division which too, place in the descendants of Abraham's family. These are all interesting stories of ancient peoples, beginning probably about 6000 years ago. For non-Christians, or un-Godly people, these incidents are just that—interesting incidents of ancient history. But in actuality it is far more than that. It is Holy History. It is God working in the world. From the very moment that the crowning achievement of God's creation, Adam and Eve, became disobedient to God's command in Eden they separated their relationship to God. Holy History, the bible, is the record of the loving creator, God, working to re-establish, to redeem, fallen mankind to Himself. The thread of redemption, beginning with Adam and Eve, runs throughout history to reunite God and man. The bible records it like it is; the good and the bad. Today's study gives one example of such.

MOTHER'S PLOT (Genesis 27:5-10)

In our study for last week we saw that Abraham was 100 years old, his wife, 90, when God gave them a son. He was named Isaac. Isaac had grown into manhood, in fact he was 37 years old and not yet married. Abraham was concerned but he did not want Isaac to marry a heathen woman from Canaan. Abraham sent

his trusted servant to Haran, where Abraham's brother, Nahor and his family lived, to select a wife for Isaac from this family. Rebekah was selected to become Isaac's wife. It was several years after the marriage that Rebekah became pregnant with twin boys. In due course the twins were born. The first one had a remarkable growth of body hair; he was named Esau, which means "hairy". The second followed closely, and his tiny hand clutched his brother's heel. He was named Jacob, meaning "heel grabber", or deceiver. Now comes the problem between Jacob and Esau. The first born son had the right to the larger part of the father's estate. Abraham and Isaac were immensely wealthy. But more than that, the first born son had the right to become the head of the clan; and, in this case, it meant he would be the custodian of the covenant, the majestic promises that God had made with Abraham. Even though historically Esau would have received the birthright, God chose Jacob to carry on the family line. Jacob had the qualities which God needed for this task. Rebekah preferred Jacob over Esau. Therefore, both she and Jacob set about to trick Isaac into giving the blessing to Jacob, instead of Esau. (Read verses 27:5-10 for the details of the plot.)

A MURDEROUS PLAN - A WAY TO ESCAPE (Genesis 27:41-46)

The deed was done and the consequences of the deceitful action was about to set in. Esau's reaction to the trickery was to plan to kill his brother, Jacob. Rebekah, hearing of the plan, called Jacob to her and sent him out of the country; to live with her brother Laban in Haran. In time she hoped that Esau's anger would lessen and that his desire to kill Jacob would die. There are great lessons for us in this study. God's will and people's actions at times are in conflict. Before the twin sons were born, God determined Jacob to be the dominant one through whom His re-

demptive purpose would flow. It was God's plan and God's business, and if left alone God would have handled it right. The problem came when humans stepped in and applied their selfish desire to have things happen the way that they wanted. It created problems lasting for years. That is usually the result when people run before the Lord, instead of following Him.

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Perquimans area church calendar

Parson's Temple plans revival
There will be a three night Revival Service starting October 29 through October 31. These services will be held at the Parson Temple

Fellowship Church, 108 S. Edenton Road Street in Hertford at 8 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Elder Copeland of Faith Temple Church in Suffolk, Va.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Pastor Wills to celebrate anniversary

The Rev. Joseph L. Wills will be celebrating his 13th anniversary at the Poole's Grove Baptist Church, Sunday October 25th at 11 a.m. The Rev. James Dunstan, Pastor of An-

tioch Baptist Church, will be in charge of the service. At 3 p.m. the Rev. Daniel Lamb and St. John Baptist Church of Creswell, N.C. will be in charge of the service.

At 7 p.m. the St. Stephen Young Adult Choir and the New Shiloh Young Adult Choir will be in concert. The public is invited to attend these services.

Fall festival begins at Galatia Baptist Church

The Galatia Male Chorus will be observing their annual Fall Festival, Sunday October 25th at 6 p.m. The theme will be Pathways to The City

of Light.

The public is invited.

Gospel sing scheduled in October

There will be a Gospel Sing Saturday, October 24th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pentecostal Holiness Church in

Edenton, N.C. The featured singers are the Anchochorm from Goldsboro. The public is invited to attend.

Cards of Thanks

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to our many friends, neighbors and relatives for their many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy during the illness and death of our loved one.

May God bless each of you.

The Family of Joseph A. Winslow including brothers and sisters

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the People of Perquimans County and surrounding areas for all the prayers, cards, flowers, and other acts of kindness that have been shown to me during this time since my injury. Special thanks to those who made the Raffle Benefit possible, and then successful. Thanks Perquimans County for being a sharing and caring community. May God Bless Each of You.

Alton Lane

Dear friends,



Dr. Wm. Lamers, psychiatrist, says, "In my experience, I have found a funeral to be of great value over an extended time for those who participate in it, for those who make it a part of the way in which they respond to death. I was so impressed, that I have made speeches and appeared on radio and TV to discuss how positive a psychiatrist, felt about funerals."

Respectfully,

Larry Swindell

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EVERYBODY NEEDS TO REPENT

Rev. John London

Jesus spoke this parable: A man had a fig tree growing in his vine yard, and he came out looking for fruit on it but it did not find any. He said to the vinedresser, "Look here! For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree and found none. Cut it down. Why should it clutter up the ground?" In answer, the man said, "Sir, leave it another year while I hoe around it and manure it, then perhaps it will bear fruit. If not, it shall be cut down."

The parable.

It is significant that Jesus amplified His remark about repentance with a brief parable about a non productive fig tree. The owner of the vineyard in which the tree grew ordered it cut down. Now that tree never hurt anyone. It was perfectly harmless. Like many "good" people, it was not making the world worse. But despite being given repeated opportunities, it had not produced fruit. It was not doing the one thing for which it had been planted. Therefore, it could be removed.

We were created for fellowship with God, but we have turned away from Him and followed ways which may or may not have been obviously sinful, but they have not been His ways. We need therefore to repent, so that we can do the thing for which we were created-to be in fellowship with our Creator.

Repentance is imperative.

Father saying to his son, "I want you to stop referring to the church as the Repentagon." But the little boy was right. The call to repent is a feature of our message that should not be hidden.

Jesus' words to His audience in the Scripture before us shows us how imperative repentance is. He did not say, "Unless you repent you will be unhappy." He did not say, "Unless you repent things will not go well for you." He said, "Unless you repent you will all perish. Repentance then, is a matter of eternal importance.

More than guilt.

Obviously repenting is a human act, something which each one of us must do for himself or herself. But it is more than a weary recitation of our sins and shortcomings. It is more than a sense of sadness or an acknowledgement of guilt for our sins. It is, above all, a radical reorientation of our loves that gives God our central allegiance. It is allowing ourselves to be caught up in the way of Christ and saying, "It is His way that I choose." Frederick Buechner puts it well when he says, "True repentance spends less time looking at the past and saying, 'I'm sorry, than to the future and saying, 'Wow!'"

The repentance that matters.

Grammatically, the word repentance is a noun, but in terms of our lives, it is an action verb. To repent means that we must act upon the awareness of our own sin. Sorrow over sin does little good if it only serves to make us ashamed. Many people are ashamed of their actions or their moral weaknesses. But shame alone can dishearten us, deflate our hope and faith, and leave us so disgusted with ourselves that we have not spirit left to do anything but sink deeper into our shame.

The repentance that Jesus calls for is the only kind that will do us some good. It is the kind that drives us first to our knees to say we are sorry, and then to our feet to walk with God each day.

Ministerial association

The Perquimans County Ministerial Association has cancelled its picnic Saturday, October 24th, at Missing Mill Park in Hertford.

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