

Church news

Joseph serves as the deliverer of God's people in Egypt

Sunday school lesson

JOSEPH AS A DELIVERER OF THE PEOPLE (Read Genesis Chapter 39-41)

"...God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction." (Genesis 41:52)

Our studies are in the fall quarter under the theme "Genesis: Book of Beginnings." Currently we are in a three lesson unit of study under the title, "Joseph, The Preservation of God's Special People." In last week's study we looked at Joseph and the conflict between him and his brothers. Joseph, the youngest of Jacob's twelve sons, was the apple of his father's eye. The other brothers became jealous of Joseph and con-

spired to do away with him. They decided to sell him into servitude, and thus sold him to a caravan of Ishmaelite traders bound for Egypt. The Ishmaelites in turn sold Joseph to Potiphar, the Egyptian Pharaoh's captain of the guard. Joseph was an unusual slave. Whatever he did was successful.

The record explains this by saying "the Lord was with him." Much had happened in Joseph's life during the intervening years between last week's and this week's study. The Pharaoh had a dream and Joseph was summoned to interpret the dream. God revealed it's meaning to Joseph, and, in turn, he gave the

meaning to the Pharaoh. God was showing the Pharaoh what He was about to do. Egypt would have seven great years of plenty, followed by seven lean years of famine. After interpreting the Pharaoh's dream, Joseph gave him this advice. Store up plenty of food in the seven years of plenty so that Egypt would have ample food to last through the seven years of famine. This brings us to the passage given for today's study.

THE NEW RULER (Genesis 41:38-44)

"And the Pharaoh said unto his servants, can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of

God is?" The Pharaoh had taken Joseph's advice. He was about to select a person and put him in charge of the country—second only to the Pharaoh himself. The man he had chosen was Joseph. What was Joseph's credentials? "A man in whom the Spirit of God is!" One couldn't ask for better credentials. Joseph was to mobilize the people to a plan that would ensure the nation food during the seven years of famine. But it was more than that. God in heaven was working His redemptive plan. He was setting about to move His chosen people, Jacob and his family, into Egypt. There they would be for about four hundred years, living in some of

Egypt's choice land. There they would grow and multiply and prosper. In time He would bring them out—literally thousands of them, and weld them into the Nation of Israel. They would be a Holy people unto Him and eventually a people through whom His Son, Jesus, would be born.

THE MAN AND HIS JOB. (Genesis 41:46-52)

"And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh, King of Egypt..." (Verse 46)

Thirteen years had elapsed since Joseph was brought to Egypt and

now, at age thirty, he stood second only to the King as ruler over the nation. He had married and God had given him two sons. The first he named Manasseh (meaning one who forgets.) The second son he named Ephraim (meaning double fruit.) These two sons would be prominent in the twelve tribes of Israel. The central figure of this lesson is Joseph. In thirteen years a shepherd boy of Canaan became the ruler of Egypt. Question: How did he do it? Because God willed it to be!

Community-wide services are scheduled for the Thanksgiving holiday

A Community Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by Mt. Sinai Baptist Church November 25, 1987 at 7:30

p.m. The Rev. Joe Morefield, Pastor Piney Woods Friends Meeting, will bring the sermon message. A puppet

show will be a highlight for the children. This time of worship will also include prayer and praise and testi-

monies. Also on the program is a community choir. If you would like to be a

part of this choir, please call Mt. Sinai Baptist Church or Up River Friends Meeting for rehearsal times.

Perquimans county church news

Parson's Temple to celebrate anniversary

Parson's Temple Fellowship Church of the Apostolic Faith, Inc., will be having their 6th Chior Anni-

versary, Sunday afternoon, November 22nd at 5:00 p.m. The church is located at 106 South Edenton Road

Street, Hertford, NC. Everyone is invited to attend.

Snug Harbor community church schedule

Snug Harbor Community Church holds a Worship Service Sunday at 9 a.m. followed by Sunday School for all ages at 10:15 a.m.

In the evening at 7 p.m., there is an Adult Bible Study; Youth Group meeting (6-12 years) and a Teen Group Meeting.

We are an Interdenominational Church. All are welcome to join in our activities and fellowship.

Bethel Baptist plans women's day services

New Bethel Baptist Church invites you to attend their Annual Women's Day Service, Sunday, November 22, 1987 at 11:30 a.m.

During the Morning Service, Mrs. Gail Butts of the New Sawyer Creek Baptist Church, Camden, N. C. will

be delivering the morning message. The Rev. William M. Sawyer is the pastor.

Bay Branch weekly church service schedule

Bay Branch A.M.E. Zion Church Sunday School begins at 10:00, with Mrs. Esther Hunter superintendent in charge.

Morning Worship begins at 11:15, music will be rendered by the Young Adult Choir. At 1:30 Rev. Quinton Jordan and the people of Bible Way

Mission Church, Winfall, NC will render service. The public is invited to attend.

First Baptist weekly church service schedule

The First Baptist Church School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. Paster London preaching from the subject, The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving. Psalm 116:17. The Senior Choir singing under the direction of Brother Robert Thomas, organist.

Church., Colrain, NC. Rev. W.A. Davis, Host Paster, Sunday Nov. 22, afternoon at 1:30 p.m. The bus will leave from in front of the church.

First Baptist Church, Saturday night, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m. Maury Choirs of the Perquimans Fellowship Union will sing. Its the Pre-Anniversary of Rev. John H. London. Please come out and show your Thanksgiving in Praise to God.

Echos celebrate tenth anniversary

The J. L. Wills Traveling Echos will observe their 10th Anniversary

Sunday, November 22 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Methodist Church to hold service

The Hertford United Methodist Church announces that its annual Thanks and Praise Service will be held Sunday evening, November 22, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church. Miss Caroline Wright will direct this inspirational program of

music by the combined choirs of the Hertford United Methodist Church. Guest singers from other area churches will take part, among them being Darryl Stallings.

Come, join us in this moving worship of Our Lord thru music.

The American bird

North Carolina has climbed to the top in turkey farming. The state nudged out Minnesota several years ago as the nation's largest producer. The lead continues to grow as farmers in the Tar Heel State are expected to produce 48.2 million turkeys this year, up 23 percent from 1986.

Long gone are the days when turkey was primarily a holiday meat served at Thanksgiving and Christmas. In fact, whole turkeys now represent only about a fourth of turkey meat sales.

Turkey now comes tous in many convenient cuts and processed deli items that include pastrami, salami, bologna, luncheon loaf, turkey ham and a wide variety of turkey franks. Turkey wasn't the only meat served up by the Pilgrims for that first Thanksgiving. The Pilgrims set out on a hunting trip, you'll remember, and returned with turkeys, partridge, geese and ducks. The Indians chipped in with venison. They had so



much food that the feast lasted three days. Since there was no football on TV in those days, no one was in a hurry to stop eating. Somehow the turkey became the featured bird and favorite meat for the many Thanksgivings to follow.

Maybe Ben Franklin was right. The turkey, not the eagle, should have been chosen to symbolize our country. Well, the turkey never got the national recognition it deserved. You won't find a turkey on the back of a dollar bill or a quarter, but at Thanksgiving the turkey IS the American bird.

Cards of Thanks

The family of J. Preston Rogerson Acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expressions of sympathy. Our sorrow is easier to bare with the help of friends, family and hospital staff. We want to thank each one of you for the love and support you have shared with us during the illness and death of our loved one. The many Prayers, visits, cards, food, flowers, phone calls, and memorial gifts were deeply appreciated. May God bless each one of you.

Lillie Mae Rogerson and Boys

I would like to thank each and everyone for their kindness during the illness and death of Ethel Ellis Miller. Especially thanks to the Brian Center staff. May God Bless each and every one of you.

The Miller Family

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to my friends, neighbor, and relatives for their kindness shown to me while I was in the hospital and since my return home. The cards, visits, calls, flowers, food, and especially your prayers. May God bless each of you.

Emma R. Byrum



Dear friends,
To preplan a funeral, we will discuss with you your religious preference, choice of clergyman, scriptures, music and flowers Costs for casket, vault, fixed and optional funeral services and cemetery or crematory fees will also be discussed. Then a complete prearrangement document is written.

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"THANKS BE UNTO GOD!"

Rev. Larry Higgins
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"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." (II Cor. 9:15)

Have you ever experience a joy so deep and wonderful that you could not find the words to express your thoughts and feelings? One would believe that the Apostle Paul was experiencing this kind of joy in his own life when he penned these words. It was as if this was his last expression of motivation that undergirds the christian life: gratitude to God for his unspeakable gift.

The gift the apostle was referring to was Jesus. The scriptures declares the central purposes of God's love to be "that whoever believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (Jn. 3:16). God has graced our lives with bountiful blessings, but the gift that gives meaning to life itself is God's unspeakable gift, Jesus Christ.

The motivation for that gift was love. The apostle Paul writes that "God commendeth his love toward

us, in that, whiles we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). God sent Jesus because i f his love for us.

Paul reminds is that this Gift brings about reconciliation. he tells us that when Jesus came, "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself" (II Cor. 5:19). Because of our sin we were separated from, but through the acceptance of Jesus Christ we have forgiveness of sin and are made right with God. Is the gospel we hear Jesus saying, "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father but by me" (John 14).

The true response to the gift of Jesus Christ is gratitude. This response will not just come to the surface during this month, but gratitude will become a natural part of our living.. Through our words, our attitudes, and the living of our lives, ay God be shown that we are grateful for the abudant life we have in His unspeakable gift, the lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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