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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

"Go ye into all the world—" — Mark 16:15

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Time Unaffected By The Calendar

THE closing of an old year and the beginning of a new is always an event in the life of the world. We have for time immemorial made much over seasons and dates which dot our calendar throughout the year. Perhaps you have been impressed with the fact that Time, which ever "marches on," takes not the slightest notice of these calendar dates which man has marked as important.

The event or date which we think so significant may mark the turn of a year, the beginning of a new century, the death of a dominant world character or the death of an empire, a world war or the signing of an armistice. With it all Time seems to be unimpressed. Whatever the world stirring event or date may be, the man in the moon never bats an eye; the twinkling stars do not miss a twinkle and the blazing sun rises and sets with the same poker-face turned toward the world which it has shown since the dawn of creation.

When we rub out these calendar dates about which we become so excited, we can better understand the words of the apostle when he said, "One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." We can better understand the Psalmist when he said, "For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past. We move over from our petty periods of time into the endless, measureless eternity of which we are all a part. When we remember that Time is unaffected by our calendar we ourselves become a part of an immeasurable period which has no dates for either beginning or end. Because our lives are timeless and we ourselves are helpless, in such a realm, we need as our Guide and Pilot the "Friend that sticketh closer than a brother" who is "the same yesterday, and today, and for ever."

Jesus Is The Christ

THROUGHOUT the first quarter of 1943, our Sunday School Lessons are based on the Gospel of St. John. This is all but providential for at least two reasons. The Gospel of St. John is the most spiritual of the four Gospels and possibly the most spiritual, soul inspiring book of the Bible. Leaders of our Church Schools will have opportunity, in the most trying time in our national history, to review again this comforting, helpful Gospel.

The primary reason for which the Gospel of John was written makes it especially beneficial at this time. John tells us of his Gospel that "these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name." There has been no more opportune time for this generation to study the facts and proofs undergirding our faith in Jesus as the Christ of God.

Readers of the Arkansas Methodist are especially fortunate to have Dr. W. P. Whaley of Conway giving us weekly his comments on these lessons. Expressions of appreciation of his work for the past months have come from all sections of the state. We believe that the three months to come will be rich in materials, from his pen, interpreting John's Gospel in a manner that will give us larger faith in Christ and a larger appreciation for the much loved Gospel of St. John.

Previewing The New Year With Wishes

THERE is no responsible person who would dare to prophecy as to what the new year will bring to the life of the world. There are some things we would not include even in our wishes for the new year. The customary "Happy New Year" would sound almost sacrilegious in hours like these. Such a wish today, seriously spoken, would be evidence of shallow thinking or a gross indifference to the sorrow and suffering here at home and the stark tragedy that has settled on much of the world. Humanity's wish for the new year must be for something more basic and lasting than superficial happiness and fleeting satisfaction.

May we venture to express for our readers, and for the world, both as a wish and a prayer:

1. That this year may bring to all Christian people and to multitudes that are not now Christian, a new sense of



the presence of God our Father in personal life and living, and a constant recognition of our deep need of His undergirding, life-sustaining, soul-preserving power if life is to have real meaning and ultimate value.

2. That the peoples of earth, having seen the world follow the most promising of human philosophies to the brink of world-wide destruction and despair will awaken to the fact that there is a way of life, outlined by Jesus the greatest Teacher and Philosopher, that will solve every problem and cure every ill that threatens to destroy us if we will seriously and sincerely make that way of life our own.

3. That there may come into the hearts of the leaders of all nations of earth, with increasing force, a recognition of the futility of war as a way of settling differences.

4. That there may come to the United Nations a victory at arms, without brutality or hate, and with the loss of as few lives as possible to warring forces.

5. That this new year may find the leaders of warring nations sitting about the council tables of peace; there to work out international understandings, based on justice, liberty and equality of opportunity for all men, such as will make future wars impossible and universal human brotherhood not only a possibility but an ultimate reality.

Arkansas Methodist Week

ONE of the most encouraging things about the Arkansas Methodist, when considering its future, is the fact that the Methodist Church in Arkansas has now given it a definite place and full recognition in its program for the year.

Arkansas Methodist Week, authorized by both of our annual conferences last year and again this year, makes a definite place and definite provisions for the circulation of the paper in the homes of our people.

Last year, in the first state-wide, simultaneous campaign ever attempted for the Arkansas Methodist, the response on the part of ministers and church membership was everything that we had hoped for in our most optimistic moments. Practically every pastoral charge in the state put on a vigorous campaign on the date fixed by the annual conferences and about eighty-five percent of them made a report to our office the first week following the campaign. Most of the fifteen percent who reported the following week had done practically all of their work in the Campaign during Arkansas Methodist Week. That is to say that the excellent job done in the Circulation Campaign, which resulted in a sixty-six percent increase in the circulation of the paper, was practically completed within eight days set apart by the church for the campaign.

We are now only ten days from the opening of the Circulation Campaign for this year. With the experience of the campaign of last year to guide us and the favorable reception which the Arkansas Methodist has received through the year to hearten us, the work of Arkansas Methodist Week, this year, should meet with even larger success than last year.

Envelopes for use of the local workers and blanks for use in reporting to the District Superintendent and to the office of the Arkansas Methodist will be in the hands of the pastors the last of this week or the first of next week. Posters have been sent out which we believe will help the campaign in the local church if they are put up in the church where the larger numbers of people can see them.

The financial situation is such now as that almost anyone who really wants the paper can have it. When the leadership of Arkansas Methodism directs its powers for a week to leading our people to "want" the Arkansas Methodist, we believe the results will make possible a paper that is representative of our great church in the state.

Universal Week Of Prayer

IN THE opening of the new calendar year it is very significant that the week of January 3 through January 10 has been set apart internationally as "Universal Week of Prayer." We are in the throes of a world war that has no real precedent, yet in the midst of the struggle we can take courage in the fact that in each of the warring nations there is a group of Christian people who will be joining prayers with the rest of the Christian world, through the Universal Week of Prayer, for peace and an international settlement that will end for all time the blood and death and hate of the present war. If it is not possible for you to attend any of the special services held in our churches, in observing this week of prayer, it is possible for us all to have a prayer in our hearts throughout the week for the kind of a world that the angels sang about over the Galilean hills on the night Jesus was born.

The Same Yesterday, Today and Forever

A Message to the Church from the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church. Adopted at Cleveland, Ohio, December 7, 1942.

One year ago today this nation was thrust suddenly into the horror and the peril of a world war. Month by month since that day we have watched the grim shadow of this mighty struggle move across our land. The attack upon all we count dear has united America as she has thrown into the conflict her material wealth, her creative scientific skills, her millions of sons and daughters. Fully mindful of the dangers ahead of us, of the strength of the foes that would conquer us, we have yet seen the spirit of America, that intangible quality of life that is the bulwark of a free people rise to meet the challenge of this moment and dedicate itself to the service of mankind upon the altar of victory.

Methodism's life has been strangely interwrought with the life of the American nation. We have been near to the heart of our country from the time of her birth and in every crisis of her expanding history. The adventurous pioneer did not out-distance the Methodist circuit rider. The soldiers of the Republic found upon every battlefield the comforting ministry of Methodist chaplains. The very philosophy of our democratic way of life was nurtured in the warm heart of an evangelical tradition that sprang out of a gospel that opened wide the doors of salvation to all men and preached the essential worth of every human soul. The Methodist Church is historically and intrinsically a part of that glorious inner life of the nation that is the true "spirit of America." We must not forego our responsibility for the preservation of this continuing spiritual heritage. As Methodists we reaffirm our devotion to the obligations of Christian citizenship and we pray for the guidance of God upon the President of the United States and those who are associated with him in places of authority.

We are under no illusion regarding the un-Christian character of war as a method of settling international disputes. Nor do we forget our own shortcomings and sins relative to the conditions that produced this struggle. But we are in the midst of it now because there has arisen in the world a pagan philosophy driven by unchristian motives

and bent upon establishing its will upon mankind. Against this ideology and its supporters the United Nations have set themselves with grim determination. We pledge ourselves to the destruction of this brutal and unwarranted aggression and to the preservation for all mankind of the sacred liberties of free peoples. In the lurid light of this global conflict we see the outlines of man's selfishness, secularism and pride against the backdrop of his-

realizing that it must be built on a spiritual pattern. Christ was never more contemporary than at this juncture. There is enough spiritual vitality in the world to change the structure of society. This power needs to be mobilized. We do now call upon our church in deep humility and high dedication so to bear the Christian witness that His will may be done through us. For most of us this will mean sacrifice; for many of us it will mean a cross.



tory. But we also discern, dimly and prophetically, the emerging vision of a world fashioned after the mind of Christ and worthy of Him who died upon a cross to redeem it and ever lives to furnish the power to make it a reality. The night is never hopeless when God waits in the dawn.

That which lends moral significance to the suffering and loss that is involved in the present war effort is the ardent hope which we have for a just and righteous post-war world. There will be a tomorrow. Increasingly men everywhere are

And yet we cannot be His disciples unless we are willing to do His will. Do we dare seek first the Kingdom? Let every Methodist examine his own heart and answer before God if he has given up every known sin; if the love of Christ has cast out the blindness that keeps him from esteeming all men as brothers, regardless of race color or creed; if the security of his own economic status has made him indifferent to the agony of men and women and little children who "have only a crust of bread and a corner to weep in." Let him answer if he has

robbed God by the paltry sum he has given to the church and the larger share he has withheld for self. Let him face with Christ a world in the throes of unspeakable anguish and ask himself what he has done to make this our church a powerful and redemptive agency for bringing in the Kingdom of God upon the earth. These are solemn inquiries but these are solemn days. Our boys are dying on battlefields in every continent. Theirs is no light and casual gift to a better world. It is their all, the supreme sacrifice, and falling they ask us if we are willing to live in Christian self-sacrifice for the better day for which they so gallantly die. We shall not build a new world order at any lesser cost.

We would assure the peoples of every land who are in the service of their country that they have the devoted love and earnest prayers of the Methodist Church. We salute in Christ the chaplains on land and sea. We respect those who in good conscience cannot bear arms, but are eager to serve their country with a devotion similar to those who go forth to war. Our hearts go out to fathers and mothers who sacrificially give their sons to their country and upon them we pray the sustaining grace of the God of all comfort and strength. Let us commit ourselves to His will in Christ and trust ourselves to His fatherly goodness. He has never yet forsaken the faithful nor withheld His love from the broken hearted.

God is not dead. His Kingdom has not been defeated; it has only been delayed. Jesus Christ still lives and is Lord of time and eternity, the same yesterday, today and forever. Not one promise that He has made to men has been withdrawn or invalidated. The moral order of the universe is unshattered. No power of hell can destroy the church of the living God. The darkness cannot conquer the light. The cross still stands amid the wrecks of time. To true believers He has given the keys of the Kingdom. His holy church may open the doors of new life to a war-worn and spiritually hungry generation that deeply yearns for a new world of peace and righteousness. Lift up your eyes and behold: the morning cometh, the shadows will lift and God's tomorrow will be better than today and "all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."

BISHOP OF OXFORD'S PRAYER

Give Thy blessing, O Father, to the people of that great and fair land, with whose rulers we are at war. Strengthen the hands of the wise and just, who follow charity and look for justice and freedom, among them as among us. Drive away the evil passions of hatred, suspicion, and the fever of war, among them as among us. Relieve and comfort the anxious, the bereaved, the sick and tormented, and all the pale host of sufferers, among them as among us. Reward the patience, industry, loving-kindness, and simplicity of the common people and all the men of good heart, among them as among us. Forgive

the cruelty, the ambition, the foolish pride, the heartless schemes of which the world's rulers have been guilty. Teach us everywhere to repent and to amend. Help us to use our present afflictions, which come from us and not from Thee, that we may build on the ruins of our evil past a firm and lasting peace. Grant that, united in a good understanding with these who are now become our enemies, though they are our brethren in Christ, they and we may establish a new order; wherein the nations may live together in trust and fellowship, in the emulation of great achievements and the rivalry of good deeds, truthful, honest, and just in our dealings one with another, and following in all things the standard of

the Son of Man, whom we have denied, and put to shame, and crucified afresh upon the Calvary of our battleground. Amen. — Bishop Gore.

HONEST WAGES THIS TIME!

A small boy at Grace Church, Denver, quickly volunteered his services when assistance was needed for a job which paid twenty-five cents for the doing. As he sped past the office of John O. Moore, director of community service and boys' camp, the youngster exclaimed: "I'm gonna earn a quarter and I don't have to shoot craps for it!"

Grace Church neighborhood is full of boys, maladjusted in their homes, who show definite trends

toward delinquency, but who should not be sent to corrective institutions. Yet there is no midway institutions and Grace Church, according to Mr. Moore, attempts to work toward this end. Through individual counseling, wholesome leisure-time activities and a vigorous summer camping program, Grace Church encourages the development of individual stability in the boys. Delinquency first asserts itself in truancy, believes Mr. Moore, who says that the next step is petty thievery and the third incorrigibility. By that time a boy is well launched on a criminal career. The process whereby such a career may be thwarted is gradual, but results at Grace Church prove that it can be done and that it is worthwhile.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

H. O. BOLIN, Editor

HE SAW THE LORD'S SALVATION

By Bates Sturdy

Simeon was an old man when he received his first real Christmas gift. For many years he had come to the close of the year, just hoping. He was longing for something which would lift the concern of his heart into fulfillment of joy. Each year he expected that which hadn't come to him. When would this "Consolation of Israel" occur? No doubt this question had lingered in his mind—"Will I die before this great event comes about?" As he waited he grew older until now he was very old.

One day he went up to the church house. There was something which seemed to impress him to go to the sanctuary. It was the Holy Spirit. While he was in the house of prayer, a man and woman with a little child came into the house. They had come to worship. When Simeon saw the little Child, he asked the mother to let him hold Him. As the old saint of God held this little Babe in his arms, he said, "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation."

According to Simeon the Child in his arms was the Lord's salvation. Had not the angel said to Mary, as he talked to her about bearing a child for the glory of God, "Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." It was through the gift of this little Child that God was going to make the way of salvation possible. He was to become the channel for mankind to be forgiven of its wrong. Later on, on the cross was He, who was the Child in aged Simeon's arms. He was there becoming a sin-offering for the sin of the world. He was the divine substitute for you and me and all the peoples of the earth. In Him, the fountain of the House of David was opened. In Him is a release and pardon for all men everywhere offered. He is the Lamb without blemish. He becomes the "Bright and Morning Star" of hope to a wretched sin-sick world, the stainless and flawless Son of God, God's Salvation.

Today, in a world torn and bleeding because of hate and greed, may we come to see the Lord's salvation. The holy cause of there being a Christmas One who is the Prince of Peace. He who is hurt over the confused children of Adam's race. That One who wept over the blood stains of prophet and disciple in the streets of Jerusalem. This is the Lord's salvation for an age like ours.

As again we sing the Christmas carols, preach sermons about the Babe of the manger, receive gifts from kin and friends and see lights of deep colors, may we see the Lord's salvation. We who would live anew in our yielded hearts. The Lord of the common folk and the sad. May we come to declare with Simeon of old, "For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people."

The block of granite which is an obstacle to the weak, becomes a stepping-stone in the pathway of the strong.—Thomas Carlyle.

ALWAYS A MAN AT THE GATE

(ACTS 3:1-11)

*There's always a man at the Beautiful Gate
When I keep the tryst of prayer,
Always someone in rags of shame,
Or broken by black despair.*

*Ever before me the maimed ones lie
Their pitiful need revealed,
Gasping, intent, for coins soon spent,
Still hungry and still unhealed.*

*Never in mystic solitude
Can I drown my sense of care
For the orphans of storm or the hopeless host;
They are close to my place of prayer.*

*And they look for me, who am poor as they,
To help in their bitter hour,
Ah, glad am I that I know of One
Who has wealth of love and power!*

*I lift His name like a banner of flame
As a challenge to sin and woe,
'Tis the only hope of a ruined race
In His name to rise and go.*

*Ah, glad am I for the Beautiful Gate,
Hard by the mercy seat,
Where the helpless ones and the helping Christ
At the hour of prayer may meet.*

THE PERFECT RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST

Christ is not only our Saviour, He is also our example. He once said, "I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done." His constant invitation was, "Follow me." I like to think of His perfect righteousness. We are told, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a curse to any people." Christ in all things was always right.

He was right in His thinking. People live like they think; no better and no worse. God said, "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." We can't live pure, holy lives and make mud-puddles of our minds. But at the best our minds are filled with error. The heavenly Father, Christ and the Holy Spirit possess the only perfectly balanced minds in the universe. The great psychologists tell us that all human beings are a bit unbalanced or insane. This is true even of the most brilliant. God said, "As high as the heavens are above the earth so are my thought than your thought and my ways than your ways."

With His great penetrating mind Jesus looked down into the very souls of people. We judge individuals by their outward acts. He judges them by their inward thoughts, motives and purposes. It was said of Him, "He did not need that any one should tell Him of man, for He knew what was in man." Several times He said to people who were entertaining wrong thoughts of Him though not expressing them in words, "Why reason ye thus in your hearts?" Before His all-seeing eyes our minds are as an open book. We think we at least know ourselves if we don't know other people, but we don't. We sometimes surprise ourselves. Peter thought he knew himself. He would never deny Jesus, but he wound up by doing so. The Lord knew him better than he knew him-

self. He also knows us better than we know ourselves. Jesus was never in error in His thoughts. I doubt that during His entire life here in the flesh He ever held even one erroneous idea. As far as we can, we are to follow Him in our thoughts.

Jesus was always right in His words. By our words we are to be judged and either condemned or exonerated. We must give an account of every vain and idle word we speak. James tells us that the tongue is the most unruly member in our body. All animals of the earth, birds of the air and fishes of the sea have been tamed by man, but the tongue no man has tamed. He who controls his tongue is a perfect man, but I doubt if any of us have ever attained to that state of perfection. Jesus perfectly controlled his tongue. He was always right in His words. Many times we say the wrong thing at the wrong time and in the wrong place. At other times we say the right thing but at the wrong time and in the wrong place. Jesus never made such errors. "Never man spake like He spake."

To always be right in one's words is a great achievement indeed. "Words fitly spoken are like apples of gold in pitchers of silver." One of the greatest gifts of the human family is that of speech. It is surpassed only by the power to love and think. But one would be greatly handicapped in the expression of loving thoughts were it not for the power of speech. We should thank God for this wonderful gift and never use it to defame the character of our fellows.

Not only did Jesus always think right and speak right, but He always acted right. From the cradle to the grave He never committed a single sin. So far as His own individual case was concerned it was

not necessary that He die. "The wages of sin is death," but He had no sin, nevertheless He died for sin; not His own but ours. He always acted right. He once said to His enemies, "Who of you convinces me of sin?" If I have acted wrongly show me where I am wrong. They could not. Neither could Pilate, the Roman governor, he said, "I find no fault in him." Not only was Christ perfect in the matter of doing no wrong, He was also perfect in that He always did right. We have no record of Christ ever doing one thing that was wrong and neither do we have any of His ever leaving undone a single thing He should have done. He was always right in His acts.

Jesus was right in His relationships. He was such a full and complete revelation of the heavenly Father that He said, "He who has seen me has seen the Father." He was in such perfect harmony with the Father that He said, "The Father and I are one." He was certainly right with the Father. He was also right with men. People hated Him but it was not because He ever mistreated them. It was because that in the purity of His own great life their lives were made to look hideous. It is pretty much like a person who is deformed and distorted in features hating a mirror because it reveals him to himself. Jesus held no grudges against anybody regardless of the treatment He received. He loved His enemies. He tried hard to help them. Sometimes He spoke harsh words but it was only with the hope of jarring them out of their lethargy. Standing one day on the Mount of Olives overlooking Jerusalem and thinking of His enemies who were rejecting Him He cried, "O Jerusalem! Jerusalem! thou who killest the prophets and stonest those who are sent unto you; how often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathereth her brood, but you would not, and now your house is left unto you desolate." He went to the fullest extent in His effort to be right with men, even including His enemies. For those who were killing him He prayed, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Jesus stands out in history as the perfect embodiment of righteousness. He was right in His thoughts, in His words, in His deeds and in His relationships. God help us, as best we can, to follow him.—H. O. B.

PRAYER

O Lord, we thank Thee for abounding grace which Thou hast promised for all times, and especially in times of trouble. Grant that nothing may take away our peace in Thee. May we ever worship and trust Thee. In Jesus' name. Amen.—Upper Room.

The chief requirement of a successful missionary is a goodly portion of God's loving yearning over the souls of men.—David Livingstone.

Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it.—Abraham Lincoln.

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IN THE LIVES OF MEN

By
CHARLES O. RANSFORD

I shall be good, I shall strive for good, and I shall do more good this year. God helping me, I shall enlarge my soul, my desires, and my life's service for God and men.

Retrospect is always helpful. All of us have fared better than we anticipated. Much good has been bestowed. The evil has not always seriously harmed. "Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home."

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." The past year has been one of the most eventful in world history. My life has been touched in more ways than I know. I have been helped more than I realize. In gratitude every soul should give praise to God for his help all along the way.

A new year is before us. We have not gone this way before. For Israel "the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire." He will give us His presence and light today. His rod and staff will comfort us.

The new year holds for me all that I desire. I may have what I want, if I will prepare myself and strive for it. In times past we had not, because we asked not, or because we ask amiss. A little heart searching and an examination of our prayers may transform our whole prayer life.

It is intolerable that this horrible world war should be prolonged through another year. God is not indifferent to world conditions. No man need seek to justify his own opinions concerning world affairs or God's dealing with men. "The judge of all the earth will do right." He heard Abraham's prayer. He heard Moses' prayer. He heard David's prayers. He is hearing prayer today. He will hear our prayers.

N B. C. continues its series of programs of inspiring religious music of the great faiths with a 12-voice chorus conducted by James Peterson, on Sundays, at 5:30 C. S. T. "We Believe" is endorsed by the National Council of Catholic Men, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the United Jewish Layman's Committee, and the Synagogue Council of America.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. H. B. VAUGHT, pastor at DeWitt, writes: "Just a line to let you know that we have sent in our full quota on Orphanage, Hendrix College and Church School Day Fund and \$500 on World Service."

BISHOP W. W. PEELE was elected president of the Council of Bishops at the Cleveland meeting several days ago succeeding Bishop Ernest G. Richardson. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam was elected secretary.

NEARLY forty thousand volumes of immense historical interest, representing an investment of at least \$100,000 are held by the Methodist Publishing House in five centers for use of our denomination. They are located in Chicago, Cincinnati, New York, Dallas and Nashville.

"FOLLOWING A Star To Find Christ" was the caption that should have appeared with the excellent sermon, written by Rev. E. W. Harris, our pastor at Conway, which was published in the last issue of the Arkansas Methodist. By some unaccountable oversight the word "Bethlehem" was substituted for "Following".

REV. B. A. McKNIGHT, pastor at Belleville-Havana, writes: "We have been very kindly received. Prospects are fine for a good year. The usual pounding has been given and the program of the church is to be followed in full. The parsonage family at Belleville has three sons in the armed service, Rev. Thomas E. McKnight, chaplain at Fort Bliss, Texas, Medical Corps; Lt. Joe W. McKnight, Fort Sill, Okla., and Sgt. Wilson McKnight, Camp Barkeley, Tex."

THE RIGHT REV. HENRY ST. GEORGE TUCKER, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, is the new president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Bishop Tucker succeeds Dr. Luther A. Weigle of Yale University and will hold office for two years. This is the first time a president of the Council has come from the Episcopal communion. By action of its General Convention in 1940 the Episcopal Church became a full-fledged member of the Council.

DR. GEORGE L. MORELOCK is the new president of the United Stewardship Council, having been elected at the annual meeting of the organization in Cleveland, Ohio, December 7. In this work as executive secretary of the Board of Lay Activities in the new Methodist Church, as well as in his similar position in the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, he has been closely associated with this interdenominational and international stewardship organization for more than twenty years.

CHAPLAIN JOSEPH A. GRAY, Reception Center, Camp Robinson, asks that we announce a radio program which will originate in the Reception Center Chapel at Camp Robinson over station KARK at 8:30 a. m., January 2. Chaplain Gray writes: "Since the Reception Center is an Arkansas institution and the Reception Center Chorus, which will be heard on the program, is made up mostly of Arkansas men on duty here, I think that the people of the state would be interested in hearing this program."

OUR "Bonds for Building" program met with an enthusiastic response Sunday morning when the congregation subscribed more than \$50,000 in about 15 minutes. The committees are at work this week, and will continue to work until every member and friend of the church has had an opportunity to make a contribution. We want every Sunday School child to contribute at least a book of Savings Stamps to this program. After all those who are children now, will have the longest and greatest use of the building when it is finally finished.—First Church Blytheville Bulletin.

THE REV. DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN, pastor of Christ Church in New York, will be heard during January as officiating minister on the "National Radio Pulpit," on Sundays at 11:00

a. m. C. S. T. The program is produced in cooperation with the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Dr. Sockman will discuss the following topics:

Jan. 3—"Strength to Keep Going."
Jan. 10—"Your Road to Great Living."
Jan. 24—"The Victory of Values."
Jan. 31—"Topic to be advised."

CONFIDENCE in the attainment by Methodists of the 10 to 25 per cent increase in World Service giving by May 31, which our Church leaders have set as a goal, has been expressed by Dr. O. W. Auman, treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, despite the fact that there was a decrease of \$8,924 in World Service receipts for the first six months of the fiscal year, ended November 30. "All that we need to do to attain the increase," Dr. Auman stated, "is for our people to support the saving ministries of the Church in proportion to their increased income, even after all taxes are paid." World Service income for November amounted to \$427,405, a decrease of \$130,484 from the same month of last year. This brought the total for the year to \$1,598,675, which is .56 per cent less than at the end of November, 1941.

THE Home Missions Council of North America, in its annual meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, December 5 to 10, was the first of a possible eight interdenominational agencies to favor the North American Council of Churches of Christ. The Council adopted the report of the Committee "in general intent and purposes" and appointed a committee on Further Procedure as its representative in the proposed organization which would unite the Council of Church Boards of Education the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, the Home Missions Council of North America, the International Council of Religious Education, the Missionary Education Movement of the United States and Canada, the United Council of Church Women, and the United Stewardship Council "to manifest the essential oneness of the Christian Churches of North America in Jesus Christ."

DR. ELBERT M. CONOVER, director of the Interdenominational Bureau of Church Architecture, New York City, in urging that more attention be given to the use of color in the decoration of churches, says: "God never intended that the sanctuary for his worship should be drab, ugly, or depressing or he would never have created the glory of the sunset, the color of the sky, the land, the sea, even the desert. Color can do marvelous things. It can make a room appear larger or smaller, cooler or warmer. It can lower ceilings or push them up, make a wall to seem to recede or advance. It can make a room restful, studious, shy, frivolous, glamorous, breath-taking. It can give us the effectiveness we desire in any room to be used for divine worship, teaching, or fellowship in the house of God." Dr. Conover urges churches to give attention to the use of color in their sanctuaries and rooms, and urges that it be done now as a contribution to sustaining civilian morale.

FOR THOSE ABSENT IN TIME OF WAR

Our Father, bless our dear ones who are absent from us this day. Especially do we pray for those in the armed forces, on land and sea, and in the air; for those in work camps and prisons in testimony against all war; for the multitudes of military prisoners; for men, women and children in evacuation and concentration camps throughout the world.

Protect all these from harm. Deliver them in temptation. Grant to them inmost peace, unwavering courage, and a buoyant hope. Bring them safe home in due time. And grant to Thy world such victories of righteousness as will ensure a lasting peace.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Presbyterian Tribune.

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YOUTH'S PAGE

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LET THE DEAD PAST BURY ITS DEAD

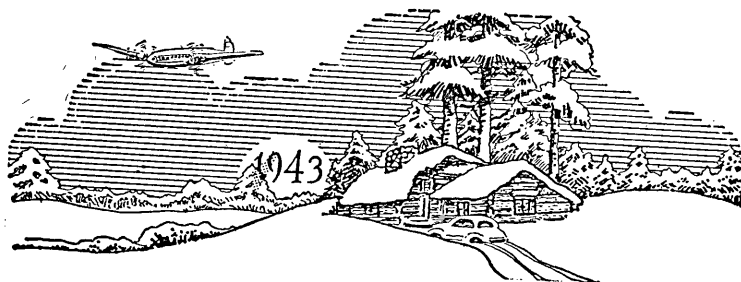
The old year is gone; let it go! With all of its mistakes and all of its heartaches. Let it die! We stand today on the threshold of the new! It is man's "second chance." The past is gone—beyond redemption. We can not recall or mend all its blunders. However we can profit by them, if we are wise. God grants to each of us another opportunity. Dismiss the haunting failures of the past. Forget the black memories of yesterday. Behold the whiteness of today. The glory of life is not behind us, but before us. The past may be dark, but the future is aglow with light. Wring not your hands and weep over your failures. Use them as incentives to victorious achievements. Say not, there is no hope for you. The whole horizon is aflame with prophecy. Old voices speak to us out of the past—but new voices call to us out of the future. Let us treasure the ancient memories of virtue, but refuse to immortalize vice. What can be amended, hasten to repair—and leave the rest to God! Leave no stone unturned to right a wrong. Go forth today resolved to do the right. Spurn the allurements of evil. Choose the finer virtues. Work not, live not for self, but for the brotherhood. Learn to be patient, and be willing to trust God and be not afraid. Repent of your sins, make your peace with your Maker, and courageously "carry on." Think in the terms of the beautiful, and witness the miracle in your own soul. See the right and dare to be just with your fellows. Reward not evil for evil. Count life not loss, but gain. And may the New Year bring to you the pure desire of your heart. May it also discover in you one who desires to honor God, serve the Church, and be a blessing to your community, to your nation, and to the whole world. Only as you shall dedicate your life to these noble ends will you come to know the sheer joy of a Christian life.—Lawrence Ludlow Cowan.

BIBLE QUIZ

(The scripture references will give the answers.)

1. Whose hair stood up when he saw a ghost? (Job 4:15-16).
2. Who walked forty days without eating? (I Kings 19:8).
3. Where does it speak of a king hunting a flea? (I Sam. 26:20).
4. What preacher held prayer meeting inside a fish? (Jonah 2:1).
5. What mob shouted one sentence for two hours? What was the sentence? This one will fool you. (Acts 19:34).
6. Who was called an ass as a compliment? (Gen. 49:14).
7. Who cut his hair only one a year? (II Sam. 14:26).
8. What man got a shave while he slept? (Judges 16:19).

I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to the light I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, and part with him when he goes wrong.—Abraham Lincoln.



THE WHITE PAGE

By GRACE NOLL CROWELL

*The last bells sound upon the midnight air—
Their echo dies,
And suddenly a white page turns, and gleams
Before my eyes.*

*How beautiful, how beautiful it is!
How clean and new:
This page that God has given me to keep
The whole year through.*

*Oh, I must be so careful how I write
In words and ways,
That I may make but perfect lovely script
For all the days;*

*And that I may write out each little hour
So clear and plain,
And letter every moment that there be
No blot or stain!*

*God, help me make my written lines so straight,
My work so true
That when You take the copy up at last
It will please you.*

BATESVILLE SUB-DISTRICT MEETING

The Youth Fellowship of the Batesville sub-district met Monday night, December 14, at First Church, Batesville, for the observance of "Pastor's Night." Representatives from First Church, Central Avenue, Bethesda and Hopewell numbered about sixty.

At the business meeting presided over by Miss Clara McGill, district superintendent of young people's work, Lula Beth Fox was elected president and the decision was made to continue the sub-district meetings despite gas rationing.

Barbara Ann Murphy from First Church presided over the program. Highlight of this session was a discussion on "The Kind of a Pastor Young People Like" by Lula Beth Fox from Central Avenue, followed by "The Kind of Young People a Pastor Likes" by Rev. Horace M. Lewis, pastor of First Church. After a Christmas poem by Linna Beth Maxfield and the singing of "Silent Night," Rev. James T. Randle, pastor of Central Avenue Church, dismissed the group with prayer.

The playing of a variety of games in the basement ended with the singing of "Jingle Bells" and the bringing in of a large Christmas table spread with sacks of fruit, nuts and candy. While the group was being served, each local church presented its pastor with a gift in appreciation of his work, and the sub-district presented a gift to Rev. Grover C. Johnson, District Superintendent.—Ruth Sutherland, Sec'y.

HOW THEY SPENT THEIR MONEY

Selfishness—

I kept all my wealth and I mourn
for my loss,
For gold in a skeleton hand turns to
dross;
Love, friendship and gratitude might
I have bought—
But I kept all my wealth till it
moldered to naught.

Pleasure—

I spent all my gold—I danced and
I sang—
The palace I built with hilarity rang;
Plays, revels and frolics from even
to dawn—
But I lie here with nothing—I spent
it—it's gone!

Avarice—

I loaned my good money—at grasp-
ing per cent—
'Twas I who got all that you kept,
and you spent;
While I counted my millions, death
plundered me bare—
And this grave I sleep in belongs to
my heir.

Charity—

It was little I had, but I gave all
my store
To those who had less, or who need-
ed it more;
And I came with death laughing,
for here at the grave
In richness unmeasured I found
what I gave!

—Robert J. Burdette.

All young people's groups should have an appropriate service on Sunday, January 3, to initiate the Universal Week of Prayer, which is to be observed January 3-10, 1943.

TIME MARCHES ON

It's coming! The New Year. I have a new diary on my desk and a new calendar on the wall. As the midnight hour approaches, I sit with a globe map of the world in my hands, and with my imagination I watch time as it marches on.

This question comes to my mind: when and where does the New Year begin? Oh, you say, it begins at midnight December 31st. As I look at my globe map I see a line 180 degrees from Greenwich known as the meridian which divides the East from the West. If that is true, then New Year begins way down there about New Zealand and Australia, then greets Japan and all Asia, then Africa, Europe and most of South America before we even get a glimpse of it. The people in Florida have broken their New Year's resolutions before the people of California have had a chance to make theirs. If we should arrive at the International Date Line early some Sunday morning and step eastward over it we would find that it was Saturday morning. We would have missed a day, three meals and a night's sleep. Time's a strange thing.

All the obligations which I failed to care for during the year that has just passed have leaped over the partition that divides the years and seem to be waiting there for me. This is a good time for each of us to take inventory and see if we have done our best. It is a good time to set our sails for a new voyage, and see that they are set right, for, as Ella Wheeler Wilcox has said in one of her poems:

*"One ship drives east and another
drives west,
With the self-same winds that
blow,
'Tis the set of the sails
And not the gales
That tells them the way to go.
Like the winds of the sea are the
winds of fate,
As we voyage along through life,
'Tis the set of the soul
That decides its goal
And not the calm or the strife."*

LAUGH AT THIS

When I was a ministerial student in college, the YMCA asked that I visit one of the colored churches in town one Sunday each month and help with the Sunday school and preach for them at eleven o'clock. I went one Sunday merely as an observer and announced that if it were satisfactory I would come and preach for them the following Sunday, to which they agreed.

It was a new experience for me. I had to wait tables at the college and knew I could not afford to preach longer than twenty minutes. But when I got into my sermon they began to shout "Amen," "Dat am de truth," "Uh-hub." They almost preached me to death and I forgot to look at my watch. When I finally did, I discovered that I had been preaching over an hour and had missed my dinner at the college. I said to them, "Folks, I must let you go; I have kept you too long already." A colored sister in the rear clapped her hands together as she swayed her body and shouted, "Go on there, brother; you preaches more like a nigger than any white man I ever heard."



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



BOYS AND GIRLS OF OTHER LANDS

MARTINA

Martina, who lived in Jamestown was very much excited. Now there are several Jamestowns, but the one in which Martina lived is far away in the Southern Atlantic, twelve hundred miles from the coast of Africa. It is on the Island of St. Helena, where the great French soldier Napoleon was once held captive.

Once, long ago, Jamestown, was a very busy place, and Martina's father and grandfather worked hard, for then many ships stopped for trade and provisions at the island, and a great many soldiers and their families stayed there and must be supplied with food. Nowadays, however, the ships go through the Suez Canal, and it is only about once a month that a boat puts into the harbor of Jamestown, which is itself much like a picture with the little town nestling at the foot of steep cliffs and a ravine.

Just think of having a boat or train come to your city only once a month. Wouldn't you be excited when it did arrive? And that is why Martina felt that way one morning, for a big liner was out in the anchorage.

The little girl could scarcely wait until her father finished milking his herd of goats, for then he was to allow her to go with him down to the landing place where the small rowboats were bringing the people from off the ship, which must stay out in the bay where the water was deep.

These travelers were coming ashore not to stay, but only to view the quaint village and the place where Napoleon had lived and had been buried.

When she arrived at the wharf she left her father talking to some men and crept on to some boxes as near the water as she dared to go. Many of the boats had already landed, but there were others darting about in the water between the shore and the ship. At one of these Martina looked eagerly. Yes, she was right! In the stern with the arm of a big, jolly man about her, was a little girl. But most wonderful of all was the doll which she held in her arms.

Now Martina had a doll but it was nothing but rags. This doll had eyes that could shut; it had golden curls and a dress of bright blue silk, and—Martina was slipping down from her box, but she fell instead in surprise, for the doll could talk. She heard it say "Mamma" as plainly as a baby could say it.

Edging closer, Martina followed the strange girl and her father down the street of the village and among the shops. She was quite sure that the gentleman would not attempt to climb the cliff or the seven hundred steps to Napoleon's tomb, and she was glad, for if the visitors stayed in the town Martina could watch the girl and her doll until they sailed.

After awhile, when the boat in the harbor was sounding its first whistle in warning that it was nearly time for the passengers to return, the white girl said:

"Oh, daddy, that candy mother wanted! You know that hard, glassy kind, butter—" "Butterscotch. You're right, little sister, mother did ask us to look for some! Let's turn back right here."

But the Saint Helena shops did not have butterscotch—chocolate bars and sweets of many kinds, but no butterscotch.

"Hard, glassy kind," Martina thought; her mother made that; just yesterday she cooked a batch from the recipe given her by the English soldier's wife when Martina's mother had helped her cook. If the gentleman would just wait! Martina tried to make him understand, then she dashed away toward home. Breathlessly she explained to her mother, and then with the candy clutched in her hands she was off down the road again.

Another whistle from the steamer—perhaps the little girl and her father would be gone. As Martina came in sight of the landing place she felt that they were, for there was only one boat left; but no, the girl was in it.

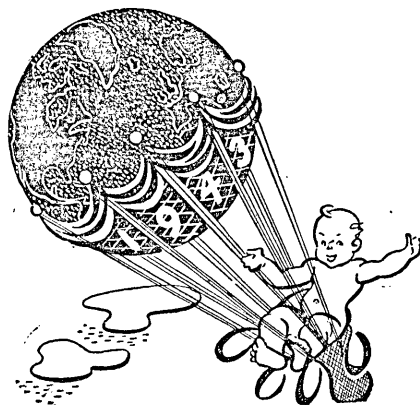
Shy, now that every one was looking, Martina dropped the package in the other's lap.

"Why, daddy, it's butterscotch—just what mother wished for, and that little girl ran all the way to get it for us." "Oh," as she saw her father put his hand to his pocket, "may I give her my doll? You know I have two. She's been watching it all day, maybe she hasn't any!"

Martina gasped. The doll; that beautiful baby! She took it with trembling hands, pressed it to her face, then stood holding it close as the small boat crossed the water, and he was still holding it when the big ship in turn steamed away.—Junior World.

"Well," asked Brown, "have you furnished your new flat yet?"

"No," answered Smith, "not quite. By the way, can you tell me where I could buy a folding tooth-brush?"—Exchange.



TO THE NEW YEAR

*When first you learn to know this world of ours
There's much you will not understand,
But there are lots of fine and noble things,
You'll find them every day in every land.*

*So if the dark and cruel things depress
Remember that the good things far outweigh
We'll all join with you in your stay with us
And help the world to see a better day.—A. E. W.*

JUST FOR FUN

Mother: "I think we'd better call Dr. Jones. Freddy has a severe pain in the head."

Father: "Oh, pshaw! He's had that so often before."

Mother: "Yes, but never on a day when school is out."

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Five-year-old Humphrey was standing in the kitchen with his eyes upon a dish of cakes when his mother came in and found him.

"What are you doing there, Humphrey?" said she.

"I was just thinking, mother," replied the youngster.

"Thinking? Well, of what were you thinking? I hope you haven't touched those cakes."

"That's just what I was thinking about," came the ready answer. "I was wondering whether the cakes were good enough to be whipped for."

OLD-FASHIONED TONGUE TWISTERS

1. Six slim, slick saplings.
2. She sells sea shells; do you sell sea shells?
2. Around the rugged rocks the ragged rascals ran.
4. A cup of coffee in a copper coffee pot.
5. Some shun sunshine, some shun shade.
6. Amidst the mists and coldest frosts.

With barest wrists and stunted boasts.

He thrusts his fists against the posts.

And still insists he sees the ghost.

7. When Ajax strives some rock's vast weight to throw.

8. She stood at the gate, welcoming him in.

9. She uttered a sharp, shrill shriek and shrank from the enshrouded shrine.—Selected.

IN STORYLAND

AN HONEST INDIAN

An old Indian once bought some things from a white man who kept a store. When he got back to his wig-wam and opened the bundle, he found some money inside of it.

"Good luck!" thought the old Indian to himself. "I will keep this money. It will buy many more things."

He went to bed, but he could not sleep. All night he kept thinking about the money. Over and over he thought "I will keep it. I will keep it for my own." But something within him seemed to say, "No, you must not keep it, that would not be right."

Early the next morning he went back to the white man's store. "Here is some money," said he, "I found it in my bundle."

"Why didn't you keep it?" asked the storekeeper.

"There are two voices inside of me," replied the Indian. "One said, 'Keep it, you found it, and the white man will never know.'"

"Then the other said, 'Take it back! Take it back! It is not yours. You have no right to keep it.'"

"Then the first one said, 'Keep it! Keep it! You are foolish to take it back.'"

"But the other voice spoke more loudly, 'No, no! Take it back.'"

"The two voices inside me talked all night and would not let me sleep. So I have brought the money back. Now the two voices will stop talking, and tonight I shall sleep."—Selected.

WHO WATCHES YOU?

Two small boys were walking along a path near a railroad, and one of them wanted to walk on the track. But when he first thought of it he said: "I guess I won't, now. If my mother should look out the window she'd see me, and she doesn't like me to walk on the track."

After a while a hillock shut them from view of the houses.

"Now we can walk on the track," cried the boy. "Come on, Joe."

"I guess I don't want to," said Joe.

"Ah, come on, your mother can't see you."

"I guess I don't want to anyway."

Then a lady who was behind them smiled at Joe, and said, "Who watches you, laddie?"

"Why, I guess I watch myself, m'am. Mother says if I don't I won't behave very well, 'cause other folks can't watch me all the time."

Who is watching you, boys? Have you learned to stand guard over yourself?—Christian Observer.

The tax assessor's office had to decide on which side of the United States-Canada border an old lady's newly purchased farm lay. Surveyor's finally announced it was just inside the United States border.

The old lady smiled in relief.

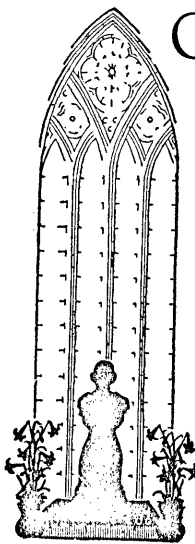
"I'm so glad to know," she said.

"I've heard that winters in Canada are terribly severe."—Wall Street Journal.

Tribute To Mrs. Lillian Duggar Burden

By MRS. W. P. McDERMOTT

(This address of appreciation was delivered by Mrs. McDermott at a special program in the Remmel Bible Class, First Church, Little Rock, Sunday, Dec. 13, in memory of Mrs. Burden.)



ON THIS holy Sabbath morning, in this beautiful room, which has been hallowed with worship, services and fellowship, we pause to pay a tribute of love and esteem to one of the members of this Bible Class who no longer walks with us.

Near the close of a summer's day, the spirit of our dear friend and co-worker, Lillian Duggar Burden went home to God. Her mortal remains were laid to rest in beautiful Rose-lawn where the winds blowing gently through the stately pines, where the flowers, spilling their fragrance, and where the birds, singing, will continue to waft her praises to Almighty God.

If to live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die, then our friend is with us still. Her presence lingers like a warm benediction, and this morning we can almost see her smile and feel her handclasp.

What shall I say to this dear friend of ours about whom so much could be said. I think of her first in her home, "She looked well to the ways of her household, she ate not the bread of idleness, she layeth her hands to the spindle and her hands held the distaff." Order and beauty reigned in her home. "Her husband is known

in the gates as he sitteth among the elders." Her hospitality was real and genuine. Her home was a place where friends met, where laughter and fun abounded. It was truly a place "by the side of the road" where the passer-by felt its warmth and friendship.

Next to her home, came her church—how well I remember the evening when she knelt in the Chapel and took the vows of membership of this Church. First Church has never claimed a fairer nor a more loyal daughter. In the Sunday School as teacher, in the Woman's Society as historian and all-around worker, she gave without stint of herself, her time and her substance. "We took sweet counsel together and walked together into the House of God."

"She stretched out her hands to the poor, Ye, she reached out her hands to the needy." Quietly and without ostentation she helped many a person over a rough place in the road. The sick in the hospitals were cheered by her visits, the aged and infirm were on her list for remembrance and cheer. Little children were blessed by her ministrations through her work with the Needle Work Guild, and many a little one has been comforted through this service. She was a modern Dorcas who went about doing good.

She loved her country with a passion. Through her veins flowed some of the finest blood of America. She believed in the Democratic way of life and that it is worth preserving, no matter what it costs to save it; not only did she desire this democratic way of life for America, but she wanted to give it to the people of all the world. She was most diligent in her service to the Red Cross, sewing there one day each week until illness forced her to give it up. She was an ideal American woman, fair, and

just to peoples of other creeds and of other nationalities. She was modern in her thinking. She was an ideal American woman, fair, and yet possessed many of the characteristics and qualities of the pioneer woman who made America strong.

"Ointment and perfume gladden the heart so doth the sweetness of a man's friend." Lillian had a real capacity for friendship—none knew better than she the cost of friendship but she held it as "the pearl of great price" and like the merchant of old was willing to pay all she had for it. Her unflinching sympathy and understanding bound many real friends to her throughout her life.

This Class and each of its members have been blessed and enriched by her friendship. She loved the Sunday School Room and always wanted it to be a beautiful setting for our worship and study together.

Her life has a message for us today. It bids us be watchful and diligent to guard our thoughts and conversation; to work while it is still day for the night cometh when all must rest from their labors. It bids us to be "kindly affectioned one toward another" and to find joy in service each day.

No! "Our friend is not dead—she is just away":

*"She's somewhere in the sunlight strong,
Her tears are in the falling rain,
She calls me in the wind's soft song,
And with the flowers she comes again."*

*"Yon bird is but her messenger
The moon is but her silver car;
Yea! sun and moon are sent by her
And every wistful waiting Star."*

Positives For Today

By BISHOP A. FRANK SMITH

IN THIS day of world agony and of universal change, the church is the one institution that can stabilize, and the spiritual message is the only note that can speak peace and bring hope to troubled hearts. And emphasis upon the fundamental verities that will abide come what may is the first concern of the Christian today, in pulpit and pew. This is no time to identify the will of God with this method of that approach, both of which may prove to be abortive before the year has ended; rather is this the time to fix men's minds and hearts upon the ageless positives of life, knowing full well that, established upon this foundation, they will be able to devise methods and find solutions for every situation that may arise.

Character is builded upon positive belief, not upon doubts, and so is achievement. He who believes little does little and the great believers have always been the great doers in every area of life.

In no particular is St. Paul more helpful to the Christian of today than in his supreme confidence, in his ringing affirmations, in those things which he declared he knew beyond all possibility of doubt. This assurance gave direction, it brought poise, it created attitudes which enabled Paul to "do all things through Christ who strengthened me."

We single out three great affirmations of St. Paul for emphasis today because they run the gamut of life's experiences, and because upon them can be erected a structure fitted for the needs of any day.

Those great positives are: "I know him whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him." Here is the certainty of religious experi-

ence, the consciousness of the forgiveness of sins and of a regenerated life.

Another: "We know that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord." Here is a workable philosophy of life, come what may, if the individual maintains his love for God, and is motivated by that love, God will bring order out of chaos, and finally work the pattern out for the good of his child. This gives poise and confidence and patience.

Still another: "We know we have a building of God a house not made with hands, eternal in the heaven." Here is certainty of immortality, based upon the love of God who will not allow one made in his image to be destroyed. The grave is but an incident—life stretches beyond. And in this assurance nothing is of value save that which fits one for that fuller and richer life.

With this faith of St. Paul the Christian of today is doubly armed to walk calm and unafraid from day to day, and to provide inspiration and direction for despairing souls about him.

CATO'S SOLILOQUY

*It must be so—Plato, thou reason'st well—
Else whence this pleasing hope, this fond desire,
This longing after immortality?
Or whence this secret dread, and inward horror
Of falling into nought? Why shrinks the Soul
Back on herself, and startles at destruction?
'Tis Heav'n itself, that points out a hereafter,
And intimates eternity to man.
The stars shall fade away, the Sun himself
Grow dim with age, and Nature sink in years;
But thou shalt flourish in immortal youth,
Unhurt amidst the war of elements,
The wreck of matter and the crash of worlds.*

—Joseph Addison.

LOVE AND IMMORTALITY

By JAMES L. ELDERDICE

*Love knoweth Immortality—
Yet, immemorial friends are they;
Love saith to Life, "We three for aye
Inseparable comrades be."*

*Love's priceless gift of Life was this—
The sweetest joy the soul can crave
Save that great boon Love also gave—
The promise of eternal bliss.*

*Upon the world's despair and pain
Love sets his foot and doth avow,
"My living dead I have them now,
And I will join my loved again!"*

*When on the cold, dark shore we stand,
Our souls but ask if there can be
Beyond the gray and misty sea
Some fair and undiscovered land.*

*Where Life and Love again shall meet,
And there, where Death shall never smite,
Old memories and new joys unite
To make existence all complete.*

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

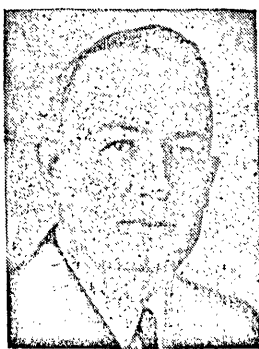
Grant, O Lord, unto the President of the United States, in these times of anxiety, Thy gracious counsel, that in all things He may approve, himself the father of the people, and continue to lead this Nation in the path of righteousness and peace;

Be Thou the gracious protector of these states, and of all our fellow-citizens in all parts of the world;

Cause us to bow down before Thee, to confess our sins, and to acknowledge with contrite hearts that it is of Thy mercies that we are not consumed;

Stop in Thy tender mercies the effusion of human blood and make discord and wars to cease;

*To this end, put into the hearts of the rulers of the nations thoughts of peace, that we may see it soon established, to the glory of Thy name.
Hear us, gracious Lord and God.—Ex.*



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The Church and the Countryside

By
Glenn F. Sanford

Rural Church and the Children

On Friday, December 4, I was with Rev. J. C. Cofer at Hartman. It was my wonderful privilege to speak to the more than four hundred boys and girls in the Hartman school. Most all of these boys and girls are brought in from the rural sections around Hartman. It was a great thrill to find the unusual interest which they manifested in the practical phases of religion.

On Friday night I was in a service at the Methodist church at Hartman. The church there is a beautiful new brick building. I had another real surprise in that service. The two front pews of the church, all the way across the church, were filled to the overflowing with children and youth. They outnumbered the adults in that Friday night service. I am not at all sure just how well I met the opportunity and the challenge that was mine at that time, but I do remember some thoughts that ran through my mind during the service.

First, blessed is the church that has its children and its youth in its various services. No, not just a few of them but the poor and the rich alike.

Second, blessed is the church that has a group of adults who are willing to champion the religious and social interests of children and youth in the church and community.

Third, fortunate is a church and community that has a pastor who is willing to plan for and work with the children and youth of the church. Brother Cofer has some fine plans for reaching and helping the children.

Fourth, fortunate is the church in the small villages and open country where there are many children and youth with which to work.

Would you join me in a sincere prayer for the young people and the children in the highways and byways of this land of ours:

"O Saviour of the world who didst say, 'Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not,' bless, we beseech Thee, all children and young people at work and at play in the country districts of the world. Raise up friends we pray thee, who will seek them out and bring them within the blessed influence of Thy Church, that they may know and follow Thee, who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit art ever one God." Amen.

ARKANSAS CITY PASTOR SURPRISED

We have been cordially received. An unusual "pounding," as a Santa Claus surprise, at a social gathering, was given us, in the home of Mrs. E. G. Sponenbarger. Many folks brought different kinds of good things to eat.

We are having a "White Christmas" program tonight, and Orphanage Offering which will be in Dr. Thomas' hands before this is printed. We are working for Methodist subscriptions.—L. R. Sparks, Pastor.

FT. SMITH-VAN BUREN FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The Methodist ministers of Fort Smith and Van Buren met last Monday morning for breakfast and fellowship in the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. J. LeRoy. Rev. J. T. Byrd, Van Buren, past president, presided at the meeting. The following officers were elected for the new year: Rev. E. H. Hook, president; Rev. V. F. Harris, vice-president, and Rev. Archie N. Boyd, secretary-treasurer.

Rev. W. V. Womack, our efficient and aggressive District Superintendent, stated that most of the charges in the district had increased their Benevolent acceptances.

The next meeting will be held in

the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Galloway the second Monday in January.—Archie N. Boyd, Sec'y.

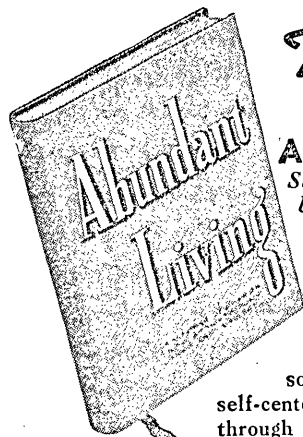
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On December 22, 1940, the Methodist congregation moved out of the old church, in which they had worshiped and worked for many years, into the new auditorium. The old building had been converted into a two-story educational building which has a social room that was named Fellowship Hall and a well-equipped and furnished kitchen. The total cost was near \$10,000. Before the meeting of the annual conference in Batesville in November plans were being considered to pay off the balance of the debt which

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This is our third year to serve as pastor and the salary has been increased each year. We are happy in our work with these people. They are kind and generous, sharing the good things they have with the parsonage family.

We are hoping to have a great spiritual advance this year.—W. A. Lindsey.



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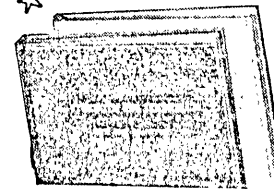
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NEW MISSIONARIES COMMISSIONED

In connection with the annual meeting of the Board of Missions and Church Extension at the Epworth-Euclid Methodist Church, Cleveland, eighteen young people, all of them college graduates, were commissioned as missionaries or deaconesses of the church. The commissioning service was presided over by Bishop Robert E. Jones of Columbus, at three p. m., Sunday, December 6, at Epworth-Euclid Church. The principal address was made by Bishop James C. Baker of Los Angeles, President of the International Missionary Council, and the commissioning was carried out by Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta.

Within the next few weeks, most of these young people will enter missionary or deaconess services in the United States or sail for missionary work in foreign countries.

Those to be commissioned include Rev. and Mrs. Linwood E. Blackburn of Fayetteville, North Carolina, going to Africa for evangelistic and educational service; Dr. and Mrs. George H. Brown of Cincinnati, Ohio, to India for medical work; Mr. and Mrs. Murray S. Dickson of Hillsboro, Texas, to Bolivia for educational work; Mrs. Tracey K. Jones of Syracuse, N. Y., to China, for evangelistic work; the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Ellis Plyler of Madison, N. J., to Peru for evangelistic work; Miss Ruth Elizabeth McKinney of Lake Ariel, Pa., to Brazil for educational work; and Miss Gladys Marie Oberlin of Canton, N. Y., to Brazil for educational work.

The home missionaries were Miss Josephine Beatrice Beckwith of Kansas City, Kansas, Miss Mary Lodel Bope of Washington, D. C., and Miss Roberta Cory Dellinger of Bucyrus, Kansas; the deaconesses, Miss Kathryn Elizabeth Esterline of Altoona, Pa., Miss Roberta C. Lowden of Latrobe, Pa., Miss Mary Catherine Perricelli of New York, N. Y., and Miss Thelma Mary Stouffer, also of New York, N. Y.

CHINESE HAVE NO WORD FOR HATE

It was reported that one of the high spots in the Methodist conference at Montgomery was an address made by a Chinese girl, a student at Huntington College. Miss Mary Eoyang declared that in spite of the fact that the Japanese had killed her parents and more than a score of other relatives and destroyed her home she still did not hate them. Said this fine young woman: "I still do not hate the Japanese. I love them and am surprised to find so much hate among Americans. There is no word for hate in our vocabulary and never shall be. Chinese are not taught to hate anybody, not even our aggressors. The Japanese are to be pitied but not to be hated. We are taught to love everybody."

Anything which makes religion its second object, makes religion no object. God will put up with a great many things in the human heart, but there is one thing He will not put up with in it—a second place. He who offers God a second place, offers him no place.—Ruskin.

He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works because I go unto my Father.—John 14:12.

A YEAR WELL SPENT

*This has been a year of beauty
In our Christian Service work,
For each one has done her duty
And no one has tried to shirk.*

*Hand in hand we've marched together
And our minds have been as one,
When we've come together praying
O'er the tasks that we have done.*

*Though we're only twelve in number
Many joys our labors crown
And, though many cares encumber,
They shall never cast us down.*

*Twice each month we have a meeting
With a program that's worth while;
And we find a Christian greeting
And a warm and cheerful smile.*

*Week of prayer was such a blessing,
All day service with a lunch,
And not anywhere, I'm guessing,
Could you find a more loyal bunch.*

*Now we're paying all our pledges
And we're happy at it too,
For a pledge is something sacred,
And we'll meet it if we're true.*

*Now, goodbye, and may God bless you,
Here's for another year of work;
Though dark clouds may hover o'er us,
From our duty we'll not shirk.*

—MRS. S. E. WELLS, President
Sulphur Rock W. S. C. S.

PFEIFFER GIFTS GO TO SOUTH AMERICA

A total of \$94,919.47 from the estate of the late Henry Pfeiffer has been designated by Mrs. Pfeiffer for two buildings to be constructed by the Woman's Division of Christian Service in Brazil and Argentina, it was announced by the Division at its annual meeting in Cleveland. Of this amount, \$75,000 will be used for the Henry Pfeiffer Administration Hall of Colegio Americano, in Porto Alegre, Brazil, and an additional \$10,000 for equipment for the building. The remainder of the money will be used for the Annie Merner Pfeiffer auditorium-chapel for Colegio Americano in Rosario, Argentina. This sum had been held by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society until it could be designated by the trustees.

A cablegram announced the safe arrival in Brazil by airplane of Miss Mary Sue Brown, missionary of the Woman's Division. Miss Brown, who holds a master's degree in architecture from Vanderbilt University, returns to Brazil to superintend the building of the new school in Porto Alegre for which she herself drew the plans. The immediate construction of this building has been made possible by the generous gift from the estate of Mr. Pfeiffer.

Truth is like a marble statue in a desert, forever threatened with burial by the shifting sands. Willing hands must be forever at work to keep it clear and shining in the sunlight. To this service I dedicate my own hands.—Albert Einstein.

LESSONS IN GIVING FROM CHINA

Miss Jane D. Jones of the Missouri conference, missionary to China, told a group of folk at Lake Junaluska that last year the women of China sent \$400 to Africa. Said she: \$300 before the Shanghai disaster; \$400 after the Shanghai disaster. When the united organization was effected in Shanghai it was decided that five per cent of all money raised should be used for war relief. When the annual conference met in April there was more than \$100 surplus in the treasury. This was used for war relief. "Sacrificial giving to missions on the part of a war stricken people!—North Carolina Christian Advocate."

Various things are always being referred to as trying a man's faith as if everything depended upon the outcome of the matters in question as to whether that man believed God or was an infidel. Many things do try one's soul, but if all of any one's life hinges upon the outcome of any one event in his life his faith is not very deeply grounded in Christ.—Cumberland Presbyterian.

The more perfect the sight is the more delightful the beautiful object. The more perfect the appetite, the sweeter the food. The more musical the ear, the more pleasant the melody. The more perfect the soul, the more joyous the joys of heaven and the more glorious that glory.—Baxter.

TEXARKANA W. S. C. S. FINISH YEAR'S WORK

Mrs. Has Owen presided at all meeting of the W. S. C. S. of First Methodist church. The executive council which met first heard all routine reports of officers and completed all unfinished business to round out the last year's work.

Miss Annie Claire Atkinson, incoming president, gave a brief outline of plans for the coming year. Each circle met in its respective group for a short business session and each circle chairman read the combined report of the year's activities.

The Christmas program entitled, "Light In the Wind," was led by Mrs. D. L. Venable. The devotional, led by Mrs. R. J. Wilson, pictured the light of Christ shining in the world darkness of today but not comprehended in some parts of the world.

In keeping with the devotional theme was the song, "Silent Night, Holy Night," sung by the group. Mrs. Wilson read an inspirational poem by Grace Noll Crowell and closed with prayer.

Mrs. Luline Fortune Willis gave a sixteen-character play, entitled, "Light In the Wind," in which she portrayed all the characters. The theme of the play showed that in Christ there is no East, West, South or North.

A solo, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," was sung by Mrs. Charles W. Darnell and accompanied by Mrs. Pratt Bacon. Miss Cleo Ochsenheim gave a reading of Temple Bailey's Christmas story, "Peace In Our Hearts." Mrs. A. R. McKinney closed the program with prayer.

At the Fellowship hour, circle chairmen, Mrs. W. F. Meissner, Mrs. W. A. Cato, Mrs. J. B. Magee, Mrs. H. W. Newbold, Mrs. W. A. Bengel, Mrs. George W. Parson, and Mrs. Ben Cook were hostesses at tea. Mrs. Has Owen poured from the Christmas table which was laid with a lace cloth centered with tall red burning tapers and Christmas greens.—Reporter.

BETHLEHEM W. C. S.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met Tuesday, December 1, at the church. There were nineteen members present to answer roll call.

Opening song, "Silent Night"; prayer, Mrs. Mollie Cochran; scripture reading, Mrs. Lillie Tedford; reading, "Seven Keys," was given by Mrs. Tedford.

Officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Lillie Tedford; vice-president, Mrs. Pearl Glover; recording and corresponding secretary, Mrs. Golden Tedford; treasurer, Mrs. Beatrice Smith; reporter, Mrs. Mamie Leigh.

The ladies all voted to buy a War Bond.

We had our Christmas gift exchange as we do every year.—Reporter.

A man who is turning out careless, imperfect work is turning out a careless, imperfect character for himself. He is touching deceit every moment, and this unseen thing rises up from his work like a subtle essence and enters and poisons his soul.—Henry Drummond.

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LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE NOTES

By Clem Baker

Completing District Set-Up Meetings

Each of the seven districts in the Conference has now held its District Set-up meeting and all our districts are now organized with their goals, objectives and calendar set for the new year. Since our last report we have participated in Set-up meetings for the Prescott, Texarkana and Camden Districts. Each of these meetings was well attended and a forward-looking, optimistic spirit was manifest on the part of all the preachers and laymen in attendance. The Little Rock Conference has set the highest goals in its history. First emphasis this year is to be given to reaching the unreached people with very special emphasis upon the Education Advance and Evangelism. There will be an encouraging increase in acceptances on World Service. No district will go below 10% increase, one will have at least a 25% increase and one will accept the askings in full. Little Rock Conference Methodism is all set for a wonderful year in spite of the war.

Our Group Ministry Projects

Six of our districts in the Conference have designated the area for the Group Ministry Project this year. They are as follows: Arkadelphia District—the area surrounding Arkadelphia with Arkadelphia as the center; Camden District—Columbia County with Magnolia as the center; Monticello District—Bradley County with Warren as the center; Pine Bluff District—the north half of Arkansas County with Stuttgart as the center; Prescott District—the area surrounding Hope with Hope as the center; Texarkana District—Polk County with Mena as the center. Five of these districts have already had their first meeting with the preachers and dates have been fixed for the holding of the first meeting of the Area Council. Our District Superintendents and cooperating pastors are entering enthusiastically into these projects and through these efforts we are looking forward to some real advancement in the rural work of the Little Rock Conference this year.

In the Homes of Our Preachers

During the month of December we spent twenty days away from the office among the preachers of the Conference and are happy to report that each preacher is on the job rejoicing over his appointment and looking forward to a great year. Among those whose homes we visited were:

J. M. Hamilton, at Benton, enjoying a visit from his two fine sons, both of whom are now lieutenants in the Army, and his daughter, a student at Hendrix College.

J. L. Hoover, living at the hotel until the fine people of Malvern have finished completely remodeling and finishing the parsonage.

J. E. Cooper, busy helping his ministerial students secure suffic-

ient gasoline to enable them to stay in college and serve their charges.

J. W. Mayne, our new pastor at Gurdon, already at home and happy with those good people.

Van W. Harrell, comfortably settled in the District parsonage and starting off well as a new District Superintendent.

A. J. Christie, entertaining his entire District Staff and having the best staff meeting we have ever seen.

C. Ray Hozendorf, leading in the Group Ministry Project for Polk County and happy to be back at Mena for his third year.

Logan Simpson, developing a beautiful country home near Mena and entering enthusiastically upon his second year as pastor of the Cherry Hill Circuit.

J. N. Simpson, retired at the last session of our Conference, already established in his new home in the Simpson community near Mena.

S. W. Mooty, and his good preacher wife, already established in the Hatfield parsonage and getting acquainted with the eight churches on his new charge.

M. E. Scott, delighted to be back at Lewisville and Bradley and looking forward to the best year of his life on this splendid charge.

James Simpson, feeding this preacher on venison and furnishing him a delightful congregation to preach to on Sunday morning. Jim is the first preacher the Waldo Church has ever had to serve four consecutive years.

Roy Fawcett, starting his fifth year at Magnolia and from all reports could stay with these fine people the rest of his life. Roy always fills his preacher's car with good things to eat. If rationing gets more severe, will visit him most every month this year.

Herston Holland, delighted with Jackson Street, Magnolia—\$65.00

raised for the Orphanage from two of his churches with the third one yet to report. Preacher and people both happy.

Leland Clegg, kept up his record by having the largest and most enthusiastic District Institute, expects his sixth year in the Cabinet to be his best.

Al Freeman, looking for a full-time Director of Religious Education, getting ready to entertain the next session of our Conference and happy to be back in that great church.

E. D. Galloway, carrying on beautifully in spite of the burning of our church. Sunday School auditorium caring for congregation. Money already being raised for the most handsome church Warren has ever had when priorities permit building.

C. H. Giessen, planning for training conferences for the young people of both his churches and getting ready to represent this Conference in Chicago at a meeting in the interest of Ministerial Education.

S. L. Durham, back in the harness and pastor of the Sheridan Circuit.

W. W. Nelson, now serving Saint Mark's and Chenault, living in his own good home in Little Rock but spending his time visiting the people of his charge. As happy as a young preacher with his first charge.

W. W. Christie, in bed for several months at his home near Magnolia. Delighted to have Andrew Christie, Roy Fawcett and this preacher visit him. Says tell all the boys "All my debts are paid." The truth is Bro. Christie never owed any debt except a debt of love in all his ministerial career.

Some men murder opportunity when they think that they are only killing time.—Selected.

War is not an act of God, but a crime of man.—Cordell Hull.

CHRISTIAN STUDENTS TEACH CHINA'S ABORIGINES

Groups of young Chinese Christians from the colleges and universities in Chengtu spent a recent vacation period carrying on a religious and social welfare service in rural centers high in the alpine highlands north of the city, Dr. S. H. Liljestrand reports. They were students from West China Union University, and from "schools in exile" from central China—the University of Nanking, Cheeloo University and Ginling College, all meeting now on the Chengtu campus.

"The inhabitants of these northern highlands," says Dr. Liljestrand, "are the descendants of non-Chinese aborigines who once inhabited China proper. These somewhat related tribes, or nations, number about 1,000,000 and have more affinities to Polynesian and American Indian groups than to Mongolian races. Their typical towns and houses, flat-roofed and sometimes three to four stories terraced, practically duplicate southwest United States (New Mexico and Arizona) pueblo villages, with stone and adobe walls like them. But they also have many tall watch towers of stone masonry—like huge factory chimneys—as a safeguard against attacks by feudal enemies. The Chinese have gradually effected a cessation of the feudal warfare, as well as inducing them to give up hula skirts for more decent dress. But they are a decadent people due to lax moral codes and also because of the hard life and poverty of the semi-arid mountain sides on which they live. They are a pathetic and needy people, but they once had power and culture and are capable of higher living. Their religion is the corrupt Lamaism of Tibet, with a strong mixture of primitive animism. Just as it has been found very hard to make converts of Tibetans, whose religion is part of their national political system and whose priests have a strong hold on these border tribes, so it is that not much headway has been registered with these mountain aborigines."

The young men and women from the colleges taught the Christian gospel, hygiene, new methods of farming, recreation, and the three R's.

The late Charles Schwab said in an address: "The happiest days of my life were when I had a modest income and lived with my good wife in a cottage with restful comfort. Now we have many homes (mansions); but we don't own them; they own us."—Christian Union Herald.

From thee, great God, we spring,
to Thee we tend,—path, motive,
guide, origin and end,—Samuel
Johnson.

Memory is the treasure house of the mind wherein the monuments thereof are kept and preserved.

What do we live for if it is not to make living less difficult for others?
—George Eliot.

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unction City Ct.	15.00
Stephens-Mt. Prospect	206.00
McNeil Ct.-Barges Chapel	10.00
Strong Ct.-Rhodes Chapel	5.00
Taylor Circuit	25.76
Total	\$549.51
Little Rock District	
DeValls Bluff-St. Marks	\$ 15.11
England	168.58
Keo-Tomberlin-Humnote:	
Keo \$10.00, Tomberlin \$4.00	14.00
First Church, Little Rock, a personal gift by Mr. Sam A. Sanders	25.00
Henderson Church	20.00
Highland Church	66.00
Hunter Memorial Church	15.50
Winfield Memorial Church	35.00
Personal gifts: Mr. Cliff Scott, Washington, D. C., \$25.00, Mr. Joe P. Waldenberger, \$5.00; Mrs. Anna S. Cooper \$5.00.	
Mabelvale	20.00
Primrose Chapel	33.55
Asbury Church, Little Rock	100.00
Total	\$512.74
Monticello District	
Arkansas City	\$ 15.00
Crossett	100.00
Dermott	35.00
Eudora	42.38
Fort Hill	10.00
Hamburg	35.00
New Edinburg Ct.: Wagon \$1.00,	
New Edinburg \$4.70	5.70
Tillar-Winchester: Tillar \$38.00,	
Selma \$7.35	42.35
Warren, E. P. Blankenship, personal	5.00
Wilmot-Miller's Chapel	25.00
Total	\$315.43
Pine Bluff District	
Gillett Charge	\$ 25.00
Humphrey-Sunshine	16.60
Little Prairie Ct.	15.00
First Church, Pine Bluff	14.50
Pine Bluff Ct., Redfield Church	7.50
Rowell Circuit	10.00
Swan Lake	10.00
Total	\$ 98.60
Prescott District	
Amity	\$ 15.00
Bingen Ct., Pump Springs S. S.	1.00
Center Point Ct.	5.00
Glenwood Charge: Glenwood \$15.38,	
County Line \$7.62	23.00
Murfreesboro-Delight: Delight	15.00
Mount Ida	10.00
Prescott Station	82.83
Waterloo Ct.	6.00
Pike Church	4.00
Total	\$161.83
Texarkana District	
Ashdown: Personal gift of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Briant, Jr.	\$ 50.00
Cherry Hill Ct.-Rocky	1.50
Dierks-Umpire: Gift of Mrs. Mary Bard of Smyrna Church	1.00
Hatfield Ct.-Cove Church	5.82
Horatio Ct.	15.00
Lockesburg Ct.	37.55
Mena Church	60.00
Stamps Church	25.00
College Hill Church, Texarkana	20.00
First Church, Texarkana	50.00
(Personal gift of one member.)	
Texarkana Circuit	20.00
Winthrop Ct.	5.00
Richmond Ct.: Wilton Church,	
\$5.00; Ogden, \$12.84	17.84
Total	\$308.71
Personal Gifts:	
Mr. O. D. Hadfield, Little Rock	\$5.00
Mr. H. W. Trigg, Little Rock	5.00
Total	\$10.00
Total received from Little Rock Conference through this report, Dec. 23, 1942	\$2,254.00

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

Batesville District	
First Church, Batesville	\$ 50.00
Melbourne Charge	16.65
Total	\$ 66.65
Conway District	
Wesleyan Service Guild, Atkins	\$ 3.00
Conway Ct., Salem Church	3.86
Danville-Junior Dept. S. S.	4.00
Dardanelle	20.00
Morrilton Ct.: Cleveland \$5.44;	
Solgochachia \$3.15	8.59

Naylor Ct.-Mt. Vernon	5.00
First Church, North Little Rock,	
W. S. C. S.	10.00
Levy	15.50
Total	\$ 69.95

Fayetteville District	
Elm Springs, gift of Mrs. C. W. Goatcher	\$ 25.00
Huntsville	9.00
Springdale	70.00
Sulphur Springs	10.00
Total	\$114.00

Fort Smith District	
Altus Ct., \$15.57, Altus Ct., Car	
Creek \$3.75	\$ 19.32
Booneville	65.00
South Fort Smith	6.25
Hartford-Jones Memorial Church and S. S.	14.72
Harman Ct.-Zion Church	7.00
Lavaca Ct.-Oak Grove Church,	
\$100.00, Oak Grove Community Club, \$75.00	175.00
Ozark, gift by Miss Ella Anderson	5.00
First Church, Van Buren	11.00
Mr. J. H. Hodnett, 1022 South 22nd St., Fort Smith	2.00
Total	\$305.29

Helena District	
Forrest City-Faithful Workers Class	\$ 5.00
Holly Grove	44.25
Hughes	10.00
Parkin	10.00
West Helena	15.00
West Memphis	40.00
Haynes	17.32
Total	\$141.57

Jonesboro District	
Lake Street Church, Blytheville	\$ 19.00
Dell Ct., Half Moon Church	6.00
Dyess	10.00
Lepanto	10.00
Nettleton-Bay: Bay \$3.00,	
Nettleton \$4.00	7.00
Tyronza	50.00
Yarbro-Promised Land:	
P. L. \$14.25, Yarbro \$9.15	23.40
Total	\$125.40

Paragould District	
Biggers Church	\$ 10.00
Gainesville-Camp Ground,	
S. S. Primary Dept.	2.00
Hoxie Charge, Portia Church	1.70
Lorado Ct., Warren Chapel	5.25
Hardy-Mammoth Spring,	
Mammoth Spring Church	3.21
First Church, Paragould	35.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stedman,	
Paragould	5.00
First Church, Rector	22.00
Walnut Ridge	15.00
Total	\$ 99.16

Searcy District	
Antioch Church	\$ 15.00
Beebe	10.00
Cotton Plant	13.05
First Church, Heber Springs	55.45
Jacksonville	22.00
Judsonia	5.00
Leslie	8.00
Pvt. Emmett Grammer and Annie Allen Grammer, Searcy	1.00
Total	\$129.50
Grand Total received from North Arkansas Conference through this report, Dec. 23, 1942	\$1,051.52
Grand Total received through this report, Dec. 23, 1942	\$3,305.52
—James Thomas, Supt.	

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE JOURNALS NOW READY

The Little Rock Conference Journals are being mailed to all the preachers of the Conference this week. Should any preacher fail to receive his supply within a reasonable time, please let me know. Each pastor is being mailed the number that the pastor who served his charge last year requested on a blank which I sent out before Conference. We have a very few extra copies and will be glad to furnish any pastor an extra copy if he needs it. Pastors will please note that the Journals are free to all pastors and members of the church to whom he wishes to give them. The fifty cent charge published on the Journal this year applies only to those people not connected with our Conference who want them for mailing lists.—Clem Baker, Secretary L. R. Conference.

Too many people think they are natural when they are only boorish and rude.—Earl Riney.

They enslave their children's children who makes compromise with sin.—Lowell.

"WE WOULD NOT . . . NOW"

(Quoted from English newspaper)

We have been a pleasure-loving people, dishonoring God's day, picnicking, and bathing—now the seashores are barred; no picnics, no bathing.

We have preferred motor travel to church-going—now there is a shortage of motor fuel.

We have ignored the ringing of the church bells calling us to worship—now the bells cannot ring except to warn us of invasion.

We have left the churches half empty when they should have been filled with worshippers—now they are in ruins.

We would not listen to the way of peace—now we are forced to listen to the way of war.

The money we would not give to the Lord's work—now is taken from us in taxes and higher prices.

The food for which we forgot to say "thanks"—now is unobtainable.

The service we refused to give to God—now is conscripted for our country.

Lives we refused to live under God's control—now are under the nation's control.

Nights we would not spend in "watching unto prayer"—now are spent in anxious air-raid precautions.—The Pastor's Journal.

THOMAS JEFFERSON

When Thomas Jefferson retired from the Presidency of the United States he went to Monticello, where he had visions of spending his declining years. Jefferson once wrote regarding Monticello to a friend: "After much roaming in many lands I have found and pitched my tent in what I believe to be one of the fairest spots on earth."

It was here in the solitude of this place where he had "pitched his tent" that he compiled those favorite rules which have not received the publicity that they deserve. They were:

- "1. Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.
- "2. Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.
- "3. Never spend your money before you have it.
- "4. Never buy what you do not want because it is cheap; it will be dear to you.
- "5. Pride costs us more than hunger, thirst and cold.
- "6. We never repent for having eaten too little.
- "7. Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.
- "8. How much pain have cost us the evils which have never happened.
- "9. Take things always by the smooth handle.
- "10. When angry count ten before you speak; if very angry, a hundred."—Selected.

FAITH IS THE VICTORY

"The following is a well-known incident of Cardinal Manning's life. At a time when he experienced great depression of soul and a darkening of his faith he had to go into the shop of a well-known book-selling firm for a copy of one of his own books, entitled 'Faith In God.' As he waited for the book to be sent up from the storeroom he heard a man's voice calling up from the lift, 'Manning's 'Faith In God' all gone.' The cardinal, we are told, took the lesson to his own heart."—Christian Herald.

Earnestness is enthusiasm tempered by reason.—Pascal.

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He, who painted across the sky the gorgeous aurora in all its mystery and sublimity, hath tinted with even greater skill in love Divine, the tender cheek of the humblest babe.—Dr. Foster.

His heart was as great as the world, but there was no room in it to hold the memory of a wrong.—Emerson.

He conquers who endures.—Per-sius.

How To Relieve Bronchitis

Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

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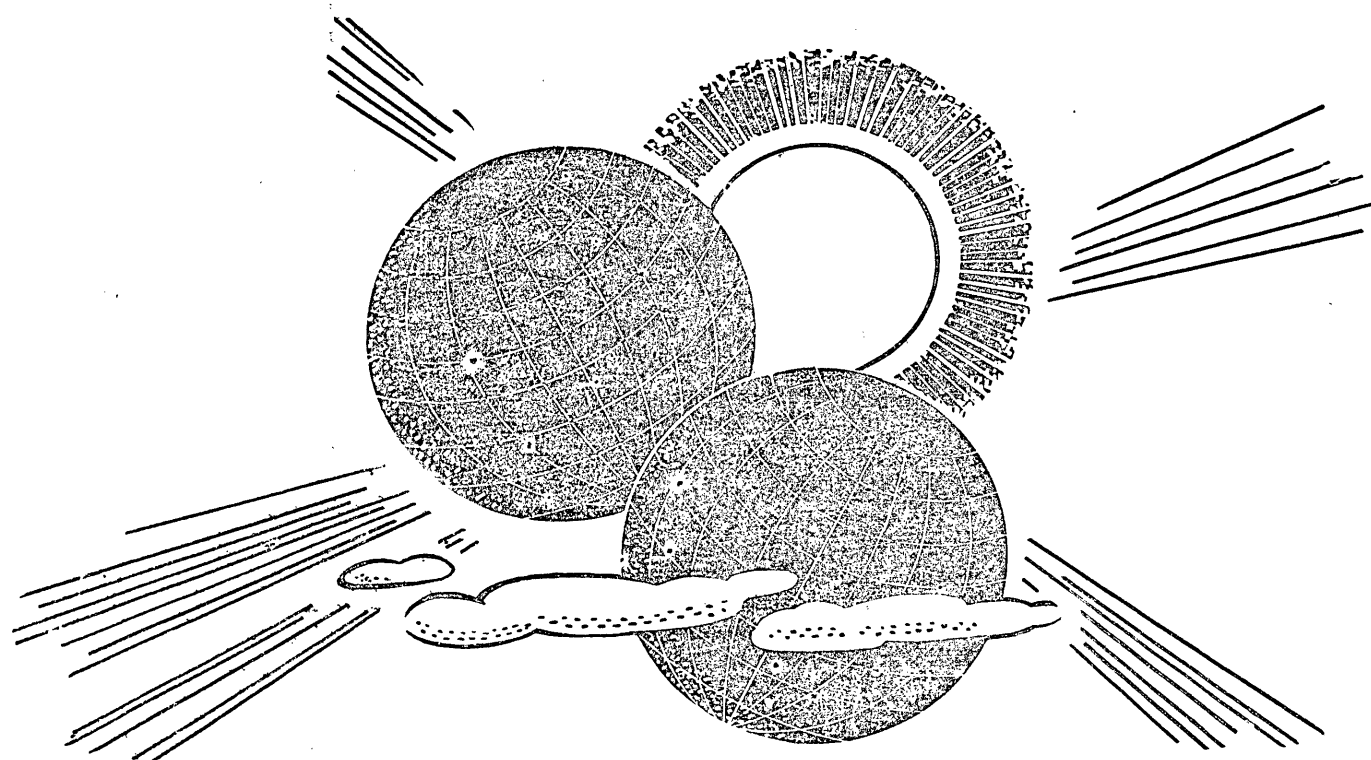
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A New World May Come Out of This New Year!



While we would not for one minute set ourselves up as prophets, we and all humanity would like to hope that the new year ahead will see the close of the present war. It is possible.

However, whether the war ends in 1943 or continues, the resources of every individual must be put behind the efforts of winning . . . from now until Armistice Day.

The business men who manage the Arkansas Power & Light Company know what this means, for since that fateful December 7, more than a year ago, the task set—and fulfilled—by our company

has been to furnish a large part of the electric power to sustain the war effort. That has been our primary object. That we have done this, and enabled civilian enterprises and homes to enjoy unlimited use of electricity also, speaks well, we think, for our planning. If peace comes in 1943 our company will be ready to resume its important place in the better world that will be our heritage . . . but whether peace comes or not, we are resigned to work and fight for it. And we think now is a good time to let everyone know that our belief in Victory is as strong as our faith in the future of our country.



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The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. W. P. WHALEY

Seeing God In Christ

LESSON FOR JANUARY 3, 1943

LESSON TEXT: John 1:1-16.

GOLDEN TEXT: "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth." John 1:14.



During the next three months our lessons will be taken from the gospel of John. If we will take time in the beginning of this quarter to carefully read the entire gospel of John we will have a better understanding of the important lessons that we have before us.

I. Who Is This John?

John was one of the twelve apostles. His older brother, James, was also an apostle. They were the sons of Zebedee and Salome, living at Capernaum on Lake Galilee. Zebedee and sons were fishermen. Salome was, it is thought, the sister of Jesus' mother, Mary; if so, Jesus was first cousin to James and John. John was the youngest of the twelve and several years younger than Jesus. There was a special attachment between Jesus and John. John was "that disciple whom Jesus loved." Peter, James and John were a sort of inner circle about Jesus; and were with him on some most important occasions when the other disciples were absent. At the crucifixion, Jesus asked John to take Mary into his home. She lived in the home of John about seventeen years, until her death. It is said that John lived to the age of one hundred years, the last thirty-five at Ephesus in Asia Minor. From that city he could reach "the seven churches of Asia," to which his "Revelation," his three epistles, and his gospel were addressed. It is believed that St. John was buried in Ephesus.

II. The Gospel of John.

John does not pretend to write an orderly and complete life of Jesus. He says: "And there are also many things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written everyone, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written." We go to Matthew, Mark and Luke for the biography of Jesus; and their accounts are very brief. John says his purpose in writing is "THAT YE MIGHT BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD; AND THAT BELIEVING YE MIGHT HAVE LIFE THROUGH HIS NAME." Accordingly, John tells of incidents, miracles and experiences that convince that Jesus is the Christ. He also gives a considerable list of people who were convinced by their association with Jesus in his earthly ministry. John's gospel is the most spiritual of the four. Our aim in the study of this gospel during the next three months should be to strengthen our conviction that JESUS IS THE CHRIST AND THE SON OF GOD; and to cultivate the spiritual in our own religion. May these lessons save us from the materialism into which so many church people are lapsing.

III. Now Read the First Chapter of John.

(1) "In the beginning was the Word" (Greek Logos). This "Word" means Christ. John is trying to tell

us that Christ did not begin his existence at the time of his birth in Bethlehem; but that he pre-existed from eternity. "The same was in the beginning with God." He was with God in the creation of "all things."

(2) "In him was life, and the life was the light of men." Ages before Christ lived in the flesh and declared, "I am the Light of the world," he was the spiritual life and light of many good men—Abraham, Moses, and the prophets. Christ was the invisible Owner and Lord of the old Jewish church; and the distinctive doctrine of that old church from Abraham on down was that the Christ would some time live in the flesh here on earth. That was the theme of Old Testament preaching and writing. In the purpose of God, and in the faith of Old Testament saints, Christ was "the LAMB SLAIN FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD." There has been a Christ as long as there has been a God.

(3) "The light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." How dark the world was before Christ came in the flesh. Only a few groping souls saw that Light, and but few of them adequately understood. The church and preachers of Old Testament times lifted the Light in the thick and uncomprehending darkness, and tried to call attention to it; but still darkness covered the earth, and "gross darkness the people." Isaiah laments the hard going of the gospel of Christ in his day: "But the word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line; here a little and there a little." "Who hath believed our report and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?" But the prophets kept on preaching, and a few believed and carried their faith to their graves.

(4) John the Baptist "came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light." He was such an unusual prophet that many thought he must be the Messiah, or Christ, the church had been expecting for thousands of years. But John said he was only a "voice" crying in the wilderness, to announce the coming of the Christ, and to prepare the people for his coming and ministry. The Jewish people accepted John the Baptist as their greatest prophet; and, since John the Baptist so positively identified Jesus as the Christ, the apostle John thought the Jewish people should believe the Baptist's testimony, and accept Jesus as the long expected Christ.

(5) "He came unto his own, and his own received him not." Jesus took on himself Jewish flesh. He spent his childhood and youth in a Jewish home in a Jewish community. He worshipped regularly in a Jewish church. He spent his thirty-three years on earth in the Jewish country. He gave his ministry al-

most exclusively to the Jewish people. He chose twelve Jews to be his helpers and his preachers. He gave the Jewish people the opportunity to realize the divine promise to Abraham: "in thee," and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; but they threw away that opportunity.

(6) "But as many as received him, to them gave he power (or privilege) to become the sons of God." And many Jews did accept Jesus as the Christ. All through his ministry people were being convinced, and were accepting him. The great question among the Jews all over Palestine during the years of Jesus' ministry was: "IS THIS THE CHRIST?" Increasing numbers were concluding that he was; so that the church passed a resolution that every one that confessed Jesus as the Christ should be put out of the church. However, John lists many conversions to Jesus before his crucifixion and resurrection: John the Baptist, eleven of the twelve apostles, the woman at the well and many others of that community, the nobleman of Capernaum, the blind man who received his sight, Mary and Martha and Lazarus, many who knew of the raising of Lazarus, "among the chief rulers many believed," Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea, who took the body from the cross and gave it a Jewish burial in a new tomb; so the alarmed church leaders said: "THE WORLD IS GONE AFTER HIM." After the crucifixion and resurrection, there was a great rush of Jews into the Christian movement. Pentecost was the ingathering of thousands. For twenty years, the Christian church was almost entirely Jewish. They accepted Jesus as the fulfillment of their scriptures and they found him the "bread of life" to their souls. John thought the testimony of this great cloud of witnesses ought to be convincing on the proposition THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST.

(7) "The only begotten of the Father." In a sense all men are the sons of God—"the offspring of God"; but in a peculiar sense Jesus Christ is THE SON OF GOD. He only has been with the Father from the beginning. He only was born of a virgin. He only has had such a great commission from the Father. He only is able to save us humbler sons. He only is the Head of the Church.

Evidence presented in today's lesson: JOHN THE BAPTIST, THE GREATEST PROPHET, DECLARED JESUS OF NAZARETH TO BE THE CHRIST FORETOLD IN OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES.

REVIEWING THE YEAR

Looking back on the year that has gone, the things that bring us the greatest satisfaction are not any personal successes we may have had, or any pleasures we may have enjoyed, but the efforts we have made to improve the conditions of others and our own progress in moral character. Nothing bears reviewing better than acts of self-sacrifice, and nothing brings greater reward. While, therefore, we must not allow ourselves to be unduly depressed by a review of the past we must allow it to have a salutary influence upon us, and resolve with the lesser opportunities the coming time may present to us to make the most and the best of them. Much is still possible to every man who redeems his time, and who consecrates himself whole-heartedly to the service of God and man.—Ex.

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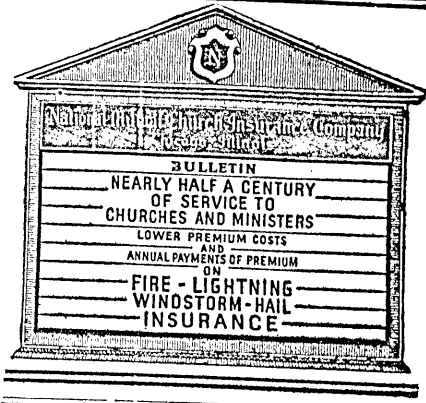
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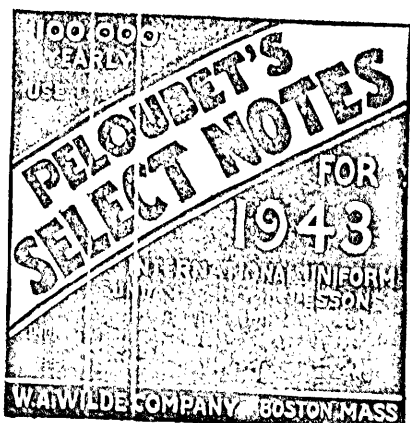
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No. 4—Mrs. Frank Thacker, Chairman. North of 17th; Ringo west.

No. 5—Mrs. Rufus Hunt, Chairman. South of 17th, west of High.

No. 6—Mrs. James Thomas, Chairman. North of 20th, Main to Ringo.

No. 7—Mrs. J. W. Rucker, Chairman. South of 20th to 25th, Main to Ringo.

No. 8—Mrs. Taylor Frewitt, Chairman. South of 25th, east of High.

No. 9—Mrs. W. J. Pennington, Chairman. East Side.

No. 10—Park Hill-Sylvan Hills, North Little Rock.

No. 11—Young Matrons Circle; Mrs. W. J. Cargile, Chairman.

The Spiritual Life Group will meet Monday at 10:30, with Mrs. A. S. Ross in charge.

Mrs. Dewey Price has charge of the program from 11 to 12. Topic, "A New Earth Wherein Dwelleth Righteousness." Dr. C. M. Reves will be the principal speaker; Carol Sisk will sing a special number, and Dr. Slack will assist with the pledge service.

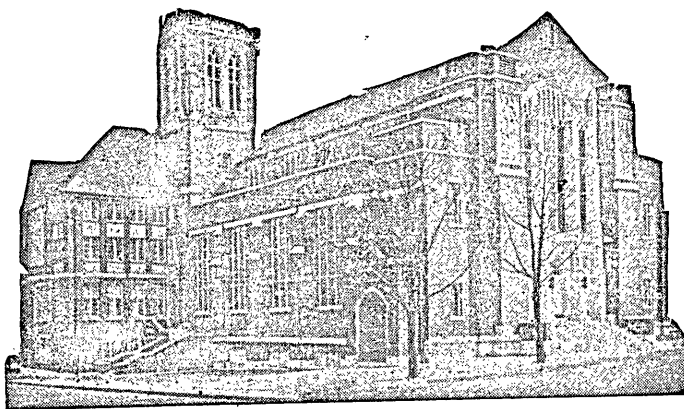
Lunch will be served by Circle No. 5, followed by the business session.

BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Stewards will be held at the church at 7:30, January 4, 1943. Plan to start the year off right by attending the first meeting and all those to follow.—C. C. Arnold, Chairman.

WINFIELD APPRECIATES

A significant thing has been done by some of the members of Winfield Church who are in the Service of the Uniform. Though they have been called to that charge they have asked for pledge cards for the budget of Winfield Church. The Church must appreciate such a spirit, and respond in like sacrifices. The early pledge card askers and signers are Jesse Burton and Dan Keely.



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Next Sunday at Winfield

10:00 a. m. Church School.

10:35 a. m. Sermon, "CHRISTIANITY VERSUS PAGANISM" by the Minister.

Text, "I am come that ye might have life . . . to the full." John 10:10.

6:00 p. m. Youth Fellowships.

7:30 evening worship

"HOW CAN I TELL RIGHT FROM WRONG?"

This will receive the first answer.

The Church is asked to write answers; state your problem, give your reaction, and then your answer

THEN BE PRESENT AT 7:30 P. M.

THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

The Week of Dedication begins next Sunday. The plan agreed upon is that we shall call ourselves to Dedication each week, emphasizing that fact on the Sabbath Day, climaxing the effort in the Day of Dedication. Simultaneous Revival services will be held in all City Methodist Churches during the weeks of March 28 to April 11th. BEGIN BY BEING AT CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY.

"HOW CAN I TELL RIGHT FROM WRONG?" That is the question for Sunday nights during January. The Youth of Winfield Church has already been writing their answers. The Adult is expected to give answer at once.

The Installation of the officers of the Woman's Society for 1943 will be part of the worship Service next Sunday morning. The Woman's Society is a very effective and helpful organization in which Winfield Church takes full pride. The entire Church will feel the connections each with the other by this public installation.

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Waldo Frasier, 401 East Capitol.

Mrs. Waldo Frasier, 401 East Capitol.

Mr. E. A. Begeman, 1918 Spring.

Mrs. E. A. Begeman, 1918 Spring.

Miss Louise Begeman, 1918 Spring.

Miss Doris May Begeman, 1918 Spring.

Mrs. Frederick A. Pillet, 2100 Wolfe.

Mrs. N. N. Cain, 1918 West 22nd.

Miss Helen Reeves, 4516 Kenyon.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS

January 4—6 P. M.

Miss Lila Ashby will be the guest speaker at the joint meeting of the Senior and Young People's worship service in the Couples' Class room at 6:30. This service will launch the series of World Friendship Programs based on Latin America, which are in charge of the commissions on World Friendship in the two departments. Ruth Rhea and Tommy Fowler are chairmen for the Young People, and Virginia Bradshaw for the Seniors.

Carrying out the plan adopted by the Woman's Society, the joint Committee has appointed Mrs. Clyde Arnold to be Adult Advisor for the World Friendship Commission for the Seniors and Mrs. Floyd Crouse for the Young People.

The two groups will have separate recreational periods, the Seniors meeting in Fellowship Hall and the Young People in the parlor.

The Junior High's will meet in their department for fellowship, followed by a worship service entitled "We Work For World Friendship."

ALL JUNIOR HIGHS are invited to meet at the Church THURSDAY afternoon, December 31st at 2 p. m. for a HIKE. If the weather is bad, provisions will be made for them at the church.

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

The Local Church Board of Missions and Church Extension had their organizational meeting last month and elected Mr. F. L. Crouse as chairman and Miss Ruth Rhea, secretary. Plans were made to sponsor a CHURCH-WIDE School of Missions for the month of January.

The first session will be held Sunday, January 3rd at 6:30 p. m. in the Hinton Class Room, when a study of Latin America will be launched.

Both adults and youth will be studying the same subject at the same time. Come and find your place in one of these groups.

INFANTS CHRISTENED

Carole Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvill Dean, 5320 West Markham.

Cecilia Mildred, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy W. Swaim, 115 West "A", Park Hill.

David Murray, son of Captain and Mrs. Murray Davis, Fort Lewis, Washington.

SYMPATHY

To Mr. C. A. Reinsch, 619 South Cedar Street in the recent death of his saintly step-father, Mr. Thomas W. Atchley, a long-time faithful worker in the church at Carlisle.

Also to the family of Mr. B. S. Harmon, who passed away recently.