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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

Methodist

and Methodists in Arkansas

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

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Deliberate Sabotage Of Peace Negotiations

IT is an international tragedy when it is necessary to question the honesty of deliberate statements of any responsible government. However, the tactics of communism, like Hitlerism, have so often included deliberate lying as a means to an end that it is not now surprising that General Ridgeway uses the words, "malicious falsehoods," to describe the latest charges of the communists that a United Nations plane attempted to destroy, by bombing, the communist delegation at Kaesong.

Communists negotiators have used the trumped-up charge as an excuse to again break off the cease-fire negotiations. This is not the first time the communists have practiced tactics that appear to be part of a deliberate scheme to sabotage the cease-fire negotiations. The difficulties involved in dealing with people whose word you do not trust and who accept lying as good diplomatic procedure, if it promises to serve their purpose, becomes more evident every day. There is still some hope that the negotiations may be resumed.

Gromyko Reverses The Field

IN a football game the player carrying the ball attempts to go forward. Occasionally he surprises and at times confuses the opposition by temporarily "reversing the field." The ball carrier has not changed his objective, he has only changed his tactics. He still wants to advance the ball.

We seem to have something of the same nature happening in the game of Power Politics being played between the East and West. Andrei Gromyko, who has a far-famed reputation for "walking out" of conferences has now "reversed the field" and has announced that he will "walk into" the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference which opens in San Francisco on September 4th.

Because of the continuous criticism the communistic forces have made of the peace treaty, as prepared, it was accepted as a foregone conclusion that Russia would refuse to participate. However, when the draft of the treaty was completed it was sent, July 3, to all fifty nations that had declared war on Japan, with an invitation to attend the San Francisco Peace Treaty Meeting and sign the treaty. About thirty-four nations accepted the invitation. Some suggested changes in the treaty of a minor nature that were accepted. Communistic countries uniformly had failed to accept the invitation.

However, in mid-August, to the surprise of all, Russia gave notice that it would be represented in the conference by a delegation headed by Andrei Gromyko. This was followed shortly by the acceptance of the invitation by Poland. What this sudden, unexpected change in attitude toward the conference means is anybody's guess. Of one thing we may be certain. Russia is not sending a delegation to this conference to have a constructive part in a peaceful settlement of the war status with Japan. Russia may not want war, at this time, but neither does it want peace at this time. Gromyko, the apostle of confusion and delay will bring some disturbing, disrupting plan with which Russia hopes to delay or destroy the signing of the treaty.

The United States has notified Russia that the form and conditions of the treaty are not to be discussed at the conference. The conference is simply for the signing, officially, of the treaty. It is quite probable that Russia will have some other ideas about discussing the treaty when its delegation arrives.

The Christian Home In A Changing World

THE Christian home today finds that CHURCH RELATIONS ARE DIFFERENT now than those experienced by Christian homes in earlier days.

Automobiles have produced one of the most striking changes in relationships between the church and the home. The automobile carries multitudes to church but the automobile also carries multitudes away from the church into other activities. The automobiles make it possible for some to attend church services who might not be able to attend otherwise. However, it also makes it possible for many to go



elsewhere who might have attended church services with a more limited means of transportation. The possibilities for other activities offered by the automobile makes it evident that those who use it to attend church are there by choice. Others usually are absent by choice.

Another situation evident in the homes of today is the fact that children and youth have more opportunities for choice as to attendance at Sunday school and other church services. Along with that larger freedom of choice there are also counter attractions more appealing than in any former days. It should be said, also, that it is more necessary now than before to keep children close to the church.

There is another noticeable difference in the relationships between the church and the homes of its members. There was a time when the church attempted through discipline to keep careless and wayward members in line. The effort to influence the lives of members of the church through discipline has practically disappeared in most churches. Today one may remain in full fellowship with the church despite some rather questionable conduct. Here again it is a matter of individual choice and character.

The Christian home has another important decision to make. That decision has to do with the financial support of the church. If the church is now to meet its responsibilities, we cannot measure our contributions today with the financial support the church received in early days.

People Can Take A Lot

ONE of the most vivid realizations that comes to the forefront of everyone's thinking who travels about Europe, even five years after V-E Day is the ability of civilization to absorb a lot of destruction and still make a comeback. Particularly in Germany where much of the destruction is yet to be seen one can visualize in a sense the untold amount of destruction that explosive and incendiary bombs can render. Munich reportedly was 60% destroyed; Berlin 72% destroyed, Frankfurt 58% damaged; Cologne 80% damaged with many other cities more or less damaged according to their military or strategic significance. One would not if he could dismiss lightly the extent of the damage, but it is significant to note that in all these cities progress is being made in their restoration.

Especially again in Germany, ugly scars are left in the wake of such terrific destruction. Yet the physical property damage is not the greatest hurt. Among those individuals who survived and who suffered little or no physical harm, there has been damage which even time alone may not be able to correct. Impressions will linger long in the minds of little children and youth. Disillusionment will be uppermost in the minds of the older youth who had been propagandized into acceptance of a philosophy which suffered military defeat. Some of the older people who may or may not have given themselves completely to Nazism now look back and say that things were better then than their lot today. But having suggested these wide generalizations, we still want to emphasize that people and civilization can absorb a lot of misfortune and still survive to hope for a day when the world will seriously build among men a society free of such destruction.

Of perhaps even more significance is the restoration that has already been accomplished and is now being done in other European countries. In English cities for example there were certain areas which suffered greatly. However in most of the cities this damage is not now as obvious, for the recovery has been quicker. This further suggests that people can take a lot and still come through with hope. These people have, for the most part, cleaned away the debris, repaired the streets and sidewalks, and in many instances new buildings have been erected on the old sites and damaged buildings have been repaired. Life goes on anyhow. In London in many, many sections outward appearances are the same as always.

There are hopeful signs in many sections of Europe that morality and ethics and organized religion are all on the upgrade. Without in any sense suggesting that another Wesleyan revival is in the making, the visitor is impressed with hopeful indications that point up a resurgence of interest in things of the spirit. The reader will already know that morality and organized religion, as such, suffered a great deal during the recent war. War always leaves in its wake many casualties, among which are people's morals and organized religion. However it is important to note that the church is the one institution in Germany that refused to be taken over by the Nazi regime. Thus, it has been in a strategic position to be of service in this post-war era. This is further evidence of the fact that people and their institutions and civilization itself are capable of absorbing a lot of damage and still make a comeback.

The spirit of such a people is a challenge to us in America, who have suffered so little physical hurt in war, to do what we can to help build a warless world.

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A DECALOGUE FOR PARENTS

By W. W. Reid

1. Thou shalt have no false gods, but shalt worship only the Lord thy God as made known to thee by Jesus Christ. Thou shalt make thy God known to thy children by word and by example; and they shall know that thou dost not worship gold, nor power, nor prestige, nor possessions, nor any other false ideal.
2. Thou shalt show thy love for God by ministering to the needs of thy fellowmen: and thy example shall teach thy children to love and serve God and man.
3. Thou shalt honor thy father and thy mother and thy in-laws: then shall there be harmony in the family, and thy children shall honor thee.
4. Thou shalt not surrender the training of thy children's minds, nor bodies, nor souls, to a nurse, nor to a baby-sitter nor to a teacher, nor to a priest: but thou shalt know the pleasure of sharing of thy own thinking, of thy own strength, of thy own spiritual knowledge with thy children.
5. Thou shalt give generously of thy time and of thy highest thoughts to thy children, not as "sacrifice" nor as "duty," but joyously for thy own soul's wealth, for the sharing of thy spirit with those who are of thy body also, and for the glory of God.
6. Thou shalt never be too busy to play with thy children: for play is a pleasant road to growth in both child and parent, and a wide avenue to fellowship and understanding.
7. Thou shalt not withhold either praise or chastisement as they may be required to help thy children grow in favor with God and man; but before meting out punishment thou shalt inquire diligently as to the motives of the child's action.
8. Thou shalt always keep to the fore thy sense of humor, and hold in check thy temper, in facing each new problem with thy children.
9. Thou shalt not cheat, nor "cut sharp corners," nor be envious when another "gets something for nothing": for if thou condonest or laughst at the trickeries of petty dishonesties of the world, thy children may outreach thee in wrongdoing.
10. Thou shalt be diligent to teach thy children the ways and the love and the precepts of the Lord thy God as they are found in the Holy Bible and in the Books of Nature; patiently unfolding to them the truths of God that Jesus Christ revealed, and the truths that modern science reveals for the service and enlightenment of man; above all, motivating them to use these revelations for man's highest good.

THE bulletin of The First Methodist Church, Warren, carries the following item: "On Wednesday night, September 5, at the High School auditorium, a film featuring Billy Graham, the great evangelist, will be shown. Everyone is invited. There will be no admission fee. A freewill offering will be taken. It is hoped that all our people will see this important film."

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. AND MRS. MAURICE LANIER, of Salem, announce the birth of a son, David Maurice, on August 15. Brother Lanier is our pastor at Salem.

THE NORA HILLIS GUILD of Atkins has installed new venetian blinds in the front of the parsonage. Rev. George Stewart is pastor at Atkins.

REV. JOHN B. HEFLEY of Arkadelphia, and Rev. Arthur Terry, pastor of Asbury Methodist in Little Rock, exchanged pulpits Sunday morning, August 19th.

REV. GAITHER MCKELVEY, pastor at Monette, did the preaching in a recent revival at Bay. Twelve members were received, seven by vows and five by transfer. Rev. Clyde E. Crozier is pastor.

REV. MARTIN BIERBAUM, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Ft. Smith, attended the Seminar on Research in Urban Religious Life at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, August 7-23. He also sat in on Dr. G. D. Jordan's class on Evangelistic Preaching.

MISS EDITH MARTIN, missionary to Africa, writes that she is now in Kansas City recuperating from an operation and that the doctors feel that she will soon be much improved. Miss Martin's address is 717 West 36th St., Kansas City, Missouri.

DR. ROBERT E. GOODRICH, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, was the speaker at the Methodist Men's dinner at the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, on Monday, August 26. Dr. Goodrich is the son-in-law of the late Dr. Paul Quillian.

A new garage with laundry room and storage space to be erected on the parsonage property was authorized by the Board of Stewards of Huntington Avenue Church, Jonesboro, in extra session, August 19. The 20' x 24' frame structure will cost approximately \$750.00. Rev. Elmus C. Brown is pastor of Huntington Avenue Church.

MRS. EDWARD McLEAN, Miss Barbara Teague, and Rev. John B. Hefley of First Church, Arkadelphia, are attending the National Convocation of Methodist Youth at Purdue University. Marvest Lawson, student at H. S. T. C., will represent the Wesley Foundation at this meeting.

REV. LAWRENCE K. BROWN, JR., pastor of First Methodist Church, Lockhart, Texas, preached at the morning worship service at Brinkley on Sunday, August 19. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Brown, loyal and devoted members of the Brinkley Church. Rev. Jesse L. Johnson is pastor.

REV. JIM CLEMONS, Director of Youth Work at West Memphis, filled the pulpit at Brinkley on Sunday evening, August 19. He and his wife led the Brinkley M. Y. F. of more than twenty-five members present in recreation and worship at the M. Y. F. hour. Miss Minola Caplena is the M. Y. F. adult Counselor.

REV. ELBERT B. JEAN, who served as pastor at Plumerville last year, writes that he and Mrs. Jean announce the birth of a daughter, Susan Beth, on August 15 at Terrell, Texas. He adds: "We send greetings to the people in Arkansas. We are very happy in our new appointment at Crandall, Texas."

REV. JESSE L. JOHNSON, pastor at Brinkley, reports that his congregation has just completed a rather extensive remodeling and redecorating program on the interior of the sanctuary and Sunday School rooms. It is now very beautiful and worshipful throughout. The work was done at a cost of \$4500.

WORD comes of the death of Lucien L. Beavers at his home in Mount Ida on August 18. Mr. Beavers was a business man of Mount Ida, active in civic affairs and was a member of the Methodist Church, serving for many years on the

Board of Trustees and the Board of Stewards. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. S. Cazort, assisted by Rev. John Collier.

REV. H. W. JINSKE, pastor at Gravette, one of ten men from the North Arkansas Conference who attended the Southern Methodist University Undergraduate School recently held, was one of seven ministers selected from the class in the study of "Protestantism and Roman Catholicism" to edit the findings of the class relative to these two divisions of Christianity. These findings will be published later in *The Arkansas Methodist*.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK will be observed at the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, beginning Monday, September 3 and continuing through Friday, September 7. Inspirational speakers will be Rev. Kenneth Shamblin, Rev. Jeff Davis, Rev. Edwin Keith, Rev. Mouzon Mann and Rev. Rufus Sorrells, all of Little Rock. Six classes will be taught by the pastors of North Little Rock and Rev. Harold Spence of Jacksonville. Rev. I. L. Claud of Washington Avenue Church will be dean.

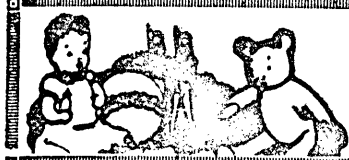
THE family of Mr. and Mrs. Milton L. Teague has been chosen to represent the First Methodist Church of Arkadelphia, and the Arkadelphia District, in the national search for "The Methodist Family of the Year." The Teague family was chosen unanimously by the Board of Stewards. Mr. and Mrs. Teague have three children, Barbara Lee, age 15, Ethel Lou, aged 11 years, and Warfield, aged 10 years. They are valued members of the First Methodist Church, Arkadelphia, and the church takes pride in nominating them for this honor.

THE NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE led the Jurisdiction in the attendance at the Undergraduate School at S. M. U., July 17 to August 16. Attending were: Carl B. Adams, W. G. Conner, Felix Holland, H. W. Jinske, Robert Montgomery, T. B. Parmenter, Sherman Ragsdale, J. W. Sandage, Carl Strayhorn and Robert Sykes. Attending from the Little Rock Conference were: J. R. Callicott, Claud Clark, W. M. Crow, S. T. Hollowell, C. A. Robbins and W. H. Watson. There was an attendance of between seventy and seventy-five.

THE United Fellowship of Protestants has been organized within the armed forces of the nation as "an interdenominational Christian fellowship which will provide youth in the services with opportunity of continuing their civilian experiences as members of various Christian youth groups." The meetings of the Fellowship will be under direction of local unit chaplains. The General Commission on Chaplains, the United Christian Youth Movement, and the chiefs of chaplains of the Army, Navy, and Air Force are back of the organization which was first suggested by young men in the services. The Commission has named Dr. Fred C. Reynolds, Methodist minister in Washington D. C., and a former brigadier general in the Army chaplaincy, as director of the UFP.

FACTS CONCERNING OUR INDIAN MISSIONS

In an interesting leaflet to be issued for Fourth Sunday World Service distribution in our churches during the month of September, the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension of our Board of Missions cites facts concerning our Indian missions scattered from Minnesota to Mississippi and from Washington to North Carolina. There are 32 Methodist mission stations ministering to thousands of Indian Americans, states the leaflet. Here the emphasis is on giving the Indian the hand he deserves instead of a handout. Americans are shocked to hear that thousands of Indians die from starvation, disease and cold. Our missions conduct constructive programs of agriculture and crafts to help these people. Scholarships are provided for young Indians interested in full-time Christian service. Pastors secure these leaflets for their members through the Service Department of our Methodist Church.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

A HOLIDAY AT AUNT ALICE'S

By Mrs. Walter L. Wright

"Hello, Myra, this is Emma, will you go to the movies with me today?"

"I've already promised to go with Susie; can't we all go together?" answered Myra.

"You know I'm not going anywhere with Susie; every time I call you've promised to go with her; I don't think it fair either," whined Emma.

"You two are first cousins. I do wish you would be friends again, too."

Myra was such a jolly girl both wanted to be with her and they almost fought through her, as to which one would, because they had not spoken to each other for two years. It made Myra very unhappy.

During the Week of Prayer at their church each girl promised their teacher that they would do something special for God that week. Myra's Aunt Alice invited her to spend a holiday with her and bring along any friends she wanted to. Just two and one-half years ago Myra had taken Emma and Susie and they had spent a glorious vacation there. Suddenly Myra had a bright idea. She ran to the phone and invited Susie. "Fine," said Susie, "and thanks a million for asking me." Myra invited Emma. "Nothing would suit me better; thanks for asking me. You are the sweetest girl I know of," said Emma.

On Wednesday afternoon Myra drove over to Susie's house; she was waiting and they were soon on their way. When they reached Emma's house Myra brought the car to a stop and Emma came running out.

"Jump in, Emma, Aunt Alice has planned for the very minute we arrive and she never likes to be kept waiting." Emma got in, but she and Susie sat silent all the way. When they reached Aunt Alice's the house and yard were full of young folks. "Do hurry children; we are starting a scavenger hunt. Myra, you and Mary will please hunt together so she can tell you of our plans; and Susie, that leaves you and Emma to hunt together. "Here are your lists," said Aunt Alice, who always saw that the young folk got off to a good start.

Among the things Emma and Susie were to bring back was a small stone from the very center of the old swimming hole. The girls stared at each other. "We'll have to have bathing suits," said Emma. "I have mine along. I'll be in it in a jiffy," said Susie. When they reached the water, Susie dived from what they agreed was the very center and came up with a leaf in her hand. "It has to be a stone," said Emma. Susie dived again and again and finally came up with a stone. "Eureka," they cried and both laughed heartily.

"Remember, Susie, this is the very place where we both learned to swim," said Emma.

"And once I was about to drown."



WHY?

Diddle dee, diddle dee, diddle dee di,
He's a little boy who wonders why
The piggy's tail curls round and round,
The meadow lark's nest is on the ground.

He wonders why the sky is blue,
Why little kittens always mew,
What makes the puppy bite his tail,
Why on quiet days his kite won't sail.

This boy then often wonders why
There is a teardrop in my eye.
I only smile at him and say,
"You'll soon be grown and gone away."

—Helen K. Smith, Imboden

SINGING IN THE RAIN

Wee Marilyn stopped playing with her family of dolls and her china tea set. Breakfast was just over. The rain was falling steadily and beating a heavy tattoo on the side of the house and porch.

In the bay window in the pleasant living room hung two cages of canary birds, and were they singing! Marilyn couldn't help but wonder why they were so enthusiastic.

Just then her daddy came into the room.

"Well, well," he laughed, "our bird family is having a regular chorus. They enjoy the rain evidently if no one else does."

"What makes them sing more than on a sunshiny day, do you s'pose?" questioned Marilyn.

Her daddy shook his head.

"I don't know for sure just why," he smiled, "but I rather think it is because they like the steady beat of the raindrops, and are anxious to

You were waiting on the bank in your pretty evening dress and you jumped in and helped me out although it ruined the dress and you didn't have another one for the party."

"And you made me wear yours, pretending that you were too upset to go, and then in a few weeks came our silly quarrel and we've acted like heathen ever since. What was it we quarreled about?"

"I don't remember now. We were having such good times before then, let's start over; what do you say?"

When the girls left for home on Saturday they gave Aunt Alice a big hug and said in one voice almost, "Aunt Alice, you are the very sweetest person we know of."

"Except Myra," beamed Aunt Alice as she squeezed a little note tighter in her pocket.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate

make as much happiness for themselves and others as they can, as long as the day is gloomy. And that's rather a good idea for the rest of us to think about.

"Perhaps we could remember when the raindrops fall or the clouds are gray and heavy, to wear something bright and cheerful, and to be merry, and more than usually kind to everybody around us. Then when the sun comes out, we'll be ready to look for rainbows if there are any."

Marilyn nodded. "I'll remember about that daddy," she promised, "and then we'll not mind the stormy days 'cause we'll be looking for the time when the world will be bright and gay once again."—Anon.

JUST FOR FUN

She was 5, and she had known few luxuries during her brief existence. So when she became possessed of a coat of rabbit fur, she wore it to kindergarten and refused to take it off. When the period for outdoor sandpile play arrived, she insisted the bunny wrap stay on. The teacher didn't argue, and soon she felt a tug at her sleeve. "Please, Miss Williams," whispered the perspiring little face, "I'm so hot—could I take off my shoes and socks?"—Wall St. Jnl.

A Saturday morning golfer observed two small boys watching him and remarked: "You boys will never learn by watching me."

"We ain't interested in golf, Mister," said the small boys. "We're going fishing as soon as you dig up some more worms."—Chain Gang, Diamond Chain Co.

How old is someone who was born in 1898?

"Man or woman?"

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

NEW BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

All of these books appear on Abingdon-Cokesbury's fall list of general children's books.




from Christensen's
LITTLE BRUIN AND PER
Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. ©

LITTLE BRUIN AND PER brings to American children another of Haaken Christensen's imaginative stories of the Bruin family, long beloved by Norwegian children. Both author and illustrator, Mr. Christensen writes that he originally created the Bruin family in 1919 for his own children, "hoping to make them share my love for mountains, woods, lakes, and rivers, and especially the animal life in those localities." His stories have become children's classics in Norway. Siri Andrews, well-known librarian, has translated LITTLE BRUIN AND PER.

RUSTY AT RAM'S HORN RANCH is not only a fast-moving western, full of accurate information about sheep raising, but also a fine account of a young boy's difficulties and development. In the warm family life and interesting work of a prosperous sheep ranch, shy, lonely Rusty, after a few mistakes, makes a place for himself. The book is written for eight-year-olds and up by the popular western author, Shannon Garst and is illustrated by Raymond Creekmore.

GOOD LUCK, MARY ANN! is a Cape Cod story for girls eight and older. Mary Ann visits Great Aunt Sophia for a week to see if she and the elderly lady get along well enough for her to stay all summer. She learns to help in the old-fashioned kitchen, explores the beach with the neighbor's twins, makes friends with the townspeople, and learns to love the sprightly old lady with whom she lives. Agnes Louise Dean is the author and Katherine Wireman the illustrator.

Alletta Jones has written a happy family story about two sets of twins and an "only"—WESTFORD JUNIORS, INC. The juniors work together to save their pasture for the various pets that use it. They tend the garden and run a vegetable stand, they put on a variety show, they find and sell antiques. Most important, they welcome into their companionship a lonely, spoiled little girl who gets into the spirit of things and gives them some of their best help. Gertrude Howe has made the humorous black and white pictures.



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IN APPRECIATION OF OUR NATIVE LAND

What Makes America Great?

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead

That to himself hath never said
This is my own, My Native Land."

"Oh! beautiful for spacious skies
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain's majesties
Above the fruited plain."

We love our native land because of its majestic and stately beauty from the ocean white foam to the mountains high and lifted up. We love it because of the wide rivers, laughing brooks, wooded hills, and forest lands. We love it because of the broad plains, flowing springs, singing birds, lowing cattle, bleating sheep, proud barnyard cocks, and clucking hens. America the Beautiful, is indeed a land flowing with milk and honey.

With deep appreciation we look upon the beauty of our nation, but we must look beyond all this for the real America. Other lands have natural scenic beauty that no doubt is breathtaking to the inhabitants thereof.

Africa, it is said, is wealthy beyond imagination and the fondest dreams of man in the matter of material things, but it is known as the Dark Continent. In some areas human beings live as savages and in some instances are vicious man eaters. The veil of ignorance and superstition covers their eyes from the great truths of life.

India is a great land and is said to be both a land of beauty and wealth and culture according to the old and ancient philosophies of past generations and at the same time is filled with more poverty, disease, and death than any of the great lands.

A swing around the earth would reveal lands of idyllic grandeur with peoples in many instances gracious and hospitable, but the finger of destiny points to the shores of America for leadership and guidance into a way of life that has lifted our own nation to the forefront as the saviour of nations of the world. We may well ask ourselves the question "Why is this true?" Is it simply material bread that the world is in such desperate need of or is it bread plus other elements that are necessary for the abundant human life? We may call to mind that mountains and fields, hills and streams, coal and iron, gold and silver, oil and gas; all these things were here before human voices shattered the stillness of the forest. We look beyond all this for the real America and we find the secret in the hearts and the lives of the people—people who have great beliefs—people who live in a great fellowship.

In order to bring our minds to a definite focus upon the subject at hand let us come to present and past experiences. For what are the youth of America dying in the ancient land

of Korea today? What led them to their death in Okinawa and to their death on the beaches of Normandy? What are the professed beliefs and principles that have inspired the leaders of the nation to send them forth to deep sacrifice even to the shedding of their blood. What is it that inspires and carries forth fraternal orders, service clubs, and other groups in America that are bound together for certain goals and objectives? What is it that caused men in the last century to rise up to battle brother against brother in the greatest civil war known to human history? What is it that across the years has kept the nation alive and vital, keen and sensitive to life? What was back of the men in Valley Forge who lived in the snow with starvation staring them in the face—ragged and gaunt. What was it that caused Washington to share with them the arduous tasks and duties as a soldier in the field sharing with them in the suffering and heartache of a desolate winter army camp? How do we explain the eloquent and passionate plea of Patrick Henry or the enthusiastic revolt manifested in the Boston Tea Party or the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth Rock?

Is there something beyond the spacious skies, the amber waves of grain, the purple mountain's majesties above the fruited plains? There must be something resident within the human breast that leads mankind to conquer the wilderness, the mountain and the sea, the air and the sky. There is that something that makes life more than meat and drink and shelter. It is that Eternal Spirit in his soul that causes him to lift his face toward the great source of all life and find peace and joy and gladness in knowing him and doing his will. It is that abiding spirit of brotherhood that will not be stilled. And even though in the midst of noise of battle that spirit haunts the human heart and makes the human being dream of the day when all men may live together as brothers in peace and harmony.

These are the things that make America great. That is the spirit that caused the great Francis Scott Key to look anxiously toward the shore after the all night's bombardment to see if the flag was still there. This is what keeps the hearts of mothers and fathers today comforted and strengthened as their lads continue to go out to serve their nation. The same spirit holds the boys to the horrors of battle for they believe that America as they know it—the land of the free—land of true principles is worth living and dying for. May we all hail our nation and keep our hearts and our minds ever devoted to its great eternal principles.—J. Albert Gatlin.

One becomes his full self only by becoming an instrument of a cause that is greater than himself.—NEA Jnl.

SEBA-SCOTT SUB-DISTRICT

The Seba-Scott Sub-District M. Y. F. met Thursday, August 9, at Greenwood with 80 present. An interesting program was given by the Greenwood M. Y. F. The meeting was called to order by the president, Joe Roberts. Several of the group told about their experiences at district camp. Brother Barling asked that the next meeting be at Hartford. He explained that Hartford's Youth Activities Week came the same week as sub-district meeting and that this would be an opportunity for the sub-district to attend. It was voted to meet there.


A recreation period was held.—Ben Simpson, Secretary.

A man decided to test the value of a smile. Walking along, he would alternate, wearing first a smile and then a frown. He said later that when he walked down the street without a smile he was the most

obscure man in the universe. No one paid the slightest attention to him. But when he smiled it was different. Three out of 5 people smiled back.—Chas. B. Roth, Optimist.

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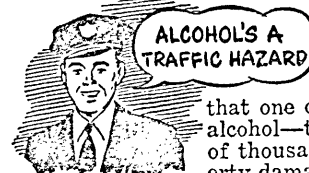
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Labor Sunday Message 1951

(Approved by the General Board of The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America and issued through the Department of the Church and Economic Life.)

MEN serve God when they strive for brotherhood, freedom, and justice. It is our Christian conviction that useful work is also a means of serving God. Therefore, it is the Christian's responsibility to understand the conditions under which men work, to see that work is made meaningful, and that it brings a just reward.

In this spirit the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America issues this Labor Sunday Message in honor of all workers both within and outside the churches.

Christian responsibility calls us to action—wherever, in the midst of the plenty which multitudes today enjoy, there are families who still taste the bitterness of daily poverty;

—wherever those who labor in the fields as migrants, whether from within or without our borders, work without respect accorded to their human dignity, without a basis for security, or without a place in the community;

—wherever the aged or disabled who depend on savings or pensions, or others who depend on small, fixed incomes suffer increasing hardships due to the rising cost of living;

—wherever men are denied fair employment opportunities.

Record of Achievement

Through the years labor unions have fought for justice often against enormous odds and often with little means except devotion and courage. There has been a record of achievement in the cause of humanity in which the churches are proud to have had a share. Today our industrial life is much improved through united effort, and much of the bitterness of the past has been forgotten. Relations between employee and employer are widely based upon acceptance of organized labor and are carried on with sincere negotiation and mutual respect.

It is encouraging that progress is being made

toward bridging the divisions within the ranks of labor. Labor's recognition of those moral values which provide national as well as personal security is demonstrated by its share in the struggle against racketeers and against those who would destroy democratic principles and institutions. We trust that unions will continue the effort to keep themselves free from control by an external group which seeks to exploit them for its own ends.

But another kind of vigilance is also called for in these days of great organizational accom-



plishment. The vital spirit that gives life and meaning to trade unionism must not be lost. In a unique way the labor movement gathers up the aspirations of multitudes of people. It is not enough that millions of workers are union members and that their dues are paid regularly. It is not enough that wages are fairer, working conditions improved, and security against the hazards of sickness or old age more certain. It is not enough even that the labor movement has grown to large stature as an influence in community and national life. Although these are welcome achievements for which trade unions deserve great credit, they are not enough. For man does not live by bread alone.

Responsibility for Brotherhood

We are all challenged today in the name of

God to reject complacency. Power in itself is no measure of enduring greatness. Because of its significance to millions of workers and its place in the community the labor movement cannot escape responsibility for the social consequences of the use of its power. For that power offers enormous continuing opportunity for good—for taking dynamic leadership in working toward that brotherhood to which the Christian gospel calls us, for breaking down the walls between races, classes, and nations, and for creating a world in which all men can live as brothers. Such brotherhood is nurtured in those unions where the rights of members to speak freely and fully are protected and encouraged. It grows stronger with every victory in union or shop over prejudice, bigotry, and factionalism.

The responsibility of labor for brotherhood extends—and is widely accepted—beyond its own confines. Labor, along with other segments of our society, should share fully in the crucial role America must play in world affairs. Our aid should not be employed to support reaction, to protect entrenched greed, nor to rescue the discredited or corrupt. Only by placing works of justice and brotherhood at the heart of our foreign policy may we hope to achieve either security for ourselves or freedom from fear for the world. To carry forward this world task effectively America must work with the other freedom-loving nations for the elimination everywhere of poverty, exploitation, and discrimination and for the building of a world based on increasing self-help and mutual cooperation.

Fulfillment of Our Common Dream

In our own times we have seen by repeated examples that courageous labor leaders and enlightened industrialists, with the cooperation and encouragement of churches, can accomplish great and significant social gains within a free democratic society. The fulfillment of our common dream of a world in which peace and justice prevail can come only if we, along with the people of other lands, look to the Spirit of God for the Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. From Christ we all may draw the strength we need for the difficult and challenging days that lie ahead of us.

OBITUARIES

WILLIAMS—Mrs. Mary Jane Williams was born on March 28, 1868, at Beech Grove, Arkansas, and passed away on July 20, 1951. She had been a member of the church at Beech Grove since she was eleven years old. She was married to Ezekiel Williams when she had just passed her fifteenth birthday. He passed away twenty-five years ago after being a member of the Methodist Church since early youth.

Mrs. Williams was a faithful member of the church and was always found at the services of the church. She was a valued member of the church and community, always going about doing good. She will be missed by her church and community.

Mrs. Williams leaves three sons, Ellis, P. W. and Jesse; three daughters, Mrs. Lula Horn, Mrs. Allie North, and Mrs. Lillian Rusch; twenty-three grandchildren; forty great grandchildren, five great, great grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Minnie Williams; two brothers, Lee Breckenridge of Cardwell and Eli Breckenridge of Beech Grove.

Funeral services were held at the Beech Grove Methodist Church by her pastor, Rev. W. C. Smith, Rev. J. H. Holt of Paragould, and Rev. E. R. Stallcup of Beech Grove.—M. Hammond.

THOMAS—Sarah Jane Thomas, aged 92 years, passed away on July 13, 1951. She was born in Pulaski County near Jacksonville. She mar-

ried Newman J. Thomas on January 19, 1879. He passed away on November 18, 1932, after 54 years of married life. They were the parents of eight children, three of whom are living, Mrs. E. C. Coulter, Mrs. W. T. Barron and Mrs. W. N. Herrod, all of Jacksonville. Six grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren also survive.

At the early age of nine Mrs. Thomas professed faith in Christ and united with the Methodist Church at Concord. She lived a faithful and useful Christian life. Her entire life was spent in the community where she was born, working for her church, her family and her many friends. She always had a home for the pastors and taught a Sunday School class as long as her health would permit. Many lives were enriched by this faithful follower of Christ and her good work will live on in the hearts and lives of her dear ones and her many friends.

Funeral services were held in the Jacksonville Methodist Church on July 14 by her pastor, Rev. Harold Spence, assisted by the writer, a friend of the family. Interment was in Bayou Meto cemetery.—W. H. Fowler.

One of the things wrong with the rising generation may be that it is altogether too much like the "risen" generation.—J. F. Santee, University of Portland, "On a Philosophy of the Curriculum," Phi-Delta Kappan, 5-51.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO USHER AT GENERAL CONFERENCE?

The Rev. Donald H. Baldwin, minister of the First Methodist Church, Merced, California, chairman of the General Conference Committee on Ushers, Pages and Messengers, announces that applications will be received by the committee from ministers throughout the United States and its territories, who desire to serve as ushers, pages or messengers at the General Conference in San Francisco. Sessions begin April 23, 1952 and continue through May 6.

There can be no remuneration for services rendered but the Steering Committee in San Francisco will provide a basic meal allowance for persons serving under the direction of the committee.

Any minister may apply but the committee chairman emphasizes that only those should do so who are reasonably certain of their ability to attend and are willing to be assigned where most needed by the committee.

Applications for this volunteer service will be received immediately by the committee chairman. Please state arrival and departure dates. After consideration by the committee, the applicants will be contacted and notified of assignments.

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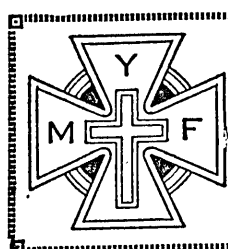
One of the first Protestant churches to be rebuilt in Japan after the war, Central Methodist Church of Nagoya, is now serving the largest membership in its history. The church, one of the strongest in the industrial city, was hit by two bombs in the summer of 1945 and was entirely devastated by fire. Granted a subsidy by the Interboard Committee for Christian Work in Japan, the congregation raised additional money in Nagoya. The pastor is the Rev. Kenji Kitamura.

Mr. Takuji Otsuka, chairman of the building committee, paid a recent visit to the Board of Missions offices in New York to thank the Methodist Church for sharing in the Interboard reconstruction program. Mr. Otsuka says there are about 250 regular church-goers, the highest average he has observed in his forty years as a member of the church.

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NEWS

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK AT SEARCY

Youth Activities Week was observed at the First Methodist Church, Searcy, August 20-23. The evening program included singing, interest-groups, recreation, and worship.

Miss Mary Mitchell, a native of Conway, and who has just recently returned from serving three years as a missionary in China, was present as speaker for the week.—Reporter

DELTA SUB-DISTRICT MEETS

The Delta Sub-District composed of M. Y. F. organizations in the Monticello District, met at the Methodist Church in Dumas on Monday evening, August 6, with 70 young people in attendance. Churches represented were McGehee, Newton's Chapel, Eudora, Watson, Dermott and Dumas. The attendance banner was given to McGehee.

The Dumas fellowship was in charge of the program. A film, concerning alcohol, The Power of Decision, was shown.

The following officers were elected: Jolene Tiner, McGehee, president; Comrade Knauts, Dumas, vice-president; Patsy Teeter, Newton's Chapel, secretary; Donnie Adair, Tillar, reporter.

A recreation period followed with refreshments served by the Fidelis Class.—Donnie Adair

PHILLIPS COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

The Phillips County Sub-District met in the West Helena Methodist Church on August 13. A candlelight service was held, led by J. D. Whelchel. Lois Jean Watson presided over the business meeting in the absence of the president.

Recreation followed in the church recreation room.—Reporter

YELL COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

The Yell County Sub-District met at the Birta Methodist Church on Monday night, August 11. Churches represented were Plainview, Birta, Bellville, Danville and Centerville, with a total of 61 members present. Recreation, refreshments and the worship program were in charge of the Birta group.

Marylyn Nunn presided over the business meeting. — Jo Ann Ober, Reporter

MEETING OF MT. MAGAZINE SUB-DISTRICT

The Mt. Magazine Sub-District met on August 13 at Charleston Lake. Lavaca M. Y. F. was in charge of the program which was held by the lake. Booneville had charge of recreation and Charleston the refreshments.

Allan Brown presided over the business session. There were 96 present. The next meeting will be held at Prairie View.—Jo Ann Spencer

OZARK SUB-DISTRICT

The young people of the Harrison Methodist Church were hosts on Wednesday evening, August 1, to the first meeting of the Ozark Sub-District.

Election of officers was held and Winnie Henderson of Harrison was elected president. Other officers are: Treasurer, James Rowland, Valley View; Publicity chairman, Pat Taylor, Harrison; Worship and Evangelism chairman, Bobby McAlpine, Valley Springs; Community Service chairman, Frances Sanders, Valley View; Recreation chairman, La Jeane Wagner, Valley View; World Friendship chairman, Raymond Cooke, Bergman. The offices of vice-president and Secretary will be filled later. Counselors are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Scott of Harrison.

The Valley View group gave a very interesting program on "Our Duty." Miss Nancy Sanders, youth director at Harrison Church, had charge of recreation.

The counsel of the Sub-District held its first meeting on Tuesday night, August 7th, in the Harrison Church. Plans were made for the coming year. The next meeting will be held October 9 at the Valley View Church.

Churches belonging in this Sub-District are: Harrison, Valley View; Valley Springs, Bergman; Jasper and Bellefonte. — Pat Taylor, Publicity Chairman

RUSSELLVILLE SUB-DISTRICT

The Russellville Sub-District meeting was held at the First Methodist Church, Dardanelle, on August 6. The young people of the local M. Y. F. presented an inspiring worship program. The main topic of discussion was on how to increase regular attendance at Sub-District meetings.

There were 86 present for the meeting.—Jean Callan

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK AT HARRISON

The Senior and Older Youth of the Harrison Methodist Church observed Youth Activities Week, Aug. 13-17. The theme for the week was "A Faith to Stand On." Rev. Edwin Dodson of Berryville was the discussion leader for the week. The discussions were on Faith in God, Faith in the Church.

Supper was served each night and worship services were led by various members of the youth group. The closing service was led by Brother Dodson.—Nancy Sanders, Youth Director

GALLOWAY-TOLLESON

The Galloway-Tolleson Sub-District met at Clarendon on August 13. The total present was 45. After an inspiring program led by the Clarendon youth, we adjourned to the recreation hall where we were led in singing by Miss Aileen Powell. Later refreshments were served and we were dismissed with our friendship circle.

Our next meeting will be held at Wheatley.—Judy Wong, Reporter

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK AT FORREST CITY

The Seniors, Intermediates, and adult workers with youth of the Wesley, Widener-Round Pond, Haynes, an Forrest City Methodist Churches held a very successful Youth Activities Week, August 5 through August 10.

About 55 young people and their adult workers met at the church each evening for a fellowship supper, followed by classes, recreation and worship.

The theme of the week was "Christian Living in Our Time." Two Intermediate classes on "What It Means to be A Christian" and "The Way of Jesus" were taught by Mrs. Raymond Franks of Forrest City and Mrs. Edward Harris of Wesley. A Senior class on "Understanding Ourselves" was taught by Rev. Raymond Franks and one on "Lessons from Jesus for Our Lives Today" was taught by Rev. Bob McMaster of Widener. Rev. E. W. Dodgen, district superintendent of the Forrest City District, led a class of adult workers with youth.

Separate recreation for the Intermediates and Seniors was led each evening by youth workers from throughout the district, which include Miss Louise Fincher, youth director at Wynne, Gerald Fincher, associate pastor at Helena, and Jim and Barbara Clemons, youth workers at West Memphis. These workers brought young people from their churches who took part in the program.

Cannon Kinnard, a recent Hendrix graduate from Thompson's Station, Tennessee, was the inspirational speaker. Miss Mauzel Matthews, educational assistant at the Forrest City Church, was the director of the week's activities.

On the closing night of the week, the group had a picnic supper and consecration service on the lawn of the Charles Johnson home in Forrest City.

As a result of the rich experiences of this week, the lives of the young people and the adult workers who attended will be stronger, fuller, and more Christ-like.—Reporter

YOUTH DEPARTMENT PRESENTS PLAY

The Youth Department of the First Methodist Church, Searcy, presented a play Sunday night entitled "The Lost Church" by Dorothy Clarke Wilson.

The theme of this play centered around "A Man of the World" who expressed his desire that the church of God and all that it stood for could be blotted from the face of the world. His wish being granted, he was able to see the world as it would be without the Christian church. The characters in the play were Tommy Killough, Mildred Taylor, Peggy Killough, Mac Angel, Jolene Abboud, Mary Beth Cook, Eddie Epperson, Ellen Woodson, Joann Hubbell, Patsy Ruth Dacus and Jeanne Thomas.

The co-directors were Mrs. Jack Wiseman and Miss Maryella Neal.

The play was presented again Monday afternoon, August 27, for the Fall Seminar of the W. S. C. S.—Reporter

PAUL E. MARTIN SUB-DISTRICT

The Paul E. Martin Sub-District held its regular monthly meeting at the Mulberry Methodist Church.

There were 74 members present

COMMUNITY SERVICE

There is always need for service to the sick, aged, underprivileged, dependent, absent members, neglected persons, or strangers, and each person in your M. Y. F. should make it a part of his own personal discipline to contribute service to his community.



VIRGINIA THOMAS

pline to contribute service to his community.

As a group, make personal calls and conduct song services at hospitals and in homes. Send letters, greeting cards, and church literature to those away from home in military service or away in schools. Read to the blind and shut-ins.

The church is the outstanding institution in your community. Contribute your service by caring for the church building and grounds. Assume responsibility for having flowers in your church. The church furniture may need repairing or painting to make more attractive and usable.

Talk with the pastor about the kind of volunteer help he can use. He may need you to make and put up posters, to deliver messages, or to type letters, address envelopes, or make telephone calls.

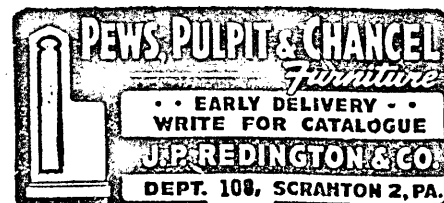
We might suggest some things this commission in other groups has done to stimulate our thinking. One commission inspired its youth to write letters to editors of the city and county papers informing them of their objection to the use of beer and liquor ads in their publications. We should speak out against any form of gambling or other immoral forces at large.—Virginia Thomas, Chairman, Conference Commission Community Service.

and Midland Heights took the attendance plaque with 22 present.

Anne Rose Barker, treasurer, resigned on account of going away to school. Jim Dick Smith from St. John's church at Van Buren, was elected as the new treasurer.

The worship program was the inspiring revival service led by Rev. Leonard Byers.

Refreshments were served and a fellowship period was held on the lawn of the parsonage.—Reporter



CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE CALENDAR 1951-52

Adopted By Interboard Council,
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SEPTEMBER

- 4 Board of Ministerial Training meets in Little Rock
- 15-30 W. S. C. S. Educational Seminars District Seminars for Town and Country Commission
- 16-22 District Seminars on Home and Family Life
- 30 Church School Rally Day
- 30-Oct. 4 Texarkana Leadership School
- 30-Oct. 7 Christian Education Week

OCTOBER

- 7 World Wide Communion Sunday
- 15- Conference Board of Temperance meets
- 12-14 National Family Life Conference in Chicago
- 21 Veterans' Day (special offering for Conference Claimants)
- 21-25 Little Rock Leadership School
- 28-Nov. 1 Pine Bluff District Leadership Program

NOVEMBER

- W. S. C. S. Executive Board meeting in Little Rock
- 13 Monticello District Evangelism Retreat
- 14 Camden District Evangelism Retreat
- 15 Hope District Evangelism Retreat
- 18-24 Hendrix College—Ministerial Education Special
- 30-Dec. 9 Area "A" Evangelism Mission (Hope, Camden, Monticello Districts, and the Louisiana Conference.)

WORKING AT THE SANATORIUM

It is a joy to work week after week at the State Sanatorium. To share with people who are ill affords a deep satisfaction. What a gracious response is given to the ministries of the Chaplain. Very often requests for prayer are made as I make my rounds from room to room. For this I am deeply thankful. To see men and women become Christians is a wonderful privilege. A number affiliate with the church. They are urged to join the church of their choice.

Again I want to say thank you to everyone who has been sending packages of literature for distribution among the patients. Just now I have a number of the September-October Upper Room in my office here on third floor at Nyberg for distribution soon. I like to use the latest Upper Rooms as far as possible as I go over the San. It is encouraging how the Upper Rooms are being made available for this great institution. We have around 1200 patients in the Sanatorium.

Again, I request that you dear friends over the state continue to remember us in your prayers. Prayer is a source of strength and help. It is a help to know that someone remembers.

Your letters mean so much. When you have time write me a line and I will be glad to carry out your request as far as I can. So let me say thanks to you, friends. — Bates Sturdy, Chaplain.

BURNING OF MORTGAGE ON PARSONAGE AT HARDY

The Hardy Methodist Church burned the mortgage on the parsonage in a ceremony conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Yount, on Sunday, August 19, following the close of the regular morning worship service.

The final payment of \$200.00 on the parsonage was raised by the local congregation and now makes the property clear of debt.—W. B. Yount, Pastor.

The heart of education is the education of the heart.—Baraca-Philathea News.

NEWS FROM PEA RIDGE- BRIGHTWATER CHARGE

The Pea Ridge - Brightwater Charge had a Daily Vacation Bible School in each of the two churches. There was a total enrollment of 118, made up of children of the entire community; forty-eight were Methodists. Both schools were directed by Mrs. Frances Westphal and were adequately staffed. The children did exceptionally good work mainly because there seemed to be a spirit of co-operation that could have been an inspiration to adults.

Pea Ridge has new pews and they are beautiful. They were dedicated Aug. 12th, to the glory of God and the service of man in a colorful ceremony conducted by the district superintendent and the pastor. It was also the First Quarterly Conference and the people of Brightwater Church came over to help us celebrate. Brother Cooley preached at the morning service, which was followed by "dinner on the ground". The Conference which followed was attended not only by the officials, but also by about half of those who were at the morning service. This interest in the doings of the Conference is a healthy indication of interest.

We would like to invite all of you when in Pea Ridge to come over and look us over. The floor was scrubbed and varnished, the pulpit refinished and re-covered and the ladies are talking about buying materials for a new chancel rail. When this is done the boys will have another bit of work to do, but they love it.

The offering for churches and parsonages in the flood area was \$30.00.—George J. Kleeb.

NEWARK

The revival at Hazel Edwards Church has just closed with good results — a spiritual awakening among the Christians and three additions to the church, which makes five new members since conference, three on profession of faith and two by transfer, and all were adults. The pastor, Rev. B. L. Wilford, did the preaching twice a day, each sermon a strong soul-stirring evangelistic message. Brother Wilford is known throughout the conference, as one among our most effective pastor-evangelists.

We feel that the revival spirit now kindled in the church, will continue through the year. The pastor's wife is an accomplished pianist, and a helpful leader in any phase of work in the local church.

On July 22, Miss Freda Wilson came to us and spent a week working with our young people, leading them in study classes, and in worship and recreational programs. It was a real revival of the M. Y. F. The work has been reorganized and started off in fine shape. One new venture or feature of the M. Y. F. is going in groups, into homes of shut-ins, and holding short religious services.

The outlook for the whole program of the church is good. The mid-week services are well attended, all finances kept paid up, special offerings and collections responded to in a happy generous way. The people are joining the pastor in praying for a great year.—Reporter.

MENA CIRCUIT

At Mountain View Church in Mena, we are receiving a class into the church each first Sunday, and also taking the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper each first Sunday. The first Sunday in August at Mountain View we received 6 members, and everyone in the house took the Sacrament. We had a fine congregation and we also took in by baptism 3 members that morning at Dallas. At Shady Grove the second Sunday we had the Holy Communion and out of a large congregation 98% took the Sacrament.

We are preparing for the visitation evangelism November 9th, and expect great things to happen. We hope to build a new parsonage by the side of our lovely new church here in Mena, where we have a wonderful view, not only of this lovely valley, but also the strength and beauty of the mountains. Rich Mountain lies beyond the valley back of the church.

We are looking to the future with great expectations.—Reporter.

REPORT ON SUPERANNUATE ENDOWMENT FUND

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Delight Ct.	Delight	1183.00	242.30 971.70
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	Bierne	257.00	130.00 127.00
	Piney Grove	112.00	112.00
Rockport Ct.	Rockport	153.00	86.00 66.00
	Butterfield	143.00	114.00 29.00
	Magnet Cove	143.00	83.00 60.00
	Shorewood Hills	65.00	65.00
	Sparkman	1989.00	711.00 1278.00
	Sardis	1440.00	1440.00
Traskwood Ct.	Traskwood	300.00	290.00 10.00
	Ebenezer	300.00	50.00 250.00
	Point View	91.00	30.00 61.00
	Congo	114.00	67.00 47.00
	New Hope	220.00	55.00 165.00
TOTAL		\$16,981.00	

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REVIVAL REPORT FROM CENTER HILL

"Singing, praying, Bible reading, gospel preaching, and soul saving will be the order of this revival." These were the words of the evangelist in the first meeting of the revival services which began August 5, at Center Hill Methodist Church on Rosebud Circuit.

Each of these factors which go into the making of a successful revival was fulfilled as the Rev. Bill Scroggin of Piggott led the people of the circuit in a series of services which lifted up the importance and imperatives of Christian living and which caused each individual to examine carefully his own heart and to rededicate himself to greater service for the Kingdom.

The lay team from Searcy Church assisted the pastor, Rev. Harold Brent, in the different activities which made this time of Christian fellowship a memorable occasion.

Inspiring song services were led by Floyd Bradberry and Joe Pierce, assisted by Miss Sue Christian, talented young musician from Searcy. Prayer groups for men and women were held at the twilight hour by the pastor, Brother Brent, and Mrs. Wilma Fulbright. Young people's worship services were conducted by Mr. Pierce, with the assistance of Miss Jean Dodds, youth director of Searcy, for two evenings.

Ten young people dedicated themselves to a life of Christian living, and each one who participated in any way felt the renewal of the spirit of Christ within him. Such revivals do not end with the last service of the meeting, but live on and on in the hearts of the people and are demonstrated down through the years by the examples of the Christian way of life in the community.—Wilma Fulbright, Reporter.

TRASKWOOD CIRCUIT

After three delightful years at Sherrill-Tucker Charge, we were assigned to the Traskwood Charge. We have been royally received on the work. Ebenezer and Traskwood churches have given us two beautiful poundings. We are delighted with the wonderful attitude of our people toward the work of the church. Ebenezer is the church of our childhood and youth. I was converted at her altar when only ten years of age. Almost all the membership are related by blood and marriage to myself and my wife. So you see we have really come home, among lifelong friends and relatives. We are residing in our own country home, and are very happy.

The finances have been boosted about 20% over last year. The outlook is bright for a great year in building the Kingdom in this area.—A. E. Jacobs, Pastor.

If you observe a really happy man, you will find him building a boat, writing a symphony, educating his son, growing double dahlias or looking for dinosaur eggs in the Gobi desert. He will not be searching for happiness as if it were a collar button that had rolled under the radiator, striving for it as a goal in itself. He will have become aware that he is happy in the course of living life 24 crowded hours of each day.—W. Bertram Wolfe, How to Be Happy Tho Tuman. (Farrar)

The Sunday School Lesson

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"HOW CAN I BE A BETTER CHURCH MEMBER?"

LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 1951
READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Matthew 18:15-20; Acts 4:31-37; Philippians 1:27 through 2:11.

GOLDEN TEXT: "By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." (I John 3:16)

A Look At The Scriptures

It will be noted that all of these passages have to do with fellowship in the church.

Settling Quarrels Between Members

The first passage listed above (Matthew 18:15-20) has to do with settling quarrels between members. This is a very important matter. Nothing can hurt a church more than friction between the members. No less authority than Christ himself gives the instructions as to how these differences are to be settled.

The offended person is to take the initiative in settling the trouble. He is to go to the offender and try to settle the matter privately. If the offender remains impenitent then the wronged person is to take one or two other church members with him, approach the offender and try to settle the matter. If the offender remains obstinate then the matter is to be taken up by the church. When all of this is done if the offender remains impenitent he is then to be excommunicated.

The Lord gave all this instruction because he, above all others, knew the importance of harmony in the church. In Matthew 10:36 we read, "And a man's foes shall be those of his own household." That is certainly true of the church. It is hurt far more by members on the inside who do not even make a serious attempt to live Christian lives than it is by all the opposition from without. Verses 19 and 20 of Matthew 18 also emphasize the matter of agreement or harmony. The Master goes on to say, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." The next verse is habitually wrongly interpreted. It is usually applied to a small congregation: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." This gathering together in the name of Christ means more than a few people meeting for public worship. There is no promise of the presence of Christ in a small congregation unless that congregation is in harmonious fellowship. That is the thing the Lord is talking about here. In chapters 2 and 4 of Acts we note this matter of harmonious fellowship. On the Day of Pentecost it is said that the disciples were all together and of one accord. In the 4th chapter it is said that the Christians were of one heart and one soul. This gathering together means in spirit and mind as well as in body.

Communal Living

The next passage (Acts 4:31-37) has been dealt with several times in recent months. It was a portion of the assigned lesson on August 12. At that time, however, it was dealt with from the standpoint of economics, now the emphasis is on

Christian fellowship. A careful study of the passage will show that it was a fellowship of prayer; "When they had prayed". It was a fellowship of spiritual power; "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost." It was a fellowship of witnessing; "They spoke the word of God with boldness." This all led to the fellowship of sharing; "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul; neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed were his own; but they had all things in common." They who had possessions sold them and placed the proceeds in a common treasury from which all lived.

The practice of communal living did not last very long, but it showed the extent to which fellowship was carried in the early days of the church. The emphasis here is on brotherly love which characterized the early church, and which should be the chief quality of the church now.

Oneness of Mind and Heart Among True Christians

Paul's letter to the church at Philippi has been termed his love letter. In most of the letter the members are highly commended. This was the first European Christian church ever to be established. At the time it was established Philippi was the chief city of Macedonia. This was a province in northern Greece. The church was established there in A. D. 51. Greece has recently celebrated the nineteenth hundredth anniversary of the founding of this church.

We recall that Paul, on his second missionary journey had reached Troas and was about to turn back into Asia Minor. He saw a vision of a man standing by his bedside saying "Come over into Macedonia and help us." It is said that this man that Paul saw in his vision must have been Dr. Luke. Luke seems to have been a native of this city. It is said he practiced medicine there for several years and was pastor of the church during the first six years of its existence.

In the first chapter of Paul's letter to this church he admonished, "Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ." In spite of the fact that this was the most harmonious of all the churches Paul established it also had some friction. It seems that there were two women (Eudoria and Syntyche) who aspired to leadership in the church and they were in direct opposition to each other. They behaved well enough while Paul was present but in his absence some trouble arose. Paul would have them realize that God is always present and it is far more important to please him than it is any minister of the church.

Paul gave, as a further reason for their standing together, the common enemy they had on the outside. This church was undergoing some persecution. The great Apostle goes on to remind them that they not only have the privilege of believing in Christ but also of suffering for him. He looked upon this as a great opportunity. He called their attention to the fact that he also had suffered for Christ and that they had witnessed that suffering. The Jews hated these Christian Philippians; their own fellow citizens laughed at them, and the Romans were only waiting for a pretext to put them to violent death. With all of this hatred and enmity pressing on them from without, they sorely needed the highest type of Christian fellowship within the church.

Placing Others Above Self

One of the hardest of all things to do is to place others above self. In order to do this one must be very humble. Along this line Paul admonished, "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory." The word "strife" is familiar to all. The term "vainglory" means pretentious, boastful, self-congratulation, egotism. It is the opposite to humility. One has a very narrow road to travel with regards to this matter. Excessive humility sometimes leads to an inferiority complex, and that is just as bad as a superiority complex. One leads to lack of self-confidence while the other leads to self-centeredness. The safe thing to do is to believe in one's self, undergirded and empowered by Christ. Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." He was willing to tackle any job. He looked to Christ for power to carry it through. When the task was accomplished he gave Christ the glory and credit rather than taking it to himself.

Not only are things to be done in a spirit of humility and co-operation but the interest and welfare of others are to be placed above one's own selfish desires: "In lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves." This is good advice but very hard to carry out. No one except a Christ-centered person can do it. To be Christ-centered means to be others-centered. One can well imagine just how this type of spirit would add to the harmonious fellowship of the brotherhood.

Humiliation and Exaltation of Christ

The next passage (Philippians 2: greater 5-11) speaks of humiliation and exaltation of Christ. The Apostle is holding Christ up as an example to encourage the disciples to a greater practice of humility, sacrifice, and service. He speaks of the former glory of Christ. Before the Incarnation Christ was in the form of God, but in order to save men he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even the death of the cross. He took upon himself the form of man; the form of a servant. There is no greater example in all literature of humility, sacrifice, and service than this.

Because Christ willingly and gladly went through with this activity, God the Father has highly exalted him and given him a name that is above every name. All creatures in all realms of existence will bow at the exalted name of Jesus and confess that he is Christ to the glory of the Father.

The Apostle insists that all have the mind or spirit of Christ, which is the spirit of forgiveness, of humility, of obedience, of surrender to the

Father's will, and of service. All of which is motivated by love. It is a love that fulfills the law. One in which God is loved supremely and neighbor as self. When this is faithfully done Christian fellowship is carried out to the fullest extent. There can be no strife, friction, and division in a church where this spirit predominates.

What Church-Membership Stands For

Church - membership stands for sacrifice. Not only possessions but self must be given. In the eighth chapter of II Corinthians we find Paul in the midst of taking a collection for the poor saints at Jerusalem. In encouraging the Corinthians to be more liberal he called attention to the churches of Macedonia. He insisted that these churches had been sacrificial beyond his expectation. In the fifth verse of the chapter he has this to say: "And this they did, not as we had hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord." No person can buy his way to heaven. No less than the giving of self is required. This, of course, includes all possessions as well.

Church-membership stands for fellowship. The church is God's family. It is one's spiritual home. It is very necessary that one be at peace with other members of the family. All the above Scripture passages of the lesson deal with the matter of harmonious fellowship among Christian and co-operative service. Nothing hurts a church more than an unforgiving spirit, prejudice, jealousy, misunderstanding, and hatred among the members. Nothing helps it more than sympathy, kindness, understanding, a forgiving spirit, and co-operative service. All of which are motivated by love for God and all mankind.

Church-membership stands for work. The Salvation Army has as its motto "SAVED TO SERVE". Work doesn't save us, but it keeps us saved. Christ said "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit is cut off." Note that these branches are in Christ. They got there by grace through faith, but they remain there through works; through bearing fruit. Some contend that it is impossible for a born-again Christian to get unborn, and that is true. The Bible doesn't say they get unborn; it says they die. These fruitless branches which were once in Christ, the Vine, are cut off, wither, die, and men gather them in bundles to be burned. They are lost not because of the wrong they did but because of the good they did not do. They went the same way as did the one-talent servant. He belonged to the group of servants and like the others was given a responsibility, but he failed; he buried his talent. He not only lost his talent but was also cast into outer darkness. That is, he was lost through failure to bear fruit. Church - membership stands for work. The injunction is "Do or Die." We are called into a great fellowship to pool our efforts along with others in building the Kingdom of God on earth.

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