

Town Talk

Helen Lower returned to Jervis, N. Y., today, after the Christmas holidays. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lower.

Mrs. J. M. Miller and Mr. Mrs. Homer Lower will attend memorial services to be held at G. A. Work in Warren, this morning.

And Mrs. Robert Fowler of Hot Springs, Ark., visited in this morning before leaving for home in Hot Springs.

Frances Dugan returned to school work at Boston, leaving last evening. She was admitted as far as Kendallville, her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dugan.

Helen Haubold will return to Indianapolis tomorrow to resume her studies at Indiana University.

Alice Alwein will return to Akron, Ohio, tomorrow to resume her studies at Ohio Wesleyan.

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and Mrs. Henry Schmitz and son of Columbia City, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne spent New Year's Day Frank Schmitz and family of city.

The Mumbies
A tourist in Wales should not pay a visit to the "Mumbies" over attractive resort for Welsh and Americans, says a tourist.

Nestling beneath a bold cliff limestone, it has a war-battered, a sturdy church tower typ of the minor fortresses of this country, a lighthouse red with tales of heroism and romance. A road cuts through the cliff leading to the extreme point of the land and enters Bracelet bay, of the prettiest of Welsh coast!

the Habit-Trade at Home

AMOUS CHURCHES OF THE WORLD

BY E. L. TINZMANN

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With The New Year

By Harlowe Hoyt

As each New Year is ushered in and the Old Year passes on to the days that were comes the time when good resolutions are in order. Sins of commission are foreseen. Sins of omission are to be rectified by solemn promise. A new leaf is turned.

And so, for a time, the majority of us continue in the new ways we have undertaken. Then, too often, little by little, we commence to slip. Before many weeks, most of us are back to our bad habits, waiting the coming of another New Year to renew our pledges.

When Jesus went to John the Baptist seeking baptism in the ford of the River Jordan, he enacted the visual ceremony of washing sin away. He undertook a new life—a life which, until his crucifixion on the cross, was one of doing for others, of renunciation, of self-abnegation.

New Year's resolutions are most commendable. In fact, any determination to do right is commendable. Custom has established this promise making, just as the Chinese pay all debts on the New Year and start business anew. But why wait until a certain day to determine to free ourselves from those habits which we know, deep in our hearts, are detrimental to our welfare or the welfare of others?

Is it not a foolish custom to "swear off" habits once a twelfth month? Make your good resolutions today. If you prove weak and fail in them after a bit, resolve once more and start again on the course with renewed determination. Each new effort adds to character and brings you nearer to ultimate success.

"Every morn is a new beginning. Every morn is a day made new."

Calvary Evangelical Church
Sunday the newly elected officers will have charge of the Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Eddred Shiffler, superintendent.

Prayer and praise service at 10:30 o'clock, conducted by the class leader.

On Wednesday night this church will join in the quarterly conference at the First Evangelical church, Decatur, where the District Superintendent, Rev. J. O. Mosler will preside.

Worship with sermon by Rev. M. W. Sundermann on Thursday night.

"Victorian"
The Victoria period in furniture extends from 1827 to 1900. Mid-Victorian is about the time of the Civil War, and is usually the time associated with plush-covered armchairs and poorly designed machine-made furniture.

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Come To Church Sunday

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS



John the Baptist, the son of Zacharias, an aged priest, and Elisabeth, the cousin of the Virgin Mary, was born about six months before Christ. He grew up in solitude and while still a youth went into the wilderness of Judea, living upon locusts and wild honey, wearing only a camel's hide, spending his time in prayer and meditation. At last, he felt the urge to preach.



In the wilderness of Judea, along the ford of the Jordan north to the Dead Sea, John the Baptist preached his message. He prophesied the coming of his new Messiah and urged his hearers to repent of their sins and prepare for the after life. So convincing were his exhortations that many were converted by him. These he baptized in the waters of the River Jordan.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

John 1:1-18

By HARLOWE R. HOYT
WALTER SCOTT



Thus Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. As Christ emerged from the water, the heavens were opened and the spirit of God in the form of a dove was seen to descend. As the bird alighted on the head of Jesus, a voice was heard from above. "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased," it declared. So Jesus began his ministry.

DECATUR CHURCHES

First Christian Church
C. R. Lanman, pastor.

The invitation of Christ is to both the strength of youth and the infirmity of age. To the aged pilgrim worn with service He says, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." To the vitality of youth is the challenge, "Take up thy cross and follow me."

You will find the Church of Christ both a place of rest and a place for service. Whosoever will may come.

Bible School at 9:30 a.m. Worship and communion at 10:30. Preaching at 11. Meeting of official board at 11:30.

Christian Endeavor at 6 p.m. Evening service at 7 p.m.

religious intolerances. A warless world where "nation shall not rise sword against nation," and a church full and alive because there people find the source of help in Christian living.

M. E. Church
It is quite evident that the church has a very definite objective today and that objective is showing people Jesus' way of life. The church's job is to give to the world the vision of Jesus, a vision that will be indelibly stamped on the very souls of men so that they will endeavor to live as He did while on earth. The vision that is needed does not come through creeds or formal statements of theology, but through a living reality in the souls of men. Men acknowledge Jesus, but many of them have not felt the power of Him in their own lives, in other words, they have not had a vision of Him.

An objective successively sponsored will result in a community, a nation, a world, where all may live their lives in comfort, unafraid, where justice rules, where vice and poverty shall cease to fester, where success shall be founded on service, where order shall not rest on force but on love. A nation where barriers are broken down, where there are no class antagonisms, national hatreds, race prejudices and

Prayer and praise service at 10:30 a.m.—Christian Endeavor.

6:00 p.m.—Christian Endeavor.

You are cordially invited to all of these services. The attendance of every member is needed and desired at this time.

No evening services.

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QUESTIONS

The Baptism of Jesus

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1. Who was John the Baptist and when was he born?

2. For what is he noted in Biblical history?

3. Describe his early life.

4. What was the gist of his preaching?

5. What success did he have?

6. Why did Jesus come to him to be baptized?

7. How did John receive him?

8. Describe the baptism and what followed?

9. What did Jesus do following this?

10. At what date would this place the baptism?

ANSWERS

1. John the Baptist was the son of Zacharias, an aged priest of the temple, and Elizabeth, a cousin of the Virgin Mary. He was born about six months before Jesus.

2. John the Baptist is known as the last of the great prophets of the Old Testament. He is the bridge between the two Testaments, and the man who heralded the immediate coming of the new Messiah.

3. From his youth, John the Baptist was extremely religious. He spent his time in solitude, finally retiring to the wilderness of Judea, where he lived on wild honey and locusts, clad only in a camel's hide, praying, fasting and meditating.

4. John the Baptist preached that the new Messiah would appear shortly and that it behoved his hearers to renounce their worldly sins and prepare for the life to come.

5. So tremendous was the preaching of John the Baptist that multitudes flocked to the wilderness to hear him. Sadducees and Pharisees were baptized by him, and many were his converts.

6. To fulfill the prophecies, Jesus went to John the Baptist to be baptized. John at this time was preaching along the ford of the Jordan north of the Dead Sea.

7. John recognized Jesus as the awaited Messiah. He declared that Jesus should baptize him. Jesus insisted and the two descended into the river.

8. Following the baptism of Jesus, the heavens opened and the spirit of God descended in the form of a dove and alighted on his head. A voice was heard at the same time, declaring: "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased."

9. Following his baptism, Jesus retired to the wilderness where with a worship program under the

leadership of the new Sunday School board. Following the lesson study the pastor will preach upon: "Getting Started Right." This service will close at 11 o'clock.

E. L. C. E. at 6:15 p.m.

Evening worship, with sermon by the pastor at 7 o'clock.

Brotherhood meeting on Monday night at 8 o'clock.

The third quarterly conference will convene on Wednesday night at 7 o'clock. District Superintendent Rev. J. O. Mosler will preach and preside over the business session. A lay delegate to the annual conference will be elected at this session.

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Zion Reformed Church

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United Brethren Church

R. E. Vance, pastor.

The "I AM'S" of Christ. John

10:9—I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

It is not how long but how well we live that counts. Shall we keep this thought in mind as we launch into the new year. You are cordially invited to get into the Sunday School for instruction in the Word of God. Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for worship, at least once