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The Call of Abram

By Harlowe R. Hoyt

In the story of the Jewish people, as it is recounted in the annals of the Old Testament, we find the patriarch Abram, the father of the Jewish people. As a youth, he proved himself a man of vision, for he induced his father, an idol maker of Ur, to renounce his following and go with him in search of the land of Canaan. That spot was found by Abram after many years of wandering, and, in the end, Jehovah promised him that the country should belong to his descendants for all time.

THE CALL OF ABRAM

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR APRIL 17
 Genesis 12:1-9

By HARLOWE R. HOYT
 WALTER SCOTT



The patriarch Abram was the great ancestor of the Jewish race. With his brother, Nahor, and his wife, Sarai, Abram dwelt in the city of Ur with his father, Terah, who was a maker of idols. While still a young man, Abram was filled with a desire to worship only the true Jehovah. He was able to induce his father to join with him in a migration toward the land of Canaan.

On the journey, Terah died at Haran, and Abram attended him until the end. Once again Jehovah commanded him to continue. So the journey was commenced anew. In the caravan was Sarai, Abram's wife, afterwards known as Sarah, and Lot, the son of his brother. With them went their servants, and those who had lived with them at Haran, and their cattle and household goods.

So the promised land of Canaan was reached at last. With his followers, Abram continued to the walled town of Shechem, occupied by the Canaanites. Here Jehovah appeared to him with the message: "Unto thy seed will I give this land." Pausing only to erect an altar to Jehovah, Abram continued on until he came to a mountain near Bethel; and there he erected another altar and worshipped.

Toward the south lay the grazing regions, offering pasturage for the flocks and in that direction Abram continued to travel. But the land already was inhabited, and the followers and flocks of Abram and his nephew, Lot, continued to increase and multiply. It seemed at last that there was not room enough for the two of them, but they were at a loss what to do. So a consultation was held.

DECATUR CHURCHES

First Evangelical Church
 M. W. Sundermann Minister
 Big Sunday School Rally at 9:15, with every class 100 per cent.
 The regular department worship with special music, and Bible Study by classes. There is a class, with a hearty welcome for every body, of all ages.
 Following the lesson study, Rev. E. W. Praetorius, D. D., General Secretary of Religious Education of the Evangelical Church will speak upon, "The Task of the Sunday School."
 E. L. C. E. at 6:15 with an address to the League Members and friends, by Dr. Praetorius.
 The evening service at seven o'clock will be in charge of the Christian Endeavor. The young people will provide the special music. Dr. Praetorius will speak upon: "The Task of the Young People." This should be the Red Letter Day of the year in the First Evangelical Church. It is a rare privilege for Decatur to have the General Secretary spend a day with us.

United Brethren Church
 R. E. Vance, Pastor.
 "God's ways." Not like man's, Isaiah 55:8-9—"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."
 No doubt, if God had His way with us tomorrow, our churches in this city would be filled to overflowing. There are two highways in life, one the straight and narrow way that leads to eternal life. The other the broad way that leads to eternal night. Only a few enter upon the narrow but many enter upon the broad way. Choose now which way you will go tomorrow and if tomorrow should never come.

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The Sunday School invites you to come, consider the ways of God, 9:15 a. m. Worship service following, Sermon theme: "Higher Christian Nurture."
 Christian Endeavor societies, Junior, Intermediate and Senior at 6 p. m.
 Evening service at 7 o'clock. Sermon theme: "Looking to Jesus." A warm and hearty welcome.

First Christian Church
 C. R. Lanman, Pastor

"Search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life: And they are they which testify of me, and yet ye will not come to me that ye might have life."
 Bible School, 9:30 A. M.
 Dr. Bart Mangold, superintendent Subject, "The Origin of Sin"
 Junior Church, 10:30 A. M.
 Worship and Communion, 10:30. There will be no evening service as the pastor will be in attendance with a delegation of Christian Endeavors from this church at the County Christian Endeavor Convention at Berne.

Sunday School ? QUESTIONS ?

The Call of Abram

QUESTIONS

1. Who was Abram?
2. What action did he take while still a young man?
3. Where did Abram and his relatives go?
4. What happened there?
5. What did Abram do after this?
6. What was the land of Canaan?
7. Where did Abram first locate in Canaan?
8. Where was his next stopping place?
9. What did he do next?
10. What condition confronted Abram and his kin?

ANSWERS

1. Abram, the patriarch, was the great ancestor of the Jewish race. Noah had three sons—Shem, Ham and Japheth. From Shem descended the line which brought Abram. His wife was Sarai. Later, in Biblical history, they are known as Abraham and Sarah.
2. Abram resided with his father, Terah, in the city of Ur. It was an idolatrous people that lived there, and Terah was a maker of idols. Abram believed in the one Jehovah, and induced his father to leave this wicked community and journey toward the land of Canaan.
3. Abram and his family started toward Canaan. When they reached Haran, however, they were obliged to pause because of the illness of Terah. After a time, the father died and was buried in Haran.
4. Abram continued to reside in Haran with his relatives until Jehovah came to him with a message that he must continue upon his journey.
5. Abram gathered his household together—his flocks, servants and his wife, Sarai—and also Lot, his nephew, and his followers, and set out for the land of Canaan.
6. "Canaan" means "lowland" and was applied to the low-lying, coastland of Palestine. Later it was extended to include the highlands, the central ridge of the country, and the valley of the Jordan to the west. The two latter form the real home of the Jewish people.
7. Abram first settled Shechem, a walled town by Mount Gerizim in the hill country of Ephraim, later to be known as Samaria.
8. From Shechem, Abram travelled on near Bethel. At both places, according to his custom, he erected altars and worshipped Jehovah.
9. Next, with Lot, Abram moved southward, where the stretches of plain offered better grazing facilities for his cattle.
10. The country already was occupied by the Canaanites, with their flocks and herds. Both Abram and Lot had tremendously large followings, and the result was that the land was overcrowded.

Church of God

Nellie Hawkins, pastor.

Every man and woman should realize that religion is an individual matter, the life of God in one's own soul. Each person should feel "I must be right with God. I must be saved from my sins. I need the Saviour. I must follow Christ. I have a place to fill and a work to do. No one is like me, and no body can do my work."
 May we meet you in Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.
 General service and preaching at 10:30 a. m.
 Y. P. M. at 7 o'clock.
 Sunday evening service at 8:00 o'clock.
 Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:30 o'clock.
 Come and worship the Lord with us.

Zion Reformed Church

A. R. Fiedlerjohann, Pastor

What a great virtue faithfulness is! We need it in every walk of life. The Christ rewarded it with a rulership over many things. Let our faith ripen into faithfulness. Shall we not be faithful in our Lord's Day duties? Let us use it aright.
 Sunday school at 9:15 with heart-searching lessons on the great lamentable reality of "Sin". Come and attend a growing school.
 Morning worship at 10:30 o'clock with the pastor preaching on the subject, "The Written and Unwritten Word." A cordial welcome extended to worship with us.

Let it be noted that there will be no C. E. meetings nor Evening Services Sunday night in order that the pastor and all the young people may attend the Tri-County Christian Endeavor Convention which will be held at the Mennonite Church in Berne on Sunday afternoon and evening. A fine program has been arranged and everyone interested should plan to go, especially all of our young people. The services begin at 2 and 7 o'clock.
 There will be a short congregational business meeting immediately following the morning services on Sunday, April 17.

Presbyterian Church

Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Dr. Fred I. Patterson, superintendent.

Morning worship, 10:30. The Rev. Harry Thompson will be the minister in charge.
 Christian Endeavor, 6:00 p. m.

Mary Madeline Coverdale, leader.

Prayer service Wednesday 7 pm. The young people of the church will have charge.
 Choir practice, 8 p. m. Paul Saurer, director.

Zion Lutheran Church

Paul W. Schultz, Pastor

Divine services in English 10:45. Divine services in German 9:00. Sunday school and Bible class 10:00 A. M.
 Quarterly congregational meeting will be held after the second service this Sunday.

First Baptist Church

A. B. Brown

"Oh give thanks unto Jehovah; for He is good; for His loving kindness endureth for ever. Let the redeemed of Jehovah say so." Psalm 107: 1-2.
 "Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee; In whose heart are the highways to Zion." Psalm 84: 5.
 Bible school, 9:30. C. E. Bell, superintendent.
 Morning worship, 10:30. Message: "What is God's Ideal of Worship?"
 Junior church, 10:30. In charge

Calvary Evangelical Church

This has been a great week of evangelism, under the leadership of Rev. George Holston of South Bend. Rev. Holston will preach on Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday will be a full day.

The regular Sunday School session at 9:30 o'clock. Eldred Shifferly, superintendent.

Preaching service by the evangelist at 10:30 o'clock. Pot luck dinner in the basement of the church at noon for everybody.

The evangelist will preach at two o'clock. This will be a real community service.

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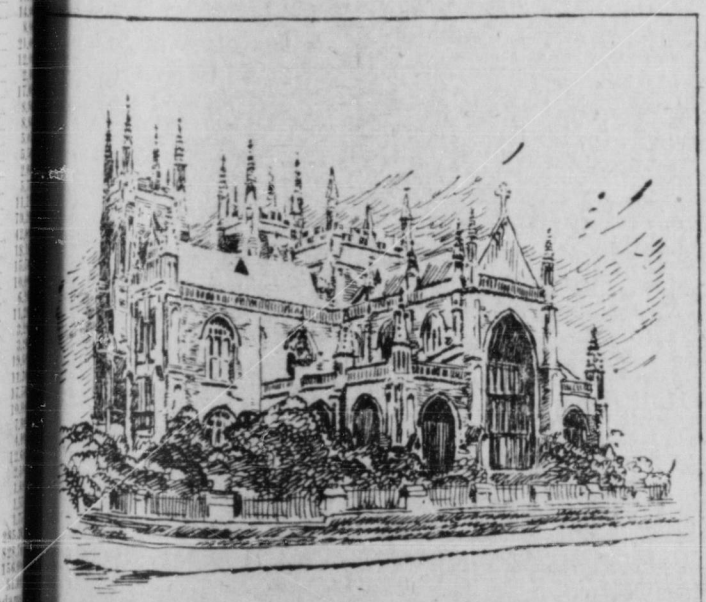
MONROE NEWS

Mrs. J. F. Hooker returned from a three week vacation and motor trip to St. Petersburg Florida.
 Mrs. John Floyd Mrs. Brandyberry and Mrs. Dell ...
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BY E. L. TINZMANN

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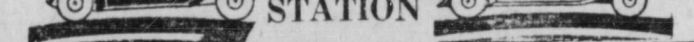
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