

# Come To Church Sunday

## Pangs Of Present Period Birth-Throes Of New Day

World's Upheaval Is Not Revision, But Violent Progress Toward Better Order—Kingdom Of God The Goal Toward Which Men Blindly Struggle—Some Parables Of Jesus.

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS

My friend, Marlen E. Pew, veteran newspaper man and editor of our craft organ, "The Editor and Publisher," has lately returned from his first trip around the world. He writes, in strong words, of his amazement at the conditions amidst which some of the peoples of Asia subsist. All of his standards had been of Christian America; new he has seen the non-Christian nations. That world of poverty, hunger, misery, oppression and injustice was the world into which Jesus first brought the Good News of a kingdom in which human life is transformed.

Telling stories, as was His habit, Jesus pictured the insignificant beginning of the kingdom of heaven under the figure of a tiny mustard seed, which became like a tree; and of a fragrant of heaven, or yeast, which raised a whole mass of dough. Imperceptibly, as the mustard plant grows and the dough rises, so the kingdom of heaven is coming. But it is coming.

### Behind The News

Kagawa, the famous Japanese Christian, is creating a sensation in the United States with his messages of the kingdom of God movement in Japan. He is interpreting the changes of our time in terms of the progress of the kingdom.

Not all present-day prophets have the same clear vision. Many are sitting in sackcloth and ashes, bemoaning the state of the world, and predicting doom for civilization. These pessimists see the world's contemporary upheaval as death throes; whereas they are really birth-pangs. Inevitably, the great seers of our time, men of affairs as well as religious teachers, perceive that our "way out" runs through the ancient highway of changed human characters. Events are turning even the thoughtless to a consideration of the relationship of personal life to social welfare. All of the grandiose schemes for the making over of human society are serving the one good purpose of stirring up the minds of people everywhere. And when men and women really get to thinking, their feet will turn to the Kingdom Way.

There is something climactic about these times of ours. Great events and transformations lie just ahead of us. For two thousand years the plant has been growing. As Jesus pointed out, the seed was sown.

The Sunday School Lesson for March 29 is "The Kingdom of God—Luke 13:18-30."

Jesus Teaching in the Villages and Cities (vv. 22-30).

Jesus knew that he was on the way to Jerusalem to be crucified. He was therefore, making an effort to reach every person possible with the gospel message.

A question asked (v. 23). We know just why this question was asked. It may have been out of curiosity or by some Jew who believed himself to be of the elect. The Lord's answer (vv. 24-30) did not answer directly, but by using the blessing of the kingdom to a banquet hall in a palace. The gate of the kingdom is strait and the way narrow. It is easy to see from his teaching, as well as from observation, that the saved few. The fewness is not due to either Christ's unwillingness or ability to save, but the unwillingness of the sinner to come to him. The immediate duty set forth (v. 24). Regardless of what others are doing, the personal obligation upon everyone to strive to enter. The door to be shut (v. 25). A patient will not last for long. His mercy is to end and his judgment will follow. Love and grace will eventually win the multitudes of divine wrath.

Pleading for entrance on the part of knowing Christ (vv. 26, 27). This plea is met by the awful demand to depart, and even call them "workers of iniquity."

A day of weeping and gnashing of teeth (v. 28). The very sight of the faithful ones enjoying the blessing of the kingdom, while they themselves are shut out, will be extremely awful.

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tiny. How few and feeble were those first citizens of the Kingdom! They had no learning, no wealth, no organization, no worldly power. Yet they grew and grew and grew, mostly without the serious observation of the wise and official ones of their time, until, lo! they had conquered the Roman Empire.

Slowly, steadily, throughout the centuries, coming not with observation, the kingdom has grown until today its citizens and its power are to be found all over the earth. Again and again, it has taken a spot of cruel, bloody, paganism—the like Uganda, for instance—and made it over into a predominantly Christian community. Heed Britain has become a world-leading Christian empire.

By the influence of Christianity, slavery has been well-nigh wiped off the map. Little children have been brought into a new estate of privilege. Women's ancient chains have been broken. Prisons have been made humane. The serf has become a free man. Aristocracy's dreadful privileges have been curbed. The debtor is no longer thrown into jail. Hospitals, orphanages and schools dot the earth's landscape like flowers of the kingdom. And now a sense of social justice obsesses the minds of the masses. Verily, the kingdom is coming.

"She Kept The Life" Sometimes in history, as at present, the progress of the kingdom's way has been marked by upheaval. Ordinarily, it has been quiet and unnoticed as the working of leaven in meal. Kingdom lives are kingdom leaven. The kingdom grows by the character and labors of its citizens. Sometimes an individual will be responsible for the tone of an entire community. Dr. Alexander Whyte wrote of a simple woman "She kept the Life in that place for a generation." That same tribute could be written of thousands of humble lives in our own time and land.

Every person who stands, quietly and steadfastly, for good will and neighborliness and peace, for godliness, righteousness and clean living, is kingdom leaven. Take such out of any community, and the loss would be greater than the closing of the banks or the burning down of the stores.

As these kingdom lives multiply, the kingdom grows. No organization can be a substitute for such faithful citizens of the kingdom, not even the Church. For the kingdom is greater than the Church. All of the true Church, by whatever name it is called, is in the kingdom; but not all of the kingdom is in the Church.

Once More, The Quibbler Every speaker upon great themes is familiar with the person

who misses the main point, and wants to quibble over some pet concern of his own. One such thrust at Jesus a query which has worried too many minds: "Lord, are there few that be saved?"

Jesus ignored the question, and said "Strive to enter in at the strait gate." As if to say, "Never mind your theorizing about the fate of others; look to yourself. Are you striving, straining, agonizing, to be among those on the Way? There are many who are merely wishful to belong to the kingdom but who are not willing to pay the price."

It is a narrow door that leads into the kingdom—yet wide enough for whosoever will enter in contrition and conversion. Our mood today is to widen the door. We practice a universalism that is scarcely Scriptural.

Yet in this lesson Jesus pronounces the doomful words, "Too late!" The master of the house is pictured in the parable as saying, "I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity." "My Spirit shall not always strive with man," is the Bible's warning. The grim old hymn has gone out of fashion, with its true lines.

"There it a time, we know not when, A place, we know not where, That marks the destiny of men, For glory or despair."

### SEVEN SENTENCE SERMONS

The Bible is the best gift God has given to man.—Lincoln.

Nothing is so strong as gentleness, Nothing so gentle as real strength.—St. Francis De Sales

His honor is engaged to save The meanness of His sheep; All that His heavenly Father gave His hands securely keep.—Anon.

A beggar can never be bankrupt.—English Proverb.

Hold fast the form of sound words.—II Tim. 1:13.

A sacred burden is this life ye bear Look on it, lift it, bear it solemnly, Stand up and walk beneath it steadfastly; Fail not for sorrow, falter not for sin, But onward, upward, till the goal ye win.—Frances Anne Kemble.

The United States was founded by men whose minds were charged with the Bible spirit; and every thing that is strong in the national character of the Anglo-Saxon race has come from Bible teaching.—Jan MacLaren.

Presbyterian George O. Walton, Minister 9:30 Sunday School, Mr. Roy Andrews superintendent. There will be election of officers at the morning session.

10:30 Morning Worship. Sermon "The Barren Fig Tree." 5:30 Young Peoples Society and Choral Society.

Lenten Service Wednesday at 7:00 o'clock. Ladies Aid Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. A. Frisinger.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday morning. Also reception of new members.

First U. B. Church H. W. Franklin, Pastor The youth's revival will continue another week closing Sunday Mar. 29. There has been a number of conversions with record breaking crowds each night. Adults are appreciating the leadership of the young people and know it is their meeting for the salvation of precious souls for every age.

No services Saturday evening. Sunday Morning Subject "Weep Not."

Sunday evening "Theme of Idols in Decatur." The Girl preacher is filling every expectation of the people, she is a great evangelist. Her youth and ability make her outstanding in her field. Come to the service and see her holding her audience spell bound. Special prayer services in side room.

Sunday School 9:15. Sunday School 9:15 Roy Mumma superintendent. Morning and evening services at usual hour.

The Old Time Religion Tabernacle In Belmont Park

Sunday School, 9:15 a. m. Morning Worship, 10:30 a. m. Afternoon worship, 2:00 p. m. Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. Revival meetings every night except Monday and Saturday at 7:30 o'clock.

"And Jesus said unto them, come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men."—Mark 1:1.

## CHURCHES

First Methodist Episcopal Herman R. Carson, Minister 9:20 A. M. Assembly in the sanctuary for a few moments of quiet meditation and prayer in preparation for the public worship of God. The Children Church and the Nursery open at this same time.

9:30 A. M. Service of Divine worship. The Pastor continues the Lenten theme with a discussion of "The Power Of The Presence." Special music by the Girls' Chorus.

10:30 A. M. Church School announcements and assembly for the study of the Word. Dismissal follows at 11:15 A. M.

6:00 P. M. Senior and Intermediate Epworth League devotional meetings.

7:00 P. M. Evening Services. The Pastor's theme will be "The Cross Of Life."

Gospel Tabernacle Revival still in progress at Decatur Gospel Tabernacle. Good attendance, every one welcome.

Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Services, 10:30 a. m. Special service, 2 p. m. in singing and preaching and old fashioned love feast.

Children meeting at 6:45 p. m. Bible taught by object and black board drawings. All children cordially invited to attend and enjoy the blessings of the Lord.

Evangelistic services, 7:30 p. m. Rev. Mrs. V. L. McSherry and daughters evangelistic party.

Church of God Glen E. Marshall, pastor Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Morning worship, 10:30 a. m. Message theme, "Fellowship With God."

Young Peoples' meeting, 6:30. Evening evangelistic service, 7:30 o'clock. Message theme, "The Kingdom of God."

The revival services continue each night at 7:30 o'clock. Tonight Rev. Hartung will speak on the subject, "The Great Sufferer." Sunday night the subject of his

## HEROES OF AMERICAN HISTORY



At 16, Francis Marion ran away to sea in a West Indian ship. The ship sank, and with 5 companions, he drifted in an open boat for 7 days without food or water before he was picked up. Small, slight and sickly-looking, characteristics that he retained throughout his life, Francis nevertheless engaged in Indian warfare in his early manhood.

During the revolution, Marion was one of the chief figures in the bitter struggle in the Carolinas. Able leader of a small band of 20 to 70 ill-clothed, ill-fed, hardy back-woodsmen, he frequently surprised and slung larger bodies of Loyalists and British Regulars. Ending pursuit by following swamp paths, he organized the so-called "Swamp Fox" militia, at one time the only force opposing the British in South Carolina.

In later years Marion continued to put down Loyalist uprisings and spent several terms in the Senate of his native state.

discourse will be, "The Kingdom of God." A vital subject will be dealt with on Monday night. God's people are divided into many sects and denominations. There is not the unity of the faith that God wants his people to have. Monday night's message will be on the subject, "Bible Unity." Every Christian should be vitally interested in this subject. The public is most cordially invited to attend these services.

First Evangelical Church M. W. Sundermann, minister Sunday School, 9:15 a. m., with classes in Bible study for all ages. The North Manchester college quartet will sing one number during the Sunday School. Following the lesson study, the quartet will sing two numbers and the pastor

Zion Reformed Church Charles M. Prugh, minister Church School, 9:15 a. m. Charles Brodbeck, superintendent. Morning worship, 10:30 a. m. Sermon, "Nicodemus, A Secret Christian."—John 3:1. Mrs. Neil reuter will sing. Young People's Society, 6:15 p. m. Wednesday, March 25th—7:30 p. m.—Lenten service, "The Cross in the Midst of Sin." Men's Brotherhood meeting Wed-

## HEIDELBERG'S PLANS FOR ANNIVERSARY PROVOKE INTERNATIONAL CONTROVERSY

Ancient German University to Commemorate 550th Birthday; Oxford Declines Invitation to Attend



By RUDOLPH FARNIER International Illustrated News Heidelberg, Germany—While the academic world reverberates with echoes of the dispute aroused over celebration of the 550th anniversary of Heidelberg university, the historic and ancient institution is proceeding with plans for its birthday observance in June.

The furor started when several of the leading universities of the world, particularly Britain's Oxford, turned down invitations to be represented at the event on grounds that Heidelberg had lost caste as a center of intellectual liberalism because of anti-Jewish activities.

Columbia, Cornell and Harvard accepted their invitations and aroused a storm of student protest. At Columbia a campus demonstration expressed the undergraduate disapproval of the administration's decision to be represented.

University Founded in 1386 Harvard, which has twice refused to accept scholarships from Alumnus "Putzy" Hanfstaengl because of his position as press agent for Reichsfuehrer Hitler, accepted, explaining that present political conditions should not interfere with the ancient ties by which the universities of the world are united.

Meanwhile Heidelberg is going ahead with plans for its 550th birthday. Academic rites, state ceremonies, traditional exercises will mark the event. One of the main points of interest for visitors will be the famous Heidelberg castle, itself dating from 1556 and considered one of the finest architectural specimens in Germany. Vast princely halls, the great watch tower, historic museum and scenic terrace contribute to the beauty of the structure.

Heidelberg university was founded in 1386 by Rupert I, elector of Palatine, modeled after the famous medieval University of Paris. It enjoyed almost immediate success, attached to its faculty many of the most eminent scholars of the time, and built up a reputation which has carried on through the centuries.

School Has 3,000 Students Ill days fell upon the institution in 1622 when Tilly captured the town and sent to Rome the greater part of its priceless library. Four years' struggle for existence ended in 1626 when operations were suspended altogether. The university was restored in 1652 and recovered some of its former prosperity, only to suffer again during the French wars at the end of the century.

After continuing temporarily at Frankfurt-on-the-Main and Wernheim for several years, the old university once more resumed in 1704 and struggled along in precarious fashion for another century. When Heidelberg became a part of the province of Baden in 1803, its new sovereign restored its fortunes and the university since has regained much of the prestige and importance it acquired during the middle ages.

Approximately 3,000 students attend Heidelberg, many of them from United States. Wilhelm Groh is rector of the university.

nesday, 8:30 p. m. The offering for the Heidelberg Women's choir totalled \$27.11.

Eighth Street United Brethren Rev. Luke Martin, pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Thomas Dague, superintendent. Due to the illness of our pastor, Rev. Skinner of Hunting college will be with us and bring the messages. Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. Followed by regular church services. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Frank Johnson, class leader. Come.

St. Marys Church First Mass, 7:00 a. m. Children's Mass, 8:30 a. m. High Mass, 9:45 a. m. Prayer Hour, 2:00 p. m. Tuesday evening Lenten service, 7:30 o'clock. Friday evening Lenten service, 7:30 o'clock.

Zion Lutheran Church Paul W. Schultz, pastor.

Divine services in English, 10:30 a. m. Divine services in German, 8:30 a. m. Sunday School and Bible class, 9:30 a. m. Lenten services Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Religious school Saturday, 8:30 a. m. Lutheran Radio Hour Sunday, 12:30 noon.

J. M. Dawson will speak Monday, April 20 at 7:30 p. m. on the subject "The Victory of Love." If you will sing at this time phone O-881 or write him at R. F. D. No. 3.

## RURAL CHURCHES

Decatur M. E. Circuit Lester J. Brunner

Mt. Pleasant— 9:30 a. m. Worship service. 10:30 a. m. Sunday school, Chancy Sheets, supt. Wednesday, March 25, Bible class at Chancy Sheets. Beulah Chapel— 9:30 a. m. Sunday school, Willard McBride, supt. 10:30 a. m. Epworth League, Willard McBride, leader. Do not forget to bring a silver piece for the offering to complete the payment to the Epworth League State fund.

Pleasant Valley— 9:30 a. m. Sunday school, Harold Porter, supt. 7:30 p. m. Closing service of our revival. Come! Washington— 9:30 a. m. Sunday school, Harry Andrews, supt. 10:45 a. m. Worship hour. "Where Faith is there will be Evangelism."

Craigville Charge, Christian Union Rev. John O. Hensley, pastor Bethel Church, Craigville Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Mary Leimenstoll, superintendent. Prayer meeting followin study period. Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. Grace Parkinson, leader. Evening worship, 7:00 p. m. Message by the pastor. Theme, "Exploring the Hills of the Bible." Text, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my strength."—Psalm 121:1. Prayer meeting Thursday, 7:30.

Zion Church Honduras Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Lauren Yager, superintendent. Morning worship, 10:30 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. Theme, "Reversing the Law of Gravity."—II Kings 6:6. Announcement will be made concerning the pre-Easter revival during this service.

Antioch M. B. C. H. W. Spencer, pastor. Ollie Kreps, superintendent Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Morning worship, 10:30 a. m. Y. P. B., 7:00 p. m. Evening worship, 8:00 p. m. Prayer service, at church, Wednesday evening, 7:30 o'clock.

Mt. Tabor Charge, M. E. Church William Johnson, Supt. Mt. Tabor Church School, 9:00 a. m. Morning worship led class leader, Gladys Rauch. Evening worship, 7:15 o'clock. Subject, "A Living Church." Prayer meeting Thursday evening, 7:30 o'clock.

Monroe Methodist Episcopal E. S. Morford, minister. 9:30 a. m.—Morning worship and study. 6:00 p. m.—Senior Epworth League; Intermediate League. 7:00 p. m.—Evening worship. 8:00 p. m.—Choir rehearsal. Monday, 7:15 p. m.—Epworth League study. Wednesday, 7:00 p. m.—Prayer meeting, Mrs. Albert Duer, leader. 8:00 p. m.—Choir practice. Friday, after school—Junior League.

6:15 p. m.—Young People's banquet. This banquet is for every one. It will be served by the young people.