

## Improved SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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### Lesson for April 15

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#### PIONEERS OF FAITH

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 12:1, 2; Acts 7:45, 12:17.  
GOLDEN TEXT—By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed, and he went out, not knowing whither he went.—Hebrews 11:8.

Bible history is a story of men of faith called and used of God to carry out His purpose in the world. These thrilling accounts of worthwhile lives are to be our special concern during the three months we study the history of Israel and of the Church.

#### I. A Call and a Covenant (Gen 12:1, 2).

God was now ready to make known His choice of a man to be the father of His chosen people. He went down into Ur of the Chaldees in the midst of heathen worship, and called out a man who had faith in the true God.

Abram, "when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went" (Heb. 11:8).

The Lord called him out from his own land and kindred, to get him away from his heathen forebears and their worship. God wants separated believers in our day, too (read and ponder II Cor. 6:17, 18). That call comes to every believer. To those who are to serve Him, there is a definite call much like Abram's (see Matt. 10:37-39).

With the call came a great covenant, a seven-fold promise given in Genesis 12:2, 3. That covenant God repeatedly renewed with Abraham and his descendants. It has been partially fulfilled, and God has put Himself on record that every bit of it shall be completed. He keeps His promises.

Why did God choose Israel? It was an act of His sovereign grace, not based on their merit or goodness. He had a threefold purpose: (1) That they should be the repository for His truth (the Old Testament) in the earth; (2) that they should be the channel for the coming of the personal Redeemer to the earth; (3) that they should be a national witness to the one true God amid the nations of the earth.

They accomplished two of these, but failed in the last, and are now under God's judgment for that sin and failure.

#### II. Obedience and Opportunity (Acts 7:47).

Abram went out at God's command, even though he knew that it meant suffering and trial, being obedient without question or hesitation. Bible history reveals that God delights to do mighty things for those who give Him unquestioning obedience.

God did great things for Abraham, and yet he did not live to see the fulfillment of the promise. He knew it was to be so, realizing that God's plan was to be carried out in the children which he did not yet have (see Heb. 11:9-11).

Here is a lesson for us. Our faith today, and the measure in which we apprehend the grace of God for life and service, will bless not only us, but our children (Ps. 103:17). For their sakes we ought to seek to increase the spiritual heritage of our families. Certainly we should do nothing to blight their lives (Exod. 34:7).

One may not be able to boast of the greatness and fitness of one's ancestors, but one can be determined by the grace of God to be a good ancestor.

Observe that Abraham's obedience opened up the whole history of blessing and usefulness to the entire nation of Israel, a history not yet concluded by any means. Think what opportunity he might have destroyed by disobedience.

#### III. A Family and Its Faith (Acts 7:12-17).

Stephen, a portion of whose address of defense before the council is here before us, reviews the history of God's dealings with Israel. Tracing the line down through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph, he recalls how God provided a haven of plenty for them in Egypt until they were ready to be brought up into the possession of their inheritance—the land of Palestine.

Lack of space forbids the review of the lives of these pioneers of faith. The study would be most illuminating, for it repeatedly throws into sharp contrast the awful failures of these men when they forsook God, and the mighty victories they gained when they believed Him.

In spite of their failures they were essentially men of faith, for God has counted them worthy of a place in that remarkable list of heroes of faith found in Hebrews 11 (see vv. 17-22).

The days in which we live are not pioneer days in the usual sense, but they are days when God is calling for new pioneers of faith to serve Him in a befuddled and bruised world. There are stirring days ahead for the Church of Christ if we as Christians will, like Abraham, hear the call of God and go out in joyful obedience to Him.

## RURAL CHURCHES

Antioch M. B. C. Church  
Located 3 miles west on 224 and 1 mile south of Decatur  
Robert McBrier, minister

Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.  
Worship service, 10:30 a. m.  
No service Sunday evening because of baccalaureate service at Kirkland high school.

Prayer and praise service Wednesday evening, 7:45 p. m.  
Come, worship with us.  
"No nation is greater than its home life."

Decatur Circuit  
Homer Studebaker, pastor

#### Mt. Pleasant

Morning worship, 9:30 a. m.  
Sunday School, 10:30 a. m.

#### Mt. Tabor

Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.  
Morning worship, 10:30 a. m.  
Our attendance is increasing. Will you not join this Sunday morning class? Worship with us.

#### Monroe Friends

Byron Leaser, pastor

9:30-10:30 a. m.—Sunday School.  
Wm. Zurcher, superintendent.

10:30-11:30 a. m.—Morning worship.

Sunday evening, Monroe high school baccalaureate service, at the Methodist church.

Wednesday evening, Monroe high school commencement services.

Friday, April 13, 8 p. m.—Victory prayer band at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Winterberg.

Monroe Methodist Church  
E. O. Kegerreis, minister

Morning worship, 9:30 a. m.—Sermon, "Running Away From God."

Church School, 10:30 a. m. Lesson, "Adventuring With God."

Evening—High school baccalaureate service.

Tuesday evening—4-H club meeting in the annex.

Wednesday evening—High school commencement.

#### Union Chapel Church

United Brethren in Christ  
D. H. and Celia Pellett, pastors

Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Tharman I. Drew, superintendent.

Morning worship, 10:15 a. m. Sermon subject, "Proof."

Christian Endeavor for Young People and adults, 7:00 p. m.

Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "My First Sermon."

Prayer service Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Every one invited.

#### St. Luke's Ev. & Reformed Church

Honduras, Ind.  
Rev. H. H. Meckstroth, pastor

9:30 a. m.—Divine worship.

10:00 a. m.—Sunday school.

2:00 p. m.—Instruction of youth.

Thursday—An all-day meeting of the Women's Guild in the basement of the church.

#### Pleasant Valley

Wesleyan Methodist Church  
Noel H. Winterholter, pastor

Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.

Morning Worship, 10:30 a. m.

Prayer Meeting Wednesday, 7:45 p. m.

There will be no service Sunday evening at Pleasant Valley. Service, layed down in favor of the Monroe H. S. Baccalaureate.

Go To Church Sunday.

#### Willshire Circuit

U. B. Church  
L. A. Middaugh, Pastor

9:30 a. m. Sunday school.

10:30 a. m. Class meeting.

7:30 p. m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

#### St. Paul

9:15 a. m. Sunday school.

10:15 a. m. Preaching service by Rev. Paul Parker, followed by communion service.

7:30 p. m. Tuesday, prayer meeting and Bible study.

Quarterly meeting Saturday evening April 14, Rev. Paul Parker in charge.

#### Winchester

9:30 a. m. Sunday school.

10:30 a. m. Class meeting.

7:30 p. m. Thursday, prayer meeting.

#### Rivarre Circuit

Gilbert A. Eddy, pastor

#### Mt. Victory

Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Cloyce Crozier, superintendent.

Class meeting, 10:30 a. m. Gregg Knittle leader.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

#### Pleasant Grove

Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Warren Harden, superintendent.

Worship service, 10:30 a. m. Sermon by the pastor.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Fred Blittner, leader.

Mt. Zion

Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Jim Beeborn, superintendent.

Worship service 10:30 a. m. Sermon by Rev. K. Roy Johnson, evangelist.

Evangelistic services, 7:30 p. m.

NOTE: Evangelistic services will continue up to and including Wednesday evening, April 18th.  
You are cordially invited to these services.

## Louis F. Miller Dies In Michigan

### Funeral Rites Here Sunday Afternoon

Louis Franklin Miller, 81, died Wednesday night at 11:15 o'clock in the Sturgis memorial hospital at Sturgis, Mich., after being seriously ill for the past 11 days.  
Born in Fremont, Ohio, February 6, 1864, the son of William and Minnie Gueppar Miller, he lived in Decatur a number of years before going to Sturgis about 18 years ago.  
In 1892 he was married to Florence A. Parrish, who survives. Two sons, Herman T. of Muskegon, Mich., and Clarence W. of Chicago, one daughter, Mrs. E. P. Winans of Fort Wayne, one brother, Fred T. Miller, Chicago, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild also survive. One son, Harry died two years ago and one sister also preceded him in death.

He was a member of the Zion Evangelical and Reformed church of this city. Funeral services will be conducted at the Black funeral home at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, with the Rev. W. C. Feller officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery.

## Mrs. Sophia Mankey Dies This Morning

### Funeral Services Sunday Afternoon

Mrs. Sophia Mankey, 88, widow of the late Christian Mankey, died at 11:40 o'clock this morning at the home of the niece, Mrs. Gracie Mankey, in Lancaster township, Wells county, Ohio. She was a lifelong resident of Wells county.

She was a member of the Pleasant Dale Methodist church.

Surviving are the following stepchildren: Wesley Mankey of Decatur route 2, Miss Seta Rhodes of Fort Wayne, Porters of near Craigville, Hay of Decatur route 2 and Irvin of Bluffton; two brothers, Jacob and Edward Barger of west of Decatur.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday at the Pleasant Dale Methodist church, with the Rev. Homer Studebaker officiating, assisted by the Rev. Russell Waller. Burial will be in the church cemetery. The body will be removed from the John funeral home to the residence of the niece Saturday morning.

## New Secretary Is Appointed By Gillie

### Albion Newspaper Publisher Named

George W. Gillie, congressman from the fourth district, today announced the appointment of R. C. Prickett, of Albion, as his secretary, effective May 1.

The new congressional secretary has been editor and publisher of the Albion New Era, Republican weekly newspaper, for the past five years. He is a member of the First Methodist church and the Chamber of Commerce at Albion.

A native Hoosier, Prickett graduated from the University of Michigan in 1932. He was a member of Kappa Tau Alpha, honorary scholastic journalism fraternity. He has been identified with the newspaper profession since his graduation.

The new secretary is married and the father of twin daughters. He will succeed Miss Lenora M. Flint as secretary to the congressman.

## Waste Paper Pickup At Preble Saturday

Phil Sauer, chairman of the waste paper drive, stated that his crew and the Boy Scouts will pick up paper at Preble Saturday. The drive will be made in the morning and all residents are requested to have their paper ready.

## Beware Coughs That Hang On

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

### CREOMULSION for Coughs, Chest Colds, Bronchitis

## Japanese Lose 118 Planes In Okinawa Raids

### Suicidal Attacks Made On American Forces In Area

Guam, Apr. 13 — (UP) — The Japanese were revealed today to have lost 118 planes in two desperate suicidal attacks against American forces in the Okinawa area yesterday.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz disclosed that one U. S. destroyer was sunk in the action and several other ships damaged, although the latter continued in operation. (A Tokyo broadcast, recorded by the FCC, admitted the loss of only two Japanese planes and claimed that the suicide forces had sunk or damaged 11 American vessels in the raids yesterday.)

(Tokyo said the attacks were directed against eight separate groups of U. S. warships stretched 100 miles off the eastern coast of Okinawa. The enemy report claimed the entire American naval force included at least eight aircraft carriers and seven battle-ships.)

Nimitz report of the raids was the first official U. S. mention of Japanese suicide attacks, although Tokyo long has spoken of its "kamikazi" special attack corps.

The Japanese made the first assault early yesterday morning when seven of the enemy planes were brought down off the western coast of Okinawa.

In the afternoon, several hundred of the suicide planes, most of them of obsolete types and heavily armored, renewed the attack. Carrier planes, and a curtain of anti-aircraft fire from warships and ground batteries met the enemy force. A total of 111 Japanese planes were shot down or self-destructed in the second attack.

On Okinawa, the stated campaign north of the capital of Naha went into its fifth day today. Nimitz disclosed that the 27th and 96th army divisions and the 1st and 6th marine divisions were fighting on Okinawa.

## Commitment Papers Issued For Youth

Commitment papers for Thomas E. Anderson, 18-year-old Decatur youth, who was sentenced yesterday by Judge J. Fruechte in the Adams circuit court to a term of not less than one year, nor more than 10 years in the Indiana reformatory at Pendleton were issued today by the county clerk. Sheriff Gillig will take Anderson to the reformatory in the next few days.

Anderson pleaded guilty to entering the Appleman restaurant on West Monroe street on February 22 and stealing money out of a juke box. He also admitted complicity in other robberies.

From 18 to 20 percent of the nation's sugar beets is produced in the Pacific northwest.

## Japanese Radio Says Superforts Over Tokyo

By United Press  
Formations of B-29 Superfortresses raided Tokyo beginning about midnight Friday, the Japanese radio reported.

Tokyo reported the strike while it was in progress at 12:17 a. m. Saturday (Tokyo time). The broadcast was recorded by United Press in San Francisco.

"Formations of B-29 aircraft are now hovering over the Tokyo area in a night raid attempt," the unconfirmed enemy announcement said.

## Hundreds Killed In Oklahoma Tornado

### 500 Others Injured In Storm Thursday

Oklahoma City, Okla., April 13 — (UP) — An estimated 100 persons were killed and more than 500 others were injured last night when a tornado ripped across southwestern Oklahoma, causing extensive damage and casualties in half a dozen communities.

There were at least 71 known dead and the toll was rising hourly as rescue workers recovered more bodies from the ruins of wrecked homes and buildings.

The greatest loss of life was reported at Antlers, a town of 3,200 population which was almost entirely laid waste by the terrific force of the tornado. At least 60 bodies were recovered and more were being found "every few minutes." More than 200 other persons were reported injured at Antlers.

Nine persons, including five students of the demolished Oklahoma school for the blind, were killed at Muskogee and more than 200 were injured. Two soldiers were killed and more than 100 persons were injured at Oklahoma city where the wind cut a swath of destruction through the southeastern residential district.

Troops and a medical corps unit were rushed from Camp Maxey, Tex., to aid the residents of Antlers. W. E. Schooler, publisher of the Hugo Daily News, reported that the residential districts in southwestern, eastern and northeastern sections of the town were "flattened."

The business district also was laid waste. He estimated that between 400 and 500 homes were demolished.

Fifteen civilian doctors from nearby Hugo, Durant, Atoka and Idabel also were rushed to Antlers for emergency duty.

## Deane Dorwin Speaks To Local Rotarians

Deane Dorwin, supervisor of "The Den," Decatur's youth center, was the guest speaker at the weekly meeting of the Decatur Rotary club Thursday evening. Mr. Dorwin discussed the achievements of the youth center since its inception a few months ago and told of plans for future activities. Earl Phurman was chairman of the program.

The annual election of officers will be held at next week's regular meeting, and all members are requested to be present.

Trade in a Good Town — Decatur

## Eastern Front Battle Mounts In Intensity

### Zero Hour Appears Near For Russians March On Berlin

#### BULLETIN

London, Apr. 13. — (UP) — Vienna has been captured by Marshal Fedor I. Tolbukhin's third Ukrainian army and 130,000 prisoners have been taken. Marshal Stalin announced in an order of the day.

London, Apr. 13. — (UP) — Fighting mounted in intensity on the eastern approaches to Berlin today and it appeared that the zero hour for the Red army's march on the capital was close at hand.

Radio Moscow said Soviet troops were waging "fierce battles" from their bridgeheads across the Oder river 30-odd miles east of Berlin, but gave no details. Cossack cavalry moved up to the Berlin front earlier this week, Soviet field dispatches said.

Commentators on the Berlin radio said vast troop movements were under way all the way from Stettin Bay north of the capital to the confluence of the Oder and the Neisse in the south, a front of at least 110 miles.

Military observers in London expected Premier Marshal Stalin to give the order any hour now for Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's first White Russian army to break through to Berlin and a junction with American armies moving in from the west.

A dispatch to the Soviet government newspaper Izvestia said the battle for Vienna was in "its last hours." Marshal Fedor I.

## FAMOUS DISCOVERY acts fast on the kidneys

— to ease painful bladder irritation caused by excess acidity in the urine  
Thousands are thanking DR. KILMER'S SWAMP ROOT for helping them to remove the cause of needless "rolling up at night." For the purest natural medicine, originally created by a practicing physician, acts quickly to increase the flow of urine... helps relieve backache, run-down feeling, uncomfortable symptoms of bladder irritation. SWAMP ROOT is a scientific preparation. A combination of carefully blended herbs, roots, vegetables, balsams. Absolutely nothing harsh or habit-forming when you use Dr. Kilmer's medicine. Just good ingredients that act fast to bring you new comfort!  
Send for free, prepaid sample TODAY! Like thousands of others, you'll be glad that you did. Send name and address to Department C. Kilmer & Co., Inc., Box 1255, Stamford, Conn. Offer limited. Send at once. All druggists sell Swamp Root.

## NOTICE!

Anyone wishing to make a contribution for the maintenance of the old Pleasant Valley Cemetery please contact the sect. treas. of the board of trustees:

Warren Harden,  
Decatur, Ind.  
R. No. 5

Tolbukhin's third Ukrainian army mopped up 60 more square blocks between the Danube river and canal in the northeast portion of the capital yesterday.

Berlin broadcasts said the Soviets' Danube river flotilla landed troops behind the Nazi lines in Vienna.

The second Ukrainian army, east of the Danube, cut the Germans' last serviceable communication out of Vienna and rowed their escape up the Danube yesterday with the capture of Eibesbrunn, six miles from the city.

It is estimated that a battleship shell strikes a ship with a force about equal to that of an express train traveling a mile a minute.

Trade in a Good Town — Decatur

## PUBLIC SALE

The undersigned owners will sell at public auction the following personal property. Located 5 miles Southeast of Decatur on West of Pleasant Mills on the L. A. Graham farm, on

## THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1945

Time: 12:30 P. M.

### 2 — CATTLE — 2

Holstein Heifer, 14 months old; Guernsey Heifer, 9 months old. AUTOMOBILE—36 model Dodge Coupe, with radio and good mechanical condition and good tires.

### TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENTS

10-20 McCormick-Deering tractor, in good condition; 14 tractor plow; double disc; Gale corn planter with wire and 8 hoc Superior grain drill; New Thomas mower, 5' cut; Andrus cream separator; milk cart; Maytag gas motor; 2 50 gal. gas drums; harness; collars; double trees; single trees; cross cut saw; 2 harpoon hay forks.

### Two Male Pups.

### HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Globe range, like new; 50 lb. size ice box; Piano; 2 tables; chairs; 2 metal Simons Beds with springs; chest of drawers; table; fruit cans; some other articles not mentioned.

### TERMS—CASH.

## CHALMER SHEETS and LULA SMITH Owners

Clerk—Bryce Daniels.  
Auctioneer—Lester W. "Bud" Suman, Decatur phone 6761.

Worth \$150 or 10¢?  
Can you guess?



THERE'S MORE than meets the eye in baby chicks, or in commercial feeds. Look to their breeding to know what to expect from chicks. Judge a feed by the results it gives, and the trademark it bears—like Pillsbury's BEST, a name of known quality, representing a feeding program that works... yes, that is working right now, with better results, for thousands of feeders.

We'd like to explain what it can mean to you to have the familiar Pillsbury trademark on a bag of feed on your farm.

## Cash Coal Feed & Supply

Monroe and 8th