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**SUNDAY
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LESSON

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THE CHURCH AS A FELLOWSHIP

LESSON TEXT—Romans 12:3-18.
GOLDEN TEXT—Be kindly affectioned one to another . . . in honor preferring one another.—Romans 12:10.

The greatest and most important institution in the world is the Church. The home, which we have been studying in recent weeks, is the primary unit of society, but its relationships are primarily of a personal nature. In the church there is an organized fellowship within a God-made institution, the living organism through which the Lord brings such blessing to the world—the Church.

Here, in God's house, among God's people, the believer finds strength and joy. The Lord's people are:

I. Different Yet United (vv. 3-8). God is not interested in uniformity, but He does want unity. In the Church are all types of gifts and personalities, each one useful to God. He does not want them all reduced to that drab uniformity which characterizes so many man-made products.

Prophecy, ministry, teaching, giving, ruling—yes, all the various works to which God calls men should be done diligently for His glory. No man is to think of himself as more or less useful to God. His work is different, but it is God's work, and when all serve as they should there is unity and efficiency in the accomplishing of His blessed purpose.

The unity of believers in Christ (v. 5) is something which needs emphasis in our day. The forces of Protestantism are so divided as to be largely ineffective in many important fields.

Not only are they divided but there are almost endless divisions within denominations—yes, and even in local churches. Sometimes there are issues which cannot be met except by separation, but there are also many unnecessary divisions, dishonoring to God and weakening to the Church.

Let's remember we can be different (God wants us to be!) but we can still be united! God wants that, too!

II. Active Yet Kind (vv. 9-11). God puts no premium on laziness or indifference. We are not to be "slothful," but "fervent" in spirit. Sometimes one feels that the Church has gone sound asleep. It is alive but inactive. It professes to have a zeal for God, but if there is any fervency of spirit, in most places it must be well hidden. But that is not possible, is it?

How much we need a stirring revival in the Church to bring the people of God into active service for Him. If your church as a whole does not respond to the Lord's Word, why do you not as an individual ask God to rekindle His fire in your heart?

There is to be a humility (v. 10), a fine clearness of thought and life (v. 9), an unfeigned love for the brethren (v. 9), along with all the fervency of spirit and zeal for service.

There is much talk of uniting Christendom and no little danger of compromise for the sake of an outward unity. Such schemes are destined to failure, but unity in Christ, which recognizes Him as the divine Head of the Church, that we do desperately need and should seek for His glory, for the good of the Church and for the blessing of a world lost in sin and strife.

III. Troubled Yet Peaceful (vv. 12-18).

The Church of Christ is in the world to witness for and to serve Him. Hence, it must face all the persecutions and trials which an unbelieving world will bring upon it. Christians are not exempt from the troubles and sorrows common to all mankind.

There we find one of the great opportunities for effective witness, as for the Christian and the Church rightly meet such difficulties, they testify to the grace of God which can give peace in one's heart in the midst of turmoil and distress.

Read the verses. Persecuted, but not embittered thereby; weeping but also rejoicing; meeting evil with good and crookedness with honesty; meeting pride with humility and division with unity; yes, living at peace (as far as it is possible) in a belligerent world.

There is something essentially fine and noble and inspiring about the Christian Church wherever and whenever it lives up to the Lord's purpose for it and its members. There is something dismal and discouraging about the Church when it fails the Lord and His mighty cause.

Some feel that the Church is in just such a state of failure and impotence in our day. If it is true of your church, why not pray and work for a revival which will sweep all the deadness out and bring in a new, refreshing, breath of power from the very throne of God? Do it now!

RURAL CHURCHES

**Special Services
And Meetings Of
Churches In Area**

Pleasant Valley Wesleyan Church
Lee Tilden, Pastor
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.
Morning worship 10:40 a.m.
Y.M.W.B. Missionary service
7:30 p.m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Bobo Methodist Church
R. J. Hicks, Pastor
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Monroe Friends
Robert Miller, Pastor
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Morning worship
7:00 Evening service
Wednesday at 7:30 prayer meeting

You are welcome to come to all of these services.

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday school, Fred Meyers, supt.

10:30 a.m. Preaching service.

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting, Charley Samples, leader.

St. Paul

9:15 a.m. Sunday school, Eddie McFarland, supt.

7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.

8:00 p.m. Preaching service.

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, prayer meeting and Bible study, Dick Martin, leader.

Winchester

9:30 a.m. Sunday school, Merle Essex, supt.

10:30 a.m. Class meeting, Fred Zurcher, leader.

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

Calvary Evangelical Church

F. H. Willard, Pastor

Sunday school 9 a.m.

Prayer meeting 10 a.m.

Mid-week preaching service will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 jointly with First Church. Dr. R. H. Mueller of Cleveland, Ohio, general secretary of commission on evangelism, will speak.

St. Luke's Evangelical
And Reformed
Honduras

H. H. Meckstroth, Pastor

9 a.m. worship service.

10 a.m. Sunday school.

United Brethren in Christ
Biarre Circuit

Paul A. Graham, Pastor

Mt. Victory

Preaching by pastor, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Prayer meeting Wed. night.

Pleasant Grove

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Class meeting 10:00 a.m.

Prayer meeting Wed. night.

Mt. Zion

Revival meetings are now in progress. All are invited to attend.

Sunday School 9:30 Sunday a.m.

Preaching 10:30 Sunday a.m.

"Let's all go to church."

Decatur Methodist Circuit
Homer Studebaker, Minister
Mt. Pleasant

Sunday school 9:30, Nerval Fuhrman, supt.

Revival beginning at 7:30. J. Orr Powell, evangelist. Class meeting 10:30.

Beulah Chapel

Sunday school 10:30, Ed Arnold, supt.

Morning worship 9:30.

Pleasant Valley

Sunday school 9:30, Jacob Born, supt.

Morning worship 10:30.

Union Chapel Church

United Brethren in Christ

D. H. and Celia Pellett, Pastors

Sunday school 9:30, Thurman L. Dug, supt.

Morning worship 10:15, sermon subject, "Satisfied."

Christian Endeavor for youth and adults, 7:00.

Evening worship 7:30, sermon subject, "Christian Joy."

Prayer service Wednesday 7:30.

Please study chapters 5 and 6 of our book on Evangelism.

The official board will meet following this Sunday evening service.

Monroe Methodist Church
E. O. Kegerreis, Minister

9:30 Morning Worship. Veteran's Day Service. Sermon: "Soldiers of the Cross."

10:35 Church school.

6:15 Youth Fellowship. Leader, Audrey Burkhead. Topic: "Where Do We Get Our Opinions?"

7:00 Evening Service. Sermon, "Entering The Kingdom."

Monday Eve. 7:00 Methodist Youth Fellowship Council Meeting in the Annex.

Tuesday Eve. 7:00 Organization of Scout Troop and Troop Committee.

Wednesday Eve. 7:30 Mid-week Service. Choir at 8:30.

The famed Texas Rangers today comprise one division of the state department of public safety and are charged with the enforcement of laws governing major crimes, riots and insurrections.

DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT, DECATUR, INDIANA

**Evansville Mayor
Assails Governor**

**Accuses Gov. Gates
Of Violating Pledge**

Indianapolis, Nov. 2—(UPI)—The Republican mayor of Evansville accused Governor Gates of falsifying today and said the Indiana GOP state committee could "go to hell."

Mayor Manson S. Reichert, accusing Gates of violating a pledge with regard to alcoholic beverage permits in Vanderburgh county, charged that the state alcoholic beverage commission had issued another wholesale beer license in his county without consulting the mayor.

Gates said he didn't have anything to do with it, Reichert said. "I know better."

Referring to the GOP state committee, Reichert said:

"As far as I'm concerned, they can all go to hell."

Reichert, who is chairman of the party in Vanderburgh county, said the state party leaders "can take care of themselves from here on out."

"I guarantee them I will run Vanderburgh county. I'm still the county chairman. I'll be re-elected mayor next year and I'll continue to run the county," Reichert said.

Gates was out of the city attending a funeral today and was unavailable for comment. Last night, however, he told the United Press that he knew nothing about a reported split between the state organization and Reichert.

Reichert said Gates "tried to do a lot of explaining" by telephone and asked him to call on the governor.

"I told him there was nothing to explain and I wasn't coming to see him," Reichert said.

Reichert charged that the governor had violated a pledge that all wholesale beer permits granted by the ABC would be "cleared" through county chairmen.

His verbal attack apparently stemmed from the ABC issuance of a wholesale beer permit to J. H. Marion, Evansville.

At the same time, Indiana police said they had no new "information of any importance" in the case and the investigation appeared to be facing a blank wall.

William Robert Rollings, 30, who was arrested in St. Louis Wednesday and questioned concerning the death of Tyson and 18-year-old Ethel Sparks, both of East St. Louis, Ill., was released last night. Police said their questioning of Rollings failed to uncover anything new on the slayings.

The bullet-riddled bodies of Tyson and Miss Sparks were found lying in a shallow grave in a Spencer county clover field last Sunday.

Detective E. E. Mullins of the Indiana state police and Lt. Forrest Waggoner, head of the Jasper, Ind., state police post, conferred this morning and announced afterward that there were no new developments.

Yesterday, the police announced they believed that a burned barn near Sulphur, Ind., was the scene of the slayings, and that they believed the couple had been taken forcibly from their apartment in Jeffersonville, Ind., shortly before the shootings.

Before he was released in St. Louis, Rollings told police that he witnessed the shooting last July of Joseph Callahan, East St. Louis ironworker, in a Madison, Ill., tavern. Tyson had been sought for questioning in the shooting.

Decatur Sale Barn
Doehrmann & Bohnke, aucts.

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Decatur Sale Barn

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Lester Brandt, Assistant Auctioneer

Bryce Daniels, Clerk.

Paul E. Shults & George F. Morris
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farm 6 miles southeast of Bluffton, Ind., on State Road No. 1, then 1/2 mile south, or 3 miles east of Poplar Grove school, on

1 mile south of Vera Cruz, on

17 HEAD OF CATTLE

LADY—Guernsey cow, 4 years old, Fresh Oct. 20.

GUERNSEY—Guernsey cow, 3 years old, Bred May 11.

MOLLEY—Spoiled cow, 10 years old, Bred May 11.

JANE—Guernsey cow, 4 years old, Bred Sept. 6.

ANN—Guernsey cow, 4 years old, Bred June 12.

DAISY—Guernsey cow, 3 years old, Bred Aug. 27.

BLACKY—Jersey cow, 6 years old, Bred June 15.

PET—Spoiled cow, 2 years old, Bred April 23.

SUSIE—Guernsey cow, 3 years old, Pasture bred.

SPECK—Spoiled cow, 2 years old, Bred June 8.

BLOSSOM—Guernsey cow, carrying 3rd calf, Fresh in February.

Guernsey heifer, 2 years old, Fresh in February.

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