

## Improved Uniform SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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### Lesson for October 6

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#### PAUL'S BACKGROUND AND EARLY LIFE

LESSON TEXT—Acts 21:29, 22:3, 27, 28; 29:4, 5; Philippians 2:3, 5.  
MEMORY SELECTION—Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth—Ecclesiastes 12:1.

God works through men. When we study his work we study the lives of men—all types of men—but all yielded to him, and used by him.

Paul stands out as one of the most influential characters in all history. His life and letters, which we are to study the next three months, have had a tremendous effect on the human race. Especially is this true of his position and influence in the Christian church.

Under God he was the one who carried the gospel to the Gentile world, and then began the great missionary program of the church, which goes on to this very day. His writings are the steady and extensive foundation of much of our study and teaching of Christian doctrine.

#### I. Birthplace (Acts 21:39).

The place of a man's birth has a definite influence on his personality and usefulness. Tarsus, where Paul was born, was one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world of that day. It was a Roman province, where men proudly held their citizenship in the great empire. Greek, the language of world culture, was spoken there.

Tarsus was a great educational and university center. It was in a rich and fertile area. It was at the head of navigation on the river Cydnus and on a great Roman highway. It was the capital of the province.

#### II. Education (Acts 22:3).

After his early training in the home and under rabbis in Tarsus, he went to Jerusalem to study in what was probably the best-equipped Hebrew college of that day, under one of the greatest teachers, Gamaliel.

Somewhere in his rearing he was taught a trade, for every Jewish boy learned to support himself with his own hands (see Acts 18:3).

He was instructed in the Word of God, and had a consuming zeal for religious things. Until he was converted, it counted against Christianity, but afterward it became a flaming fire to spread the truth in all the world.

His combined zeal and knowledge made him a man of truly broad mind and tolerant spirit (Acts 5:35-39).

#### III. Citizenship (Acts 22:27, 28).

The mighty power and prestige of Rome stood behind every Roman citizen. Paul used his citizenship for protection. It helped him in his service for the Lord. Its prestige was used for God's glory.

It is a good sign when a man is proud of his national background, and it speaks well for the nation to which he belongs. But Paul came (as every Christian does) to know and appreciate a higher citizenship.

#### IV. Religion (Acts 26:4, 5).

Though a free-born Roman citizen, Paul was a Jew, and loyal to the religion of his people. He was a member of the strictest sect, the Pharisees, in which his family had held membership for generations.

He lived consistently in the observance of the laws and customs of his religious faith, and none could point to any flaw in his doctrine or failure in his life.

When he became a follower of Christ, there was no ground on which anyone could dismiss his conversion and his witness as the outbreak of a new viewpoint on the part of a renegade Jew.

It is to a man's credit that he faithfully lives up to the beliefs of the religion he professes. The result of such sincerity will be conversion, if he, like Paul, meets Christ and honestly faces the question of loyalty to him.

#### V. Race (Phil. 3:5, 6).

Paul counted it to be an honor to be known as a Hebrew and gloried in the fact that he was born, trained and lived within that racial as well as religious circle.

No one need ever be ashamed of his race, although he may be ashamed of things which members of his race have done. But there are even more things of which to be proud, and a man may add to the standing of his race by living his own life in cleanness of character and nobility of purpose. It is never a commendable thing to be ashamed of the race of one's fathers.

We must remember, however, that all the things in which Paul gloried, he found to be but refuse when he compared them with Christ (see Phil. 3:7, 8).

Everything worthwhile in a man's life God can glorify and use. But none of them, no matter how precious they may seem to be, compares with fellowship with and service for the Lord.

## RURAL CHURCHES

### Antioch M.B.C.

3 miles west, 1/2 south of Decatur

Jake Hostetter, pastor

Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.

Morning worship, 10:30 a. m.

Evening service, 7:30 p. m.

Sunday is Missionary Sunday

at our church. Charles Yoder, student at the Fort Wayne Bible Institute and missionary to West Africa, will be the special speaker.

Mr. Yoder has spent most of his life in Africa. Pictures will be shown at the evening service. Plan to come.

### Mt. Pleasant

Homer Studabaker, pastor

Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Norval Fuhrman, superintendent.

Morning worship, 10:30 a. m.

Special numbers.

Home-coming Rally Day. Men's chorus from Monroe Methodist church. Kenneth Shoemaker, speaker. Special numbers. Come meet your friends. A great day.

M. Y. F. at Pleasant Valley 7:30 p. m.

Pleasant Mills youth will present a play.

### Mt. Taber Methodist Church

C. C. Conn, minister

Church school, Ed. Koos, Supt.

Morning worship, 10:30.

This is world wide communion Sunday and every Christian should be in his place of worship this time of all times. There will be baptisms and members received into the church.

### Willshire Circuit

U. B. Church

L. A. Middaugh, pastor

Willshire

9:30 a. m. Sunday school, Luther Funk, supt.

10:30 a. m. preaching service.

7:30 p. m. Wednesday, prayer meeting, Oatis Strickler, leader.

7:30 p. m. Thursday, W. M. A. meeting, Mrs. Harriet Dellinger, president.

### St. Paul

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

7:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor, Robert McBride, leader.

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

### Winchester

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

10:30 a. m. class meeting, Fred Zuercher, leader.

7:00 p. m. harvesters meeting, Esther Hirschy, leader.

7:30 p. m. preaching service.

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

### United Brethren in Christ

Riviera Circuit

Paul A. Graham, pastor

Mt. Zion

Week-end revival.

The week-end revival in the

Mt. Zion church will be held Oct. 4, 5, 6. The evangelists for these services will be Rev. Robert Rash, Huntington, Ind. He is the general secretary of Christian education of the United Brethren church.

Rev. Rash is a dynamic evangelist with a powerful message. The hour of services will be 7:15. An invitation is extended to all to attend and enjoy these services.

Sunday school, 9:30.

Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30.

### Pleasant Grove

Sunday school, 9:00.

Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30.

### Mt. Victory

Sunday school, 9:30.

Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30.

### St. Luke Evangelical and Reformed Church

Honduras

H. H. Meckstroth, pastor

9:00 worship. Holy communion.

10:00 Sunday school.

### Monroe Friends Church

Robert P. Miller, pastor

9:30 Sunday school, Wm. Zuercher, supt.

"Paul's Background and Early Life."

10:30 morning worship service.

7:00 evening service.

Rev. Oscar Trader and his wife will be the ministers for the day.

Come and hear these messengers of the Gospel.

7:00 Wednesday prayer meeting.

### Union Chapel Church

United Brethren in Christ

D. H. Pellett, pastor

Unified morning services.

Sunday school, 9:30; Mr. Thurman I. Drew, superintendent.

Morning worship, world wide communion service 10:15; special music by the choir and communion meditation by the pastor.

Christian Endeavor 7:00. We have separate groups for the young people and adults.

Evening worship 7:30.

Prayer service Wednesday 7:30.

Choir rehearsal following the Sunday and Wednesday evening services.

### E. O. Kegerreis, pastor

9:30. Morning Worship. Communion of The Lord's Supper in keeping with World-Wide Communion Sunday.

10:30. Church School Classes.

6:30. Youth Fellowship. Leader, Eileen Graber. Topic: "Looking Ahead."

7:30. Evening Service: Sermon: "Sinning Saints."

Wed. 7:30. Mid-week Service. Choir Following.

Thurs. 7:30. The Official Board will meet in the Church Annex for organization and business.

## Calvary Evangelical United Brethren Church

F. M. Willard, minister

Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.

Prayer meeting, 10:30 a. m.

Mid-week preaching service

Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

## COUNTY CLAIMS TO BE ALLOWED BY COMMISSIONERS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1946

Decatur Light & Power op. 122.15

Citizen's Tel. Co. op. 177.47

Haywood Pub. Co. op. 590.84

Haywood Pub. Co. clerk op. 5.10

Clyde O. Troutner clerk op. 8.36

Thurman I. Drew auditor op. 30.66

Roy L. Price treas. op. 2.50

Rose Newswald recorder op. 100.00

Leo T. Gillig sheriff mil. 222.50

Calvin Duersch dragline help. 175.00

Bob A. Everett dragline help. 12.52

John Baker surv. dep. 9.60

Bob A. Everett surv. mil. 21.60

Fred Thieme Jr. surv. the drain 12.60

M. C. Blomberg surv. the drain 52.58

Dan Kaehr surv. the drain 8.10

W. A. Presford surv. the drain 28.00

Daniel V. Bertsch surv. the drain 52.00

Elmer C. Beer surv. the drain 5.00

Wm. Reichert surv. the drain 5.00

William Davis surv. the drain 3.00

Ray Teeple surv. the drain 8.80

Clarence Beam surv. the drain 57.75

Fred Isenhardt surv. the drain 15.00

Warren Augsburg surv. the drain 188.38

The Krick-Fyndall Co. surv. the drain 40.00

Herman Haugk surv. the drain 1.68

Lavone Mattax surv. op. 37.66

Mossman-Yarnell Co. surv. op. 5.50

Jin McBride surv. op. 58.25

Sho-B-Dee Co. surv. op. 117.33

Korte Bros. Inc. surv. op. 33.42

John W. Karch Stone Co. material 119.70

Standard Oil Co. op. 34.14

Artz Tire Co. op. 84.15

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## Conduct Services Sunday



The King's Men trio, of Olivet Nazarene College, located at Kankakee, Ill., will be singing and preaching in the regular services of the Decatur Church of the Nazarene located at North 7th and Marshall streets, Sunday, it was announced today by the pastor, Rev. Trueax. They will sing in the Sunday school hour and will have charge of the young peoples service at 6:30 p. m. They are all studying for the ministry. One of their party will preach in the evening service. The public is invited to hear them.

materials to building homes for ex-G.I.s.  
2. Government subsidies to buy homes for veterans and adequate safeguards to prevent "chiselers" from selling property thus bought to non-veterans.  
3. Cash payment of terminal leave allowances to enlisted men of World War II rather than five-year bonds.  
4. Rejection by congress of a proposal to grant certain privileges of the GI bill of rights to merchant mariners.  
5. A law requiring that no returned veterans be discharged from his job without cause for a period equal to his service in the armed forces.  
6. A law reaffirming seniority for returned veterans.

The Bradley-Stelle dispute arose when Stelle accused Bradley of "breaking faith" with veterans in sponsoring a \$200 ceiling and two-year limitation on on-the-job training. Bradley replied that Stelle spoke for a "high-income minority" of veterans and charged the national commander with obstructing the progress of the veterans' administration.

A strongly-worded resolution rebuked Bradley for "railroading" the job-ceiling legislation through congress and asked congress to convene in a special session to repeal the ceilings. There were no votes against the resolution.

## LEGION

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housing and other problems.

One of the most significant was adoption of an amendment to a report that called for a \$20,000,000 endowment fund to fight Communism. This amendment was presented by Carl Epperson, of the California department, as an addition to a report by the Americanism committee. The report had urged appropriation of \$250,000 to the national Americanism commission for continuation of its work.

Other resolutions demanded:

1. Immediate cancellation of all non-essential construction and diversion of 99 percent of scarce

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