

## RURAL CHURCHES

**THE BIBLE SPEAKS**  
Evangelical United Brethren  
F. H. Willard, minister  
"Rally Day and Homecoming Service."  
Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Lloyd Lichtenberger, supt.  
2:00 p.m. Rally day and homecoming service, Rev. Lawrence Norris pastor of Union Chapel Evangelical United Brethren church is the speaker. All friends and former members of Calvary church are urged to be present.  
12:00 "Carry in dinner" in the church basement, welcome.

## Life and Law

Lesson for October 17, 1948

YOU friend reader, probably know less about what is in the books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy than any other part of the Bible. These are the sections mostly filled with laws—"Thou shalt not," "Thou shalt not." You either skip these entirely or you say to yourself, "Well, that has nothing to do with me." If so, you Mr. Foreman have been missing one of the most interesting sections of the Bible.

Some of these old laws are dead; but even a mummy can be interesting. Call them dead if you like; you still can learn a great deal about the times and the minds and the customs of those far-off days by reading the laws which governed people's daily lives.

But it is hardly fair to call them dead. Rather, they have been honorably retired. That is to say, they were admirable laws in their time and place, and God's will was learned through them.

## The Living Soul of Law

THERE are two ways of looking at any law, or you might say there are two sides of every law, the inside and the outside, the soul and the body as it were. The body, the outside, is the letter of the law; the inside or soul of the law is the spirit or principle of the law.

The body of the law, like the body of a man, "is; it is not intended to live on and on. But the soul of the law (if it has one; some don't) lives forever.

Take, for instance, that law in Lev. 19:9, 10. The body of it, the letter, says: Do not be efficient in getting in your crops. Leave some wheat in the field. Leave some grapes on the vine.

Today that sounds rather stupid, on the face of it, and no good farmer would pay attention to it. But look at the spirit of that law: the wheat and the grapes were to be left for "the poor and the stranger." There was then no Red Cross, no bureau of displaced persons, no traveler's aid, no family service, no social security, none of our many modern agencies for the underprivileged. Those who had property were bidden to have a care for those who had none.

The duty of society to see that no one starves, the duty of all to help those in need, that is the living soul of this law, and it still breathes in laws of the 20th century—laws of old age assistance, maternity assistance, pension plans and so forth.

The living soul of the Old Testament laws can be expressed this way: The love of justice and the justice of love. The best and wisest laws today are those which give this same spirit its fullest and most practical form.

## Jesus' Last Word

THE Jews figured out that there were in all 613 separate commandments in all the laws combined. They used to have interesting debates as to which of all the 613 commandments was the most important.

They came to Jesus with that well-worn question. Jesus quoted only two laws, one from Deut. 6:5 and the other from Lev. 19:18. Love God, love your neighbor, he said. All the other laws depend on these two.

To this day, Christian thinkers are not entirely agreed as to just how far Old Testament laws may be binding on Christians. But all are agreed on two points: The basic principle of these laws is always good, and that fundamental principle is love.

## Love Is Not Repealed

THIS is what Christians mean when they say that "the laws of God are eternal." We do not mean that every law between the covers of the Bible can and should be used as the law of our land today.

What we mean is that the spirit of these laws is immortal, for the spirit is love, and love' never has been repealed.

Show me a law which helps the strong at the expense of the weak, a law which encourages cheating and selfishness and fighting, and I will show you a bad law. Show me a law which encourages and helps men to deal fairly with one another, and to live together in peace, and I will show you a good law. Every law that helps you love your neighbor is a good law; indeed there is something divine about it, for God is love.

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MEET 3-WEEK-OLD John Michael Luft, appearing publicly for the first time with his mother, actress Lynn Bari, and father, producer Sid Luft. (International Soundphoto)

Mr. Pleasant

Mr. David Cook, supt.

Church school at 9:30.

Worship service in the evening, 7:30.

Thursday evening prayer meeting, 7:30.

The chapter for study is 1 John 5.

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There will not be preaching this Sunday. We are glad for the increasing attendance. Are you helping with your presence?

Mr. Pleasant

Mr. Raymond Teeple, supt.

Church school at 9:30. We have installed oil heat to insure your comfort. Come and enjoy this hour with us. The W. S. C. S. will meet this Thursday at the parsonage.

ST. LUKE EVAN. & REFORMED CHURCH

H. H. Meckstroth, minister

9:00 Worship service.

10:00 Sunday school.

12:00 Catechetical Instruction.

Thursday—An all-day meeting of the Women's Guild at the church. Mrs. Electa Lochner is leader. Mrs. Dwight Roth's side in recent contest will be hostess.

H. S. FOOTBALL

Auburn 14, Fort Wayne Concordia 7.

Terre Haute Wiley 24, Sullivan 6, Greensburg 25, Greenfield 9.

U. B. CIRCUIT

Dale Osborn, Pastor

Winchester

Sunday school 9:30 a.m.

Preaching 10:30 a.m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

ST. PAUL

Sunday school 9:15 a.m.

Christian Endeavor 7 p.m.

Preaching 7:30 p.m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

RIVARRE CIRCUIT

U. B. CHURCH

L. A. Middaugh, pastor

MT. ZION

9:30 a.m. Sunday school.

10:30 a.m. Preaching service.

7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

PLEASANT GROVE

9:30 a.m. Sunday school.

10:30 a.m. Class meeting.

7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

MT. VICTORY

9:00 a.m. Sunday school.

10:00 a.m. Class meeting.

7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

UNION CHAPEL EVANGELICAL

UNITED BRETHREN

Lawrence Norris, pastor

Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Thursday

Block State Efforts

To Halt Hotel Sale

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 15—(UPI)—The Indiana supreme court today had blocked last-minute efforts of the state to prevent the sale of the historic English hotel to the Equitable Life Assurance Society. The court yesterday refused to accept transfer of a state suit to block the sale from the Indiana appellate court.

The insurance company offered to buy the hotel, located on the Indianapolis monument circle, for \$2,100,000 (M) and said it planned to tear down the old building and build a department store on the site. It planned to lease the new structure to the J. C. Penney Co. The state contended that trustees of the hotel violated the will of the late William English, which, they said, stated that the building

was to be used for the benefit of the poor.

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