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West Monroe and Eleventh Streets  
Edgar P. Schmidt, Pastor

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Two identical services are conducted each Sunday at 8 and 10:30 o'clock. Attend at the hour most convenient. The pastor continues his series of sermons on the Ten Commandments. The choir will appear at 10:30 only, singing, "O Lord, increase my faith," by Gibbons.

The last of the Wednesday mid-week Lenten services for this season will be conducted next Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, as the pastor speaks on the Passion Symbol, "The Seamless Coat and the Dice." The choir will sing, "God so loved the world," from the Crucifixion by Stainer.

Beginner to Senior departments of the Sunday School, and the Junior and Adult Bible Classes meet at 9:15 o'clock. You are invited to enroll.

Choir rehearsal Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Married Couples Club will honor the boys of the Saturday School basketball team and cheerleaders at a Carry-In banquet Sunday evening beginning at 6 o'clock.

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## Creamed Comments On S.S. Lesson

Creamed comments on the Sunday school lesson, Betrayal and Crucifixion, John 19:17-30, for Sunday, April 11.

John records more about Christ's betrayal and crucifixion than the three other gospel writers, and in so doing, he makes a stronger argument for Christ, the divine Son of God who paid the penalty of sin that all men should believe and be saved.

V.17. "And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha." Jesus was treated as a condemned criminal, though innocent; the cross stood for the sins of all mankind and therefore became so heavy that he fell under it, and another had to help him. He was heading for his frequent place of prayer. When in trouble, we ought also to go to our accustomed place of prayer.

V.18. "Where they crucified him, and two others with him, on either side one, and Christ in the midst." Those condemning Christ put Jesus into had company, but he would not stay there.

V.19. "And Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was, Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." Pilate taunted the Jews by this title but he wrote better than he knew. Wicked men sometimes tell the truth.

V.20. "This title then read many of the Jews; for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city; and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek and Latin." There can be no mistake regarding this tragedy for it took place where all could see it, and the title on the cross could be read by all in the languages of that day. We can not and dare not ignore the crucifixion of Jesus.

V.21. "Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not The King of the Jews but that he said I am king of the Jews." To allow the statement to stand would condemn the Jews since they denied it. The cross condemns every sinner.

V.22. "Pilate said, What I have written, I have written." Pilate was stubborn. He was well established and independent, not easily persuaded, although he tried to justify himself in that he washed his hands in it so doing he might be excused. Washing the

hands will not make a clean heart. V.23. "Then the soldiers when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments and made four parts to every soldier a part; and also his coat, now the coat was without seam, woven from the top through out." The custom of crucifixion was carried out. Jesus' naked body was exposed as a shame. Unrestrained wickedness goes the limit.

V.24. "They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rent it but cast lots for it, whose it shall be that the scripture might be fulfilled. They parted my raiment among them, and for my vestures they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did." John in quoting prophecy seeks to command the attention and faith of the Jews and of all people. This whole story is true and ought to be believed.

V.25. "Now there stood by the cross of Jesus, his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene." Here is portrayed mother love and sympathetic hearts of close friends. The pangs of this hour are too deep to be described. Sorrow comes to us all; it must be accepted as a part of the program of God; sympathetic tears furnish some help in bearing sorrow.

V.26. "When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith to his mother, Woman, behold thy son." In spite of his agonizing pain, Jesus thought was of his mother; he would make provision for her care. No child of character will neglect caring for his parent.

V.27. "Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother. And from that hour that disciple took her into his home." To entertain Jesus' mother in his home was a public confession of Christ by John. There ought to be manifestations of Christ in every Christian home.

Vs.28,29. "After this Jesus knowing that all things were accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar, and they filled a sponge with vinegar and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth." Jesus suffered extreme thirst.

V.30. "When Jesus had therefore received the vinegar, he said, It is finished." His part of redemption was now completed. —Based on copyrighted outlines prepared by the Division of Christian Education, national council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., and used by permission.

A general invitation is extended to all adults of the parish, and parents of the players and cheerleaders. Those attending are asked to bring a table service with their food. An interesting evening's entertainment has been arranged.

The Church Council meets Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Junior Confirmation Class Wednesday at 4 p.m. and Saturday at 8 a.m.

The sixth midweek Lenten Service Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday School and Saturday School teachers staff meeting Thursday evening at 7 and 7:30 p.m.

Saturday school Saturday morning, 9:15 to 11:30.

Palm Sunday the pastor will conclude the series on the Ten Commandments. Sermon theme: "This is God's Hour."

Wednesday, in the church, on the hours of 2, 4, 5, 7, and 8 o'clock the pastor will conduct devotionals for those who desire to announce for the Maundy Thursday and Easter Communion services.

A Holy Communion Service will be conducted Maundy Thursday evening at 7:30.

The traditional Midway Good Friday service will be held at 12:30 past noon, featuring the reading of the Passion Story according to the Four Gospels.

The Memorial Service of the Saviour's death, with the Litany of the Cross, will be conducted Good Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The pastor will conduct all the Holy Week services.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Lesson Prayer:

Lesson prayer: Grant that none of us will be guilty of lining up with those who crucified Christ by even ignoring him, knowing that we are either for him or against him. Grant that we may take Jesus so seriously as to confess our sins and surrender our lives to please him in all things, for we can not do less than this.

When one door closes, God opens another.

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Worship service at 10 a.m. Fifth Sunday in Lent. Sermon by the pastor: "Along the Way of Sorrows." The senior choir will sing, "Look to the Cross" by Faure, arranged by Lorenz. Visitors are always welcome in the services of this church. Mission band will meet during the sermon portion of the service.

Youth fellowship at 6:15 p.m. Don Aund will give the devotionals. Ed Jaberger will be the guest speaker.

Official board meeting on Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Senior confirmation class on Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Youth choir rehearsal on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Final mid-week Lenten service on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Sermon by the pastor: "Up to Calvary." The double mixed quartet will furnish the special music. Following the service the confirmation class will be presented to the official board, their parents and interested friends. The Women's Guild will meet after the service.

The senior choir will hold rehearsal in the church after the service.

On Thursday and Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Billy Graham's film, "Olivetown U. S. A." will be shown in this church, sponsored by the Decatur Ministerial Association.

Catechetical classes on Saturday: seniors at 9 a.m., juniors at 1:30 p.m.

Come and worship with us.

**NUTTMAN AVENUE**  
United Brethren in Christ  
Paul D. Parker, minister  
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Lawrence Michel, superintendent.

Frank Lundin is the assistant. Bring the family, there are classes for all ages.

Morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. Inspirational devotional period. Sermon subject, "Why Join The Church?"

Christian endeavor, 7 p.m. Christian endeavor affords fellowship and study groups for all ages.

Evangelistic service, 7:30 p.m. The pastor will speak on the subject: "Things That Money Will Not Buy."

The hour of prayer, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

You are cordially invited to attend all these services.

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Worship service at 9:30. Pre-lude. Communion meditation. Observation of Lord's Supper. Sermon by David Slagle. Offertory, 10:30 a.m., Bible school, 7 p.m., evening service, Wednesday evening, 7:30, prayer meeting and Bible study.

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
623 Cleveland St.

W. Kirkpatrick, Pastor

The Church of the "Christian Brotherhood Hour" heard every Sunday morning over WKJG 8:30.

Sunday morning Worship service at 9:30. This being the first Sunday of the month will be building fund Sunday. We shall come to sing God's praises, to lift our hearts in prayer, to present our offerings and bring an offering out of the overflow of thanksgiving for all of God's blessings. "Called to Study," will be the pastor's message.

Sunday evening evangelistic services at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Your choir practice at 6:30 p.m.

Prayer service and study 7:30 p.m.

Choir practice 8:30 p.m.

Thursday: Women's Missionary society meet at the parsonage, 7:30 p.m.

The showing of Billy Graham's new color sound film, "Olivetown U.S.A.," sponsored by the Decatur Ministerial Association will be at the Zion Reformed church, 3rd and Jackson, Thursday and Friday nights at 7:30 p.m.

Friendways Club will meet at the church 1 p.m. Saturday.

Men's meeting this week on Tuesday night from 7 to 9, April 6, 1954 in the Pleasant Mills school building. Kenneth Roop, chairman, will preside. Robert Strickler and Herman Hammond will have charge of the program for the evening. Let all the men come for a time of fun, fellowship, food for soul and body!

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Sabbath Services.

9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School. Lester Sundling, superintendent. At the outset of a new quarter's work you are invited to begin your self or bring your child and join in this year's study of "The Church."

10:30 Worship service. Sermon: Fishers of Men Series—"The Traitor Disciple." Text: John 6:70-71. Anthem "All in The April Evening" by Robertson, Mrs. Robert Nisbet, directing.

A Calendar of Church Events Sunday 2:00 p.m. Session meetings, East Room.

4:30 p.m. Junior Fellowship, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Macklin begin their month as sponsors and their topic is "Pages From A Diary." A most interesting Easter Study. During the recreation period slides of Camp Koscusko will be shown.

6:00 p.m. Westminster Fellowship. "Three Gods or One?" is the question of the first in a series of workshop studies of the Trinity. The film "From Every Mountain Side" will be shown during the recreation period.

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Mens Club Dinner. Mr. J. F. Sammann, president of the local Men's Council announces that a very special program is planned in which the Project Committee will present "The Projects For The Year."

6:30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice. A film will be shown after the practice for those desiring to remain.

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice Sunday April 11th Palm Sunday. The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered during the 10:30 a.m. Worship service. Those desiring to have their child baptized at this time are to make arrangements with the Pastor before Wednesday of this week.

**BETHANY CHURCH**  
Evangelical United Brethren  
Benj. G. Thomas, minister

9:30 a.m. Sunday school. We were within three persons of our attendance goal last week. Let us all be present and bring others with us that we may go beyond the heights.

10:00 a.m. Divine Worship. Sermon: "God's Way of Reconciliation."

6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship led by Miss Rheta Butcher.

No night service but our people are urged to attend Trinity Church where a revival meeting is in progress.

Monday 6:30 p.m. Men's Club with Bob Metzger as the speaker. He will tell of some of his experiences in Greenland where he served three years.

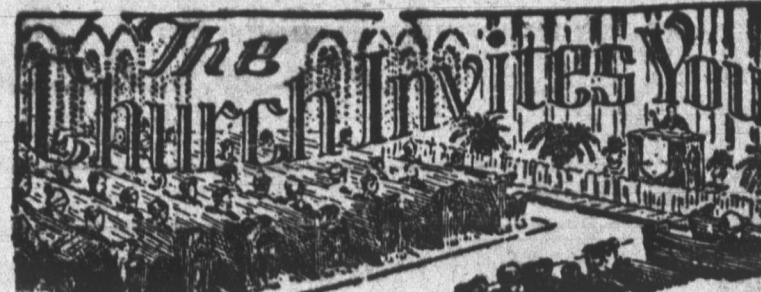
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. begins our Lenten Preaching Mission. The pastor will bring a series of messages upon the theme: "Meeting Jesus." All classes and members and organizations are urged to set aside these seven evenings for thoughtful, prayerful attention to God's call in Christ his Son. Services will be held nightly Monday thru Thursday of next week.

**TRINITY**  
Evangelical United Brethren  
Madison at Ninth

John E. Chambers, minister  
9:15—Sunday school; Chalmers Bollenbacher, general superintendent. We have classes for every member of the family—study with us.

10:30 Divine Worship message by our guest minister, Reverend Albert Swenson. Harold Mumma is organist and Evangeline Embler, minister of music, will direct the choir in the anthem, "Lamb of God" by Christiansen.

6:30 Junior Christian Endeavor



One can not live the Christian life in isolation, for the fundamental virtue is love, love of God. The two great commandments to love God with all the heart, mind, and soul, and our neighbor as ourselves, can not be obeyed unless that love is expressed to others and with others. Love presupposes reciprocal relations. The abandonment of these relations is in it.

self the forsaking of Christian love. One can not conceive of love in the home where each member lives apart from the other members. The church is the family of God, and to live apart from the family of God is to discount and even annul the church. Why not accept the invitation and come to church next Sunday?

—The Rev. D. Carl Yoder.

and Youth Fellowship. 7:30 Evangelistic service with gospel singing and message by Reverend Swenson.

Our Evangelistic services continue this week with services each night at 7:30, except Saturday. All members and friends of the church are urged to attend. Your life will be richly blessed.

The Builders Class will meet Friday night after church for the monthly business meeting and election of officers.

The Cottage Prayer service at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday will be at the home of Mr. Sam Howard, with Mrs. Hitchcock leader.

The Thursday prayer service will be at Mr. and Mrs. William Pennington's, with Mrs. Richard Shaffer leader.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN**  
Traverse W. Chandler, minister

Worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a piano prelude by Mrs. William Bauman.

The ministers sermon will be on the theme of "Who is This?" The choir will sing the anthem "Open The Gates of the Temple," by Aure.

The reading of communion meditations, followed by the observance of the Lord's Supper.

The first day of the week is a memorial day to a faithful Christian. It is a day he looks forward to as that day when he will be able to join his fellow worshiper to break bread and to pray.

The Junior church members will worship with the adults this Lord's day.

Bible school at 10:30 a.m. Gerald Strickler, Supt. and Everett Faulkner, assistant. Lesson: Intercessory Prayer, as Jesus was approaching His crucifixion and His heart went out to His disciples.

6:00 Sunday evening Christian Youth Fellowship.

Wednesday, the Official Board meets at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

The Lydia Ruth Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Homer Ruhl, with Mrs. Traverse Chandler, leading in the worship services and presenting the program.

Choir rehearsal Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Let us pray for the Easter season, that it may be a time of deep spiritual enriching in our lives and a time when others find Christ.

Come to church and receive a blessing.

**MISSIONARY CHURCH**  
Tenth and Dayton St.  
H. J. Welty, Minister

9:00-10:30 Unified Service. Ralph Myers, General Supt. Junior Church with Imogene Palmer and David Zimmerman in charge.

Adult service will observe Communion.

Duet, Rev. and Mrs. Welty. Message, "Facing The Cross." 7:00 Children's Gospel Hour.

7:00 Teen-Age M.Y.F. David Zimmerman in charge.

7:00 Senior M.Y.F. Lester Strahm in charge.

7:30 Evening Evangelistic Hour. Hymn Sing and Chorus Time. Message, "Service of Love."

9:00 Community Hymn sing with David Zimmerman in charge. Everyone is invited!

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