

Lesson Prayer:

We are grateful for the religious training of childhood and youth; we pray that home religion shall increase and religious teachings shall dominate everywhere that a generation of courageous and stalwart men and women shall be in the coming generation. May such positive thinking and living prevail that all evil forces will be overcome.

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CREAMED COMMENTS On S.S. Lesson

Daniel was trained to live a simple life, basing his conduct on faith in God. He was chosen with a few other promising young men from the captives from Judah to be given special training for services in the Babylonian kingdom. While in training, fine foods and wine were offered but Daniel declined, asking for simple food of vegetables and fruit. After strong appeals, his desire was granted and as a result, he was superior to the others physically, mentally and spiritually. During a hilarious feast, Belshazzar was troubled by a handwriting on the wall which could not be deciphered by special interpreters. The queen suggested that Daniel be called; the account of this interview is the lesson for today.

V. 17. "Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let the gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation." Daniel was free from mercenary interests; his motive was to tell the truth clearly.

V. 18. "O thou king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour." This young man dared to say that God was the source of all the power and success of Nebuchadnezzar and had to take God into account though he might not have known it.

V. 19. "And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him; whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up, and whom he would he put down." His father was an absolute monarch; a despot; having no constitutional government, he assumed all authority and was ruthless in his rule. It may be implied that an exception was now taking place.

V. 20. "But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne and they took his glory from him." For the time being, Nebuchadnezzar apparently

Our Preacher Says:

Moral courage is obeying one's conscience and doing what one believes to be right, in the face of a hostile majority; and moral cowardice is stifling one's conscience and doing what is less than right to win other people's favor.

Discussion on Questions & Answers Lesson

1. How account for the courage of Daniel?
2. What were some of the good habits of Daniel?
3. What were some of the outstanding sins of Belshazzar?
4. Why is the general public unaware of the evils of intoxicating drinks?
5. How will the liquor problem be solved?

Help us always to be on Thy side, then we can wait for the outcome. —Clara Yoder.

Labor disgraces no man. Grant.

ruled out God when the Israelites were taken captive; he became proud and made himself unwanted and was deposed by his own people. Without God, individuals and nations will fail. Daniel's speech ought to have produced conviction.

V. 21. "And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses; they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and what he appointed over whomever he will." Note how long God chastized the former king; but finally the will of God emerged; it will always be so. The present king was given stunning blows by the simple truths of history and which are now being repeated.

V. 22. "And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knowest all this." Barnes says this verse means "We ought to derive valuable lessons from what has happened in the past; we should learn what God approves and what he disapproves; we should avoid the course that has brought disaster." Here is a good teaching pride is a delusion and humility is the starting point of all success.

V. 23. "But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunken wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, and of brass iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know; and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified." Some of the king's sins were pride, a sacrilegious attitude, worship of wealth, idolatry and the ignoring of God. To glorify God in all things is the real rule of life.

V. 24-28. In these verses, Daniel proceeded to give the interpretation of the handwriting on the wall. "God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it; thou art weighed in the balances and found wanting; thy kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians." Without God, the king failed miserably. For where God then, evil forces will take over. It does not have the right of way, is at this point where the lesson of drinking liquor comes in.

Do You Know?

1. On what occasion did the disciples say, "Is it I?"
2. By what sign did Judas betray Jesus?
3. When was a hymn sung in connection with the Lord's supper?
4. Who said, "Though all shall offend yet will not I?"
5. Finish the sentence, "Nevertheless not what I will . . ."

Do You Know Answered

1. At the time of the Lord's supper.
2. By a kiss.
3. Just before Jesus went to Gethsemane.
4. Peter.
5. ". . . but what thou wilt."

CLERICUS SAYS:

"Laws of health or well-being operate relentlessly in all areas of life. One enjoys well-being and contributes to the well-being of others only as he lives according to them in his own life. He must be disciplined in all his relationships in order to live significantly."

Without God, everything goes wrong. —Clara Yoder.

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9:15 Sunday School, Lester Sundling, Supt. Classes for all ages.

10:30 Morning Worship service. Rev. Albert Swenson, guest minister. Special music. Nursery for infants and small children.

Our Guest Preacher this morning is the Rev. Albert Swenson. Mr. Swenson is of the E. U. B. church conference, and is now serving as an evangelist. Mr. Swenson will fill the pulpit until August 28th when the Rev. and Mrs. Ray J. Walther will return from vacation.

Welcome Guests. We are glad to have you worship with us. Please remain a moment that your neighbor might visit with you and sign our Guest Book that our Pastor might know you too.
Monday, Trustee's meeting.

ZION

Third and Jackson

William C. Feller, Pastor

Church School at 9:00 a.m. Richard Schafer, superintendent. The entire school will meet in the downstairs assembly room. Mrs. Raymond Harrison will present a chalk talk during the lesson period.

Divine Worship at 10:00 a.m. Sermon by the pastor: "The Whole Armor of God." Special music will be presented by Mrs. Leroy Rich, who will sing, "All Alone" by C. Austin Miles. Visitors are always welcome in this service. Come and worship with us.

Synod final junior camp will open at Camp Talah Sunday afternoon. Attending the camp from this church will be, Mary Eichenauer, Mary Ellen Houk, Candace Johnson and Steven Hazelwood.
The Phoebe Bible class will not meet in August.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Stuart Brightwell, Pastor

9:15 a. m. Sunday School, Don Slinger, Supt. Classes for all ages. If you do not attend elsewhere, we welcome you.

10:30 a. m. Morning Service. Special music by the Centralaires. Sermon by the Pastor.

7:30 p. m. Evening Service. Monday, 7:30 p. m. Sunday school teacher's meeting. Important for all to attend.

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Mid-week service of Prayer and Bible study.

FIRST METHODIST

W. Monroe at Fifth Street

Virgil Wesley Sexton, Minister
8 a. m. Worship service for the Boy Scouts. This is a special service for the Decatur Boy Scouts and Scouters prior to leaving for Beaver Island, Michigan.

A meditation by the pastor will be on the theme "The Boy Scout Oath." The parents and families of the Scouts are invited to this service.

9 a. m. Church school. John Ebersole, assistant general superintendent, will be in charge. Classes for all ages.

10 a. m. Divine Worship. The pastor will preach on the theme, "Unfinished Business." The service will open with the prelude "Chancel Echoes" by Nordman, with Mrs. Edgar Gerber at the organ. Mrs. Walter Krick will sing the solo, "Lord, I Live in Thee" by Adair. Robert and Earl Sprague are attending Older Youth Week-end at Epworth Forest on Lake Webster.

There will be no Official Board meeting during the month of August.

UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST

Nuttman Ave.

Paul D. Parker, Minister

Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Lawrence Michel is the Superintendent. Frank Lundin is the Asst. Superintendent. There are classes for all ages.

Morning Worship service, 10:30. Sermon, "A True Conversion." Reception of members.

Christian Endeavor, 7:00 p. m. Fellowship and study groups for all ages.

Evening evangelistic service, 7:30 p. m. Songs and choruses you love to sing. Sermon, "The Power That Transforms." Prayer and Bible study, Wednesday, 7:30.

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H. J. Welty, Pastor

9:00 Sunday School Hour. Ralph Myers, Gen. Supt. Lester Strahm, Junior Supt. Mrs. Schilling, Primary Supt.

Classes for all age groups. You are invited to study God's Word with us!

10:00 Morning Worship. Girls trio will sing.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brown will give a special number in song. Message, Rev. Carl Brown. Rev. Brown has been an instructor at the Ft. Wayne Bible College for a number of years. Rev. and Mrs. Brown will leave this fall to serve as Missionaries to Haiti.

7:00 Children's Gospel Hour. Mrs. Ideline in charge.

7:00 Teen-Age MYF. Mr. Von-Guten in charge.

7:00 Adult Fellowship. Lester Strahm, in charge.

7:30 Evening Gospel Hour. Hymn sing and chorus time. Solo, Mrs. Carl Lichtenberger. Special number in song by the Browns. Message, Rev. Carl Brown.

Wednesday, 7:30 Bible Study and Prayer meeting. Z. Z. McClure in charge.

If you have no church home we urge you to worship with us!

CHURCH OF CHRIST

12th & Washington St.

DAVID SLAGLE, EVANGELIST

9:30 a. m. morning worship and Lord's Supper. Message: "The Thief on the Cross — Saved or Unsaved?"

10:30 a. m. Bible school time. Lee Moser, Bible school Supt. Classes and teachers for all ages. Our regular 7:30 p. m. evening service is being dismissed because of the Bible school picnic which follows immediately after Bible school.

There will be a devotional program to follow the picnic. Bring a basket dinner and enjoy the fellowship with us.

7:30 p. m. Wednesday evening prayer meeting and Bible study. We are continuing the study of II Cor. Read the 6th chapter, bring your Bibles and study with us.

Everyone is invited to every service of the Church of Christ where Christ's name is exalted above every name.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Traverse W. Chandler, minister

Morning worship begins at 9:30 a. m. with the prelude by Mrs. William Bauman. Communion meditations and the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper. The topic of the ministers' sermon will be "Hope Thou in God."

Junior church at 9:30 a. m. in the lower sanctuary.

Bible school hour 10:30 a. m. Everett Faulkner, Supt. Gerald Strickler, assistant.

Visitors are invited and we extend a special invitation to the members of the Reppert Auction school class to worship with us.

Two little boys were overheard by a nurse in a children's ward discussing their hospital experiences.

Said one: "Are you medical or surgical?"

The other shook his head. "I don't know what you mean," he said.

The first little boy looked scornfully at his friend. He had been a patient in the ward for many weeks.

"Were you sick when you came," he persisted, "or did they make you sick after you came?"

The dynamic usually prevails over the static; the active over the passive. —Dulles.

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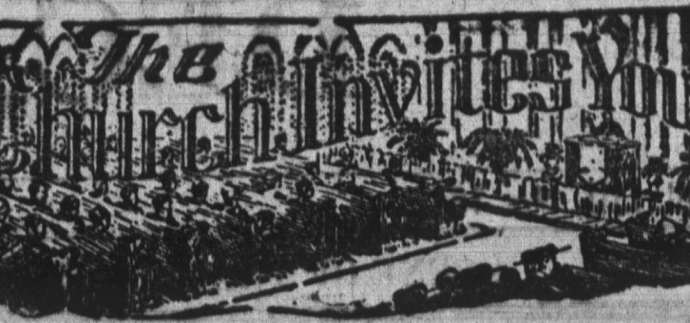
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Many books have been written on child training which are very good. But the simple and best plan of child training is to get more mother (provided she is a good mother) into the child. The mother love embraces the child, guides its steps, feeds and clothes it, and is ever on the alert that no evil may harm it. The child's full co-operation with the mother love will assure good training. All children are born innocent, pure, fit for the kingdom of God; Jesus meant just that when he said, "Suffer the children to come unto me." But too many children, when they grow up, forget God and wander into sin. The training needed is like the little child who needs its mother love regnant within. God is "Our Father" whose name is love, whose ambassador is Christ with the stamp, "God so loved." Behold, he stands at the door and knocks. The church presents Christ. Why not accept the invitation and Come To CHURCH next Sunday? —The Rev. Carl D. Yoder.

World Religious News

According to Dr. T.G. Tsiang chief of the Chinese delegation of the United Nations, more than 15,000,000 were executed and some 20,000,000 others died of famine or killed themselves during a two-year period.

India, with a population of 43,000,000 Moslems, is the third largest Moslem country in the world. Indonesia and Pakistan are first and second, respectively.

The research department of the National Council of Churches says that the population of the United States is steadily shifting from the interior to the East and West Coasts, the Gulf coast, and the Great Lakes region. Since the people are increasingly moving to the cities and their suburbs, nearly half of the 1950 population was concentrated in 157 urbanized areas. This means that if Protestantism is to measure up to demands of a moving nation, it will have to build and staff 1,000 new churches.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. Harris of Pendleton, Oregon, have given their multimillion dollar furniture and lumber manufacturing business to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The estimated value of the gift, said to be the largest ever received by the church, is between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000. Mr. Harris explained the gift by saying: "We decided years ago that the Bible meant what it said, tithing has always been a basic tenet of the Christian faith. We have tried to be faithful in our dealings with the Lord and he has given us far more than we deserve. Now we are giving our entire business to him."

The Better Way

Surrendering Some Sovereignty. Mistakenly we have thought that for us as a nation to surrender some of our unlimited national sovereignty to a world order would involve us in world conflict. The very opposite has been the case. Having refused to surrender some of our unlimited national sovereignty to a world order with power to adjudicate rights and to enforce decisions, we have found ourselves drawn into world conflicts, conflicts in which our real sovereignty in its highest sense came very near to being destroyed.

If civilization is to survive, there must come a world order to which all of the nations are willing to surrender some of their sovereignty, in exchange for a society that will be characterized by orderly government and not by anarchy.

In human affairs, the non-material spiritual element is more important than the material. —Dulles

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