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Clericus says: "God is willing to give even more than we ask or think, if we but come to him and thank him through our surrender and obedient will. There are many ways in which we can show our gratitude to God for his goodness to us, but the first way is to yield ourselves completely to him."

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Creamed Comments
ON S.S. LESSON

Creamed comments on the Sunday school lesson, Jesus Teaches Gratitude, Luke 17:11-19, for Sunday, February 5.—Rev. D. Carl Yoder.

Gratitude is the very essence of Christianity. Ingratitude dulls the spiritual vision so that one can not see God's blessings. Gratitude clears the vision and, seeing the many rich blessings, sees back of them the goodness and love of God, and this causes him to praise and worship God. Christian influence is increased by one who is grateful, for others see in him such Christian expressions which lead them to believe in the Lord. A sour, disgruntled, ungrateful professing Christian drives people away from him and creates doubt about the claims of Christ.

V.11. "And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee." Jesus was on his last journey to Jerusalem; others despised the Samaritans but not so with Jesus. He traveled through Samaria several times, caring for the Samaritans as well as all others.

V.12. "And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers who stood afar off." The most incurable, the most dreaded of all diseases, was leprosy. Those having this loathsome disease were outcasts, living in leper colonies; no one dared come near them; they were compelled to cry out, "Unclean, unclean" when any one approached them. Leprosy is a type of sin.

V.13. "And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus Master, have mercy on us." The news of Jesus had spread throughout the country, reaching even these isolated men; they were in great need, which is an absolute element in any one who seeks the Lord. Need does not come easy to those in health, financially independent, and in comfort. They are slow to feel the need of a Saviour; sin is such a spiritual anaesthetic that unconsciously many are spiritually dead; it takes an awakening to bring them to their senses. But when the real need arises, there emerges a prayer to the Lord and a cry goes up to God for mercy.

V.14. "And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go show yourselves to the priests. And it came to pass as they went, they were healed." God hears and answers prayer. Jesus knew their disease. He recognized in these men some faith; when possible, Jesus operated under the Mosaic law. He honored the priests whose duty it was to pass judgment in cases of leprosy. All things are possible with God and so these lepers were healed as they walked on their way to see the priests. Imagine the feelings that came upon them as they saw their decaying bodies changed into a healthy state; the work of the Lord as seen in saving souls from the leprosy of sin produces joy and ought to result in sincere thanksgiving. Here is where Christian experience comes in.

V.15. "And one of them, when he saw he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice, glorified God." All men have faith in God; but there are differences in people's faith. The devils believe and tremble. Respectable men have that sort of faith. But there is a saving faith as seen in the leper that turned back and glorified God. A mere intellectual element is found in little faith. The

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221 South Fourth Street
Stuart H. Brightwell, pastor
9:15 a.m. Sunday school hour.
James Strickler, superintendent.
We have a class for every age group.

10:30 a.m., morning worship.
"God's Call to His People" is to be the sermon subject. Anthem by the choir will be "The Church Wherein I Worship."
6:30 p.m., Baptist Youth Fellowship. Adult Fellowship.
7:30 p.m., evening gospel hour.

You are cordially invited to worship with us, if you do not attend another church or Sunday school. You will receive a friendly welcome.
Monday, 7:30 p.m., monthly meeting of the church board.
Wednesday, 7 p.m., hour of power prayer service, 8 p.m., choir rehearsal.

Discussion on Questions & Answers
Discussion questions on the Sunday school lesson, Jesus Teaches Gratitude, for Sunday, February 5.

1. Why is ingratitude a sin?
2. What are the good effects of gratitude to the soul?
3. If all men have some faith in God, why are not all saved?
4. In what ways is leprosy a type of sin?
5. What causes men to thank God and worship him?

Lesson Prayer:

Lesson prayer: We pray that we may be made conscious of the heinousness of sin so profoundly that it will cause us to truly cry for God's mercy. Stir our hearts, O God, to make such a full surrender to thee that there will naturally flow out of our lives real gratitude. We want above every thing else to learn how to worship thee in spirit and in truth.

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will element enters the saving faith; this faith reaches the Lord and results in a spiritual transformation, which expresses itself in glorifying God. This thought is expressed in the following verse. Note that this man was a Samaritan, a member of the despised society.

V.17. "And Jesus answering, said, Where were not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" There is a pattern in this question. Having cleansed the nine, their sense of gratitude was wanting. They failed to act, to use their will power, in seeking him as a healer of the spiritual sin of leprosy.

V.18.19. "There are not found they that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole." Salvation by faith needs to be expressed in good works; hence, the Master said, "Arise and Go."

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Sunday School

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Very Rev. Msgr. Seimetz, pastor
6 a.m., First Mass.
7:30 a.m., Low Mass.
9 a.m., Children's Mass.
10:15 a.m., High Mass.
Weekday Mass, 7:20 a.m.
Holy Communion Sundays.
First Sunday, the Rosary Society.

Second Sunday, Holy Name Society.
Third Sunday, the Catholic Ladies of Columbia.
Fourth Sunday, Children of Mary.

ZION LUTHERAN
West Monroe and Eleventh Street
Edgar P. Schmidt, pastor
"Timothy—a Noble Son," is the Sermon theme of the pastor for both the 8 and 10:30 o'clock services Sunday morning. The attendance last week was 426 at worship and 298 in Bible school. Your presence tomorrow will help the figures reach 450 and 325, respectively.

The choir will appear at the 10:30 service, singing, "Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes," by Thomas Atwood. David Embler will direct.

Sunday school classes for children and Bible study groups for high school students, young people, and adults all meet at 9:15 o'clock. We invite you to join a Bible study group while your children enroll in Sunday school.

A meeting of pastors and congregational membership secretaries of the Decatur Circuit will have a Lutheran Laymen's Membership kiosk-off meeting Sunday night in the Zion Parish Hall.

The Pastor's adult lecture course on Christian doctrine will be given Monday evening at 7:30. Walther League Zone Executive board meeting Monday at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Choir rehearsal Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The Hannah Altar Guild meets Thursday at 2 p.m. in the church. The board of elders, deacons, trustees, and finance meet Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. Council meets at 7:45.

The Junior Confirmation class meets Tuesday at 3:45 p.m., and Saturday at 8 a.m. Saturday school at 9:15 a.m.

The Zion Adult club meets Sunday evening, Feb. 5.
The holy season of Lent begins Ash Wednesday, February 15. Zion Lutheran church will conduct two mid-week Lenten services again this year, both on Wednesday evenings, at 7 and 8:15 o'clock. Plan now to keep the Wednesday evenings of Lent open. The first services will be conducted Ash Wednesday evening, February 15.

J. Edgar Hoover said: "I have been profoundly impressed with the fact that 'churchgoing people' are the most substantial group of people in the nation."—Let us help you join them.

TRINITY
Evangelical United Brethren
Madison at Ninth Street
John E. Chambers, minister

9:15 a.m., Sunday school; Clifford Hoveman, general superintendent. We continue our participation in the nation-wide church attendance crusade leading up to Easter.

10:30 a.m., morning worship; message by Rev. W. H. Kirkpatrick, pastor of the Church of God. Clara Ellen Hitchcock is organist and Walter Henkel will direct the choir in the anthem, "Sun of My Soul" by Ritter.

6:30 p.m., boys and girls fellowship and youth fellowship.
7:30 p.m., the evening service with echoes of the conclave by the youth, and message, "The Mountain-top of Decision" by the pastor.

The committee for the United Crusade will meet after the evening service.
Wednesday, 7 p.m., mid-week services, 8 p.m., choir rehearsal, including all youth fellowship members who will sing Youth Sunday, February 5.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Ladies Aid meeting at the church.
Friday, 7:30 p.m., church-wide skating party sponsored by the Youth Fellowship.
Sunday morning, February 5—

the youth will have charge of the morning worship service.

UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST
Nuttman Avenue
Paul D. Parker, minister
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Lawrence Michel, general superintendent. If you are not a regular attendant in Sunday school, bring the family and let us fellowship and study the Bible together.

Morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. Sermon, "The Cure For Fear." There will be a conference wide Christian Endeavor rally Sunday afternoon at 2:45. Dr. D. W. Rash of Huntington will be the guest speaker. The public is invited.

Local Christian endeavor service, 7 p.m.
Evening evangelistic service, 7:30 p.m. Good singing, sermon: "Impure Religion."
Prayer and Bible study, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
You are welcome to attend these services.

FIRST METHODIST
W. Monroe at Fifth Street
Virgil Wesley Sexton, minister

9:30 a.m., church school. Adult church school classes will assemble in the sanctuary for a combined meeting with Richard Reahard as the leader. The children's classes will assemble in the recreation room and Mrs. Reahard will lead their lesson on the American Indian. There will be a display of Indian handicraft in the lecture room throughout the day.

The membership class will not meet this Sunday, but will meet for the service in the sanctuary. Supervised nursery for toddlers and a crib room for babies.

10:20 a.m., divine worship. The leaders for our World Outlook day will be Mr. and Mrs. Reahard, now students at North Manchester College and former missionaries at the Yuma Indian Mission. They will lead a service for the Women's Society of Christian Service at 2 o'clock with the women of the county and city churches as guests. During the morning worship service the choir, under the direction of Leland Neuen, will sing the anthem "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" by W. L. Thompson. Organ selections by Mrs. Edgar Gerber will be "The Cross of Glory" by Lorenz, "Melody in G" by R. A. Smith, and "Postlude in C" by Kern. The public is invited to all services.

6 p.m., senior and intermediate youth groups will meet in the chapel with Mr. and Mrs. Reahard in charge of the service.

Wednesday, 7 p.m., choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., mid-week service in Memorial Chapel.

Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Wesley Class Blue and White Banquet in recreation room. 7:30 p.m., Ever Ready class meeting in church lounge with Mrs. Gail Baughman, Mrs. Virgil Krick and Mrs. Henry Heller as hostesses.

BETHANY

Evangelical United Brethren
Benj. G. Thomas, minister
Speak to your neighbor and fellow worker and invite him and his family to your church and church school. Let us make Decatur a church-going city.

9 a.m., Sunday school. Richard Maloney, superintendent.
10 a.m., divine worship. Anthem "Come, Worship Him." Sermon: "Partnership with God."

6 p.m., youth fellowship. The committee on Stewardship and Evangelism is in charge.

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., prayer service, youth choir rehearsal, 8:45 p.m., monthly meeting of the administrative council.

Thursday: The W.S.W.S. units will meet as follows: Unit No. 1, 7:30 p.m., at home of Mrs. Eva Hunter with Mrs. Fred McConnell as program chairman; Unit No. 2, 2 p.m., at home of Mrs. Edna Hammond with Mrs. Clarice Brunngraff leading the program; Unit No. 3, 2 p.m., at home of Mrs. Wm. Lina with Mrs. Glenn Maudier as leader; Unit No. 4, 7:30 p.m., at home of Mrs. Arthur Beeler, Mrs. Wm. Christen is program chairman.

CHURCH OF GOD

628 Cleveland Street
W. H. Kirkpatrick, pastor
8:30 a.m., "Christian Brotherhood Hour" heard over WKJG, 1380 KC.

9:30 a.m., morning worship hour. The theme of the service being, "The Help that Heals."
10:30 a.m., classes for all ages, Mary Hazelwood, S. S. Supt.

1 p.m., "Christian Brotherhood Hour," 800 KC.

7:30 p.m., Sunday evening evangelistic service in full charge of the youth. This is the beginning of youth week. The Christian sound film, "This Thy Son" will be shown after a challenging devotional. The film depicts a "modern prodigal son".
7:30 p.m., Wednesday, very important congregational meeting. Every member needed to help with answers to the questions before us. Besides the many interests, a film will be shown which you will not want to miss.

Next Saturday and Sunday the youth present the Harmonette Girls Trio from Anderson College, and Don DeBolt, as guest speaker. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

MISSIONARY

Tenth and Dayton Street
H. J. Welty, pastor
9 a.m., Sunday school hour. Ralph Myers, general supt. Zearl McClure, assistant supt.

Classes for all age groups.
10 a.m., morning worship hour. Men's quartet composed of Myron Hart, Lawrence VonGuten, Paul Harden, and Ralph Myers will sing. Message: "Jesus' First Disciples."

7 p.m., all group meetings will be combined to have the Teen-Age MYF present a special program in music.

7:30 p.m., evening gospel hour. Hymn sing and chorus time. This is National MYF day in our Missionary churches. There will be several young people giving special numbers in song. Message: "Jesus Begins His Ministry."

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Bible study and prayer groups.
Listen to Sunrise Chapel over WKJG each morning at 7:30, presented by the Ft. Wayne Bible college.

There is a warm Christian welcome for you to worship with us if you have no church home.

ZION

Evangelical and Reformed
Third and Jackson Streets
William C. Feller, pastor

Church school at 9 a.m. Laverne Roth, superintendent. Let us have every member of your family in a lass every Sunday.

Divine worship at 10 a.m. This is youth Sunday throughout the denomination. Young people will participate in the service. The call to worship will be given by Kathryn Goetz. Jerry Kaehr will read the Scripture and the responsive prayer will be led by Jane Murphy. Ushers will be Terry Murphy, Doyle Egly, Gordon Snyder and Ronald Robinson. The sermon will be given by the pastor on the youth Sunday theme: "Our Citizenship Under Christ." The youth choir will sing, "The Temple of My Heart" by Chester. All members of the church are invited to be present. Visitors are always welcome.

Members of the women's guild are invited to the Methodist church at 2 p.m. to hear Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reahard, missionaries to the Yuma Indians.

The Chi Rho class will have a carry-in supper at 5 p.m. Sunday. Youth choir rehearsal on Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

Senior choir rehearsal on Wednesday at 7 p.m.
The women's guild meeting on Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. will take the form of a Valentine Tea. A special program is planned.

Heidelberg class meeting on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the church parlor.
Catechetical classes on Saturday morning: seniors at 9, juniors at 10 a.m.
Come and worship with us.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

12th & Washington Street
David Slagle, evangelist
9:30 a.m., Lord's Supper and preaching service: The worship hour, "Will God Spare You?" is the message for the preaching service. Will you be among those who will be surprised on judgment day to wake up to the fact that your salvation has not been made sure by the blood of Christ?

19:30 a.m., Bible school time. Lee Moser, supt. Classrooms and classes for all ages.
7:30 p.m., evening evangelistic service. Message: "The Glorious Gospel." What makes this Gospel so important?

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, prayer meeting and Bible study. We continue our study of II Cor. Bring your Bible and join us.
Everyone is welcome to every service of the Church of Christ.

FIRST CHRISTIAN

Traverse W. Chandler, minister
Morning worship begins at 9:30 a.m. with the prelude by Mrs. William Bauman. Communion meditation and the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. The topic of the minister's sermon will be "The Challenge." Scripture lesson: Romans 1:1-17. Text I Thess 2:4.

The choir under the direction of Mrs. Gerald Strickler will sing "Along the River of Time". Root Junior church at 9:30 a.m. in the lower sanctuary. Mrs. Roy Stucky will be in charge of the lesson.

Bible school hour at 10:30 a.m. Everett Faulkner, supt., Gerald Strickler, assistant.
Junior choir practice at 6:30 p.m. and adult choir at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

You are invited to worship with us.

First Presbyterian Church

Mercer Ave. at Five Points
Rev. Ray J. Walther, Pastor
Sabbath Services:
9:15 a.m. Sunday school. Royal Friend, superintendent.

10:30 a.m. Morning Service. Special youth service. Wayne Flora, speaker. Anthem, "Softly and Tenderly." Mrs. Clark Mayclin, directing.

"Our Citizenship Under Christ" is the theme of this service by the youth for youth.

Calendar of Church Events
Sunday:
11:45 a.m. Called congregation at meeting.

4:00 p.m. Westminster Fellowship to leave for Youth Rally at Huntington (19 will attend).

4:30 p.m. Junior Fellowship. Mrs. Roland Ladd will lead the group this evening in "Digging into the Bible." We are grateful to Mrs. Ladd and Mrs. Gay for their fine sponsorship of the group for the month of January.

6:00 p.m. No Westminster Fellowship.
Wednesday:
9:00-10:45 a.m. Bible Study. Mrs. Ray Walther, leader. Chapter 3 & 4 of "Way and Wayfarer." Rev. Walther will open with a discussion of "Predestination."

6:00 p.m. Westminster Choir Practice.
7:00 p.m. Senior Choir Practice.
8:00-9:45 p.m. Bible Study. Mrs. Ray Walther, leader.

Thursday:
6:00 p.m. No Basketball practice.

NEWS

Miss Harriet Blanding will be our guest on Thursday, February 9, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss with the teachers and parents, the problems related to the Sunday School Curriculum as used in our Church.

Miss Blanding is competent in that she comes as a publication's division field representative for the board of Christian education as well as several years as a synod ass't. field director.
Miss Blanding is sent into our state as a service of the board which publishes our S. S. materials with a hope that each church family, teachers, and parents, may learn of the board's hopes in the materials, as well as to discover just how parents and teachers feel about these materials. Each

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Seventh and Marshall
C. E. Lykins, pastor
Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Jesse Edgell, supt. Juniors in charge of Mrs. George Anspaugh.

Worship service at 10:30 a.m. Sermon by the pastor.
N.Y.P.S. at 6:45 p.m. Gene Bebout, president.

Evangelistic service at 7:30 p.m. Sermon by the pastor.
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. George Anspaugh will be in charge.

The pastor will be speaking in Youth Week services at the Nelson St. Church of the Nazarene Wednesday through Sunday.

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