

Our Preacher Says:

Character is like the foundation of a house — it is below the surface. So is God's work obscure. Ninety per cent of every harvest is God's work and only 10 per cent man's. The farmer's work is all above the soil; he plows, he sows, he cultivates, where all can see what he is doing. God's part of the work is under the soil, where no one can see it. Whether visible or not, character is the one thing that endures.



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**Creamed
Comments
On
Lesson**

Creamed Comments on the Sunday School Lesson, Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled, John 14:1-14, for Sunday, December. — The Rev. D. Carl Foder.

This lesson had its setting just at the close of The Last Supper when Jesus gave words of comfort to his bewildered and troubled disciples in the face of his impending separation from them. He wanted them to have confidence and hope in the realization that He was the way of life, the truth by which men can learn the way, and the life in which the way finally emerges. Our most frenzied quest is for peace of mind. The Christian peace of mind results from an inflowing of the divine spirit which produces inner calm and strength. V. 1. "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me." Trouble cannot be banished merely by will. Will is essential, but it is the will to believe in Christ that counts. No true Christian should allow himself to worry and be troubled, since we are not left alone in a hostile world. God is with us, if we will believe in Him and trust Him.

Vs. 2, 3. "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. . . that where I am, there ye may be also." God offers us the choice of many mansions or abiding places in our lifetime. All the redeemed of the world will eventually dwell in the heavenly mansions. The fulfillment of that heavenly kingdom required the atonement and resurrection of Jesus to enshrine Him as our mediator, redeemer and king.

V. 4. "And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." Christ told his disciples repeatedly he must suffer, die and rise again. He must lay down his life, that he might take it up again.

V. 5. "Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whether thou goest; and how can we know the way?" Thomas was typical of those who will believe only if they see. There is no sin in sincere questioning. Doubt like that of Thomas is a search for truth. The disciples had walked with Jesus but not known him, talked to him but heard him not. So today, many nominal Christians are so filled with their own hopes and desires that there is no room for Christ himself.

V. 6. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Jesus indicates He is the way to God. By his words, his attitudes, his faith, his way of living, any honest soul can know the Father.

V. 7. "If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also; and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him." Jesus is the supreme revelation of God. The words of Jesus have the authority of God. Christ is the incarnation of the Father, working his will in the world.

Vs. 8, 9. "Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father and it sufficeth us: Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?" It was not additional instruction Philip needed, but the actual learning of the lesson that the Son was the revelation of the Father. Here was a subtle rebuke to the disciples for their blindness in failing to realize this truth.

Vs. 10, 11. "Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of my-

self, but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works." In these two verses Jesus called attention to the two evidences of his identity, his words and his works. With such long association with him, his words should have been enough, but if not, his works proved his identity. His life was a revelation of the Father as were his words and works.

V. 12. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." History has proven that while Christ made a great impression on his comparatively small world, his followers, with the help of His spirit, have made even greater achievements.

Vs. 13, 14. "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. . . If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." The essential element in all prayer is not gratification of our needs but the glory of God.

The American Bible society has published nearly 500,000,000 volumes of the Scriptures during its 140-year history, according to a report made in New York at the society's annual meeting.

Frank Carlson, U.S. Senator from Kansas, was re-elected president of International Council for Christian Leadership at its annual meeting in The Hague. Laymen from twenty countries attended the sessions, which were opened by Princess Wilhelmina of the Netherlands.

The Evangelical Church in Saxony, one of the largest Eastern German churches, reported that although Communists tried hard to urged their form of "dedication" upon the youth, only 2,000 children of the state participated in the Soviet rites while 49,000 were confirmed by the church.

Howard R. Moody, director of student activities for the Ohio Baptist Convention, says that campuses of colleges and universities in the United States are the most fertile missionary fields in the world. He says that 40 per cent of the 2,500,000 college students today have no church affiliation and he thinks it is difficult to say how active in church work the other 60 per cent are.

Representatives of 3,000 orthodox synagogues — leading rabbis — met in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on October 25-28 for the National Biennial Convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. The convention marked the 58th anniversary of the organization, which represents orthodox synagogues serving more than 3,000,000 Jews throughout the United States and Canada.

A priceless Dutch Bible printed in 1661 was flown to the United States recently as a gift to the people of this country from an elderly Dutch gentleman, Nicholas van der May, who served with the United States army in the Panish-American war. The Bible was on display during National Bible week and later was turned over to the city of New York for permanent display at the New York Historical Society. Mr. van der May offered this old Bible, which he loves, as a gesture of appreciation and friendship toward America.



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Very Rev. Msgr. Selmetz, 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 CHURCH
West Monroe & Eleventh Streets
Edgar P. Schmidt, Pastor
The Church With Carillon Bells
Worship services — 8 and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school and Bible Class — 9:15 a.m.
"The Chosen People of Christ," John 15, 16, is the sermon theme of the pastor for Sunday, the last Sunday of the Christian church-year, observed at Zion as Stewardship and Loyalty Sunday.

A canvass of every home of the parish will be made Sunday afternoon. Members, old and young, are asked to remain at home until the canvassers have called on them.

Members chosen by the Board of Finance to serve as canvassers will be commissioned at each service by the pastor.
Clothing collected for World Relief will be taken to Fort Wayne on Monday morning by Donald Reinking in the Reinking Garage truck. Articles may be brought until 9 o'clock Monday.

The monthly Decatur Circuit pastoral conference will be held Monday afternoon at Immanuel Church, Union Township.

The Walther League Zone executive board will meet at the Parish Hall Monday evening at eight o'clock.

The Stewardship Council meets Tuesday evening at seven o'clock. Choir rehearsal Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Sunday school teachers' staff meets Thursday at 7 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday school meets next Saturday at 9:15 for all grades.

The annual meeting of the congregation with election of officers and annual reports will be held Sunday, December 2, at 1:30 p.m. A Walther League meeting with business and an education topic led by Janice Aumann and Delores Schroeder will be held December 2nd at 4 p.m.

The annual Christmas Party of the Zion Club is planned for December 2nd with a pot-luck supper beginning at 5:30 p.m. Committee requests those who attend to bring 50c gift exchange.

Special midweek Advent Vespers will be conducted on three Thursday evenings in December, the 6th, 13th, and 20th, the services beginning at 7 o'clock.

The non-church public is cordially invited to worship at the Lutheran Church and to enroll in its Sunday school and Bible classes.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
221 South Fourth Street
Stuart H. Brightwell, Pastor
9:15 a.m. Sunday School Hour.
James J. Strickler, Supt.
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service.
Sermon topic: The Supreme Beatitude.
Anthem by choir: Love Divine.
Organist: George Myers.
Director: Mrs. Eugene Lehman.
6:30 p.m. Baptist Youth Fellowship.
7:30 p.m. Evening Gospel Hour. The American Bible Society film "The Formation of the Bible" will be shown. There will be special music.
You are invited to the services of our church. You will receive a cordial Christian welcome.
This Week in Our Church
Monday 7:30 p.m. Monthly business meeting of the Church Board.
7:30 p.m. The Girl's Guild will meet at the parsonage.
Tuesday — Baptist Youth Fellowship Rally at Muncie.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Hour of Prayer and Bible study.
8:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal.

FIRST CHRISTIAN
Traverse W. Chandler, minister.
Morning worship begins at 9:30

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a.m. with the prelude by Mrs. Glen Borchers at the organ. Following this, the Call to Worship, Communion Meditation and the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper.
Scripture lesson, Col. 1:1-15. Text Col. 1:12. The topic of the minister's sermon is "Elements in Thankfulness."
The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Gerald Strickler, will sing "Will It Be You?" — Carleton.
Junior church will meet with the adults today.
Bible school hour is at 10:30 a.m. Everett Faulkner, supt. Gerald Strickler, assistant.
C.W.F. at the church Monday at 7:30 p.m. Leader Mildred Darwacher, worship leader, Shirley Elph.

Choir practice, Junior Choir at 6:30, Adults at 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD

W. H. Kirkpatrick, pastor
9:30 a.m., "Christian Brotherhood Hour," heard over WKJG, 1380 KC.
9:30 a.m., morning worship hour. Rev. Paul Kirkpatrick, pastor of Big Rapids, Mich., Church of God, will be guest speaker for this Sunday. His topic will be, "Lost, and you know it!"
10:30 a.m., classes for all ages under the supervision of Mary Hazelwood and Betty Scott.
7:30 p.m. Sunday evening evangelistic service. Gerald Brodbeck serving as chairman. Rev. Paul Kirkpatrick, guest speaker, message, "All that glitters is not Gold."

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., prayer service and Bible study. 7:30 p.m. youth fellowship. Sharon Scott will have the worship. Mary Hazelwood will have the lesson. 8:30 p.m. choir practice for the Christmas music.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m., men's meeting in the fellowship basement.
Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Banner class party in the fellowship basement.

**TRINITY EVANGELICAL
UNITED BRETHREN**

Madison at Ninth
John E. Chambers, Minister
9:00 — Sunday School, Cliff Hoverman, supt. The five departments will meet the needs of every member of the family.
10:00 — Morning Worship — Missions Sunday. The sermon subject is "The Door Open to America." Harold Mumma is organist and Walter Hinkel, the choir director.
6:30 — Boys and Girls and Youth Fellowship.
7:30 — The Evening Service — piano and organ music with the congregational singing. The sermon subject — "By Faith Isaac."

Wed. 7:00 — Mid-week Services and Pastor's Class.
8:00 — Choir Rehearsal.
Sat. 7:30 p.m. — Dr. M. N. Burger of Dayton, Ohio will meet with our Building Committee.

Note — Dr. Burger plans to be with us for the Morning Worship Service, Dec. 2.

FIRST METHODIST

W. Monroe at Fifth Street
Virgil Wesley Sexton, Minister
9:30 a.m., church school. Leonard Soladay, general superintendent, will be in charge. Classes for all ages. Nursery for toddlers and a supervised crib room for babies. Membership class will meet in the pastor's study.
10:20 a.m., divine worship. This service will open with the prelude "Now Thank We All Our God" by Sigfred Karg-Elert will Mrs. Edgar Gerber at the organ. Other selections by Mrs. Gerber will be "Romanza" by Ashford and "I Will Give Thanks" by Gounod. The senior choir, under the direction of Leland Neuen will sing the anthem "There Is a Balm in Gilead" by Dawson.

The story sermon for the members of Junior church will be on the subject "What Power Can Do." The pastor will continue with the ninth in a series of sermons based on the Sermon on the Mount on the topic "The Peacemakers."

Visitors are invited to attend our services.
The members of the Intermediate and the Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship groups will go to Osian in the afternoon for a rally of the sub-district. The speaker will be our District Superintendent, Dr. Byron Stroh. The time: 2:30 to 5:00 o'clock.
6:00 p.m. annual school of Christian living will hold fourth session. Devotional hour in Memorial Chapel will be in charge of Mrs. William Brown. The adult class will be taught by Mrs. George Helm, the youth by Mrs. Raymond Walters, and the children will see the moving picture, "Flying Straight". The Ever Ready Class will be in

charge of the refreshments at the fellowship hour which follows.
Monday, 8:00 p.m. Circle 1, Mrs. William Brown, chairman, will meet in the church lounge.
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal. 7:00 p.m., mid-week service in Memorial Chapel. 7:15 p.m. First rehearsal of Combined Choirs of the Associated Churches will be held in our church. 8:00 p.m. Youth Department Workers' Roundtable will meet in church lounge to discuss the youth work of our church.
Thursday, 13:00 p.m. Dorcas Circle, Mrs. Ralph Smith, chairman will meet with Mrs. Lowell Smith, 215 W. Jefferson St. 1:30 p.m. Circle 2, Mrs. Paul Edwards, Chairman, will meet with Mrs. Lloyd Ahr, 208 S. Fifth St.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Mercer Ave. at Five Points
Rev. Ray J. Walther, Pastor
Sunday Services — 9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School. Royal Friend, Superintendent. Classes for all ages and a lesson for all of life. Nursery for infants under three.
10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Anthem "Ring The Bells Of Heaven" Mrs. J. Clark Mayclin, director. Sermon: "Unfinished Symphony."

National Mission Day. Today, the fourth Sunday of November has been set aside by General Assembly as National Mission Day in our church. "Pilgrims of the Present" is the theme of the day.

CHURCH EVENTS

Today — 4:30 Junior Fellowship, Mrs. Robert Gay, leader.
5:30 Westminster Fellowship \$64.000 Question, Jay DeVoss, leader.
Tuesday — 6:00 Basketball Practice, Lincoln school gym.
Wednesday — 9:00 a. m. — 8:00 p. m. Church Fair. Booths with all kinds of surprises. Luncheon 11 - 1 p. m. Sandwiches and stew. Dinner, 5 - 7 p. m. Swiss steak dinner. Each Presbyterian takes pride in this annual event and all share it with their friends and neighbors. Each year the money raised is used to purchase some of the needs of the church.

Thursday — 8:00 Union Choir Rehearsal, Methodist Church. Each adult choir member is asked to attend. Christmas Gifts for 18,000 Hoosiers in Mental hospitals. You can purchase, wrap and send a gift to one of these patients or you can give money for needed items. Read the pamphlet on Bulletin for information concerning gifts needed or drop some money in the collection plate on the Narthex Table.

ZION

Evangelical and Reformed
William C. Feller, pastor
Church school at 9:00 a.m. Laverne Roth, superintendent. There is a class for every member of your family. Come and study with us.
Divine worship at 10 a.m. Sermon by the pastor: "Majoring in Gratitude." The senior choir will sing, "Count Your Blessings" by Morgan. Visitors are always welcome in this service. If you are without a church home in Decatur we extend a cordial invitation to you to worship with us.

Regional youth fellowship conference in St. Peter's E and R church, Huntington, Ind. Sunday from 3:15-6:30 p.m.
Boys basketball in Lincoln school gym on Monday at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the church parlor.
Ruth and Naomi Circle on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Bethany Circle in the home of Mrs. Wesley Lehman on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Friendship Circle in the home of

Mrs. Robert August on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Members are asked to come and be ready for a surprise.
Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. first rehearsal for the combined choirs of the Associated Churches, in the Methodist Church.
Senior choir rehearsal on Friday at 7:00 p.m.
Catechetical classes on Saturday morning: seniors at 9, juniors at 10 a.m.
Come and worship with us.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

12th and Washington Sts.
Carroll Myers, minister
9:30 a.m., morning worship and Communion. Extra Special music at this service. Christ is expecting you. Sermon: "The Name Above Every Name."
10:30 a.m., Bible School—There is a class for every one in every age group. Today will be Teacher's Recognition Day. Also today will be Enrollment Day. Every person who has been in Bible School at least 3 Sundays in a row will receive a certificate.
7:30 p.m., evening gospel hour. You will appreciate this service—everyone needs more than one hour per week. Sermon: "What is the Unpardonable Sin?"
7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Bible study and prayer meeting. This is a time of refreshing and is helpful to everyone interested in a better understanding of God's word. Come and take part or just listen.
Note: Monday, Nov. 19 was the area men's meeting held at the Beach Grove Church. We are pleased that eleven of our men were able to attend. The third Monday each month is set aside for a men's meeting. Next meeting will be held at Plum Tree Church. That will be December 17, 1956.

UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST

Nuttman Avenue
Paul D. Parker, minister
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Lawrence Michel, general superintendent, will have charge of the school. Start the week right by attending Sunday school and church as a family. There are classes for all ages including the nursery.
Morning worship service 10:30 a.m. Sermon, "The Christian Spirit."

Christian Endeavor 7:00 p.m. "T.V. Good and Bad" will be the topic studied in all age groups.
Evening evangelistic service 7:30 p.m. "Sin's Antidote" will be the topic of the Pastor's sermon.
Prayer and Bible study, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
You are always welcome at Nuttman Ave.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

1210 Elm Street
George Yarian, pastor
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. You owe it to your family to bring them to Sunday School.
Morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon: "What is the work of a Christian?"
Evening service, 7:45 p.m. Sermon: "The time of reaping."
Wednesday evening, 7:45 p.m. Prayer meeting and Bible study.
You have a very special invitation to attend the services at the Assembly of God Church. It is a church where you are a stranger only once.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

7th and Marshall Streets
C. E. Lykins, pastor
Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Classes for all ages.
Worship service at 10:30 a.m. Sermon by the pastor.
Young peoples' meeting at 6:30. Evangelistic service at 7:30.
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30.
Visitation Thursday evening at 7 p.m.

**BETHANY EVANGELICAL
UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH**

Benj. G. Thomas, Minister
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General Board of Missions

which conduct work on five continents and several islands of the sea.
6:00 p. m. The Youth Fellowship will be in charge of the Commission on Missions. Gayle Custer will lead in worship. Kathy Cole will lead the discussion. Pat McCammon will tell a story.
Wednesday, 7:00 p. m. Choir Rehearsal.
8:00 p. m. Prayer and study.
Catechetical classes will meet on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

Book Review

Higley's Sunday School Lesson Commentary, 1957, is a comprehensive commentary on the International Sunday School Lessons, with devotional readings, topical discussions and practical applications, suggestions for departmental teachers, questions for research and discussions, visual aids and many other helpful features.

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