

## Our Preacher Says:

If the time should ever come when most mothers are not Christians, and most houses are not homes, then we shall have lost the chief cornerstones upon which our civilization rests. Christianity has lifted woman to a new place in the world, and just in proportion as Christianity holds sway, will she rise to a higher dignity in human life.

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Comments  
On S.S.  
Lesson

Creamed Comments on the Sunday school lesson, Abraham and his world, Gen. 18:20-33; 19:29, for Sunday, May 19.

This lesson shows the need for God, the power of intercessory prayer in concern for others, and the way in which God answers such prayer.

Vs. 20, 21. "And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous: I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me, and if not, I will know." A few persons in every generation find the higher levels and have personal fellowship with God.

Abraham was such a man to whom God revealed himself and because of his covenant with him, he told him of the impending doom of the two cities that had become wicked beyond all measure. In order to deal justly with these cities God wanted accurate information about them. In assuming human form, he talked to Abraham as a friend, and adapted his speech accordingly. In the following verse we are told, the other two men, angels in disguise, left Abraham alone with his God, so that he might his intercessory prayer.

Vs. 23, 24, 25. "And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? . . . Peradventure city: wilt thou also destroy and not there be fifty righteous within the spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? . . . That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked; and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" Abraham's question as to the righteous suffering with the wicked is echoed today and seems to be contrary to the principle of justice. The justice of God is the foundation of moral belief. Because God is a righteous God his actions cannot be arbitrary like heathen gods. Abraham reveals his deep concern for his fellowmen and his utter faith in God's justice God expects man made in his own image to stand up in his presence and question divine judgment. Knowing the nature of God, Abraham appealed to his mercy as well as his justice.

Vs. 26, 27, 28. "And the Lord said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes. . . . And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes. . . . Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it." God granted Abraham's request because he spoke boldly, and yet humbly and reverently, and his plea was for others, not himself. Having been granted one request he asks still another.

There is no ignorance like ignorance of God; no poverty like poverty of soul.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
Mercer Ave. at Five Points  
Rev. Ray J. Walther, Pastor  
9:15 a. m. Sunday Church School, Roy Friend, Supt. Classes for all ages and a Lesson for all of Life. A special worship service for the Sunday school has been prepared by Mrs. R. Ladd in

honor of Mother.  
9:15 a. m. Church Officers Training Course Lesson 2. The officers of the church—Elders, Deacons, Trustees—will meet at the Manse to continue in their study of the church.

10:30 a. m. Worship Service. The hymns for the service have been selected by three Mothers: Mrs. Huber DeVoss, Mrs. Lawrence Green, and Mrs. Dale Moses. The anthem, "Every Time I Feel The Spirit," will be sung by the Westminster Choir under the direction of Mrs. J. Clark Mayclin. The Sermon by the Rev. Ray J. Walther is entitled "She Is To Be Praised."

Today's hymns were chosen by three Mothers of the Church: Mrs. Dale Moses, Mrs. Huber DeVoss and Mrs. Lawrence Green. These are their favorite hymns. Let us all join in singing them in tribute to these and all Mothers who have cradled us in the Faith through such little things as favorite hymns, Bible stories and a loving example.

Sunday, 4:30, Junior Fellowship, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Rydell, sponsors.

6:00 Westminster Fellowship, Rev. Ray J. Walther, leader.

Monday, 8:00, Trustees meeting. Pastor's study.

Tuesday, 10:00 a. m., Pre-Assembly Conference on Evangelism in Omaha, Nebraska.

4:00 Meeting of Wabash River Presbytery at Marion. Elders James Koehler, Jr., and Charles Morgan will represent our church.

Wednesday, 1:00, 189th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA begins at Omaha, Nebraska.

6:00 & 7:00 Choir Practices.

8:00 Executive Meeting of Women's Association.

Friday & Saturday—Rummage Sale.

Sunday, 9:15, Sunday Church School.

9:15, Church Officers Training Course, Manse.

10:30 Worship Service led by the laymen of the church in the absence of the pastor. "Graduates Recognition Sunday."

Facts & Figures for National Family Week: "There are now 38 million boys and girls under the age of 16—an increase of 15 million over 25 years ago." "80 million Americans are married." "That divorcees continue to decrease slowly—1.6% less divorces in 1955 than in 1954."

## FIRST BAPTIST

221 South Fourth Street

Stuart H. Brightwell, pastor

9:15 a. m., Sunday school hour. Lester Mitchell, supt. There will be special music in honor of our Mothers. Corsages will be presented to the oldest and youngest Mothers. We have a graded Bible school with a class for every age group.

10:30 a. m., morning worship service. The choir anthem is "God Be With You, Mother" (Ella). The sermon by the pastor is "How to Build Wisely." Choir director, George Myers. Church organist, Mrs. Eugene Lehman.

6:30 p. m., Baptist Youth Fellowship. Jane Grimm, president.

7:30 p. m., evening gospel hour. We welcome to our pulpit, Mr. Corinthe Lange of Huntington. Prof. Lange comes to us as a representative of the Indiana Temperance League.

You are invited to worship with us. You will receive a warm welcome.

Monday, 7:30 p. m., monthly workers conference for officers and teachers of the Sunday school. The leadership education class on Methods will meet at this hour.

Wednesday, 7 p. m., midweek hour of prayer and Bible study. 8 p. m., choir rehearsal.

Thursday, 3:15 p. m., Junior choir practice. 7 p. m. The planning committee will meet at the church.

## MONROE METHODIST CHURCH

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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.

## MISSIONARY CHURCH

Tenth and Dayton Streets

Gerald I. Gerig, Pastor

9:00 — Sunday School Hour.

Ralph Myers, general superintendent. Help us maintain a 200 average in our Sunday School.

214 attended last Sunday morning. A plant will be given to the youngest and to the oldest mother in attendance.

10:00—Morning Worship Hour.

Mrs. Ila Judd, former missionary to the Dominican Republic will be the guest speaker.

6:30—Pre-Service Prayer meeting in charge of Paul Harden.

7:00—Adult Fellowship Period.

Teen-Age MYF.

Children's Gospel Hour.

7:30—Mrs. Judd will be showing colored slides of the work in the Dominican Republic. Be sure and see these interesting missionary pictures.

Wednesday, 7:30—Special service with Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Hughes. They are directors of the Lazy Mountain Children's Home in Alaska.

Saturday, 7:00—Men's Prayer meeting.

Tomorrow is Mother's Day. Make her heart glad by attending Sunday School and Church. By all means, remember your mother tomorrow by letting her know that you love her.

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

George Yarian, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Every mother present in our Sunday school will receive a special gift from the pastor. Also, the oldest, the youngest, and the mother with the most children in Sunday school will receive an extra special gift. You can honor Mother's Day by coming to Sunday School.

Morning Worship 10:30 a. m. Sermon: "Seeking a Bride."

Sunday evening 7:45 p. m. Sermon: "A Visit from the Queen."

Wednesday evening 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting and Bible study.

You are invited to attend our services. We have a church where people from all denominations meet to worship God. You will enjoy the old fashioned singing and preaching. In our services, we have special prayer for the sick and afflicted, and we believe God for their healing.

Church of Christ

12th and Washington

Carroll Myers, Minister

9:30 a. m. Morning Worship —

This mother's day and you will honor your mother by being with her at church and sitting with her. Bring your mother to the church of Christ. Sermon: "Worthy of Honor." Solo by the minister. All Christians are urged to worship Christ in his house. Everyone is welcome at the church.

We can't spell CHURCH without (U).

10:30 a. m. Bible School or Sunday School which ever you like. Come and have a part with us. All persons will receive recognition on mother's day. Special recognition for eldest mother, youngest mother, and mother with largest family present.

2:30 p. m. Youth rally at Markle. All youth meet at the church at 1:30 for transportation. Everyone will enjoy this.

7:30 p. m. Gospel hour with special events at the service. You will not want to miss this. Sermon: "A Christian Essential." Serve Christ by faithful attendance to all services.

7:30 p. m. Wednesday, May 15th Bible Study and Prayer meeting. Shirley Goldner is scheduled as leader this week. Be on Time. Choir practice immediately following the Bible Study. Everyone is welcome to practice with us and sing in the choir.

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## ZION

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Third and Jackson Streets

William C. Feller, pastor

Church school at 9 a. m. Richard Linn, superintendent. This is an especially appropriate day for you to bring the entire family, in observance of Mother's Day or the Festival of the Christian Home.

Divine worship at 10 a. m. This service, too, will be in observance of the Festival of the Christian Home. Sermon by the pastor: "A Nation's Strength". The senior choir and the pastor will present the anthem, "Our Hymn of Grateful Praise" by Kocher and E. J. Lorenz. The passages for the choir are interspersed with Scripture passages by the pastor. Worship God in his sanctuary with your family. Visitors are always welcome.

There will be no youth fellowship meeting this week.

Churchmen's Brotherhood meeting on Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock in the Bethany E. U. B. church, a combined supper meeting with their brotherhood.

Church family night supper and program on Tuesday at 6:30 p. m. in the church dining room. All families of the church are invited. New members are especially urged to attend. Bring covered dish and table service.

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

Senior choir rehearsal on Friday at 7 p. m.

Come and worship with us.

## 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 junior fellowship under the direction of Veda Mitchell and Betty Scott will present a Mother's Day program. The Mothers present will be honored at this service.

10:30 a. m., classes for all ages.

7:30 p. m., Sunday evening evangelistic service, the theme of which will be, "The Influence of a Godly Mother." Chairman for this service, Kenneth Roop.

Saturday, May 11, a district youth rally will be held at the Sherman Street Church of God, Fort Wayne, Ind. The Gospel Trumpeters are the special feature of the evening.

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., youth fellowship with Jenny Taylor to have the lesson. Patty and Sharon the refreshments. 7:30 p. m., junior fellowship led by Veda Mitchell. 7:30 p. m., prayer service and Bible study.

## UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST

Nuttman Avenue

Paul D. Parker, minister

Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Lawrence Michel, general superintendent. Sunday is Mother's day in the Sunday school. The mother's having the three largest families present will receive special recognition. Let us make this family day as well as Mother's Day. Honor your Mother by attending the church of your choice. We have classes for all ages.

Morning worship service, 10:30 a. m. Sermon, "The Obscure Hand." Temperance service at 7:30 p. m. The missionary ladies of the church will sponsor a special Temperance service featuring a special speaker from the "Indiana Temperance League" in the person of Rev. Renus Olson. The public is invited.

Prayer and Bible study, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

You are cordially invited to attend any or all of these services.

## FIRST METHODIST

W. Monroe at Fifth Street

Virgil Wesley Sexton, minister

9:30 a. m., church school. Leonard Soliday, general superintendent, will be in charge. Bring your children to the church school services. We have classes for all age groups. Nursery for toddlers and a supervised crib room for babies.

10:20 a. m., divine worship. The minister will have as his special sermon for Mother's Day, "Looking Out the Window," and the story sermon for the members of Junior Church will be "The Ring of Love." As a part of the service, there will be baptism of infants.

The choir, under the direction of Leland Neuen, will sing "A Mother's Day Prayer" by J. W. Thompson. Organ selections played by Mrs. Edgar Gerber will be "The Glory of God in Nature" by Beethoven, "Offertory" by Richardson, "Recessional" by Moore.

Visitors are invited to attend our services.

## 3:30 p. m., the Senior Methodist

Youth Fellowship will meet at the church to go on a picnic. Special guests will be the youth of Forest Park Methodist Church, Fort Wayne. Each local youth is to bring wieners and buns for two people. The committee is Sharon Voshell, Linda Sexton and Becky Maddox. Mr. & Mrs. William Lister will be Guides of the Way.

Wednesday, 7:00 p. m., choir rehearsal. 7:00 p. m., mid-week service in Memorial Chapel. 8:00 p. m., all officers, teachers and assistant teachers for Vacation Bible school will meet in the church lounge. Final orders for craft material should be in on that date.

Thursday, 12:30 to 3:00 p. m., WSCS officer training school for officers-elect of Fort Wayne district churches will meet at our church for their annual training school. District officers will direct the school.

## TRINITY

Evangelical United Brethren

Madison at Ninth Streets

John E. Chambers, minister

9 a. m., Sunday school; Clifford Hoveman, general superintendent. At the close of Christian Family week, every family will want to be in Sunday school. There will be a Mother's Day souvenir for all ladies present.

10 a. m., morning worship. Message "The Hopes of Home." Harold Mumma is organist and Walter Henkel will direct the choir in the anthem, "The Heavens are Telling" by Beethoven.

6:30 p. m., boys and girls and youth fellowship. Judge Myles Parish will speak to the youth group. Visitors are welcome for this special service.

7:30 p. m., evening service. Special music will be given by the Builders class. Message by the Rev. B. G. Thomas of Bethany Church.

The youth fellowship will have a social hour after the evening service.

Monday, 7:30 p. m., meeting at the church for all boys and parents who are interested in a new scouting program to be sponsored by the church.

Tuesday, 6 p. m., Mother and Daughter banquet, sponsored by the W.S.W.S. All women and girls of the church are invited to this carry-in supper and program.

Wednesday, 7 p. m., mid-week service. 8 p. m., choir rehearsal.

Saturday, 6:30 p. m., junior-senior recognition banquet at Trinity Church.

## FIRST CHRISTIAN

Traverse W. Chandler, minister

Mother's Day Sunday

Morning worship begins at 9:30 a. m. with the prelude by Mrs. Glen Borchers at the organ. Followed by the Call to Worship. Communion Meditation, and the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper. The topic of the minister's sermon is "Who Is Mother?" Scripture lesson is in II Tim. 1:3-14. Text in Matt. 5:13. The combined choirs under the direction of Mrs. Gerald Strickler will sing, "Thanks to God for My Mother"—Laucks. The Rose service will be conducted by the minister, parents in the baby dedication service. The choir will sing "Lullaby"—Wesley. Choral Benediction.

Bible school hour is at 10:30 a. m. Everett Faulkner, supt. Gerald Strickler, assistant.

Choir practice Wednesday at 7 p. m.

You are invited to all services of this church.

## ZION LUTHERAN

West Monroe and Eleventh Street

Edgar P. Schmidt, pastor

The Church With Carillon Bells

Mother's day will be observed at the 8:00 and 10:30 o'clock services. Using Psalm 128 as his text, the

pastor will speak on the subject, "Making the Family Christian."

A special Litany response between pastor and congregation will be used at both services. A triple quartet of male voices will sing an arrangement of the 23rd Psalm at the early worship, while the children of the intermediate grades of the Sunday school will present special music at 10:30.

Sunday school and Bible classes meet at 9:15. Worship according to the Order of Matins will be the topic at Adult Bible class which meets in the church nave.

Church Calendar

The Sunday school boys baseball team will play against St. John's Lutheran school boys at the Homestead diamond Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Pastor's adult class of Christian instruction will be held Monday evening at 7:45 in the Parish Hall.

The nominating committee of the Walther League will meet Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock in the Parish Hall library.

Junior catechumens meet with the pastor Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at four o'clock, and Saturday morning at 8.

Annual spring church cleaning day is set for Tuesday. Ladies are encouraged to come as early as eight o'clock and to stay as long as they can. If they stay over the noon hour, ladies