

**Finding God**  
The story is told by Irving Lieberman in BLUEBOOK of a woman who died several years ago and willed her estate to God. To settle the estate a case was filed in the courts, naming God as "a party thereof". A summons was issued and the court went through the motions of trying to serve it. The final report stated: "After due and diligent search, God cannot be found in New York City."

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# COME TO CHURCH



### Creamed Comments On S. S. Lesson

Creamed Comments on the Sunday school lesson, "a man of peace in a world of strife", Genesis 26:17-29 for Sunday, May 26th.

This lesson stresses the fact that everyone with faith has a responsibility to keep peace among men, even though it involves unpleasantness, patience and self-sacrifice.

Basic to all true strength is inner peace, and inner peace rests on confidence in God and the assurance of his presence.

Vs. 17, 18. "And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

And Isaac digged the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham;

and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them." Isaac, during an era of famine, had moved into Philistine territory, where he leased land and prospered so much that the king, fearing his wealth and power, banished him from that area and he moved to another part of the valley. Abraham had also been the victim of similar malice on the part of the Philistines, who blocked up the wells he had digged. By re-digging the wells, Isaac was establishing his claim to those wells. Wells were of prime importance in providing water for the flocks and herds.

Vs. 19, 20. "And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water. . . . And the herdsmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdsmen saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him." The Philistines did not recognize Isaac's claim to the well and preferred to fight for it rather than dig another. The name "Esek" means strife.

Vs. 21, 22. "And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah. . . . And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the Lord hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land." The word "Sitnah" means enmity. Another bitter controversy occurred when the second well was dug so Isaac moved on again to another region and dug the well "Rehoboth" well was dug so Isaac moved on again to another region and dug the well "Rehoboth" meaning roominess.

Even the Philistines tired of fighting for the wells and Isaac's patience and gentleness prevailed over their covetousness.

Vs. 23, 24. "And he went up from thence to Beersheba. . . . And the Lord appeared unto him the same night, and said I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake."

Beersheba was the place where Abraham had lived for many years and Isaac had spent much of his own manhood. Isaac needed encouragement at this time, so God renewed to him the promises made to his father, and gave his blessing to Isaac's course of action.

Vs. 25. "And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the Lord, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants dug a well." Isaac put first things first. First he built an altar for worship, then he pitched his tent and then digged a well.

Vs. 26, 27. "Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and

Phicol the chief captain of his army. . . . And Isaac said unto them, wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you?" Isaac had made a profound impression on Abimelech, who sensed that God had favored Isaac with great blessings and given him wisdom to act wisely. He came peacefully to make a covenant with Isaac that would assure their good relationship. Isaac naturally questioned their seeking him, since they had broken their covenant with his father, and had sought his banishment.

Vs. 28, 29. "And they said, We saw certainly that the Lord was with thee; and we said, Let there be now an oath between us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee: . . . That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou art now the blessed of the Lord." The true greatness of Isaac is seen in his giving and forgiving. In spite of the treacherous treatment given him, he entered into an agreement of friendship. . . .

**LESSON PRAYER:** Dear God, we thank Thee that we may achieve inner peace and courage to meet life's problems if we maintain our trust in Thee and have a close relationship with Thee. Grant that we may realize that all outward peace is meaningless in the sight of God when there is lacking that inner peace born of God through Jesus Christ. May we become true peacemakers by achieving this inner peace.

The abundant life is often smoothed in the abundance of things.

**MISSIONARY**  
Tenth and Dayton Streets  
Gerald L. Gerig, pastor  
9 a.m., Sunday school hour. You will enjoy the inspiration of our Sunday school. There are classes for the entire family.

10 a.m., morning worship hour. The pastor brings his tenth message from James entitled, "The Joy of Submission." There will be a junior church for children ages 4 through 11 and a nursery department for children ages 2 and 3.

There will be no evening services. We are urging our people to attend the Baccalaureate service to be held at the high school.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. prayer and praise meeting.

Saturday, 7 p.m., men's prayer meeting.

We are enjoying a record spring at the Missionary Church. We trust you will make an effort to enjoy these Sundays with us. You are always welcome in our services.

**TRINITY**  
Evangelical United Brethren  
Madison at Ninth Streets  
John E. Chambers, minister  
9 a.m., Sunday school: Clifford Hoverman, general superintendent. Visitors or newcomers are always welcome in any class of our graduate school.

10 a.m., morning worship, Senior recognition service, with message by the minister, "That Something Extra." Clara Ellen Hitchcock will serve as organist and the choir will sing the anthem, "The Voice of Jesus" by Lane. Seniors from the Sunday school and church will be our honored guests.

7:30 p.m., senior Baccalaureate service at the high school auditorium; Rev. W. H. Kirkpatrick bringing the message. There will be no regular Sunday evening services at Trinity Church.

Monday, 7:30 p.m., meeting of the building committee for organization and making of plans.

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

Note: Vacation Church School for the kindergarten and primary departments will be May 27-31.

**CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!**

from

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9:00—Sunday School; Clifford Hoverman, Superintendent.

10:00—Morning Worship; Senior Recognition Service. Message: "That Something Extra."

7:30—Senior Baccalaureate Service at High School Gymnasium.

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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.

Fourth Sunday, Children of Mary.

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**

1210 Elm St.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Last Sunday, we had the largest attendance in the history of the Sunday School. There were 117 present. This next Sunday we are also expecting a wonderful response.

Pastor Yarian wants to urge you to attend Sunday School, and we would be so thrilled if you could attend our Sunday School.

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sermon: "Touches Afire".

Sunday Evening 7:45 p.m.

Sermon: "Can You See Christ?"

This is going to be a very inique sermon, one that you will not want to miss Wednesday evening 7:45 p.m.

Prayer meeting and Bible study.

This Church extends a cordial invitation to you to attend our services. You will enjoy the old fashion singing and preaching. For this is a Church where people meet to worship God, and they come from all denominations and walks of life.

**ZION EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED**

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William C. Feller, Pastor

Church School at 9:00 a.m. Richard Linn, superintendent.

There are classes for all ages under the leadership of competent teachers. Come and bring your entire family.

Divine Worship at 10:00 a.m.

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**UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST**

Nuttman Avenue

Paul D. Parker, minister

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. The

graduates will have charge of the service. The call to worship will be given by Kathryn Shaffer, the invocation by Donald Bailey, Max Daniels will lead in the responsive reading, Roger Heller will read the Scripture and Kathryn Goetz will lead in the responsive prayer. Three of the graduates will talk — Jane Uhrick, speaking on, "The Moment of Decision"; Ronald Corson — "What a Christian College Means To Me"; and Jerry Kaehr — "Youth's Part in the Church".

The youth choir will sing, "The Holy Name" by Ira B. Wilson. Visitors are always welcome. The Mission Band will meet during the latter part of the service.

There will be no youth fellowship meeting, because of the Baccalaureate service.

Ruth and Naomi Circles meeting to the church on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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

Senior choir rehearsal on Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Vacation Church School May 27-June 7.

Come and worship with us.

**CHURCH OF GOD**

628 Cleveland St.

W. Kirkpatrick, Pastor

8:30 a.m. "Christian Brotherhood Hour", heard over WKJG, 1380KC.

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship Hour

in which the graduates of 1957 will be honored. The theme of the service will be, "You can live the abundant life — if you want to!"

10:30 a.m. Classes for all ages.

7:30 p.m. Baccalaureate service at the Decatur junior-senior high school gym.

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

Monday 7:30 p.m. Board of Christian Education at the parsonage.

Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees and Finance Committee at Church.

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service, Junior Fellowship led by Veda Mitchel.

Youth Fellowship, Lesson by Edith Love. Refreshments by

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