



Creamed Comments on S.S. Leases
School Lesson, Ezekiel, Pastor at His People, Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:1-5; 34:11-16, for Sunday, September 15.

Ezekiel, whose name means "God strengthens," was taken into captivity to Babylon in 597 B.C. The majority of the Jews taken captive at that time never returned to Jerusalem and are known as the Jews of the Dispersion. Ezekiel's difficult task was that

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of being a captive and yet being called to preach to captives who scorned and rejected his words of counsel.

Vs. 1-3. "Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. In the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jeobochin's captivity. . . . The word of the Lord came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the Lord was there upon him." Ezekiel was apparently 30 years of age when he was called to minister to his people, five years after he had been taken captive. Ezekiel was a priest by reason of his heredity, but a prophet was called by God. Thus Ezekiel, the priest, became a prophet called of God.

Vs. 1-3. "And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee. . . . And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me. . . . And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day." In the first of Ezekiel's visions he was called to be a pastor to his people. He fell prostrate at the end of the vision, but was told to rise, since there can be no active service while lying prostrate on the ground. The phrase "Son of man" expresses the contrast between the prophet, as one of mankind, and the majesty of God, whose glory he had seen. Many of the exiles had abandoned their worship of God and turned to the worship of the pagan gods of Babylon.

Vs. 4, 5. "For they are impudent children and stiff-hearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God. . . . And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them." The words "Thus saith the Lord God" gave Ezekiel authority to speak as a prophet whether his words were heeded or not. Ezekiel's message was one of doom a doom which was justified by the infidelity of the people.

Vs. 1, 2. "For thus saith the Lord God: Behold I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. . . . As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; as will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day."

The Zion Missionary society meets Wednesday afternoon at 1:30. A members' birthday party is planned by the committee. A short business meeting will be led by the chairman, Mrs. Jacobs. All ladies of Zion are invited to attend.

The Sunday school teaching staff meets Thursday evening. Beginner and Primary teachers at 7 p.m.; junior to senior teachers at 7:30. It is imperative that all teachers be present. Plans will be made for Sunday school rally day.

If you have no church home in the community, Zion Lutheran invites you to worship at either 8:00-10:30 a.m., tomorrow morning.

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Carroll Myers, minister
9:30 a.m., morning worship and communion with service planned for you. Sermon: "Baptism and Burial." You will enjoy this factual message from God's word. You all come.

10:30 a.m., Bible school with Lee Moser, supt. Mrs. Floyd Rupert, pianist. Classes for you and your family. Don't miss the Lord in His house.

12 noon—pot-luck sponsored by the "Turtles" in honor of the "Hares." Everyone welcome for the time of fun and fellowship. Bring table service.

7:30 p.m., evening gospel hour with special sermon from Paul's Epistle to Titus. You are urged not to miss this. Fine singing you will like, so don't be late.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Bible study and prayer meeting with Ernest Lehman Jr., as leader. This is a great study and you will want to study the word of God with us if you have not been attending. You are welcome.

Thursday, young adult group will meet at the church for special meeting with some film to be viewed. All persons between ages 18 and 35 are welcome.

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This is a hour of prayer. Time with God on Saturday means victory for the church on Sunday. Won't you join in this old fashioned prayer meeting?

You always have an invitation to attend the church where people from all denominations meet to worship God. You will enjoy the inspired singing and preaching. We also have special prayer for the sick and afflicted.

UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST Nutkin Ave.

Paul D. Parker, Minister
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Law-
rence Michel will have charge of
the school. Vacation days are over,
why not bring the family and wor-
ship with us, we have classes for
all ages.

Morning worship service, 10:30
a.m. "Forward" will be the theme
of the pastor message at the be-
ginning of a new conference year.
Christian Endeavor, 7:00 p.m.

Evening evangelistic service,
7:30 p.m. Inspiration time, follow-
ed by the pastor message on the
theme, "Radiant Lives".

Prayer and Bible study, Wednes-
day 7:30. You are welcome to attend these services.

ZION

Evangelical and Reformed
(United Church of Christ)
Third and Jackson Streets

William C. Feller, pastor
Church school at 9 a.m. Rich-
ard Linn, superintendent. The
combined adult classes will be
taught by Richard Kershner. Come
and bring your entire family.

Divine worship at 10 a.m. Ser-
mon by the pastor. "Bearing the
Marks of Christ." Special music
will be furnished by Mrs. Richard
Kershner, who will present, "Ava
Maria" by Schubert on the vibra-
harp, accompanied on the piano
by Mrs. Robert Houk. Mrs. J.
Fred Fruchte, organist, will play
"Gothic Chorale" by Ed. Lorenz
as a prelude, "Souvenir" by Ser-
gisson for an offertory, and
"Chorus of Praise" by Peery as
a postlude. Visitors are always
welcome in this service.

Official board meeting on Mon-
day at 7 p.m. Please note change
in time.

The Churchmen's Brotherhood
will hold its initial meeting of the
fall season Monday at 8 p.m.

All men of the church are invited
to attend.

Community Leadership Educa-
tion school opening on Monday at
7:30 p.m. in the Bethany E.U.B.
church.

Evangelical Circle will meet in
the home of Mrs. Richard Kershner
on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

The Phoebe Bible class will
meet on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

The Associated Churches will
meet on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Senior choir rehearsals, under
the direction of Mrs. L. A. Holt-
house, will begin Friday evening
at 7 o'clock. All members are
urged to be present.

All boys and girls of 12 years
of age and over, who have not
been confirmed, will register for
catechetal instruction on Satur-
day morning at 10 o'clock.

Come and worship with us.

Wednesday night, September
11, the Bible Study and Fellow-
ship group will meet in Memorial
Chapel at 7:00 o'clock. Rev. Sexton
will be in charge. Miss Joyce
Helm is the organist.

The choir will meet for their reg-
ular rehearsals on Wednesday
night at 7:00.

At 8:00 o'clock on Wednesday
night the first meeting of the Of-
ficial Board will meet in the church
lounge. Mr. Robert Smith is the
chairman.

Members of the church are urg-
ed to make this Sunday a Back-
To-Church Sunday. Come for the
worship service! Those in Decatur
who do not attend church are
always cordially invited to worship
with us.

The Willing Workers class will
meet Wednesday evening at 7:30
o'clock at the Henry Neirerter
home.

Junior choir practice Thursday
at 6:30 p.m., the adults at 7 p.m.

MISSIONARY

Tenth and Dayton Streets
Gerald I. Gerig, pastor
9 a.m., Sunday school hour
Ralph Myers, general superin-
tendent. September has started
above a year ago. Let's keep up
the good work.

16 a.m., morning worship hour.
Pastor speaks on this subject:
"Joy A Duty."

6:30 p.m., prayer service.

7 p.m., youth meetings.
7 p.m., evening gospel hour.
Pastor's subject: "Simple Facts
For Serious Thoughts."

Wednesday, 2 p.m., women's
prayer meeting. 7:30 p.m., prayer
and praise.

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

Our revival meeting begins
September 18. Our evangelist is
to be Rev. Paul Grabill from
Grill, Indiana. We invite you to
our services tomorrow.

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solve the problems of mankind to-
day. The church must care for the
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physicist, the chemist and the
electrical engineer care for the
physical needs of the world. If
necessity is the mother of invention,
the time is certainly ripe to

devote ourselves to the discovery
of the great spiritual laws of God's
universe, and be as obedient to
them as the scientist is to the law
of gravitation. When this discovery
is made, then they can be applied
to the solution of the problems of
mankind. Why not accept the in-
vitation and COME TO CHURCH
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leagues who was writing back to China
telling his friends and relatives about
American institutions.

He defined an American university
as follows: "An American university
is a vast