

## Creamed Comments

On S.S.S. Lesson

Creamed Comments on the Sunday School Lesson, Ezekiel, Pastor at His People, Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:1-5; 3:1-16, 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

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 year of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jebochiah'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. . . . 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. "Forl 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 people had been under the control of evil shepherds—wicked kings who did not care for the people. Because of their indifference, the Israelites were taken captive and scattered in exile. God promises the Israelites deliverance, to be them a good shepherd. Ezekiel likewise thought of himself as the shepherd of his people in need of pastoral care.

Vs. 13, 14. "And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from their countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. . . . I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel." Mountains were characteristic of Canaan in contrast to the low, flat land of Babylonia where most of the exiles were. A fat pasture implies spiritual as well as material blessings

God will bestow upon them. Vs. 15, 16. "I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God. . . . I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment." There was to be no more oppression and the people could truly rest securely. God gives individual attention according to the needs of each.

**ZION LUTHERAN**  
West Monroe and Eleventh Street  
Edgar F. Schmidt, pastor  
The Church With Carillon Bells  
Worship services are conducted at 8 and 10:30 o'clock. "Come and Worship," based on 1 Chronicles 16, 23-34, will be the pastor's pulpit theme at both services. Special prayers of thanksgiving and intercession for the new Concordia Senior College at Fort Wayne will be offered at both services.

Sunday school, nursery to senior classes, are conducted at 9:15. The high school and adult Bible classes will open the fall and winter term next Sunday morning, September 15, at 9:15.

**CHURCH CALENDAR**  
The Sunday school baseball team plays fuelling church at Homesteads diamond Sunday afternoon at two o'clock.

The executive board of the Missionary Society meets Monday, 1:30 p.m.

The executive board of the Sunday school department will meet Wednesday evening at 7:30.

The executive board and Christian growth leaders of the Walther league meet Wednesday evening at 8:30.

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 held by the chairman, Mrs. Jacobs. All ladies of Zion are invited to attend.

The Sunday school teaching staff meets Thursday evening 7:30. 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 or 10:30 a.m., tomorrow morning.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
12th and Washington Streets  
Carroll Myers, minister  
9:30 a.m., morning worship and communion with service planned for you. Sermon: "Baptism and Burial." You will enjoy this factal 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.

To love work is the mark of all men of ability.



**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
V. Rev. Msgr. Seimets, Pastor  
Sunday Masses

6 a.m.  
7:30 a.m.  
8:30 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses  
6 a.m.  
7:30 a.m.  
8:15 a.m.

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
West Monroe at Fifth Street  
Virgil Wesley Sexton, Minister  
9:30 a.m. Church School. Fred Soldner, 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. Rev. Sexton will have for his sermon topic, "On the Right Side of the Mountain." The choir under the direction of Mr. Leland Neuen will sing, "The Lord's Prayer" by Forsyth. Organ selections played by Mrs. Gerber will be "Andante and Chorale" by Carissimo Dello Joio; "Andante Religioso" by Caraballa and "Postlude Triumphant" by Sergison.

The first meeting of the Junior Church will be held in the recreation room during the morning worship hour. Mrs. Raymond Walters will be the leader for the year. Beginning Sunday, September 15, the Junior Church will be present for the beginning of the morning worship service for a story sermon by the pastor.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship will begin fall activities this afternoon. At four o'clock members of the Senior Youth Fellowship will meet in Memorial Chapel to participate in a Christian Witness Mission. New youth and inactive members will be called upon and asked to participate. At 5:30 o'clock the first meeting of the senior group will be held in the chapel. Susan Custer will be in charge of the devotion. The program will consist of a discussion of the proposed program for the year led by Miss Ann Uhrick, president. Colored pictures will then be shown of the youth summer trip to Niagara Falls. Refreshments will be served. Mr. and Mrs. Weston Maddox will be the sponsors.

The Intermediate Fellowship, for those in grades seven and eight, will hold its first meeting at 5:30 o'clock in the parsonage recreation room. Mr. and Mrs. David Owens will be the sponsors for the year. Refreshments will be served. All commissions of the church will meet simultaneously at the church on Tuesday night, September 10. At 7:00 o'clock the chairmen of the commissions will meet with the pastor and the lay leader in the church office. At 7:30 o'clock the commissions will assemble in the lecture room for assignment to meeting rooms for the year. The meetings will then be conducted.

On Wednesday night, September 11, the Bible Study and Fellowship 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 regular rehearsal on Wednesday night at 7:00.

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

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

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**  
George Yarian, Pastor  
1210 Elm Street  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Tomorrow is "Round Up Sunday." We are rounding up all the people that have attended our Sunday School, but for various reasons have not been coming regularly. Every person present will receive a special Sunday School balloon.

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sermon: "Tradition"

Evening Service 7:45 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:45 p.m. Bible study and prayer meeting.

Saturday Evening 7:00-8:00.

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You always have an invitation to attend the church where people from all demonstrations 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**  
Nuttman Ave.

Paul D. Parker, Minister  
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Lawrence Michel will have charge of the school. Vacation days are over, why not bring the family and worship 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 beginning of a new conference year. Christian Endeavor, 7:00 p.m. Evening evangelistic service, 7:30 p.m. Inspiration time, followed by the pastor message on the theme, "Radiant Lives"

Prayer and Bible study, Wednesday 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. Richard Linn, superintendent.

The combined adult classes will be taught by Richard Kershner. Come and bring your entire family.

Divine worship at 10 a.m. Sermon 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 vibrato, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Robert Houk. Mrs. J. Fred Fruchte, organist, will play "Gothic Chorale" by E. J. Lorenz as a prelude, "Souvenir" by Sergison for an offertory, and "Chorus of Praise" by Peery as a postlude. Visitors are always welcome in this service.

Official board meeting on Monday 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 Education school opening on Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Bethany E.U.B. church.

Evangeline 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 catechetical instruction on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Come and worship with us.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN**  
Traverse W. Chandler, minister

Morning worship begins at 9:30 a.m. with the prelude by Mrs. Glen Borchers. The organ. Followed by the Call to Worship, the Communion, Meditation and the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

The Scripture lesson is found in the book of Luke 12:16-21. The topic of the minister's sermon is "Tensions."

The senior choir under the direction of Mrs. William Bauman will sing, "Beloved, Let Us Love One Another," by Wilson.

Bible school hour is at 10:30 a.m. Now is the time to start the habit of regular attendance at his important part of the church program.

The Willing Workers class will meet Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Henry Neireiter 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 superintendent. September has started above a year ago. Let's keep up the good work.

10 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 Grabbill, Indiana. We invite you to our services tomorrow.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**  
Mercer Ave. at Five Points  
Harold J. Bond, pastor

9:15 a.m., Sunday church school. Royal Friend, superintendent.

10:30 a.m., morning worship service. This is the first Sunday for our new minister, Rev. Harold J. Bond. His sermon topic will be, "Lost Radiance."

Special music will be provided by Paul Saurer.

Monday, 7:30 p.m., session meeting. 8 p.m., trustees meeting.

Tuesday, 4 p.m., the Wabash river Presbytery will meet at the First Presbyterian church in Anderson, Indiana. Representatives of our church are planning to be in attendance.

Wednesday, 6 p.m., Westminster choir practice. 7 p.m., chancel choir practice. 8 p.m., Ruth circle. Mrs. George Bair, hostess.

8 p.m., Naomi circle, Mrs. Charles Magley, hostess.

Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Mary circle, Mrs. John DeVoss, hostess.

2:30 p.m., Martha circle, Mrs. John Margerum, hostess.

**BETHANY**  
Evangelical United Brethren  
Benj. G. Thomas, minister

We are back from our vacations. We have visited friends and relatives. Our children are back in school. Let us show them the importance of the spiritual and bring them with us to Sunday school and church.

9 a.m., Sunday school. Leo M. Feagel, superintendent.

10 a.m., divine worship. Sermon: "The Third Servant." The special music will be a duet: "If You Believe," by Mrs. Pat Hain and Mrs. Helen Rickard.

The youth fellowship discussion hour will be launched with a pot luck supper at Berne park. The young people will meet at the church at 4:40 p.m. and go in a group. At Berne, the plans for the year will be discussed, games played and a delightful meal enjoyed.

Monday, 6:15 p.m., the men's club will hold its annual chicken barbecue at Hanna-Nuttman park. This is for the families as well and reservations are asked.

Wednesday, 7 p.m., Bible study and prayer, led by the pastor.

Monday, the community leadership education school will have its first of six sessions in Bethany church. Registration will be 7 p.m.

The school is open to all churches. Its purpose is to enrich the spiritual life and to improve the skills of leaders and prospective workers in the churches. The following courses are offered:

"A Survey of the New Testament"—Prof. Wesley Gerig. (6-8 years)—Mrs. Milton Nolin.

"Teaching Primaries" (9-11 years)—Mrs. M. Nolin.

"Teaching Youth" (12-18)—Rev. Virgil W. Sexton.

"Teaching Adults"—Rev. Earl Foy and other guest leaders.

**FIRST BAPTIST**  
221 South Fourth Street  
Stuart H. Brightwell, pastor

9:15 a.m., Sunday school hour. Lester Mitchell, supt. We have a graded Bible school with a class for every age group.

10:30 a.m., morning worship

**Spiritual Engineers**

It is the business of the church of Jesus Christ to play the role of spiritual engineer to make available the spiritual power to solve the problems of mankind today. The church must care for the spiritual needs of mankind as the 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

service. The sermon by the pastor, The choir will sing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" (Peronnet). Mrs. Stuart Brightwell will direct the choir. Mrs. Eugene Lehman is church organist.

6:30 p.m., Baptist youth fellowship. Jane Grimm is president.

7:30 p.m., evening gospel hour. Sermon by the pastor.

The public is invited to the services of our church.

Monday, 7 p.m., Sunday school teachers meeting at the church.

7:30 p.m., leadership education school at Bethany EUB church.

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

Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Women's Missionary Society will meet at the church. 7:30 p.m., Girl's Guild meeting at the church.

**TRINITY**  
Evangelical United Brethren  
J. O. Fenard, minister

Bring your friends. "Back to church in September!"

Church school at 9 a.m. Classes for all ages. Special music: Superintendent of the church school is Clifford Hoverman.

Morning worship at 10 a.m. The anthem, "Creation," by Franz J. Haydn will be given by the choir. The sermon will be "The Resources of the Church—God."

Boys and Girls fellowship at 6:30 p.m.

Youth fellowship at 6:30 p.m. The evening worship at 7:30 p.m. will consist of a summer Christmas program given by the Boys and Girls fellowship.

The church council of administration will meet at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday evening.

The building committee will meet on Monday evening at 7:30 p.m.

The W.S.W.S. will meet on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Sephus Jackson will bring the lesson.

Mid-week service on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The choir will rehearse on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

The Ladies Aid will meet on Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

**Wit and Wisdom**  
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The story is told that a Chinese who was attending one of our colleges 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 athlete association where, however, some studies are maintained for the benefit of the feeble bodied."

**Our Preacher Says:**  
"Man must work," says Henry Giles. That is as certain as the sun. But he may work grudgingly or he may work gratefully; he may work as a man, or as a machine. There is no work so crude that he may not exalt it; no work so impressive that he may not breathe a soul into it; no work so dull that he may not enliven it."

Labor is indispensable to the happiness of man.

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 invitation and COME TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY?

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