

Creamed Comments On S.S. Lesson

Creamed Comments on the Sunday School Lesson, The Christian Minister, I Cor. 9:1, 13-23, 26-27, for Sunday, October 20.

Just as Christ came into the world not to be ministered unto but to minister, so Paul cites his own life as an example of the surrender of personal rights for the sake of attaining Christian objectives. The lesson stresses the importance of the ministry in the life of the church and the respon-



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sibilities of church members to-
ward their ministers.

Vs. 1, 2. "Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord? . . . If I am not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord." Apparently some questioned Paul's apostleship because he was not one of the original twelve disciples appointed by Christ. He defends his right to call himself an apostle because he had seen Christ, not in the flesh, but in the spirit, on the Damascus road, in the house of Titus Justus and in prison. His testimony of Christ had won many Corinthians to become Christians - another evidence of his apostleship.

Vs. 13, 14. "De ye not know that which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple, and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? . . . Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." The priests in the temple had the sacred food from the altar to eat, and likewise, those who preach the gospel of Christ should receive their livelihood from those to whom it is preached.

Vs. 15. "But I have used none of these things neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void." While Paul preached he worked as a tent-maker to support himself. He did not make use of the privileges he could have had as a minister because he was driven by a divine compulsion to preach and wanted merely the satisfaction of ministering to the people.

Vs. 16, 17. "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel. . . . For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me." Paul considered himself commissioned by Christ to carry on a mission and any failure to carry out this commission would lead to anguish of soul and dire consequences. In his opinion, his reward would be in the joy of accomplishment without any remuneration.

Vs. 18, 19. "What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel. . . . For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more." The Christian gospel is a gospel of love, and Paul felt that by working without recompense he was demonstrating the meaning of disinterested love and the blessing of true Christian fellowship. By being under no obligation to the people for his livelihood, he could give himself wholeheartedly to the use of all his talents in spreading the gospel of Christ. The minister is a servant of God and consequently, a servant of men, that he may win more to Christ.

Vs. 20, 21, 22, 23. "And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; . . . To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law of Christ) that I might gain them that are without law. . . . To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all men, that I might by all means save some. . . . And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you." Paul

realized that compromise with policies and practices was necessary at times though never did he compromise when a moral principle was at stake. When with Jews, Paul capitalized on his birthright as a Jew; when with the weak, he admitted his own weaknesses to become one of them. He identified himself with all humanity in order to win all humanity.

Vs. 26, 27. "I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; . . . I fight, not as one that beateth the air: . . . But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. Self control in all areas of living was necessary if Paul was to make preaching the gospel his whole life, and be a good example.

Friendship cheers like a sunbeam; charms like a good story; inspires like a brave leader; binds like a golden chain; guides like a heavenly vision. - N. D. Hillis.

Ideas must work through the brains and arms of good and brave men, or they are no better than dreams. - Emerson.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

12th and Washington Streets
Carroll Myers, minister

9:30 a.m. morning worship and Communion. Sermon, "The Superstructure." This will be a continued sermon and will be carried over next Lord's day. Come hear this series.

10:30 a.m. Bible school, Lee Moser, superintendent. Mrs. Floyd Rupert, pianist. The new Win Wun class had a good start last Sunday, and you will want to help increase the number present. Be on time.

2:30 p.m. youth rally at Domestic Church of Christ. All youth plan to leave Decatur by 1:30 p.m. Transportation will be furnished.

7:30 p.m. gospel hour and this announcement entitles you to one free pass to the Lord's house on Sunday evening. Come for free admission.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., prayer meeting and Bible study, Jim Renels is leader this week. This is a great mid-week time of refreshing. Don't miss out.

Coming: Oct. 21, area men's meeting. Keep this date open. Oct. 24, high school class party. Keep this date open, young people.

NOTE: The Win Wun class met for the first time as a class last Lord's day and their plan is to try to live up to their name, Win Wun, so will you come that they will have at least one more in their class this Sunday. Come and enjoy the teaching of God's word.

FIRST CHRISTIAN

Traverse W. Chandler, minister

Second and Jefferson Streets
Morning worship service, 9:30 a.m. Organ prelude by Mrs. Glen Borchers. The senior choir under the direction of Mrs. Wm. Bauman will sing, "Will It Be You." The scripture lesson will be Romans 12. The sermon topic is "The Spiritual Glow."

Sunday school at 10:30 a.m. Everett Faulkner, superintendent.

Come and worship, all are welcome.

Church Activities

Wednesday, the Priscilla Circle will meet at 7:30 p.m. Phyllis Bauman will be hostess, Mary Stucky will be leader.

Thursday, junior choir practice at 6:30 p.m. Senior choir practice at 7 p.m.

Friday, the music committee will meet to plan the Christmas program.

Saturday, there will be a Christian woman's fellowship. Presidents' luncheon at Huntington, Indiana. Mrs. Paul Daniels, CWF president, is planning to attend.



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
V. Rev. Msgr. Seimetz, 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 PRESBYTERIAN

Harold J. Bond, pastor

9:15 a.m., Sunday school opening worship conducted by Royal Friend, Sunday school superintendent. Friendly classes taught by consecrated teachers are available to all ages. Is It Well With Your Child? Don't neglect Religious Education. Come with him to Sunday school.

10:30 a.m., morning worship. The Chancel choir will sing "In Pastures Green" by Bixby for the anthem. "Balm in Gilead" a spiritual will be played as the prelude. "Autumn Song" by Demorest will be played for the offertory and "Recessional" by Strickland will be the organ postlude. The minister will speak upon the subject, "Life with a Happy Ending."

2 p.m., members of the Westminster youth fellowship will meet at the church for transportation to the youth rally at Wabash where our young people will conduct the opening worship.

4:30 p.m., junior youth fellowship will meet at the church.

Find Strength For Your Life. For the ninth consecutive year, America's Churches will unite in the Religion in American Life program. The message "Find Strength for Your Life, Worship Together This Week" will appear on more than 5,000 billboards; almost 4,000 magazines; more than 10,000 newspapers besides television and radio will carry the message. Give it your support and your prayers.

ZION

Evangelical and Reformed
(United Church of Christ)

Third and Jackson Street
William C. Feller, pastor

Church school at 9 a.m. Richard Linn, superintendent. There are classes for young and old. Every member of your family will find a place in this school. Come and study with us.

Divine worship at 10 a.m. This will be laymen's Sunday and laymen of the church will participate in the service. The pastor will give the sermon on the theme: "Men of the Mighty Minority." The men's chorus will sing, "Marching to Zion" by Roger C. Wilson. The invocation and call to worship will be given by Lawrence Rash; the responsive reading will be led by Benj. Elchenauer; Harold Hoffman will read the Scripture lesson, and Ed Jaberg will give the morning prayer.

The Churchmen's Brotherhood will meet on Monday at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Ann Lehman will show pictures and tell of her recent visit in Scotland. All men of the church are invited to attend.

Final sessions of the community leadership training school will be held in the Bethany EUB church on Monday at 7:30 p.m.

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

Women's Guild executive committee meeting on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the church parlor. This includes all departmental chairmen, all circle chairmen, the president officers and the newly elected officers for 1958.

Senior choir rehearsal on Friday at 7 p.m.

Catechetical classes on Saturday morning: seniors at 9, juniors at 10 a.m.

Sunday, October 20, Mission Festival service at 10 a.m.

Come and worship with us.

TRINITY

Evangelical United Brethren
Ninth and Madison Streets
J. O. Penrod, minister

The pastor's instruction class will be received into the fellowship of the church. Come and welcome the new members.

Church school at 9 a.m. Clifford Hoverman, superintendent; Pastor's class will meet at the parsonage.

Morning worship at 10 a.m. The

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by Carrington. The message will be "Gamble, If It Is A Man." Pastor's class will be received into fellowship of the church.

The program committee of the every member canvass will meet Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

The boys and girls fellowship will meet Sunday night at 6:30 p.m.

The youth fellowship will meet Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m.

The evening worship will be held Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. The sermon will be "Profane Living, An Injurious Habit."

The Junior catechism class will meet Monday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in the pastor's study.

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

EMC training for the general committee will be at Fort Wayne on Tuesday evening at 6:29 p.m.

The mid-week service will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The church council will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, to approve the proposed program of the EMC.

Choir rehearsal will be Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
West Monroe and Eleventh Sts.
Edgar P. Schmidt, Pastor

THE CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN HOUR
"Missions in Three Dimensions," will be the pastor's sermon theme tomorrow as the congregation observes its annual Mission Rally Day at both the 8:00 and 10:30 o'clock worship hours. A goal of \$1500.00 has been set as a Mission Day offering. Members are asked to use the Mission Sunday envelopes.

A nursery for children aged three years and under is conducted each Sunday during the 10:30 service in the northwest classroom of the Parish Hall. Parents with little ones are invited to use the nursery while they worship.

Sunday school and Bible classes, with study groups from nursery class (aged three and four) to adult Bible class, are conducted from 9:15 to 10:10 a. m. You and your children are invited to enroll. A special invitation is extended to the High School youth.

Saturday Bible school meets each week Saturday from 9:15 to 11:30 a. m. for children, grades 3 through 8.

Church Calendar
A pot-luck family dinner will be sponsored tomorrow noon by the Missionary Society, as a special feature of Mission Sunday. Members are asked to bring a covered dish, salad, and/or dessert and their table service. The society will furnish coffee, rolls, and table embellishments.

The third quarterly meeting of the Voters' Assembly of the congregation will be held Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, in the church nave.

The pastor will continue his adult lecture series on Christian fundamentals Tuesday evenings at 7:30 o'clock, instead of Monday evening.

Men's Chorus rehearsal Wednesday evening at 7.

The Emmaus Guild meets Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. If you have no church-home, Zion Lutheran invites you to its worship services.

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

9:15 a. m. Sunday School Hour. Lester Mitchell, Supt. We have a graded school with a class for every age.

10:30 a. m. Morning Worship service. The choir anthem is "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled" (arr. by Heyser). "Faithful to Truth and to Trust" will be the sermon topic. Mrs. Stuart Brightwell is choir director. Mrs. Eugene Lehman is church organist.

6:30 p. m. Baptist Youth Fellowship.

7:30 p. m. Evening Gospel hour. Sermon topic is "Master and Servants."

The public is invited to attend the services of our church. You will be warmly welcomed.

Church Activities
Monday, 7 p. m. Joint meeting of the Proposal Committee and the Resources Chairman of the Every Member Canvass. Meeting at the church.

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. General

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5:15 p. m. Women's Banquet at Indiana Baptist Convention in Ft. Wayne. Minister's and Laymen's Banquet in Ft. Wayne.

Wednesday, 7 p. m. Midweek Hour of Prayer and Bible study.

8:00 p. m. Choir rehearsal.

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BETHANY EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH
Ben. G. Thomas, Minister

9:00 a.m. Sunday School.
Mr. Wm. Journey, Superintendent.

10:00 a.m. The Extended Session for Children will be under the direction of Mrs. Richard Rickford and her corps of Missionary workers.

10:00 a.m. Divine Worship.
The Sermon: "Without Pay".

1:30 p.m. E.M.S. Program Committee.

6:00 p.m. The Youth Fellowship. The Commission on Recreation and Leisure will conduct a "Personality Clinic" starting with "How to get along with Myself."

7:00 p.m. "The Summer Christmas Tree."

This program is presented by the children and the offering is used to promote the missions program in other lands.

Monday 6:30 p.m. The Men's Club will have as their speaker Mr. Alex Miller, president of the E.U.B. Men of Indiana Conference North.

Monday 8:15 p.m. The Final Session of the E.M.C. Resource and Program Committee.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service and Bible Study.

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal.

8:00 p.m. The Council of Administration.

DECATUR CHURCH OF GOD
628 Cleveland St.
Huston Bever Jr. Pastor

8:30 a.m. - Hear Dr. Dale Oldham, on "The Christian Brotherhood Hour" over W.K.J.G.

9:30 a.m. - Morning Worship - We want to especially invite you to our services this morning, to hear our evangelist, Rev. Mervin Taylor. Rev. Taylor is a native of Decatur and has a host of friends. We expect to have an over-flow in attendance this morning.

10:30 a.m. - Sunday School Hour - Our classes are graded to meet the need of your age group. Come and take part in one of these classes.

6:30 p.m. - Youth Fellowship - Every young person will want to be in this service. Rev. Taylor is the guest speaker.

7:30 p.m. - Evening Service - This should be one of our best services during this revival effort. Rev. Taylor will continue to be with us through Wednesday evening.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
7th & Marshall - - -
C. E. Lykins, Pastor

Sunday school rally begins at 9:30 D.S.T. The Keller family, of Muncie, are to be with us. Their music includes a variety of vocal combinations and instrumental numbers.

Rev. Keller will speak in the worship service at 10:30.

Young peoples' Rally at 6:30 in charge of the Kellers.

Evangelistic service at 7:30. Rev. Keller will also speak in this service.

Prayer meeting Wednesday eve-

ing at 7:15.
A welcome to all.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
West Monroe At Fifth Street
Virgil Wealey 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.

A Nursery for toddlers and a supervised crib room for babies.

10:20/Divine Worship. Rev. Sexton will have for his sermon topic "Immune to the Genuine". The choir under the direction of Mr. Leland Neuen will sing "Sheep may safely graze" by Bach. The organ selections played by Mrs. Gerber will be "Prelude in E Flat" by Sheppard; "Andante Poetique" by Sergison and "Blessing" by Lorenz.

The Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet in Memorial Chapel at 5:30 o'clock. Winston Lister has devotionals. The program will be on Hinduism, using the Life films. A discussion will be led by Rev. Sexton. Guides of the Way are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Uhrick.

The Intermediate Youth Fellowship will meet in the Chapel for an Initiation at 7:00 prompt. Mr. and Mrs. David Owens will be in charge.