

## Creamed Comments On S.S. Lesson

Creamed Comments on the Sunday School Lesson. The Christian Minister, 1 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 responsibility of church members toward their ministers.

Vs. 1, 2. "Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not been compromised 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, notas, uncertainly: (1) fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest 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.

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 remuneration 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; 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 is planning to attend.

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# COME TO CHURCH



ring at 7:15.

A welcome to all.

### 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.

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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.

The Church Mother's Study Club will hold their regular meeting in the Church Lounge, Tuesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock.

The Wesleyan Service Guild will meet, with Miss Wilma Andrews, Tuesday evening at 7:30 prompt.

The Mid-Week Fellowship Hour continues to meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 o'clock in Memorial Chapel. Rev. Sexton is currently conducting a series of lessons on the "Miracles of Jesus". Plan to spend this hour at the church each week.

The choir will meet Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. for their regular rehearsal.

### BETHANY EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

Ben. G. Thomas, Minister  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Mr. Wm. Journey, Superintendent

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.

The "Do Your Best" class will meet on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The general committee of the EMC will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday to plan the congregational dinner meeting.

### 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 has been set as a Mission Day offering. Members are asked to use the Missions 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 7:30 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 present officers and the newly elected officers for 1958.

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### 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.

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### 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 Canvas. Meeting at the church.

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