



Creamed Comments on the Sunday School Lesson, The Source of the Church's Power, Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-11, for Sunday, January 12.

The words of Jesus in this lesson were spoken on the Mount of Olives immediately before His ascension: ten days later came Pentecost, when the promise of power given by Jesus His ascension was fulfilled. The gift of the Holy Spirit transformed the weakness of the disciples into power and victory.

V. 4. "And being assembled together with them, he commanded that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which saith, ye have heard of me. Jerusalem was the seat of both political and religious hostility — so hostile, the forces there combined to crucify Christ. Therefore, the mastery of Jerusalem was the disciples' greatest problem from which they were not to run away. If they mastered Jerusalem and stood up to all of its difficult situations, they could master anything.

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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH V. Rev. Msgr. Schmitz, 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.

BETHANY

Evangelical United Brethren
Benj. G. Thomas, minister
Sunday school, 9 a.m. Wm. Feasell, superintendent. No extended session except nursery.

MONDAY

7:30 p.m. Week of Prayer Service in this Church The Men's Quatette will sing and Rev. Parker will speak.

TUESDAY

6:00 p.m. Boy's Basketball practice.

7:30 Week of Prayer Service at the Bethany E.U.B. Rev. Penrod, speaker.

WEDNESDAY

6:00 The Westminster Choir will practice.

7:00 The Chancel Choir will practice.

7:30 Week of Prayer Service at the Church of God. Rev. Gerig, speaker.

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Annual Congregational and Corporation Meeting. Reports of all organizations and Boards will be made. Election of Elders, Trustees and Deacons for 1958.

UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST Nuttman Ave.

Paul D. Parker, Minister

Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Lawrence Michel Superintendent. A warm welcome awaits you in the class prepared for you. Bring the whole family as we have classes for all ages.

V. 1. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place." The day of Pentecost was a one-day feast celebrating the completion of the grain harvest, one of the three important feasts of the Jewish year. The Christian Pentecost commemorates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit instead of the giving of the Law and is celebrated fifty days after Easter. The disciples joined together in prayer this day.

Vs. 2, 3, 4. "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind and it filled all the house where they were sitting. . . And there appeared unto them cloven tongues as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. . . And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." The vigorous base of wind symbolized the force, vastness and mystery of the Holy Spirit; tongues of fire symbolized purification with evil burned out of men's souls as the Holy Spirit entered; the gift of tongues could have been a temporary spiritual endowment so that all could hear and understand the Gospel.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Mercer at the Five Points

Harold J. Bond, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. We are

beginning a new year this Sunday, and one of the best ways to begin

is to go to church this Sunday and then every Sunday. The year 1957

was the greatest year yet in the

history of the church. However

in 1958, we hope to break all previous records.

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sermon: "The Heart of Man"

Evening Service 7:45 p.m. Sermon: "A Call for Consecrated Service".

Wednesday Evening 7:45 p.m.

Prayer meeting and Bible study.

Saturday Evening 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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invitation to attend the church

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meet to worship God. You

will be thrilled to hear the old fashioned singing, the anointed preaching, and the friendly atmosphere.

It is in the Communion of the

Lord's Supper that we see how

the "New Life" is maintained.

A most cordial welcome is ex-

tended to all who worship in the

House of God this day and Always.

Small children may be left in the

nursery during the worship service.

Supervision is provided for your little ones.

4:30 P.M. Junior Fellowship will

meet Mrs. James Kocher Jr. is the

adviser for January.

V. 5. "For John truly baptized

with water; but ye shall be baptiz-

ed with the Holy Ghost not many

hence." Water baptism was more

than a physical performance in

Jesus' teachings. It was expressive

of repentance. Jesus rebuked those

who made much of the formality

of baptism without giving due at-

tention to its spiritual meaning

which could bring fulness of

spiritual power.

V. 6. "When they therefore were

come together, they asked of him,

saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time

restore again the kingdom to Is-

rael?" The disciples were still

looking for a Jewish political king-

dom with the Messiah as a ruler.

Actually, the Messianic kingdom

was to be a dominion of spiritual

depths, not political. The disci-

ples were concerned with the future

than with their mission to extend

the kingdom.

V. 7. "And he said unto them, It

is not for you to know the times

or the season, which the Father

hath put in his own power." Some

things were not to be revealed

even to the apostles at this time,

and it was unwise to speculate

about the future rather than to be

concerned about carrying out their

mission then.

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V. 9. "And when they had heard

these words, they were dis-

turbed, but they had great joy in

the Holy Spirit which filled them.

V. 10. "And when he had

finished these words, he was

led out, and immediately there

came a sound from heaven as of

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at the church at 6:30 p.m. on Monday evening.

The Week of Prayer services will be held each night Monday through Friday.