

## Creamed Comments On S.S. Lesson

Creamed Comments on the Sunday school lesson, Justice in Government. Duet. 16:18-20; Amos 5:12-15; Romans 13:1-7, for Sunday, August 10.

The passage from Deuteronomy stresses the Hebrew ideal of justice in government as part of the instruction God gave to Moses; the verses from Amos depict the degree to which the Israelites became unrighteous and gave no heed to God's laws; in Romans, we learn the Christian ideal of government, showing that the supreme sovereignty of God is the source of all duly constituted government.

Vs. 18-20. "Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, throughout thy tribes; and they shall judge the people with just judgment. Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise and pervert the words of the righteous. That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." The principles of justice and democracy, which Moses had taught the people, were interpreted by the local judges in terms of the needs of the community and the judges' understanding of the Mosaic law. "Just judgment" infers that there were fixed standards of right and wrong. There was to be no partiality shown, nor bribes accepted by the judges, nor

misrepresentation of facts. All people were to be equal by the law just as they were before God. Vs. 12, 13. "For I know your manifold transgressions, and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right. Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time." Amos is speaking directly to the officials who were perverting justice by accepting bribes and discriminating against the just and the poor. The wise man knew that it was futile to appeal for justice when justice had ceased to be the objective of the court.

Vs. 14, 15. "Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts shall be with you, as ye have spoken. Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate; it may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph." Amos called the nation to repentance and urged them to be as diligent in pursuing what was good as they had been zealous in their evil ways. God's covenant with the Israelites was dependent upon their obedience and faithfulness, and they were not to be favored otherwise. They were to change their ways if they wished God's favor.

Vs. 1, 2. "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that are are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation." The state, with its officials, is a part of the divine order for the government of the world, and has a right to exist, quite apart from any relation to or sanction by the church. Paul traces government to God's purpose just as he says the Church was divinely conceived. Both are institutions administered by man, but ordained by God. This principle is true only as those who govern are loyal to God. If they are disloyal to God, they are not worthy to rule.

Vs. 3, 4. "For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid: for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil." There have been many situations when rulers have been a handicap to good conduct, though in theory governments uphold justice and punish only the wrong. Even though the ruler be a pagan, if he executes justice, and punishes chime, he is performing a useful purpose and, in that sense, is God's minister.

Vs. 5-7. "Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor." The Christian citizen should not obey the law because the ruler yields a sword, but for conscience sake since obedience is the will of God. It is also the Christian's duty to actively support his government as well as respect its laws, since good servants of the state are performing a service for God.

Weakness of conduct is but the consequence of weakness of conviction; for the strongest of all the springs of human action is human belief. — Guizot.

## World Religious News

Youth for Christ International has set a goal of 1,000 new workers to be enlisted and trained in the next five years.

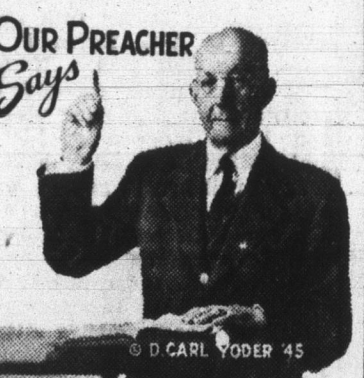
A filing station in Oklahoma has a chapel in connection for fifty motorists. Twenty-five to thirty motorists per day enter the chapel and come out rested and relaxed after prayer. The Highway Patrol reports fewer accidents on that stretch of road.

In South Africa, a large sign (14'x8') has been erected on the ground of St. George's Cathedral, Cape Town, reading: "This cathedral is open to welcome all men and women of all races to all services at all times." The new sign was put after supporters of segregation had removed a smaller notice with similar wording from cathedral steps.

Seventh-Day Adventists sent 385 missionaries to 75 countries in 1957. Since 1902 this church has sent 8,367 missionaries to new stations. A record \$63,000,000 was contributed by members of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church to various causes of the denomination in 1957, and increase of more than \$8,000,000 over the previous year.

Ground has been broken for an interdenominational chapel inside Southern Michigan Prison, the world's largest walled penal institution, at Jackson, Michigan. The state appropriated the money for its construction, but the inmates of the prison raised the amount needed for the furnishing.

In England, Armand Georges, of Ilford, who is seriously ill with high blood pressure, devotes one evening every week to an unusual form of Christian service. On that evening he opens his home to "any lonely people who care to call." The ministry developed after Mr. Georges published a leaflet — "Crusade Against Loneliness" — and received some 40,000 letters from lonely people. He believes that local churches should sponsor special services for these people, because "what they want most is to be able to knock on somebody's door and make themselves at home with one or two people."



— Tears and Laughter

God made both tears and laughter, and both for kind purposes; for, as laughter enables mirth and surprise to breathe freely, so tears enable sorrow to vent itself patiently. Tears hinder sorrow from becoming despair and madness; and laughter is one of the very privileges of reason, being confined to the human species. — Leigh Hunt.

Friendship improves happiness, and abates misery, by doubling our joy and dividing our grief. — Joseph Addison.

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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.

**ZION EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED**  
(United Church of Christ)  
Third and Jackson

William C. Feller, Pastor  
Church School at 9:00 a.m. Wesley Lehman, superintendent. The combined adult classes will be taught by Mrs. Lehman. Come and bring your family for the study of God's Word.

Divine worship at 10:00 a.m. In the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Victor Weidner, of Waverly, Iowa, a son of this congregation, will preach the sermon. His theme will be, "The Importance of the Right Start." Special music will be furnished by Mrs. Richard Kershner and Mrs. Dorsey Dean.

The greeting committee for August will be Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Lehman and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Houk.

We extend a cordial invitation to all members and friends of the church to worship in this service. Visitors are always welcome. Come and worship with us.

**FIRST METHODIST**  
West Monroe at Fifth Street  
F. Hazen Sparks, minister

9 a.m., church school. Fred Solner, superintendent will be in charge. We have a crib room for infants, supervised nursery and kindergarten classes for pre-school children and classes for all age groups. Bring your children and come to the church school.

10 a.m., divine worship. Rev. Sparks will preach on the topic "The Religious Test" this Sunday morning. The special solo will be "Beside Still Waters" by Hamblen and will be sung by Jack Lawson, Mrs. Leland Neuen will be playing the organ this Sunday and she has selected the following numbers for this Sunday: "Three Figured Chorales" by Bach; Offertory on "Olivet" by Lindsay and Postlude by Otis.

The Wednesday evening fellowship hour for meditation and prayer will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, the officers and circle leaders of the W. S. C. S. will meet in the church parlors at 10 a.m. The ladies will plan their program and work for the coming year and a good attendance is desired. A pot luck luncheon will be served at noon and the meat, rolls and drink will be furnished.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN**  
W. L. Burner, pastor

Morning worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. Mrs. Glen Borchers will be organist, and Mrs. Wm. Bauman, pianist. The sermon will be entitled "Life's Rivalries." The scripture lesson will be Luke 14:15-24.

Sunday school will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Church activities  
Wednesday — The Corinthian class will meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. Kohls. Mrs. Kohls will be worship leader, and Mrs. Homer Ruhl will be leader.

**MISSIONARY CHURCH**  
Tenth and Dayton Streets  
Gerald L. Gerig, Pastor

9:00 — Sunday School Hour. Help us maintain a 200 average in 1958. Average so far is 204!  
10:00 — Morning Worship Hour. Pastor speaks on this subject, "What We Believe Concerning Salvation." This is the first message on a series titled, "What We Believe."

6:30 — Pre-Service Prayer.  
7:00 — Youth Meetings.  
7:30 — Evening Gospel Hour

**Wednesday**  
7:30 — Prayer and Praise.  
No choir rehearsal during the month of August.

**Thursday**  
7:00 — Ladies' Fellowship at the church.

**Saturday**  
7:00 — Men's prayer meeting. You will find a warm welcome at the Missionary Church.

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Mercer Avenue at Five Points  
Harold J. Bond, pastor  
Unified Service, 9:30 a.m.

"The Lord is in His Temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him." Every member of the Sunday school and church will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary for the opening service. During the hymn before the sermon, all boys and girls through the primary departments will go to their classes. Other classes will meet following the meditation.

Musical selections will include the prelude, "The Lost Chord," by Sullivan, the offertory, "A Judean Hymn," by Wilson, and the postlude, "Postlude in C" by Van Woert.

Special music will be provided during the worship service. The sermon this morning will be, "Kingdom Candidates."

Small children may be left in the nursery during the unified service, adult supervision is provided for your little ones.

Counseling by appointment — call 3-2522.

In Memoriam

Dick Heller July 28, 1958  
Communicant member since April 19, 1946.

Kate Baumgartner July 28, 1958  
Communicant member since February 14, 1978.

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

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

Cor. 12th & Washington  
Carroll Myers, minister  
Lee Moser, supt.

9:30 a.m., morning worship with communion each Sunday. Sermon: "Sinner and the Blood." Come to worship, study for study. There will be special music at the worship hour.

10:30 a.m., Bible school. This being the first Sunday of the month, the assistant officers and teachers will be in charge with Leon McClain, assistant supt. The preacher will furnish all day "Suckers" for everyone in attendance Sept. 7th if our Bible school is defeated by the "Mystery" church. As of now, the "Mystery" church is way ahead of us. Come on all of you folk, and get busy inviting your friends and neighbors to Bible school. Everyone welcome.

7:30 p.m., evening gospel hour with some fine gospel singing and Bible preaching. Come one come all. Sermon: "Work of Faith." Read the first three chapters of I Thessalonians before coming to church and you will get more out of the message.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Bible study and prayer meeting, Wayne Lehman, leader.

Saturday, all church skating party at the "Happy Hours Roller Rink." Everyone is welcome to come and have fun.

Aug. 10, church and Bible school picnic to be filled with fun fellowship. We will leave immediately after church so be in church and Bible school for all the details. Don't miss this Lord's day services.

## TRINITY EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

Ninth and Madison Streets  
Rev. J. O. Penrod, Minister

Church School will be held at 9:00 a.m. Clifford Hoverson, superintendent.

The last meeting of the Pastor's class will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the pastor's study.

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. A Vocal solo "He Loves Even Me" will be sung by Ted Hill. Mrs. Herald Hitchcock, organist, will play "Meditation" by Armstrong; "Nearer the Cross" by Nolte; and "Postlude in F" by Wheeler. The pastor's message will be "God's Remedy For Fear." The pastor's class will be received into church membership.

The Youth Fellowship will meet on Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. for recreation and a lesson.

The Boys and Girls Fellowship will meet on Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Evening Worship will be held on Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. The pastor's message will be "The Rejected Invitation."

The Boy Scout Troop No. 65 will meet on Monday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Mid-week Worship will be held for all ages on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

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

The Kum Dubble class will hold a picnic at the Chalmers Bollenbacher cottage at Winona Lake on Saturday, August 9 at 12:00 noon.

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## UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST

Nutman Ave.  
Paul D. Parker, Minister  
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Lawrence Michel will have charge of the school. We have classes for all ages; why not bring the whole family?

Morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. "Comfort Ye My People" will be the theme of the pastors message.

Christian Endeavor re-organization at 7:00 p.m.

Evening evangelistic service, 7:30 p.m. Sermon, "An Important Question."

Prayer and Bible Study, Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

221 South Fourth Street  
Stuart H. Brightwell, Pastor

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

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service. The sermon by the pastor, "The Greatest Question" James J. Strickler will sing, "The Lord's Prayer." Mrs. Eugene Lehman is church organist. The Lord's Supper will be observed at this service.

7:30 p.m. Evening Gospel Hour. The sermon by the pastor is entitled, "A Strong Man Overcome." Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Midweek Hour of Prayer and Bible study. John Mays will be the leader of this devotional hour.

The services of our church are open to the public. You are invited to worship with us. You will receive a cordial welcome.

## ZION LUTHERAN

West Monroe and Eleventh Streets  
Edgar P. Schmidt, pastor

The Church With Carillon Bells  
8 a.m., early worship.  
9:15 a.m., Sunday school.  
10:30 a.m., late worship.

The pastor will occupy his own pulpit tomorrow morning, speaking on the subject, "Why Christians Apologize For Their Religion," based on I Peter 3, 13-18.

We extend an invitation to our members, the students attending the Reppert School of Auctioneering, and the non-church people of Decatur. We are happy to share with you the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sunday school classes, nursery to senior, meet at 9:15. High school and adult Bible classes do not meet in July and August.

Let's not forget who we are. If we are Christians, we will want to worship our Lord on His day. Vacation With God, not away from Him.

## CHURCH OF GOD

628 Cleveland Street  
Huston Bever, Jr., Pastor

8:30 a.m. "The Christian Brotherhood Hour" over W. K. J. G. This week Dr. Oldham has a challenging message that you should hear.

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. This service should be of importance to you, for worship is important. Today we need to give more thought and time to the Giver, than to the gifts. Our service is to help you to worship pleasing to the Giver.

10:40 a.m. Sunday School. The lesson for adults will be "Guarding Our Freedoms." Worship is a freedom.

7:30 p.m. Evening Service. We invite you to this service if you are not attending elsewhere.

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Prayer service. We are enjoying our studying together the letter of Paul to the Ephesians. Study chapter 5 and come to share with us.

Science cannot solve the great mysteries of our existence — why we are, whether we are bound, and what it all means. Faith alone assures us of definite purpose in all experience.

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"Although there is a need for more scientists," says Dr. Paul H. Carnell, chairman of the chemistry department of Albion College, Michigan, "our greatest need is for more creative thinkers in all fields. Our most effective defense would not lie in 1,000 intercontinental ballistic missiles, but would be a multitude of young people with deep Christian commitment and with minds rigorously trained to solve the more important problems involved in human relations." The church lays great emphasis on its religious education program so that its young people may be sincerely committed to the Christian way of life. Why not join with those who desire sincerely that not only our youth but those of every age make a fuller commitment to Christ. Why not accept the invitation and come to church next Sunday?

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## The Better Way

In our desire to be up to date, we often minimize the value of the old things which have not lost their importance with the passage of time. Herbert Hoover has said on this subject, this following:

"The practical thing we can do if we really want to make the world over again is to try out the word 'Old' for a while. There are some 'Old' things that made this country. There is the Old Virtue of religious faith. There are the Old Virtues of integrity and the whole truth. There is the Old Virtue of incorruptible service and honor in public office. There are the Old Virtues of economy in government, of self-reliance, thrift, and individual liberty. There are the Old Virtues of patriotism, real love of country and willingness to sacrifice for it.

These Old ideas are very inexpensive. They even would help to win hot and cold wars. I realize that such suggestions will raise the cuss word 'Reactionary.' But some of these Old things are slipping badly in American life. And if they slip too far, the lights will go out of America, even if we win these cold and hot wars."

## Do You Know THE HOLY BIBLE

1. What mass miracle did Jesus perform?
2. How did Jesus show his mastery of nature?
3. What two early Christian preachers were set free by an earthquake?
4. To whom did God promise a son miraculously in answer to prayer?
5. What prayer of Moses was not granted?

## Lesson Prayer

Lesson Prayer: Dear Father, we thank Thee that we are living in a world based on and sustained by the law and order of its Creator. May we realize how necessary it is that men have established rules of conduct that all may enjoy life and happiness and attain the ends Thou hast desired for mankind. Grant that we may be more fully aware of our obligations as Christian citizens by electing worthy men to high office and by assuming our civic responsibilities in return for the many blessings we receive as citizens. Amen.

## DO YOU KNOW ANSWERED

1. Feeding the five thousand — Matt. 14:17-21.
2. By stilling the storm (Matt. 8:26), and walking on the water (Matt. 14:25).
3. Paul and Silas — Acts 16:25-26.
4. Abraham — Gen. 17:17-19.
5. To enter Canaan — Duet. 3:24-27.

Well arranged time is the surest mark of a well arranged mind. — Pitman.

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