

Creamed Comments On S.S. Lesson

Creamed comments on the Sunday school lesson, "Israel's First King," 1 Sam. 10:17-27, for Sunday, April 12.

The lesson today deals with the establishment of the Hebrew monarchy. During the days of Eli and Samuel, national consciousness had been increasing. Samuel was old and his sons were known to be dishonest and took bribes and so were unfit to be king. Furthermore, the people thought a leader was needed, capable of leading them into battle against their enemy, the Philistines. Samuel represented the establishment of a monarchy, preferring a theocracy, meaning a government ruled directly by God through ecclesiastical leaders. The people wanted a king comparable to other nations, and Samuel bowed to their will.

Vs. 17, 18. "And Samuel called the people together unto the Lord to Mizpah. . . . And said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, I brought you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of them that oppressed you." Samuel called a national assembly, probably consisting of the men who were twenty years of age and over. He pointed out that under his leadership, God had delivered Israel from the Egyptians and all those who had

oppressed them, and inferred that they should have satisfied with this kind of leadership instead of insisting on having a king.

V. 19. "And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, Nay, but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before the Lord by your tribes, and by your thousands." A king, who would not be a prophet, would govern by his own decrees, not necessarily in accordance with God's will. From the Israelites' standpoint, God's leadership was unrealistic, since he was an invisible spirit. The people gathered together by tribes and clans.

Vs. 20, 21. "And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken. . . . When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul, the son of Kish was taken; and when they sought him, he could not be found." One by one the twelve tribes were brought near and the sacred lot, which was viewed as indicating divine choice, fell first upon the tribe of Benjamin, then upon the clan of Matri, and finally upon Saul, who was probably frightened about the whole procedure and had run away.

Vs. 22, 23. "Therefore they inquired of the Lord further, if the man should yet come thither. And the Lord answered, Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff. . . . And they ran and fetched him thence; and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward." Saul had been anointed by Samuel previously and knew he was to be the chosen king and was no doubt modest and self-conscious. His unusual size gave him a regal bearing.

V. 24. "And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the Lord hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said God save the king." God had made known his choice of a king to Samuel, yet it was considered desirable that God's will in the matter be publicly manifest, in order that the new king might win the loyalty of the people.

MISSIONARY

Tenth and Dayton Streets
Gerald I. Gerig, pastor
9 a.m., Sunday school hour. If everyone puts forth the same effort they did last Sunday, we will have a wonderful crowd.

10 a.m., morning worship hour. Music by the choir under the direction of Darrell Gerig. Pastor's message is entitled, "The Church Without Love." Junior church and a nursery department for children ages 2 through 11.
6:30 p.m., pre-service prayer.
6:45 p.m., teen-age MYF.
7 p.m., adult fellowship and children's gospel hour.
7:30 p.m., evening gospel hour. Message: "Our God A Consuming Fire."

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., meeting of the church board.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., prayer and praise. 8:30 p.m., choir rehearsal.

Thursday, 1:30 p.m., ladies' prayer meeting. 7:30 p.m., men's missionary fellowship. John Wistner of Grover Hill, O., will show colored film of the expedition "Deepfreeze" to the South Pole. Saturday, 7 p.m., men's prayer meeting.

The superiority of some men is merely local. They are great because their associates are little.—Johnson.

Man's rank is his power to uplift.—MacDonald.

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

The activities of our church school will begin at 9 a.m. under the leadership of Clifford Hoveman, superintendent.

A new pastor's class on church membership will be held at the parsonage at 9 a.m. All those who desire to learn more about our church are invited to attend as well as those who desire to unite in membership.

Morning worship service will be held at 10 a.m. Organ numbers selected by Harold Mummia are "Eternal Light" by Larson; "In The Temple" by Von Gluck; and "Postlude B Flat Major" by Sachs. The chancel choir under the direction of Walter Henkel, will sing, "Come Unto Me" by Simper. Rev. Penrod will sing the solo. The pastor's message will be, "The Open Eyes of Faith." Come and worship with us!

At 5:30 p.m., Sunday, the youth catechetical class will hold its final session.

The youth fellowship will meet at 6 p.m. Sunday.
Evening worship will be held Sunday, 7 p.m. The "Sermon on the Mount" will be read in a setting of candlelight and organ music. Come and listen to the words of the Master Teacher.

The Boys and Girls fellowship will meet in their departments Sunday, 7 p.m.

The local conference will be held Sunday at 8 p.m. Rev. B. G. Thomas will conduct the meeting.

The Boy Scout troop No. 65 will meet Monday, 6:30 p.m.

Junior-Hi catechetical class will meet in the pastor's study Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

Junior catechetical class will meet Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Mid-week worship will be held Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. The youth and children's choirs will rehearse at this hour.

A combined leadership training school and observation school will be held with Bethany church Thursday night, Friday night, Saturday morning and afternoon. The school will meet Thursday and Friday nights at 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., and on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Teachers who are to attend will be contacted by the committee.

FIRST BAPTIST

221 South Fourth Street
Stuart H. Brightwell, pastor
9:15 a.m., Sunday school hour. John Mays, supt. We have a graded school with competent teachers and a class for every age.

10:30 a.m., morning worship service. "The Abundant Life" is the message by the pastor. The church choir will sing, "Let us Break Bread Together" (arr. by Lorenz). The Lord's supper will be observed at this service. The hand of Christian fellowship will be given to new members. 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. Message will be by the pastor.

Church Calendar
Wednesday, 6:15 p.m., junior choir rehearsal. 7 p.m., midweek hour of prayer. 8 p.m., church choir rehearsal.

Thursday, 4 p.m., church membership class at the pastor's study. 7:30 p.m., women's missionary society and the girl's guild will meet. The services of our church are open to the public. You are invited to visit our friendly, spiritual church.

He that makes a question where there is no doubt, must make an answer where there is no reason.

Sunday Service

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
V. Rev. Mgr. Schmets, 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 CHURCH

Mercer Avenue at Five Points
Harold J. Bond, Minister

9:15 a.m. Sunday School classes will meet. Mrs. Chalmers DeBolt, superintendent of pre-school and nursery department. (Meets in Parish house). Mrs. James Kocher, superintendent of primary department (meets in Parish house). Mr. Talmadge Campbell, superintendent of junior dept. Mrs. H. J. Bond, superintendent of Junior Hi dept. Mrs. Clark Mayclin, Senior Hi department. Royal Friend is general superintendent.

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship. The pastor will deliver another sermon in the series on the Ten Commandments — "Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother." The Chancel Choir will sing "All On An April Evening" under the direction of Mrs. Clint Reed. Special organ selections by Mrs. Hubbard include "Balm in Gilead" and "A Song of Hope" and "Postlude in C" — Ashford. Ushers for the month of April include Larry Macklin, Tom Allwein, Wilbur Petrie, Jack Macklin, Dick Macklin and Paul Blackburn.

5:30 p.m. Westminster Youth Fellowship.
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Session meeting.

Wednesday —
6:00 p.m. Westminster Choir practice.
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir practice.

Saturday —
Vacation Church School Institute. For VCS leaders from churches of the Presbytery of Wabash River, at the First Presbyterian church, Wayne at Webster St., Fort Wayne, Ind., on Saturday, April 11, from 2 until 5 p.m. (C. D. T.) Featuring sections for leaders in the following:

Kindergarten department: Miss Margaret Pershing, leader.
Primary department: Mrs. Milton L. Nolin, leader.
Junior department: Mrs. Lowell Harper, leader.
Day Camping: Mr. John Muir, leader.

Scheduled as follows:
1:45 to 2:00—Arrive at church. Inquire at reception office for directions. Go immediately to classrooms, since classes will begin promptly at 2 o'clock. Note: Off-street parking is available in lots near the church at nominal cost.

2:00 to 3:15—First class session for all groups.
3:15 to 3:40—Coffee break in the Youth Lounge. Materials will be on display at this time.
3:40 to 4:40—Second class session for all groups.
4:45 to 5:00—Closing worship in the chapel. Adjournment.

UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST
Nuttman Avenue
Paul D. Parker, minister
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. This being the first Sunday of the month the assistant officers and teachers will have charge of the school. We had a record attendance in the Sunday school last Sunday. May we look for you tomorrow? Bring the family, we have classes for all ages.

Morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. The pastor, in the morning service, is beginning a series of sermons on the general theme of "Discipleship." The first message will be on the subject, "Conditions of Discipleship."

Christian Endeavor, 7 p.m. "He Is My Christ" will be the study topic.
Evening evangelistic service, 7:30 p.m. The pastor will speak on the subject of "Married Vessels."

Prayer and Bible study Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
You are welcome.

Church of the Nazarene
7th and Marshall
C. E. Lykins, pastor
Sunday school at 9:30. Richard Hurst, Supt.

Worship service at 10:30, with the pastor speaking. There will be no Sunday evening young people's meeting this week.

Evangelistic service at 7:30. Sermon by the pastor.
Church Board meeting Monday evening at 7:30.
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 P.M., followed by choir practice.

A welcome to all.
There are two very difficult things in the world. One is to make a name for one's self and the other is to keep it.—Robert Schumann.

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

9:30 a.m., church school. Fred Solder, superintendent, will be in charge of the church school, where classes are provided for each member of the family. There are classes for nursery and kindergarten children and a supervised crib room for babies. Bring your family and come to the church school.

10:20 a.m., divine worship. This Sunday morning, Rev. Sparks will preach on the topic: "The Meanest Thief in the World." The senior choir under the direction of Leland Neuen will sing "O Worship The King" by Haydn and the Ladies choir will sing: "Lift Thine Eyes" by Mendelssohn. Mrs. Gerber will play "The Church's One Foundation" by Stults; "O Day of Rest" by Clark and "Hymn of Thanks" by Mallard.

The senior Methodist youth fellowship will meet in the chapel at 5:30 p.m. with Nancy Helm in charge of the lesson. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dailey are Guides of the Way.

The intermediate youth fellowship will meet in the recreation room at 5:30 o'clock with their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stonestreet.

Tuesday, the chairmen of the commissions will meet with the pastor in the church office at 7 p.m. and the members of the commissions will meet with their chairmen at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Wednesday, 7 p.m., the prayer service will be held in the chapel and at the same hour the senior choir, will meet in the sanctuary.

The junior choir will meet at 7:15 p.m. with their leaders, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Webb.

The official board will meet in the lounge Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m., the members of the W. S.-C. S. will meet in the chapel. The evening circle will have charge of the program and will present Mrs. Leonard Kingsley who will talk and show pictures of the work she and her husband did in the near east.

All members and friends of the society are urged to be present.

Tuesday, April 14, 6:28 p.m., a congregational dinner will be held in the church dining room. All members of the church are urged to plan to be in attendance at the dinner.

ZION LUTHERAN
Monroe & 11th Streets
Richard C. Ludwig, pastor
A Living Lord & a Living Message
8 a.m., early worship hour.

9:15 a.m., Sunday school and Bible classes for all ages.
10:30 a.m., the late worship hour.

In the after-glow of Easter, pastor Ludwig will preach on the topic: "Lo, I am with you," based on John 21:4.

The choir will sing in the 10:30 a.m. service.

Sunday evening, the youth Walther league will meet. Also meeting, will be the adult club, sponsoring the annual athletic banquet, at 5:30 p.m.

The board of education meets Monday, 7:30 p.m.

The adult Bible course will have its 3rd meeting Monday at 7 p.m.

The Sunday school teachers and staff will meet Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, the school devotion will begin at 8:20 a.m. In the afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock, the Missionary society will hold its meeting.

A meeting to organize a Cub Scout group at Zion will be held Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday school for grades 4-8 will begin at 9:15 a.m.

Next Sunday, 1:30 p.m., the quarterly voters' assembly will be held.

The dates for Zion's Vacation Bible school for 1959 will be: May 24 - June 5.

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ZION Evangelical and Reformed (United Church of Christ) Third and Jackson Streets William C. Feller, pastor

Church school, 9 a.m. Lawrence Rash, assistant superintendent, will be in charge. Don't let any member of your family drop out of a class now that Easter is past. Let's keep up the attendance of last Sunday.

Divine worship, 10 a.m. Sermon by the pastor: "Glowing Hearts." The senior choir will sing, "Out of the Depths" by Lorenz. Infants will be baptized near the close of the service. The inspiration and thrill of the Easter services ought to stir us to regular and enthusiastic church attendance throughout the year. Visitors are always welcome in the services of this church. The Mission Band will meet during the sermon portion of the service. The greeting committee for April is composed of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Kirchhofer, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Robinson and Miss Linda Aeschli-

Youth fellowship at 5:30 p.m. Cube one will meet in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warthman. Cube two will meet in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Johnson.

Official board meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m.

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

Senior choir rehearsal Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Evangeline circle Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Fred Isch.

Phoebe Bible class meeting on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Come and worship with us.

Church of Christ
Cor. 12th & Washington
Carroll Myers, Minister
Lee Moser, Supt.

9:30—Morning worship with Communion each Sunday. Come worship with us in the Spirit of Christ. Let this mind be in you which is in Christ Jesus. . . . Come hear the Good News. Message: "Spiritual or Carnal?" We expect as large an attendance on the Lord's day after Easter as on Easter.

10:30—Special day with the Assistant Supt. in charge. The first Sunday of each Sunday is Assistants' day. Come and help keep your attendance perfect from now on. We are beginning a quarter of lessons in the Old Testament. These lessons are always thrilling.

7:30 p.m. Evening Gospel Hour: Come for inspiring singing, Tie Tac Kno, and Gospel preaching. Everyone in the morning worship services should be in the evening service. Come see the good attendance we have at these services.

6:00 Regular Deacon's meeting.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Vera Rupert meeting & Bible study. Vera Rupert is leader.

Coming April 12 Youth Rally at Bluffton. Youth don't miss this for a ride in the Rambler.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Edward Pacha, minister
Morning Worship 9:30
Church School 10:30
Youth Fellowship 4:30
Study of Scriptures 7:30 Thurs.

The Sunday after Easter always brings the question—where are the crowds of last Sunday? Don't let your minister ask this question. You may be just one, but you can do much. Our Sunday school takes up the point. The lesson is "What God Can Do With One Man," the scripture being I Samuel 7:5-16.

The junior choir leads in Morning worship and sings "Close to Thee." The pastor's message is "Paul-Servant."

Youth Fellowship concluded its studies on the middle east. Thursday evening study will start with Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth. Background material was covered at the last meeting.

Well here it is, time for spring fever. You know there isn't too

the CHURCH invites You

In his recent book, THE SINGLE PATH, the author, Dr. James W. Fifield, Jr., states in regard to the importance of church-going. "The essence of the good one receives from church-going is the experience of realizing that we are all members of the human family, each with his own differences, struggles, temptations, joys, hopes and fears, but all with one thing in common—our brotherhood under the Fatherhood of God, our mem-

bership in the same wonderful family we call humanity. The experience of the brotherhood, indulged formally at least once a week, is most strengthening. It is as if the spirit of goodness, of God, indeed, can flow more easily between men in such a holy communion as is found by going to church together."

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much wrong about that, as a matter of fact it's kind'a nice. Just want to remind you tho'—when you start thinking about missing church, and forgetting about God—ask yourself: What would I do if the Lord took spring fever and forget about me? You're always welcome to worship—in any church.

BETHANY
Evangelical United Brethren
Benj. G. Thomas, minister

We welcome you at Bethany church. Bring your family and enroll for both the classes in Bible study. Sunday school is at 9 a.m., with Clarence E. Smith, superintendent. There will be extended sessions for children during the ten o'clock hour.

10 a.m., divine worship. "Seek ye the Lord." "Call ye upon him." We are reminded to forget not the assembling of ourselves for psalms and spiritual songs. The choir will sing: "He Lives on High." — McKenney. The sermon: "Prayer with Thanksgiving."

5 p.m., the youth hour is advanced to 5 p.m. Mrs. Carl Sheets and Mrs. Benj. G. Thomas, missions counselors, will lead the first discussion of a series on "The Middle East." All youth 12-20 are encouraged to be present.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., the Dutiful Daughters class meets in home of Mrs. Ralph Gentis.

Wednesday, 7 p.m., choir rehearsal. 7 p.m., prayer and Bible study.

An observation school for workers in Trinity and Bethany E.U.B. churches will be held Thursday and Friday nights and Saturday morning. It is planned for those interested in the nursery, kindergarten, primary, junior and adult departments. The youth leaders classes will be held in May. The nursery and kindergarten classes will be held at Bethany church and the other three at Trinity church.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
1210 Elm Street
George Yarian, pastor
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Be sure you come to Sunday school and receive information on the new Sunday school contest which begins tomorrow. The name of the contest is "Gushers for God." Also your teacher will be expecting you to be in a special class fashioned just for you.

Morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Rev. Ron McConnell, Texas evangelist, student, pastor, and evangelist, most recent man in the Assemblies to become a Chaplain in the Air Force will be the guest speaker.

Evening service, 7:45 p.m. Rev. Ron McConnell will be ministering again in this service. You will enjoy the southern slant he has in his ministry.

Tuesday afternoon, 1-2 p.m., prayer meeting.

Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., Bible study. For the next few mid-week services the pastor is going to be talking above love.

Saturday evening, 7-8 p.m., the hour of prayer.

You have an invitation to attend the church with a smile for everyone. You will enjoy the atmosphere of worship, the heart felt singing, and the anointed ministering of the Word of God.

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