

CREAMED COMMENTS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON, GOD'S PROMISE OF PEACE, Zechariah 7:8-12; 8:4-8, 12, 13, for Sunday, September 20.

Zechariah uttered the words of prophecy indicated in this lesson about 517 B.C. when he and the stronger of the Hebrew people were allowed to leave their exile in Babylon and return to Jerusalem. They found Jerusalem in a state of desolation and, to strengthen their morale, Jeremiah urged them to rebuild the temple that had been destroyed and restore the city. In this particular lesson is recorded Jeremiah's reply to a delegation

who had come to seek his counsel regarding keeping a certain fast. The purpose of the lesson is to help us realize that true security is always based on righteous living.

Vs. 8-10. "And the word of the Lord came unto Zechariah, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and show mercy and compassions every man to his brother: . . . And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart." Zechariah felt as did all the prophets that the words he spoke were not his own but those of God speaking through him. When the spirit of the law was forgotten and mere formal religious rites resulted, the prophets felt the need of reminding the people that God is interested, not in rituals, but in ethical living, turning from heartless legalism to mercy, and from coldness to compassion.

Vs. 11, 12. "But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear. . . . Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the Lord of hosts hath sent in his spirit: by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the Lord of hosts." Zechariah reminds the people of their willful rejection of the words of the prophets in earlier times. Their stopping their ears was an insult to God and the prophets. The result of their rejection of the prophets was the overthrow of both North Israel and Judah and the captivity of the people.

Vs. 4-6. "Thus saith the Lord of hosts: There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age. . . . And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof. . . . Thus saith the Lord of hosts: If it be marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvelous in mine eyes? saith the Lord of hosts." Only the physically strong were able to make the long journey back from exile so there were no old people or children. The prophet envisions a time when the city will be normal again with happy, playing children and old people living to a ripe old age. In the ideal city the prophet envisions the greatness of a city is determined not by its size or its buildings but in the happiness of its people, old and young. Such a dream can be realized through the power of God.

Vs. 7-8. "Thus saith the Lord of hosts: Behold I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country. . . . And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness." The east country may refer to Babylon and the west to Egypt. This gathering together is in contrast with the former dispersion of the Hebrews. The blessedness of the new era described is based on the fact that God will deal truly and righteously with them, but they must deal truly and righteously with God. God will be faithful if they will be righteous. The prophecy's fulfillment is seen today in the establishment of the nation of Israel.

UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST
Nuttman Ave.
Wayne A. Smith, Minister
Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Lawrence Michel, superintendent. Sunday School for all ages. The lesson for this week is: "God's Concern for All People." The message that should be preached should be the message of God and not the message of man.

Morning Worship service, 10:30 a. m. Message, "Choose, Man Must."

Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m. Topic: "How to Read the Bible." Evening Gospel service, 7:30 p. m. An inspirational song service followed by the pastor's message, "I Believe in God."

The Hour of Power, our Midweek Prayer service will be held Wed. eve. at 7:30.

The YPMB group will be out in the community selling Christmas greeting cards.

We extend a warm welcome to every one who does not have a church of your choice to come and worship with us.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Mercer Avenue at Five Points
Harold J. Bond, Minister
9:15 a. m. Sunday School classes for all ages and each member of every family. New Sunday school attendants should meet the pastor at the front door for direction to the proper class and department. Grow in spirit and the knowledge of God's Word.

10:30 a. m. Morning Worship. The pastor will speak upon the theme "Behold My Hands." 5:30 p. m. Westminster Youth Fellowship will meet for election of officers. All Junior and Senior Hi Youth should attend.

Tuesday evening Program Planning conference for ALL officers and leaders of our church. This is a must meeting for all church officers, elders, deacons, trustees, officers of the church school, men's and women's organizations and youth, as well as teachers and interested members.

Wednesday, Sept. 16. Our Church Choirs will resume their regular weekly rehearsals. The Westminster Youth choir at 6:30 p. m. and the Chancel choir at 7 p. m. Those who have previously sung with the choir are urged to find their places again. New members will be warmly received.

Saturday, Sept. 19—Mariners get acquainted meeting at the Manse at 7:30 p. m. Those couples whose combined ages total less than 81 are especially invited to attend this time of fellowship.

Whosoever Will, May Come. The minister reserves time each day for confidential interviews with those who wish counsel in spiritual matters. Private, Christian and sympathetic counsel is available to anyone who seeks it. Appointments may be arranged by calling the church office, 3-2522.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
221 South Fourth Street
Stuart H. Brightwell, Pastor
"Back-to-Church Sunday."

9:15 a. m. Sunday School Hour. John Mays, Supt. We have a graded school with a class for every age with dedicated teachers. 10:30 a. m. Morning Worship service. "The Cart Before the Horse" is the sermon topic. The church choir will sing, "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" in a special arrangement. Mrs. Stuart Brightwell is choir director. Mrs. Eugene Lehman is church organist.

6:30 p. m. Baptist Youth Fellowship. 7:30 p. m. Evening service with the pastor speaking. Church Calendar

Wednesday—7:00 p. m. Midweek Hour of Prayer. 8:00 p. m. Church choir rehearsal.

Thursday, 7:00 p. m. Dynamic Builders class party. On this "Back-to-Church Sunday" we urge the members and friends of our church to begin a faithful attendance at the services of our church. Why don't you enter wholeheartedly, and with dedication, into the service of Christ through your church? You will be happier for it.

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School days: 6 a. m., 8:15 a. m. and 11 a. m.
Non-school days: 6 a. m., 7:30 a. m. and 8:15 a. m.

FIRST METHODIST
West Monroe at Fifth Street
F. Hazen Sparks, minister
9:30 a. m., church school. Fred Soldner, superintendent, will be in charge of our church school where we have provided classes for each member of the family. Supervised nursery and kindergarten classes are available for pre-school children and a supervised Lullaby room for infants. Bring your children and come to the church school where you will find a cordial welcome.

10:20 a. m., divine worship. Rev. Sparks will preach this Sunday on the subject: "The Call of the Master." The senior choir, under the direction of Don Gerig, will sing: "Be Thou Not Still" by Foltz. Mrs. Edgar Gerber has chosen the following organ selections for our worship service: "A Song of Faith" by Mueller; "Postlude" by Berge; and "Postlude" by Calver.

This Sunday, 6 p. m., the Methodist youth fellowship will hold a kick-off banquet in the church dining room. All youth between the 7th and 12th grades and their parents are invited. The menu will be pot-luck, each family bringing one dish and their table service. Drinks will be furnished.

The members of the Wesleyan Service guild will meet at 6:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Nathan Nelson Tuesday evening. This will be the opening meeting of the year and all members are urged to be in attendance and any of the ladies of the church who are employed are welcome to come to the meeting. Please bring table service and a covered dish. Meat, rolls and coffee will be supplied.

Wednesday, 7 p. m., the regular prayer service will be held in the chapel. The senior choir will hold their rehearsal in the sanctuary Wednesday at 8:15 o'clock. Members are asked to please note the change in time and to be prompt.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
1210 Elm Street
George Yarian, pastor
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. School days are here again for all the youngsters. However there is one school were never graduate from, and that is the Sunday school. Sunday school is for the whole family. Your family needs the teaching and our Sunday school needs your family.

Morning worship, 10:30 a. m. Sermon by the pastor: "A Bad Excuse Is Worse Than None." Evening service, 7:45 p. m. Sermon by the pastor. Wednesday, 7:45 p. m., prayer meeting and Bible study. Saturday, 7-8 p. m., the hour of prayer for the praying people. You have an invitation to attend the church where people from all denominations can meet to worship God. You will enjoy the blessing of the Lord you will receive from the services.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
North Seventh at Marshall
C. E. Lykins, pastor
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Richard Hurst, supt. Junior department in charge of Mrs. C. E. Lykins. Worship service at 10:30 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. Alabaster offering boxes will be brought in to help provide new buildings on mission fields. Young peoples' meeting at 6:45. Evangelistic service at 7:30 p. m. Sermon, "Modern Sodomy," by the pastor. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., followed by choir practice. A welcome to all in the service of this church.

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ZION
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Third and Jackson Streets
William C. Feller, pastor
Church school, 9 a. m. Lawrence Rash, assistant superintendent, will be in charge. There are classes for all ages, and we urge all families to be in their respective places for the study of God's Word.

Divine worship at 10 a. m. Sermon by the pastor: "Borrowing Religion." Special music will be furnished by a male quartet, composed of Laure Meyer, Lauren Arnold, Jerry Kaehr and Laverne Roth. The anthem will be, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" by Protheroe. All members and friends of the church are invited to return to the regular worship of the Lord each Sunday, following the vacation season.

Official board meeting Monday at 7 p. m. Churchmen's Brotherhood meeting Monday at 8 p. m. Senior choir rehearsal Friday at 7 p. m. Catechetical classes Saturday morning: seniors at 9, juniors at 10 a. m. Men's congress, Sunday, Sept. 20, in Salem church, Magley. Come and worship with us.

FIRST CHRISTIAN
2nd and Jefferson Streets
Edward Pacha, pastor
Morning worship and Junior Church will be at 9:30 a. m. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Anderson are in charge of Junior Church and a fine program of worship is directed for children between 2 and 10 years of age. Junior church and nursery are held in the church basement. Norman Koons will be the lay leader for morning worship with Mrs. G. Strickler as choir director, Mrs. G. Borchers as organist, and Mrs. Wm. Bauman as pianist. The chancel choir will sing "God Will Take Care of You," and the pastor's message will be "By Bread Alone?" Will you come and worship with us?

Church school, with classes for all ages, is at 10:30 a. m. Youth fellowship meets at 7:30 p. m. There will be a fine film strip for this evening meeting. C.W.F. meets 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, Sept. 16. A dinner and fellowship hour will follow the study and business session. The devotional and study period will feature the film "A Reason For Being."

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m., will feature "Open House" at the Emily E. Flinn home in Marion. Thursday, Sept. 19, Junior choir, 6:30 p. m., chancel choir, 7 p. m. and mid-week Bible study, 8 p. m. Now a final word to the men: "A smart husband does not get so busy bringing home the bacon that he forgets the applesauce." Unknown.

May we count on you being in church this Sunday? God Bless You.

ZION LUTHERAN
Monroe and Eleventh Street
R. C. Ludwig, pastor
8 a. m., early worship hour. 9:15 a. m., Sunday Bible school for all ages. 10:30 a. m., the late worship hour. Youth and adult Bible classes will begin again this Sunday. The sermon topic will be "The Master Comes in Times of Grief," based on John 11:28.

The Walther League will hold its meeting Sunday at 6 p. m. All Young People are urged to attend. The adult instruction class, studying the fundamental doctrines of the Bible, will meet Monday at 7 p. m. Also Monday, the board of education will meet at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, 8:20 a. m. the school devotion will be held. A special prayer will be offered regarding the visit of Russia's premier to this country. The Sunday school teachers will hold their meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, the Emmaus Guild will meet at 8 p. m. The choir will have a rehearsal beginning at 7 p. m.

Tuesday, the regional fiscal conference will be held at Concordia Senior College, Ft. Wayne, beginning at 9:30 a. m. The Needle club will have its regular meeting Thursday. The Saturday school for grades 5-8 will begin at 9:15 a. m. Next Sunday Holy Communion will be celebrated in both services. Guests will announce by card by Friday evening.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN
Ninth and Madison Streets
J. O. Fearnd, Minister
With all of our people back to church we shall be on our fall schedule this Sunday. The chancel choir and the Junior choir will be participating in the Morning Worship service.

Church School will begin at 9 a. m. Max Gilpin in charge of the school. Morning Worship service will be held at 10 a. m. The pastor's message will be "Who Am I?" The chancel choir will sing the responses and the Junior choir will bring the anthem. Their anthem will be "Father, Almighty" by Frank. Miss Kay Wynn will be presiding at the organ.

The Junior-Hi Y-Hour will meet at 6 p. m. on Sunday evening. Donal Kiehl will lead the lesson "Teachers Can Be Friends." The Senior-Hi "Y-Hours" will meet at 6 p. m. with Jim Bowman leading. The lesson will be "What Worries You?" The Boys and Girls fellowship will meet on Sunday evening at 7 p. m.

The Evening Worship will meet at 7 p. m. in the fellowship hall. We shall have the second study of the life of St. Paul. A vocal quartet will be sung by Linda Jackson, Kay Wynn, Onalee Barkley and John McAlhara.

The Boy Scout Troop 65 will meet Monday evening at 6:30 p. m. A softball game will be held at MacMillan Field Monday night at 7 p. m. The General Committee of the fall program will meet at 7 p. m. for the first training meeting. The sixth grade catechetical class will meet Wednesday evening at 4 p. m. The seventh grade catechetical class will meet Wednesday evening at 6 p. m. Mid-week worship for youth and adults will meet Wednesday at 7 p. m. The Boys and Girls fellowship will meet Wednesday at 7 p. m. The Youth and Junior choirs will rehearse Wednesday at 7 p. m. The chancel choir will rehearse Wednesday at 7 p. m. The DYB class will meet on Thursday at 7:30 p. m. The Kum Doodle class will meet Friday evening.

The Board of Trustees are sponsoring a painting party for all of the men of the church. The men are invited to help paint the church and parsonage Saturday, September 19. Men may begin as early as they desire. Please bring paint brushes, wire brushes, buckets and ladders.

MISSIONARY
Tenth and Dayton Street
Gerald L. Gerig, pastor
9 a. m., Sunday school hour. A record Labor Day crowd of 224 attended last Sunday morning. 10 a. m., morning worship hour. Hear the thrilling music from our guests musicians for the revival. The pastor will bring the message entitled: "What It Costs Not To Be A Christian." We have a nursery department and a junior church for children ages 2 through 7.

6:45 p. m., pre-service prayer meetings. 7:30 p. m., great evangelistic rally with Raleigh Harris and Lorraine Houser in charge of the music. Come and hear the sleigh bells playing. You will also hear the cow bells, marimba, organ, and piano. Message by the pastor will be, "Almost—But Los."

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8:30 a. m., "The Christian Brotherhood Hour" over WKJG. Dr. Oldham is known internationally, is the author of many books, his latest book has reached national recognition. Listen to this outstanding servant of God.

9:30 a. m., morning worship. The choir will sing "Just a Whispered Prayer." The quartet will sing "Do You Know." Our pastor will bring his second message in his series of messages from the Book of Revelation.

10:40 a. m., Sunday school. Bring the entire family and participate in the class planned for you. 7:30 p. m., evening service. Wednesday, prayer service, 7:30 p. m.

BETHANY EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH
Benj. G. Thomas, Minister
September is RALLY MONTH. We have had vacations, summer conferences, family reunions and have visited other churches. Now we are home for work and for school. Let us be back to worship in the home church, pick up our tools and set to work in earnest.

In Sunday School each class has been given ascending goals thru-out September with the objective of 100% on Rally Day. Last Sunday six classes reached their goals: The Third Year Juniors with Karl Kolter, teacher; the Senior Highs with Vernon Custer, teacher; the Loyal Daughters with Mrs. G. Hamma, teacher; the Gideons class with J. O. Tricker, teacher; the Men's class, Martin Zimmerman, teacher; and the Dorcas class with Mrs. August Daily, teacher.

On Sept. 13 the goal is 300 present and at least 75% of the enrollment in each class. 9:00 a. m. Sunday School. Leo Feasel, superintendent. 10:00 a. m. Divine Worship. The pastor will speak on "God's Doing." Special music.

Monday 6:00 p. m. at Memorial Park the Men's Club Chicken Barbecue for their families. Bring table service. In event of bad weather, it will be held in church basement.

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. The Loyal Daughters class meet in the home of Mrs. Francis Eady with Mrs. W. Dellinger assistant hostess. Wednesday 7:00 p. m. Midweek Prayer and Bible study. Read Zechariah.

Thursday, 7:30 p. m. W. S. C. S. Guest Night. Rev. Jack Thomas of Anderson is speaker. He is a missionary on furlough from Sierra Leone, Africa, and will have pictures to illustrate his message. Public invited. Saturday, 9 a. m. The class of 8th graders will meet for catechism.

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and reviving the spirit," says Roswell C. Long. By giving new perspective to life, one can achieve more adequately his life's goals; by practicing humility and loyalty in his relationships with his fellowmen, one is in greater harmony with all his personal relations. The church offers a place where one's spirit may be revived and refreshed and one's soul nourished.

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