

## Plan Homecoming And Harvest Day

The annual harvest day homecoming will be held at the Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren Sunday. The Rev. Mrs. J. Calvin Bright of Richmond, will be the speaker. The occasion will begin with the Sunday School hour at 9:30 a.m. followed by the morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. A fellowship meal will be held in the basement of the church at noon. The afternoon services will begin at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Bright will speak on the subject "God's Call—Our Answer" at the morning session and in the afternoon will speak on the subject "A Spiritual Homecoming." There will be special music at each service. Old and new friends and members of the church are invited to be present to worship together and to renew old acquaintances.

The Rev. Bright is an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren. She received her education at the Berea College, Berea, Ky. A.B.; George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn. M.A.; and attending Bethany Biblical Seminary in Chicago. She served for several years as a home economics teacher in public school until entering the mission field in China in 1947. The last nine months of service which she and her husband gave in China were under the Communists. Recently she has been serving as vice chairman of the board of Administration of the southern Indiana district of the Church of the

Brethren. Her husband is Rev. J. Calvin Bright, district executive secretary of Southern Indiana district.

## Culligan's Grand Opening Saturday

In its 13th year of operation, the Decatur Culligan Soft Water Service Co. will conduct a grand opening of its new office and plant facilities at Third and Madison streets Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with three grand prizes being offered to guests who visit the establishment.

Formerly owned by partners Jim Elbertson and Clarence Ziner, the firm fell under the head of Ziner alone in July, 1956, when he bought Elbertson's interest in the company. Ziner, who is assisted by his son, Gene, is all facets of the work, has steadily improved facilities at the previous location and finally moved several weeks ago to the new quarters, where service to customers can be further enhanced.

Speaking of service, the local firm supplies the six northern townships of Adams county and two in northern Ohio with Culligan service. Bill Klinger works as a serviceman and regeneration specialist. An additional salesman will be added to the staff within a few days.

A special feature of the grand opening will be the 50 per cent discount available for those who desire a service installation. Prizes included in the festivities are a 1959 clock-radio, a free installation and six months free service, while the third prize will be free installations and three months free service.

The president of the firm and the workers want to thank Decatur area residents for their patronage in the past and hope to continue their soft water service in this area in the future. The firm pledges continued good service and wishes that many customers and friends attend the grand opening to stop in and say "Hello."

## Scout Meeting Is Held Last Night

Institutional representatives, committee members and troop leaders from Boy Scout troops 62, 63, and 65, and packs 3061 and 3063 met at the Decatur high school Thursday night with Steve Everhart, assistant district commissioner, to discuss their local problems.

The functioning of the local committee was advised that neighborhood commissioners meet with the committees at the October meetings.

The importance of attending the monthly round tables was also discussed fully, and the group then broke up into smaller groups to hash over other problems that had developed this summer.

## Adams Central Band To Attend Concert

Members of the Adams Central high school band will go to Fort Wayne Monday afternoon to hear the United States Marine band. The afternoon concert is a special program presented for students.

## Ground Broken For New Southeast School

Formal groundbreaking ceremonies were held this afternoon for the Southeast elementary school at the location between Grant and Bollman streets. Present were W. Guy Brown, superintendent of schools, Dr. James Burk, Jack Heller and Herb Banning, members of the school board, John L. DeVoss, legal advisor for the school city, Carl Bradley, architect, Mayor Robert Cole, general contractor Clarence Bultmeier, and many interested citizens.

Actual construction of the building is already underway, as Bultmeier told the school officials he wanted to take advantage of the good weather. He also wants to get as far along with the shell as possible, so the winter weather will not put a stop to the construction. It is not known yet whether the steel strike will slow down the construction of the building. Bultmeier said that his Fort Wayne sources can't make delivery, but he is trying other suppliers in the state.

## Rural Churches

**UNION CHAPEL**  
Evangelical United Brethren  
Emmett L. Anderson, pastor  
Warren Nidlinger, S. S. Supt.  
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.  
Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.  
Evening worship, 7:30 p.m.  
The children's missionary class will meet during the morning worship hour. The morning sermon title is "The Conquering Life." The evening sermon title is "One in Christ."

Prayer meeting for children and adults will meet Wednesday evening at 7:30.

**ST. LUKE**  
Evangelical and Reformed  
Honduras  
Louis C. Minsterman, minister  
9 a.m., church service. Sermon: "Overcoming Barriers."  
10 a.m., Sunday school.

**ST. JOHN**  
Evangelical and Reformed  
Vera Cruz  
Louis C. Minsterman, minister  
9:30 a.m., Sunday school.  
10:30 a.m., church service. Sermon: "Overcoming Barriers."  
7:30 p.m., dedication service of pulpit furniture. Rev. Harold Jung, Dayton, Ohio, will speak. Special music.

Thursday, 9:30 — Michigan-Indiana Synod meeting. Delegates from fourteen churches in Fort Wayne area.

**MT. TABOR METHODIST**  
Geo. D. Christian, pastor  
Church school, 9:30 a.m.  
Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday, 7:30 p.m.: Bible study.  
Luke's Portrait of Christ.

**MT. PLEASANT METHODIST**  
Geo. D. Christian, pastor  
Morning worship, 9:15 a.m.  
Church school, 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday evening, 8:30 o'clock, family night at the church.

**U. B. RIVARRE CIRCUIT**  
Huber Bakner, Pastor  
Mt. Zion:  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School.  
10:30 a.m. Class Meeting.  
7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.  
7:30 p.m. Wednesday: Mid-week prayer service.  
7:30 p.m. Thursday: The ladies aid will meet in the home of Mrs. Betty Bakner.

**Mt. Victory:**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School.  
10:30 a.m. Worship service.  
7:30 p.m. Wednesday: mid-week prayer service.

**Pleasant Grove:**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School.

10:30 a.m. Class meeting.  
7:30 p.m. Evangelistic services.  
7:30 p.m. Wednesday: mid-week prayer service.  
We invite you and your family to worship with us at any of our services. Our Sunday schools have classes for all ages. See you all Sunday.

**WINCHESTER**  
United Brethren  
C. N. Van Gundy, pastor  
Morning worship, 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.  
C.E., 7:30 p.m.  
Evening worship, 8 p.m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 8 p.m.

**WREN CIRCUIT E. U. B.**  
A. N. Straley, pastor  
Bethel  
9:30 a.m., Sunday school. Lesson: "God's Promise of Peace."  
10:30 a.m., prayer service.  
6:30 p.m., evening worship. Sermon: "Resources for Revival."  
Thursday, 9 p.m., prayer meeting.

**Wood Chapel**  
9:30 a.m., Sunday school.  
10:30 a.m., morning worship.  
Sermon: "Revival in Our Time."  
Thursday, 8 p.m., prayer meeting and youth fellowship.

**VALLEY WESLEYAN CHURCH**  
H. D. Rich, pastor  
9:30 Sunday School, Raymond Harrison, Supt.  
10:30 - 11:15 Morning Worship.  
Sermon subject, "The Potential of the Valley Church."  
7:30 Evangelistic service in charge of pastor.  
7:30 (Wed.) Prayer meeting.  
Helen A. Rich, leader.

Last Sunday morning the Valley church listened to a message on "Stewardship," and then put into operation the envelope tithing system. We hope by the end of the year that all of the members and friends of the church will be participating. We are planning and praying for revival. We invite the public to worship at the little church in the valley. "The church with a musical welcome."

**SALEM EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH**  
H. E. Setlage, Minister  
10:30—Morning Worship Service of Men's Congress. Rev. Kenneth Kohler, Executive Secretary of the Churchmen's Brotherhood of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, will speak on the topic, "Men's Work in Our United Church."  
1:30—Afternoon Service of Men's Congress. Rev. A. Hunter Colpitts, pastor of Crescent Ave. E.U.B. Church of Fort Wayne will speak on "Christians in Action."  
Wednesday 7:30—Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.  
Saturday Confirmation Class Instruction at 9 and 10 o'clock. Children's Choir Rehearsal at 10 a.m.

**MONROE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Willis Gierhart, Minister  
9:30 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
10:05 a.m.—Children go to Church School.  
10:30 a.m.—Church School for Youth and Adults.  
1 p.m.—Youth and Counsellors meet to go to Conference Rally at Muncie.  
Monday 7 p.m.—W.S.C.S. Study Course.  
7:30 p.m.—Sunday School Workers Training at Fort Wayne.  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m.—Teen Hour of Prayer and Power.  
7 p.m.—Adult Choir Practice.  
7:45 p.m.—Midweek Service.  
Thursday 9:15 a.m.—W.S.C.S. Group Meeting at Bluffton.

**ST. PAUL MISSIONARY CHURCH**  
(2 mi. East & 2 mi. North of Monroe)  
Sunday —  
9:15—Morning Worship.  
10:15—Sunday School.  
Wednesday —  
7:15—Choir Practice.  
7:30—Prayer and Bible study.  
7:30—M. Y. F. and Children's Bible Hours.  
Everyone is welcome.

**PLEASANT DALE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
John D. Mishler, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday school staffed with teachers for each age group of the family. Take your family to church and Sunday school. Mr. Loren Liechty is the general superintendent and Mrs. Valera Liby is the Children's director.  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship. This is the annual Harvest Day-Homecoming occasion for our church. The Rev. Hrs. J. Calvin Bright of Richmond, Ind., will speak on "God's Call—Our Answer." Mrs. Bright is a former missionary to China and is at present serving in Southern Indiana administrative church service.  
Following the morning service a fellowship dinner will be held in the church basement. Carry-in style. All worshippers are invited to remain for this occasion.  
2:00 p.m. the Homecoming service will continue with a program planned by the committee of the day. Mrs. Bright will speak on the theme "A Spiritual Homecoming."

There will be no evening service this Sunday.  
Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. the church board will meet at the parsonage.  
Thursday the "Studies in Daily Evangelism" will meet at 7:00 p.m. The choir will meet at 8:00

p.m. Teachers in the Children's department who will be teaching in the new year beginning October 1 will meet at 8:00 p.m. to plan with the children's director.  
Faith without works is dead. Serve the Lord daily through the church in your community. A friendly welcome awaits you.



## Promise of Peace

Lessons for September 20, 1959

THINGS HAVE become badly confused when "peace" seems to be a bad word. Believe it or not, there are people in the United States who think that any one interested in peace is a communist. That is not only bad logic, but it plays into the hands of the real communists. Their constant bad word for us is "war-mongers," a people who want war and will do anything to start one. This is not true of us as a nation, and yet people who turn against the notion of peace are certainly giving ammunition to anybody who likes to call us a bloodthirsty nation.

"With a Whirlwind"  
The great prophets of the Old Testament did not admire war. They looked on it as something brought on by sin. One passage from Zechariah is a sample (7:12). God had an ideal for his people, a life of justice, kindness and mercy. But the Israelites would not hear, and so God "scattered them with a whirlwind..." As we know from the Old Testament histories, this whirlwind, the instrument of God's wrath, his punishment on a nation that would not obey—this was nothing other than the wars which ended the Hebrew kingdoms. And the Hebrews, as the stories show, had chiefly themselves to blame for getting into those wars. Most of the recorded history of the two kingdoms of Judah and Israel is a history of wars, long or short. Very few of them did the Hebrews any good, and in the end it was war which, like a tornado, left their homes in ruins and blew them like straw across the face of the earth.

**Ideal City**  
But the storm of war was not the last word of God to Israel. The prophet Zechariah, preaching in a time when Jerusalem was only just beginning to rise from the ashes of more than half a century of desolation, looks forward and promises in God's name a new and different kind of city. He draws no blueprints; but it is plainly a city of peace. This is not a foreview of heaven; it is a picture of the ideal city right here on this earth. It is to be called "the faithful city," that is, faithful to the laws of God. That covers everything; but Zechariah puts in some particulars.

Old men and old women will be sitting in the streets, and children will be playing there. (Remember the ancient type of city had no parks and no open space except the market-place; and there was no traffic except of very slow animals and people.) This you would not see in war time. In that era the aged and the very young and the weak simply died off in war times; only in times of peace would they be out there in large numbers.

## New Peace Comes

Now children and old people do not make peace, they simply enjoy it. It is the middle-aged, the active influential people who do most either for peace or against it. So the prophet Zechariah addresses the great mass of the people about peace and prosperity (8:12). He speaks of "sowing" prosperity, and then goes on to put this figure of speech into very plain words. What are the seeds? He goes on, still in the name of God: "These are the things that you shall do..." If we want peace and prosperity, God will not drop them into our laps. He expects us to plan and prepare for peace just as we plan and prepare for a crop of apples. No man can raise an apple without the help of Nature (or, rather, of God).

So while God's ideal for the human world is a world at peace, there are certain conditions to be met. The seeds of peace have to be sown. Zechariah (8:16-17) names some specific things: truth and justice in particular. To say that war is the effect of sin is only half the truth. The other half is that peace is the fruit of public and private goodness. The most enduring peace is not an accident, it is not manna from the sky. It is a crop reaped by those who have worked hard sowing and cultivating the things that "are true and make for peace."

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Rev. James R. Meadows  
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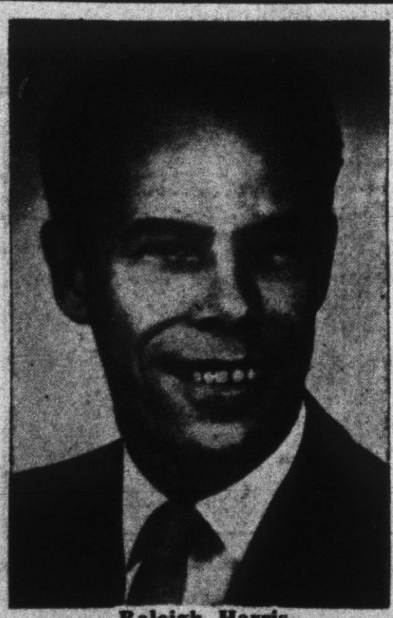
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