

CREAMED COMMENTS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON, GOD'S CALL TO FAITHFULNESS, Malachi 2:17 to 3:14, 16-18, for Sunday, September 27th.

The time of the lesson is between 430 and 450 B.C. Malachi was the last of the prophets and he spoke to a people who were discouraged because they were so few in number, and because they had returned to Jerusalem and found it completely in ruins. The priests were lazy and corrupt, and indifference and idleness prevailed. Malachi tells the people a half-hearted religion is worse than none at all, and calls for devotion, loyalty, and a religion of deeds, not words.

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V.17. "Ye have wearied the Lord with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, Everyone that doeth evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and he delighteth in them; Where is the God of judgment?" The temple had been completed but the Hebrews had not had the blessings which they thought would follow this achievement. So they started murmuring against God, were careless about the kind of sacrifices they offered, and even challenged the justice of God, since the righteous were supposed to prosper, and not the wicked. Actually, the people had not been truly faithful to God and so did not merit his blessings.

V.1. "Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, as the Lord of hosts." The messenger whom the Lord would send was to prepare the people and the temple for the coming of Christ. Malachi indicated the present situation was not the end. A new era was to be established and God would be proven a God of justice which would please them.

Vs.2-4. "But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap: . . . and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. . . . Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years." When the Lord meets out judgment, the prophet says few would stand the test. Purification, like the refiner's fire, separates the base metal from the true. All actual purification after Christ came depended upon the people's fulfilling certain spiritual conditions. The messenger's mission was to cleanse and purify the priesthood so they would offer sacrifices acceptable unto God instead of the degeneracy that existed among the priests of that day. In the day of Moses, worship was essentially spiritual and called for love toward God and among fellowmen. Noah's offerings had pleased God. The figure "fuller's soap" refers to the daily cleansing all souls need. The "refiner's fire" burns out the dross of the soul.

V.16. "Then they that feared the Lord spake often to another: and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name." Those who feared the Lord communed with one another in brotherly fellowship and thought upon God. Therefore, they were remembered and their loyalty was not unheeded or forgotten by God.

V.17. "And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him." The fact that God is a God of justice is emphasized here in that He will distinguish between the righteous and the wicked and only the righteous will enjoy God's favor. A God of love and justice protects and cares for His loyal children.

V.18. "Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not." God's judgment of the righteous is dependent on their complete loyalty that is expressed in sincere service, worship and giving.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mercer Avenue at Five Points
Harold J. Bond, Minister
9:15 a. m. Sunday School classes for all ages and all members of every family. Grow spiritually by Sunday School and Church attendance.

10:30 a. m. Morning Worship. The pastor will preach upon the theme "Playing Church." The choir under the direction of Mrs. Clint Reed will sing "Give Ear Unto My Prayer" by Howarth.
2:15 p. m. The Westminster Youth Fellowship will journey to Huntington to attend the Wabash River Youth Rally and workshop. Ride reservations should be made by phoning the church office 3-2522.
2:45 p. m. Church School leaders Fall Curriculum Preview will be held in the First Presbyterian church in Fort Wayne.

Wednesday —
Beginning with the coffee hour at 8:45 a. m. the 4th District of the Wabash River Presbyterian Women's Society will meet in this church and will continue throughout the day.
6:30 p. m. The Westminster choir will meet.
7:00 p. m. The Chancel choir will meet. All persons who have assisted with this important part of our worship are urged to find their place again in this group. New members will be warmly received.

CHURCH OF GOD

624 Cleveland Street
Huston Beyer, Jr., Pastor
8:30 a. m.—"The Christian Brotherhood Hour" over W.K.J.G.
9:30 a. m.—Morning Worship.

We extend to our friends of this community a warm welcome. We believe you will enjoy the atmosphere of worship, the fine singing of our choir, the special singing and the message brought by our pastor. We also have Junior Worship during this time for those from 4 to 8 years of age.
10:40 a. m.—Sunday School. There is a class prepared for your age group.
7:30 p. m.—Evening service. We have enjoyed another year of increase in this service.

Wednesday 7:30 p. m.—Prayer service.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

12th and Washington Sts.
Wm. Dunshee, Guest Minister
We enter into His presence to worship, to praise, to pray and Commune this and every first day of the week.

Worship service begins at 9:30. Wm. Dunshee will be bringing us a trial sermon. He comes well recommended. We strongly urge each member to be present and hear this man of God.
10:30 a. m.—Bible School. Lee Moser, Supt. Children bring your parents, Parents bring your children. The whole family has a special opportunity for added knowledge.

7:30 p. m.—Evening Service.
Monday evening—Area men's fellowship meeting at Warren.
Tuesday evening—Area Women's meeting at Bluffton.
Wednesday evening 7:30—Prayer meeting. Lee Moser, leader.

Book Review

RELIGION WITHOUT REVELATION, by Julian Huxley. The New American Library, reinterprets traditional dogma in the light of a generation of unprecedented scientific discovery. The author, a distinguished biologist and philosopher, analyzes a wide range of human experience, stressing the scientific method as the key to man's future religious development.

Unless you can control yourself, all other education is good for nothing.



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

V. Rev. Simeon Schmitt, Pastor

Sunday Masses
6:00 a. m.
7:15 a. m.
8:30 a. m.
9:45 a. m. (High mass)
11:00 a. m.

Weekday Masses
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.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

Ninth and Madison Streets
J. O. Penrod, Minister

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord; to call upon the Most High." Come with us to Trinity Church tomorrow to give thanks to God and to fellowship with His people.

The Church School will begin at 9 a. m. and it will be under the leadership of Russell Plumley. The Morning Worship Service will be held at 10 a. m. The pastor message will be "What God Has Done For Me." Miss Kay Wynn will preside at the organ and the choir will sing the anthem.

Members of the youth department will attend the Decatur Group YF Rally which will be held at the Geneva Church. We shall meet at the church at 2 p. m. Sunday.

The Junior-Hi counselors will have a planning meeting on Sunday at 6 p. m.

Boys and Girls Fellowship will meet Sunday at 7 p. m.

Evening Worship will be held Sunday at 7 p. m. We shall study "The Years of Apprenticeship" in the life of St. Paul.

Boy Scout Troop 65 will meet Monday at 6:30 p. m. at the Boy Scout cabin at Hanna-Nuttman.

A Decatur Group program building session for "Vision For Victory" will be held at Trinity Church Monday at 7:30 p. m. The meeting will be conducted by Rev. Marshall Chambers, Conference Superintendent. All of the churches in the Decatur Group will be in attendance.

The captains of the Fall Stewardship Program will meet Tuesday at 7 p. m. to select visitors for Time and Talent Sunday.

The sixth grade catechetical class will meet Wednesday at 4 p. m.

The seventh grade catechetical class will meet Wednesday at 6 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 Mid-week worship for youth and adults will meet Wednesday at 7 p. m.

The chancel choir will rehearse Wednesday at 8 p. m.

The Program leaders for our Fall Program will meet with Chalmers Bollenbacher Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

A "Turn-over Chart" party for captains will be held Friday at 7 p. m.

The Christian Companions Class will meet Friday at the fellowship hall at 7:30 p. m.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Monroe and 11th
R. C. Ludwig, Pastor
8 a. m.—The early worship hour.
9:15 a. m.—Sunday Bible School for all ages.
10:30 a. m.—The late worship hour.

Holy Communion will be celebrated in both services. The sermon will consider the proper "Worship of God," based on John 4:24.

Monday the Adult Instruction Class will meet at 7 p. m. It is not too late to attend this course on basic Bible teachings.

Alison Monday evening, the LLL Decatur Zone Board meeting will begin at 8.

The Stewardship Committee meets Tuesday at 7 p. m.

At 8:20 a. m. Wednesday the School Devotional will be conducted in church.

The Choir will have rehearsal at 7 p. m. Wednesday.

Another "Night with the Pastor" will begin at 7 p. m. Friday.

The Saturday School for grades 5-8 will begin again at 9:15 a. m. Next Sunday, Sunday School Rally Day will be observed in both morning services.

ZION EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED

(United Church of Christ)
Third and Jackson
William C. Feller, Pastor

Church School at 9:00 a. m. Laues Meyer, assistant superintendent, will be in charge. Now that the vacation season is over, let every boy and girl and adult be in his or her place every Sunday.

Divine Worship at 10:00 a. m. Sermon by the pastor: "God's Search For Man." Special music will be presented by Mrs. William Feller, who will sing, "How Great Thou Art" by Hime. Every member and friend of the church is invited to attend. Visitors are always welcome.

The greeting committee for September is composed of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Ashbacher. The Mission Band, for boys and girls from the first through the fourth grades, will meet during the sermon portion of the service.

The annual Men's Congress will meet in Salem E. and R. church, Magley, at 10:30 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. with dinner at noon. Men will leave our church at 10 o'clock to attend the sessions.

Ruth and Naomi Circle on Wednesday at 2:00 p. m. at the church. Church membership class for those who wish to unite with our church next Sunday, will meet in the church parlor on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Ft. Wayne regional Synod meeting will be held in St. John's E. and R. church, Vera Cruz, Ind., on Thursday from 9:30-4:00 p. m.

Senior choir rehearsal on Friday at 7:00 p. m.

Catechetical classes on Saturday morning, seniors at 9, juniors at 10.

Sunday school parade on Saturday at 2:00 p. m. Participants are to meet at First and Adams streets at 1:30 p. m.

Sunday, Sept. 27, Rally Day. Come and worship with us.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
West Monroe at Fifth Street
F. Hazen Sparks, Minister
9:30 a. m.—Church School. Mr. Fred Solder, superintendent, will be in charge of our Church School where classes are provided for each member of the family. A supervised Lullaby Room, Nursery and Kindergarten classes are provided for pre-school children. Bring your family and come to the church school where you will find a warm welcome.

10:20 a. m.—Divine Worship. Rev. Sparks will preach this Sunday morning on the subject: "On This Rock." The Senior Choir under the direction of Mr. Don Gerig will sing: "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach. Mrs. Edgar Gerber will play for her organ selections: "Adagio" by Beethoven; "Deep River," a Spiritual and "March Pontificale" by Lemmens.

During the Worship Hour the Sacrament of Baptism will be administered to children and any parents who desire to have their child or children baptised are asked to call the Pastor.

A large number of our Youth Fellowship will go to Muncie, Indiana, Ball State Teachers College Sunday afternoon to hear Richard Raines. All youth and drivers are requested to meet at the church at 12:45 Sunday for the trip.

Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Wayne Street Church, Fort Wayne, there will be held a Rally for all Sunday School teachers and workers. Those who desire to go are asked to meet at the church at 7 o'clock.

Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock the members of the 929 Club will meet in the Lounge. The evening will be spent in visitation.

Wednesday evening the Prayer Service will be held in the Chapel at 7 o'clock.

Also Wednesday evening the Senior Choir will rehearse in the Sanctuary at 7 o'clock. Members are urged to be prompt.

Thursday morning at 9:15 o'clock the Group Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held in the Bluffton Methodist Church.

Next Saturday the Community Sunday School Parade, sponsored by the churches of the community will be held in the afternoon.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
2nd and Jefferson Sts.
Edward Pacha, Pastor
Morning Worship and Junior Church, 9:30 a. m.
Church School for all ages, 10:30 a. m.
Mid-Week Bible Study, Thursday 8 p. m.

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BETHANY EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

Benj. G. Thomas, Minister

Two classes made their climbing goals last Sunday: The Gideons Mrs. John Myers, teacher, and the Men's Class taught by Mr. Martin Zimmerman. All of us need to put forth more effort if we are going to reach the goal set before us this Sunday—350 present. BUT WE CAN!

We are back from our vacations. Let us be in Sunday School at 9 a. m. and in Divine Worship at 10 a. m. The pastor's message is entitled: "The Impossible Reality." You are invited to hear God's word read and explained and then to go out to practice it.

The Extended Session of the Sunday School will begin tomorrow. This offers the boys and girls of the Kindergarten and Primary Departments an extra period of religious training. Parents be in the worship service and meet your children at eleven o'clock.

All Junior High and Senior High students are invited to be at the church at 2 p. m. to go in a group to the E.U.B. Youth Rally at Geneva. The Rally has Eustace Renner, a talented young Negro student from Sierra Leone, Africa, as the speaker.

MONDAY 7:30 p. m.—Group meeting of all Councils of Administration at Trinity Church.

WEDNESDAY 7 p. m.—Prayer and Bible Study. Read the book of Malachi.

SATURDAY 9 a. m.—Catechism for sixth graders.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
221 South Fourth Street
Stuart H. Brightwell, Pastor
9:15 a. m. Sunday school hour.
John Mays, Supt. "Study to show thyself approved unto God" is important admonition from the Bible. We have a graded school with competent, dedicated teachers and with a class for every age.

10:30 a. m. Morning Worship service. "Christian Living in the Family" is the sermon subject. The church choir will sing, "Jesus, Name I Love" (George Schuler).

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. Sermon by the pastor.

Church Calendar
Monday, 7:30 p. m. Men's Brotherhood meeting.

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. Salomonie Ass'n Baptist Youth Rally.

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

The services of our church are open to the public. If you do not attend another church, you are invited to visit our friendly church.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
North Seventh at Marshall
C. E. Lykins, Pastor
Sunday school at 9:30, with classes for all ages.
Worship service at 10:30. Sermon subject, "The great objectives of the Church."

Young peoples' meeting at 6:45. Evangelistic service at 7:30, with the pastor speaking.

Prayer meeting at 7:30 on Wednesday, followed by choir practice. Visitation Thursday evening.

Meet at the church for organizing and prayer at 7 p. m.

Special prayer meeting Saturday evening at 7 o'clock.

Teen-agers will meet at the parsonage at 6:30 this evening to attend Scriptura at Berne.

This church extends an invitation to all those not obligated elsewhere.

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