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Vernon Riley, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Service 10:30 a.m.
Youth Church 7:30 p.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Service Wed., 7:30 p.m.

WREN CIRCUIT E.U.B.

A. N. Straley, Pastor
BETHEL
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School. Lesson: "Amos Demands Social Justice."
10:30 a.m.—Morning Worship. Sermon: "Justification by Faith."
Thursday
8:00 p.m.—Prayer meeting.
WOOD CHAPEL

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School.
10:30 a.m.—Prayer Service.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship.
Youth in charge. Bible study: "Parable of the Sower."
Thursday
8:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting and Youth Fellowship.

ANTIOCH UNITED MISSIONARY

C. W. Wilson, Pastor
Homer Brubaker, S. S. Supt.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Hour 10:20 a.m.
Evangelistic Service 7:30 p.m.
Prayer meeting Wed., 8 p.m.

UNION CHAPEL EVANGELICAL

UNITED BRETHRENN
"The Chapel Beside the Road"
Kenneth P. Angle, Pastor.
Thomas Gaunt, S. S. Supt.
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Divine Worship 10:20 a.m.
Evangelistic Service 7:30 p.m.
Trustee's meeting 8:30 p.m.

SALEM EVANGELICAL

AND REFORMED CHURCH
Cecil R. Smith, Minister
Kay B. Miller, S. S. Supt.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
The local conference will be held Monday evening, July 11, at 8 o'clock. Conference superintendent Dr. M. W. Chambers will be present.

CALVARY EVANGELICAL

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SALEM EVANGELICAL

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H. E. Settlage, Minister
9 a.m.—Sunday School. Classes for all age groups.
10 a.m.—Worship Service. Sermon: "The Christ of the Ages," by Rev. F. I. Willmet, Wabash.

MONROE METHODIST

Willis Gierhart, Pastor
Robert Isch, S. S. Supt.
Harold Schwartz, Ass't. Supt.
9:30 a.m.—Morning Worship.
10:30 a.m.—Church School.
The Senior-Hi youth will be at their summer camp from July 10-16.

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Honduras
L. C. Ministerman, Minister
9:00 a.m.—Church Service. Sermon: "The Work of the Ministry," in observance of the 37th anniversary of Ordination.
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.

ST. JOHN EVANG. & REF.

Vera Cruz
L. C. Ministerman, Minister
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School.
10:30 a.m.—Church Service. Sermon: "The Work of the Ministry," in observance of the 37th anniversary of Ordination.
Wednesday
Afternoon quilting.

MT. TABOR METHODIST

George Christian, Pastor
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Midweek Service 7:30 p.m.

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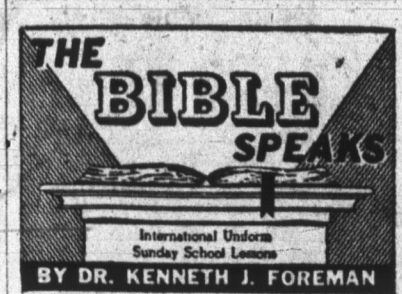
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A. As her mother, you cannot do this. Such a shower should be given by a very good friend of your daughter's.



Bible Material: Amos 2:6; 5: 8:4-6, Devotional Reading: Romans 15:1-6.

Social Justice

Lesson for July 10, 1960

THE CHRISTIAN religion is said to be a religion of love, and so it is. It is love that makes it beautiful and gives it meaning. But just as the beauty and meaning of literature is built on the humble foundation of the alphabet, just as the beauty and the security of a house go down to the unseen foundations, so love itself is a stammering word, thing if it is not built on the foundation of justice. Love without justice is sloppy sentimentality, it is double-talk, it is driven.

Social Justice

God's prophets, whose writings are part of the Christian Bible, were interested in social justice. They were interested because God was interested. People who think that social justice is no affair of religion at all, either haven't read the prophets, or really don't believe them. Let us get straight what "social justice" is. It has nothing to do with socialism, or with social affairs as written up for the society pages. It is different from political or legal justice. (These two, of course, should also be a concern of Christians.) An example of political justice would be giving major parties equal time on the radio and TV. An example of legal justice would be getting paid a fair price for land the government has taken for a highway.

Social justice is broader, and more basic than that. In a word, it means fair treatment all around. It does not mean treating everybody exactly alike, because people's needs are not always the same. But it does mean giving everybody a "fair shake," an honest deal; it means not handicapping people for "reasons" that make no difference. It means giving every one a chance to develop all he's got.

In the time of the prophet Amos, the people who needed social justice and were not getting it were the poor. He speaks of them, and of the Israelites' mistreatment of them, over and over. They were cheated out of justice in the courts because they could not afford to offer the handsome bribes that richer people gave. They were cheated in the marketplace because the merchants used dishonest weights and measures. They had no one to speak for them—no one but the God who spoke through his prophets.

Social justice now also is often needed by the poor. Discrimination—a fancy word for unfairness—is practiced also against racial groups—Negroes, Puerto Ricans, Chinese and others. But the poor, of all races, always need help. For example, housing projects are not a way of wasting the taxpayers' money. They are a way of helping people live in humanly decent surroundings. There is a city which is the capital of one of the states of the Union. In it there is a slum that can be seen by any visitor to town. The city has had a slum clearance authorized now for some years; but they are doing little about it. Why? It is against the law to move a family out of the most rotten tenement except into a better house. But most of the people who live in that particular slum can't afford to move. So there they sit.

Backlash of Injustice
Amos told his people that unless they paid more attention to the welfare of the bottom layers of society, the whole country would not only suffer—it would be destroyed. Social injustice is always self-destructive. Consider only one modern example. Here in America we need educated leadership—scientists, thinkers, men of trained minds and skills. One of the reasons we do not get enough of them is that (as studies have demonstrated) many capable young people do not have the money for an education. Some who have the capacity never show it, for the simple reason that their homework in high schools has to be done in crowded, leaky, insanitary "homes" where you could hardly raise a prize pig, let alone a prize boy. Every time we in America, for reasons of poverty, or race or for other reason, deny a good education to young people who could take it, we are weakening our country by just that much.

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10:15 a.m.—Church School. Superintendent, Richard Johnson.

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HANDS THAT SAY "WE WILL"

Rev. James R. Meadows

Strong hands—Helping hands—Determined hands.
"Many hands make light work." This is a call for more hands. Not applauding hands—not congratulatory hands—but eager hands, willing hands, ready to take a firm grip, to pull hard, and to hang on.

Have you, personally, "lent a hand?" Has your church received your helping hand in its task of serving the people of the community? Does your pastor have the benefit of your strong hand in his efforts to minister to all the people?

Here is a task for everybody—a work for the Master which needs strong hands, determined hands, helping hands—your hands.

The goal of the church is all people working individually and collectively with God toward a Christian society.

Be in your place of worship next Sunday and every Sunday.

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE VERSE

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."—I Peter 2:9.

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