

Services in the Churches

CREAMED COMMENTS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON. GOD DESIRES STEADFAST LOVE, Hosea 4:1-3; 5:15 to 6:6, for Sunday, July 24.

Hosea was among the earliest of the literary prophets who prophesied to the Northern Kingdom. Because of the tragedy of his own domestic life, related in the first three chapters of Hosea, the prophet was prepared for the revela-

tion of God's yearning after wayward Israel. Hosea did not storm at the people as Amos had done. He pleaded with them and talked. The lesson should teach us that above all, God desires steadfast love from his children.

V.1. "Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land," Hosea gave this controversy a legal emphasis having to do with God's covenant with Israel. God had prospered the Israelites on condition that they should exercise righteousness and judgment, but they had violated this covenant by their moral collapse. God expected truth, not shame, hypocrisy and corruption. God wanted his people to be merciful to the unfortunate and the suffering and they made no effort to understand God's will for them or have any real communion with Him.

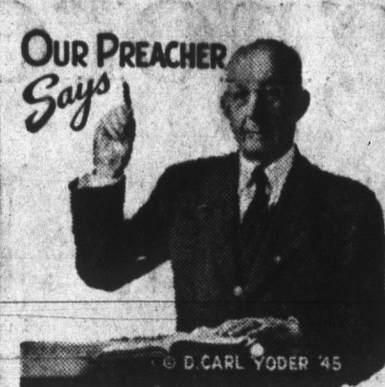
V.2. "By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood." All the sins mentioned are deep moral sins, and most of them break the Ten Commandments. Also, the people broke out into acts of violence and one murder was quickly followed by another.

V.3. "Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away." Moral evil soon transforms itself into physical evil, which has its effects on all nature. An evil people will not long possess a good land.

V.15. "I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early." God is speaking in the first person through the prophet. God inflicts judgments to produce repentance. He will forsake his people until they acknowledge their guilt and seek Him. When they are ready to do this, He will be readily accessible.

Vs.1-3. "Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for we have sinned, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us; in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain unto the earth." These three verses indicate what Hosea thinks the people would say as they return to the Lord, but the words did not reflect genuine, sincere repentance. God is represented as a physician—he tears so that he may subsequently heal, but it indicates a superficial view of God's attitude toward sin, assuming that God would restore them to favor speedily as soon as he saw any sign of their turning to Him. There must be a genuine repentance before a broken relationship with God is restored and it is sometimes restored slowly. When the people return to God, his aid, his forgiveness and blessing is as sure as the coming of each dawn and as refreshing as a spring rain.

V.4. "O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew as it goeth away." By Ephraim, God is referring to Israel. In this verse, God asks how He can minister justice and mercy at the same time, since they were as fickle as the morning cloud or the vanishing dew—asking forgiveness one moment, committing iniquity the next. The half-hearted attempts of the people to be righteous were gone with the



Roger Babson, statistician and economist, once said: "A character standard is far more important than even a gold standard. The success of all economic systems is still dependent upon both righteous leaders and a righteous people. In the last analysis, our national future depends upon our national character."

A HAPPY HOME

In his address to the Golden Anniversary of the White House Conference on Children and Youth, President Eisenhower had the following to say:

"Young people today are... heirs to the greatest fund of knowledge and the most opulent store of material advantages any generation ever received. The high school student has vastly more information at his command than any of the early settlers of this land. He lives longer and more comfortably than did medieval royalty, and moves about in an environment increasingly devoted to his convenience and enjoyment. Yet we know that these things are not the essence of civilization. For civilization is a matter of spirit; of conviction and belief; of self-reliance and acceptance of responsibility; of happiness in constructive work and service; of devotion to valued tradition. It is a religious faith; it is a shared attitude toward life and living which is felt and practiced by a whole people, into which each generation is born—and nurtured through childhood to maturity."

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt. Little Johnny was much interested. "My mother looked back once, while she was driving," he explained, "and—and—she turned into a telephone pole!"

first hint of adversity. V.5. "Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth; and thy judgments are as the light that goeth forth." God had sent prophets to the people to pronounce judgment upon them. He had decreed destruction to the most wicked to bring others to repentance and his judgments had been a light to which the people blinded themselves.

V.6. "For I desired mercy and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings." God wants men to know Him and to love Him. He is not interested in burnt offerings which are merely a smoke screen for their hypocrisy, but desires only steadfast love which springs from inner devotion.

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St. Mary's Catholic Church
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmitt

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday masses
6:00 a. m.
7:30 a. m.
9:00 a. m.
10:30 a. m.

Weekday masses
6 a. m., 7 a. m., and 8:15 a. m.
Thursday — 5:30 p. m.

ZION EVANG. & REF. (United Church of Christ)
Third and Jackson

William C. Feller, Pastor
Church School at 9 a. m. Lawrence R. Ash, superintendent. Mrs. Adolph Weidner will teach the combined adult classes. Come and bring your family for the study of God's Word.

Divine Worship at 10 a. m. Sermon by the pastor: "A Winning Combination." Special music will be presented by Chet Longenecker, who will play a piano solo, "Whispering Hope" by Hawthorne. Visitors are always welcome in the services of this church. We extend an invitation to all who are without a church home in this community to worship with us. Let us not neglect the worship of our God during the summer months.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
11th and Monroe
Richard C. Ludwig, Pastor

Divine Worship services at 8 and 10:30 a. m.
Sunday School at 9:15 a. m.

The Pastor's Sermon will be "The Rewards of Christian Faith," Luke 5:1-11.

Mr. Smith Snively, principal of the Lutheran school will be installed during the 10:30 service next Sunday morning, July 24.

The Needle club will meet on Thursday at 1 o'clock for sewing. Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock, there will be another "Night With The Pastor" meeting.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on July 31 in both services. Please announce by card left or mailed to the parish hall.

The church secretary will be in the office Wednesday through Friday, from 8:30 to 12 noon, during the rest of July, and August.

The Walther League will have an outing to Lutherhaven Sunday. All young people planning on going are to meet at the church after the 8 a. m. service, with their picnic lunch and bathing suit.

CHURCH OF GOD
Huson Bever, Jr., Pastor

8:30 a. m.—"The Christian Brotherhood of Dr. Oldham This Sunday will be 'Contracted.'"

9:30 a. m.—Morning Worship. Our pastor speaks on the subject "Trust." We invite our friends of this community to come and be with us this Lord's day.

10:40 a. m.—Sunday School. Let us strive for every member of the family to be a regular student.

7:30 p. m.—Evening Service. Come let us deepen our lives together in worship.

The Gulf Coast College Quartet will be with us, for an evening of sacred songs. Come and bring the family.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES KINGDOM HALL
Corner Monroe and Ninth

Sunday, 3 p. m.—"What Is Your Future in The Space Age?" will be the subject of a Bible lecture to be given by Fred Close, Watchtower representative and an assistant presiding minister from Fort Wayne. Scriptural answers will be given to such questions as "Do scientific advances insure a peaceful future?" and "Is a paradise earth possible?" The public is invited.

Sunday, 4:15 p. m.—Watchtower Bible Study and discussion on the subject, "Speech and Salvation." One of the scripture texts for consideration will be Romans 10:8-10. "For with the heart one exercises faith for righteousness, but with the mouth one makes public declaration for salvation."

Tuesday, 8 p. m.—Bible study using the study aid, "Your Will Be Done On Earth."

Friday, 7:30 p. m.—Theocratic Ministry school followed by Kingdom Ministry service meeting.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Mercer Avenue at Five Points
Harold J. Bond, minister

9:30 a. m., unified morning worship. Entire families may come at the same time to the sanctuary with the exception of nursery and primary boys and girls. The pastor will speak upon the theme, "Is The Devil Real?" Dr. W. W. Cravens will serve as head usher for the sermonette. Miss Jeanie Cook will relate her experience at the synod of Ohio conference for Presbyterian Youth held at Wooster college recently.

Edward Cravens is attending Junior II camp at Koscusko in Winona Lake July 17-23. Mike Martindill, Miss Jayne Macklin and Susan Langston have returned from Junior I camp at Koscusko. The Mariner's will meet at 15:30 p. m. Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Clint Reed.

Whoever will, May come. The Minister reserves time each day for confidential interviews with those who wish to see him. Private, Christian and sympathetic counsel is available to any one who seeks it. Appointments may be made through the church office 3-2522.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN
Ninth and Madison Streets
J. O. Penrod, Minister

Sunday Church School will be held at 9 o'clock.

Morning Worship service begins at 10 o'clock. The pastor's message will be "The Judgment of Mercy."

A vocal duet will be sung by Onalee Barkley and Jan Elzey.

The Junior-Hi and Senior-Hi "Y-Hour" meetings will be held Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

The boys and girls fellowship meeting will be Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

The evening worship service will be Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Boy Scout troop meeting will be Monday at 8:30 o'clock.

The building committee meeting will be Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

The boys and girls fellowship will meet Wednesday at 7 o'clock.

Mid-week worship will be Wednesday at 7 o'clock.

The D.Y.B. class will meet Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The Junior-Hi will hold a swimming party Friday evening.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
211 South Fourth Street
Stuart H. Brightwell, Pastor

9:15 a. m.—Sunday-School hour. Waldo Salway, supt. He have a graded school with a class for every age.

10:30 a. m.—Morning Worship Service. The message by the pastor is entitled, "As The Heart Panteth." Special music will be a vocal duet by Mr. and Mrs. James J. Strickler. Mrs. Eugene Lehman is church organist.

7:30 p. m.—Evening Gospel hour. The sermon by the pastor is entitled, "When Morning Comes."

Wednesday
7:30 p. m.—Midweek Hour of Prayer.

The services of our church are open to the public. You are invited to visit our friendly church.

BETHANY
Evangelical United Brethren
Benj. G. Thomas, minister

Sunday school, 9 a. m. Leo Seltenight, superintendent.

Divine worship, 10 a. m. The Loyal Daughters class will provide special music. The pastor will speak on "The Layman's Benediction."

Four youth: Miss Janet Miller, Miss Barbara Jackson, Max Eichmayer and Steve Gause and the pastor will depart Sunday afternoon for Oakwood Park to attend the Senior Youth conference, July 17-23.

Wednesday, 7 p. m., prayer and Bible study, Genesis 31-33, 35.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
1210 Elm Street
George Yarian, Pastor

Sunday School—8:45 a. m. Morning Worship—10:30 a. m. Sermon by the pastor: "Priceless Possessions."

Evening Service—7:45 p. m. Sermon by the pastor: "Waiting Upon God."

Judge Harold Medina, the famous jurist, has said, "I have in the last few years come to the belief that our destiny as a nation depends upon our spiritual strength rather than bombs, production and material wealth." Our scientific achievements have brought men to that place in history where revival of spiritual values is a basic condition for human survival.

The distinguished scientist, Dr. Dennistown Ver Planck, has said, "Science, if you pursue it, for example, either takes you to a dead end or back to the beginning. Finally, you have to fall back on faith." The church provides a means of the strengthening of our Christian faith.

WHY NOT ACCEPT THE INVITATION AND COME TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY?

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

9 a. m.—Church School. Our superintendent, Mr. Don Ebroff, and his staff of teachers will be happy to welcome you to our church school, where classes are provided for each member of your family. Supervised Nursery and Kindergarten classes are available for pre-school children and a Lullaby room will take care of the infants in your family.

10 a. m.—Divine Worship. Rev. Sparks will preach this Sunday morning on the topic, "The God of the Storm." "Largo" by Duorak; What a Friend We Have in Jesus" by Van Deman Thompson and "Short Postlude" by Wag-horne, are the organ numbers.

Mrs. Edgar Gerber will play. The Wednesday evening prayer service will be held in the chapel at 7 o'clock.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
2nd and Jefferson Streets
Edward Pacha, Minister

Morning Worship and Communion every Lord's Day at 9:30 a. m. The pastor's message will be "An Adventure" and special music will feature the church quartet.

Church School at 10:30 a. m. The morning lesson is "Social Justice" and "Then and Now." The scripture is Amos 2:6-8; 5:4-6.

Here is something that I must share with you. I was chatting with a friend on the street the other day. She pointed out that she has heard that I was to leave for a two week vacation and wondered who would fill the pulpit while I was gone. I pointed out that three of our laymen would speak on the 24. This wonderful Christian lady smiled and said, with a twinkle in her eye, "Ah—When the pastor's away, the laymen will pray."

God Bless You.
PRAYER-PHONE: 3-3158.

MISSIONARY CHURCH
Tenth and Dayton Streets
Gerald I. Gerig, Pastor

9 a. m.—Sunday School hour. Your entire family is invited to attend and we have classes for each member of your family.

10 a. m.—Morning Worship hour. Pastor's message is, "The Saviour Speaks To The Sea."

6:30 p. m.—Pre-service prayer. Children's Gospel Hour. Teen-age MYF.

7 p. m.—Evening Gospel Hour. Message entitled, "The Life I Now Live."

Wednesday
7:30 p. m.—Prayer and Praise.

Saturday
7 p. m.—Next Saturday night, June 23, we will begin our Men's prayer meetings. Due to vacations, we have not had any during the past three weeks.

We pay tribute to one of our faithful members, Mrs. Daisy Martin, who passed away last Tuesday. Her devotion to the cause of Christ was outstanding. She will be missed at the Missionary church, but our loss has been Heaven's gain.

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DISCUSSION ON QUESTIONS ON LESSON

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The Church invites You

Theodore Roosevelt once said: "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong men stumbled, or where the door of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, and who comes short again and again. It is he who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotion and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at best knows in the end the triumphs of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither defeat nor victory."

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Discussion on Questions on Lesson

1. What was God's three-fold indictment of the Israelites?

2. What constitutes true repentance?

3. What must men do if they would truly know God?

4. In what sense have men tried to engage in a controversy with God?

5. What are some of the subtle ways men break the Ten Commandments today?

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