

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY

CREAMED COMMENTS

CREAMED COMMENTS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON, GOOD TIDINGS TO THE EXILES, Isaiah 40:1-5; 52:7-9, for Sunday, August 26.

The Israelites had spent approximately 70 years in captivity, and had paid for their nation's sins. The time of deliverance was at hand. Cyrus of Persia was preparing to besiege Babylon and they would be free to return to their homeland. Isaiah brought these good tidings to the captives that they might set their faces toward a bright new day.

V. 1. "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God." God had not deserted his people and God yearned for comfort to be bestowed as the sequel of chastisement.

V. 2. "Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that here warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins." The prophet was to speak tender words of consolation to the chastened people. The Babylonian age was coming to a close, and the Persian age was about to dawn. The exile period was to end and with it the prophet announced their expiation of guilt. Israel had now paid in full for her evil ways.

V. 3. "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness. Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." This verse reflects the Eastern custom of sending advance men to prepare the way for the march of a monarch through undeveloped rural regions. Forces beyond the control of the Israelites and beyond their knowledge were preparing their path-way back to their homeland. God was to prepare a highway for the weary exiles. All obstacles would vanish and all stumbling blocks be removed. Later John the Baptist was the voice in the wilderness.

V. 4. "Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain." There was wilderness and desert down the road the exiles were to go. The prophet was asking the exiles to get ready to return to Judah and prepare for the manifestation of God who would lead them home.

V. 5. "And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." The knowledge of God was not to be limited to the Hebrew people. In time all people were to know and understand the magnificence of God. Because the Hebrew prophets considered themselves spokesmen of God, they often emphasized their teachings by proclaiming, "Thus saith the Lord." The "glory of the Lord" may be observed throughout the Bible history as a special manifestation of God to men of faith.

V. 7. "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publish peace; that bringeth good

The Church Invites You

The soul of man represents the highest purpose of God's creative energy. The human soul, according to scientists, is the last chapter of this history as far as it has been written. Science finds that everything is a continuously developing and intelligent process. It reveals man as a being with a soul which is progressing more and more toward divinity in a universe of unbroken continuity. If our souls assume this much importance in God's master plan, it behooves us to cultivate our spiritual life that our souls may grow and we may acquire spiritual maturity. We have the Light of the world to illumine our paths and we must keep constantly aware of the importance of traveling life's highways according to God's laws and God's will, which are proclaimed in the church.

CLERICUS SAYS

CLERICUS SAYS: God does not hold us responsible for the environment into which we are born, nor the circumstances of life, but He does hold us responsible for what we do in these circumstances. It is what we do, not what we inherit that interests God. Repentance calls for determined action toward righteous living; it is something one does. As man seeks forgiveness and is pardoned, he may achieve a new heart and a new spirit. The rebirth of heart and soul issues from changed attitudes. Faith in God helps God to do in us what we can never do for ourselves.



Said one taxpayer to the other, "You shouldn't be grumbling about taxes. Just think of how wonderful it is to live in a country like ours. You should pay your taxes with a smile."

Said the second taxpayer: "Well, I'd be glad to, but do you think the government would settle for that?"

with heavy foliage and singing birds are among the branches, I think how beautiful is the summer. And then, when fall loads the trees with golden fruit and the leaves begin to bear those gorgeous tints, I cannot help thinking how beautiful is the fall. But winter comes, and there is neither foliage nor fruit. But I have only to look up, and there through the leafless branches I see what was hidden before — the stars of heaven shining through."

WHAT IS A GOOD FORMULA FOR BEING POPULAR? "Perhaps the most arresting bit of personal advice we ever encountered was this: If you want to be popular, live so that a blind person would like you. The point is that lasting popularity depends not on one's having a pretty face or being handsome, but upon inner qualities that communicate themselves to others through media other than sight. These personal assets are expressed through such things as a gentle voice — persistent friendliness — small kindnesses — thoughtfulness of the other fellow's tender ego — deserved praise — excursions in encouragement. These attributes, if conscientiously developed, will in time — give you a radiant personality — for keeps. How well would a blind person like you?" — Selected.

THE BETTER WAY

Herbert Hoover has said: "There are some Old Things that made this country. There is the Old Virtue of religious faith. There are the Old Virtues of integrity and the whole truth. There is the Old Virtue of incorruptible service and honor in public office. There are the Old Virtues of economy in government, of self-reliance, thrift, and individual liberty. There are real love of country, and a willingness to sacrifice for it. These 'old' ideas are very inexpensive. They will raise the cuss word 'reactionary.' But some of these Old Things are slipping badly in American life. And if they slip too far, the lights will go out in America, even if we win these hot and cold wars."

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FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

West Monroe at Fifth Street
A. C. Underwood, Pastor

8:00 and 10:00 o'clock a.m. Divine Worship in the Sanctuary. Rev. Underwood will preach this Sunday morning on the subject: "Joy of Christian Fellowship."

Miss Rita Spence will play the following organ selections for the first Worship Service: "Sabbath Reverie" by Martin; "Canticle" by Graham and "Alla Marcia" by Richelson.

Tom Baxter will play a trumpet solo for the Second Worship Service, at 10:00 a.m. "The Holy City" by Adam. Miss Helen Haubold has selected the following organ numbers for the Second Worship Service: "Adoration" by Borowski; "Air" by Grieg and "Lead On, O King Eternal" by Van Deman Thompson.

Our Sunday school will convene at 9:00 o'clock with Mr. Hubert Zerkel, Jr. presiding. Classes are provided for each member of the family with supervised Nursery and Kindergarten classes for pre-school children. If you are not attending elsewhere we invite you to come for Study and Worship with us.

Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock the members of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance will meet in the Church Office.

Wednesday evening at 7:00 the Prayer Service will be held in the Chapel.

Church of the Nazarene

7th & Marshall
C. E. Lykins, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Sermon by the pastor.

Youth Service at 6:30 p.m.

Evangelistic Service at 7:00 p.m.

First in a series of sermons from the Book of Daniel.

Vacation Bible school will begin at 8:30 a.m. Monday morning and will continue Monday through Friday for two weeks. All boys and Prayer meeting Wednesday at girls four to twelve are welcomed.

7:30 p.m.

Visitation on Thursday evening at seven o'clock.

NUTMAN AVE. UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST

Sylvester Martin, Pastor

9:15 Pre-prayer time for Sunday School Workers.

9:30 Sunday School James Smith Supt. Classes for all ages.

10:30 Morning Worship, Special Music Message by the pastor "Believe and thou shalt see".

7:00 C. E. Services. This will be held at the Home of Esther Osborn at Saddle Lake.

7:30 Sunday evening service will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Osborn. It will be a Galleian service. The congregation will be seated on the shore of the lake and the service will be conducted from a boat out in the lake. Each person will be given a scripture verse on the boat then sail it on the lake.

7:30 Wednesday Evening Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.

8:30 Official Board meeting Wednesday.

Friday and Saturday State C. E. Convention at Hanging Rock Christian Assembly at West Lebanon, Ind.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Charles M. Hill, Minister

At the 9:30 a.m. worship service, Miss Rita Sutt, migrant worker, will speak on this important phase of home missions in Adams county.

Miss Sutt is a second year student at Christian Theological Seminary, a member of the Christian Church in Indianapolis.

A brief report will be given by members of the Chi Rho Fellowship who recently attended Chi Rho Camp at Lake Barbee. Special music will be provided by guest soloist, James Strickler, Jr.

In the absence of the minister, Elder Everett Faulkner, Jr., will conduct the service.

Bible classes for all age groups will convene at 10:30 a.m. with Max Stucky, superintendent, in charge.

The general meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship will be held at the church on Wednesday, August 22, at 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH FORUM

WHAT IS THE PROPER ATTITUDE TOWARD OLD AGE?

"When a man of 80 was asked 'What season of life is the happiest?' he answered by pointing to a grove of trees in front of his house. 'When spring comes and in the soft air the buds are crowned with blossoms, I think how beautiful is spring. But when summer comes and covers the trees

DECATUR EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

Trinity
Ninth and Madison Streets
J. O. Penrod, Pastor

First worship begins at 8:00 a.m. The pastor's message will be "An Aged Prodigal." A vocal solo, "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus" will be sung by Ernie Sautbain. Organ numbers selected by Miss Kay Wynn will be "From A Wayside Chapel" by Peery; "Meditation" by Bell and "Morning Song" by Bell.

The Sunday Church School will begin at 9:00 a.m. under the leadership of Sephus Jackson, superintendent. The title of the adult lesson will be "God's Love Proclaimed." There is a place for you in our Sunday church school.

The 10:00 a.m. worship will be identical with the 8:00 a.m. worship.

The Sunday evening worship will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Senior High youth will share their experiences at SYC. The pastor's message will be "The Call of Wisdom." The boys and girls fellowship will meet on Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Boy Scout troop meeting on Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Senior-Hi executive meeting on Monday at 7 p.m. at Trinity.

Sr. - Hi Outreach commission meets at Trinity on Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m.

W. S. W. S. executive meeting on Tuesday evening at 7 p.m.

Mid-week worship and boys and girls fellowship at Trinity on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Youth meetings at Bethany at 7:00 p.m. Jr-Hi will travel to Cecil Harvey's woods for an outing.

Ice cream social will be held at Trinity on Thursday evening from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. The social is sponsored by the Senior High Youth Fellowship.

A ball game will be held at McMillen Field on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD

628 Cleveland Street
Huston Bever, Jr., Pastor

8:30 a.m., The Christian Brotherhood Hour over WKJG.

9:30 a.m., Morning Worship.

10:40 a.m., Sunday School for all ages. We invite each family to take part in this Sunday School hour.

6:00 p.m., The Senior High Fellowship will meet to view a film "Teen-ager's Choice" and devotionals will be given by Miss Donna Keller. All Senior High members and friends are invited to attend.

7:00 p.m., Evening Service.

Monday: The Board of Trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday: Prayer Service, 7:30 p.m.

Next Sunday: Annual Homecoming for the church.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mercer Avenue at Five Points
Elbert A. Smith, Jr., Pastor

9:15 a.m. Church school for all children including the third grade meets in the Annex with Mrs. C. S. Martindill, superintendent, in charge. Small children may be left in the nursery in the Choir Room of the church during morning worship, where adult supervision is provided.

9:15 a.m. Morning Worship. We welcome to our pulpit the Rev. George Barker for this Sunday.

Rev. Barker is the Westminister Foundation Pastor on the campus of Ball State Teachers College. His sermon will be, "To Be A Christian," and the Holy Scripture reading will be Acts 11:19-26.

Rev. Smith will be back in the pulpit next Sunday, August 26th. Visitors and newcomers are extended a warm welcome here. An open invitation is extended you to take part in any of our groups.

Have you dialed 3-4090 lately? The prayer phone operates 24 hours a day for your guidance and help. Or perhaps you offer your own prayers to God every day.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

221 So. 4th Street
Robert E. McQuaid, pastor.

9:15 a.m. Sunday church school.

10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Calendar

No evening service.

Monday — 7:00 p.m. Scouts.

Tuesday — BYF Association meeting at Muncie.

Wednesday — 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service.

7:45 p.m. Special church business meeting.

August 26 — Building Fund Sunday.

August 27 — Deacons meeting.

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7:15 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

9:45 a.m. (all low masses).

Weekly Masses

6, 7 and 8 a.m.

Thursday, 5:10 p.m.

ZION

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (Evangelical & Reformed)

Third and Jackson

William C. Feller, Pastor

Church School at 9:00 a.m.

Robert Kershner, superintendent.

The combined adult classes will be taught by Mrs. John Eichenberger. We invite you to bring your entire family to study the interesting lessons with us.

Divine Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Sermon by the pastor: "Hope for the Hopeless." Special music will be presented by Mrs. Thomas Zeser and Miss Karen Robinson. Organ numbers by Mrs. J. Fred Fruchtman will include, "Meditation Religieuse," "Whiter Than Snow" and "Processional."

We extend a cordial invitation to all members and friends of the church to worship in this service. Visitors are always welcome.

Ruth and Naomi Circle at the church on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. Ann Lehman, Miss Lucille Beavers and Rev. Feller will be attending the National Conference on Christian Education at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., from Tuesday through Friday.

James Hoffman will be attending the National Youth Conference at the same place from Aug. 18 - 24.

Come and worship with us.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Richard C. Ludwig, Pastor

11th and Monroe Streets

Divine Worship services at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday school meets at 9:15 a.m.

The guest pastor for this Sunday will be the Rev. O. C. Busse who has selected as his sermon topic "Living for God."

Should members need emergency pastoral care while Pastor Ludwig is on vacation, they are to contact one of the following Elders: Earl Caston, Louis Jacobs, Bernard Schultz, Arthur Biebert, Carl Smith or Phil Sauer.

Holy Communion will be celebrated in both services next Sunday, August 26th. Bring or mail announcement cards to the Parish Hall.

Zion's College students are invited to spend a "Nite with the Pastor" on August 30th at 7:00 p.m.

MISSIONARY CHURCH

Tenth and Dayton Streets

Gerald I. Gerig, Minister

There will be no services in our church due to our General Conference being held in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Three mass meetings will be held tomorrow at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in Fort Wayne. Dr. Edison Habegger of California will be the guest speaker. Time for the services will be as follows: 10:00 A.M., 2:30 P.M., and 7:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

7:30 P.M. — The Family Hour. We maintain an active Wednesday night program for the entire family. Great interest is shown in this special hour. 108 attended last week.

Our regular schedule of services will be held on Sunday, August 26.

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