

# COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY

## First Bible School Organized In 1894

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During the next few weeks, millions of American children who attend public schools will be exposed to an intensive experience in religious education.

Many of them will learn more about the Bible than they learn at Sunday school all year long. With public schools shutting down for the summer, churches across the nation will have the opportunity to claim a somewhat larger share of young people's time than the one hour a week customarily allotted to formal religious training.

The chief agencies for intensive religious education are (1) Vacation Bible Schools; and (2) summer camps and conferences.

More than 100,000 Protestant churches conduct vacation Bible schools each summer. Total enrollment last year was estimated at more than 8 million. The typical school is in session three hours a day, five days a week, for two or three weeks.

**Do Effective Job**  
Even with time out for handicrafts and play activities, the total teaching time approximates that available in a whole year of Sunday school classes. Because it is "consecutive time"—without a week's lapse between classes—and because there's no competition with public school requirements if the teachers wish to assign homework, vacation Bible schools can do an effective job of Christian education.

They also have proved to be great evangelistic agencies for reaching children who don't attend Sunday school. Many congregations report that about half of the children enrolled in vacation Bible schools come from previously "unchurched" families.

The first vacation Bible school was organized in Hopdale, Ill., in 1894 by Mrs. D. G. Miles, wife of a Methodist pastor.

"Although churches were slow to recognize its value, vacation Bible school is accepted today as one of our most important resources in Christian education," says the Rev. Charles F. Tread, way of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Catholic church has its own version of vacation Bible school in the Summer Schools of Religion conducted throughout the country by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. About 2 million Catholic children who attend public schools will be enrolled in Confraternity summer schools this year. They will go to school three hours a day for four weeks, or six hours a day for two weeks.

**Derive More Profit**  
"We find that our public school children derive more profit from the summer school of religion than from the entire year of once-a-week catechism classes," says the Rev. John Gutting, a Catholic priest in San Valley, Calif.

Vacation Bible schools and summer schools of religion mainly draw younger children. Older youths are more likely to attend church-sponsored camps or "conferences" as they are sometimes called.

"Church camping represents one of the most rapidly growing phases of Christian education today," says the Rev. Robert S. Clemmons, of the Methodist Board of Education.

About 2 million young people, mostly teen-agers, are expected to attend upwards of 10,000 church camps this summer. They will spend a week or two living outdoors and discussing their religious problems in small groups under the guidance of carefully chosen adult leaders.

A report from the board of Christian education of the United Presbyterian Church, which operates nearly 200 summer camps, says that church camping provides unique opportunities to discover and meet "individual needs" in religious growth.

It also gives young people from cities a chance to become intimately acquainted with nature so they can experience the very basic kind of worship which simply acknowledges the wonder and beauty of God's creation.

## The Church Invites You

We are living in very confused and trying days and it is easy to become discouraged or alarmed if we view events on the surface if we assume the material plans of man to be the last word about our destiny. Such an evaluation is a mistake. It leaves God out of it. If our Christian religion means anything at all, it means that destiny is in the hands of God. Hence, we must live lives of faith, trusting that God, the creator and sustainer, will make all things well. We can only do this if we live so that God will be very near us. As we seek to have the spirit of Christ dwell within us, we have the kind of faith that only God can give. The church is the house of God where we may worship Him and gain the faith and inspiration to live according to His will for us.

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**MISSIONARY CHURCH**  
Tenth and Dayton Streets  
Gerald I. Gerig, Minister  
9:00 a.m. — Sunday school hour — Tomorrow we honor the fathers in our church. Everyone will meet in the main auditorium for opening exercises. We will be giving a gift to the youngest father present, the oldest father, and the father having the greatest number of children present.

10:00 a.m. — Morning Worship hour — Our Pastor will be bringing a special Father's Day message. The music will be furnished by the choir under the direction of Mr. Darrell Gerig. Mrs. Jack Gray is in charge of our junior church.

6:15 p.m. — Pre-service prayer  
6:15 p.m. — Children's Gospel Hour

6:15 p.m. — Junior MYF  
6:15 p.m. — Senior MYF  
7:00 p.m. — Evening Gospel hour — Our Pastor will continue his messages on Bible characters.

8:00 p.m. — Choir rehearsal.

**MONDAY**  
7:00 p.m. — Men and their wives meet at the church to go to Berne and tour some of the new churches there and to go through the Reuser Memorial Home.

**WEDNESDAY**  
7:30 p.m. — Prayer and Praise

**SATURDAY**  
8:00 p.m. — Youth for Christ at the Church of God. The film: "The Tony Fontaine Story" will be shown.

We extend a special invitation to the Fathers to attend our services tomorrow.

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
114 hand Monroe  
Richard C. Ludwig, Pastor  
Divine worship services begin at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

Sunday School and Bible Classes will begin at 9:15 a.m. The Pastor's sermon topic will be "With Flying Colors."

A Sextet from the Choir will sing "Jesus, Jewel of My Faith" in the 8:00 Service.

The acolytes for Sunday will be Mr. James Kenney and Mr. Donald Scheuman.

Pastor Ludwig will be on active duty with the Air National Guard at Earl Field in Fort Wayne for the next two weeks between the hours of 8:00 and 5:00 p.m. In case of emergency call the church office 3-2549.

The Emmaus Guild will have a family potluck for all the members of the guild and their families at the American Legion Park on Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish and table service. Committee will furnish meat, rolls and coffee.

The Needle Club will meet Thursday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall basement.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
221 So. 4th Street  
Robert E. McQuaid, pastor

9:30 a.m. Worship  
Mrs. Edward Lobsiger will sing a special number.

The Pastor's message will be "Five Famous Fathers."

10:30 a.m. Classes  
There is a place for the whole family.

6:30 p.m. BYF Groups  
7:30 p.m. Evening Service  
Message by the Pastor; special music by the junior girls classes

**CALENDAR**  
Tuesday: 7:30 p.m. Missionary Society meeting — special speaker  
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service

Saturday: 8:00 p.m. Youth for Christ meeting — at Church of God  
The film "The Tony Fontaine Story" will be shown.

June 28: Association BYF  
July 4: Sunday School Picnic

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**Sunday Service**  
DECATUR EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH  
J. O. Fenrod, Minister  
Father's Day

Divine Worship at 8:00 o'clock and 10:00 o'clock.

8:00 a.m. First Worship service. Rev. Fenrod will deliver the message, "Pure Living; God's Will." Miss Kay Wynn's organ selections: Prelude, "Thine Is The Way," by Frick; offertory, "God Will Guide Thee," by Richardson, and postlude, "Our Confidence and Strength," by Hughes. Miss Linda Jackson will sing a solo entitled, "O Rest In The Lord."

9:00 a.m. Second Worship service. Rev. Fenrod will deliver the message, "Pure Living; God's Will." Miss Kay Wynn will preside at the organ. Miss Linda Jackson will sing a solo.

At 2:00 p.m. today the YF will present a service at the Adams County Home. All YFs who are going to the County Home, please meet at Bethany at 1:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Y-Hour meetings at Trinity.

7:00 p.m. Evening Worship. The Kum Dubble Class will be in charge. Boys & Girls Fellowship will meet by departments.

Sunday Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m. Kum Dubble Class. Mr. Jan Elzey will give the Invocation. Scripture will be read by Mr. Jim Baumgartner. The evening prayer will be by Mr. Jim Bowman and vocal duet will be sung by Mrs. Jim Baumgartner and Mrs. Jan Elzey. Rev. Fenrod will deliver the message, "Anchors of the Soul."

**MONDAY**  
9:00 a.m. Lois Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Cedric Fisher. Leader is Mrs. Emma Barkley. Please bring articles for McCurdy school.

1:00 p.m. Jr-Hi & Sr-Hi Officers and Adult Advisors at Trinity.

5:30 p.m. Total Jr-Hi & Sr-Hi Orientation at Trinity. Bring your own sack lunch. Drinks furnished.

6:30 p.m. Boy Scout meeting.

7:30 p.m. Adult Council meets at Bethany.

**TUESDAY**  
10:00 a.m. Fort Wayne District ministerial meeting at Camp Lakeview.

1:00 p.m. Orientation for all YF Commissions — Chairman & Co-Chairman, both Jr-Hi & Sr-Hi at Trinity.

4:00 p.m. Study Committee meeting at Bethany.

7:00 p.m. Jr-Hi & Sr-Hi Fellowship Commissions at Trinity.

7:30 p.m. Call to Commitment Committee at Bethany.

**WEDNESDAY**  
1:00 p.m. YF Citizenship SCommissions—Jr-Hi & Sr-Hi at Bethany.

7:00 p.m. Adult Workers with Youth (Teachers & Counselors) at Bethany.

7:00 p.m. Mid-week Worship; boys & girls fellowship.

8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal.

**THURSDAY**  
1:00 p.m. YF Outreach Commissions—Sr-Hi & Jr-Hi at Bethany.

7:00 p.m. YF Witness Commissions—Sr-Hi & Jr-Hi at Bethany.

7:00 p.m. YF Faith Commissions—Sr-Hi & Jr-Hi at Bethany. Evening Total YF get-together. Place and time to be announced.

**SATURDAY**  
7:00 p.m. Adult Workers with Youth at Bethany.

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**Zion United Church of Christ**  
(Evangelical & Reformed)  
Third and Jackson  
William C. Feller, pastor

Church school at 9:00 a.m. Leonard Egly, assistant superintendent, will be in charge. We invite all members of your family to join one of our classes. There are classes for all ages.

Divine Worship at 10:00 a.m. Sermon by the pastor: "An Amazing Faith." The senior choir, under the direction of Miss Gretchen Gallagher, will sing, "Praise the Lord, O My Soul" by Simper. Organ numbers by Mrs. J. Fred Fruehie will include "With All My Heart's New Power," harmonized by J. S. Bach, "Vesper Hymn" by Bishop, and "Postludium" by Otis.

We invite all who are without a church home in this community to worship in this service.

The Mission Band will meet for the last time until fall during the sermon portion of the service.

Phoebe Bible class meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

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

Infants will be baptized on Sunday, June 23. Parents are asked to notify the pastor if they wish to have an infant baptized. Come and worship with us.

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9:00 a.m. Second Worship service. Organ selections by Miss Rita Spence: prelude, "Dreams," by Bizet; offertory, "Menuetto," by Mozart; and postlude, "Scherzino," by Beethoven. Rev. Miller will deliver the morning message.

The choir will sing the anthem, "If With All Your Hearts," directed by Mr. Larry Merriman.

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Metzer Avenue at Five Points  
Elbert Smith, pastor

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Smith will give the sermon, VII "Our Experience of Christ." The scripture will be Colossians 3:1-17, and the Men's Quartet will sing.

9:30 a.m. Church school and worship service will be held at the same time during the summer through Sunday, September 1st. All children up through the primary classes will meet as usual in the annex. Nursery care will be available in the annex for parents wishing to attend the service.

First Presbyterian welcomes who are visitors or newcomers. Meet with God while you meet with us in His house.

Sunday, 7:30 p.m. The Mariners will meet at the church. The program will feature a film, "The Moment to Act," which deals with persons of special need.

The Prayer Phone, offering a "prayer for the day" each day, is a service to the community by the Men's Council of the Church. Dial 3-4080 and join in prayer.

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
West Monroe at Fifth Street  
A. C. Underwood, pastor

8:30 and 10:30 Divine Worship. Rev. Underwood will preach this Sunday on the subject, "Humility Before God." Miss Rita Spence will play for the first Worship Service in the Chapel. "Dreams," Bizet; "Menuetto," Mozart and "Scherzino" by Beethoven.

The Dulcet Choir will sing "Father We Thank Thee" for the special musical number, in the second Worship Service. Mrs. Gerber will play: "Sortie" Dubois; "Summer Idyll," Paul and "Festal March" by Nordman.

Our Sunday School will meet at 9:30 a.m. with Mr. Hubert Zerkel, Jr., superintendent presiding. We have classes for all age groups with supervised Nursery and Kindergarten classes and a Lullaby Room for pre-school children.

Tuesday evening 6:30 the Wesleyan Service Guild will have a Carry-In supper at Hanna-Nuttman Shelter House. Bring a covered dish and table service. Following the supper Mr. and Mrs. Noah Steury will show pictures they took while in Hawaii.

Wednesday — 7:00 Prayer Fellowship in the Chapel.

8:00 — Adult Workers with high school youth with the Underwoods.

Friday — 2:00 p.m. the Golden Age Group meets with Miss I. V. Gilpen.

Saturday and Sunday next, Institute for Methodist Men at Epworth Forest. Registration at 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning. Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

**DECATUR CHURCH OF GOD**  
1129 Mercer Avenue  
Huston Bevers, Jr., Pastor

9:30 a.m., Morning Worship with Rev. Marshall as guest speaker.

10:40 a.m., Sunday School. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to bring your family and worship with us.

2:00 p.m., Dedication Service with Dr. Dale Oldham as guest speaker.

5:00 p.m., Fellowship carry-in supper for everyone of the church and their guests, followed by a closing devotional service.

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

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Saturday, 8:00 p.m., The film-strip "The Tony Fontaine Story" will be shown for the youth.

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