

CHILDREN OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION TO OBSERVE INDEPENDENCE DAY

Patriotic Societies Will Join in Religious Service at First Baptist Church Tomorrow

Groups Throughout State Arrange Similar Programs.

The Children of the American Revolution state society tomorrow are to revive an old custom commemorating July 4 by attending church in a body, the Sunday preceding that holiday.

Members of the Old Glory Society in Indianapolis are to attend the service at the First Baptist Church. Initiation has been extended by Old Glory through its president, Mrs. A. S. Bosart, and junior president, Mrs. L. Miller, and the Caroline Scott Houston Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Indianapolis Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, to attend church with them.

The Rev. Atwater to Preach

The Rev. Carleton W. Atwater, church pastor, is to preach the sermon. He is a member of the S. A. R. of which Col. Robert Moorhead is president. Mrs. Bertram Day is regent of the D. A. R. group.

Summer flowers are to be arranged in the church by Old Glory.

Mrs. George Chester, Valparaiso, is state director of the C. O. R. The organization originated in Mrs. John Downing Johnson in 1920 following her appointment as C. A. R. state director. Mrs. Hiram W. Moore had preceded Mrs. Johnson as state director.

C. A. R. Reorganized

Following Mrs. Moore's administration the C. A. R. became inactive and was revived under the term of Mrs. S. E. Perkins, Caroline Scott Houston, D. A. R. regent, Mrs. William Hornsby, names Old Glory president. Mrs. H. V. Tommehan, Portland, next C. A. R. director, was followed by Mrs. John.

Mrs. Johnson conceived the idea as tribute to be paid to our forefathers.

"I was thinking of children in general," she said. "While our forefathers were patriots, at the same time they had a great regard for law and order and sacred life. While celebrating the Fourth of July, firecrackers and noisemakers, it seemed fitting that we not lose sight of our religious life as a people."

Following its establishment, the religious observance was practiced in the state, but not observed consistently. Mrs. Johnson explained.

The chapters in New York liked the idea and the director wrote concerning the project.

At the Indiana state convention in May the C. A. R. passed a resolution to re-establish the custom.

The Reverend Dinn to Celebrate Mass

The Rev. Ronald Dinn, O. F. M., ordained Wednesday at Teutopolis, Ill., is to celebrate his first high mass at 11 to tomorrow morning at St. Philip Neri Church.

The Rev. Peter Crumby, O. F. M., Franciscan missionary priest, is to preach the sermon. The Rev. Albert Busald, St. Philip Neri pastor, is to assist in the sanctuary as archpriest.

Other officers of the mass are to include the Rev. Eliebert Harnes, O. F. M., Sacred Heart parson; the Rev. Timothy Sexton, O. S. B., Benedictine missionary from St. Michael's, N. D.; subdeacon, and Brother Martin, O. F. M., Cleveland, cousin of the celebriant, master of ceremonies.

Music Is Arranged for Breakfast School

Mrs. Caroline Ayres Turner and Mrs. Charles E. Ferguson are to provide special music in the Sunday Morning Breakfast Club of the Wheeler City Rescue Mission tomorrow. The Northwood Christian Church Council is to sponsor the breakfast club this week.

K. V. Ammerman, Broad Ripple High School principal, is to speak. Mrs. A. C. Young is council president and Mrs. Ferguson, relief program chairman.

The regular weekly mission activities are to close Saturday with an old-fashioned praise and testimony meeting conducted by Mrs. W. F. Knode.

Methodists to Have Communion Service

An annual mid-summer communion service of the Central Avenue Methodist Church is to be observed tomorrow by the Rev. Charles Drake Beldner, pastor in charge. The pastor is to speak on "The Comfort of the Sacrament."

The chorus choir, under the direction of Ralph Wright, is to sing "Communion Hymn," by Dudley Buck.

Adjutant to Speak Before Volunteers

"Bound by Love" is the subject of a talk to be presented by Adj. Arthur Jamison at 7:45 tomorrow night at the Volunteers of America Chapel, 320 N. Illinois-st.

Lieut. Warren Jacobson is to direct congregational singing. Special vocal and instrumental numbers have been arranged.

Church Anniversary

Ninth anniversary of the Brookside United Brethren Church is to be observed tomorrow with a homecoming celebration for former members and friends. A basket dinner is to be served at noon.

The Rev. M. K. Richardson, Benton Harbor, Mich., church pastor from 1909 to 1914, is to preach the sermon. The Rev. C. J. Roush is present pastor.

Sermon by Pastor Points to Jesus Christ as Sole Religious Authority.

BY THE REV. CARLETON W. ATWATER.

Pastor, First Baptist Church
"For He taught them as one having authority, and not as the Scribes."—Matthew 7:29.

Not long ago Prof. John Dewey wrote:

"The significant thing is that the loyalties which once held individuals, which gave them support, direction and unity in their outlook on life, have well nigh disappeared. In consequence individuals are bewildered and confused. It would be difficult to find in history an epoch so lacking in solid and assured objects of belief as ours. Stability of individuality is dependent upon stable objects of belief to which allegiance firmly attaches itself. Human nature is self-possessed only as it has objects to which it can give itself."

Any careful observer of the present day will quite agree with the above statement. The unrest, the bewilderment, the conflicting opinions upon every vital subject, the shifting of the sense of insecurity of the present day are due largely to the fact that man, people have no stable objects of belief to which they can be unwaveringly loyal.

While it is evident in every realm of social activity and relationship, yet especially is it noticeable in the fields of business, politics, ethics and religion. In no relationship do more people need and yearn for authority than in religion.

Where they gave counsel it was always a fragment of tradition. Yet tradition is too much the product of expediency, lazy imitation and prejudice, to be the source of authority.

Conscience Not Authority

Is the individual conscience the authority in religion? The conscience does not originate right. It is the power of God in man in accordance with the light of the individual knowledge he has received. Inasmuch as the knowledge an individual has received may be so incomplete, so limited, so biased, a religion simply based on individual conscience may lack the real authority man needs.

If a single human reason is not worthy of confidence that it may become standard, neither will a thousand human reasons bunch together become a standard of authority. A million imperfect bricks will make an imperfect building, like other earthly organizations, it is made up of imperfect and limited people, not as an institution as the authority of whatever is authority.

The church at its best is not an organization, it is not an institution as the authority of whatever is authority.

The church at its best is not a channel through which truth may flow.

The Bible is an unfolding gradual revelation of God's methods of working with men. Whatever is written in order to help us to better understand God's purpose in Christ and whatever is in harmony with God will as revealed in Christ, can be our authority in religion.

Even in the Bible it can be accepted as authority as intended and valuable as it may be. Only that part which reveals God's message, life and power in Jesus Christ, can be accepted as the final authority for faith and practice today.

Holds Jesus Sole Authority

Jesus Christ therefore is the One in whom we can find satisfying and certain authority in religion today. In these two particular fields is Christ our authority in religion. First, His authority of God. All of God we need to know, all of God He wants us to know, all of God which answers our deepest yearning, Jesus revealed. Secondly, Jesus was an authority on humanity. While on earth Jesus displayed a remarkable knowledge of men in their individual and social relationships. He shared the experiences of men. He based His teaching upon the needs of men. Knowing that the greatest of all human needs is for what men most long for, Jesus, therefore in His teaching life and death, He enabled men to have that fellowship both by showing God to men, and by removing the barrier of sin which separates men from true fellowship with God. He showed men how they could live together in a world of natural conflicts. In all relationships—human and divine Jesus is the authority for faith and practice today.

If Jesus is an authority about God, then we can trust what Jesus revealed of God as reliable, so that we can walk in darkness but have the light of life. If Jesus is an authority, then we can trust our society as a whole we can take as our guide.

If we accept Jesus Christ as an authority for ourselves, we are under obligation to share our experience with others who yearn to have such a stable object of belief to which they may give themselves.

In the midst of the bewilderment and confusion today it is well when we can do this.

"Lord and Master of us all

"Whatever our name or sign

"We own Thy sway, we hear Thy call

"We test our lives by Thine."

Pastor to Be Guest at Basket Dinner

The Rev. Charles H. Stafford, who is to conclude his third year tomorrow as pastor of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, is to speak the next few months in the study of life.

He is to be honored at a basket dinner at noon tomorrow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Copeland. Elmer B. Pike, Sunday school superintendent, is in charge of the program.

The Rev. Clive McGuire, Indianapolis Baptist Association executive secretary, is to speak in the grove near the church in the afternoon.

Frederick D. Davies, pastor, Morning, "What Makes Me What I Am?"

FRIENDS

First—The Rev. O. Herschel Folger, pastor, Morning, "Combined Service."

LUTHERAN

Gehrzhausen—The Rev. J. S. Albert, pastor, Morning, "The Word of the Father."

Church of Our Saviour—The Rev. C. M. Wachter, speaker.

Church of Our Redeemer—The Rev. W. E. G. Powell, Morning, "What Makes Me What I Am?"

EVANGELICAL

First—The Rev. Frederick D. Davies, pastor, Morning, "What Makes Me What I Am?"

EPISCOPAL

First—The Rev. W. E. Hayes, pastor, Morning, "Wanted: A Pilgrim in the Pulpit."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

West Side—The Rev. John J. Williams, pastor, Morning, "Spiritual Indifference."

South Side—The Rev. H. A. Sherwood, pastor, Morning, "Sunday School, 10:30; night, 'A Specialist,'" 8:30; sermon, "Three Famous Gardens as Described in the Bible."

CONGREGATIONAL

First—The Rev. E. H. Hay, pastor, Morning, "Wanted: A Pilgrim in the Pulpit."

EPISCOPAL

First—The Rev. W. E. Hayes, pastor, Morning, "Wanted: A Pilgrim in the Pulpit."

NAZARENE

First—The Rev. W. E. Albee, pastor, Morning, "Wanted: A Pilgrim in the Pulpit."

UNITED DENOMINATIONAL

First—The Rev. G. T. Alexander, pastor, Morning, "Pilgrimage of Life."

Second—The Rev. M. Smith, guest speaker, night, "The Forgiveness of Sin."

Third—The Rev. W. E. Hayes, pastor, Morning, "A Pilgrim in the Pulpit."

TRINITY

First—The Rev. J. R. Plank, pastor, Morning, "Our Nervous World."

Second—The Rev. W. E. Hayes, pastor, Morning, "A Pilgrim in the Pulpit."

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