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FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 16—7:30 P.M.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE IN SONG BY CHOIRS

Sunday, December 23—7:30 P.M.

CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE AT CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, December 26—7:45 P.M.

PRAYER SERVICE

Sunday, December 30—7:30 P.M.

STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS

Monday, December 31—8:00 P.M.

WATCH NIGHT PARTY AND SERVICE

"BEGIN THE YEAR WITH GOD"

SUNDAY NIGHT 7:30 O'CLOCK

CHRISTMAS SERVICE IN SONG BY CHOIRS

The special service in song Sunday night will include many numbers known and loved by all. The choir will sing two compositions from Handel's "MESSIAH," "O Holy Night" with Betty Merritt as soloist, and "As Lately We Watched" which is a familiar number that the choir does each year at this season. Mr. Sam Jordan will sing "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" and Mr. Jordan and Mrs. Lee Booker will sing "Love Divine." A trio will sing the favorite "Jesu Bambino."

An added attraction will be the Junior Choir singing the anthem "Bethlehem" in unison with the Adult Choir.



BIBLE STUDY WEEK ONLY THREE MORE WEEKS UNTIL

We will be privileged to have Dr. John L. Hill as our guest during this Bible Study Week, January 7-11. The book to be taught is "The New Testament Doctrine of the Church." Mark this week in the new year as a MUST on your 1952 calendar.

**You Can Enjoy Christmas
A Thousand Times
BETTER
If Your Tithe Is Paid Up**

WHAT IS YOUR PROP?

A quaint old Scotswoman who was a devout Christian was wont to call the mid-week prayer meeting the "Clothes-Prop." When asked why she called it that she replied, "Well, you see, when I hang out my washing to dry, I find that I cannot get along without a prop to keep the line from sagging in the middle. Neither can I get along rightly without the prayer meeting; it comes in the middle of the week and holds me up so that it keeps me from sagging."

If more Christians were like this fine old lady their lives would be greatly strengthened, and the weekly prayer meetings in our churches would be attended vastly better than most of them are.

**ATTEND PRAYER MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY AT 7:45 P.M.**

IF THE CAR FITS—PUT IT ON

**THE MAN WITH A
CONSECRATED CAR**

He couldn't speak before a crowd;
He couldn't teach a class;
But when he came to Sunday School
He brought the folks "en masse."
He couldn't sing to save his life;
In public—couldn't pray;
But always his "jalopy" was
Just crammed on each Lord's Day.
And though he couldn't sing, nor teach,
Nor even lead in prayer . . .
He listened well; he had a smile . . .
And he was always there.
With all the others whom he brought
Who lived both near and far . . .
And God's work was greatly prospered
For he had a consecrated car.

—Author Unknown

SOUND LOGIC

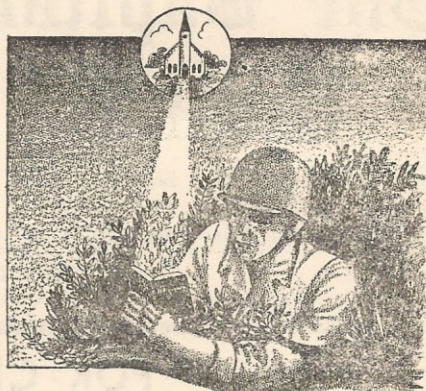
Two motorists met on a bridge too narrow for two cars to pass.

"I never back up for an idiot," shouted one driver.

"That's all right," replied the other quietly, as he shifted into reverse. "I always do."

Keep "Christ" in Christmas

**REMEMBER OUR SERVICE
PERSONNEL**



Cdr. Fred Rand
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Japan

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San Diego, Calif.

DOING WITHOUT GOD

How immature and juvenile is the cynic who says "I don't have anything to do with religion or God—I run my life as I please." He is like a child who shouts the same thing to his parents while the parent continues to feed and clothe, educate and support the child. As eminent scientists often affirm, "All the universe moves by one vast intelligent intricate pattern; all life is woven into one harmless relationship with divine law—or there is disaster. Yet the blind and selfish man stands on the little planet God holds in His hands and s'outs defiance and independence! How much wiser to study God's words, to learn to cooperate with them. That is the place of religion in life, and the church is the avenue of approach to these truths."

DOWNTOWN CHURCHES

I like to see the downtown churches holding their places. It seems good to me that here and there amid the rush of traffic there should remain a building that has no bargains to offer and no shop window display.

This is a hospital for sick and weary souls. It is making a battle not for our own sake but for the sake of others. A church in any neighborhood is an asset. Any street is better for its presence.

—Edgar A. Guest.

VISIBLE RESULTS BY DEPARTMENTS

TRAINING UNION

Enrol.	Pres.	Cont.	
11	11	0	...General Officers.....
52	41	27	...Adult 1.....
30	22	7	...Adult 2.....
28	17	19	...Adult 3.....
64	41	8	...Young People 1
			...Young People 2
39	29	0	...Senior
43	32	2	...Intermediate
53	36	230	...Junior 1
23	9	0	...Junior 2
12	7	0	...Primary 1
			...Primary 2
24	19	0	...Primary 3
			...Beginner 1
3	2	0	...Beginner 2
4	3	0	...Nursery 1
9	8	0	...Nursery 2
			...Nursery 3
			...Nursery 4

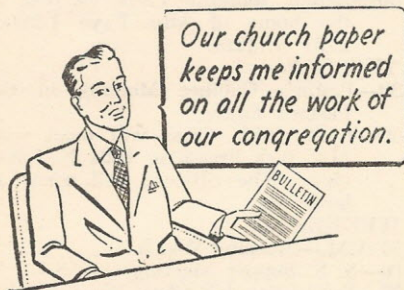
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Attendance One Year Ago.....218

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Enrol.	Pres.	Cont.	
10	10	0	
175	84	104	
127	80	105	
277	212	408	
74	60	57	
51	34	30	
69	46	60	
79	68	71	
125	90	63	
126	96	35	
53	45	36	
50	36	15	
55	35	11	
59	43	52	
79	54	5	
9	6	2	
20	13	13	
29	23	14	
32	22	6	

TOTALS 1499 1057 1066
Attendance One Year Ago.....942



WOULDN'T THINGS GO BETTER?

If the day is dull and gray
And it's hard to see the way,
If you'd stop a bit to pray,
Wouldn't things go better?

If your life is full of fear,
And you often shed a tear,
If you'd seek the Lord who's near,
Wouldn't things go better?

If the night is full of pain,
And the morning is the same,
If you'd seek His aid to gain,
Wouldn't things go better?

If the trial is hard to bear,
And your heart is full of care,
If you'd look to God in prayer,
Wouldn't things go better?

If your nerves some overtax,
And you wish you could relax,
If you'd take a dose of "Acts"
Wouldn't things go better?

If you have too much to do,
And you think you won't get through,
Did it ever come to you,
Prayer makes things go better?

—E. M. Svacha.

NEW MEMBERS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Department records show the following new members since Oct. 1:

Adult 1, 16; Adult 2, 21; Adult 3, 13;
Young People 1, 5; Young People 2, 9;
Senior, 6; Intermediate, 12; Junior 1, 5;
Junior 2, 13; Primary 1, 6; Primary 2, 2;
Primary 3, 6; Beginner 1, 2; Beginner 2, 0;
Nursery 1, 2; Nursery 2, 2; Nursery 3, 3;
Nursery 4, 6.

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Keep "Christ" in Christmas

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A STRANGE FAMILY

The father has not missed church in 23 years. A son has not missed in 12 years. A daughter has not missed an evening service in 8 years. The mother has a perfect record for 11 years.

What's the matter with this family? Don't they ever have company? Aren't they ever tired on Sunday morning? Don't they ever have headaches or nervous spells or family reunions or picnics or anything? Don't they have a radio so they can get good sermons from outside preachers? What's the matter with them?

Perhaps they are remembering the price Christ paid for their salvation.—Southern Churchman.



By Letter:

- 35—Mr. Charles I. Wamble, Pottery Road.
 36—Mr. Lon Roberts, Jr., 104 W. Jackson.
 37—Mrs. Lon Roberts, Jr., 104 W. Jackson.
 38—Mrs. O. U. Perry, 121 W. Avery.

By Baptism:

- 9—Phil Perry, 121 W. Avery.
 10—Lon Roberts, III, 104 W. Jackson.
 11—Mrs. Alma Scott, 721 N. Reus.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

SYMPATHY TO: Mr. Pat Groner upon the death of his mother; Mr. R. C. Eickler upon the death of his brother in Pennsylvania; Mrs. H. M. Diamond upon the death of her husband.

IN BAPTIST HOSPITAL: Mrs. Ben Johns; Mrs. Bessie Shows.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Glen Coley upon the birth of a new baby; Dr. and Mrs. Francis P. Cassidy upon the birth of a baby daughter; Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards upon the birth of a daughter; Comdr. and Mrs. Earl M. Spalding upon the birth of a son. (Bethesda, Md.)

"AND HIS PEOPLE BROUGHT INTO THE STOREHOUSE . . ."

Envelopes used	649
Specials	\$ 147.31
Budget	2,107.16

Total.....\$2,254.47

BAPTIST HOUR SUBJECT SUNDAY
 WILL BE "DESIRE THAT IS DEADLY"
 WCOA AT 2:00 P.M.

REWARD AWAITING FOR DISSATISFIED TITHERS

SANTA ANA, Calif.—(AP)—There's \$100 on deposit in a bank here which can be claimed by anyone. Any one, that is, who tries tithing for one year and finds that God does not keep His promise to take adequate care of the giver. In five years there have been no claimants.

The Rev. DeWitt Safford, who deposited the money, recently renewed the offer and promise to include the five year's interest.

A tither is one who gives 10 per cent of his income to the church. Safford reports his church has 178 tithers out of a communicant membership of 481. None of them, he says, has shown an interest in his \$100.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

December 16 - 22

SUNDAY IS THE LORD'S DAY

Worship Services.....	8:30 and 11:00
Sermon	By the Pastor
Sunday School	9:40
Training Union	6:10
Evening Worship	7:30
Sermon	By the Pastor

SUNDAY—

9:00—Church Library Open
 2:00—Baptist Hour
 5:30—Church Library Open

MONDAY—

6:30—Virginia Wingo YWA meeting at the Church
 6:30—Johnni Johnson YWA meeting at the home of Miss Faye Yonker, 2121 N. 12th.

TUESDAY—

7:30—Pastor's Cabinet Meeting in the Pastor's Study
 7:30—Lydia Bible Class will meet with Mrs. Jack Freeman, 1904 E. Lakeview. The officers will serve as hostesses.

WEDNESDAY—

7:30 A.M.—Morning Watch
 6:10—S. S. Supper Meeting
 6:45—Young People's Choir Practice
 7:00—S. S. Departmental Meetings
 7:45—Mid-week Prayer Service

THURSDAY—

2:00—The Convention Bible Class will meet with Mrs. A. V. Freeman, 1610 E. LaRue.
 7:30—The Bykota Class will meet with Mrs. T. B. Shell, 1216 East Avery.
 Church Basketball Team Game at YMCA.

FRIDAY—

3:15—Beginner and Primary Sunbeams
 3:15—Junior G. A. and R. A.
 4:15—Youth Choir Practice

SATURDAY—

7:00—Recreation Hall open for Young People

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Pastor Emeritus.....	Dr. G. J. Rousseau
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