

# 60 - SECOND SERMONS

By FRED DODGE



TEXT: "Criticism comes easier than craftsmanship" —Zeuxis.

A party guest turned to a stranger to criticize the singing of a woman who was trying to entertain them.

"What a terrible voice," he complained. "Do you know who she is?"

"Yes," was the answer. "She is my wife!"

"Oh," said the critical one, "I beg your pardon. It isn't her voice, it's the stuff she has to sing. I wonder who wrote it?"

"I did," was the answer. Without critics this would be a backward world. Criticism of conditions, customs and ideas brought primitive man from his

trees and caves, and gave him civilized living. Constructive criticism is one of man's great abilities.

We should take care, however, not to confuse fault-finding and conceited "second-guessing" with constructive criticism. Too often we join a popular chorus of complaint to gain a moment's attention or flattering agreement.

There is a simple way to tell the difference between needed criticism and useless fault-finding. When the urge to criticize is felt —stop! Think. Ask what good can come from the complaint. If no good can come from it, don't criticize. Constructive criticism can result in some good. When no good can come from criticism, silence shows greater wisdom.

## History Of The American Flag

The Flag of the United States of America is the third oldest of the national standards of the world; older than the Union Jack of Great Britain or the Tricolor of France.

During the early days of the Revolutionary War a variety of flags were used by the different colonies and military commands. Prominent among these were the "Pine Tree" and the "Rattle-snake" flags with various arrangements and mottoes.

Late in 1775 a committee of Congress with Benjamin Franklin at the head, after consulting with Washington, then in command of the army at Cambridge, decided upon the form for a new flag. This flag consisted of thirteen stripes, red and white, with the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew on a blue field in the canton or union. This preceded the Declaration of Independence and indicated that the colonies had not wholly broken from the mother country. This flag was first unfurled by Washington January 2, 1776. It was probably this flag which was raised by Paul Jones on his vessel and carried by the American fleet which sailed out of Philadelphia in February, 1776.

During 1776 and 1777 a number of flags with thirteen stripes came into use and the need of a definite national emblem was realized. On June 14, 1777, Congress passed an act stating "That the Flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." This was the birthday of the Flag as we now know it and June 14 is now celebrated as "Flag Day." This new flag was probably first displayed on land during the Battle at Fort Stanwix, New York, although there are a number of

authorities who claim that the first Stars and Stripes displayed in battle was at the Battle of Bennington, Vermont, August 16th, 1777. At any rate, this flag, as displayed, remained the national standard until 1795. The first display of the Stars and Stripes by the Continental Army was when the Flag was hoisted over Fort Stanwix, New York, on August 3, 1777.

In the meantime Vermont and Kentucky had become states, and on January 13, 1794, Congress voted that the Flag should have fifteen stripes and fifteen stars. This Flag remained in use for twenty-three years, and it was "The Star-Spangled Banner" of which Francis Scott Key wrote in 1814.

In April, 1818, Congress passed an act providing that the Flag should have the thirteen horizontal stripes, alternate red and white, and that the union should display twenty stars, representing the number of states then in the Union. It also provided that on the admission of every new state to the Union a star should be added on the following July 4th and this has been the regulation ever since, accounting for the number of stars now shown.

The hunting season is now in full blast. The sound of shooting may be heard in almost every direction almost constantly. Just how many shots miss is a problem that would be hard to guess. The wild life advocates are spending much time and some money in order to protect game and insure hunting in the future. Various parts of the country

have different shooting seasons and different lengths of time for shooting. Some hunting for large game and some for small game.

It is hoped that all will obey the wild life regulations and that there may be an abundant amount of all kinds of game protected for the future sportsmen.

Many hunters spend much time and money in order to shoot wild ducks. However, there is another kind of duck that is very abundant at the present time. They may be found anywhere from Canada to Mexico and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Not far in the future they may migrate to Alaska. This duck is the lame duck. At the present time there are more lame ducks than ever known before. There are large lame ducks. There are small lame ducks. The greatest number of lame ducks ever known were released on November the fourth. Lame ducks are like mules. Destroy every mule in the world and soon there will be as many more. Eliminate every lame duck and soon there will be as many more. They are not needed for the propagation of the lame duck species.

### Evasive Tactics

The ex-GI was trying to impress his new girl with stories of his exploits in combat. "There we were," he said. "Suddenly enemy mortar shells started tearing up the main street."

"Oh, my," exclaimed the girl. "What did you do?"

"I tore up a side street."



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## Sunday School Lesson

### THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SAVIOUR'S BIRTH

International Sunday School Lesson for December 21, 1958.

Memory Selection: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour." —(Luke 1:46-47).

Lesson Text: Luke 1:26-56; 2:1-20

This lesson discusses the significance that Jesus' birth had for people of his time and emphasizes the great meaning that it can have for us today.

In reading our biblical text in the Book of Luke today, we read the always beautiful, always moving account of the birth of the Christchild. It is a story of which we never tire; one which we pass on to our children, and which they, in turn pass on to their children. It never fails to stir the heart, the mind, the imagination.

What is the significance of Jesus' birth for us today? Why do we date time itself from his birthday? Why do we celebrate Christmas more than any other day of the year?

Every baby that is born is a wonderful thing to behold. But this particular baby was destined to have more influence upon the human race than any other person in all the long history of the past all become only dim echoes when compared with this babe. But this Jesus grows more important with every passing century. About one third of the hu-

man race now call themselves "Christian" to indicate they believe in him. We often write His and Him and He with a capital letter when we speak of Jesus, but we never do that about any other human being. This Jesus deserves a very particular brand of homage, of respect, of awe. All this we know now. But in the days of his birth only two women knew of his special importance to the world. Mary, his mother, and her cousin Elisabeth. When he came he was not born to pomp and circumstance; he was not born in luxurious surroundings. He was born in a manger, because there was no room at the inn. Nobody in the inn knew that something wonderful had happened. Shepherds in a field were told by the angels. Three wise men came to see him. When they told Herod the king that a new king was being born, Herod sent his soldiers to kill all the babies in Bethlehem to make certain the destruction of the new king. But Herod did not kill Jesus. He was spared to the world; a fact for which we must ever be thankful.

Nobody but a couple of prophets dreamed that the greatest life in the history of mankind was beginning that first Christmas in Bethlehem. In point of fact, the kings and great people of his generation all died without realizing that the turning point in history had begun on Christmas Day, and that some day a few thousand years later this particular babe would change the

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Training Union at 7:15 P. M.  
Evening service at 7:30 o'clock.  
Mid-week prayer service Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

**GREAT HOPE BAPTIST**  
REV. HENRY V. NAPIER, Pastor  
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Morning worship second and fourth Sundays at 11 o'clock  
Evening worship first and fourth Sundays at 8 o'clock  
Prayer service Wednesday at 8 P. M.

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Morning worship at 11 o'clock  
Training Union at 7 P. M.  
Evening worship at 8 o'clock.

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Sunday School Sunday morning at 10 o'clock  
Morning worship — all teenage girls Sunday 6:30 P. M.  
Christian Service Brigade — all teenage boys — Tuesday 7 P. M.  
Mid-week Prayer Service — Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

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Sunday School at 10 A. M.  
Morning worship at 11 o'clock  
Young People's meeting at 6:30 P. M.  
Evening worship at 7:30 o'clock  
Wednesday evening service at 7:30 o'clock.

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Mid-week Devotion: Wednesday 7:45 P. M. Phone 2617.

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T. U. at 7 P. M.  
Evening worship at 8 o'clock second and fourth Sundays  
Prayer service Thursday at 8 P. M.

**EDENTON METHODIST**  
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Preaching service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

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Bible study Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.  
Service meeting and ministry school Friday nights at 8 o'clock.

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Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.  
Morning worship at 11 o'clock.  
Children's Church at 6:30 P. M.  
C. A. service at 6:30 P. M.  
Evangelistic service at 7:30 P. M.  
Wednesday prayer meeting at 7:30 P. M.

**YEOPIM BAPTIST**  
Sunday School Sunday morning at 10 o'clock  
Preaching services every first and third Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

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REV. FRANK FORTESQUE, Pastor  
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REV. FRANK FORTESQUE, Pastor  
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Sunday School at 9:30 A. M.  
Morning service at 11 o'clock.  
Evening service at 7:30 o'clock  
Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock  
Young people's and senior choir practice Friday nights at 8 o'clock.  
Men's Bible Class meets Monday night at 8 o'clock.

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REV. CLYDE BEATTY, Minister  
First Sunday at 11 A. M. Holy Communion and sermon.  
Second Sunday at 9 A. M. Holy Communion.  
Third Sunday at 9 A. M. Holy Communion.  
Fourth Sunday at 11 A. M. morning prayer and sermon.  
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Every second and fourth Sunday, Pastor's Day.  
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Prayer and Bible Band Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.  
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Thursday night choir practice at 7:30 o'clock.  
Saturday night young people's Bible quiz and recreation.

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Morning worship at 11:00 o'clock.  
Evening service at 7:30 o'clock.

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Morning worship service at 11 o'clock.  
Choir rehearsal Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

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Sunday School at 11:30 o'clock.  
Young People's meeting at 2 P. M.  
Evening service at 7:30 o'clock.  
Tuesday night "First" Senior Choir practice at 8 o'clock.  
Wednesday night second Senior Choir practice at 8 o'clock.

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**LOCUST GROVE A. M. E. Z.**  
REV. J. E. GORDON, Pastor

## Go To Some Church Each Sunday



### CANDLE IN THE NIGHT

Simplest, humblest gleam of light... yet it rolls back the shadows. And striking the new-fallen snow, it casts a dazzling halo upon boughs of pine and holly.

Like a candle in the night Christmas rolls back the shadows of time, and touching the life of man, gives an aura of peace and good will to every day and deed.

It was truly the simplest and humblest event in history, this birth of a child in a stable. But from it shines "the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." And to live in that Light, to reflect it upon the world around us; this is peace and good will.

Like a candle in the night the Church beckons us to the gleam of its ageless Truth. And as we come to live by the Church's teaching, our faith will roll back the shadows for those around us.

**THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH**

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday...	I John	4	9-21
Monday...	Matthew	23	1-21
Tuesday...	Luke	2	1-21
Wednesday...	Luke	2	22-35
Thursday...	Luke	7	36-52
Friday...	Acts	2	31-60
Saturday...	Hebrews	12	1-17

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