

CHURCH NEWS

Is The Church A Failure

By DONALD LOVE

In our time, we are going through this unbelievable, non-believable and this, no such thing as God, Son and Holy Ghost, our questions are to-day as they were yesterday. Why would God do this or that is He so good? If God is so merciful, why then does He let the best one of a family die instead of permitting the worse one die? How could any one call such acts merciful?

Those of you who have had the privilege talking to people who believe this way, know what I am trying to say. Those of you who have not, then you are in the dark as to what I am trying to say.

There are two ways; there is no third way, so man has to get in between the two ways, right and wrong, good and evil and God and the Devil, then choose one of the two ways. The decision is his to make. Mother, father, sister and brother can not decide for you. This is an individual thing. What ever side you choose, no one else is held responsible because they are responsible for their decisions.

The Israelites in the Old Testament served the same purpose as Christians to-day. It would not be fair to say the Christian today serve the same purpose as the Israelites did.

To clarify this statement, the law in the old testament which was served by the Israelites, God demanded them to live there by, then when they failed, they sined. Christ, came on the scene later and introduced another way to do the will of God, rather than by law. This new way was LOVE. When anyone failed to obey God, by means of the new way, sin also. SIN is God's worse enemy.

There are many questions we can ask our selves concerning the reality of God. We could begin by asking: Does God mean any thing to me? Can I at any time feel any thing differently than at other times? It is very possible that you do not know or realize the feeling when it does appear. Have you ever been about your work, for reasons you can not explain, tears begin to flow from your eyes, the feeling is super. What about riding along, a song comes to your mind, then you begin to sing; here come those tears again, the volume increase. By now you are dominated with and engulfed by the love of God. It is nice to know just

what is happening to you. When you are in this other world, the things usually fret you, don't any more. When you have been talked about, you love the talker rather than disliking. You feel for people, you suffer when you know others are suffering.

I do not care how good one might be, there is some evil in that person, I do not care how evil one might be, there is some good in that person. Those of us who are considered good, have to be ever so careful to shun the tricks of evilness. The most vital aspect of our conduct, is our conduct itself.

If we are to followers of Christ, then be examples for others, we have to check our walk, our talk and our every movements, not so much for our selves but for the sake of others.

St. Paul, one of the greatest apostles, spoke a truth that rocked the christian society when he stated: "Meat was good for him, but if others would do wrong due to him eating it, he would eat no more. Many of us could make similar statements. Would any of you Christians be willing to give up what ever it is you like so well, for the sake of a friend and especially a foe to prevent either or both from going wrong?"

In the event you take drinks or smoke, would you be willing to give them up if the friend or foe turned out to be habitual drinkers and smokers? Christ stated: "It isn't what goes into a person that defiles him but what comes out." You could be associated with what the other fellow does. Not directly so but associated due to your leadership.

I would that you try some of the things I have suggested; give it a fair trial, then you will be able to say and mean it, the saying of our good friend, St. Paul, "I know that my redeemer liveth because He lives within my soul." This can only be said by means of experience.

KITCHEN AIDS

You don't need a magazine-layout kitchen to be an efficient cook. The 3M Company office efficiency experts suggest ways to get your kitchen together: 1) Can't tell basil from oregano? Label your spice jars with Scotch package sealing tape. 2) Organize your canned foods according to category. 3) A loop of Scotch Magic transparent tape will tack your recipe in view while you work. Keeps frequently-used recipes from getting smeary, too. 4) Keep pretty pots and pans in the open on a pegboard. 5) Build a shelf for small appliances so they won't cause counter clutter.



MRS. BELVIN MITCHELL

Walker Bible Class Meets at Home of Mrs. Belvin Mitchell

The E. W. Walker Bible Class of The First Calvary Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Belvin Mitchell, Sunday, January 23rd at 4 p.m. with Mrs. Ellen Brown and Sadie Chambers serving as hostesses.

The devotional exercise was conducted by the Chaplain Mrs. Margaret Milligan. The president Mrs. Mitchell presided over the business session. The minutes of the last meeting was read by the assistant secretary, Mrs. Bessie Smith. Various committees report were made. All officers were re-elected for the new year. The meeting was closed with all repeating the mispah. Miss Hattie White invited the guest and members into the dining room to share with Mrs. Mitchell in the celebration of her birthday. Happy birthday was sung to her. A buffet style repast was served to all.

The grace was sung with Mrs. Bessie Thompson leading. Mrs. Mitchell was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts. Mrs. Tessie Lyons and Celeste Cunningham assistant to the hostesses.

Members present; Mesdames Addie Langley, Rebecca Haskins, Sumega Solomon Beatrice Laster, Hallie Crews, Sara Allen, Cora Newton, Mary Johnson, Misses Alene Mebane and Mary L. Stephens, Mrs. Christine McGhee, Catherine Shaw.

Guests: Mesdames Ella Saunders, Lola Clark, Ella Jackson, Ida Hall, Josephine Hayes, Lizzie Charles, Mayme Prince, Bessie Thompson, Daisy Green, Roberta Torain, Suddie Hodges, Mary Elliott, Mayes Brewington, Merma Dunigan, Lucy Gilliam, Jane Parker, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Williamson Mr. & Mrs. John W. Barbee, Rev. Mrs. Sue Farrington, Rev. Mrs. W. M. Bennett, Misses Gretchen Reddrick, Easter Dixon, Loviney Reddrick, Terri Cornigan, Ella Watson, Trudie Watson, Eunice O'Neal, Patricia Best, Nathaniel Haskins, Cleo Green and Leroy Brown.

NEW SHOES
Children's shoe sizes change rapidly. From age two to six a child may need a new pair of shoes every two to four months.

WIAPV to Present Mrs. Selph At Monday, February 14 Meet

Women-in-Action for the Prevention of Violence and Its Causes, Inc will present Mrs. Annabelle Selph, project director of the "F.O.O.D." (Focus On Optimal Development) program, at their monthly meeting, Monday, February 14, 8 p.m. at the Chapel Hill YWCA.

The "F.O.O.D." program in Durham is one of eight programs that has been funded by the Office of Education to develop curriculum guides and nutritional information for schools. Presently in operation at Pearson and Burton Elementary Schools, "Project F.O.O.D." uses a formidable battery of approaches and services to attack problems of the children in the physical, dental, mental health, nutrition and education areas.

Appearing with Mrs. Selph to describe the program will be Ruth Baker, project coordinator; Barbara Ellis, health educator; Antoinette Ricks, nutrition educator; Grayce Thompson, Mental health worker; and Peter Whaites, assistant coordinator.

In operation since the beginning of the current school year, "Project F.O.O.D." focuses a wide variety of services of existing community agencies on the students' problems. Lincoln Community Health Center is examining and treating 70 children at present.

The N. C. School lunch program is helping provide a hot breakfast as well as lunch. The Duke Child Guidance Clinic and the Developmental Evaluation Clinic are working with children with learning disabilities. The Department of Social Services, the Department of Public Health, Mur-



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doch Center in Butner, the Community Mental Health Center are all contributing to the program.

Although it's too soon to know the full effect of this program in helping children do better in school, some tangible results are already apparent. Tardiness is down, attendance is up, and during the recent flu outbreak, the absentee rate at these schools compared favorably with other schools. Testing is projected to confirm the hoped-for results: That there are a number of ways a community committed to the education of each child can help achieve this.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church To Host Ushers on Sunday

The Durham Inter-denominational Ushers Union will meet at Mount Zion Baptist Church in its monthly program February 13, at 3:15 p.m. at Mount Zion Baptist Church, Fayetteville St., Durham.

ham. The theme of the meeting will be "Striving Toward Greater Growth." Prayer will be delivered by Brother Ernest Whitley; introduction of the speaker will be given by William Gilliam; and the key address will be presented by Alexander Barnes of Kyles Temple A.M.E. Zion Church.

St. Joseph's AME Church

PHILIP R. COUSIN, Minister
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Sunday, February 13, 1972

8:00 A.M. EARLY MORNING WORSHIP

SERMON The Pastor

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George Hatcher at the Console

Engene Plummer, Director

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Lorenzo A. Lynch, Minister
3400 FAYETTEVILLE STREET

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9:30 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL

10:55 A.M. WORSHIP

SERMON The Pastor

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(Rom. 1; King 19:1 - 14, 15A)

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Mr. John H. Gattis, Director

3:00 P.M. Annual Every Member Canvass

5:00-7:00 Report of Canvassers

TWO MINUTES WITH THE BIBLE

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"BUYING UP THE TIME"

Thirteen hundred years ago Paul wrote to his Ephesian brethren in the quantity of Ephesians: "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:15).

Those were indeed evil days, when a great and grand ruler ruled the Roman Empire. How should he have been respected, not only in his own time, but in resurrection and Christ's family was fighting a life and death battle to promote the prevailing pagan darkness with the light of God's grace.

Surely Paul never dreamed that the dispensation of grace would continue for nineteen hundred years longer. He expected the Lord to come at any time to recall His ambassadors, and bring the day of grace to a close. Hence the urgency of his appeal: "Buy up the time, because the days are evil."

But if Paul had reason to suspect that the day of grace would span be brought to a close, we today have greater reason to think so. Now that the light of the gospel has been brought to Europe, America and many other parts of the world, men

are turning their backs on it. Only a small minority of men Christian claim truly believe the Bible and know the Christ it presents, and how very few know the riches of His grace.

Meanwhile our governments, our educational institutions and our social systems are becoming ever more godless. The result? The news papers, radio and TV, even a trip downtown to any fair sized city will tell us all we need to know.

Once again, "the days are evil" and the Lord's coming for His own seems imminent. There is still much to be done, but no thoughtful person believes that we are headed in that direction. Rather the world appears to be heading straight toward the prophesied "day of His wrath."

What a comfort, then, it is to the believer, to know that "God hath not appointed us unto wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us." (1 Thes. 5:9-10). "For the Scriptures saith: Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed" and "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:11-13).

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