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### BIBLE THOUGHT

Blessed are the people who have the Lord for their God.  
—Psalm 144:15

In this time when there has come a great challenge to the church, the church must occupy all of life. It must claim the whole man. It must minister to the whole economic and social order, or be engulfed in the materialism of that order.—Frank P. Graham.

### As To Optimistic Business Predictions

**ROGER BABSON** and other economists predict a continuation of the business upswing through the first half of 1940, with conditions better than at any time since 1929; and reports sent out from all industrial centers would seem to justify these optimistic predictions.

There has undoubtedly been a great gain in employment, and there are frantic demands for skilled men in many lines. It is even said that some industries will be unable to operate at full capacity because of the lack of technically trained personnel.

Unskilled labor is not faring so well. WPA and NYA rolls are still overcrowded and probably will be for some time. Many young men are going into the army, navy and marines and a large number are being taken care of in the CCC camps, but these services are not absorbing a sufficient number to make any appreciable difference in the unemployment situation in regard to unskilled labor. Only a heavy increase in private building operations will take care of the surplus of men who are without some kind of special training. Babson claims that the coming months will bring this increase in residential and industrial construction, and that bigger payrolls are in prospect which will lighten the relief load.

But the forecasts of Mr. Babson and others lack the importance they might have in normal times. Our economic condition depends to a large extent upon the state of affairs in other nations, and it is impossible for anyone to foresee what may happen in the coming months.

The start of 1940 sees three major wars in progress, two in Europe and one in Asia. So far these wars have had no considerable effect upon American business either for better or for worse, and at this time there seems little likelihood that the United States will become involved in any of these struggles. But should the spring bring intensified activity on the western front and should the Finnish-Russian struggle involve Sweden, Norway and Denmark, all Europe would probably burst into flame, and the effect upon this country and other republics of the western hemisphere cannot be predicted.

It would certainly result in a tremendous spurt in business in the United States which would last while the warring nations had the money to pay for goods under our cash-and-carry law, and would probably be followed by a disastrous depression.

As things are, one man's opinion as to the future is as good as another's, and the views of experts carry little weight.

### Otto

By MISS JOSEPHINE BRADLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Clark visited relatives and friends here the past week. Mrs. Clark's mother, Mrs. J. E. Brown, and her niece, Mildred Brown, returned home with them to Hazelwood.

Carey Cabe is spending the holidays here. He is employed in West Virginia.

Joe Shope spent several days at home. He is working in Bridgeton, N. J.

Mrs. Ed Bradley and daughter, Hazel Bradley, visited Mrs. Bradley's brothers, Charlie and Wilson Rogers, of Franklin Route 2, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pruitt visited Mrs. Pruitt's parents at Cornelia, Ga., recently.

Fred Vinson, who has been employed in New York for the past year, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Vinson, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Keener visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Curtis, the past week.

Glen Holland, who has been working in Tennessee, visited his wife during the holidays. Meldrum Cabe, who is also employed there, visited his family.

Mrs. Frank Carella and three children, of Turnerville, Ga., visited

relatives here the past week-end. Mrs. Carella has just returned from New York.

Nat Bloom has returned to his home in New York after spending some time here.

Rufus Holden, who is working at the state nursery farm at Clayton, N. C., is visiting home folks.

### Mountain Grove

By MISS MARIE KEENER

J. M. Williams, who has been very ill at his home, is unimproved.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Corbin have moved from the Mountain Grove section to Ellijay.

Frank Fox, who is in the CCC camp at Smokemont, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Fox.

C. C. Hooper, of Callowhee, spent the week-end with Elisha Fox.

John Taylor, who has moved from his home in the Mountain Grove section to his farm on lower Ellijay.

McKinley Adams was visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edison Ammons Thursday of last week.

A number of people from the Mountain Grove section attended the Christmas tree at Ellijay Sunday.

Billie Rankin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rankin, will leave Thursday for a CCC camp.

## Highlands Highlights

MRS. H. G. STORY

### CHURCH NOTES

**Highlands Baptist Church**  
Rev. J. G. Benfield, Pastor  
10 a. m.—Sunday school.  
11 a. m.—Sermon.  
6:30 p. m.—B. T. U.  
7:30 p. m.—Sermon.

**Highlands Presbyterian Church**  
Rev. R. B. DuPree, Pastor  
10:15 a. m.—Church school.  
11 a. m.—Worship.  
7:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor.

**Highlands Methodist Church**  
Rev. J. S. Higgins, Pastor  
Glenville:  
10 a. m.—Worship.

**Cashiers:**  
11 a. m.—Worship.

**Horse Cove:**  
3 p. m.—Worship.

**Church of the Incarnation**  
Rev. Frank Bloxham, Rector  
No service Sunday.

### WEATHER REPORT

The New Year came in cold and blustery, with a reported temperature of two degrees below zero Tuesday morning, and on Tuesday Highlands continued to wear its blanket of December 23, which was renewed on the 20th, the 29th and again on the night of the 31st. The people here, together with those from nearby towns, as well as many from distances who have cottages here, have enjoyed winter sports for the past week afforded by the snow and frozen lakes.

### BIDS TO BE RECEIVED FOR MUSEUM WORK

Any firm desiring to bid on electrical, plumbing and material supplies contracts for the Highlands Museum WPA project, please communicate with the Highlands town clerk as soon as possible. Bids will also be received for renting a 1½ ton truck and the sawing of lumber.

### P. T. FARNSWORTH PASSES AT HOME SUNDAY

P. T. Farnsworth died at his home here at 9 o'clock last Sunday morning after a long illness. By his written request his body was taken to Macon, Ga., for cremation, and was accompanied there by F. A. Edwards, Charles J. Anderson, S. E. Potts and Tudor N. Hall.

Mr. Farnsworth was born in Memphis, Tenn., on November 13, 1860, and had lived in Highlands for the past 20 years. In his younger days he was a journalist of note, and was connected for years with Kentucky's leading newspapers. A sister, Mrs. Jeff Boyd, Toronto, Canada; a brother, T. R. Farnsworth, and a nephew, Sidney W. Farnsworth, of Memphis, Tenn., survive.

The late Mrs. Farnsworth, who was the former Miss Dorothy McPherson of Athens, Ga., was also a writer of distinction, and up to the time of her death four years ago, both she and Mr. Farnsworth continued their contributions to the various magazines. Mrs. Farnsworth wrote under the name of Robert Emmett Ward.

Mr. Farnsworth's ashes will be taken to Lexington, Ky., for interment beside his wife.

### MRS. W. H. COBB HOSTESS TO CARD CLUB

Mrs. W. H. Cobb entertained the Wednesday card club with a Christmas party on December 27 at her home on Satulah road. The season's decorations were gracefully used throughout the rooms. Particularly attractive were the poinsettia, with its brilliant blossoms, and the living room mantle arrangement of electric candles, holly and mistletoe. The high score prize was won by Miss Sara Gilder, the traveling prize by Mrs. G. W. Marrett, and the low score prize went to Mrs. Arnold Garris, guest player of the afternoon.

The refreshments were served in the dining room and further carried out the Christmas colors. The dining table was overlaid with an extensively embroidered cloth and had as a centerpiece a miniature forest scene aglow with tiny electric lights. The favors were artificial poinsettias.

### EVERETT-SODERQUIST

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Carrie Osceola Everett, of Highlands, to William George Soderquist, of Asheville. The marriage was solemnized December 23 at the Second Presbyterian church in Petersburg, Va. The Rev. D. T. Caldwell, pastor, officiated and the double ring ceremony was used.

The bride wore a boy blue crepe dress with brown accessories and a shoulder corsage of pink rosebuds. After the ceremony the couple left for a wedding trip to Washington, D. C., and Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Soderquist is the daughter of Mrs. Guy Paul of Highlands and is a graduate of Highlands high school and Western Carolina Teachers' college at Callowhee. For the past two years she has been a member of the faculty

the Mineral Springs high school at Winston-Salem.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Soderquist, of Sylva, and also attended Western Carolina Teachers' college. The couple will reside in Asheville where Mr. Soderquist has business connections.

### REESE-CARVER

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Manila Reese of Highlands to William Carver of Clemson, S. C. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. G. Benfield at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reese, Sr., at high noon Sunday, December 24, with only members of the immediate families present. A wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride.

Mrs. Carver is a graduate of the 1939 class of Highlands high school, and her graduation dress of white satin was also her wedding dress.

The couple is at present with the bride's parents, but expect to make their home at Clemson, where Mr. Carver has a position with the Standard Oil company.

Members of the B. Y. P. U. enjoyed a New Year's Eve social at the home of Mrs. Bessie Cleaveland, watching the old year out and welcoming the new year.

Mrs. Clark Howell spent the past week at her home at the country club and had as her guests Miss Winnie Eskridge, Miss Emily Anderson and Miss Louise Cramer of Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hicks and Mrs. C. C. Potts are spending some time in Miami, Fla. The party visited friends in Birmingham, Ala., before going on to Florida.

A lovely event of the holiday season was the dinner given by Prof. and Mrs. O. F. Summer honoring the Misses Estelle Edwards, Carolyn Potts, Sarah Thompson and Peggy Thompson, who return to their college work this week at Greensboro and Charlotte.

Mrs. J. W. Reese, Sr. and her son Marshall Reese have returned from a week-end visit with Mrs. Reese's brother W. H. Cabe and Mrs. Cabe in Atlanta.

Louis A. Edwards spent the week-end in Pinehurst, Ga., going down for Mrs. Edwards and their small son, who visited relatives in that city through the holidays.

The friends of Mrs. Carl H. Zoellner will be pleased to learn that she is very much improved from a two weeks' illness at her home on West Main street.

Wilbur Picklesimer has returned to his studies at Mars Hill college after a holiday vacation spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Picklesimer, in Whiteside Cove.

Miss Marguerite Richert of Atlanta arrived Saturday for a New Year's visit with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Edwards and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hays, their three daughters, Patricia, Audrey and Ann, Gene Paul and Herbert Paul have returned from a holiday visit with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kice and family in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Dinner guests of Colonel and Mrs. Elliott Caziarc on Friday were the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Flanagan and children, Ann and John, of Franklin, and Miss Sara Gilder.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Appleby of Chicago, Ill., who have been spending the past two weeks at "Hemlock Lawn", their cottage on the Walhalla road, were at home to a large gathering of friends last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Way, Tom Fitz Patrick and Mr. and Mrs. Overton S. Chambers were hosts at a New Year's Eve party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chambers. The invitations were in verse requesting the guests to come in costume representing their favorite drink. Miss Louise Cramer received many compliments on her costume representing ginger ale.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crunkleton have returned from a visit with Mr. Crunkleton's sisters in New York. Their two children, John and Frances, who have been attending school in New York for the past several months returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Aech of Atlanta entertained a week-end party of friends over the new year holidays at their home at the country club.

### Baptist Church Notices

At 11 a. m. worship hour the pastor, C. F. Rogers, will preach on the theme, "A Worthy New Year Wish" and at 7:30 on the subject, "Angels: Who They Are and What They Do." Bible study at 6:30 p. m. will be on "The Christian's Confession of Faith."

## Improved Uniform International SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D., Dean of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

### Lesson for January 7

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### THE CHRISTIAN'S CONFESSION OF FAITH

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 16:13-24.  
GOLDEN TEXT—Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.—Matthew 16:16.

Many outstanding miracles had been performed by our Lord during His ministry in Galilee, and now as that period of His earthly work was drawing to a close He went with the disciples north into the great heathen center, Caesarea Philippi. Here He asked them life's greatest question, "What think ye of the Christ?" and Peter, blessed of God with true utterance, became the instrument for that confession of Christ upon which He could found His Church. Then there came from His blessed lips the prophecy of His death and resurrection which would make it possible for all who believe to become the sons of God and members of that Church.

### I. The Question—Who is the Son of Man? (vv. 13-17).

The question of Christ was general at first, and in the answer we find that the people of our Lord's own day had a very high opinion of Him. They saw in Him the combined merits of the outstanding characters of their generation. They knew that He was no ordinary individual. He had made a striking impression on His own age, as indeed He has on every age of human history.

Observe carefully that such a confession of Christ is not sufficient. It is not enough to acknowledge Him as the great teacher, the perfect example, or the way-shower. To deny His divinity, to take from Him His place as Son of the living God is to make of Him an impostor and a fraud.

The personal question which follows, "Whom say ye that I am?" is the supremely important question from which no man can escape. Neutrality is impossible. Whatever we do or fail to do declares our position. "What think ye of Christ?" is the touchstone which determines character, condition and destiny.

Peter by the grace of God had come to the place where he recognized the one with whom he was having blessed fellowship in service as the Messiah, the Anointed One, the Son of the living God. We too should be so responsive to the guidance and control of the Holy Spirit that He may be able to teach us spiritual truth, which flesh and blood can never reveal.

### II. The Church—Its True Foundation (vv. 18-20).

Christ, the Son of the living God, is the rock upon which the Church is built. The confession by Peter of this fact is in response to the question of Christ, "Whom say ye that I am?" and hence clearly relates to Christ, not to Peter, or to anything in Peter's personality. He was indeed blessed in his confession of Christ, but it is Christ who is the rock upon which the powerful and glorious Church is founded.

It follows without possibility of denial that only that organization which truly represents Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God, has any right to call itself a church. Countless are the groups calling themselves churches which are nothing but social or intellectual clubs with possibly a slightly religious flavor, for they deny the deity of Christ. Why are they not honest enough to take their proper names and their rightful places in the community? Is it because they wish to have the financial support of God's people and bear the good name of the Church?

### III. The Cross—for Christ and for Me (vv. 21-24).

The shadow of the cross falls across the little gathering of disciples as the Lord tells them of His impending death on the cross. Note that He rightly coupled with the fact of His death the truth of the resurrection, which gives it true meaning and which carries us beyond the darkness of Calvary to the light and beauty of Easter morning.

Peter who had a moment before spoken for God, now becomes the mouthpiece of the devil. From confessing his Lord, Peter turned to tempting Him to avoid the cross. That he "meant well" does not excuse Peter's folly, nor does it excuse the blundering though well-meaning misdirections which many are giving to the souls of men in our day. Had Jesus yielded to the solicitation of the Evil One through Peter, there would never have been any redemption from sin wrought out on Calvary's cross.

But we observe in verse 24 that there is a cross for the Christian as well as for Christ. Obviously we can never bear His cross, He alone could do that, but we are to take up our own cross and deny ourselves and follow Him. Self on the cross—Christ on the throne—such is the secret of real discipleship.

J. M. Nicholson, a unit demonstration farmer of Cowarts in Jackson county, says lime and phosphate have increased the grazing period of his pasture by 20 days.

### Macon Theatre

Night Shows 7:00 and 9:00  
Matinees 3:30 P. M.  
SHOWING FROM 1:30 TO 11 P. M. SATURDAYS

### PROGRAM FOR WEEK

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5  
**"THE PRIDE OF THE BLUEGRASS"**  
With: EDITH FELLOWS  
JAMES McCALLION  
Also: "ZORRO'S FIGHTING LEGION"

STURDAY, JANUARY 6  
**Two Big Shows**  
**"FULL CONFESSION"**  
With: VICTOR McLAGLEN  
SALLY EILERS  
JOSEPH CALLEIA  
And  
**THE THREE MESQUITEERS in**  
**"WYOMING OUTLAWS"**

MON.-TUES., JANUARY 8-9  
DON AMECHE  
ANDREA LEEDS  
AL JOLSON in  
**"SUWANEE RIVER"**  
With CHICK CHANDLER and  
HALL JOHNSON CHOR  
IN TECHNICOLOR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10  
JOE E. BROWN and  
MARTHA RAY in  
**"\$1,000 A TOUCHDOWN"**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11  
TYRONE POWER  
LINDA DARNELL  
WARREN WILLIAMS in  
**"DAYTIME WIFE"**

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