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of Nazareth, through whom he disclosed his nature, his will, and his purpose for his children. The Incarnation is an event unique to the Christian revelation. God took the initiative and came to live with men. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." (John 1:14). Throughout history, asserts the writer of Hebrews, God spoke to his people in a variety of ways. However, all these approaches were fragmentary and were not the final and complete revelation of God to man. This was accomplished when, in Jesus Christ, God made a final and complete revelation of his nature and purpose. He did so by coming in person right into the midst of the struggle, sin and tumult of this world.

The Incarnation asserts both the divinity and the humanity of Jesus Christ. The highest compliment God ever paid to his human creatures was in becoming flesh and living with us. He not only disclosed his own nature, but also revealed human nature in its highest dignity and worth.

Jesus Christ, through whom God made a complete and final disclosure of himself, has a unique place in relation both to God and to man. He was God's agent in creation. The will and purpose of God are mirrored in the teachings and in the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. He sustains all living things, and in his life we see the light by which we are to walk in obedience to God. The light is so clear and so steady that "the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5). When we acknowledge that he is the Son of God and accept him as our Lord, he gives us power to become the children of God. God became as we are that he might make us as he is. God came in human form to redeem us from our sins and to enlist our love and life for his fellowship and service.

What the Incarnation means to each of us personally will depend upon our response in faith and love. It depends on our willingness to receive what God so generously offers. God came, not to compel, but to win our devotion. This is where our act of faith becomes necessary. That Jesus was born in Bethlehem is a declaration of history; that he is born in

HUNTER CREEK

MRS. ERNEST BALL.

Mr. and Mrs. Arvine Hampton and the Rev. Jonah Reese were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Burns Hunter recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ball were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ball and family of Candler for a few days last week.

Miss Marie Ball and Mrs. Lester Lewis were in Asheville shopping Saturday.

Mr. Vincent Hunter spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Coble Ball.

Miss Deana and Donna Ball spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ball.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Burns Hunter Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lewis and Annette, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Warren and Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Hunter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Rice.

Mr. Commodore Ball had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ball.

A Merry Christmas To All

Schedule of Home Demonstration Clubs In County

Friday, Dec. 28 - Little Pine HD Club meets at 7:00 p. m.

our hearts today can only be a declaration of our faith. And in the continuous and widening and deepening entrance of the spirit of Christ into human life the purpose of the Incarnation is fulfilled.

Let us, then, pray: "Our Father, we are grateful that thou hast come into the life of our world in the person of Jesus Christ to reveal thyself to us and to show us the dignity of our own nature. Help us respond to thy outreach toward us in faith and love. May we strive to fulfill the purpose of thy coming by widening and deepening the entrance of the spirit of Christ into our lives... Amen."



PEACE ON EARTH... Must be an important part of Christmas observances everywhere and there is something about the spirit of Christmas that makes young voices sing out loud and clear, with a heart full of joy.



The old joke about Dad "monopolizing" Junior's train is ceasing to be a joke, according to some toy producers, who contend that this year there will be toys for adults under some Christmas trees. Mr. Jay V. Zimmerman, president of the largest hand puppet makers in the world, recently told toy buyers and salesmen that "toys made specifically for adults to play with will eventually exceed the present popularity of children's toys."

This may sound a little unbelievable and optimistic (for the toy industry), but Mr. Zimmerman says the theory is neither radical or new. "For centuries," he says, "man has been playing with his children's toys under the guise it was for Junior's sake, but that's a lot of toymash. They enjoy playing with their kid's toys, but they're too ashamed to admit it."

Right or wrong, several major toy companies are producing specific adult toys this year. We'll just have to wait and see how many Dads receive some of them as presents from Santa.



PEACE ON EARTH

... and good-will toward all men! May the peace and great joys of Christmas be yours now and always.

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International Sunday School Lesson -for- DECEMBER 23, 1962 (These comments are based on the International S. S. Lesson Outlines, copyrighted by the International Council of Religious Education, USA, and used by permission.) GOD COMES TO US Memory Selection: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father." (John 1:14) Lesson Text: Isaiah 6; 9:6-7; Hebrews 1:1-4; John 1:1-18. Today we seek to understand how God came to us in the Incarnation and what his coming means to us in our personal living and social relationships. All religions stress man's search for God. Christianity alone makes central the greatest of all truths, that God is searching for man, that God is taking the initiative for the redemption of his children. As Christians we believe that God came to us by embodying himself in human form, Jesus

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