

Riverside Baptist Church

The Rev. Paul Grogan, Pastor
FRIDAY—
 7:30 p.m.—Lesson Study for teachers.
 8:00 p.m.—Choir practice.
SUNDAY—
 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Paul Erwin, Superintendent, in charge.
 10:45 a.m.—Junior Choir sings, Edgar Burnette, director.
 11:00 a.m.—Sermon by the pastor 2nd and 4th Sundays. Observance of the Lord's Supper the second Sunday of each quarter.
 7:00 p.m.—Training Union, Edgar Burnette, director, in charge. Invitation to everyone is extended. Training groups for all ages are available. Also a Bible Class.
 7:45 p.m.—Evening Worship 1st and 3rd Sundays.
 7:45 p.m.—General Assembly Program 2nd and 4th Sundays by various groups.
WEDNESDAY—
 7:00 p.m.—Midweek prayer meeting at the church. Pastor in charge.
THURSDAY—
 9:00 a.m.—WMU Quilting, Mrs. J. H. Reece, hostess. Covered dish luncheon at the noon hour will be served.

Bethel Baptist Church

The Rev. Thomas Erwin, Pastor
SUNDAY—
 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Major Burrese, Supt.
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Message by the pastor every 1st and 3rd Sunday.
 7:00 p.m.—Baptist Training Union, Mrs. Lillian Styles, Director.
 8:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Message by the pastor every 2nd and 4th Sunday.
WEDNESDAY—
 7:15 p.m.—Mid-week Prayer Service and choir practice.
FRIDAY—
 7:15 p.m.—Weekly meeting of the Sunday School Teachers of Bethel and Mt. Zion Baptist churches. Many visitors attend and all are invited to come.

Victory Baptist Church

MAGGIE VALLEY
SUNDAY—
 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Claude Trantham, Supt., 1st and 3rd Sundays.
 9:45 a.m.—Worship Service, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.
 11:00 a.m.—Sunday School—2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.
 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Services conducted by Rev. Rufe Finger.
WEDNESDAY—
 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service.
FRIDAY—
 7:30 p.m.—Bible study.
SATURDAY—
 7:30 p.m.—Prayer services in a home.

Grace Church in the Mountains

EPISCOPAL
 The Rev. James Y. Perry, Jr., Rector
 Telephone GL 6-5838
SUNDAY—
 8:00 a.m.—Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.—Church School and Family Worship.
 10:45—Nursery through church service.
 11:00 a.m.—Morning prayer and sermon by Rev. George B. Holmes of Roanoke, Va.
 12:00 Noon—Coffee Hour. Visitors welcome, Parish House.
 1:30 p.m.—The Episcopal Hour, Radio Station WHCC.
WEDNESDAY—
 7:00 p.m.—Choir practice.
THURSDAY—
 8:00 p.m.—Local AA Chapter meeting, Parish House.

The Christian And Missionary Alliance Church Of Canton

"A Bible Church With A Christ Centered Message"
 The Rev. David Richardson, Pastor
SUNDAY—
 2:15 p.m.—Bible study.
 3:00 p.m.—Afternoon Service.
 7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.

Sunday School Lesson

Ambassador in Bonds

PAUL, GOD'S SERVANT, IS FALSELY ACCUSED, ARRESTED AND TRIED

Scripture—Acts 21:17—26:32.

By NEWMAN CAMPBELL
 AS WE read of the unjust charges brought against Paul, and his trials both before the Sanhedrin, the highest Jewish court, and Roman rulers, we are reminded that now and then we read in our papers how some person who has been sent to prison for a crime he did not commit, but of which he was falsely accused, was released after serving some years behind bars.
 When Paul came to Jerusalem with his companions, he was given a warm welcome by the brethren there. Before the elders he told of his work among the Gentiles. Then the elders suggested that they had four men who had taken a vow of some kind and must be purified. As Paul had been accused of teaching that Jews were to forsake the law of Moses, which was false, he should take these men and purify himself with them for seven days.
 Paul did so, but when the seven days were almost up, certain Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, laid their hands on him, rushed him out of the temple, and stirred up all the people, accusing him of defiling the temple and teaching against the people and the law.
 The whole city was moved and thrown into an uproar. As they

MEMORY VERSE
 "I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."—3 Timothy 1:12.

were going to kill him, the chief Roman captain came and the beating stopped. Since he could not discover for what Paul was being beaten, he had him taken to the castle, bound with two chains.
 As he was being led into the castle, Paul asked the captain to allow him to speak to him. The man said, "Can'st thou speak Greek?" and asking Art thou not that Egyptian that caused an uproar and led 4,000 murderers?
 Standing on the castle stairs, Paul made a speech to the people to which they listened in silence. Then they demanded, "Away with him!" The captain commanded that he be brought into the castle and was going to have him scourged to make him confess his crime. As he was bound and about to be whipped, he asked the centurion who was standing by, if it was lawful to scourge a Roman citizen without a trial. That frightened the Romans and they loosed his bonds and turned him over to the church authorities.
 Paul's second trial, before the Sanhedrin, which ended in a question of Paul's concerning the resurrection, set the Pharisees and the Sadducees into a fight among themselves, forgetting Paul. Some scribes had the courage to say that they could find no evil in Paul, and possibly a spirit or angel had spoken to him.
 However, certain Jews planned to kill him. The plot was overheard by Paul's sister's son who told the Romans and the captain ordered a guard of 200 soldiers and 70 horsemen to escort him to Caesarea. Even there his Jewish enemies brought charges against him, Ananias, the chief priest, came to accuse him and an orator named Tertullus Felix, procurator of Judea, was the judge.
 Paul, asked to speak in his own behalf, denied all the charges (of which, of course, he was innocent). Felix did not condemn Paul, but kept him in custody, allowing him some liberties. After some days Felix even came with his wife, Drusilla, a Jewess, and asked Paul to tell him more of the religion of Jesus. When Paul spoke of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come, Felix, who was an immoral man, trembled with fear.
 When Festus came to Jerusalem (of whom we know nothing except that he was Felix's successor) the Jewish high priest asked him to send Paul back to Jerusalem, so that the men who were lying in wait to kill him, might do so. Festus, however, absolutely refused, saying he was going to Caesarea and they could accuse him there.
 Again Paul was accused of sedition, blasphemy, etc., and Paul again denied all charges, finally stating that he appealed to Caesar, and Festus said, "Hast thou appealed unto Caesar? unto Caesar shalt thou go."
 Some days later King Agrippa and his wife, Bernice, came to visit Festus in Caesarea, and Festus told him of Paul's case. Agrippa said, "I would also hear the man myself."
 So King Agrippa had Paul brought before him, and listened to his enemies charge him. Agrippa asked Paul if he was allowed to speak for himself. So Paul told the king all about his early life, his conversion, and all that had happened to him. Festus thought Paul was mad, but Agrippa said, to Paul, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian," and Paul answered, "I would to God that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were almost, and altogether as I am."
 After they had left the council chamber, the king, his wife and Festus talked together, deciding that Paul had done nothing worthy of death, and that if he had not appealed to Caesar he might be freed.
 Shakespeare makes one of his characters say, "The evil that men do lives after them; the good is oft interred with their bones." The opposite is also true, that the good men do lives after them, and think how all down the ages, to the millions of readers of this story, King Agrippa is remembered with affection.

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REFUGE and STRENGTH

Into the House of God they have come for spiritual strength and comfort. The care or sorrow or need which brought them here is not important. It is important that the experiences of a lifetime have taught them that God is their refuge and their strength.

The beauty of faith shines in their faces, and from this devout worship they will go forth stronger in spirit. But faith is not the exclusive possession of age. From childhood to the grave, man may find hope and comfort and peace in God. For faith banishes fear, overcomes difficulties and imparts new life.

In these troubled days, men need religion more than ever before. In the presence of vast powers hitherto unknown, we may feel frustrated and helpless: Human problems lie heavy upon our spirits. But God is a Rock of Refuge and Pillar of Strength to those who trust Him. Come to the House of the Lord.



THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . . ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. 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	Psalms	45	1-11
Monday	Psalms	62	1-12
Tuesday	Matthew	6	1-15
Wednesday	Matthew	6	16-34
Thursday	Matthew	7	1-14
Friday	Matthew	7	15-29
Saturday	Philippians	4	4-13

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