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**The Farm Solution**

Whatever else is included in farm relief legislation which passes Congress this session, and we assume some sort of relief will be voted, we think the small farmer should get special consideration on several counts.

In the first place, acreage reduction sometimes threatens the very living of the small farmer, who has only a few acres of cotton, wheat, tobacco or some other crop. He is sometimes largely dependent upon the money he earns from these few acres to sustain his family.

If he is reduced by ten or fifteen per cent, and if his reduced acreage does not bring him sufficient income to meet the higher cost of living, then he is threatened with extinction. To avoid this, Congress is being asked—by the Administration and by members of both parties—to pay the farmer so much for acres he takes out of cultivation. The Administration is also asking that the farmer be paid for land he puts under certain soil conservation practices.

The major fallacy in the farm program in the United States for the last few years has been that the same aid formula has been applied to both big and small farmers. In other words, the big farmer who enjoyed ninety per cent parity price supports for so many years often got checks from the Government amounting to as much as \$100,000. His profit on such price support operations often ran \$10,000 or \$15,000 or even more.

To correct this situation, many proposals have been advanced. Two of them, both of which we support, are a sliding support scale, which means that high price supports will be granted for the first fifty or one hundred acres, and then supports will decline for the next fifty or hundred acres to a lower figure, and then again, and so on. Another solution proposed is that the amount of money provided by the Federal Government will be limited to so much per farmer. Either of these proposals will help correct a bad situation.

The policy of the farm program of this Government should be to safeguard the livelihood of the small farmer, while at the same time not providing an opportunity for big farmers to take the money of the taxpayers and make tens of thousands of dollars with it while growing crops that we do not have and which are already in surplus. This basic correction is the No. 1 need in our farm legislation, behind only the need for economic relief of farmers who are now threatened with extinction.

**Full Moons In 1955**

Although the moon is a common topic among fishermen, lovers and many others, little is actually known about this great planet, and even less about its appearance on the earth. The reader might, therefore, be interested in a few facts on the moon, and its performance, in 1955.

There will be twelve full moons in the United States this year. Contrary to what most people believe, the moon is not full just once a month but, on rare occasions, there are two full moons in one month. This happened in October of last year, when, on October 1st and 31st, there were full moons. This year, however, that rarity will not occur.

The first full moon of the year takes place on January 27th. The last full moon of the year will occur on December 17th and, therefore, it will be seen that the period between full moons is slightly less than a month.

As an example of the spacing between full moons, the first on January 27th, is followed by the 2nd on February 25th, and by the third on March 26th (February has 29 days this year), and by the fourth on April 24th.

The full moon in May comes on the 24th, drops back to the 23rd in June and back to the 22nd in July and the 21st in August. In September and October, it occurs on the 19th, but in November it drops back to the 18th and in December falls on the 17th.

Thus, in all the year, the full moon arrives ten days earlier at the last of the year than it did at the first. This means that it will be 1958 before another month occurs in which there are two full moons. As a further guide, one can remember that the time between a new moon and its first quarter, and between a quarter and a full moon, is slightly over seven days. Thus the time between the appearance of a new moon and its last quarter is about twenty-two days.

**Little Pitchers**  
 "I could tell he was talking about me, wasn't he?"  
 "Well, yes, he was."  
 "And didn't I hear him say I had a thick head of hair?"  
 "Well, he didn't mention your hair."

**CIRCLE MEETS**

The Mary Long Circle of Bethel Baptist Church met Monday night, January 23, at the home of Mrs. Edgar Long.

The meeting was called to order by singing "Work For The Night Is Coming." The scripture, taken from the 105th Psalm, followed by prayer was given by Mrs. Wade Jordan.

An interesting reading on the "Meaning of the Watchword" was given by Mrs. Dewey Perry, Jr.

The president, Mrs. Stanley Blanchard, opened the business session with prayer. New and old business was discussed. The meeting was dismissed by repeating together the Watchword.

Mrs. John Corpew will be hostess for the February meeting.

During the social hour a Biblical contest was conducted by Mrs. Corpew with Mrs. T. R. Kirby winning the prize. Refreshments were served by the hostess. Others present, but not mentioned, were Miss Eunice Long, Miss Jean Long and Miss Amanda Lou Corpew.



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**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

**GOD'S CONCERN FOR SINNERS (Temperance)**

International Sunday School Lesson for January 29, 1956.

Memory Selection: "The Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost."—Luke 19:10.

Lesson Text: Luke 15:1-10.

Answering the criticism of the Scribes and the Pharisees because of his kindly treatment and friendly attitude toward the publicans and sinners who came to hear him preach, Jesus propounded three parables to them.

The first of them was the "Parable of the Ninety and Nine," which relates the story of the search by the shepherd for one missing sheep out of his flock of a hundred. Having found it, the shepherd rejoices and celebrates his good fortune with his friends and neighbors. The application Jesus made was that "likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth more than ninety and nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

The Parable of the "Lost Piece of Silver" tells how a woman carefully searched throughout her house, with a lighted candle, and finally with a broom because she had lost one out of ten of her coins. Finding it, she likewise called her friends and neighbors together to rejoice with her. So, also, "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

These parables plainly teach that "the repentance of the meanest of mankind, however insignificant in social position, or degraded in character," says A. B. Bruce, "calls forth a sympathetic thrill in the heart of God. It teaches us that all souls and their moral history are precious in God's sight, and that every human being has value in the esteem of heaven as endowed with reason and free will, and subject to infinite moral possibilities. On this earth, men are very cheap in one another's esteem for various reasons, theoretical and practical. Jesus assure us that, in heaven, human beings are not valued so cheaply."

One feature of the story of the lost sheep should be interesting to the average man and woman of today. It is this: that the lost sheep had no intention of wilfully deserting the flock. It had carelessly and heedlessly plodded along its way, turning aside to enjoy a tempting bit of pasture here and there, too engrossed with the material pleasure of each moment, to keep in mind the leadership of the shepherd and the companionship of the other sheep. Its danger came when it was separated from the flock and was only realized in a moment of surprised awakening. One of the greatest dangers of our own enjoyable and engrossing age lies in this analogy.

The story is told of a Sunday School teacher, who, one Sunday morning, refused to perform his regular function as a teacher and, instead, told his class to proceed with their own worship while he went to find a missing member. This young man had not been attending the class regularly, but, for some weeks, had been absent and his absence had worked on the teacher's sense of responsibility until he considered it of more importance that morning to make an effort to find this particular lad than to assist in the worship of those already assembled.

The teacher found his missing pupil and was influential in bringing him back to the class, but little did he dream or expect at that time that he was claiming a future bishop. Sunday School teachers, parents and all who come in contact with other individuals, particularly young people, should realize the immense unknown equation in the algebra of life.

The third parable related by Jesus, although not included in our printed passage is the well known one known as the "Parable of the Prodigal Son." Surely, no parable related by Jesus is better known than this one. The fundamental element in the Parable is the decision of the son, when he realized the terrible condition he was in, to return to his father, confess his sin and seek forgiveness. God came back into his life at that time, because he speaks of sinning against Heaven, which means God, of course. His was true repentance. It is well for us all to remember (Continued on Page Seven)

**Faith Outbound**

This is a scene you see every Sunday . . . hundreds of men and women pouring out of our churches. What effect does it have on the life of our community?

There was more happiness in our streets this week . . . more sympathy and understanding . . . more kindness and helpfulness . . . more determination to attain the highest moral and spiritual ideals.

We won't see Utopia next week. Human nature is still human. Perfection is God's alone.

But crowded churches change many lives. Worship and prayer strengthen souls. The seed-God plants never dies, if we are determined to cultivate it.

Come to Church next Sunday. And when you leave, you and our community will be richer because you were there.

**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	Matthew	5	38-48
Monday	Matthew	19	16-20
Tuesday	2 Corinthians	12	7-18
Wednesday	Philippians	3	7-16
Thursday	Hebrews	13	14-21
Friday	James	2	14-26
Saturday	John	4	7-21

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 Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock  
 Evening Worship, 8 o'clock  
 Mid-week Services, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

**BETHLEHEM CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 Joe Brickhouse, Pastor  
 First Sunday  
 11 A. M., and 8 P. M.

**BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Phil H. Quitley, Pastor  
 Church services second Sunday at 11 A. M., fourth Sunday at 8 P. M.  
 Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.

**PERQUIMANS CHARGE CHURCHES**  
 E. R. Meekins, Pastor  
 First Sunday:  
 New Hope Church, 11:00 A. M.  
 Oak Grove Church, 7:00 P. M.  
 Second Sunday:  
 Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M.  
 Cedar Grove Church, 10 A. M.  
 Woodland Church, 7:00 P. M.  
 Third Sunday:  
 Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.  
 New Hope Church, 7:00 P. M.  
 Fourth Sunday:  
 Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.  
 Woodland Church, 10 A. M.  
 Winfall Church, 7:00 P. M.  
 Fifth Sunday:  
 Woodland Church, 11:00 A. M.  
 Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at Winfall Church, 7:00 P. M.

**ANDERSON'S METHODIST CHURCH**  
 P. M. Porter, Pastor  
 Church School, 10:06 . . . M.  
 Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M., second and fourth Sundays.

**WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Charles Sinclair, Pastor  
 Church Services on second and fourth Sundays at 11 A. M.  
 First and Third Sundays at 7:45 P. M.  
 Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.

**UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH**  
 Orval Dill, Pastor  
 Sunday School, 11:00 A. M.  
 Church services, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.  
 Youth Fellowship, 7 P. M.  
 Prayer service, Wednesday, 8 P. M.

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Rev. J. D. Stoner, Pastor  
 Sunday School 10 A. M.  
 Morning worship 11 A. M.  
 Evening service 8 P. M.

**PINEY WOODS FRIENDS CHURCH**  
 D. Virgil Pike, Pastor  
 Church School 10 A. M.  
 Morning worship 11 A. M.  
 Young People's meeting 7 P. M.

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 J. Paul Holoman, Pastor  
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 I. S. Richmond, Pastor  
 Church School 9:45 A. M.  
 Morning Worship 11:00 o'clock  
 Youth Fellowship, 6:45 P. M.  
 Evening worship, 7:30 P. M.  
 Mid-week Fellowship, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

**BAGLEY SWAMP PILGRIM**  
 Coy S. Saunders, Pastor  
 Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.  
 Morning Worship 11 o'clock  
 Young People's meeting at 8:20 P. M.  
 Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock.  
 Mid-week Services Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

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 Church School weekly at 8:45 A. M.  
 Morning Worship weekly at 11:00 A. M.  
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 Fifth Sunday Services and Holy Days as announced.

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 G. B. Lawrence, Pastor  
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**BE A GOOD CITIZEN!**

**GO TO SOME CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY!**