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Facing 1958

Every person should take stock of his progress toward some goal occasionally. At the beginning of a new year is the customary time.

The first thing one should consider is his goal in life. Where are you going? Are you helping others? Are you satisfied with the life you are living?

Second, after setting your goal, comes the hard part. You must discipline yourself to live by the resolutions which will make you the person you would like to be.

The year 1958 might contain many pitfalls. A recession will probably be felt by many of us. The threat from the Communist world is the gravest threat our country has faced since the Revolution. This will worry many of us—especially those in the armed services and with members of their family in service.

But, all-in-all, 1958 will come and go, and most of us will survive. At the end of the year, it would be nice to look back and feel that your goal had been achieved. To be able to do that

you must steel your resolution now, and set your standards for conduct and business, and stick to them.

Farm Fight Certain Again

A farm fight is once again certain in Congress, thanks partly to the unusually large wheat crop which has been officially predicted.

Once again the efforts of Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, to hold down production of a vital farm crop, have failed. The wheat yield this year is expected to be 20.6 bushels—highest yield on record. The crop is expected to total 906,272,000 bushels. Such a crop naturally seriously threatens to complicate the already serious farm problem facing the nation, especially the problem concerning surpluses.

Benson has announced he will have many farm legislation recommendations ready for the second session of the 85th Congress. But the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Democrat Harold Cooley (NC) says they will be junked.

Cooley and a surprising number of Republicans, feel that Benson's approach to the surplus problem is all wet. More and more legislators want a two-price structure for several of the country's farm products. The best feature of the plan, and there are several good features to it, is that a farmer would be given price support for a certain quantity of a certain crop.

He could plant as much as he liked, but all raised over this quantity would have to be sold on the free market—perhaps the world market. That would maintain the support price for our farmers and enable some to make a profit on the free market with an additional crop.

It would also enable manufacturers to buy farm goods and products (such as cotton) more cheaply, and be able to compete

better with foreign producers. We hope this two-price structure will get Congress' nod and that President Eisenhower will not veto it. If Benson does not get what he wants, it would seem wise for the Administration to try Congress' suggestions this time.

BURGESS NEWS

Bob Overton was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Overton, during the holidays.

The Rev. and Mrs. Clifton Hollowell spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Matthews.

Mrs. J. B. Basnight was dinner guest on Christmas Day of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spivey near New Hope.

Dellie Ray Copeland is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Joseph Ayscue, Jr., near Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Lane, Jr., were guests of her mother and father at a family gathering Christmas evening.

Col. and Mrs. James Totten of Long Island, Mrs. R. L. Spivey, Mrs. C. D. Spivey and Miss Rachel Spivey visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Basnight Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Riddick were host and hostess to her family at a Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chappell, Jr., were dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Winston Lane, Christmas evening.

Those enjoying dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Walton Lane Sunday were Bob Hollowell, Tom Hollowell and Mr. and Mrs. Julian Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Furr of Concord visited friends here Monday and Tuesday.

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Long, Sr., were Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Long and son, Stephen, of Richmond, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Seth Long, Jr., and daughters Nancy and Brenda Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Winslow and sons Jimmy and Ray.

Sunday School Lesson

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

International Sunday School Lesson For January 5, 1958.

Memory Selection: "He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent."—Colossians 1:18.

Lesson Text: Matthew 16:13-19. Ephesians 2:19-22. Colossians 1:15-20.

The message in this lesson concerns the founding of the church by Jesus and the very nature of the church itself. Perhaps the most debated question of all is whether Jesus established the church or a specific church. It is claimed by the Roman Church, of course, that Jesus was founding his church on Peter, the man, and this is taught today.

But Jesus was founding a church on his revelation that he was the son of the living God. Matthew makes this clear in verses 13-19. He asked, "But who do you say I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus was not founding his church on Peter the man on this occasion, when he replied: "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in Heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it."

Rather, Jesus was founding the church among the small group of twelve disciples whom he had called together. He was founding a spiritual fellowship among them that was the basis of the church and the foundation of the church as we know it today.

This true spiritual fellowship was not to be of one church but of one faith and fellowship, the faith of the Christian Church. Peter was to be the agent of the faith, much as an insurance agent is the agent of the company or companies he represents. In this case, though, it was Peter, named by Jesus, who was to be the agent who was to lead the first fellowship and faith movement which has come to be the church of today.

Christ is therefore the foundation of the church. Christ and his relation to God; it is for those who follow him to call upon the life of Jesus, and to some extent also the lives of Peter and others among the disciples, for inspiration, for guidance—and not to compete for the concept of the narrow meaning of Jesus' words in replying to Peter.

Jesus spent his last hours on earth with these disciples, revealing to them that he would come to them again in the fellowship of the church and said, "... where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I... lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Matthew 18:20, 28:20).

It is, as we remember Jesus and think of the church today, to Jesus as the Leader of a small group founding the fellowship and faith of the church that we look. We also remember the disciples and Peter but we think of Jesus and the small group as the beginning of the church, the Christian Church. We do not look back and think of Peter as the founder of a church to be Jesus' church, and the one and only version that Christians are to have.

One of the great issues of the ages has been the question of allegiance to Jesus and allegiance to the church. If one can become convinced that he must give allegiance to the church in the form of allegiance to one specific church, as related to Peter, or to someone else, then it can readily be seen that he will conclude he must give allegiance to Jesus through this specific church, as Jesus' agent.

We can either believe that this specific church is actually Jesus' one and only or that it is one of many. But Jesus, we should bear in mind, founded a fellowship and a faith among his disciples, not a specific church. Thus all can look to him—all who believe in the fellowship and faith that is the Christian

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Evening Worship, 8 o'clock.
Mid-week Services, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.
 - BETHLEHEM CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Joe Brickhouse, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
First Sunday 11 A. M., and 8 P. M.
 - BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH**
Phil H. Quidley, 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**
M. W. Dulis, Pastor
Cedar Grove Church: 1st Sunday 10 A. M.; 2nd Sunday, 11 A. M.; 3rd Sunday 7:30 P. M.
Epworth Church: 1st Sunday, 11 A. M.; 2nd Sunday, 7:30 P. M.; 3rd Sunday, 10 A. M.; 4th Sunday, 7:30 P. M.
Oak Grove Church: 1st Sunday, 7:30 P. M.; 3rd Sunday, 11 A. M.; 4th Sunday, 11 A. M.
 - NEW HOPE-WOODLAND**
W. E. Pickett, Pastor
Worship services 1st and 3rd Sundays 11 A. M., at New Hope, 7:30 P. M., at Woodland.
Second and 4th Sundays 11 A. M., Woodland, 7:30 P. M., New Hope. Sunday School each Sunday at 10 A. M.
 - ANDERSON'S METHODIST CHURCH**
Church School, 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M., second and fourth Sundays.
 - WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**
Lowe A. Norman, 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 Dillon, Pastor
Church services, 9:45 A. M., 8 P. M.
Youth Fellowship, 7 P. M.
Prayer Service, Wednesday, 8 P. M.
 - BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**
Rev. Philip Quidley, Pastor
Sunday School 10 A. M.
Morning worship 11 A. M.
Evening service 8 P. M.
 - PINEY WOODS FRIENDS CHURCH**
Earl Redding, Pastor
Church School 10 A. M.
Morning worship 11 A. M.
Young People's meeting 7 P. M.
 - WHITEVILLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**
Rev. J. Paul Holoman, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 A. M., every Sunday.
Church services first and third Sundays at 11:00 A. M.
 - HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH**
J. A. Auman, 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**
M. M. Holmes, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship 11 o'clock.
Young People's meeting at 6:30 P. M.
Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock.
Mid-week Services Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.
 - HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
Rev. Paul E. Shultz, Pastor
Church School weekly at 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship weekly at 11:00 A. M.
Holy Communion first Sunday at 11 A. M.
Fifth Sunday Services and Holy Days as announced.
 - BEREA CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Neal Puckett, Minister
Bible School Sunday 10 o'clock.
Church Services First and Third Sunday—mornings at 11 o'clock; evening services, first and third Sundays at 7 o'clock.
Communion is served each Lord's Day morning.
 - CHAPEL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**
Rev. J. Paul Holoman, Pastor
Sunday School every first and third Sundays at 10:00 A. M.
Sunday School every second and fourth Sunday at 2:00 P. M.
Worship services every second and fourth Sunday at 8:30 P. M.
 - ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
G. B. Lawrence, Pastor
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