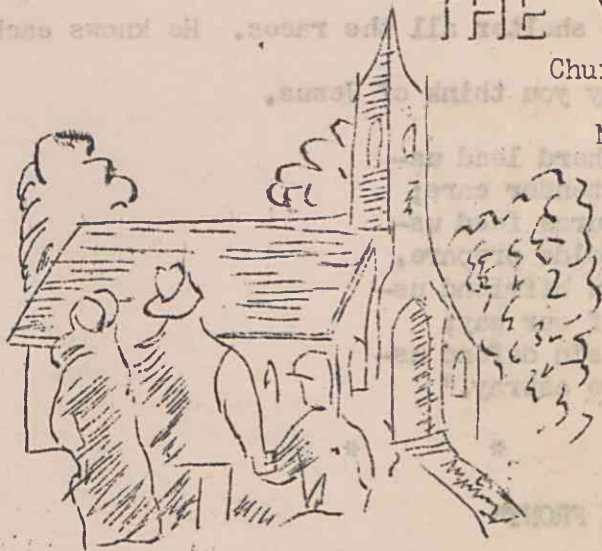


THE VILLAGE CHURCH

Church News and Activities

by

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As we come to you again, we're thinking of the old Hymn -

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"Must Jesus bear the cross alone
And all the world go free?
No--there's a cross for everyone
And there's a cross for me."

We realize you have a cross to bear--so do all of us. We're praying that God will increase your courage and supply your every need. Look to Him. He's a friend indeed.

Today (3-12-44) in our lesson at Sunday School, we compared the examples of how some Bible characters faced the hour of trial. In the hour of trial ... Judas betrayed our Lord, Peter denied Him, Pilate condemned Him -- Jesus stood alone -- betrayed denied, condemned. Jesus had warned His disciples before the trial; and His warning to them may be a source of our strength when we face trials -- Be not deceived -- Be not troubled -- Publish the Gospel -- WATCH AND PRAY.

The Sunday School attendance is off some, but the worship service number seems to hold up rather good. We're looking forward to the work during the warmer weather and hoping many will be drawn closer to God.

Each of us have a work to do. May each one grasp every opportunity to serve God and our fellowman. Jesus said, "In as much as ye have done it unto the least of one of these, ye have done it unto me."

"Builders"

"Isn't it strange that Princes and Kings,
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings,
And common folks like you and me,
Are builders for all eternity?
To each is given a bag of tools,
A shapless mass and a book of rules,
And each must make, e'er life is flown,
A stumbling block, or a stepping stone."

We ask you to join us in prayer for our Sunday School Supt. who is in the hospital. Pray that Gods will be done and that if it is His will, Mr. Putnam may soon be out again gaining new strength.

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"SERMONETTE"

By- C. G. Isley, Pastor

"The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us". - John 1-14.

We think in terms of our own experience. It would be difficult to describe the color of Red to a man who was color blind. We must be color conscious in order to recognize Red. So men must think of God in terms of what they know and experience for this is the way we build our thought houses or ideas.

John tells us that when Jesus (the Word) "was made flesh, and dwelt among us" he furnished the material out of which we can construct our ideas of God. As we look at Jesus, we see the character and wisdom of God at work in the world. We see his pity for the weak, the poor, and the helpless; his compassion for the sick and afflicted; his forgiveness for the sinful and outcast; his indignant rebuke of hypocrisy and injustice. What is God like, then? Why, he is like Jesus. How does God feel toward man? As Jesus felt toward others. Thus, as Paul says, we see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. The God of Jesus is Father of all. His mind embraces our

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