

Bible Society News

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NEW YORK—Vice Admiral William F. Raborn, Jr., United States Navy (retired), vice president of Aerojet General Corporation, has been named national chairman of an interfaith program for encouraging use of the Bible. It combines the previously separate programs of the American Bible Society and the Laymen's National Committee which have been united this year in an all-out effort to reach the greatest number of people of all faiths. National Bible Week and Worldwide Bible Reading will run concurrently from October 15 through October 22. Worldwide Bible Reading will then continue through Thanksgiving for a total of 40 days. The unite effort will contain many special features de-

signed to start the habit of daily Bible reading. In accepting the chairmanship, Raborn said, "I am quite honored to be asked to serve as your chairman for National Bible Week and Worldwide Bible Reading. The theme for 1967, 'The Bible: Good News for Modern Man,' seems to be particularly significant because of the difficult and deeply troublesome responsibilities which our country is facing in its staunch support of man's basic freedoms. Certainly the teachings of the Bible are doubly applicable and bring inspiration, strength and understanding to the peoples of the world and their leaders representing the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths, who, with others, are opposing the resurgence of the forces of evil."

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His "get-it-done" philosophy permeated the Navy's Special Projects group which he led from its beginning in December, 1955, until he was named Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Research and Development in March, 1962. Commissioned an Ensign in 1928, he advanced through the grades to Vice Admiral in 1960. He retired in 1963 after 39 years of Naval service. In addition to the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star Medal, the Bronze Star Medal with Gold Star, the Commendation Ribbon with Gold Star, and the Navy unit Commendation Ribbon, Raborn has the American Defense Service Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one silver star and one bronze star (six engagements), the World War II Victory Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal and the Philippine Defense Ribbon. In 1961, he received the Robert J. Collier trophy of the National Aeronautic Association for his outstanding work with Polaris.

The concern of a group of businessmen during the dark days of World War II gave birth to National Bible Week. On December 7, 1941, the Laymen's National Committee radio program, commemorating the first anniversary of Bible Week, was interrupted by the announcement that Pearl Harbor had been bombed.

And in 1943 a lonely Marine on Guadalcanal sparked the idea of Worldwide Bible Reading by asking his parents to join him in reading the same Scripture passage each day. His mother shared the idea with the ABS, which developed Worldwide Bible Reading. Since then almost 300 million free book-marks containing a schedule of daily Bible selections have been provided around the world. This year the program takes on special significance with thousands of servicemen in Vietnam expected to participate as did their counterparts during World War II and the Korean conflict.

Raborn's present position is concerned with ways of employing Aerojet's diversified technological capabilities to meet national defense, space and scientific needs. He has previously served as director of the Central Intelligence Agency during 1965 and 1966. Before President Johnson named him to head the CIA, Raborn had been with Aerojet for almost two years as vice president program man-

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He is a native of Decatur, Texas, and his wife is from Baytown, Texas. They now make their home in Maclean, Va. Their children, Mrs. E. E. Richardson, and William Francis Raborn, III, live in the Sacramento, Calif., area.

CHANGE IN DATE
Albemarle Chapter No. 1005, National Association of Retired Employees, will meet in Hertford at the Municipal Building at 2:30 P. M. Friday. The meeting was originally scheduled for Thursday but has been changed.

They that value not praise will never do anything worthy of praise. —Thomas Fuller.

This Is The Life

By D. R. THOMAS
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THE UNGRATEFUL SERVANT

Take your Bible, please, and turn with me to St. Matthew 18:21-35. "Are we an ungrateful servant?" This is a question that we should ask ourselves. How many people look down their noses at other people or have hate in their heart? Some people let hate eat them up. Peter asked Jesus "should I forgive anyone who wronged me?" This is the story that Jesus told in St. Matthew 18-21-35. A king who forgave his servant who owed him a lot of money but of a servant who wouldn't forgive and sent his man to prison. The king was very angry when he found out and ordered the servant to be punished until the payment was made. If we don't forgive, how can we expect God to forgive us from our sin? I set my goal high because I desire to be like Jesus. Jesus had the right to hate the people but he didn't. Jesus said "forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do." Are we going to forgive and ask Jesus to take over?

The Bible says: "So likewise shall my Heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother his trespasses."—St. Matt. 18:35.

Let's Go To Church Sunday

Sunday School Lesson

THE POWER OF FAITH

International Sunday School Lesson For April 23

Memory Selection: "Whatever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."—Matthew 21-22.

Lesson Text: Acts 3.

Today we continue our studies in the Book of Acts.

This unit will show the church at Jerusalem actively playing its part in the doctrines of Christianity—those of worship, proclamation, education and ministry. During our studies we will be aware of the opposition to the teachings of the church—but we will see Christianity grow in acceptance—since the suppression of truth is always futile. And unity—as demonstrated by Christian leaders—always lends weight to an argument.

Our verses deal—specifically—with the healing of the lame beggarman at the gates of the temple; this miracle being performed by Peter, in John's presence, in the name of Jesus Christ. NOTE . . . IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST. For Peter did not in any way attempt to take credit for himself out of this miracle. Rather, he used it as a demonstration of the power of Christ after death.

In giving the man the use of his legs, Peter bestowed upon him a gift that was more valuable than gold or silver.

Faith can work wonders, whether it is the faith of the giver—as in Peter's case—or the faith of the receiver. Certainly, when Peter and John looked at the crippled beggar, they saw a man in desperate need. That Christ would respond to that need was an unassailable fact in their minds. And certainly the beggar must have been motivated in his response to their commands by the interest they were taking in him. We always respond to a sign of caring, and the more desperate our needs, the more spontaneous our response.

Thus was the power of faith proclaimed to all and sundry who saw a hitherto crippled man rise up and walk—and run—and leap. And Peter was not slow in taking advantage of this opportunity to testify to the power of faith in the living Christ. As we have pointed out before, Peter claimed no credit for himself in the perpetuation of this miracle; he was quick to point out that his healing power was God-given.

And that God was not alone for the Jews, or Gentiles—He was a universal God, belonging to all peoples, all creeds, all races.

We cannot live without faith of some kind or another. The student has faith in his teacher. The manufacturer has faith in his product. The child has faith in his parents, and the parents in the child. Faith is a basic necessity of human existence. But, where faith in the human being is often, alas, subject to failure, faith in God, in Christ, His Son, is ever

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Today Carol and I dusted her doll collection and packed it away. I must admit to a feeling of sadness, for the moment made all of the wedding preparations suddenly become real. Carol is being married in less than a month, yet it seems only yesterday John and I brought her home from the hospital.

Hansel and Gretel were last, and I smiled as I packed them. For they remind me of Carol and her young man. They seem such dreamy young innocents, but are really quite practical. Already they've solved many of the problems John and I never thought of until after our marriage. Yes, their path is well marked through the forest of matrimony.

To be sure, they may have troubled times, but they share a deep and abiding love for God that promises strength and comfort beyond their own resources. With God and His church at the center of their lives, they cannot fail.

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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Leviticus	Deuteronomy	Psalms	Psalms	Gospels	1 Peter	Revelation
26:3-13	8:1-10	5:7-12	19:7-14	5:16-26	3:1-12	7:13-17

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