

**LIFE SAVING STATIONS—
A PROGRAM FOR YOUNG
PEOPLE**

By Miss Annie Chresfield

A pre-prayer service.
A song service.
A memory verse from each one.

Bible reading, John 15:7-15.
A talk by the leader.
Prayer by the leader.
Singing.

Discussion of the topic,
"Life Saving Stations."
The Christian Crew.
The Coast Guard.

Some Questions: 1. In what ways are the churches and life saving stations alike. 2. What kind of a person should a coast guard be. 3. What kind of a soul should a soul-winner be? 4. Tell how brave workers of the world are rewarded today. 5. Tell how Christians are rewarded today.

A memory verse.
Sentence prayers.
Singing.
Reports of Committees.
Offering.
Singing.
Benediction.

The Leader's Talk

We see Jesus' love for us in the life He lived. He lived for our salvation just as truly as he died for us. We think of him leaving the glory land for our sakes. We think of His humble, lowly life that He lived in order that the poorest of men might find in Him a Friend. We think of Him walking footsore and weary over the hills and valleys of Judea and along the dusty highways. We think of the expressions of His love in His fastings and the prayers prayed all night on the dark lonely mountain, and how patient He was; how kind to the people always, and at last He was led as a lamb to the slaughter; His death on the cross, which was a slow, cruel death; His being placed between two thieves, one of whom He saved—all this helps us to understand more clearly this greatest of all loves.

Life Saving Stations

These life saving stations are scattered all along the sea coast at dangerous places. They know where the long sand bars reach out under the water and the white waves churn against the hidden rocks. There are real heroes out in those lonely places. Men often face death and give their lives for others. If a ship is out on the water in distress they go out to help her. If a man or woman is sinking in the water, they try to save him or her. The waves may dash, the wind roar, snow, hail, sleet, fog—these may come and do come, but this does not stop the brave life savers. They smile as they go out to risk their own life in order to save somebody. Yes, that is their work out there—to save life and they are on the job.

The Christian Crew

The church is like the life saving station. It is her mission to save life, too. There are pastor, officers and members for the crew. Is there much to be done? Yes, thousands are making a wreck of life every day. They will sink down to destruction unless some one helps them. What of the Christian crew? Are they brave and fearless? Will they step out in hard places in order to help somebody? Sometimes we are selfish and feel that it is not our business to meddle with strangers who may not appreciate what we are doing for them. Then there are the chilly winds of criticism, the sinking sands of temptation, the biting cold of failure and discouragement, and the coward soul draws back, afraid. But the brave soul trusts in God and goes to work for the love of Christ and mankind.

The Coast Guard

At swimming places there is a guard whose duty it is to warn those who are about to get into dangerous water and to save one who may be drowning. This coast guard is an excellent swimmer and he knows how to save a drowning person and bring him to safety.

We as Christians can compare ourselves with this coast guard as he is or else some

one will be lost and we will not know it. We must be brave to go where a person is in danger and talk to him, pray and plead and bring him back to God. Some of us are like the swimmers who can not do anything to save a drowning man. We just make it for ourselves. But this is not the spirit of Christ who came to save others. Let us be as the expert swimmer who can bring others to safety.

BY THE WAY

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not rejoice in extolling her achievements and advantages when they are so outstanding? These first things of which Charleston boasts are signs of men with visions, in the beginning of the so-called new world, which is a sine qua non in the making of a commonwealth. "Where there is no vision the people perish."

Charleston "rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth." Truly she is looking upward.

On Magazine Street in Charleston stood a stone house once upon a time, ironically called sugar house. This is the only city in America—and perhaps in the whole world—that had such a house: the first and last. It was destroyed during the civil war. But there was one in the country on a five thousand acre plantation, Bleak Hall, Edisto Island. It stands today as a monument of cruelty to the helpless and most humble and lowly.

These sugar-houses were anything but sugar-houses. There was nothing of sugar there in its crudest form.

In the days of slavery many slave owners sent their slaves there to be whipped when they wished them punished by hands that could administer more cruelty than the owner of the slave. This punishment to the slave was called ironically sugar to the slave receiving the punishment.

This sugar-house was used also as a detention house for escaped slaves from Georgia and parts of South Carolina. But Charleston does not even insinuate the fact that she ever thought of such a house of cruelty to a man in black and with nothing he could claim as his own. Though reticent Charleston be, the first and last city to be blighted in her days of cruelty to human chattel by a sugar-house that was not a sugar-house in Charleston.

But glory to God in the highest, Charleston rejoiceth not in this particular iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth.

**ACCLAIMED HERO BY
NEWSPAPERS OF THE
SOUTH**

Colored Minister Saves Two Lives—"Deserves All Honor and a Carnegie Medal," says Josephus Daniels

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 24.—"Here is a hero and gentleman in black, deserving all honor and a Carnegie Medal." Thus the Raleigh News and Observer, daily paper, edited by Hon. Josephus Daniels, paid editorial tribute to the heroism of Rev. John H. Charlton, of Conway, S. C., colored preacher who saved the lives of two men about to be burned to death in an auto wreck. The story was broadcast by the Associated Press and was published in hundreds of papers. Commenting on the incident under the title, "Negro shows Heroism," the News and Observer says: "Giving no thought to the peril to himself, Rev. John H. Charlton, Negro preacher of Conway, S. C., leaped from his own machine and plunged straight into the flames that enveloped a burning car and brought to safety the unconscious forms of A. H. Powell, Jr., and C. A. Horne, of Whiteville, Columbus county. The preacher suffered badly burned arms, but summoned aid, saw that the two men were taken to the Fayetteville Hospital and only then did he look to having his own injuries treated. Here is a hero and gentleman in black deserving all honor and a Carnegie Medal."

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THE ANNUAL WORKERS' CONFERENCE

Program of the Workers' Conference of the Division of Missions for Colored People of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. to be held in the University Church at Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C., February 10th-13th, 1931.

Tuesday Afternoon, February 10th, 1931.

Rev. J. M. Gaston, D. D., Presiding.

2:30 P. M. An Adequate Church Program.—Rev. Samuel A. Downer, D. D., Knoxville, Tenn.

3:00 P. M. Discussion.

3:15 P. M. Sunday School Work.—Mr. J. M. Sommerdike, New York, N. Y.

3:45 P. M. Discussion.

4:00 P. M. A Program of Religious Education for the Mission School.—Miss Marjorie E. Wellborn Smith, Assistant Secretary.

4:30 P. M. Discussion.

4:45 P. M. Bible Hour.—Rev. W. L. McEwan, D. D., Third Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

5:15 P. M. Recess.

7:30 P. M. Evangelistic Services.—Sermon, Rev. L. B. West, D. D., assisted by Rev. I. H. Russell, D. D., and Rev. S. D. Thom, D. D.

Wednesday, February 11th, 1931

9:00 A. M. The Church and the Community.—Rev. William L. Metz, D. D., Edisto Island, S. C.

9:30 A. M. Discussion.

9:45 A. M. The Church Budget.—Rev. Hercules Wilson, Concord, N. C.

10:15 A. M. Discussion.

10:30 A. M. A Recreation Program for the Community, fostered by the Church and School.—Rev. M. J. Jackson, D. D., Daltzell, S. C.

11:00 A. M. Discussion.

11:15 A. M. Bible Hour.—Rev. W. L. McEwan, D. D., Third Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

12:00 Noon Recess.

2:00 P. M. Prayer Meeting Methods.—Rev. H. T. McFadden, Louisville, N. C.

2:30 P. M. Discussion.

2:45 P. M. Bringing New Members into Our Churches.—Rev. J. A. Savage, D. D., Franklinton, N. C.

3:15 P. M. Discussion.

3:30 P. M. Symposium on Evangelistic Work.—Evangelists Rev. I. H. Russell, D. D., and Rev. S. D. Thom, D. D.

4:00 P. M.—Discussion.

4:15 P. M. The Growing Pastor.—Rev. H. S. Davis, Fayetteville, N. C.

4:45 P. M. Discussion.

5:00 P. M. Recess.

7:30 P. M. Popular Meeting.—Under Auspices of the Women of the Conference, Mrs. G. C. Shaw, President of Catawba Synodical, Presiding.

Address—Miss Ellanore Ewing, St. Louis, Mo.

Thursday, February 12th, 1931

9:00 A. M. The Dining Room—A Vital Agency in Character Formation.—Mrs. J. D. Martin, Brainerd Institute, Chester, S. C.

9:30 A. M. Discussion.

9:45 A. M. The Functions of Clubs in Schools.—Rev. W. G. Anderson.—Mary Potter

Memorial School, Oxford, N. C.

10:15 A. M. Discussion.

10:30 A. M. Contrasting Methods of Discipline.—Rev. S. Q. Mitchell, Selden Normal and Industrial Institute, Brunswick, Ga.

11:00 A. M. Discussion.

11:15 A. M. Bible Hour.—Rev. W. L. McEwan, D. D., Third Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

12:00 Noon Recess.

2:00 P. M. The Making of the School Budget.—Rev. M. J. Crocker, D. D., Barber-Scotia College, Concord, N. C.

2:30 P. M. Discussion.

2:45 P. M. Parent Education.—Prof. R. W. Boulware, Harbison Institute, Irmo, S. C.

3:15 P. M. Discussion.

3:30 P. M. My Hobby.—Rev. Graham F. Campbell, Mary Holmes Seminary, West Point, Miss.

4:00 P. M. Discussion.

4:15 P. M. The Assembly Period in Progressive Schools.—Miss Lucy Laney, Haines Institute, Augusta, Ga.

4:45 P. M. Discussion.

5:00 P. M. Recess.

7:30 P. M. Evangelistic Services. Sermon.—Rev. A. S. Clark, D. D., Cordele, Ga., assisted by Rev. I. H. Russell, D. D., and S. D. Thom, D. D. Friday, February 13th, 1931

Personal interviews will be granted to the workers by Miss Marjorie E. Wellborn Smith and Rev. J. M. Gaston, D. D., at the Carnegie Library, beginning Friday at 9:00 A. M. and continuing as long as necessary.

Every minister is urged to bring from his church as many delegates as possible to attend these meetings. We are especially anxious to have the elders present.

It is expected that the members of the Conference will attend all sessions.

Write to Rev. L. B. West, D. D., Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C., advising him as to the time of your arrival, and you place of entertainment will be assigned to you.

It is earnestly hoped that the local churches will pay the traveling expenses of their ministers to the Conference. The information and inspiration derived from the Conference should a good deal more than justify the local church in paying the expenses of their pastor. It will be impossible for the Division of Missions for Colored People to pay the traveling expenses of those attending the Conference. Entertainment for all delegates will be furnished free, however.

**CEDAR GROVE
CHURCH NOTES**

By Mrs. Hattie A. Russell

Our church is progressing very nicely during the winter months. Sunday, January 25th, our pastor, Dr. L. J. Melton, came to us with a powerful sermon.

Our Sunday school is now in charge of Mr. J. C. Lytle.

The Ladies' Missionary Society will hold a business meeting on the first Sunday in February.

Mrs. Julia Alexander and Mrs. Rhucela Black, who are spending the winter in Durham, were the week-end guests of their family.

Miss Amanda Bost was a visitor in services last Sunday.

Friends of the Cedar Grove community extend to Mrs. Lillie McMoore, Mr. Henry Overton and Mr. Shirley Turner their deepest sympathy in the passing of their sister and mother, Mrs. M. J. Overton, who died in New York a few weeks ago. The body was brought to Concord for burial.

Mrs. J. H. McCaully is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Russell.

Our day school is making splendid progress this term under the direction of Mrs. C. D. Wilson and Mrs. Mattie Young.

Mrs. Aldrich Davidson, who is teaching near Charlotte, reports getting on nicely. Her many friends wish for her a successful school term.

MT. TABOR CHURCH NOTES

By Mrs. Matilda M. Rankin

Sunday, January 25, was indeed a beautiful day, and the pastor, Rev. C. A. Washington, preached an inspiring sermon, this being his first time to preach for us in the new year.

He took as his text Joshua 3:11, theme, "A New Road." He admonished us to be thankful for the many blessings showered on us during the past year, and as we approach the new year, let us bury the idle things of our life and ask God to direct our steps that we may travel a new road. To travel that new road we must get nearer to God than we have ever been before. This was indeed a wonderful sermon and was enjoyed by all present.

The Sunday school is doing nicely under the leadership of our superintendent, Mr. Wm. A. Cowan.

We are looking forward to having communion the second Sunday in February.

The Ladies' Missionary Society will give an entertainment Saturday, January 31. We hope they will have a large turnout.

Mrs. Katie Gillespie, who has been on the sick list for some time, has greatly improved, and is getting along nicely. We hope that she will continue to improve and be able to commune with us, February 8.

BETHPAGE CHURCH NOTES

By Miss Mary Bethel Cowan

Sunday morning, January 4, our pastor, Dr. L. J. Melton, delivered to us an interesting and uplifting sermon. The words of Dr. Melton's text were "For ye have not passed this way heretofore," from the book of Joshua.

Visitors in our church Sunday were Mr. Clayton Maxwell and Mrs. Laura Maxwell, of Salisbury.

Miss Saldemona Potts, of Winston-Salem, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Potts.

Mrs. Viola Brown and small daughter, of High Point, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Annie Brown.

Mr. Phifer Faggert, with his family, has moved to Washington, D. C. Mr. Faggert will be greatly missed as he was one of Bethpage's most loyal members.

Miss Irma Russell, of Summit, N. J., spent the holidays with her father, Mr. Jesse Russell.

We were glad to have worship with us Sunday Mrs. Maggie Tucker who has been shut-in for the past month on account of illness.

OPPORTUNITY FOR FEBRUARY

"Opportunity" for February fairly glitters with the names of famous writers.

Henry L. Mencken starts off with a devastating and brilliant criticism of Negro leadership.

Rudolph Fisher shows that he has not lost the magic touch in a fascinating story, "Dust."

Alain Locke invites controversy by a searching review of Negro literature in 1930 in "This Year of Grace."

James H. Hubert, of the New York Urban League, gives the "low down" on the present crisis in Harlem with "Harlem Faces Unemployment."

Sterling A. Brown throws a few literary bombs and T. Arnold Hill gives his impressions of Unemployment in the Middle West.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of my devoted daughter, Murley Lee Thompson, who died 9 years ago, January 29, 1922.

On Sunday morning about the break of day, the angels came and took my girl away. Our hearts are sad but we rejoice to know that our loss is heaven's gain. Sadly missed by her mother and son,

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