

YOUNG PEOPLE'S COLUMN

A PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS

By Miss Annie Chreffield

BOUGHT AND SOLD

A short prayer service by the Prayer Committee, the officers of the society and the leader for the day.

Singing or other music for ten minutes.

Opening words: "And they have cast lots for my people: and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink."

Response: "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's."

Prayer.

Announcement of the topic and Bible reading from I Kings 21:20-25; I Cor. 6:15-20.

The leader's message.

Prayer by the leader. Singing, "I Would Be True." Discussion of the topic. Sold To Do Wickedness. Selling Jesus.

One Who Could Not Be Bought.

1. Why are pearls costly?
2. Tell about the value of a soul.
3. What would you call a good price for a soul?
4. Tell about the wickedness of Ahab.
5. How may we sell ourselves to do evil?
6. There are girls and women who sell their bodies for money, clothes, jobs. How should the church deal with these and the men who buy them?
7. How do people of our day sell Jesus?
8. Tell the story of Douglas Craig. Tell if he acted wisely and what you would have done.

Prayer: Help me to be strong, Heavenly Father. Grant that I shall not be so weak as to be bought or sold to commit sin, I ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Singing, "Be Strong." Reports from committees. Offering and prayer. Report from the Secretary. Singing, "Follow the Gleam."

The Leader's Message

One reason why pearls are so costly is that they are hard to obtain. There is great difficulty, danger and sometimes loss of life for those who look for pearls. When we realize the difficulty in obtaining pearls we are not surprised that one must pay a high price for them.

A soul is far more precious than pearls. It cost Jesus so much to save our souls from eternal punishment. Think of His leaving the Father and all the glories of heaven. Think of His being born of a woman, and that in a lowly condition. Then there was His earthly life lived among those who failed to understand Him; those who were jealous of Him; those who were ungrateful and those who hated Him. There were His labors, His persecution, His nights all alone in the mountain, His great love and longings, His sorrow, pain, anguish and death. His burial and resurrection. All this goes into the price Jesus paid for our souls. Yet we, like Ahab, often sell ourselves to do evil. Sell ourselves to work against Him who bought us at such a price. How can it be? We see them, though, all around us—those who have sold themselves to do evil.

Sold To Do Wickedness

There was a time in the life of Ahab when he decided to do evil. A time when he refused God's way. He knew the history of his people and all about how God had dealt with them. He knew about the temple at Jerusalem and the books of the law. He decided to go the way of the other wicked kings of Israel. The life of his sinful father may have had an evil influence on Ahab, but we are told of his terrible downward step when he married Jezebel, a most wicked woman, whom we are told stirred him to do evil. He set up altars and worshipped her gods. He let her murder Naboth so that he might have Naboth's vineyard. This wicked king had been present when Elijah had given the wonderful demonstration of God's power on Mount Carmel. He, with the fickle crowd, had probably cried out, "The Lord, he is the God." He knew that

God had withheld the rain and the dew and then caused it to rain again at the prayer of Elijah, His prophet, but none of these things moved Ahab, for he had sold himself to do wickedness.

When Bodies Are Bought and Sold

"Vice is a monster of so fierce a mien But to be hated needs but to be seen; But seen too oft, familiar with her face, We first endure, then pity, then embrace."

Once we pointed them out on the streets or we avoided the house or street where they lived, the women and men who bought and sold their bodies, but now, ah now—they are among us. The theatrical world adores them. The newspapers give them first place in striking headlines. They are social and political leaders, and, saddest of all, they are leaders in our schools where our children and young people learn of them, and in our churches where they bring confusion and disaster. Truly from familiarity, endurance and pity many of us have embraced vice. Yet God's voice speaks to us through His Bible. "Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. Ye are not your own. Ye are bought with a price. If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy." Although adultery, fornication and all forms of immorality be about us let us remember these solemn words of God and fight the temptation to yield to this awful sin.

Selling Jesus

Judas sold Jesus. To Judas the thirty pieces of silver were worth more than Jesus. Judas did not really accept of Jesus as Lord and Master, because he loved himself too well for that. No one, no thing came above self. Judas believed in looking out for himself first and last. He missed the 'last looking out' for himself though, and that was most important of all. Judas did not appreciate the friendship of Jesus. Judas did not value the words of Jesus. It was an easy matter for a man like Judas to sell Jesus. It is perfectly natural for one to get rid of that which he does not want. He will give it away if he can't sell it.

To-day we find selfish people selling Jesus. They have joined the church but they put themselves before God. That is why they will steal, lie and do anything that will bring money, honor, pleasure or any profit to themselves. They do not love Jesus. They are liars, hypocrites, thieves who are perfectly willing to sell Jesus for almost anything.

One Who Could Not Be Bought

Douglas Craig, 24 years old, was the youngest principal Barfield Training School had ever known. As he sat behind his desk this fine August morning busily working away he was happy over his success in getting the place. There were twenty teachers on the faculty. There had been three vacancies to be supplied and there were two new teachers being added. Douglas had been pleased with the last applicant, a clear-eyed, business-like young woman who had been unable to find a place last year. She was plain, but sensible and dependable. Then Mr. Cornell came into the office. Mr. Cornell was Barfield's rich man. "Morning, Professor," he greeted Douglas, who had visited Mr. Cornell's fine house and talked with his pretty daughter. "Say," continued the visitor, "my girl, Ruth, has decided to take a place here and teach like I wanted her to do all along. I think she changed her mind after she seen you." "Sorry, Mr. Cornell, but the last place was taken an hour ago," said Douglas. "That's nothing. You can fix it. I want you to take Ruth," replied Mr. Cornell. "But I can't," answered Douglas. "The place has been taken." Mr. Cornell took five ten dollar bills out of his pocket and laid them on the desk. He grinned. "That will help you find a way of fixing it." Douglas pushed the money back to the man. "No, you couldn't pay me to lie and cheat. Take your money." "Well," said Mr. Cornell, as he replaced the money, "I got influence round here. You won't keep your job long." And the angry man went away.

The worst enemies are often those who masquerade as friends.—Sel.

ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HICKORY, N. C.

St. James church of Hickory has made steady progress since Rev. F. D. Battle was appointed to serve as pastor. The church membership has increased and the various auxiliaries have been reorganized and are functioning effectively. The Ladies' Missionary Society, of which Mrs. A. E. Wilson is President, leads all other church organizations in practical development and improvement. Just before the Fall meeting of the Presbytery they had a special chandelier installed to give light for the minister's Scripture reading and for the choir and organist. Their most noteworthy work was a Silk Quilt contest which closed Feb. 22. From this contest a total of \$60.00 was raised. Although not in competition each lady took great pride in trying to be the best saleslady for the contest tickets. Mrs. G. G. Dillard sold the highest number, 165; Mrs. A. E. Wilson came next with 155; Mrs. Iler Smith sold 72; Mrs. Hallie Reid, 65; Mrs. C. A. Henderson, 57; Mr. Robert Simolton sold 57, and Rev. F. D. Battle sold 19.

The officers of the church greatly appreciate the work of the Ladies' Missionary Society and hope that this success will serve as a stimulus to inspire sister churches to even bigger things.

The big project of the church for the next Church year is to remodel the church building. We are determined to make St. James a greater influence in the community, both physically and spiritually.

J. T. WILSON.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MAYESVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

On Sunday morning, February 6th, we had a wonderful sermon delivered by Rev. H. McFadden whose text was Matt. 8:11, "And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven." His theme was: "Shall We Recognize Our Loved Ones in Heaven?" The speaker said that we shall know them. And he stated that his answer comes from our instinct, reason and the Bible. This indeed was a message which we shall remember for many years.

On Sunday night, about 7:30 o'clock the death angel came and called Sister Eugenia Walker from labor to reward. She had been sick for more than four years. She was brought up in Trinity church, was active in the Sabbath school, Missionary Society, Young People's club, a loyal member of the church and lead soprano in the choir.

Her funeral was conducted at Trinity on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 9th, at 3 o'clock, with Rev. H. McFadden in charge, assisted by Drs. M. J. Jackson, I. P. Pogue and Rev. S. Fordham. Mrs. Sytarrah Coakley sang, "When They Ring Those Golden Bells for You and Me." Miss S. V. Alexander sang, "I've Done My Work." Elder H. D. Cain spoke on her life as he knew her. The three named ministers spoke in glowing terms of her, especially Drs. Pogue and Jackson, former pastors of the deceased. Rev. McFadden's sermon for this occasion was taken from Hebrews 4:9-11; his theme was: "The Rest of God's People." Sister Walker leaves to mourn her passing, a husband, three daughters, one son, two sisters and many relatives and friends.

On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 6th, there was a program and debate between the two sister churches, Bethlehem Second of Martin Town and Trinity. The question was, Resolved, That Elijah was a greater prophet than Elisha. The program was real good and the debaters brought out many points. The judges' verdict was that the two sides tied on this great question.

On Sunday afternoon, February 13th, at 3 o'clock, the funeral of Deacon Ellison Moses' son, who died on Wednesday, Feb. 9th, was held at Trinity. Rev. McFadden spoke from Ps. 90:9. "Life As a Tale" was the theme of the message for this occasion. Young Cornell Moses leaves to mourn his passing, a father, four brothers, one sister and

many other relatives and friends.

On Sunday night, Feb. 13th, we were favored to have as our pulpit guest Rev. R. L. Greer, the white Presbyterian minister. He brought us a most wonderful message from Lev. 6:13. His theme was: "The Undying Fire." We appreciated having Dr. Greer and he stated that he is willing and ready to render any help possible.

Sunday morning, Feb. 20th, we were blessed with another good message. Our pastor spoke from Matt. 16:18. "The Church of Our Day." During the afternoon there was a program rendered with special music by the Four Boys of Harmony Quartet and the Four Boys of Calvary Quartet. This was indeed a good program and there was an appreciative group out to hear the boys.

On Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Feb. 27th, the debating teams gave a program at Trinity. The young people and the Four Boys of Harmony furnished the music. The question under consideration was, "Resolved, That Paul was a greater Apostle than Peter." Trinity said that Paul was greater and Bethlehem Second said that Peter was. And according to the Judges, Bethlehem won with a great margin. We are having these programs between the two churches from time to time in order that the people of the two churches may know each other better and for other reasons.

On our sick list this week is Miss S. V. Alexander of the Mayesville Institute. We are praying that she will have a speedy recovery.

JOHN McDONALD

NOTICE

To the Presbyterian Young People's Secretaries of Atlantic Synodical.

Greetings:—The Church year is fast approaching its end. I am appealing to the Young People's Secretaries of Atlantic, Fairfield, McClelland, Hodge and Knox, please get your annual reports in to me by March 27th, as it will be necessary for me to have my report in to headquarters by March 31st.

I sincerely hope that you will cooperate with me in this matter. I hope that this has been a banner year for each of you. Again thanking you for your cooperation in the noble work in which you are engaged,

I am sincerely yours,
MRS. D. T. MURRAY,
Atlantic Synodical Young People's Secretary.

NOTICE

To the Missionary Societies of Hodge Presbyterial:

Greetings:—As we approach the end of the Church year for 1937-38 are you satisfied with the results and accomplishments of your society? Did you meet your full apportionment? Has the same been sent to your Presbyterial Treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Phelps, Waynesboro, Ga., Box 37? Did you conduct your study classes? Stewardship programs? Spiritual Life Prayer Groups and the other things which were essential to make you report one hundred per cent? Please send your reports in to me as soon as possible as they will aid me greatly in making a splendid report to headquarters by March 31st.

Remember, each society is expected to be represented by one or more delegates at the Spring meeting of the Presbyterial which convenes the second Thursday in April at Union Point, Ga.

May God's richest blessings continue to shower upon your societies and the noble work which you are carrying forward for the Master. Again thanking you for your full cooperation,

I am sincerely yours,
MRS. D. T. MURRAY,
Hodge Presbyterial Secretary.

NOTICE

The Presbytery of Fairfield will convene with the Camden Second Presbyterial church, of Camden, S. C., March 23, 1938, at 8 o'clock P. M. All persons expecting to attend will notify Rev. William T. Nelson, 814 Market St., Camden, S. C.

M. J. JACKSON,
Stated Clerk.

The worst enemies sometimes speak with the tongues of angels.—Sel.

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RENDALL PRESBYTERY

The Spring meeting of the Presbytery of Rendall will be held in the Bethany Presbyterial church, of Oklahoma City, Okla., opening on April 7, 1938, at 8 P. M. Please pay the apportionment of your church for expenses of Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly, on or before the meeting, to the Treasurer of Presbytery, Elder J. H. Crowell of Perry, Okla.
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