

GO TO CHURCH SOME WHERE EVERY SUNDAY

AT THE CHURCHES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. L. G. Elliott, Pastor. Sunday School at 9:45 Ben Phillips, superintendent is very anxious that the goal of 400 in attendance be reached by Easter. A very pertinent general title for this Sunday's lesson is "The Kingdom of God". Last Sunday 267 were present.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock. This service will be broadcast over WHCC. Morning Scripture reading will be taken from Isaiah 44 and 52; Zachariah 9; Mark 11. Subject for the morning sermon, "A Strange Death". The choir will be assisted by Mr. Sol Cohen of Springdale School, violinist.

Evening worship service at 7:30. The pastor has chosen as his sermon subject for this evening, "The Woman Who Married a Beast". This will deal with a less familiar character in the series of "Great Women of the Bible", and bids fair to be a most interesting one.

Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting at 7:30. Choir rehearsal at 8:30.

The Friendship Bible Class will hold its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Milas Ferguson, Friday evening at 7:30. Mrs. Charles Woodard will be associate hostess.

GRACE CHURCH

In-The-Mountains. Rev. Robert S. Tarum, Rector. Palm Sunday. Church School, 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion and sermon, 11:00 a.m.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

R. L. Young, Pastor. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Methodist Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p.m. Evening worship, 7:30 p.m. The pastor invites the faithful in the series of messages on the Apostle's Creed.

M.Y.F. Choir rehearsal at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Adult choir practice at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

LONG'S CHAPEL

Paul H. Duckwall, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Sermon topic, "The Tears of Christ". A nursery for small children is operated in connection with the worship hour.

Methodist Youth Fellowship, 7:30 p.m. Monday, 7 p.m. — Boy Scout Troop No. 8 meets, directed by Col. R. C. Lane, scoutmaster. Russell Fultz and Ruell Nolan, assistants.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — Concluding sermon on Lenten-Mission study on world evangelism. Text: Willis Lamott, "Committed Unto Us". Thursday, 7:30 p.m. — Maundy Thursday service. Sacrament of Holy Communion. A service of music, meditation and silent Communion.

SHADY GROVE CHARGE

C. O. Newell, Pastor. The pastor will preach at Hemphill at 10 a.m., and at Shady Grove at 11 a.m. Subject of the sermon, "Our Day of Visitation".

The size of the average Puerto Rican family is 5.5.

The Golden Text



Parable of the sower.

"Ye rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it."—Luke 11:28.

WAYNESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, Pastor. Whittaker Prevas, Superintendent of Sunday School. Sunday School at 10:00 o'clock. Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock. Sermon subject "The March of Triumph".

The sermon Sunday will be at Palm Sunday Message. Pioneer and Youth Fellowship groups meet at 7:00 p.m.

CRABTREE METHODIST CHURCH

Mrs. C. O. Newell, Pastor. The pastor will preach at Davis Chapel at 10 o'clock and at Fincher's Chapel at 11 o'clock. Special Holy Week services will be held each evening through Friday of next week at Fincher's Chapel.

Sunday evening Mrs. Phillip Chase will give a Bible story in flame-graph. Monday evening Rev. Paul Duckwall, pastor of Long's Chapel, will preach on "Achievement Through Sacrifice". Tuesday evening Rev. Russell Young, pastor of the Waynesville Methodist church, will be the guest preacher.

Rev. and Mrs. Newell will conduct services the remainder of the week. All will start at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited.

HAZELWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

Mrs. M. B. Lee, Pastor. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Subject, "Too Great a Distance". Evening worship, 7:30 p.m. Subject, "When Victory Proved to Be Defeat".

Mid-week meetings—Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. prayer service; Thursday, 3:30 p.m., Children's Hour; Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Youth Fellowship.

The whale shark, reaching a length of 60 feet, is the largest fish.

Mistaken Marriages To Be Discussed Sunday Night By Rev. Elliott

"Mistaken Marriages" will be the subject of the sermon by the pastor, Rev. L. G. Elliott, at the First Baptist Church on Sunday evening at 7:30.

Some men marry the wrong woman. Job is one outstanding example for his wife, instead of encouraging him when things were at their worst, begged him to curse God and die. Socrates, one of the wisest of men, made the mistake of marrying the wrong woman. Charles Dickens was able to touch all the chords of the human heart regarding the home, but his own marriage was a mistake. The greatest mistake any man can make is to marry the wrong woman.

There is something to be said on the other side of the marriage contract, for many women marry the wrong man. History declares of Varina Howell, wife of Confederate President Jefferson Davis: "The perfect wife of a difficult husband". There are all kinds of husbands and wives, and all kinds of marriages. The Bible would not be the complete book, the perfect mirror of life that it is, had it not contained a story of the woman who married the wrong man, Abigail is the woman, and Nabal is the man—a story of the woman who married a beast.

Husbands and wives, marriageable sons and daughters, and the public are cordially invited to attend this service.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH "Matter" will be the subject of the lesson-sermon in the Christian Science Church next Sunday morning, March 21.

Services will be held at 11 o'clock in the church rooms on the second floor of the Masonic Temple.

TRUTH TABERNACLE Seventh Day Adventist. Beech St., Hazelwood. L. P. Knecht, Pastor. Sabbath School, 9:45 a.m. Saturday Lesson subject, "The Spirit of Prophecy. Preaching at 11 a.m. Services Sunday night. Subject, "No Law But Love".

HAZELWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Rev. J. R. McGregor, president of Mountain Retreat Association. Retreat, will preach at the Sunday morning service, at 11 o'clock.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH. Waynesville, St. John's Church, every Sunday 11:00 A.M. Bryson City, St. Joseph's Church every 1st Sunday, 8:00 A.M.

Canton, Y.M.C.A. Building every 3rd Sunday 8:00 A.M. Cullowhee, Student Union Building every Wednesday 7:00 A.M.

Montana, Henry Elliott Home every 2nd Saturday 8:00 A.M. Franklin, John Wasilik Home every 2nd Sunday 8:00 A.M.

Highlands, Col. W. F. Kernan Home every 3rd Saturday 8:00 A.M. Murphy, John Manthey Home every 1st Saturday 8:00 A.M.

Prison Camps in Parish every 5th Sunday 8:00 A.M. Sylva, William Wise Home every 4th Sunday 8:00 A.M.

Lightning produces two million tons of nitric acid from the air per day.

The Kingdom of God



Jesus likened the kingdom of God to a man sowing seed in the ground, where it would grow and ripen and at last the man would cut it down with a sickle because it was ripe for the harvest.



Jesus went back to His home town, Nazareth and, as was His custom, on the Sabbath He went into the synagogue. He took the book of the prophet Isaiah, and opened it and read.



Jesus closed the book, gave it to the minister, and began to talk to the congregation, and all were amazed at His gracious words and said to one another, "Is not this Joseph's son?"



When Pharisees asked Jesus the kingdom of God would come down to them was His answer to them was, "The kingdom of God is within you."

Truckload Of Supplies Arrive At New Windsor

A truckload of relief supplies gathered in the "Fill a Ship with Friendship" relief drive in Waynesville and the western half of Haywood County was received last week at the Church World Service Center, New Windsor, Md., according to word from Center officials. Weighing 4,200 pounds, the contribution contained clothing, shoes, bedding and many kinds of needed household supplies. These are now in the process of being sorted and packed for shipment overseas.

The Rev. R. L. Young of Waynesville, has acted as chairman for the drive in part of Haywood County. The Rev. L. E. Mabry of Canton, has charge of the eastern area. They are two of the more than 120 men and women of North Carolina who have acted as county leaders in the state-wide "Fill a Ship with Friendship" drive. The drive is sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Churches, cooperating with Church World Service, the interdenominational Protestant relief agency.

To date, 37 counties of the state have reported their drives completed and an estimated 275,000 pounds of material has been gathered in these drives. Far from the goal set at the beginning of the campaign, the goods contributed will supply help to several thousand individuals overseas who are now destitute. Officials at the state office state that bad weather during the original period of the drive has greatly hampered efforts, but that it is expected all counties will carry through their plans in the next weeks.

All materials snipped through Church World Service are distributed overseas through churches and church institutions. Church World Service, in 1947, shipped to 42 countries, in all of which the churches were guaranteed absolute freedom in handling their relief supplies. Need is the only prerequisite of those applying for help. There is no discrimination on account of race, creed or political affiliation.

England, Wales and Scotland were united as one kingdom in 1707.

Havana, Cuba, is only 90 miles from Key West, Florida.

Sunday School Lesson

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

HIGHLIGHTS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(The International Lesson on the above topic for March 21 is Mark 4:26-29; Luke 4:16-22a; 17:20, 21; Romans 14:17.)

BY NEWMAN CAMPBELL

IN JESUS' time, as until recently in our own, the Jews had no country of their own. They had returned to their homeland from exile, it is true, but they were ruled by Roman emperors, their dominion having been established by Pompey the Great in 63 B. C.

The country was divided, part under the sons of Herod the Great, Philip and Antipas, both regions being ruled as tetrarchies—under minor governors. Judaea, Samaria and the land south of Judaea were more directly under the Roman procurator, Pontius Pilate.

The Jews were looking for a Messiah, one who would lead them to victory over their enemies and re-establish the kingdom. This was their great hope in the time of Jesus. Now, it seems that their dream may be realized. In the struggle now going on they hope to gain a land of their own, there to live as an independent, sovereign nation.

Our lesson deals not with this earthly country for which the people of Palestine so longed, but

sat on one side, and the veiled women on the other.

The Ark, of painted wood, generally covered with a curtain, and containing the Pentateuch and scrolls of the prophets, was the most sacred object. On one side was the bema or pulpit for the reader and preacher, and there were chief seats for the synagogue's ruler and the elders.

It was customary to read the scriptures standing. After someone had read the first lesson, which was from the Pentateuch, the clerk would hand the roll of parchment containing the book of the prophets which was the second lesson, to someone, and in this case he gave it to Jesus. We do not know whether what Jesus read was the lesson for the day or whether He chose it especially.

What Christ read to these people who had known Him from childhood, was:

"The spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at lib-

MEMORY VERSE

"Ye rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it."—Luke 11:28.

for the kingdom of God, which was Jesus' message to His people.

To illustrate what He meant by the kingdom of God, Jesus told the following parable while preaching by the Sea of Galilee: The kingdom of God is as if a man should cast seed into the ground, and the seed should sleep night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up without his paying much attention to it. Growing in the earth, first the blade would come up, then the ear, and finally the "full corn in the ear." Then the man would reap because the harvest was come. So in men's hearts, first the message is sown by the teacher; where it grows without his knowledge, until it attains full growth, and the man realizes that he has the kingdom of God within him.

Some time before this Jesus had made a visit to His native town, Nazareth. As He always did, Jesus went on the Sabbath into the synagogue, and stood up to read. The synagogues which had been set up since the Jews returned from exile in Babylon were rooms one end of which faced toward Jerusalem. The men

erty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

Jesus then closed the book, handed it back to the clerk, and sat down and began to talk. The eyes of all in the synagogue were upon Him, and all marveled at the gracious words that came from His lips. "Is not this Joseph's son?" they asked one another.

What did Jesus believe was the kingdom of God? When asked by the Pharisees when it would come, He answered, "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation; Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo, there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you."

Into our hearts it comes, into all men's hearts, before the kingdom is established. When men cease being cruel, selfish, grasping; when they do unto others as they would be done by, then shall the kingdom come. It is not an earthly thing, for, as Paul wrote to the Romans: "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

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ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Scripture—Mark 4:26-29; Luke 4:16-22a; 17:20, 21; Romans 14:17.

By Alfred L.



The Everyday Counselor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

We are so busy. Everybody I meet is busy. But are we busy about the right things? That is what ought to concern us. Repeatedly I've written in this column that too many of us mistake motion for progress. Too many of us are busy about the wrong thing.

There is an interesting story buried back in the Old Testament, which tells about the selection of Saul as the first king of Israel. After he had been chosen, they couldn't find him. A diligent search was made for the new king and the record says quite definitely that they finally found him after the Prophet Samuel had prayed to God. The Bible verse reads: "Therefore they inquired of the Lord further, if the man should yet come hither. And the Lord answered, Behold he hath hid himself among the stuff." I Sam. 10:22.

How many of us have hidden ourselves "among the stuff"? We are literally covered up with "stuff," which we have gathered up and piled around us. Stuff! What gathers we are. How covered up we are with it. It all seems so important now, but in the light of eternity it will amount to nothing. We may have this "stuff" piled up in an office, in a business. We may even have it in a home. It takes tremendous effort to accumulate it, and more effort to care for it.

Many of us read last Christmas Charles Dickens' "The Christmas Carol." Do you remember the con-

versation between Scrooge and Marley's ghost? Scrooge tells Marley that he had been a good man of business. Marley cries aloud, shakes his chain, and says, "Business! Mankind was my business."

Frequently I hear someone say that he is not too much concerned about Judgment Day, that a God of Love would not condemn a man for his sins. Almighty God does not condemn us. We condemn ourselves when we hide ourselves in "stuff," busy ourselves about the wrong things, fail to follow His Plan for salvation, fail to put Him first. The Bible tells us emphatically that God desires "all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." Christ said, "Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it."

A correspondent sent me these lines inscribed on a tablet in the Cathedral of Lubek: "Thus speaketh Christ our Lord to us: Ye call me Master, and obey me not; Ye call me Light and see me not; Ye call me Way, and walk me not; Ye call me Wise, and follow me not; Ye call me Fair, and love me not; Ye call me Rich, and ask me not; Ye call me Eternal, and seek me not; Ye call me Gracious, and trust me not; Ye call me Noble, and serve me not; Ye call me Mighty, and honor me not; Ye call me Just, and fear me not; If I condemn you, blame me not."

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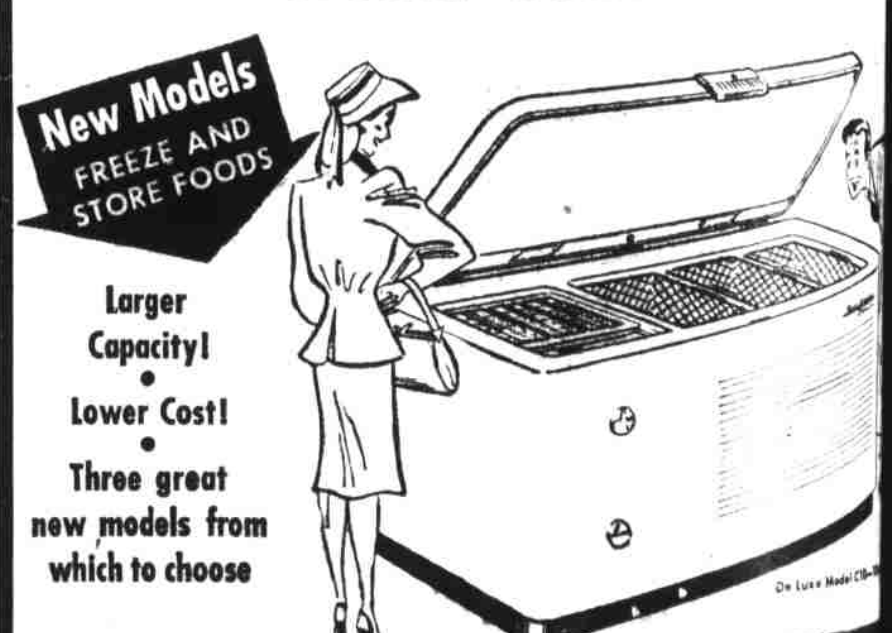
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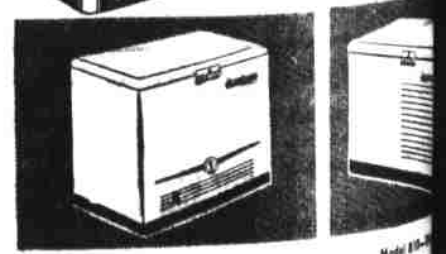
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