

TO CHURCH SOMEWHERE EVERY SUNDAY

History of Church Told in Bible

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Alfred J. Buescher

Scripture—Acts 1:8; 2:1-4; 4:1-4; 8:14-17; 25; 11:1-18; 13:1-3; 14:26, 27; 16:1-10; 28:16, 30, 31.



Just before His ascension, Jesus was with His apostles, and He told them: "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem . . . and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

On the day of Pentecost, the apostles being together, suddenly from heaven came a rushing, mighty wind, and there appeared unto them cloven tongues like fire that sat upon each one.

Peter and John preached in the porch of the temple, and the Sadducees, hearing them, were grieved because they preached the resurrection, and they laid hands on them.

Paul, arrested by the Roman authorities, was allowed a house of his own in which he lived for two years, and received all those who came to him.

MEMORY VERSE—Matthew 28:19.



The Everyday Counselor

—By—
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"Christ is our peace." This inscription written in German has been painted in rude letters in German by someone on the bottom of one of Berlin's prize monuments. Travelers report finding it there, and say it was painted since the destruction of Berlin in the last war.

This large monument was one of Berlin's prize exhibits. It was erected at the conclusion of the Franco-Prussian War which brought defeat to France, and the beginning of the united German military empire. I have just examined a volume of Stoddard's lectures published in 1897 in which the author describes Berlin as he saw it at that time. Writing of the city he says, "Mars, the god of war, seems to be the divinity most worshipped here." Of Berlin's chief street "Unter Den Linden," he says that it is a "kind of Triumphal Way and suggests courage, victory and conquest . . . at every step the dustiest cannot fail to comprehend that he is in a nation of warriors."

"Chief of all the fine memorials of war, which Prussia's capital contains, is the imposing Monument of Victory." It is on this monument, now surrounded with all the rubble and destruction of war that this rude inscription stands, "Christ is our peace." As I read Stoddard's description of war-like Berlin at the height of her power, and then read the description of those who have been there recently, the words of Jesus come to mind. "They that take the sword shall perish with the sword."

References: Matthew 26:52, Ephesians 2:14; Romans 12:21.

Healing Session Costs Con Victim \$220

HOLYOKE, Mass. (U.P.)—Patrick Shea, 70, was walking along the street when an attractive brunette hailed him from her car.

She asked him if he were in pain. Shea said he was. At her request, he put his foot on the car's running board, folded his arms across his chest and prayed while she leaned out the window and soothed his brow.

Then the girl drove away, Shea's pain had left him. But only for a minute. The healing session had cost him the \$220 he had in his pockets.

"KISS AND TELL"

Sunday School Lesson

Jesus Tells Apostles to Spread Gospel

NEW TESTAMENT RELATES HISTORY OF CHURCH GROWTH

Scripture—Acts 1:8, 2:1-4, 4:1-4, 8:14-17, 25, 11:1-18, 13:1-3, 14:26, 27, 16:1-10, 28:16, 30, 31.

By NEWMAN CAMPBELL

OUR LESSON today tells how the Christian religion, beginning as a new way of life among a small group of humble, unlettered men, under the leadership of Jesus of Nazareth, grew until it had spread over the whole of the then known world, Palestine, then Asia and Europe.

The New Testament stories give us the entire story—the beginning, growth, and spread of this religion under the leadership of the Master while He was on earth, and after His death and ascension, its continued expansion under His disciples.

Nothing could stop it. Persecution, torture, death—its disciples could not be silenced. Obeying the injunction of Jesus to spread the message "in Jerusalem, and in Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth," in the nearly 2,000 years since the time the apostles started their missionary work, there are no civilized nations on the face of the globe that have not heard, in part, at least, of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

It was just before Jesus' ascension that, being with His

and the disciples were scattered, Philip went to Samaria and preached Christ to the people there. They listened and believed. Among these people was one Simon who was a charlatan—one who pretended to perform miracles, fooling the people. After listening to Philip, Simon too was converted and continued with Philip.

Now there arose dissension in the church because certain of the Jews felt that if a Gentile received the message, he should become a Jew—be circumcised. Peter, however, had a vision and told it to these doubters.

He saw a sheet let down from heaven with all manner of living things in it. A voice said to him, "Rise, Peter, kill and eat." Peter was horrified and said he had never eaten anything unclean—meaning the meats the Jews considered unclean. However, the voice answered, "What God hath cleansed, that call not thou unclean." The argument eventually died out, and Gentiles were received the same as Jews.

We do not have space to tell of the missionary journeys of Saul—Paul—and Barnabas out of

Antioch to Greece and later of Paul and Timothy, the son of a Jewess and a Greek. And how while they were at Troas a vision appeared to Paul of a man of Macedonia, who prayed to him to "come over into Macedonia to help us." So to Macedonia in northern Greece they went.

For nearly 20 years Paul traveled, spreading the gospel over the earth, but finally his wanderings were ended. He was taken prisoner in Rome—into "protective custody," as they say today.

Paul was allowed to live in a house of his own, but with a soldier to guard him. Nero was then on the Roman throne—Nero, the arch persecutor of Christians who martyred thousands of believers, including Paul.

Yet here, guarded as he was, Paul at this time was allowed to "receive all that came to him. Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him."

A map showing the missionary journeys of Paul and his companions would be most helpful in teaching this lesson.

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MEMORY VERSE
"Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations"—
Matthew 28:19

The Golden Text



The apostles preaching in Jerusalem.
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LONG'S CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH

Paul H. Duckwall, Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 5

9:45 a. m. Sunday School classes for all age groups. The Men's Bible Class will have Dr. F. S. Love as its guest teacher. His general subject will be "History in the New Testament."

11 a. m. Morning worship. The pastor's sermon theme will be "Mary's Magnificat."

7 p. m. Methodist Youth Fellowship with Mrs. Mary Ann Lauer in charge of the program. Monday, Dec. 6

A three-district Youth Rally of the Methodist Youth Fellowship will be held at the Central Methodist church in Asheville at 7:30 p. m. The Asheville, Marion and Waynesville districts of the Methodist church are cooperating in this program. Rev. Hoover Rupert of Nashville, Tennessee, the director of youth work for the Methodist church will be the principal speaker.

All young people who wish to attend are asked to meet at the church at 6 p. m. Tuesday, Dec. 7.

2:30 p. m. The Woman's Society of Christian Service meets with Mrs. Elizabeth Reeves. All ladies of the church and community are cordially invited to attend. Wednesday, Dec. 8

Boy Scout Troop 3 meets in the basement of the church at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, Dec. 9

Choir practice at 7:30 p. m.

BELLWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

J. E. B. Houser, pastor
Universal Bible Sunday set December 12 will be observed on Sunday Dec. 5, with an appropriate message at Elizabeth Chapel at 11 o'clock. An afternoon service will be conducted at Maggie starting at 3 o'clock. The theme of the message will be "The Book of Books."

FREE METHODIST CHAPEL
Rev. Charlotte Bishop and Rev. Ruth Gruber, Pastors
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11:00 a. m.
Evening Evangelistic Service, 7:30 p. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE

The subject of the lesson-sermon at the Christian Science Service on next Sunday morning will be "God The Only Cause and Creator."

The service will be held in the church room on the second floor of the Masonic Temple.

GRACE CHURCH IN THE MOUNTAINS

Episcopal
The Rev. Edgar Gould, Rector
2nd Sunday in Advent
Church School, 9:45 a. m.
Morning prayer and sermon, 11:00 o'clock.
Young People Service League, 6:00 p. m.

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THE CHURCHES

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Russell L. Young, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a. m. Prayer, 10:15 a. m. General Superintendent, invites all of every age to come and find a warm welcome. Parents are urged to bring their children and remain for the morning service. The Nursery will take care of all children too small to sit through the service.
Morning Worship, 11 o'clock. The pastor will discuss "Preparing for the Coming Lord." Special music by the senior choir will be under the direction of Mrs. Fred Martin.
The Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet in the evening at 6:30. All Young People welcome to this service.
Evening Worship at 7:30. This will be an informal service held in the Youth Chapel, Bronson Matney, Jr., will lead the congregation in singing their favorite hymns, after which the pastor will bring a short message.
Wednesday evening choir rehearsals. Youth at 6:30 and the Senior at 8 o'clock. All members are asked to be present.

HAZELWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Paul P. Thayer, Minister
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Laymen's Summer school, superintendent.
Morning Worship at 11 a. m. on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays.
Evening Worship at 7:30 p. m. on 2nd and 5th Sundays.
Home visitations Monday night at 7 o'clock. The group will meet at the Manor.
Circle meetings Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock.
Mid-week prayer service will be held Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock followed by choir practice.
In observance of American Bible Society Day the pastor will preach Sunday morning on the subject, "Better Use of the Bible."
At the mid-week service Wednesday night, "Paul's First Missionary Journey," Acts 13 and 14, will be studied.
The people of Hazelwood and community not belonging to any church and whose membership might be in other areas, are cordially invited to the services of this church.

WAYNESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, Pastor
Whitener Precentor, Superintendent of Sunday School.
Sunday School at 10:00 o'clock. Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock. Sermon Subject: "The Word of God—Our Moral Defense."
Special music by the church choir under the direction of Mrs. J. L. Kilpatrick. The services will be broadcast over station WHCC.
Pioneer and Youth Fellowship meetings at 6:30 p. m.
The Sunday School lesson taught by R. L. Prevost will be broadcast at 10:15 o'clock.

HAZELWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

Mrs. M. B. Lee, Pastor
Sunday, December 5
Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11 a. m. The sermon subject will be "The Conquering Name."
Evening Worship, 7 p. m. Song service by all, followed by meditation. "The Bee, an Interpreter of God's Loving Care."
Midweek Services
Wednesday, 7 p. m., Prayer Service.
Thursday, 3 p. m., Children's Hour.
Thursday, 7 p. m., Youth Fellowship.

LAKE JUNALUSKA BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. O. J. Beck, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m. D. R. Riley, superintendent.
Preaching services as follows:
First Sunday night, 7:30.
Third Sunday morning, 11:00.
Mid-week prayer service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

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