

Riverside Baptist Church

The Rev. Paul Grogan, Pastor
FRIDAY—
7:30 p.m.—Lesson Study for teachers.
8:00 p.m.—Choir practice.
SUNDAY—
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. Paul Erwin, Superintendent, in charge.
10:45 a.m.—Junior Choir sings. Edgar Burnette, director.
11:00 a.m.—Sermon by the pastor 2nd and 4th Sundays. Observance of the Lord's Supper the second Sunday of each quarter.
7:00 p.m.—Training Union, Edgar Burnette, director, in charge. Invitation to everyone is extended. Training groups for all ages are available. Also a Bible Class.
7:45 p.m.—Evening Worship 1st and 3rd Sundays.
7:45 p.m.—General Assembly Program 2nd and 4th Sundays by various groups.
WEDNESDAY—
7:00 p.m.—Midweek prayer meeting at the church. Pastor in charge.
THURSDAY—
9:00 a.m.—WMU Quilting. Mrs. J. H. Reece, hostess. Covered dish luncheon at the noon hour will be served.

Bethel Baptist Church

The Rev. Thomas Erwin, Pastor
SUNDAY—
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. Major Burrell, Supt.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Message by the pastor every 1st and 3rd Sunday.
7:00 p.m.—Baptist Training Union. Mrs. Lillian Styles, Director.
8:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Message by the pastor every 2nd and 4th Sunday.
WEDNESDAY—
7:15 p.m.—Mid-week Prayer Service and choir practice.
FRIDAY—
7:15 p.m.—Weekly meeting of the Sunday School Teachers of Bethel and Mt. Zion Baptist churches. Many visitors attend and all are invited to come.

St. John's Church

WAYNESVILLE
The Rev. Lawrence Newman, Pastor.
Schedule of Catholic Masses for Western North Carolina
Waynesville—8:00 and 11:00 — St. John's Church.
Canton—9:15—Immaculate Conception Chapel.
Cherokee — 10:00 — Artist Craft Bldg. (Summer only).
Bryson City—8:00—St. Joseph's Church.
Murphy—8:00 — St. William's Church.
Fontana—11:00 — Our Lady of the Lake.
Franklin — 10:00 — St. Francis Church.

Victory Baptist Church

MAGGIE VALLEY
SUNDAY—
9:45 a. m. — Sunday School. Claude Trantham, Supt., 1st and 3rd Sundays.
9:45 a.m.—Worship Service. 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.
11:00 a.m.—Sunday School—2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.
7:30 p.m.—Prayer Services conducted by Rev. Rufe Finger.
WEDNESDAY—
7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service.
FRIDAY—
7:30 p.m.—Bible study.
SATURDAY—
7:30 p.m.—Prayer services in a home.

Olivet Baptist Church

MAGGIE VALLEY
SUNDAY—
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School. Wilburn Setzer, Superintendent.
11 a.m. — Worship Service.
7 p.m.—BTU. Miss Sally Rich, director.
8 p.m. — Worship Service.
TUESDAY—
7:30 p.m.—Choir practice.
WEDNESDAY—
7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting.
SATURDAY—
7:30 p.m.—Prayer service in a home.

Rocky Branch Free Will Baptist Church

The Rev. N. F. Byrd, Pastor
SUNDAY—
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. Lum Boone, Supt.
11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship.
8:00 p.m.—Sermon by the pastor.
WEDNESDAY—
7:30 p.m.—Prayer service.

Sunday School Lesson

Continuing Mission of the Church

ALTHOUGH A PRISONER, PAUL WAS ABLE TO PREACH CHRIST TO JEWS IN ROME

Scripture—Acts 27-28.

By NEWMAN CAMPBELL

THE PERILS of sea voyages in Paul's time are vividly described by St. Luke in the last of the book of Acts. Even today, with all modern machinery and safeguards, vessels are still occasionally lost in storms. Many lives are saved, however, in such disasters by radio messages telling of a vessel in difficulties to nearby ships that rush to its assistance. Small vessels, private yachts and fishing vessels are sometimes lost and men perish when sudden storms assail them and help comes too late.

The ships on which Paul and other prisoners began their journey to Rome met with many storms and were almost lost several times, but thanks to Paul's presence and his advice and courage, the 276 persons on board would have drowned.

His advice was not always taken, although, the voyage would have been less hazardous if it had been. Julius, the Roman centurion in charge of the prisoners, came to trust and admire Paul.

This portion of the lesson should be told briefly but vividly

of the chief of the island of a serious, near fatal illness. After that the people brought other sick persons to be healed by him. After three months on Melita, "We departed in a ship of Alexandria which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Castor and Pollux." They landed at Syracuse for three days, then Rhegium, than to Puteoli where they found brethren and tarried seven days, then on to Rome. Paul had always wished very much to see the great city of Rome. Now he sees it, indeed, but as a prisoner in chains. On the road they were met by brethren who had heard they were coming and went to meet them, for which Paul thanked God and "took courage."

The other prisoners were turned over to the captain of the guard by Julius, the centurion, but Paul was allowed to live in a house by himself with a soldier to guard him. Here Paul called the Jews of the city together, telling them that he had done nothing wrong, and if he had not appealed to Caesar, he would have been free.

Paul asked them what reports they had heard about him, but they answered that, "We neither

MEMORY VERSE

Jesus said: "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon ye; and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."—Acts 1:8.

to the children, as it will fire their imaginations and interest them greatly. It can be shown them how Paul, through his courage and trust in God, saved not only himself, but all the people on shipboard, who would have cast themselves overboard at the mercy of the rocks and waves but for him.

God sent His angel to tell Paul that not one life would be lost, when they had been so filled with terror that they had not eaten nor moved. He told them to eat for their health's sake, and he set the example, so all ate and their courage returned.

I like particularly the story of the final shipwreck of one of the boats on the island of Melita (thought now to have possibly been Malta), where all swam to shore or rode on pieces of the wrecked vessel until all were saved.

The inhabitants are described as "barbarians" but they were warm hearted people who sheltered and fed the shipwrecked people. They considered Paul a god after he threw a viper off his hand into the fire kindled by wood he had helped gather without harm to him.

Even more sure they must have been when he healed the father

received letters out of Judea concerning thee, neither any of the brethren that came shewed or spake any harm of thee."

Then they asked him to tell them what he thought of "this sect," for they knew, they said, "that everywhere it is spoken against."

So Paul appointed a day and many came to his lodging to hear him. As he told them about Jesus and the Holy Ghost, his hearers did not agree. Some believed but many did not. Paul said: that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah was indeed true: "Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear not and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: for the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed."

So ends Luke's Book of the Acts of the Apostles. It is indeed a wonderful description of good men who had the courage to spread the gospel of Christ throughout the known world, to Gentiles as well as Jews. They "carried on" in the face of almost certain imprisonment and death. Could Christians today follow their example? Some can and do, but could we do so?

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YER OUT!

If this has never happened to you no words can describe the awful finality of an umpire's decision. It falls like a sentence of death on a boy's heroic dream. And with it ebbs out the joy of his mightiest hit, and of the fly he caught last inning.

But thus baseball helps to build men. A fellow learns how to lose. And that's the first step in learning how to win.

But the biggest lessons of life no sport can teach. On a higher tier than sportsmanship, teamwork and the desire to win are FAITH, BROTHERHOOD, AND DEDICATION OF LIFE. These are the ingredients of spiritual victory—the fabric of God-inspired manhood at its best.

We can rightly be proud of our sand-lots and Little Leagues. But the character of American manhood depends most of all on our churches.

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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