

**Veterans News**

Here are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to questions from former servicemen and their families:

Q—May a widow who has previously been denied a claim for pension because her husband did not have a service-connected condition when he died, apply again under a new law?

A—Yes. The new pension law does not require that the veteran have a service-connected condition, but is based chiefly on the financial need of the applicant or her minor children.

Q—How does a new law affect educational benefits for reserves called up for active service during the Berlin crisis?

A—A reservist whose training or education under the Korean GI Bill was interrupted by the call up for active service will have his deadline for completing his education or training extended a period of time equal to the length of his "call-up" period of service.

Q—Are young people engaged in the VA's War Orphan Educational program benefited by the provisions of a new law?

A—Yes. If they are forced to suspend their schooling or training because of financial reasons beyond their control, such as illness in their immediate family, or because the job at which they work requires their presence on the job at a certain season, their deadline date will be extended by the amount of time they are thus kept out of training.



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**Free Will Baptist Church**  
Rev. Johnson White, Minister  
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morning worship, 11:00 a.m.;  
young people's league, 6 p.m.;  
evening worship, 7:30 p.m.;  
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**BLACK MOUNTAIN TABERNACLE METHODIST CHURCH**  
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Sunday school, 10 a.m.  
Preaching service, 11 a.m.  
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Rev. E. L. Beachboard, pastor  
Sunday school, 10 a.m.  
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Rev. Bruce Ray, pastor.  
Walter Harris, superintendent.  
Sunday School, 11 a.m.  
Preaching service 9:45 a.m.  
Evening service 7:30 p.m.

**KERLEE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Ridgecrest Road  
Rev. W. R. Moss, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Morning worship, 11 a.m.  
B.T.U., 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship, 7:30 p.m.  
Prayer service Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

**BLUE RIDGE FIRST CHURCH OF GOD**  
Corner of Blue Ridge Road and Herron St. Rev. Roger B. Christiansen, pastor. Phone NO 9-9751. Church school, 10 a.m.; morning worship, 11; evening worship, 7; youth fellowship, 8 p.m.; mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

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Church School, 9:45 a.m.;  
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Lakely Street  
C. M. Winstead, pastor.  
Sunday school, 10 a.m.  
Morning worship 11 a.m.  
Evening worship, 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday evening prayer meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
Young People's meeting Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

**ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
417 Vance Ave.—NO 9-7126  
Rev. Kenneth Donald, Rector  
Sunday: 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 9:45 a.m., Church School & Adult Class; 11 a.m., Family Service 7 p.m., Evensong.

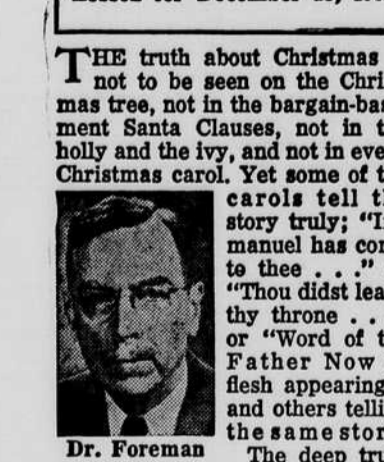
**WEEKDAY SERVICES:**  
10 a.m., Prayer Book Feast Days; Holy Days; Holy Communion. Other services as announced.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Montreat Road  
A. T. Usher, pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union, 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship, 7:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service, 7:45 p.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON and CHURCH DIRECTORY!**



**God Comes To Us**  
Lesson for December 23, 1962



**THE** truth about Christmas is not to be seen on the Christmas tree, not in the bargain-basement Santa Claus, not in the holly and the ivy, and not in every Christmas carol. Yet some of the carols tell the story truly; "Immanuel has come to thee . . ." or "Thou didst leave thy throne . . ." or "Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing" and others telling the same story.

**Dr. Foreman** The deep truth about Christmas is that the day celebrates the coming of God to us. The very name Immanuel means "God with us." Now it would not at all be true to say that God had never come to this world before; he was here in creation, he has been here in history, in the beauty and the order of all this vast universe. The prophets, one and all, knew him, and the poets sang of him. But what was new about the first Christmas (and what it began) was that now men could not only know that God is, we know what God is like.

**God is Expression**  
Jesus Christ is the translation of God into the language of human living. He is the Eternal in the pattern of time. There are philosophers who do not see how the High God can possibly express himself; but the Bible tells us of a God who is not content with expressing himself, he desires to communicate with his children. In John I Christ is called the Word. He lived to be, he lived to tell. He is God's messenger but also he is God's message. The Word—the Expression, the Message—the Communication—of God "became flesh" on that first Christmas. Anyone might have thought that if God came to the world he had made, to the people he had made, in a new way, they might have thought it would

be a new form of words, a new theology, a new creed to believe. But no—God expressed himself above all in a man who was first a little baby. God's Word to us is put in the form we can understand, in one who was made "in all respect like as we are, yet without sin."

**God Comes in Light**  
Poets and writers of Christmas carols have often made something of the Christmas-eve picture,—a dark hillside, no light anywhere except for the stars overhead and the one light in the stable. The Apostle John, writing his own Christmas story, says nothing about the inn or the stable or the shepherds. But he does say something about the light. John is thinking beyond Bethlehem to the generations yet to come. He sees what the story of this child, grown a man, this Gift of God to man,—what this Man, this Godman, will mean to the race of man. He is the Light, God's Light, "lighting every man." John does not fail to see that the picture has a dark side. There were and there are some who do not receive him. He is a Light shining in darkness. The darkness never has understood the Light, the darkness never has quenched the Light; but yet the darkness is still there. To drop the parable a moment, the coming of God to us in Christ, the Light of the World, can mean and does mean nothing at all to those who will not see.

Once we understand the meaning of Christmas, the coming of God to men, to all men who will turn and see, then we understand there is something to be done about it. No one on whom the Light has shone can be content that it has shone on him alone. Those who have found the Light are bound to spread the Light, indeed to be (as Jesus said) the light of the world themselves.

But if we stopped here, it would leave us with a discouraging question. How can we be the light of the world? Again John points to the answer. To those who receive the Light, God gives "power to become children of God." By ourselves, we cast a pretty feeble light. By ourselves, we are weak. God's "coming" is not like the coming of man. People come and go away, and we are not greatly changed. But when God comes, and we open our lives to him, we begin to be changed from the very core of our lives. As we share in the vision of God, so we share in the power of the God who comes to us in Jesus.

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**RIDGECREST**  
**Ridgecrest Baptist Church**  
George L. Hocutt, pastor  
Sunday school, 9:45; morning worship, 11; B.T.U. 6:30 P.M. evening worship, 7 P.M.; Wednesday prayer service, 7-15 P.M.

**SWANNAOIA**  
**St. Margaret-Mary Catholic Church (Grovemont)**  
Masses: Sunday 8:30 & 11 a.m. Pastor: Father John Weidinger.

**Church of God of Prophecy**  
The Church of God of Prophecy Mission, Old Rt. 70, Swannanoa. Rev. Savannah Maney. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Everybody welcome.

**Methodist Church**  
Ben F. Stamey, Minister.  
Church school, 10:00 a.m.  
Morning worship, 11:00 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship, 6:00 p.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
C. W. Smith, pastor.  
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.  
Church services, 11 a.m.  
Training Union, 6:30 p.m.  
Evening services, 7:30 p.m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

**Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Church Service, 11:00 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service Wed. 7:30.

**Free Will Baptist Church**  
Rev. Milton Hollifield, pastor.  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Preaching service 11 a.m.  
Evening services:  
League, 6:15 p.m.  
Worship in song, 7:00 p.m.  
Message, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, prayer service, 7:00 p.m.

**Swannanoa Church of God**  
Philip A. Genett, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Morning worship, 11:00 a.m.  
Youth meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
Evangelistic meeting, 7:30.  
Wednesday evening service, 7:00 p.m.

**Bee Tree Baptist Church**  
Rev. Joseph Hawkins, pastor  
Sunday school, 10 a.m.  
Church service, 11 a.m.  
Evening service, 7:30 p.m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

**Bee Tree Christian Church**  
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