

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

PAUL'S WIDENING FIELD OF SERVICE

International Sunday School Lesson For October 27

Golden Text: "It was the good pleasure of God . . . to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the Gentiles."—Gal. 1:15-16.

Lesson Text: Acts 13:1, 5, 13, 14, 44, 46, 48, 49; 14:26-27.

Antioch, in Syria, is famous in religious history and famous it should be, particularly to Christians of the Western World. Here it was that the gospel was first preached to Gentiles, as well as to Jews, and here it was also that believers were first called Christians. Our lesson for this week gives us another reason to remember Antioch, for it was this group of early believers who sent out the first organized missionary enterprise which resulted in the Gospel being carried westward, eventually reaching us.

The new faith had been proclaimed to individual Gentiles prior to this. Phillip preached to the Samaritans and baptized an Ethiopian. Peter had received the centurion, Cornelius, and his household into the faith. Unnamed Christians, scattered by the persecution in Jerusalem, had also preached the gospel to the Gentiles.

These were occasional happenings, however, but we are now to see the beginning of purposeful, organized missionary enterprise.

Dr. W. M. Smith gives seven characteristics which belonged to the church at Antioch and should characterize every true group of Christian people who gather together for worship and for the hearing of God's word:

1.—The membership of the church is made up of those who have turned from unrighteousness and idols to believe in the true and living God.

2.—These members have been brought into the knowledge of the truth by preaching of the Word, which is the preaching of the Lord Jesus Christ.

3.—The converts of this church received adequate instruction in the truths of the Christian faith at the hands of one who had gifts for teaching and had a real knowledge of the Word of God.

4.—The church, in its life, shows unmistakable signs of being a body of believers on whom the blessing and power of God rests.

5.—The church shows itself to be in life, in conduct, in belief, identical with the other true churches of the known world, and is in fellowship with these churches.

6.—The church is distinctly liberal in its attitude toward other fellow-believers who are suffering because of peculiar circumstances.

7.—The members of this church, in the midst of a corrupt environment, were living such unique, unworldly, holy lives that they were marked out by all the other citizens of Antioch as so distinct from unregenerated man as to require that a new name

be given them.

Directed by the divine purpose, Barnabas and Saul were sent from Antioch on a mission to carry the gospel. They first sailed to the island of Cyprus, Barnabas probably desirous of carrying the great tidings to his home-land. After preaching at Salamis, the missionary party worked westward and finally reached Paphos, the capital. Here it was that Paul penalized the sorcerer with blindness in the presence of the Roman pro-consul, impressing him with the miraculous power given these representatives of the new faith.

From Cyprus the missionary party sailed northward to Perga, where they tarried a short while. In this city John Mark, who had accompanied them till now, separated and returned home, causing Paul to be offended in him and leading later to the separation of Barnabas from Paul.

The reason Mark deserted the party is not given, although various suppositions have been advanced. Years later, it is interesting to recall, Mark's activity for the cause had redeemed him in Paul's eyes, as we know by reference to him in one of his epistles.

Continuing northward the missionaries preached in the Jewish synagogue of Antioch in Pisidia. We have a brief summary of Paul's sermon, a very interesting illustration of his appeal to his Jewish audience. The sermon produced a powerful effect. The success of the missionary caused the hostility of the Jews and their influence led to the missionaries having to leave the city.

Traveling to the southeast, Paul and Barnabas came to Iconium, where their experience at Antioch was repeated. To avoid the violence of their opponents the party proceeded to Lystra and preached to the people there in the open air. Paul's miraculous healing of a local cripple caused the inhabitants to think they were gods and desired to worship them, which Paul prevented. Here, once again, hostility was engendered by the Jews and the people, who shortly before wanted to worship them, turned against them and stoned Paul.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING

The Anderson Youth Fellowship held its regular monthly League meeting Monday night, October 14, with Kathrine Lane.

A very interesting program was enjoyed with Kathrine Lane in charge. Those taking part on the program were Elizabeth Byrum, Annie Lee Asbell, Janice Byrum, Edna Earl Ward, Herbert Lane, Elliott Layden and Mrs. Elie Forehand. Hynns used on the program were "Fairest Lord Jesus," "Help Somebody Today" and "Just As I Am."

During the business session the officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Josephine Hunter; vice president, Melvin Forehand; secretary, Elizabeth Byrum; treasurer, Myra Layden; recreation leader, Annie Lee Asbell; publicity committee, Myra Layden. One new member was added to the roll. At the close of the business the meeting adjourned with the League Benediction to meet in November with Herbert Lane.

Those present were: Janice Byrum, Ruth Boyce, Carrie Byrum, Herbert Lane, Archie T. Lane, Myra Layden, Elizabeth Byrum, Elliott Layden, Melvin Forehand, Horace Layden, Annie Lee Asbell, Edna Earl Ward, Otho Mansfield, W. M. Byrum, Lizzie Ward Hunter, the Rev. Arthur Stephenson, Mrs. Elie Forehand, Kathrine Lane, Ray Lane and Mrs. Pauline Lane.

Games were enjoyed and delicious refreshments served by the hostess.

### CARD OF THANKS

The family of Mrs. Maggie A. White expresses its deepest thanks and appreciation to friends and neighbors for the many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy shown during the illness and death of our dear mother, also for cars loaned and the floral offerings.

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This 15th day of October, 1946.  
W. JONES PERRY and  
RUTH HINTON PERRY,  
Executors of James E. Perry.  
Oct 25 Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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REBECCA TRUEBLOOD,  
Executrix of W. T. Trueblood.  
Oct 11, 18, 25 Nov 1, 8

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ALETHIA LAYDEN,  
Administratrix of Dallas Layden.  
Oct 18, 25 Nov 1, 8, 15, 22

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

### Want a Vacation from Marriage?

Alvin Hoke went south on his vacation for some fishing, and left his Missus to enjoy a vacation from the corn-cob pipe, clothes in a heap, and solos on the harmonica.

First few days, Martha enjoyed it—house neat and quiet, too, back on the toothpaste, no morning mess from Alvin's midnight snacks (Al's partial to a bit of cheese and beer at bedtime).

Come the end of the week, she began to fidget; couldn't even read the *Clarion*, it looked so unamused; didn't have any appetite with no-

body to cook for. She was about to write Al, when he barges home a week ahead of time, and she almost cries for gratitude. ("Till the same way myself," says Al.)

From where I sit, these differences of habit and opinion whether they have to do with corn-cob pipes, a glass of beer, or playing the harmonica, seem mighty trivial when you're separated. And they are, too!

Joe Marsh

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