SUNDAY SCHOO **LESSON**

CHRIST'S STANDARD OF MORAL PURITY

International Sunday School Lesson For June 1, 1952.

Memory Selection: "Thou shalt not commit adultery."-Exodus 20: 14.

Lesson Text: Exodus 20: 14; Matthew 5: 27-82; Mark 10: 2-9.

Every normal person has to contend with the temptations of the flesh, but it is unwise to assume that man is essentially evil. The original pur-pose of the Seventh Commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery" was to preserve the sanctity of family life and this cannot be preserved if the individuals who establish the family are guilty of impure living which im-pairs the moral integrity of the in-dividual involved, injures the life of the family and saps the strength of Every normal person has to contend the family and saps the strength of the community.

The standard of moral purity is embedded in this Commandment, wherein chastity is commended and impurity forbidden. In the sermon on the Mount, Jesus, quoting this Com-mandment, extended its meaning and application from act to motive, thought, and desire. Jesus also mag-nified the marriage bond as one but nified the marriage bond, as one human bond which should be sacredly kept, as God planned from the creation of Adam and Eve.

There is a very close connection between one's inner life and his outward acts. The Psalmist declares, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." The attempt to live a life of personal purity in an unchristian social order calls for continuous struggle. It is not an easy task because one is ever conscious of the tension between what we are and what we ought to be.

we are and what we ought to be. There are two ways, or paths: the path of the wicked and the path of the righteous. In the words of the poet, John Oxenham, "The high soul takes the high road, while the low soul gropes the low." If it were only a matter of choice, however, the taak would not be so difficult, but, as it is, as suggested by Proverbs, the wicked as suggested by Proverbs, the wicked are not content in their wickedness, but are ever seeking to persuade others to join them.

ers to join them. Jesus stated the ideal of personal purity before marriage and of abso-lute fidelity after marriage, when he declared, "Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath com-mitted adultery with her in his heart," (Matt: 5: 28). He condemned the impure thought and the outward act. He knew that the lustful imagination is the real spring of an unclean life. He knew that the lustful imagination is the real spring of an unclean life. If everyone would remember that, as Paul declared, "Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit," (I Cor. 6: 19), there would be fewer who would be willing to descrate that temple by impure living. Nor should anyone forget the warning, "The wages of sin is death" and "as ye sow, so shall ye reap."

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ye reap." The excuse for impure living, par-ticularly among young people, is that a young man must "sow his wild oats" before settling down to the humdrum routine of adult life: This reminds us of a statement in The Youth's Companion, "Wild Oats" takes something out of the soil of a man's life that no system of crop rotation can restore." It is unfair to one's own personality and to the unborn generation for a man to do anything that would in any way adversely affect himself or those who will come after him. A clean mind is essential to a clean life, for the influence of the mind nic, for the influence of the mind over the body is very powerful. Fill the mind with noble thoughts and high ideals and the foundation of char-acter is strengthened. A clean mind and a pure heart enable a person to be sincere and upright in word and deed and, surely, the world needs such citizene today.

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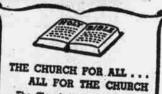
Tom has a ballbat and Joe has a mitt. They are two sturdy, normal, active boys, eager for a good time. But something is missing. There is no ball. They can swing the bat in thin air all day long, and

wave and pound the mitt. Yet all their motions are completely senseless if they have nothing to strike at or to catch.

You are a fortunate normal American, eager for a good time and happy life. But perhaps there is something missing in your life too.

Do you go through the motions of earning a living, clothing and feeding your family, finding entertainment, yet everything seems rather empty and senseless?

Perhaps then God is missing. Seek Him and your life will take on new meaning with vital purpose. "Seek and you shall find-"



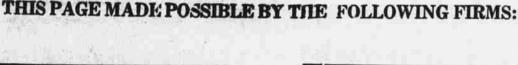
ALL FOR THE CHURCH The Church is the greatest fac-tor on earth for the building of character and good clitzenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound receans why every person should attend services regularly and sup-port the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's take. (3) For the sake of his community and pation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and ma-terial support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

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Monday Luke	5	1-11
Tuesday John	14	12-21
Wednesday . Acts	3	1-10
Thursday Acts	4	1-12
Friday Acts	8	25-38
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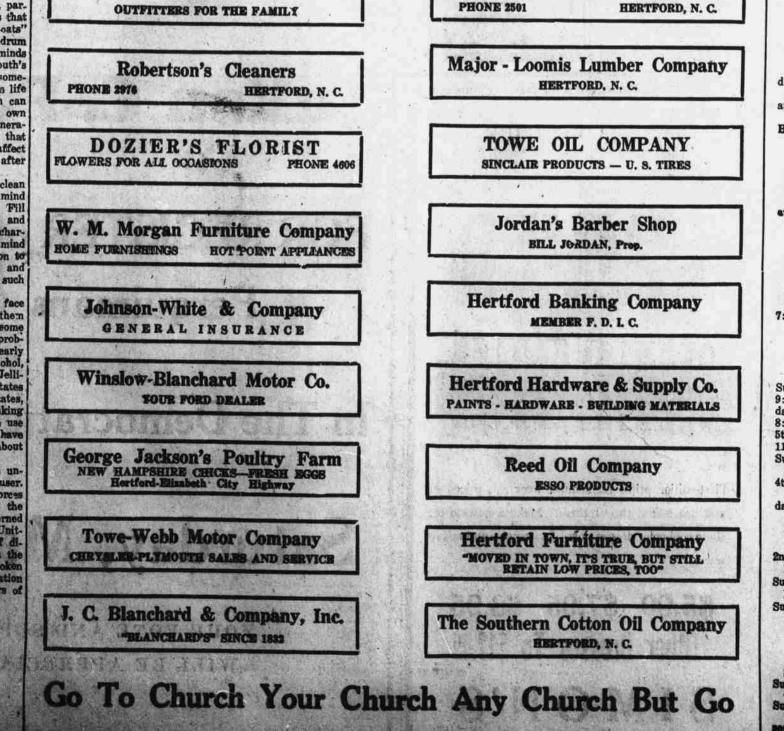
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8	Mid-week Services, Wednesday at P. M.
	BETHLEHEM CHURCH OF
	CHRIST Joe Brickhouse, Pastor
	First Sunday
	11 A. M. and 8 P. M.
	BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH Colon Jackson, Jr., Pastor
S	Church services second and fourth andays at 11 A.M.
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	CHURCHES H. M. Jamieson, Pastor
	First Sunday:
	New Hope Church, 11:00 A. M. Oak Grove Church, 7:00 P. M.
	Second Sunday Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M.
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4	Third Sunday Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
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	Winfall Church, 7:00 P M
1	Fifth Sunday Woodland Church 11:00 A. M.
1	Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at Winfall Church, 7:00 P. M.
	ANDERSON'S METHODIST
	CHURCH R. M. Gradeless, Pastor
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	James F. Burke Pastor
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Sunday School, 10 A. M. Morning worship-11.00 A. M. WHITEVILLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School, 11 A. M., every Sunday except third Sunday. Church sevices every third Sunday at 3 P. M. HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH A. L. Chaplin, Pastor Church School, 9:45 A. M. Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock. Youth Fellowship, 6:45 P. M. Evening Worship, 7:30 P. M. Mid-week Fellowship, Wednesday at 7:80 P. M. BAGLEY SWAMP PILGRIM Coy S. Saunders, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 A. M. Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock. Young People's Meeting, 6:30 P. M. Evening Worship, 7:30 o'clock. Mid-week Services, Thursday at 7:30 P. M. HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH Rev. Charles F. Wulf, Rector. 9:45 A. M., Church School, every Sunday. 9:00 A. M., Holy Communion, 1st Sunday. 8:30 A. M., Holy Communion, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays. 11:00 A. M., Holy Communion, 3rd Sunday. 11:00 A. M., Morning Prayer, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays. 10:00 A. M., Holy Communion, Fridays and Saints' Days. BEREA CHURCH OF CHRIST Walker Perry, Pastor 2nd and 4th Sunday at 10:80 A. M. Morning worship on first and third Sundays at 11 A. M. Evening worship first and third Sundays at 7:80 P. M. CHAPPELL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH A. H. Outlaw, Pastor Sunday School, 2 P. M. every first Sunday. Sunday. Church Service 3 P. M. every first Sunday. Sunday school at 11 A. M. every second, third and fourth Sunday.

Preaching second and fourth Sun-

PINEY WOODS FRIENDS CHURCH No Pastor At Present

day evening at 7:30.