

"IN OUR TIME"



by Rev. R. M. White

GOD THE COMFORTER

"I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may be with you forever."

John 14:16

Wonder and awe are among the earliest responses of the soul to the appeal of the Infinite; they remain among the latest. We have seen in the clear and happy eyes of a child just beginning to note here and there some great feature of our strange world, the sense of fascination and mystery as it looked up into the infinite spaces; and we have seen in the dim and sorrowful vision of age the image of the same feeling. The thing that forever fascinates and baffles, that draws us on to inquire into it, and that covers us with the shadow of a vast dread, is this solemn, beautiful, mysterious universe. We wrestle with it in the darkness, we call to it, "Tell me thy name"; the morning comes, the mystery with which we have wrestled eludes us, and we are left blessed, it may be, but bruised. The manna in the wilderness was not understood; its name was a question. What is it? -- that was the cry of the people as they beheld this desert wonder. They could not account for it, it remained an enigma; therefore, they named it, What is it? If we consult our sincerest and deepest thoughts about the universe, we shall find them mainly interrogations. The sum of things in heaven above and on earth beneath, other than man, the total life of the race in the present and in the past, and the power by which this wondrous whole is pervaded, we call the universe, and the most inmost meaning of the name is, What is it? Like the manna, it is sweet and it supports life, but the final and full account of it we are unable to give. The first act of worship, the act that includes all serious and noble men, is the worship of the Inscrutable.

This mood, however, does not remain unfruitful. Men investigate and think; they live and reach conclusions; they come to look at the universe in a great variety of ways. To one man it seems a heart matter; all thought, all feeling, and all character are incidental; the substance of the universe is physical, it is an ever changing physical show, with here and there a strain of thought and feeling, like the band that now and then plays in the grim hour of battle. To another it is force; to still another law; to yet another fate. The force is there, its ways are fixed, and it is operated by a necessity -- blind, dumb, eternal.

Christianity is indeed the religion of the morally victorious soul; it is in an emphatic sense the religion of righteousness. It calls for the new heaven and the new earth; it gives the vision of the righteous God, and it lays upon those who entertain this vision the obligation to reform human society. To call to serve, to achieve, is the trumpet call of the gospel. Christianity has the utmost fascination for the morally capable, for all those who are conscious of achieving power, who exult in the sense of a sound and an aspiring humanity, whose reforming instinct rises to passion, and who delight in life because it holds within itself the energy that would renew the world.

We must never forget that religion has always begun here. The religion of Moses was a religion of righteousness. Here was his race in bondage, that bondage was an outrage upon their humanity, an injustice that cried to heaven. The religion of Moses began in the vision of the righteous God and in the passion or reform under that vision. Amos, Isaiah, Jeremiah, every great soul in the history of Israel, followed in the footsteps of Moses. John the Baptist, when he came, repeated the same sublime experience; religion was the vision of the righteous God, and the obligation under the vision to renew the world. Christianity is here only another and a vaster version of the same thing; its initial words are: "Seek first God's kingdom and his righteousness." The sublimity of its vision of God made obsolete the earlier visions; it fascinated the elect youth of the time of Jesus; it fascinated Stephen and Paul; it has exercised a resistless charm over the highest spirits in every succeeding generation. Christianity is first of all an appeal to the morally fit.

It is the religion of reconciliation. It is more. It is the religion of comfort. There is surely comfort in the vision of the righteous God and the passion for reform set free in human hearts under that vision.

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Week's Church Activities

GASTONIA - The Young People's Choir of the Friendship Baptist Church is sponsoring a Twelve Tribes of Israel rally on the second Sunday in March (14th) at 6:00 p.m.

The head of each tribe will be captain who will contact a guest choir from one of the local churches, and the invited choirs will march to the altar of the church and receive biblical encouragement as they deposit a financial donation on the offering table. The RALLY is for the purpose of equipping the choir with new robes.

The MISSIONARY CIRCLE of Friendship has scheduled a rally for the 4th Sunday in March (28th), and the Rev. J.T. Scott, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church of Gastonia, will bring his choir and congregation to render a special service while he delivers a message of inspiration.

Mrs. Willie Mae Ward is president of the Sr. Missionary Circle, and Mrs. Isabell Wilkins and Mrs. Elmer Dunham are members of the program committee who planned the service.

The Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, and Ushers Convention convened with the St. Paul

Baptist Church of Gastonia Sunday, Feb. 22 from 2:45 till 4:45 p.m.

This convention is an auxiliary to the Gaston County Missionary Baptist Association, and Mr. Thomas Garvin is president. It meets every quarter during

the year, and classes in Sunday School work, B.T.U. Ushering, Choir Music, Church Training, and Youth Training are taught by local instructors.

Rev. H.J. Campbell is pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church.

Landmark Passing

RAEFORD - In one of the most unique ceremonies ever held, Bishop W.A. Hilliard, who presides over the Central N.C. Conference, A.M.E. Zion Church, associated by Rev. S.J. Farrar, presiding elder, Laurinburg District, led a delegation, composed of members of Freedom Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, located for more than a half century, about 6 miles from the city, in a motorcade, to a developing community, in the city, Sunday, Feb. 8, where ground was broken for a new church.

The occasion was another step in the expansion program of the Central N.C. Conference, which began four years ago. The pastor, Rev. J.L. Glenn, and the officers found it necessary to move the church because of repeated vandalism and the moving of worshippers into the city. Even though Freedom Chapel has been a byword in the area for a long long

time, it was thought that the new location would be more conducive to a new church. It is apparent that it will serve a growing community and be more accessible.

The motorcade left the old site at the beginning of dark with more than 50 cars. It was completely dark when it arrived. However, a tent had been erected and a huge crowd stood around, as the ground was broken, under an improvised lighting system, with a chilling wind blowing that did not dampen the spirit. The pastor told the bishop and others that work would begin immediately and the building would be ready for occupancy in September.



SALISBURY -- MISSIONARY SUPERVISOR - Mrs. Janie Griffin Speaks, wife of Bishop Rueben L. Speaks and missionary supervisor of the 11th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, shakes

hand of Godfrey Zormeio, native Chanaian and Hood Theological Seminary student, following address recently of an Inter-Residence Assembly - sponsored convocation at Livingstone College, Salisbury, N.C.

Others left of Mrs. Speaks are Mrs. Judith M. Settle, director of housing; Ronald Brown, sophomore from Newport News, Va.; and Miss Beverly Andrea Ingram, freshman from Fort Lawn, S.C. (L.C. Photo by M.G. Kelsey)

Funerals

MR. WALTER E. WALDEN, 57, of 1312 Caldwell Street, died at L. Richardson Memorial Hospital. Funeral service was held at St. Phillips A.M.E. Zion Church, the Rev. James Robertson, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Mitchell Chapel Methodist Cemetery, Randolph County. BROWN'S FUNERAL HOME Directors were in charge of arrangements.

MRS. NAOMI MCGREGOR, 47, died at her home, 417 Penry Road. Funeral service was held at the Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church. Burial followed in Maplewood Cemetery. BROWN'S FUNERAL HOME Directors were in charge of arrangements.

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Attorney

Continued from Page 2 1975, Mr. Dyke became an Adjunct Professor at the Howard Law School.

The new Counsel's community activities include memberships in the Board of Directors of the D.C. Branch of the NAACP and the Steering Committee of the Democratic Forum. He is co-president of the Neighborhood Legal Services Program.

Mr. Dyke and his wife live in Southeast Washington.

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