

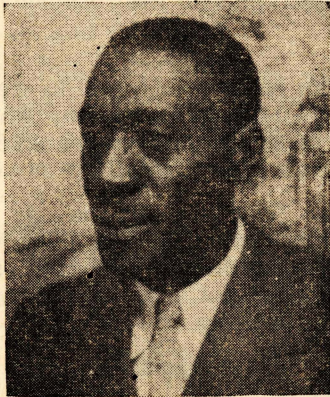
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## "FOLLOW ME"



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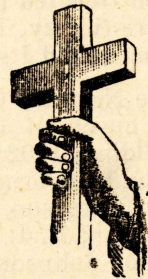
Matt. 4:19—And He said unto them, "Follow Me."

These words come down to us with all the vividness, force, power and freshness as when they were first uttered over eighteen hundred years ago. The world into which Jesus came was sorely in need of help. It was a sad and wicked place in which to live. Hate, strife and division were rampant. To those of us today who try to live Christian lives, it must seem sad and pitiful, for there was no hand stretched forth to save it. The base and coarser things of life held men slaves. But out of the mist, darkness, misery and superstition we hear a sweet voice sounding out from the Lake of Galilee with a tone of authority saying: "Follow Me."

### I. Who is this that calls us to follow Him?

Just a mere man and human teacher? With human plans and human ideals? Whose hopes, plans and ideals can be upset and disrupted and vanish away? No my friends. It is not a human teacher. It is Jesus. A Jesus in a world filled with temptations, toils and sufferings. Yet qualified Himself to be the leader of men.

Other leaders failed in their attempt to help humanity in their struggle for liberty and attaining their ideals. Jesus is the one leader who went before and blazed the way. Stood the brunts and sufferings that He might free us from slavish chains of human teachers. He also offers us strength and courage to follow the path in which He trod. For even in the midst of trials and afflictions, following Christ our great leader, we can say that our afflictions are but for a moment and light compared to those He had to suffer. And they work and exceeding weight of glory for us.



## In the Cross of Christ I Glory

For Paul says: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

### II. How follow Christ?

We cannot follow Christ as the Disciples did when He was here on earth. But we can obey His Commandments, follow His example, walk as He walked, help as He helped, suffer as He suffered, live as He lived, and sympathize as He sympathized. For we hear Him saying: "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of Me for I am meek and lowly."

There was a great general who said to his army: I cannot explain the worst that we will encounter before victory is ours. But one thing I can do. I can sleep with you on the cold ground. Your hardships shall be mine." This is but a faint idea of the love of Christ. If we will obey His precepts, copy His life, follow Him, rest on His promises and lean upon His word, we will find Christ by our side, helping us in our struggle toward perfection and sharing our hardships with us. If we obey we will find that He can make our burdens lighter. We can be sure we have a friend who will stick closer than a brother. For He said: "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. Behold I am with thee always."

III. To follow Christ calls for a giving up of old things. Human names, institutions and creeds. These will hinder us from carrying out the principles of Christ. When Christ called His Disciples to follow Him, they left all. The call of Christ must come before any human call. We must not allow anything to divert us from answering it.

Do remember the young lawyer? He met Christ and said: "Good Master, what good thing can I do that I might have eternal life? Jesus asked him about the law. He said: "Those things have I kept from my youth up. What lack I yet?" "Sell all thou hast and give it to the poor and take up the Cross and follow Me," said Jesus. It was a cruel hour for the rich young man. To give up his

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EDITORIAL

DID IT EVER HAPPEN TO YOU

It is up to you to call the meeting of the committee. So you call Brother John and ask him if 4 P. M. suits him. Brother John says it does. So you tell him it will be 4 P. M. unless you call him back. Then you call Brother Jasper and ask him if he can attend a committee meeting at 4 P. M. He says he is sorry, he can't. Could you make it 4:30 P. M.? So you say you will if that suits Brother John. Otherwise you will call him back. Then Brother Fred is asked if he can attend a committee meeting at 4:30 P. M. Brother Fred says he is sorry, but will be tied up. But he could come at 3:30 P. M. or 5 P. M. So you say you will ask the others and let him know. So you call Jasper and tell him Fred can't make it at 4:30 P. M. Would 3:30 P. M. or 5 P. M. suit him? Jasper says he would prefer 3:30 P. M., but either time will do. So you tell him you will call him back after you have talked to Brother John. Then you call Brother John and tell him 4 P. M. doesn't suit the others. Could he come at 3:30 P. M. or 5 P. M.? Brother John says he would prefer 5 P. M., but when he learns that 3:30 P. M. suits Brother Jasper better he agrees to 3:30 P. M. So then you call Brother Jasper and tell him Brother John can come at 3:30 P. M. And you call Brother Fred and tell him Brother Jasper and Brother John can come at 3:30 P. M. and 3:30 P. M. will be the hour. That is, if you

don't have to call them all over again and suggest that the meeting be arranged for another day, because you have spent so much time trying to arrange for this meeting that you have got way behind in your work and won't be able to get there yourself.

2704 Olive Street, Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 14th, 1943.

To the Churches and Brethren Everywhere.

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We want you to help it stay by giving it the crumbs that fall from your church offering table, in the form of an after collection.

Please do not hold back on the size of the collection; send any amount, if it is only a nickel. A nickel will help send the Christian Informer to some one who does not know about the doctrine of the Christian Church.

Your friend,

W. H. (Baltimore) TAYLOR, Editor, The Christian Informer, Emmanuel Building, 1702 Madison Avenue Baltimore-17, Md.

March 3, 1945.

To the Christian Brethren Everywhere.

Greetings.

I would like to make a clarification of a statement that was made in the February issue of the Christian Informer. During the course of my answer to the Rev. S. S. Myers, I was discussing as you know, the conduct in the "Christian Family"—the church. And I made a statement which read like this:

"You also called me a Judas, but I should have exposed my Master instead of betraying him as you said. It would have been better for you.

"Now, to these great white ministers who endorsed you with good faith, I am sure, but I wonder if they had known your background when you were not in your Sunday clothes, and just how you conduct your family affairs, would they have endorsed you then."

Now, as you see, we were talking about the church family. I had no thought of making any statement of Rev. Myers family home life, because as far as I know he does have a lovely family. When I used the word "family" I was referring to the church family and not the "home family life." May I say again that I do have the utmost respect for Rev. Myers family. And if this has been misinterpreted on their part, I openly apologize to them at this point.

ELDER A. G. NELSON.

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wealth, associates, mother and father, previous teaching with all of its traditions, the sacrifice was too much. Too great for many today. Christ's call is to give up the old life of sin, leave traditions, wipe out malice, strife and division. Deny ourselves and follow Christ. Hear Him: "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, take up His Cross and follow Me."

IV. If we follow Christ where will He lead us?

He will lead us to God. For Jesus said: "No one knows the Father but the Son, and to whom the Son will reveal Him." To follow Christ is the only approach to God.

(a) To follow Christ will lead to Heaven. Re-

member when Christ was telling His Disciples about dark scenes which lay before them? Their hearts were sad and fearful. Jesus looking into their hearts saw their grief and said: "Let not your hearts be troubled; if ye believe in God, believe in Me. In my Father's House are many mansions. John 14:1, 2, 3, 4.

(b) When must we follow Jesus?

Now. Now, is the Father of Eternity. Follow now. Change your course. Today is the day of salvation. Though the way be dark, mid trials, in sunshine or rain, in sickness or prosperity. Though your Cross be heavy and hard to bear He says: "Follow Me" and your reward shall be a crown of righteousness that fadeth not away, but eternal in the Heavens.

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We believe that you will be interested and pleased to know some of the accomplishments of The Christian Informer during its six months of publication. With the splendid cooperation of our subscribers and many friends, The Christian Informer is being read in almost every State in the Union and on foreign soil.

Let me relate a few outstanding points of our achievements. During its six months of existence we have placed nearly five hundred paid up subscribers on our subscription list. We have kept all bills paid up-to-date and we have not asked any church, organization or individual for a nickel. We have dedicated our life and all that we have to the restoration of primitive Christianity, its doctrine, its ordinances and its fruit.

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Yours expectingly,

W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, Editor.

## "THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, THE HOPE OF A TOTTERING WORLD"

By Elder R. L. Sercy

Minister, Oklahoma City, Okla.

As we think of the world today, we think of a place where people are being pelted by adversary, where hope to some extent is shaken, where people are seeking for a solid foundation upon which to stand; everybody desiring power that they might be able to cope with the situation of our day.

Paul having the solution, he gives us a text to consider. I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Rom. 1:16. Each person should try to master his or her field. The astronomer today lives in the heavens in order to converse with the stars, that he may get facts to present. The botanist fragrant with flowers, comes with a port folio full of autographs of the Creator; the statesman is devoted to economic and industrial problems of the government. But the Christian preacher should descend to the valley of humility, and search the word of God for in it and through it we have the promise of eternal life.

There are many things we have seen, but none of us have ever seen an engine hitched to a moving train, housed beneath the hood of an automobile, or imprisoned in the intricate part of an airplane that equals the power of the heart throb of an individual. He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city saith one writer. The power which we get through the gospel will help us to dethrone Satan, and crown Christ as King.

Out on the banks of Tiber, 15 miles from where the river flows into the sea, looking down from her seven hills, stood an ancient city of Rome with a population of 1,200,000 souls, most of whom the gospel of Christ had never been preached. Paul writes these people and had them to understand that he was coming and determined to know nothing among them save Christ and him crucified. Knowing the gospel as He did, He was not ashamed of it. We find the gospel in the word of God or Bible. Why should one be ashamed of the Bible? It has Christ as its author, humanity for its audience, redemption for its theme, and truth for its contents. It is the oldest, truest, most transforming, and only document in the world that provides Christ's only condition for the saving of one's soul. Who would be ashamed of the gospel of Christ?

There Is a Story Told of Two Ministers Once

One told the other that he was losing ground, that he should defend the book and the church. The old minister's reply was, the book does not need defending, it only needs preaching, and there is no need to try to defend a church which Christ said the gates of hell should not prevail against.

Trying to defend the book is like a dog trying to defend a lion. The lion does not need defending. Turn him loose and he will defend himself. The gospel needs proclamation, not defense. Paul had respect for the gospel because of its power to give salvation to a dying world. The gospel is as reliable as the sun. Christ said before my word shall fail the heaven and earth shall pass away. No man is ready to preach the gospel nor even be ordained until he can say as Paul, I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ.

Read the biography of the great men today who have turned the world Godward and you will see that they held fast to the book of God. They preached it, believed it, and lived up to it as near as they could. If you are ashamed of the gospel, you should get out of the pulpit. It is treason to God for his messenger to neglect the theme of ruins and redemption, or the coming judgment, for book reviews, science or political economy.

### Jesus Never Waved the Scripture

He always used them and had men to know that if they were to understand him and his mission in the world, they must know what Moses and the Prophets said about him. Paul like Christ, he faced the Greek and Roman world not only to preach the gospel but to challenge the claim of any religion that opposed the gospel of Christ Jesus.

Let us think of Rome. Center of the world's political power, seat of religion, seat of learning, schools of philosophy, and the throne of the Caesars terrorizing the world over the death of Jesus Christ.

Paul's expression robbed him of his liberty in Rome, but in spite of all of this he declared it is the power of God unto salvation. The clear cut gospel today has become like many mothers to us (old fashion out of date). But there is a little hope for any one who is ashamed of mother or mother's Bible.

### Why We Are Not Ashamed of the Gospel of Christ Today

Because the author stands above all heroes of the nation. God highly exalted him and gave him a name which is above every name Eph. 2:5-8. Take Confucius and Mohammed. They were just teachers, but Christ was not only a teacher but a Saviour, and is the only one that can say, "I am

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He is risen

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the way, the truth and the life." We should not be ashamed of his gospel for he alone is a friend of sinners. His statement is, "I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." He gives us a guarantee of a like resurrection, because I live shall ye live also saith he. I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth on me though he was dead yet shall he live. Who could be ashamed of the gospel of a man like Christ?

### Compare His Power With That of Caesar's

Caesar's power destroys, Christ's power regenerates. Caesar took on himself the spirit of an animal, horns of a musk ox taking the lives of men leaving them dead. Christ said, "I came that they might have life." Caesar came with the power of an earthly kingdom. Christ said, "Lo I came in the volume of the book as it is written of me to do thy will, O God."

### Final Proof That the Gospel Is Power

It made children of God out of murderers on Pentecost; 3,000 souls for God.

It made Christians out of thieves.

It made a hero out of a coward (Peter).

It made a Saint out of Saul, who had been opposing the church of Jesus Christ; he had been the chief of sinners. Being a Christian now he says, Woe is me if I preach not the gospel.

I love the gospel, for it is God's dynamic power to save the world. May the Lord help us to accept the gospel for its worth then our souls will be made glad.

### SCHOOL OF THE SCRIPTURES

President Tibbs Maxey presented his program for the training of ministers to the following churches recently: Savannah, Ga., Roland Steerer, minister. In Florida at the churches in Kissimmee, with Joe Ben Rhodes, Ft. Myers, Eric Dance, Tampa Central, Oren Whitton, minister.

Broad St., J. D. Fairchild, minister. Tabernacle Church in Orlando, Morris Butler Book, minister. President and Mrs. Maxey spoke for Atlanta church; Grove Park, Paul Morgan, minister. Grant Park, A. C. Peacock, minister. Lakewood Church, Ted Jones, minister. Jefferson Park, Laurence Baim, minister. Capitol View, John Eynon, minister. East Point, Robert Weaver, minister. Mrs. Maxey spoke to the Independent Women's District Missionary Society meeting of West Georgia. President Maxey gave a special message to the student body and faculty of Atlanta Christian College. They visited the campus of Southern Christian Institute at Edwards, Miss. The churches at Riverview, Ala., Roy Miller, minister, and English Church at Jennings, La., as well as the French churches at Jennings and Lake Charles with Hollins Duhon, minister, heard our message. Witnessed Brother Duhon on his weekly broadcast in French, from the station at Lafayette, La. He conferred on this trip with many men whose pulpits there was no time to fill, namely, Clifford Dance, Clearwater, Fla. Homer Longsons and W. P. Hayes, both of Baton Rouge, La.; Autery Jackson, of Oklahoma, Miss., and J. Edgar McDonald, West Point, Miss. Brother Maxey is trying to contact colored ministers through the South. He spoke for the high school at Jennings and the Junior College at Oklahoma.

### CHRISTIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

"A ways and means committee, studying the advisable factors in establishing a religious institution here, where ministers and laymen may be trained, assembled in the city Tuesday. An 18-room apartment building fronting Ogburn Street and directly behind Spencer Memorial Christian Church, was the spot chosen.

Another committee meeting is scheduled for March 4, at 3 P. M., at Charity Christian Church, of Martinsville, Va. At that meeting an \$8,000 drive will be launched to benefit such an institution in this city. R. L. Peters, a member of the three-man finance committee, said the drive will continue from March 4, forward five months. One J. W. West, of Lynchburg, Va., and S. H. Hairston, of Martinsville, also compose the committee. These men are known as field financial secretaries.

### IN THE FACE OF DIFFICULTIES

One should not be turned aside by difficulties from the pursuit of some legitimate object. A thing would not be worth pursuing at all if the road were open and easy. When one does not attain the object in view the world may call him a failure or a fake. In an unsuccessful search for one thing, another of far more value is sometimes found. The joy of adventure comes to those who tread unknown paths, and this desire to open up and explore fresh discoveries has proved a great incentive.

## Lift Every Voice and Sing

By JAMES WELDON JOHNSON

(A Song Triumphant)

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven, ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea!  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,  
We have come treading our path thro' the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last,  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who has by Thy might, led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.

### THE DAY OF PENTECOST

By Elder W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. Acts. 2:1.

The word of the Lord was to go forth from Jerusalem. In Isaiah 2:3 are these words. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

In the last days of the Jewish economy, He would pour out of His spirit upon all flesh. Jew and gentile. Joel 2:28-29. I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. Jesus delegated unto Peter the authority to open the door of the church and state the terms of pardon under the new covenant. Matthew 16:18-19. And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

In a conversation with His apostles after the resurrection, He promised to baptize the apostles

in the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:5. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. They were to tarry in Jerusalem until this power came upon them. Luke 24:49. And behold, I will send the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry ye in Jerusalem, until ye be endured with power from on high. And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. The new message of salvation through Christ was to be preached first at Jerusalem. Luke 24:45-49. Then opened he their understanding, they they might understand the scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day. And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my father upon you, but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endured with power from on high.

My friends, we find all of this fulfilled in the second chapter of Acts. The occasion was the day of Pentecost. The apostles were waiting in Jerusalem. They were baptized in the Holy Ghost. Filled with this power, Peter preached the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, as facts, for the first time in the history of the world.

These facts constitute the gospel. Listen to

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Paul 1 Corinthians 15:3-4. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures. Peter also stated the terms of pardon in Acts 2:38. Peter said unto them, repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Three thousand heard, believed and obeyed the message. On that day the Day of Pentecost, was the Church of Christ established.

Pentecost was the day of beginnings. The beginning of the preaching of the gospel. Peter preached the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. These facts could not have been preached until they had occurred. Hence this was the first time the gospel was preached in fact.

The beginning of the church of Jesus Christ. It was one body. Ephesians 4:4. There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all. It was the body of Christ. Ephesians 1:22-23. And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body.

Jesus Christ was the creed. Acts. 8:37. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

The rule of faith and practice was the apostles' doctrine. Acts 2:42. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

The head was Jesus Christ His will, the absolute law. Ephesians 5:23. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church and he is the Saviour of the body.

The mission of this church is to evangelize the world. No sectarian institution can meet this demand. We must restore the church as it existed on Pentecost, and was set up by the spirit of living God.

### FROM LABOR TO REWARD

Mother Susie Lisie Johnson Wood. Born 1847, died recently. She married Ennis Johnson the second year after the Civil War. To this union eleven children were born. Ennis Johnson died 1889 and in 1898 she married Ike Wood, who died in 1913. Mother Wood was the mother of eleven children, the grandmother of thirty-six, great-grandmother of sixty, and great great grandmother of twenty children. Total. 127 children. She leaves two sons and one daughter. Elder James Salvador Johnson, minister East Side, North End Christian Church, Detroit, Mich., and secretary of the National Christian Preaching Convention of Churches of Christ. Cleveland Lee Johnson, of Covington, Ky. Mrs. Annie Dean, of Calhoun, Ala. Mother Wood was a native of South Carolina, but lived in Alabama for a number of years. In 1913 her son, Elder James Salvador Johnson, bought forty acres of land and a house for her; there she lived for thirty-two years. Her daughter, Mrs. Dean, was faithful to her until death. Her sons would send her checks every week.

Sister Lillie Counsellor. Born February 19, 1911. Died suddenly February 16, 1945. Was a faithful member of Emmanuel Christian Church, Baltimore, Md. Beautiful memories she left behind.



Back to the Book

## LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

### SPENCER MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH Winston Salem, N. C.

R. L. SPENCER, Reporter

We are doing a fine job here. Working hard, hoping to build a new church in Winston Salem soon under our great leader, R. L. (Back to the Book) Peters. We will always have a New Testament church here.

### FORREST ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Beaumont, Texas

MRS. MAUDE DAVIS, Reporter

The 68th Anniversary of Mrs. Lola Jones and Miss Lulu Smith, oldest twins we know of in the brotherhood, was celebrated March 11, 1945. These twin sisters have held the Beaumont Church together for many years.

### SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Hagerston, Md.

MRS. M. E. QUEEN, Reporter.

We are planning for our spring revival to begin soon. Elder W. F. Bill Keyes, of New York, will do the preaching. The church is moving in a fine way.

### EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Baltimore, Md.

MRS. E. E. FOARD, Reporter

The death angel visited our congregation and took from our midst one of our beloved members, Sister Lillie Counsellor. She was a faithful member and served as organist for several years. A delightful dinner was given in honor of our pastor and his wife, Elder and Mrs. Taylor, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wilson. A large number of members and friends were present.

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905 1/2 Gaines Street, Little Rock, Ark.

MRS. R. F. HAYES, Reporter

In August, 1939, a small group of Christians desiring to worship in harmony and peace decided to unite and begin another church of Christ in this city. It wasn't their idea to split but to seek pure air and further the work of Christ unhindered.

We were called here to preach to this group Sunday, August 13, 1939. And a week later organizing them into what is now known as the Second Christian Church.

September, 1939, we were asked to consider coming as their pastor. After resigning from Lee Avenue Christian Church in Nashville, Tenn., we accepted the call. Delivered our first sermon Sunday, October 1, 1939.

Since then there have been many hindrances, stumbling blocks, and disappointments. Some have come to love us, some to hate us, and some to persecute. Some to fall by the wayside. But we're able to thank God that there are some who have realized what it means to be real and true Christians. Therefore, in spite of the hindrances, stumbling blocks, disappointments, persecutions and the falling out of ranks of some, we have been able to close ranks and march forward.

It was a very happy event when we dedicated a lot upon which to erect a place of worship. Prof. Merle Eppse being the principle speaker and Mrs. Pauniece Hayes Dozzell delivering the dedicatorial address.

The lot has been fully paid for. We have on an evangelistic campaign lasting indefinitely. A financial campaign to close the third Sunday in April. Our goal for this day is \$500.

Our members being of one mind and one accord, we did not have to wait until we returned from the National Missionary Convention in Lexington, Ky., to find out what stand they would take. We were able to say unhesitatingly that we'd take the walk along with Bro. W. H. Taylor and others. The Second Christian Church, of Little Rock, Ark., wants no other guide but the Bible. No other principles than those laid down by the Apostles. We want no other Master but Christ. We will not be chained by human creeds and institutions. We will bow at no shrine other than at the foot of the Cross upon which our Saviour died and the tomb from which He arose after conquering death.

We are asking the entire brotherhood to help us in our building effort. Send donations to R. F. Hayes, 1111 Jones Street, Little Rock, Ark.

### "A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED"

Today the Christian Informer needs you — tomorrow you may need the Christian Informer. Make a gift to the Christian Informer. Help spread the doctrine of the Christian Church.

## ON THE WEST COAST

By ELDER E. W. FAULKNER

Los Angeles, California

This is a summary of the brotherhood here as surveyed since June, 1944. Whereas we have only heard of three ministers, I find at present 16. Some have come here since January, 1943. The writer finds two major factors that have kept the brotherhood from growing properly, selfishness and jealousy strangely I found these factors in Kansas and Missouri. There must be a reason for this and I think it is lack of vision.

In this city 185,000 colored people are now living and as far as the established churches are concerned they are trying to serve this great populace. There is a report that there are 139 Baptist churches here. If (and we do) we have the plea and New Testament doctrine why are we content with form one to three churches in a large city?

The writer has heard statements like these: "What difference does it make if you are Methodist, Baptist or Catholic? Aren't we serving the same God?" And to friends in the audience, "I know you're Methodist, but you're alright anyhow." When we compromise and contradict our sermons, how can we expect to grow?

With the coming of Bro. C. W. Arnold to the Angel City inspiration and encouragement showered down upon the heretofore quiet but loyal ministers who will not compromise.

Bro. A. W. Jacobs, who has been pastoring the church in Pasadena, eleven miles from L. A. ordained Bro. James F. Irvin February 25. At Bro. Arnold's church, 92nd and Compton Streets, since he is the pastor of the Pasadena Church as of January 7, 1945. Bro. Jacobs resigned to do evangelistic work in the adjacent towns where small groups of Christians live. At this service an Elder for Bro. Arnold's Church and the Pasadena Church were ordained, Bro. Arnold bringing the sermon. The writer was not present but accompanied a student minister of George Pepperdine College (Arthur Patterson) to a Methodist Church where he brought the evening message; speak truthfully that preached creditably without compromise.

We hope to be able to report before the end of the year to new growing churches, contending for the plea of the Church of Christ.

The crowning event of this season was the organizing of the Christian Ministers' Union, of Los Angeles, Calif., March 1, 1945, at the Y. M. C. A., 28th and Paloma. Sts. Elders A. W. Jacobs, president, E. W. Faulkner, vice-president; J. F. Irvin, secretary; C. B. Tarrance, treasurer; C. W. Arnold, Ways and Means chairman; G. H. Bundy, Public Relations; Sister Helen Henry, Elders C. J. Malcolm, W. J. Bryant, W. Green, B. C. Duke, R. R. Turnage, M. Mitchel, A. Patterson and S. Owens. Watch a community when ministers work together.

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## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I enjoy reading the Christian Informer and earnestly trust that you will continue to operate in the future. Enclosed you will find a donation of five dollars for the perpetuation of the same.

Yours in the Faith,

ELDER J. W. STANLEY,  
Baltimore, Md.

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Dear Editor:

I believe that you have "come into the kingdom for such a time as this." Keep the good work going. I am sending you a small sum of five dollars to help push the Christian Informer to the front.

Your brother,

ELDER M. B. CHAMBERS,  
Baltimore, Md.

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Dear Editor:

I have an idea as to what it costs to publish a paper like the Christian Informer. Enclosed you will please find a check for twenty dollars.

You have my prayers,

ELDER A. G. NELSON,  
Kansas City, Kan.

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Dear Editor:

In an after collection we raised ten dollars for the Christian Informer. We are praying for its success. Another offering will be coming soon.

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. E. E. Foard, Reporter.

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Dear Editor:

I believe that every member of our congregation is a subscriber to the Christian Informer. It is the talk of the town and is read by people who are not members of our congregation. The members of the church are sending you an after offering of seven dollars.

Yours in Christ,

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
Hagerstown, Md.  
Mrs. M. E. Queen, Reporter.

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Dear Editor:

Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days. Eccl. 11:1. The Christian Informer is finding welcome in the homes of those whom have read it. Here are some subscriptions and a money order. Keep 'em squirming.

Yours for the doctrine,

J. N. KEYES,  
Greenwood, Miss.

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Dear Editor:

The Christian Informer is a wonderful paper. Enclosed you will find a money order.

Yours in Christ,

JOHN WILLIAMS,  
Greenwood, Miss.

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Dear Editor:

I am a subscriber of the Christian Informer. I want to congratulate you for editing such a fine paper. We are working hard to get the entire membership to subscribe for this great paper to keep them informed along the Christian work.

Yours in Christ,

R. L. SPENCER,  
Winston Salem, N. C.

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Dear Editor:

You will find enclosed a money order to help your paper, the Christian Informer. Really it has proved to be just that. I enjoy reading it very much. Greatly impressed with Brother Sercy and Brother Nelson's articles. I am glad to know that we have now churches and new preachers. We need both.

Yours in the bond of His love,

SISTER MAUD DAVIS,  
Beaumont, Texas.

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Dear Editor:

The Christian Informer is going strong in New York. Every member of my congregation will subscribe. I think we have almost one hundred subscribers now.

Yours for Christ,

ELDER W. F. (Bill) Keyes,  
Minister, Williamsburg Christian Church,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Dear Editor:

Count on New York. Every member must subscribe for the Christian Informer. You have my support and my prayers.

ELDER W. C. KINARD,  
Minister, St. Philips Christian Church,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

### "KEEP 'EM PREACHING"

We must conquer those who would destroy the doctrine of Christ.

To Whom It May Concern.

Greetings:

This is to present Elder A. G. Nelson, a minister in our church, well beloved for his work sake among the disciples of Christ. Elder Nelson is greatly concerned about kingdom building. He is a very active worker and has given of himself and means for many years, and for the past ten years has labored as a minister and evangelist in the church.

It is his definite aim to make a larger contribution to the work by pastoring and evangelizing and we heartily commend him to your good graces as he comes to you. The field is ripe but laborers are few and we will appreciate any consideration given to this our worthy brother as he presents himself to you.

Elder Nelson is now serving our National Convention as the auditor and is doing a very good job in that office. We are sure any church that is needing an evangelist will be blessed to have the fellowship of this good man.

Thanking you for anything done to help build the kingdom of God. I am very sincerely,

R. WESLEY WATSON,

Field Secretary for Kansas and Missouri.

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## What a Friend we have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear:  
What a privilege to carry,  
Everything to God in prayer:  
O, what peace we often forfeit,  
O, what needless pains we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer.

2.

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3.

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care  
Precious Savior, still our refuge,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there,

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That you and  
yours may have  
A Joyous Easter  
is the wish of the  
Editor