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EDITORIAL

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The Secretary of the National Missionary Convention of Disciples of Christ, said. Quote. "Old fashioned doctrinal preaching has not only become very rare, but also very unpopular in most Christian Churches." I am not surprised to read such a statement coming from one of the head men of the National Convention of Disciples of Christ; since they are controlled by the United Missionary Society. It was the question of DOCTRINE that caused the SPLIT in the National Convention.

"Doctrinal preaching" may be "very rare" in churches controlled by the United Missionary Society; but not in Christian Churches.

Doctrinal preaching may be "very unpopular" in churches controlled by the National Missionary Convention of Disciples of Christ and the United Missionary Society, but not in Christian Churches controlled by Christ. Christ and his doctrinal preaching is not "old fashion"; it is not "rare"; it is not "unpopular," because Hebrews 13:8 tells us that, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Let's read Galatians 1:6-11: "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from

him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet please men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man."

Let's read 2 John 9: "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed."

If the doctrine is old fashion, Christ is old fashion. If doctrinal preaching has become very rare, Christ is very rare in that pulpit. If the doctrine is very unpopular: Christ is also very unpopular in that church, convention, and society.

WHO IS YOUR DIRECTOR OF CHURCH

DEVELOPMENT AND EVANGELISM

I received a letter from Dr. C. L. Parks, National Director of Church Development and Evangelism (whatever that means). Is that a new name for a Bishop?

I am too near Heaven to risk my soul in the hands of these Streamline Directors and Developers. Why take the job of the Holy Spirit and give it to a human being? Christ said in John 16:13: "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide (direct) you into all truth. The Holy Spirit directed Philip. Acts 3:29: "Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot."

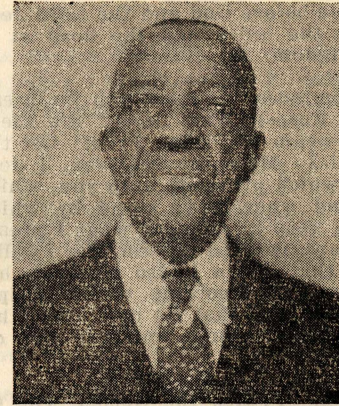
God was satisfied for His Son, Jesus Christ, to be the National, International and World Director of Church Development and Evangelism. God said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Jesus, the Director of Church Development and Evangelism, said: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Amen.

Paul thought of Jesus as the Director of Church Development and Evangelism. He said, "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." I can not look to Dr. C. L. Parks as my Director of Church Development and Evangelism. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." I will look to Jesus.

NOTICE

THE SECOND FELLOWSHIP MEETING OF THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN PREACHING CONVENTION WILL BE HELD WITH THE EAST SIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, KANSAS CITY, MO., APRIL 24-26. Elder A. G. Nelson, Minister.



FROM THE MAGNOLIA STATE

By Brother J. N. Keyes, Greenwood, Miss., "Elder of First Christian Church," "Supt. of Bible School," "Recording Secretary of Brotherhood Union of Greenwood."

Since reading the last issue of your valuable paper, we all have enjoyed another Christmas Holiday. Some witnessed it with happiness and joy, whilst others were made sad, especially those who were law breakers that love to do wrong rather than right. And now we've launched out into another New Year; 1945 is now history. I've often wondered how many of us made a resolution for this year not to be broken. I'm thinking in terms as did any of us fail to put the word spelled with four letters, "LOVE," in your resolution? Just in case I wish to give you just a few verses from the fifth chapter of Ephesian which will be very fitting and helpful as well. Beginning with verse one as follows:

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, And hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour. But fornication, and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which or not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolator, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

Be not ye therefore partakers with them, for ye were sometimes darkness, but now you are light in the Lord: walk as children of light.

For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth, proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

For it's a shame even to speak of these things which are done of them in secret. But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light, for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

Wherefore he saith, Awake thou what sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine wherein is excess but filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father." In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

Tennessee, Nashville:

Alameda Street Christian Church, Elder R. C. Maloy, Minister. Mrs. Annette Jackson, Reporter.

We are happy to report to the Brotherhood that the Alameda Street Church is doing nicely and every department is working. Our Bible School is growing each Lord's Day. We are carrying on an Evangelist Meeting, the pastor is doing the preaching, two persons were added last Lord's Day. Our congregation is six years old and under the leadership of our pastor we have succeeded. We have the leading congregation of christian churches in our city and our pastor is wide awake. We hope some day to have a fine edifice on our lot.

We do not believe in open-membership, we believe in sticking to the Book. The Union Meeting of the Christian Churches met with us last Lord's Day, January 27th. Prof. M. R. Eppse, of A. & I. State College, delivered the address. Anyone coming to Nashville, visit Alameda Street Christian Church, where you will hear the gospel preached with power. Brethren pray for us. Maryland, Hagerstown:

Rev. J. B. A. Dyson, pastor of Asbury Methodist Church, with his choir and congregation worshipped with the Second Christian Church, Monday night, January 21st, for the benefit of The Christian Informer. Arkansas, Little Rock:

The Second Church of Christ, of which Elder R. F. (Bob) Hayes is pastor, is doing fine. They have paid for their lot and have money in their building treasury. Plans are in the contractor's hands ready to build. Maryland, Baltimore:

President Maxey, of the College of the Scriptures, visited the Editor recently.

Mrs. Armita Ford thanks the members and friends of Emmanuel Christian Church for the kindness shown her while she was in the hospital.

New York, Brooklyn:

Elder James Dickerson, reports that the Mission he started recently is moving in a fine way.

Theme: Back To The Book.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.



By R. L. (Back To The Book) Peters
Winston Salem, N. C.

Subject: The Bible As The Word Of God.

John 12:48-49:

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my sayings, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I spake the same shall judge him in the last day. For I spake not from myself; but the Father that sent me: he hath given me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

God, Christ, The Word: all three in one. Proof: Let the book speak. John 1:1-2—In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.

There are people who don't know that God and Christ are one. Why? Because they don't read the Bible. Open your Bible and read it. A closed Bible isn't any more than any other book.

Philip, one of Christ's disciples did not know that Christ and God were one.

Proof: Open your Bible. John 14:8-9—Philip saith unto him; Lord show us the father, and it sufficeth us; Jesus saith unto him, "have I been so long a time with you, and yet hast thou not known me Philip? He that hath seen the Father, hath seen me, and how saith thou then, show us the Father?"

Was Christ with God in creation? And for evermore? Yes.

Proof: "Back to the Book."

Rev. 1:8—I am Alpha and Omega. The first and the last letters in the Greek alphabet. Meaning the beginning and the end. He was God in creation.—John 1:1-2, and: God through all ages.—Matt. 28:19-20.

The National Preaching Convention have the Marching Orders. We have our guide. Divinely given guide, for travelers to Eternity. Life is short and lived but once. We can not make a mistake. Therefore let us follow our guide (an "Open Bible").

The children of Israel going out from under Egyptian Bondage, on through the wilderness was led by a Pillow of Cloud by day and a Pillow of Fire by night. The open Bible is that Pillow of Fire for the New Testament Church. David said, "It's a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."—Psalm 119-105. The Bible is the word of truth. "Know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

Thy Word Is True

Who? Jesus the Christ! Yes, Back to the Book. John 14:6—I am the way the Truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me. The Lord Jesus Christ said, "go make Disciples of all Nations." How?

"By the Book" (The word of God). 2 Timothy 4:1-2—I charge thee before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing, and His Kingdom.

Fellow comrades: I exhort you to preach The Word. Preach the Gospel. What is it? It's the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Christ. Proof: Let the Book speak. 1 Cor. 15:1-3—Moreover brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scripture: and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures, and was seen of Cephas, then of the Twelve.

Illustration—Preach the Gospel. The Gospel alone is the power of God unto Salvation. Not the mourners bench nor the anxious seat, where alien sinners, hypocrites, and backsliders in revivals are called upon to come forward and bow down at, and be prayed for. Then prayers such as this: O Lord, send down your power from on high and convert everyone (that's down at the mourners bench). Listen: If God had spoken out of heaven in answer to their prayers, He would have said, look on the pulpit and you will see a magazine of power. Proof: Rom. 1:16—The gospel is the power of God unto Salvation to everyone that believeth. Brethren: Preach! Preach! Baptism! How preach? Like Peter, on the day of Pentecost, till men will cry out.

Men and brethren, what shall we do? Baptize them. Slow now, suppose they say, that they have already received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and that's sufficient. No, brother, no. If they haven't been baptized in water they haven't put on Christ.

Proof: Gal. 3:27—For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Therefore, I say brother if any one wants to unite with the Christian Church, claiming to have the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and has not been baptized in Water, then you baptize him. I mean baptize him. Go back, search the record. Peter at the house of Cornelius. Acts 10:44-48. Open your Bibles and read. Read it now. Preach and baptize like Philip did the Eunuch. Baptize in water. Much water.

"Back To The Book," John 3:28—And John was baptizing in Aenon near to Salem because there was much water there.

Baptize them like Paul was baptized. Rom. 6:4—Therefore we were buried with Christ by baptism. Bury them? Yes, bury them. Preach like Paul. Preach till Felix trembles on the throne. Preach till King Agrippa cries out and says, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a christian."

Preach! Preach! Preach Hell. Preach Damnation.

And be thou faithful unto death.—Rev. 2:10.

If you are bound to say mean things, talk to yourself.

OUR BEST SALESMEN ARE OUR READERS. FOLLOW THE NATIONAL TREND—READ THE CHRISTIAN INFORMER—THE PAPER WITH A THOUSAND FRIENDS.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I am enclosing a donation for the Christian Informer. It is a fine paper, I enjoy reading it.—Miss Rechel Snively, Hagerstown, Md.

A donation for The Christian Informer. I like it.—Mrs. Louise Stewart, Hagerstown, Md.

Dear Editor:

It has been on my mind quite sometime to write and let you know how much I have enjoyed reading the Christian Informer, and how much I appreciate your stand for the unadulterated Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I read in the December issue of the promise you made to God on the 12th day of September, 1944. Saying if He would give you health, courage, strength, and direct your mind, you would give to the Brotherhood another paper devoted to the Restoration of Primitive Christianity, its Doctrine, its Ordinance and its Fruits. God has given it all to you. Praise His name.

As for one reader, I can truthfully say, you have kept your promise, and may God ever bless, direct and guide you; so that you may do greater things in years to come. Enclosed you will find another donation to help keep the Christian Informer going. As this old year is swiftly passing, bringing nearer heaven's goal. I can say, I am thankful to God, for being spared.

Yours for a happy new year,

Mrs. Pearl Wilson,
Baltimore, Md.

My monthly donation for The Christian Informer.—Elder J. W. Stanley, Baltimore, Md.

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My monthly donation for The Christian Informer.—Mrs. E. E. Foard, Baltimore, Md.

Proud to know that you are doing nicely with the Informer and praying that you may continue. My church and I are with you 100 per cent. We do not believe in open-membership. I am subscribing for the paper. May God bless you. Yours for a greater Service.—Elder R. C. Maloy, Nashville, Tenn.

Another donation to the paper. May this year, 1946, be one of the best for you and every member of the staff, and may you be able to continue to spread the gospel news to those in darkness.—J. N. Keyes, Greenwood, Miss.

I have been more than please reading The Christian Informer. I haven't been able to do what I would like for that great paper.—Mrs. Sarah Wilson, Covington, Ky.

"I BELONG TO THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH"

By David Cole, a paper written for Acts Class under Prof. Maxey at the College of the Scriptures.

The church I belong to is built upon the confession or truth that Jesus Christ is the Son of God just as the New Testament Church. This confession must be made before ever becoming a member of the Church. Jesus laid the foundation for the church upon this confession: Matthew 16:18. The history of the church shows that it was not organized while Jesus lived on earth. It only "began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by 'hem that heard him," just as the great salvation.

The church which I am a member of is founded on the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and so was the New Testament Church. The early church was not established until all of these facts had transpired. Unlike many of our churches, there is no doubt in the minds of the members as to the three facts mentioned above.

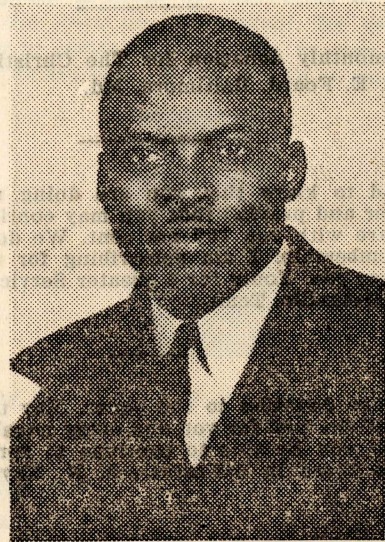
There are no doubts in our congregation as to the diety of Christ, though this mistaken idea has swallowed up many of our so-called New Testament churches. Our congregation has a minister who believes from the heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and who is not afraid to preach it. He is a firm believer in what Paul says in Col. 1:13, that God "hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

The church I am a member of is a free church limited only by the Bible which we believe to be the inspired word of God. II Timothy 3:16-17. We are free to help any mission field; we have no quotas, but make our reports to Christ. We are free and we do not want to "become entangled with the yoke of bondage."

The church of which I am a member uses the same method practiced by the early church to convert sinners

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THE LOST JESUS



By Elder R. L. (Silver Trumpet) Sercy,
Atlanta, Ga.

And when they had fulfilled the day, they returned; but the Child Jesus tarried in Jerusalem and they knew it not; supposing him to be in their company, they went a days journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk.—Luke 2:43-44.

Even though these were the earthly parents of Jesus, they were deprived of his company for a while. They were just supposing him to be with them but neither of them had ever looked to see. Think of the people today who are taking for granted but it takes more than that to have the assurance of his presence. He said, If any man love me, he will keep my word and my Father will love him and we will come and make our abode with him.

Why They Lost Him

Business transactions were resting upon their minds; and what they were talking about, perhaps had nothing to do with reflecting ones mind upon Jesus. When they sought him, he was hard to find because they went to the wrong place. It is impossible to find Christ in all of these existing agencies because He is never found apart from the word. The book says seek and ye shall find; yet it tells us how and where to seek.

Seek ye out of the book of the Lord and read.—Is. 34.

Whosoever two or three assemble in my name, there am I in the midst of them.—Matt. 18:20.

He that transgress and abide not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God.—2 John 9:1.

If Christ is to be found, it will be when the church shall have been restored in word and doctrine. In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God.

When we lose Jesus, every thing is lost. We lose God, we lose the Spirit! we lose love; we lose the word, and we lose life. He is still Bread, Water and Light to those who love him and keep his commandments.

Even though he has been lost, there are those who are finding Him every day.

Go where you remember having seen him last.

In all places where I record my name, there will I meet you and bless you, saith the Lord.—Ex. 20:24.

The women found him by accepting the direction given

by the angel.

If there are those who would still like to find him, the Angels are still on the job.

The condition is grave, not because there is no God, but simply because of our inconsistency toward His plan. Let us as children of God resolve to do His will, his way.

We have dreamed of true ideals,
That will take our love and zeal
To live and teach.

We'll hold our standards high,
To every passer-by,
And labor you and I.

Our goal to reach,
Oh, may we not in haste,
Our strength and talent waste
In idle song.

But may we dare and do,
With strength and courage true,
For still those values true
To us belong.

Our future lies in store,
And there is at our door
A chance to work.

Our glory or our shame,
Will rest in the church's name,
So let us have true aim,
And never shirk.

LONNIE BRANCH SAYS:

"It is better to give than to receive," was said by Our Lord Jesus Christ, master of the art of human living, and today the civilized world acknowledges it to be a truth that can not be denied.

A king once said to a peasant: "Come, I will give you riches." "I have no want that riches can supply," the peasant replied.

"Come," he said, "I will give you honor." "Honor can not be given, it must be earned."

"Come, I will give you freedom." "Freedom is born of liberty and he who follows can not be free."

Down through the ages men have learned that those who gave were the freemen and those who received were the slaves.

One of the greatest and grandest policies of the Government of these United States of America is that it does not believe in territorial possession, but freedom, education and self-government are the weapons used to rebuild civilization.

One of the greatest contributions made since the emancipation of slavery by black men was made here in Baltimore, Md., by the Auxiliary Policemen giving their services without money or price to help tame the madness of the times.

Since the days of the Great Teacher the law of restoration is always the same. To him that uses what he has shall be given. The secret of restored power is to have something to give. The law of giving is absolute. The arm that is not used becomes palsied. The mole that makes no use of his eyes becomes blind. "Lo, thou hast thine own," said the servant who buried his talent in the earth, but when it was dug up it was not as heavy as when he had buried it, and service not given for the best interests of humanity can never merit the "well done" when the Lord comes to make up his jewels.

Give, not sparingly but abundantly. Giving should be the spirit of the age. Give life and receive Eternity.

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and add them to the church. The apostles did not "walk in craftiness," "used no cunning trickery," and did not "handle the word of God deceitfully" to seduce men into their party. Eph. 4:14.

The apostles gave God's Word fair play. By "manifestation of truth they commended themselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." They preached the whole truth and nothing but the truth and so does the minister of my church, or rather the church of which I am a member.

When this is done and the sinner asks what he must do, the minister takes the same course the apostle Peter took on the day of Pentecost: "Repent and be baptized, everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38. We believe that baptism is immersion just as Philip and the eunuch "went down into the water" and as Paul says, in Romans 6:4, "that we are buried with him in baptism."

The church of which I am a member practices communion every Sunday. In accordance with Acts 20:7, "and upon the first day of the week when we were gathered together to break bread," we assemble around the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day to commemorate His death and suffering till He comes again.

Fundamentally we are the same as the early church. Our aim is to build a free church and we are starting from the ground up. The members are striving to be just as the early church in giving, fellowship and in worship. We are a small church but a growing church.

There can be a definite comparison between the early church and our church in the hardships and the difficulties, the hate and prejudice we are going through to establish a true Church of Christ in Little Rock but through it all we look to Christ as the Light of the world.

GONE BUT NOT FOGOTTEN

Mrs. Francis Fannie Cole, born December 6, 1871, at Goldsboro, N. C., departed this life December 28, 1945. In her teens her parents moved to Arkansas. After moving to Arkansas she obeyed the gospel under Elder R. F. Matlock, one of the noted pioneer ministers of Arkansas. She was baptized and united to the Pearridge Christian Church. She was married to W. F. Cole. To this union was born five sons and one daughter. At her passing she was a member of the Second Christian Church, Little Rock, Ark. Elder R. F. Hayes, Pastor. Sister Cole will be sadly missed by the church and her many friends.

COLLEGE NEWS

COLLEGE OF THE SCRIPTURES

Box 1677, Louisville, Ky.

Mid-Winter Short Term—January 29 through February 22
Tuesday, January 29: Dr. Campbell—Sermon—Chapel.
Thursday, January 31: Elder John Dickerson—"Why We Need the College of the Scriptures"—Chapel.

SPECIAL WEEKEND

Friday, February 1: Elder H. C. Poston—"What's Wrong with our Ministry"—2:00; Elder T. R. Everett—"What's Wrong with the Eldership"—7:30; and Elder James Johnson—"What's Right With the Eldership." (FORUM follows this.)

Saturday, February 2: Brother Malburst Prater, Washington, Ind.—"Honesty in the Church"—10:00; Elder Howard Fowler—"What's Wrong With the Church"—2:00; Forum, and Dr. Campbell—"Problems Facing the College of the Scriptures"—8:00.

Sunday, February 3: Brother Olin Hay—"Union vs. Unity"—3:00.

Tuesday, February 5: Brother Henry Webb—"Christian Unity and the Local Church"—Chapel.

Thursday, February 7: Brother Roy Blackmore—"Liberty and License"—Chapel.

Friday, February 8: Brother G. E. Roberts, Frankfort, Ky.—"Qualifications of Elders and Deacons"—7:30; and Brother C. C. Omer, Hodgenville, Ky.—"Duties of Elders and Deacons"—10:00. Forum.

Tuesday, February 12: Elder Isaiah Moore—"Morality in the Ministry"—Chapel.

Thursday, February 14: Elder B. Gentry and students—D. Cole, chairman, J. Dabney, song leader—Chapel.

Tuesday, February 19: Brother A. B. Stockhoff—"The Business Man and Christianity"—Chapel.

Thursday, February 21: Brother L. C. Cardwell, Policeman—"The Holy Life"—Chapel.

(Out of those attending will be chosen those to lead in devotions.)

There will be three lectures on "Church Policy," by Dr. Campbell on January 30, February 7, and February 8. There will be four lectures on "Church Finance," by Brother Maxey on February 13, February 15, February 20, and February 22. Each of these lectures will be followed by an open forum discussion. Note full program for time.

GENERAL NOTES

Cost: No tuition. Anyone may attend any service or class free.

Lodging: Limited number of beds available. Write for reservation. By the night, \$.50 a person, by the week \$1.00.

Food: Mrs. Gentry will furnish meals at \$.50 each. There are restaurants nearby.

Credit: We will issue a certificate of attendance to all attending the full month. No college credit will be granted, except in special cases.

Classes and lectures: Anyone may audit (that is, visit) any class, any time. The regular college program will go ahead as usual in addition to the above. Nine subjects are being taught.

Elders and Deacons: Will find special interest in Friday evening sessions of February 1 and 8th.

Women and Workers: Will find special interest in Thursday evening sessions of February 14 and 21st! Missionary Methods in the church.

Plan now to attend. Write for more complete details.
Brother Maxey



FROM THE OZARK MOUNTAINS

By Elder R. F. (Bob) Hayes, Little Rock, Ark.

Looking across the Brotherhood from the Ozarks, we are able to observe some strange but interesting things. Things which make us realize that many things are done for show. And many times men and women do not care what happens if they are able to put in a show.

What a rustle and jabbering. What enthusiasm we had in Lexington in Forty-four. Some one was so moved to help little children raise their hands to vote. And some sophisticated gentleman from Washington, D. C., challenged the Convention to tell him what open membership was. And there were the "Bosses" from sub-heaven to see that all of these things were carried out. Even the Long Range Program. But as I see it the Long Range Program has become a Short Range Program. And the enthusiasm and cock-sureness which was so apparent in our open membership leaders, that their program would go over in a big way, seems to have cooled off. So much so that they are ready to gerd and bait every honest preacher of the Gospel of Christ into the net of false teaching.

Looking across the Brotherhood from the Ozarks, I observe a Brother in Mt. Sterling, Ky., who would rather be a slave than to be free. Slipped back into bondage by saying he did not want to be in a divided group. He pointed to John 17:1. I have read the chapter but I do not know what he means. He must have had to say something to satisfy his officers of the church, and he said the first thing that came into his mind.

Brethren, there ought to be some conviction to stand fast in the Liberty where with Christ has made us free. Free to preach what the Apostles and Pioneers preached and died for. Free to build and strengthen our local church, and build free churches in every State.

I see that there has been a new Scout born away up in New Jersey. I guess he is in Brooklyn, N. Y., trying to whip in line all the churches there. I wonder how much weight he will have on his Brother concerning the forth coming National Convention which is to meet there? I hardly knew he was in the Convention or a Christian Preacher. But the nerve which he has to write all of those silly things. Who gave him the power or authority to judge? To say who is lost because he does not mark time with a lost cause? "We" dare not try to settle this question. But we will leave it open to the public.

There is a group who wants open membership. And a group who will not tolerate or support it. The former group believes the plea of the church is out of date and the Doctrine is not needed today. The latter group believes that both the plea and the Doctrine is sufficient to carry the church to victory. WHICH? It is yours to

decide. I can not decide for you. But for me I shall always accept the latter group. And I honestly believe that there are thousands who will make the same choice when they are able to see the church instead of the United Missionary Society. And I know that new Scout away up in Jersey would walk hand in hand with us if he only knew the real meaning of the Church of Christ. It's teachings, it's freedom which can not be purchased with pats on the back and promises from headquarters.

Let me say "Free Brethren," Herod is troubled for the safety of his throne. Let us rally and preach and practice the New Testament teaching. The walls will fall. Let our rally cry be on to Kansas with our fellowship meeting. Let nothing keep us away. Let us come preaching the Old Jerusalem Gospel, that the Church of Christ can get a real hearing at the bar of public opinion.

No one will be there who will object to our saying, believe that Jesus is the Christ, or "Upon this rock I will build My church," or that "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. We can affirm in a militant way that our plea means the destruction of all false institutions. And that truth can never be compromised with error. Brethren unless we have a distinctive plea we have no right to exist. The day we become like the denominations around us, that is the day we end our right to exist as a distinctive religious body.

I observe away down here in the South we can hardly tell a Church of Christ from a denomination. Only by it's corner stone. They are going so far as to take into their ranks "Watch care Members," something unheard of in the Church of Christ. It is sad to note that there are honest and good people in these groups who are becoming so spineless that they sit quietly by and refuse to stand up and speak out against such ungodliness, that they might save themselves from eternal destruction and the Church from Apostasy.

I see that the New Year has brought about some resignations. We can expect more.

Our hats are off to the Louisville School of the Scriptures. We know that Brother Maxey and Brother Campbell are doing a great job. We had a sample of it when King David Cole, Jr., spent the Christmas holidays here. He preached at the Second Christian Church of which he is a member. We heard a great sermon from one so young. As we listened we wondered and tried to imagine what he will be after four years under these great Christian Spirits. He has been there only three months.

The School and Informer are in our planning and they will hear from us early in this year. We are planning for Brother Maxey to come to Little Rock some time in March.

The School of the Scriptures is to us what the Cincinnati Bible College is to the Church of Christ. It makes it possible for a higher education and yet remain true to the Bible. Therefore meeting a need which has never been offered to the Negro Church of Christ. It is impossible to train preachers in schools that only go as far as a high school. Institutes will not serve the purpose either. We reverently thank God for these men. There are no oil wells on the Campus at Louisville and it does not take oil wells to make a college as some seem to think. But it does take men and women of faith to throw all they possess behind it that it might turn out free men to preach a pure and unhampered Gospel of Christ.

The Second Church of Christ, of which I am pastor, is doing fine. We have paid for the lot and have money in our building treasury. Plans are in the contractor's hands ready to build. Hoping to start just as soon as conditions permit. We are getting ready to storm a new field. To begin another free church. We are working and praying for great things in the New Year. We are not asleep at the switch.

Brethren, if we will stand and preach the simple Gospel of Christ, men will awaken and throw down the implements of slavery and yolk of bondage and march out and join hands with free men and women and build anew the Church of Christ.

PAUL THE WORLD CITIZEN



Acts 9 and II Corinthian 11

By Elder C. H. Dickerson, N. Tazewell, Va.

No list of really great men of all history is complete without the name of St. Paul. Possibly only one name on the list belongs above Paul's and that is "The name that is above every name," Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

At the feet of Prof. Gamaliel, in Jerusalem, he received the fullest education. Before his conversion, he was the "ring leader of the persecutors of the early christians." But "one day" en route to Damascus he met his Master and it fixed him for all time. Folks who talk of conversion like Paul's seem to know very little of what really happened in the case.

From that time on he was the greatest single factor, easily the leader in spreading Christianity. All over the known world he went, preaching Jesus as the Son of God. He felt that he owed all for the salvation from the wrong road. He wrote books and enlisted others in the service. No other foreign missionary ever had such thrilling experiences, or suffered such privations and dangers. For a record of his endurance before he made the supreme sacrifice on the famous "appian way." He invested his life in giving the news and love of Christ to all people till well past 60 years old.

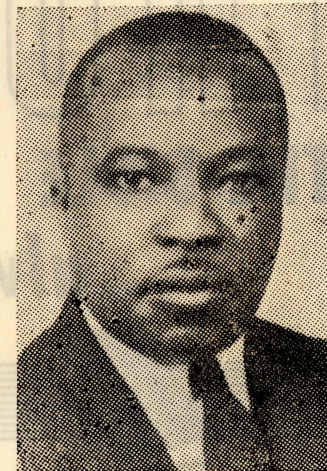
His letters to the churches and to persons rank with the leading literature of the world. He stands, surely in a class of ONE as compared to men. Jesus, the all round man, God's Son, our Saviour and Lord. Luke 2:46-52. Not yet has been seen the equal of Jesus in physical, mental or religious development. Perfect type and yet approachable and approaching us. Coupled with His strong healthy body. He had the strong, healthy mind, trained to grasp a situation at a glance, weigh and decide right, approve or condemn.

Though pictured as "The Man of Sorrow," Jesus really had a radiant personality. See Him supplying at a wedding, or at Mary, Simon's or Zaccheus's house, He is brim full of the occasion. Religiously, He is our Ideal. He's "ne plus ultra," nothing beyond Him. To Him shall endless prayer be made, and endless jewels crown His head, His name like sweet perfume shall rise, with every morning sacrifice.

He, Jesus, holds the gate open and beckons, "Come ye blessed to my Father inherit." "I am the Way, the Truth, the Light. In my Father's house are many mansions."

It was Paul's connection with Jesus, this "Stranger of Galilee," that made Paul the "world citizen."

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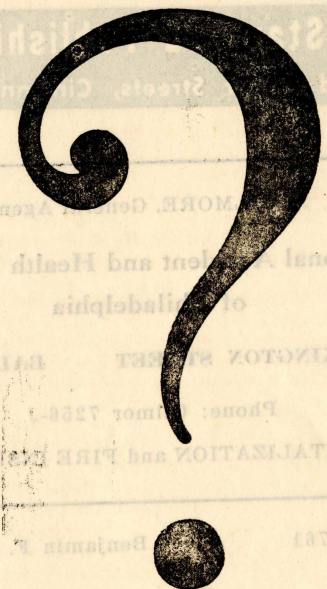


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