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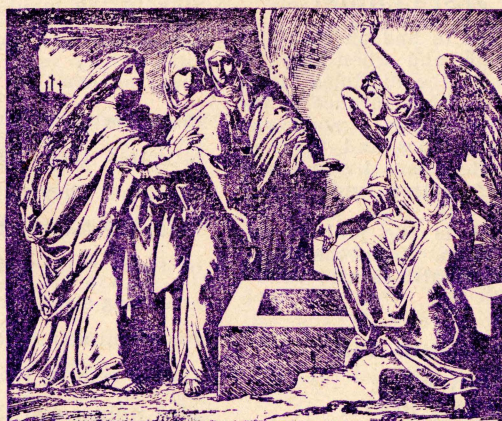
He is not here, for He is risen, as He said.

—Matthew 28:6.

CHRIST IS RISEN. No words ever spoken have so flooded the world with heaven's glory as those words from angel lips. No message ever uttered has so filled the world with power as the message of the first Easter morning.

In the beginning God said, Let there be light: and there was light. The Easter sunrise was a recreation in the power of the Risen Christ. Then the Sun of Righteousness shone in His full glory upon the people who sat in darkness. I never go into the pulpit Easter morning without being thrilled by the thought that the Church of Christ is rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord. The sorrowful and the bereaved are today

turning their faces to heaven and thinking of the loved ones who live because He lives. The aged, whose steps are getting feeble and whose eyes are getting dim, are thinking that for them the great Easter Day will soon dawn, and then they will "dwell in the House of the Lord forever." The burdened and heavy laden, the sick and the crippled are thinking of the land of life where there is "no more pain." Youth and strength and hope are thinking that now since Christ has revealed immortality—now life has taken on new meaning; now one may strive and struggle for great things, for things that are eternal. For man's life has been lengthened, not to a feeble fourscore years, but to an eternity. It was a glorious sunrise to a world of darkness when Christ rose Easter morning.



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## EDITORIAL

### THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

The last thing the women expected to find on that first Easter morning was an empty tomb, and when they reported it and the Easter message to the disciples "their words seemed like idle tales," but as remembrance of the Master's repeated prophecy, "the third day I shall rise again," came to their minds, doubt fades and they exclaim with joy, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." New life thrills their souls. Calvary is forgotten, and courage and hope return.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the seal of our Christian faith. If Christ be not risen, "from the dead," then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

### DO WE ASK MORE THAN GOD ASK

GOD WILL NOT ASK THY RACE  
NOR WILL HE ASK THY BIRTH  
ALONE HE WILL DEMAND OF THEE  
WHAT HAST THOU DONE ON EARTH.

### "I KNOW THAT YE SEEK JESUS"

"I know that ye seek Jesus," said the angel to the women. Let that be our quest on this blessed Easter day and every day.

Let's seek the church that was established in His name.  
Let's seek the church whose foundation He laid.  
Let's seek the church that is His Bride.  
Let's seek the church of which He is the Head.  
Let's seek the church that wears His name, preaches His doctrine, and obeys His ordinances.

He can be found. "Behold I stand at the door and knock."  
"The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is the word of faith, which we preach."

### I LOVE THIS OLD HYMN

In Christ there is no East or West,  
In Him no South or North;  
But one great fellowship of Love  
Throughout the whole wide earth.  
In Him shall true hearts every where  
Their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord  
Close binding all mankind.  
Join hands then, brothers of the faith,  
What e'er your race may be:  
Who serves my Father as a son  
Is surely kin to Me.

### LONNIE BRANCH SAYS:

Age is not a matter of years, it is a matter of care and condition. The great trouble is that men have set 40 as the twelve o'clock of their lives when they ought to set 80 or 90. If we could as a nation get our people to pay more attention to their health, Dr. Osler would have added another 40 years to his original forty.

Don't let your youth go with your hair. Take a look at your stomach and say to yourself, young man, don't wear that sort of thing around nowadays. Chase the whiskers and straighten up. Bring youth back and be a little sporty. The big men of the world never put any age limit on themselves. Stay in the middle class. The middle class is anywhere between 40 and 90. Most men have lived in a rut so long that they can't see that there is an outside world. They are in so deep that they can't see over the sides. They have forgotten that there is a blue sky above and plenty of sunshine. They've got "rutegotism" and that is the worst kind, the father of them all. I am going to jolt them out of these ruts, make them realize that a few gray hairs attending strictly to business do not make a man a candidate for a sanitarium. Realization is the first stone in the foundation of reform. It is the science of making men over again, glad tidings and the new lives not only to live, but to live again. Best wishes, may you never grow old.

### EASTER SERMON



By ELDER R. L. (BACK TO THE BOOK) PETERS  
Winston Salem, N. C.

### Proof of Christ's Resurrection

Text: Rev. 1:18

"I am he that liveth and was dead, and behold, I am alive forever more, amen: and have the keys of Hell, and of Death."

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To the Christian Family everywhere. I am bringing to you an Easter Message.  
Easter this year comes on the 21st of April.  
Did you know that some of the greatest events that ever happened in the world's history, happened in the month of April.

### Facts

Five of America's six great wars commenced in April.  
The Civil War, America's greatest tragedy, began April 12, 1861, with the bombarding of Fort Sumpter, S. C., and ended April 9, 1865, at Appomattox Court House, Va.

The United States declared war on Germany, April 16, 1917.

President Lincoln was assassinated April 14, 1865.  
"Easter" is a day of rejoicing. We come to the Easter season with joy springing within the heart.

Easter Day is an occasion for songs of rejoicing. The Master has gone down into the depths of the grave and He hath come back, come back victorious proclaiming that in Him we find the first fruits of them that slept.

### Proof of Christ's Resurrection

#### Witnesses

First—Angels. Proof: On the morning of the resurrection. The women were first at the Tomb, and they saw the Angel of the Lord who had descended from heaven, rolled away the stone and sat upon it.—Matt. 28:2-6. The Angel said He is not here; He is risen as He said. Come see the place where the Lord lay.

Second witnesses: The women. Mark, 16th chapter, tells us of the women being at the Sepulchre early in the morning and seeing the angel and Mary Magdalene (verse 9) saw Him and started to touch Him.

Third: The two of Christ's disciples. Luke, 24th chapter, read it.

Fourth: The Twelve. Proof: I Cor. 15:5. He was seen of Cephas, then of the Twelve.

Fifth: About five hundred. Read verse 6. After that He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once.

Sixth: He was seen of Paul. Proof: I Cor. 15:8. And last of all He was seen of me also, as of one born out of dire time.

His enemies have never been able to prove that He did not rise from the dead.

Let's put them on the witness stand.

First—Roman Soldier. Get on the stand.

Who are you?

Answer—I am a soldier in the Roman Army.

Where you on duty at the Tomb or grave of the man called Jesus Christ on the night He was lying in the grave?

Answer—Yes.

What became of His body?

Answer—His Disciples stole it.

Where were all of you soldiers when His Disciples stole His body?

We were asleep.

If you were asleep, how do you know his body was stolen?

Can't answer that question.

What is the penalty for a soldier who goes to sleep while on duty in the Roman Government?

Answer—Death.

Have any one every been tried for going to sleep on that night you let some one steal the body of Christ?

Answer—No.

Well, tell me how did you get out of being punished?

Answer—The Elders and Chief Councilors paid us large sums of money to say that His Disciples stole His body while we slept.

Did you accept it?

Answer—We did.

Stand aside. A man, or any group of men, that will accept bribes and will swear to a lie on witness stand, is not fit to be a witness.

### BRETHREN, LET'S PREACH THE GOSPEL

What is the Gospel? I Cor. 15:3-4.

First—His Death.

Did He die? Yes. "Go to Calvary." See Him hanging on the Cross, from the sixth to the ninth hour. Hear Him as He yielded up the ghost, saying, "Father, into Thy hands I commit my spirit. It is finished."

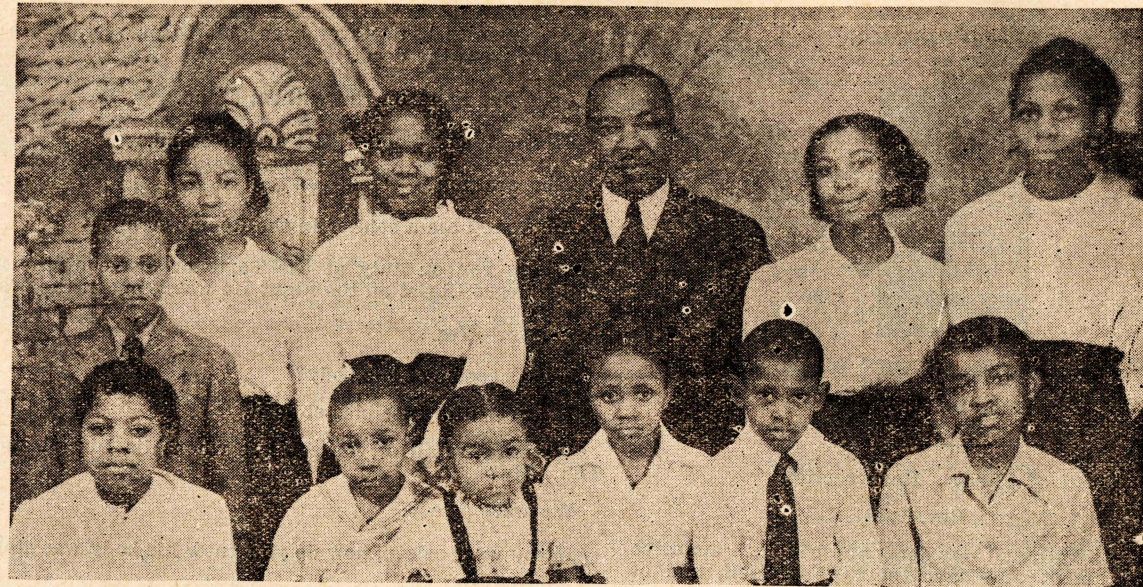
Was He buried? Yes. Joseph, a rich man of Armathaea, who was also one of His Disciples, begged His body and laid it in his own new Tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the Sepulchre and departed.

While Christ was in the grave He preached to the spirits in prison, went down into the unseen world, preached to the spirits in prison. Chained Lucifer, taken captive, those in captivity, arose on the first day of the week, having the powers of Death, and Hell chained to His chariot wheels.

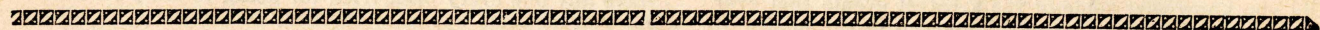
The people of Bozrah. Isa. 63:1. Saw Him coming and asked the question as to whom He was; and He did not deny His name. The Botiness asked Him whom was He? His answer was, "I am the greatest in the Botanical Garden."

"I am the Rose of Sharon and I am the Lilly of the Valley."

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JUNIOR CHOIR OF EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
BALTIMORE, MD.  
W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, Minister



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The Astronomer asked Him, who are you? His answer was, "I am the greatest in the astronomical kingdom. I am the Sun of Righteousness, that bright morning Star."

The Geologist, on meeting Him, asked: who are you? His answer was, "I am the greatest in your Kingdom."

"I am that stone that Isaiah spoke of. Isa. 28:16. Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation, a stone, a stone, a tried stone, a precious stone, a sure foundation. He that believeth shall not make haste."

A Zoologist on meeting Him said: who art thou? His answer was, "I am the greatest in your kingdom."

"I am the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. I am the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

He is the greatest Lawyer. I John 1:1-2.

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous and not for ours only but also for the sins of the world.

He is that fountain opened up in the House of King David for sin and all uncleanness.

Yes, Jesus the Christ rose from the dead. Hear the Apostle John on the Isle of Patmos.  
Rev. 1:17-18:

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead, and He layed His right hand on me saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last: I am He that liveth and was dead and behold I am alive for evermore. Amen. And have the keys of hell and death."

HERE AND THERE

Rally at the Midway Christian Church, North Tazewell, Va., March 24th, raised four hundred dollars. Elder H. G. Flemming, Pastor.

A Re-Building Rally is in progress at the Antioch Christian Church, Winston Salem, N. C. Elder B. A. Douglas, Pastor.

Brother Snively was buried with Christ in baptism, Lord's Day, March 31, at the Second Christian Church, Hagerstown, Md. Elder W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, Pastor.

The third Annual Woman's Day Program under the auspices of Naomi Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star of Maryland, was held at Emmanuel Christian Church, Baltimore, Md., March 31.

On the second Lord's Day in May bus loads of members and friends of the Second Christian Church, Hagerstown, Md., will come to Baltimore to worship with the Emmanuel Christian Church. A big day is being planned.

Letters to the Editor

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
Hagerstown, Maryland

A donation for The Christian Informer. Mrs. Margaret Clark, Baltimore, Md.

Another donation for The Christian Informer. I like your paper. Fred Cureton, Newberry, S. C.

The ten copies of the Christian Informer sold, enclosing money for same. Make it a habit, let's read this clean, up-to-date Christian Paper. The truth will make you free. Will send another donation soon. J. N. Keyes, Greenwood, Miss.

My monthly donation for The Christian Informer. Mrs. Arnita Ford, Baltimore, Md.

Another donation for The Christian Informer. Elder J. S. Johnson, Detroit, Mich.

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

Another donation for The Christian Informer. I want to see it kept going. Mrs. Louise Stewart, Hagerstown, Md.

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

My monthly donation for The Christian Informer. Mrs. Annie L. Taylor, Baltimore, Md.

My old Friend and Brother, Baltimore Taylor, Editor: I am unable to tell you how it thrills me to read The Christian Informer. You are saying things that should have been said twenty-five years ago. You will find enclosed a money order for fifty dollars to help your paper. I want you to come to me some time in the early summer in a revival and preach for us like you did in Lexington, Ky., at the National Convention. I want you to come here and help me save this church or split it.

Yours for the New Testament Church. Don't mention my name. Editor's note: Any church that the New Testament will split, ought to be split.

Dear Editor: Just a note to tell you how much I enjoy reading your Christian Informer. I would not be without it. May God bless my sister for the gift she gave me for the Informer, Mrs. Pearl Wilson. The Christian Informer helps me a lot as I am superintendent of my Sunday School and president of the Circle of my church; and also Noble Grand of Household of Ruth and Eastern Star. I want to put my trust in God and His salvation. We are not called upon to build an ark like Noah, we are called to build a spiritual house upon the sure foundation of Christ, and be a true Christian. You have to be old-fashioned because it seems in these days, every imagination of man is evil, but let us not be discouraged. To you ministers of the gospel I say stand firm as though you were in the middle of the sea, with one hand in God's hand and the other around the church until you have done your best to cement them together, then sleep out of time into eternity; and reap your reward for being a faithful worker. Keep the good work going. May God be between you and your enemies until death. Yours in Christ, Mrs. Matilda Puryear, Skipwith, Va.

The Second Christian Church with their good pastor Elder W. H. Taylor is doing wonderful work here. Mrs. Cleo Overton had singers from Baltimore on the 25th of February and had a full church both afternoon and night. On March 4-5-6, Elder Taylor had Mr. and Mrs. Hill of New York, who showed religious moving pictures: Monday night, "The Colored Soldier"; Tuesday night, "Only Five Minutes To Live," and Wednesday night, "Kindle Flame." The church was crowded every night. The pictures were wonderful. We are hoping to have them again. The picture, "Kindle Flame," showed how the early Christians were treated because they worshiped Christ. We are hoping to have our church remodeled soon. We have the money in the bank and the contractor has the contract. God is pleased with the work our pastor is doing here and I know the members of the church are. When everything is done we want a picture taken of the inside and outside and have it put in the Christian Informer. Elder Taylor has been with us seven years and he is doing great work. He has brought the church collections up from cents to dollars. He had to build up the church in every way when he came to us, because it was in a run-down condition in every way; but he has brought us out of darkness into marvelous light; and we appreciate everything he has done. When he came to us all we had was the church building and a few members. The church was in need of lots of repairs.

His first big job was to teach us love one another; next a new furnace; painting the church inside and outside; a basement dug for dinning room and kitchen, a brick baptistry built and many other things done. We have two choirs. The junior choir sings in the morning and the senior choir at night. Both choirs have robes. The Lord has blessed us with a good pastor. We want the Brotherhood to know that he has done more than the rest of the ministers that we have had here. He is our pastor and big brother, just love him and his wonderful wife. We are always glad to have her come to see us, she is a jewel.

Yours in His work. Please put this letter in The Christian Informer.

Editor's note: The above letter came to my desk unsigned. We would like to know the sender.

# The National Fellowship Meeting



The National Fellowship Meeting, through its host pastor, Elder A. G. Nelson of Kansas City, Missouri, and Vice President of the National Christian Preaching Convention is making plans for the most timely Fellowship Meeting which will have to do with the final plans and arrangements for the National Christian Preaching Convention which will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, in August.

Invitations are being sent out to the ministry. We feel at this time that a number of the leaders who have been misled by false Prophet Master Organizations are beginning to open their eyes and read the requirements of God's word to the leadership of the church. They are crying in a loud voice, "Back to the Book and down with Modernism and false teachings."

Every Church should contribute freely to support the National Christian Preaching Convention Program of Evangelism. Plans should be made to come to this Fellowship Meeting with your mind made up to support the New Testament teachings.

The date: April 24-25-26th. East Side Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo. For information and reservation, write Elder A. G. Nelson, 1921 E. 24th Street, Kansas City, Mo.

## IN MEMORIAM



Dr. Montague Frederick Robinson, born October 12, 1851, departed this life April 4, 1945. He was a pioneer minister in the Christian Church, and also a medical doctor.

## FROM THE MAGNOLIA STATE



By BROTHER J. N. KEYES

Greenwood, Miss.

The water throughout the Yazoo and Mississippi delta have receded and the farmers are busy making ready for their 1946 crop, whilst in some areas cotton is being (pulled) snapped. Here in the city things are quiet, although, the housing question is serious, lots of people want to build but can't get material. The building of the First Christian Church is handicapped for lack of material. Quite a number of friends attended the funeral of the late Mrs. L. E. Jones, of Carrollton, Carroll County, Lord's Day, March 10th. Mrs. L. M. Hill, also Mrs. M. J. Keyes, are improving nicely after several weeks illness; both are members of the Christian Church. Mrs. Lou Alice Hamilton formerly of this city, now in Jackson, Tenn., was called to her sister's bed side who underwent an operation, at the local hospital here. Mrs. Givens has been released and reported doing fine. Mrs. M. F. Langs is in Jackson, Miss., to see her cousin, Mr. M. L. Johnson, who is very sick.

Services at First Christian Church were well attended, Lord's Day, March 10th. The second session of the Mound Bayou District convened with the local church here, February 23-24, meeting extra good spiritual and financial.

Read The Christian Informer. The paper with a thousand friends. The best way to say, I like The Christian Informer is to send a donation to help. Follow the national trend —Read The Christian Informer.

## FROM THE HILLS OF OLE VIRGINIA



By ELDER C. H. DICKERSON

N. Tazewell, Va.

Each morn you rise from slumber  
See hills no man can number  
Some grassy and some of stones  
Look like little ice cream cones.

How roads get through are guesses,  
Branches make double esses;  
Looks like to you and me  
They'd never reach the sea.

So very crooked is their track  
They meet themselves coming back.  
Those good folks whether White or Black,  
Whether they are "toating" bag or sack

They're made of ole Virginia blue,  
They have that Friendly "Howdy do?"

The busses have a gentle gate  
Unless when one is running late;  
Then they may run across each other  
Then better watch yourself, my Brother.

The children go to Sunday School,  
The grown-ups keep the Golden Rule;  
It's funny just to see the manner  
All of them rival for the Banner.

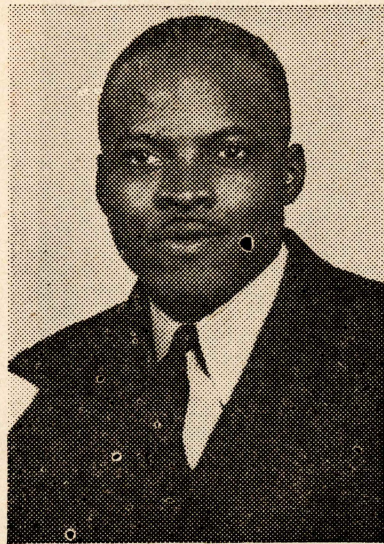
Those ole Virginia hills ain't tall  
But round on top as any ball;  
They're not very hard to climb,  
The valleys join them in their rhyme,

They all join in our friends to tell:  
That my "ole home town fits me well."  
The Lord and these Virginia people  
Have my bell ringing in the steeple.

"If nothing happens" and I'm lucky  
We'll make convention in Kentucky  
I love these sights and sounds and thrills  
I find in ole Virginia hills,

And if by chance I don't pull through  
Up there I'll tell you "Howdy do."

## THE IDENTITY OF THE CHURCH



By R. L. SERCY

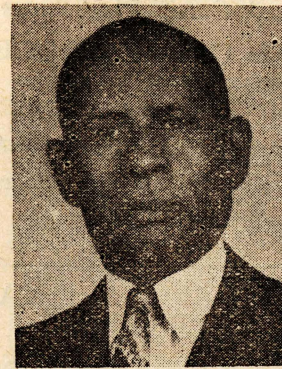
National Evangelist, Atlanta, Ga.

So the church through out all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace, being edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, was multiplied. Acts 9:31.

We note our basic text does not tell of the churches in these sections but the church. When we think of the church of Jesus Christ, it has but one faith, one system of doctrine, by which to be guided into all matters of belief and practice. Since the Apostles were all guided by the same spirit, they all preached the same gospel. Therefor, the churches they established all over the world were alike. They wore the same name, they had the same organization; they required obedience to the same commandments for entrance into their fellowship; they observed the same items of worship and carried on the same work. And as long as they followed the teaching of Christ and the Apostles, they continued to be alike. The same is true today with us. We are alike so long as we continue to practice and teach the things that can be found in the book of inspiration. Only the traditions of men can change a Bible centered church. The early churches were so much alike that it was said that the congregations throughout Judea and Galilee and Samaria were one church; for it is said that the church singular in all that area was multiplied. This was done because they all walked in the fear of the Lord and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. If all preachers and teachers will imitate Paul in the things they teach and preach, denominational differences will vanish. The church today has left the old land mark in its doctrine, fellowship and worship because it has laid down the God given guide which is the Bible, for the worship books written by men who are not even in harmony with the Spirit of Christ. God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in truth; not out of a hand book. You can't get the spirit out of a thing that the spirit is not in. John 6:63b says: The words which I speak unto you they are spirit and they are life. Paul said: The thing which ye both learned and

heard and received and saw in me, these things do: and the God of peace will be with you. Phil. 4:9. Paul expected all of the churches to practice the same thing which he organized, because he taught them the same thing. Why do we have ministers who will teach one thing in one place and another thing in another place? Even the demands for this type of preaching does not reveal an identical church.

There are people today who have never seen the church and I am sure they would like to see it. Well here is a good way to find it: Look for the church just like you would look for a man you had never seen. Get his name, height, age, color and occupation, etc., then you would measure every man you saw until you found the one that filled the description. You might find one with the right name but when you check up on him he does not have the right age. So it is with the church; there are many churches today who have the name but not the age, therefor could not be the church we are talking about in the Bible. If your form started since Pentecost, it started too late; and if it started before Pentecost, it started too soon. Would you conclude that you had found your man just because he had one mark of identity? We find a number of groups with one mark, but that is not enough. In looking for the church of our Lord Jesus today we must find a church wearing the right name; one that began at the right place; one with the right entrance requirements; the right organization, and the right work and worship. Even though the name is not the sole mark of identity, yet if a church does not wear the name today it is not the right one. In order for people to become members of the Lord's church they had to believe the gospel, repent of their sins, confess Jesus Christ and be baptized into the name of Christ Jesus for the remission of their sins. Mark 16:15-16; Romans 10:9-10, and Acts 2:38. Any church requiring more than the Bible requires or less than it requires, can not be the church we read about in the Bible. It might have the right name but if it does not require persons to do as the Bible so commands, they are not Christians, for people must do the things written in order to become a Christian. The worship of the early church was very plain and simple. They sang Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, prayed, took the Lord's supper on the first day of the week, gave of their money for the purpose of the gospel, and taught for mutual edification. They did charity and benevolent work and made gifts for same but they had a thorough knowledge of what they were giving the money for. As few and as simple as these items are, they complete the list of things authorized by the teaching and examples of the Apostles. If a church does less than these, it is not the church we are looking for. The early church had for its work the preaching of the gospel to every creature, a program of teaching within the church, and the relief of the needy, especially those of the household of faith. James 1:27, Gal. 6:10. Elaborate organizations such as we find in our churches today were unknown in the early church, and is not needed now to carry on the work and worship of a true church. The true Christian or church of Christ today will meet these requirements and bear these marks of identity, it cannot be denied. We have some churches with the voice of Jacob but the hands of Esau. But we are looking for the true church in our day. If we have been playing church let us stop today and see if we can't reveal the identity of the church that we read about in the Bible.



ELDER J. SALVADOR JOHNSON, DETROIT, MICH.

(Aunt Susie's Jimmie)

Secretary of The National Christian Preaching Convention

## ONE-MINUTE SERMON

Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. How they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

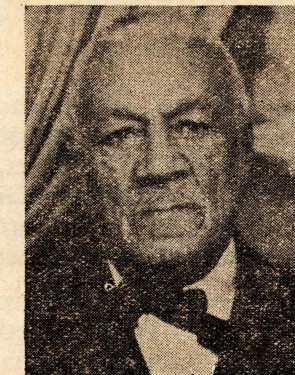
But ye, beloved, build up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost. Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

## IN THE FIELD OF EVANGELISM

R. L. (Silver Trumpet) Sercy, conducted a great Revival meeting in Clarksdale, Miss., beginning March 25, and for two weeks; then he is to go to Mound Bayou, Miss., for two weeks. Will visit the National Fellowship in Kansas City, Mo., April 24, then back to Mississippi for a few days. April 30 he will go to Knoxville, Tenn., for a ten-day meeting with the Vine Street Christian Church. May 11 he will start a new church in Danville, Ill.

## A VETERAN OF MANY WARS



ELDER ANDREW C. CHICHON

Carbondale, Ill.

Received the package of papers. I perused every line of them, and I am delighted to know we have a "Restoration Plea" periodical. I herewith enclose a money order. Believe me, I am one hundred per cent a believer and adherent of the Restoration Plea, without equivocation or compromise.

Perusing the pages of the Informer, I note a write up of the demise of my old friend M. F. Robinson.

In my musing I think of the exodus of so many departed ministers (M. F. Robinson, D. R. Wilkins, Julius Graves, Preston Taylor, A. P. Merchant and others), with whom I had spiritual fellowship. My physical strength tells me that I am born to die too; and bid farewell to this cherished world, to a resting place by the side of those who have gone before me.

Success and best wishes. Yours in Christ, Andrew C. Chichon.

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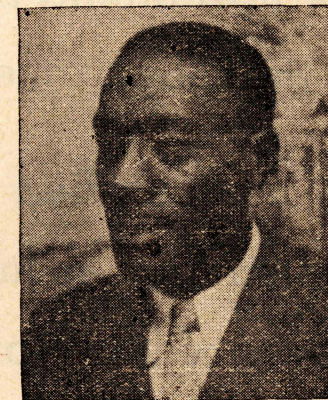
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### FROM THE FOOT OF THE OZARKS



By ELDER R. F. (BOB) HAYES

Little Rock, Ark.

Looking across the brotherhood from the Ozarks, we observe a great opportunity to preach the gospel of Christ in these days of unrest and readjustments. But my hopes wither and fade when I think of the leaders of our brethren who have stumbled upon "Open Membership." And are slaves to the United Missionary Society. I am almost sure that the Gospel of Christ will not be preached under such circumstances. There may be heard some fine essays. And many things said about the gospel. But they dare preach Christ and Him crucified. Nor call men and women, boys and girls to obey as the Apostles and our Pioneers did. Nor proclaim with emphasis, "One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one Church and one name: Christian."

As we look back on the early days of our Ministry, we were taught that we were to preach the gospel of Christ. And emphasize those things which had been so ungodly neglected by the Sectarians. This teaching came from such men as J. R. Lauderback, Prof. J. H. Thomas, M. C. Walker and R. L. (Back to the "Book") Peters. And the old Philosopher, G. M. Dickerson, and others.

How strange today, the four laymen and president and many of his supporters and the U. C. M. S. (Bosses), tell us in the open that the doctrine is not needed. A certain man said, and I quote: "Quibbling over creeds and doctrines seems unworthy of the day in which we live." Unquote. I am sure this great leader may as well be a "Holy Roller" instead of being in the church of Christ. Did Jesus pray in the 17th chapter of John, and say, "Father I pray that we will be a 'Federal Council of Churches' "? No, He prayed for "Unity" not "Union." That we might be one in Him. We observe that this great opportunity will be lost. And such men will lead the church of Christ back into "Paganism."

I hear a voice speaking away up in Kentucky. None other than D. I. Reid. He sounded a tremendous note. Knowing him as I do as a great Christian, true to the teaching, there was more in his saying than an ordinary man might see. He knows just as I know and thousands of others, that the National Convention of the U. C. M. S. do not have a leader nor any one who is able to point the way as it stands today. Who is up there that cares how you fare? And what dangers you may encounter? Just so you send your apportionment. The need today is for sound men and women like the voice from Kentucky. They should come out and become free men and women. That we might keep a remnant of the church of Christ pure. I say, speak again Kentucky!

Received a letter from the National Missionary Convention saying, that six months or more had passed and only six churches had made a report. Which shows that they are six months in the red. Will they reclaim themselves in

the next six months? No, not until they return to the "Beaten" path which has been made traceable by the Apostles and Founders.

The voice from between two hills, we were glad to hear it. Confirming the things we are saying. He was there in the beginning and let us listen as he speaks. He knows that this great National Convention is being led around in circles by the "Big Four" with the president following.

Our hats are still off to R. L. (Silver Trumpet) Searcy. A man among men. Who dare let men boss this "High Calling." Comfortable, yes, good congregation, yes, but choose to be free. And God is blessing his efforts. He has set himself to the task of building free churches. No board behind him, no one to tell him what to preach or what not to preach. No one to say, send your apportionment for we are paying you as much as you are putting in. I say to you. Stand! Having done all. Stand! There are thousands who will stand with you who have not bowed their knees to the U. C. M. S. Nor will ask for a styping to preach the gospel of Christ. For there are more on our side than on the side of open membership.

Our hats are off also to another great leader in the National Preaching Convention. The Editor of "The Christian Informer." W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor. He is in the middle of his second year demonstration to the world, that a Brotherhood paper can be run without four laymen, a staff from sub-heaven and a small stypin. A paper can live if it serves the purpose of the church. The Informer makes the way and purpose of the church of Christ clear. It points the way back to the "Old" way. The way which had its beginning at pentecost. Not only that, he stresses the fact that we are a "Separate People," a "Peculiar People" and that we must remain so. If we ever loose our distinction, we will not be qualified as an instrument of God in bringing salvation to the world. To my mind he feels that this is an "Ideal" time when smaller nations of the world are crying for freedom. India wants Britain to loose the yolk of slavery. Indonesia wants to be free from the Dutch Empire. He calls all free men and churches every where to lay down their impliments of servitude and build anew the church of Christ as our pioneers did. And I say reverently. Mr. Editor, speak the unbridled truth. Keep Christ and His doctrine and the church which He loved and gave His life for it, ever clear before us. That we might see our task and opportunities which lie before us lest we forget.

The tumult and the shouting dies,  
The Captain and the King depart,  
Stand still thine ancient sacrifice  
An humble and contrite heart.

Lord God of host  
Be with us yet,  
Lest we forget,  
Lest we forget.

Looking out there in Kansas City, Mo., to the East Side Church of Christ, pastored by Elder A. G. Nelson. Elder Nelson is a great preacher and a friend to the ministers. It is at this great church our Spring Institute will be held. I know he and his good people are planning for our coming. We hope every free Minister and church will make every effort to attend. There will be preaching four times a day: 9 and 11 A. M., 3 and 8 P. M. Between these services we will discuss our five-year Evangelism program. Taking care of our new work, our schools and The Informer.

The fine, humble and self-sacrificing spirit of Brother Nelson makes me feel he is to the "National Preaching Convention" what Elder Preston Taylor was to the "National Missionary Convention" in its early days before it strayed from the path of "Righteousness."

Brethren, my "Plea" and "Prayer" is, let us be true to the "Book" and in "Life" and "Character." God will give us every bit of the ground whereon the soles of our feet shall tread.

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