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# PENTECOST—THE BIRTH DAY OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST (CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

#### Acts, Second Chapter

- 1. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
- 2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
- 3. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
- 4. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
- 5. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.
- 6. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.
- 7. And they were all amazed and marveled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans?
- 8. And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

#### WHEN WE FOLLOW HIM

#### By JESSIE SMITH BENTLY

Every man will be our brother, whether he be bond or free.

In whatever clime or nature, wheresoever he may be. Every where our love will reach him, and our hate and envy cease,

When we follow in the footsteps of the Matchless Prince of Peace.

We will never live in splendor, while our brother longs for bread,

We will never eat in peace until we know that he is fed. All his sorrows and afflictions will our sympathy increase, When we follow in the footsteps of the Matchless Prince

of Peace.

We will not condemn our brother, when in error's way
he falls.

When he needs a friend to help him, we will hear him when he calls.

From the powers of sin that bind him, we will pray for his release.

When we follow in the footsteps of the Matchless Prince of Peace.

We will never train our children in the craft of war and strife

That amid the pomp of battle, they may take a brother's life;

But the deeds of love bring victory, and that warfare soon will cease,

When we follow in the footsteps of the Matchless Prince of Peace,

Why should we then fear the noise of the loving Boatman's oar

When He comes to steer us over to that blest and untried shore

Face to face to meet our brother, when the trials of earth shall cease,

If we follow in the footsteps of the Matchless Prince of Peace?

Submitted by Mrs. Tura Turner Theobald, Dayton, Ohio.

#### WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH BROOKLYN, N. Y.

MRS. E. STEVENS, Reporter ELDER LEON O'NEILL, Pastor

We are thanking God for the distance he has brought us. Our church is climbing "Jacob's ladder and every rung goes higher and higher." We sincerely thank God for sending a shepherd to watch over his sheep. For three months we were without a leader, now we are extremely happy to have Elder L. O'Neill as our pastor. Ever since he was elected the church is higher in Spirit as well as in finance than it ever was. Today, April 20th, we had seven new members to unite with the church, ready for work. Our Sunday School is 13 years old and gave its first anniversary on April 20th. It was a wonderful one. The annual sermon was preached by Elder J. L. Mayfield of Jersey City, N. J. His subject was: "Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." We also had with us the National Gospel Singers. Williamsburg Church have had some soul-stirring sermons. The spirit rises higher than ever witnessed before. Almost every Lord's Day we have members to connect themselves with us. We have our prayer meeting every Thursday night at 8:00. We have a fine time in the Lord. When ever you are in Brooklyn, N. Y., visit the Williamsburg Christian Church, Lea Avenue and Keap Street, we will make you feel at home.

# TO THE CHURCHES AND BRETHREN EVERYWHERE

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It has been some time since we have asked you or your church for a donation, for the Christian Informer. You and your church have been very liberal to the Christian Informer, you have sent a donation every time we have asked you. Knowing your love for the Christian Informer and the things we are doing, we do not hesitate to ask you and your church for another donation. Lift a penny offering—"give us the crumbs that fall from your table"—or send us a personal donation. Send us the names of some of your friends you would like for us to send the Informer, we will be glad to do that for you.

We are looking for a donation from you. We appreciate any amount. Five cents will mail three Informers. One dollar or two dollars will do big things.

Let me hear from you soon,

Your friend.

W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, Editor.

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#### A NATIONAL JOURNAL

#### **EDITORIAL**

#### WHAT'S GOING ON?

The 1946 minutes of the National Disciples Convention shows that they raised from states, churches, and individuals a total of five thousand, eight hundred and five dollars and forty-five cents (\$5,805.45). They paid out to RAILROAD COMPANIES FOR TRAVELING OF THEIR OFFICERS ALMOST EVERYTHING THEY RAISED.

On pages 13 and 14 are these names and figu	ires:
L. L. Dickerson, Travel	\$ 67.00
J. E. Walker, Travel and Expense	156.50
E. W. Bristow, Travel	6.69
C. H. Webb, Travel	27.01
Raymond Brown, Travel	117.87
T. W. Pratt, Travel and Expense	180.00
R. L. Jordan, Travel	
M. R. Eppse, Travel	51.04
Rosa P. Welch, Travel	9.50
R. H. Davis, Travel	35.00
S. S. Myers, Travel and Office Expenses	313.62
S. S. Myers, Honorarium (1945)	100.00
S. S. Myers, Honorarium (1946)	200.00
Cleo Blackburn, Travel and Expense	109.94
E. J. Dickson, Travel	900.00
C. L. Parks, Travel	895.00
L. Ruth Patterson, Travel	850.00
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Mrs. Daisy Dean. Travel	56 12
Miss Fenton Hamilton, Travel	34.50
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The record will show that we fought the idea of making railroad companies rich with money sent to the convention from poor preachers and struggling churches for evangelistic work. Figure it up for yourself and see how much they had left after they paid to the railroads for travel, OUT OF WHAT THE RAISED.

Page 7 shows that they are out to raise four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) this year for TRAVEL or for RAIL-ROAD COMPANIES.

Instead of the churches of the above convention sending delegates, and money to the convention to be used for railroad fares, as the minutes show, they could save time and trouble by handing their state and church report money to the ticket agent at the railroad station in the town they live. Just tell the ticket agent to give your state and church credit for the money; because they are going to get it anyway, as the minutes show.

Pages 6 and 7 show that their operating budget was \$22,400.00. Their spending budget, \$22,386.00. Their asking budget, \$35,000.00. They only raised \$5,805.45. They almost budgeted out.

#### QUESTION BEFORE THE HOUSE

A friend of mine in his conversation with me, gave me the impression that the Christian Informer is too harsh when it comes to the question of Jim Crowism, discrimination and lynching. My question is this: Can any newspaper or religious magazine, that believes in fair-play, speak other than harsh about Jim Crowism, discrimination and lynching? Can any Christian or American who believes in the teachings of Christ, and the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, speak other than harsh about Jim Crowism, discrimination and lynching? We quote the 14th Amendment: "Protection for Citizens.-All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction there of, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States, nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the law." End quote.

Pilate was afraid of the TRUTH. Paul was smacked in

the mouth for telling the TRUTH. Jesus Christ was crucified for being the TRUTH. I am thinking that there are those, who say that the Christian Informer is harsh because it publishes the TRUTH UNBRIDLED.

#### "GNATS AND CAMELS"

Some preachers and leaders have more to say against pipe smoking, than they have to say against Jim Crowism. discrimination and lynching. When you smoke a pipe, if there is any hurt, it is only you. Jim Crowism, discrimination and lynching hurts millions of people. Jesus called such preachers and leaders, "Blind guides, which strain at a gnat and swallow a camel." Matthew 23:24.

#### WHERE IS YOUR NEW TESTAMENT?

The editor of The Christian Plea seems to be disturbed about their "Crusade For A Christian World." He said in the March issue, quote: "We need material on the Crusade of Christ." End quote. Where is your New Testament? It tells more about the "Crusade of Christ" than anything or person you can get from Indianapolis. Ind. Paul said: "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." II Timothy 3:16-17. "The man of God will want the New Testament. Not something from Indianapolis, Ind. Not some plans of salvation made by the "BIG THREE LAYMEN" and a few "YES SIR, BOSS" preachers.

#### · GET A MATCH

The Christian Plea editor said: Quote, "We need some information on the long-range program." End quote. Wasn't he one of the "BIG THREE LAYMEN" who started the "LONG-RANGE PROGRAM"?

We told him and others that the "LONG-RANGE PROGRAM" would turn out to be a GAS-RANGE PRO-GRAM. The Christian Plea editor does not need information, he needs a MATCH to LIGHT THE GAS-RANGE

#### HALF-DRESSED CHRISTIANS



By Elder H. E. FOWLER

Minister of Maple Street Christian Church, Lockland, and Oxford Christian Church, Oxford, Ohio

Text: Ephesians 6:11. Put on the whole armor of God. These words of the Apostle admonishes "Christians" to be strong and prepared. To be thus we must be fully clothed in the garb of the Master. As David could not battle wearing the armor of the earthly king neither can we. We must take on the whole armor of God.

First Paul says: "Stand-having your loins girt about with truth." The reference here is to a belt. It serves a two-fold purpose: holds pants up and shirt down as well as stomach in. Would be embarrassing to lack this necessity. He calls it Truth. "Ye shall know the truth and it shall make you free." "I am the Truth, Life." Many so-called Christians today are embarrassed because they don't know the truth, nor Christ.

Second. The breast plate of righteousness. This protects the chest and heart. With the heart man believes, etc. As a man thinketh in his heart-your hearts are far from me. This vessel needs protection for though it is nearly all muscle, it is very delicate, and once it stops, seldom starts again.

Third. Many things happen to shake our faith, and since "as your faith so be it unto you," it must be strong at all times. Therefore take the shield of faith, etc. The shield can be manipulated so as to protect the whole body. Our faith in Christ should be thorough. A speck can remove mountains, what can we do when completely saturated.

Fourth. We are told that at the time Paul wrote this. in order to mount the walls around the cities, invading soldiers would lay huge timbers up against the walls and run up the timbers. To keep from slipping back, sharpened spikes were driven down through the sole of their shoes. I saw this demonstrated at Mt. Sinai, Ky., some ten years ago during a siege of sleet. The farmers drove roofing nails through their shoes to hold them that they might walk on the highway. The Christian needs to be prepared lest he slips back in the former ways, because the pathway to hell is oiled with excuses and greased alibis. Paul says, "having your feet shod, etc."

Fifth. Our head must be protected to protect our thinking facilities, the brains and nerve centers, etc. Here in the brain is stored the things we have learned. An injury to the skull might impair our memory. A severe blow can cause unconsciousness, even death. Since Paul is drawing his metaphors from the soldiering of his day he wanted

#### "THE COMMON PEOPLE HEARD HIM GLADLY"



By ELDER S. D. ARMSTRONG

Pastor United Christian Church, Detroit, Mich.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your April issue of the Informer. I read every line of it. Allow me to express my gratitude to you for the time and pains, you taken, to compile such wonderful paper. The readers, and members, and friends of the Christian Church (many members, one body) that read the April Informer, have been well informed, of the current events of the Christian family, I heard a sermon Thursday, April 17th. The minister said in his talk that something was wrong with the CHURCHES. I readily agreed with him. I am glad to know that democracy is at work in California. truly hope that it will continue to work out there, and it will, if we can keep certain elements away from California. Lovers of money, more than the love for God and the Church, and humanity. I am also glad to hear of the warm fellowship among the brethren.

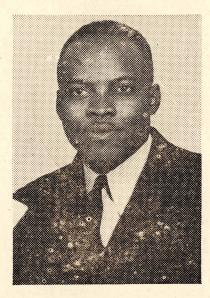
I am asking that the brethren take time off once in a great while and read I Cor. 12:12. For as the body is one, and hath many members and all the members of that one body being many, are one body. So also is Christ. am also asking that they read Acts 10:34:35. Then Peter opened his mouth and said: Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that fearth Him (God) and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him (God). I am also asking that each minister of the church take a little time off and read Acts 20:28. Note: Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers to feed the Church of God.

the head protected as well as the body. Thus, "the helmet of salvation." In such a time as we now live the true child of God knows the advantage of keeping in remembrance the "Word," in and out of season. For we are to be ready at all times to give reasons for the hope we have in and through Christ Jesus. For ever in heaven we are to remember, and in hell, too, for that matter. Abraham spoke: "Remember thou hadst thou good things and Lazarus his, etc.," when he was talking with Dives across the great gulf that was betwix them.

Sixth. Jesus knew the "Word." for He said to Satan: "It is written, etc." If it were necessary for the Son to know the word, how much more should we be required to know. Thus in order to be armed for combat against wickedness and rulers in the darkness of this world the Christian must have "the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God. This word is even sharper for service even to the dividing of soul and spirit, etc." David said: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. When we have the word we have God." In the beginning was the word, the word was with God and the word was God. "We also have Christ, for the word became flesh and we beheld it as the only begotten of the Father, etc."

Twice here Paul admonishes us to "Put on the whole armor." This admonition is to church people. "Finally Brethren." 'Tis sad but true, many of our Brethren still haven't put on the whole armor of God. Now is the accepted time.

#### "THINKING OUT LOUD"



By ELDER R. L. (Silver Trumpet) SERCY Danville, Ill.

For some time I have not written through the Informer because I have been so very busy; yet I realize that there is a deal of power and information that can come through the printed page. I have been reading the articles from A. G. Nelson, C. W. Arnold, J. N. Keys and our general Editor and many others of which I have enjoyed very much.

I admire these men for their courage and zeal as well as their love for the kind of church we can read about in the Bible. There are those who are still singing freedom after while; but thanks be to God for a group of churches and ministers who are practicing freedom now.

There are those who talk about being loyal at the big gate. I wonder if they know what it means to be loyal? No man can be loyal and not be faithful to a given task; trustworthy and willing to keep that which has been committed unto his or her keeping.

I read an article from a minister in Winchester, Ky., who said he is a loyal preacher, yet he gave the what he called brotherhood assurance that he and his church was with the UCMS 100 per cent. Eph. 5:11 says: Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather reprove them. I can't understand. This minister does not believe in the Methodist practice on his street. He says it is wrong, yet he and his church are 100 per cent for Methodist practice within the UCMS. Maybe he does not know about what is practiced. How did he find out about what these other people were practicing? Brethren, they don't like to face it but it is there.

Turning back the pages we find this article in Plea, June issue, 1946, page 5, column 1: The headline is "Good News From Youngstown, Ohio." Quote: "We have tried in vain to get our brotherhood to know some of the things we do aside from giving \$100.00 to the National Convention say nothing about the \$150.00 they have asked for this year. I told my people that part of the money was for the Christian Plea which not represented us, and of all vegetation they gave me tomatoes. (The subscriptions have reduced fifty per cent.) It is heart breaking to me, for if there is any one thing I want to see alive it is our brotherhood." End quote. If our brother from Youngstown would read I Samuel 16:1 He would find these words: "How long mourn for Saul seeing that I have rejected him from reigning over Israel."

Quote: "Our church will be the first church of any kind to receive a grant from the Church Extension. We got a grant of \$1,000 and a loan of \$8.000. It is bad to be deceived but if our young brother will check the record?

he will find that they had another Colored church thinking they were the first church to get a grant in 1936 in Texas. When your work is put under the supervision of the State Secretaries you are put back in slavery again, if you would like to know how, then please confer with R. L. Sercy, 1029 Oak Street, Danville, Illinois.

The North Side Church of Christ is moving along nicely and a good many new members are coming in, expressing their desire for freedom. We have one young man who is getting ready to go and study for the ministry. Our church is 10 months old, our membership is 37 with a Bible school roll of 41. This church is in fellowship with those who are free in Christ and not associated with UCMS.

Brethren, pray for us.

#### COLLEGE NEWS

By M. J. DABNEY, Louisville, Ky.

We have had a great year of studies and fellowship here. Aside from the usual winter sicknesses of colds, there has been no interruption in our classes. Our classes have increased as well as our student body and faculty.

Young Bro. Cole from Arkansas has two charges, one in Germantown, Ky., and the other in Washington, D. C. He is doing a fine work at both places. He had two converts in Germantown.

Bro. Johnson is carrying on in Georgetown, Ky. He also is doing a fine work there. His wife is a great companion and faithful.

Bro. Sasser is growing more like his Uncle Searcy every day, improving in every respect.

Bro. Daniels, our G. I., is a promising young man and full of faith.

Bro. Blacklocke, our G. I., is a promising young man and full of faith.

Our youngest is Bro. Scrues from Detroit. Already he is a book worm.

Bro. Petrie is pastoring here and attends night classes as well as Bro. J. H. Thomas who pastored four churches in rural districts.

Mrs. Holland has just returned from Indianapolis and resumed her studies.

Bro. Campbell, our Dean, has recovered of the operation he underwent some weeks ago and has resumed his classes

Bro. Maxey has really carried our burdens since he opened this work here. So many improvements and additions have been added. Sometimes I wender how his shoulders can carry so much, I shall be glad when God fully opens the eyes of our folk and let them see, and with the heart feel, the need of Gospel preachers, see the falling away of our present congregations and the rotting down of our church buildings all over the country, come down here and witness for themselves the work that is going on here. Then no longer will there be doubts in their minds as for the need of the Collage of the Scriptures to train men and fit them with the gospel truths that will aid or set men free.

We have training for women, too, for one of our mistakes has been in ministers being unequally yoked so those who wish to become wives of ministers should equip themselves to be a help and fill their position.

We have athletics instructed by a young G. I, John Anglin, the husband of our secretary, Mrs. Costella Anglin, who has been a mother and counsellor to the young folks here. She is an able secretary and fully capable of leading and guiding young folks as well as the older. She teaches typing to many of the students.

Bro. Canary from Indiana has completed a week's lecture on church building and program.

We ask your pravers in our work here.

P. S.: Brother Blacklocke, our G. I., is a promising young man and full of faith.

#### WALLS OF PARTITIONS

Read Ephesians 2:14. For He (Christ) is our peace, Who hath made both one, and broken down the middle walls of partition between us. In the time of Christ and the apostles, the mote hunters, and gnat gagers did the same things that they are doing today: setting up walls and partitions between the members of the Church and the ministers. A partition always served to divide space, in a house or any other place (to separate). Of whatever nature, the wall or partition, it will serve that same purpose. A wall can be wood, iron, stone, clay or any other material.

Christ broke the walls down, but the mote hunters and hirelings have built them back in our day. The only hope for us now is to unite our forces and set up a united front (United Church in Christ), preach one Lord, one faith, one baptism. Some of the ministers claim that there are more than one. I hold with the Bible. Ephesians 4:5. What is a partition in the Church? Anything that will divide the body (the Church) of Christ. Or separate them in spirit. Note: II Cor. 11:13, 14, 15. False apostles, deceitful workers transformed themselves into the apostles of Christ.

For satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Its no wonder if his ministers be transformed into ministers of righteousness. False prophets (the devil's ministers) can use anything they want to use for a wall or partition. To separate God's people. Money, education, whiskey, beer, wine, women, cults, sects, creeds, titles, names of churches, words and the such, like the devil, know that his mote hunters and gnat gagers can find plenty to divide the Church. They always could. The only trouble Christ had was with the D.D.'s, LL.D.'s, etc. Note: St. John 3:7, The common people heard Him gladly.

The common people didn't give Christ any trouble in his times. And the common people are not giving any trouble today. Note I Cor. 1:26, For ye see your calling brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh (after the perishable things). Not many mighty, not many noble, are called.

The devil's ministers are trying to leave out these two words spoken by Christ. He said you must do. He also said you must not do. Every time Christ said you must or you must not, it must be, or it must not be.

There is no alternative, no way around it. St. John 3:7, Christ said to Nicodemus ye must be born again. Note Heb. 13:8 said: Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever. Christ doesn't change. Neither do His words change. The qualification for his ministers don't change.

St. Paul told and Timothy and Titus that a minister must measure up to certain qualifications to be a minister, and it hasn't changed. He also said they must do something, and he also said that there are things that the minister must not do. He also said in II Cor. 3:6, For the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. I know some so-called churches that are spiritually dead, the letters killed them. There are some so-called churches that were still born. They have never breathed the spiritual breath of life. They are just here on top of the earth, and they stink in God's nostrils.

Note: I Peter 5:2, A charge to the ministers of Christ. It reads: Feed the fock of God, which is among you taking the oversight thereof; not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre (not to preach for money) as hirelings are doing now, but of a ready mind.

Hirelings have crept into the churches and substituted education for regeneration,

Note Acts 20:28. Take heed therefore to yourselves and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers to feed the Church of God. Not as a hireling, not for money, but of a ready mind, willingly. The only hope for the Church, the way it looks from here is to accept the Holy Ghost back into the Church. And accept regeneration back into the Churches. And take the word of God off the market. I am in harmony with the idea. Give the minister money, he must live, but let it be as God intended for it to be. A free will offering. But as long as deacons, pastors and hirelings are allowed to peddle the Gospel, just that long the Church will be at low ebb.

#### KEEP MARCHING

By MRS. MARTHA A. BARR Los Angeles, California

Christian Pioneers keep on marching We're on our way to the promised land And we know Jesus is watching Over His true and faithful band.

Christian Pioneers keep on singing
As you journey on your way,
In your heart there will be ringing
Joy and praise and love each day.

Christian Pioneers be not weary For the journey is not long; Although some days are dreary Soon we'll sing the victor's song.

#### READ THIS AND PRAY

The Department of Commerce reported:

"Americans spent the unprecedented sum of \$8,700,000,000 on whiskey, beer and wine in 1946. This was an average of \$89 per person over 18 years old.

"The total was \$920,000,000 more than the previous record set in 1945. Federal, State and local governments got 40 per cent of 1946 total, or about \$3,500,000,000 in taxes.

"The Federal Government alone received \$2,700,000,-000."

#### Letters To The Editor.

Brother Taylor:

Find report of distribution of papers sent me. Hope to place the Christian Informer in every home of members in Lockland and Oxford, Ohio. I have been wondering "what of the night?" But feel assured that our fight is directed toward a victorious end, since becoming better acquainted with "The Christian Sickle," "The Kentucky Evangel," and "The Christian Informer." Like the young man with Elijah, my eyes have been opened. With such men as editors of Church papers like the above mentioned, "the gates of hell shall not prevail." No "Christian Only," need be misinformed, if he read with open mind and receptive heart. I'm only too glad to cooperate in any way I can. Feel free to call upon me for any thing I can do.

Yours for continued service for Christ, Elder H. E. Fowler, Ohio.

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#### SAY SOMETHING



By ELDER W. H. (Baltimore) TAYLOR

For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. Isaiah 62:1. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. Isaiah 2:3.

The United Christian Missionary Society and the National Disciples Convention, have launched a so-called "Crusade for a Christian World." They are more than nineteen hundred years too late. God planned THE CRUSADE FOR A CHRISTIAN WORLD, and no society nor convention can improve on God's plan and method for a Christian world.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world might be saved." John 3:16-17. The Son of God said, "Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me) to do thy will, O God." Hebrews 10:7.

Christ Jesus spoke of The Crusade For A Christian World before He was crucified. "To this end was I born and for this cause came I into the world." John 18:37. Christ Jesus announced The Crusade For A Christian World after His resurrection "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:18-19-20.

"And he said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:15-16.

On the day of His ascension He spoke of The Crusade For A Christian World and where it would start." 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. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Chost is come upon you: and ye shall be witness unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And a cloud received Him out of their sight." Acts 1:4-8-9.

Paul had something to say. He said: Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name (crusade) which is above every name: (crusade). That at the name (crusade) of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the

Father." Phil. 2:9-10-11. Paul speaks again: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel (crusade) of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Romans 1:16. My brethren, I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, but I am ashamed of some of things that the christian world; United Christian Missionary Society, National Disciples Convention are doing in the name of the Lord. They preach one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all and they have two headquarters in the same city. One for "Whites" and one for "Negroes." They preach one baptism and at the same time some of them practice open membership. How can they launch a (crusade) for a christian world? To me they have become as "sounding brass, or tinkling symbol." I Cor. 13:1. They ought to say like the Publican: "God be merciful to me, a sinner." Luke 18:13. They ought to say like David: "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; (crusade) and sinners shall be converted unto thee." Psalms 51:2-3-10-13. A crusade for a Christian world that started in Indianapolis, Indiana, started at the wrong place. Because the prophet said: "And he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." Isaiah 2:3.

Indianapolis is the wrong place, because Christ said: "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 24: 25-26-47.

A Cruzade For A Christian World that started in 1946, started more than nineteen hundred years too late. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come. There were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men out of every nation under heaven. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayer. Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:1-5-41-42-47.

Cur open-membership Brethren started their "Crusade For A Christian World" at the wrong place. At the wrong time. And under wrong conditions. It would be the right place. The right time, and under right conditions for them to launch A CRUSADE TO MAKE THEMSELVE? NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANS.

#### Letters To The Editor.

TO OUR CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD:

We were delighted to have Elder W. H. Taylor, of Baltimore, grace our Southern California Brotherhood. I had the pleasure of leaving my busy post and joining the 92nd Street Christian Church where the son of Thunder was conducting a revival for Elder C. W. Arnold. His sermons were of high caliber, but the one he delivered at the monthly meeting of the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance, was a masterpiece. The subject: "The Faultless Christ," was greatly enjoyed by the ministers present. We are happy to have ministers of Bro. Taylor's type, who rang true to the New Testament Christianity, to come to this virgin field with such fervor of Evangelism

Yours in His name,

Elder M. Frederick Mitchell, Minister, Cosmopolitan Christian Church, and President of Interdenominational Alliance of Los Angeles, California.

#### OUR PROGRAM AND PLATFORM

- We train ministers to *Preach* the Faith, *Live* the Faith, and *Defend* "The Faith once for all delivered unto the Saints."
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- We seek to win people to Christ and form them into simple churches after the New Testament order.
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- We stand for *Free* members of *Free* churches, having a *Free* ministry working in a *Free* field, having a *Free* fellowship.
  - "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Freedom."
- "For freedom did Christ set us free. Stand Fast therefore and be not entangled again in a yoke of bondage."
  - We live by faith, not by power, from free will gifts coming from informed Christians.
  - "My people perish for lack of knowledge."

We regret to announce we will not hold Youths Summer Bible Camps scheduled first week in June.

Closing exercises Sunday night, May 25th, at Hill Street Christian Church with R. L. Sercy speaking. Tuesday night with Franklin H. Bennett speaking. Pastor of Host Church is C. M. Roach.

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#### "THEY SAID IT"

A native son of Kentucky said: "Kentucky Churches need to be born again."

A native son of Kentucky said: "Our cause is suffering, and in many instances the cause is lost."

A native son of Kentucky said: "If Barton W. Stone, Alexander Campbell and others could know of the happenings going on in Louisville now, they would turn over in their graves if possible. They would desire to question our would-be leaders in at least two of our Christian Churches For men who have preached the gospel for forty or fifty years are waiting late in life to sell the church for a mess of pottage. Including two Christian Churches, perhaps they have gone denominational and no longer need the divine guidance of Christ."

Kentucky's 1946 minutes of the Christian Church said: "A. D. Gault made motion that Dr. G. C. Campbell address the convention Saturday. Motion lost. Secretary was instructed to notify Brother Campbell since his name was already printed on program." Editors note: In plain words, the Kentucky Christian Church Convention would not let Dr. Campbell speak. It is our understanding that Dr. Campbell was asked to speak and his name was printed on the program and he made a trip from North Carolina for that purpose. Dr. Campbell is one of America's out-standing preachers and educators. His life is a shining light to the world, for years he pastored in Kentucky and now he is Dean of the College of the Scriptures. A preacher training college located in Kentucky.

Kentucky's 1946 minutes of the Christian Church Convention said: "Brother Owens' substitute carried not to endorse the School of the Scriptures by a vote of 37 to 4." Editor's note: The School of the Scriptures is a college located in Kentucky to supply Kentucky churches and churches of other states with preachers, loyal to the

New Testament.

Paul said in Romans 10:1-2-3, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved. For I hear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God."

Peter said in Acts 9:20-21-22-23, "Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity."

Christ said in Matthew 23:37-38-39, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathered her chickens under her wings, and ye would not. Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." Weep some more, my lady, O weep some more today, for your "Old Kentucky Home."

Editor's note: When I think of the historical background of the Restoration Movement in Kentucky. "The Old Can Ridge Meeting House." The meeting of Campbell and Stone in Kentucky, I say that Kentucky should be a shining light for all states and conventions in contending for "The Faith." Judging from what her sons have said, she should "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." Rev. 2:5.

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#### Letters To The Editor.

Dear Brother Taylor:

Enclosed find another donation for the Christian Informer. Always enjoy your paper. So wishing one and all the best of luck in every way, for the good work you are doing.

Sincerely yours, Mrs. Tura Turner Theobald, Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Editor:

No doubt you will be surprised to get this letter from a stranger. I just know you through your friend who passed years ago in '36. I want to know what is the matter with the work now? Elder Calvert always told me before he died that you were alright. Now please tell me what's wrong, lead me out the right way. Elder Calvert so often spoke of Baltimore Taylor of Maryland. He said he was going to have you come down to Shaw, but he passed away before it happened. He brought Elder L. H. Crawford, now both have passed away. I hope you will come some day.

E. M. Tounsel, Shaw, Miss.

Dear Brother in Christ,

I am writing you for my brother who has been confined in the hospital for two months, but his condition is better. He told me some time ago to renew his paper. You will find enclosed subscription and donation.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. F. A. Hawkins, Yakima, Washington.
Editor's note: We pray that Brother Robert L. Wilson,
the brother of Sister Hawkins will recover. Brother Wilson is a staunch supporter of the Christian Informer.

Prof. Merl R. Eppse, Editor The Christian Plea Box 455, Nashville, Tennessee Dear Brother Eppse:

Do I understand the report of the Christian Plea Committee in the March issue of your paper, and your comments?

It seems to me from what I read, that you will be asked to resign, or you will resign. Knowing what it is to be left standing out in the cold, by an organization; that some one else is responsible for what it does; I hasten to your rescue.

Knowing as I do your ability and knowledge of journalism, the Christian Informer is ready to offer you a position on its editorial staff. If you are interested in the position we offer, please state salary desired.

Your friend, W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, Editor.