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## PENTECOST

### THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

The second chapter of Acts gives us a picture of the kind of a church we need today. It is a picture of the first Christian church as the body of believers in Christ as the risen Son of God and Savior—and Redeemer of the world. That early church was the product of a special need and a special power. It was grounded and born in the Pentecostal spirit of the outpouring of the Holy Ghost in spiritual power. Therefore, the church we need today is a Pentecostal church, not the kind of organization that bears that name with its attendant "speaking in tongues" and holy rolling," but a church baptized and saturated with the divine spirit manifested in the outpouring of the Holy Ghost.

That church of the early day was a broad church, broad in the sense that it came to meet the needs of all men. It took in all humanity. It reached out to the uttermost ends of the earth. "None need perish; all might live, for Christ had died." It was broad in its mission, working for the salvation of the whole man.

That early church was a narrow church; it had only one Master, Jesus Christ. It was narrow in its membership its membership was made up of men and women who believed in Jesus Christ as Lord and Master, Saviour and Redeemer. It specialized on "saving souls." It taught men that they were "citizens of two worlds," this and another.

That early church was a generous church, not stingy, close-fisted; but open handed, open hearted, recognizing the meaning of "stewardship."

That early church was a sympathetic church. There was a "fellow-feeling, wonderous kind," existing among its members. They remembered the "two bears," "bear and forbear," and they lived in sympathetic relationship with each other.

It was a constant church; "they continued steadfast." They were constant and consistent. They not only made a beginning but they "held out"; they were true to the vows they had taken and the obligations they had assumed.

The early church was progressive, wide awake, aggressive, missionary. The live church is a missionary church. The selfish church, the self-centered church dies, The old philosophy was: "You keep only what you give." This is the teaching of Jesus concerning losing one's life and finding it. It is true of the church.

The early church was an evangelistic church. It was insistent on a change in the lives of its membership. The church is more than a club or forum, it is a group of believers who have been "born again," and this spirit sent them out as evangelists seeking the winning of souls. The early church was a place where a needy sinner could meet a waiting Saviour and find peace and rest.

The early church was a Christian church; Christ was the vital center of its being. The apostles were the preachers, and they preached "Christ and Him crucified."

It was an orthodox church the believers held to the great verities of the Christian faith. They could declare: "I believe in God the Father, in His Son Jesus Christ, was crucified, dead and buried, rose again," and all the affirmations of the brave apostles.

It was a praying church; "they continued steadfastly in prayer."

"Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,  
The Christian's native air;  
His watchword at the gates of death;  
He enters heaven with prayer."

The early church was a practicing church; they lived up to their profession and practiced what they preached.

It was a church with an open door. Its message was: "Who-soever will may take of the water of life freely." They "added daily" to its membership. All were welcome.

It was a church of "signs and wonders," Pentecostal blessings miracles of healing, conversion of sinners, Holy Ghost power.

Our great need is for the manifestation of the characteristics of the twentieth century of the first century church of Jesus Christ. Such a church will meet the needs of the changing order in "This Believing World." What kind of a church would your church be if every member were just like you?

"If you want to live in the kind of a church  
Like the kind of a church you like,  
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip  
And start on a long, long hike;  
For you'll only find what you left behind,  
For there's nothing that's really new.  
It's a knock at yourself when you knock the church.  
It isn't the church—it's you."

The church we need today is a church of the spirit of the church of the first century, functioning in our complex age in the name of Christ.

The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the word;  
From Heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.

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Ye should earnestly contend for the faith Jude, verse 3.

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BACK TO PENTECOST

The Third Lord's Day in May was the "Day of Pentecost."

Read the second chapter of Acts. Pentecost was the day of beginnings. Beginning of the preaching of the gospel. Peter preached the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

Beginning of the Christian Church. Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. Acts 2:47.

Beginning of Christian baptism. Then Peter said unto them, repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38.

Open membership was not heard nor practiced then in the church, because Acts 2:41 tells us, then they that gladly received his word were baptized, and the

same day there were added unto them (church) about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

The doctrine sown during the ministry of the apostles has never been uprooted. It was sown for time and eternity. It will overcome liberalism and modernism of today, as it has triumphed over all false systems in the past. And we are told by the Apostle Paul that, in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is the Christ.

EDITORIAL

STOP THE THIEVES

"And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jerico, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. "Luke 10:30.

The church of Christ, (Christian Church) fell among men of modern views. They are trying to take from the church her authority and doctrine.

They are trying to take the church of Christ, away from Christ and turn it over lock, stock and barrel to an open-membership organization.

DO YOU READ THE BIBLE?

A good Sister informed the Editor, that she does not read the Christian Informer, because "it points out the faults of some organizations and leaders." Some folks do not read the Bible, because "it points out" their faults. The Prophet Nathan, pointed out the faults of King David. "Thou are the man." The Prophet Samuel, pointed out the faults of King Saul. "God has rejected you." The Prophet Daniel, pointed out the faults of King Belshazzar. "Thou are weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." Peter pointed out the faults of the Jerusalem mob. "Ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain."

Paul pointed out the faults of Elymas. "O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?"

Revelation points out the faults of the seven churches of Asia Minor. Peter points out the faults of Ananias and Sapphira. "Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God."

Why can't the Christian Informer point out the faults of those who are bringing "idols into the Temple." (church)?

HONOR THY MOTHER

Honor thy mother, says the Bible; and blessed are those who remember to obey this commandment. Much has been written, said and sung about mothers. Painters have portrayed them, and great men have eulogized them. Baby's first word is usually "Mama" and in the final parting hour the last person called for is mother.

Why do mothers occupy this enviable position in the hearts of men? Is it because they are mothers; because they know how to love. If you want to love someone sincerely, start doing things for him. That is why mother loves so much, because she is always doing so much. First, she gladly goes down into the dark valley to give life, and then any time along the way she willingly gives her all to sustain that life. She loves her little one before he is born. See the patience and care with which she makes tiny garments for him; later hear the love in her voice as she sings a lullaby.

There is love in every act as she keeps him from harm and watches him become a man. Great honor may lift him high, or disgrace may strike him low, yet she reaches out her loving arms, and says "my boy."

Jesus set an example of respect and honor to one's parents throughout His entire life. Luke 2:31 says He was "subject" or obedient to His parents and He showed this when He was past thirty years old, by yielding to His mother's request at Cana.

The sorrow and grief of being rejected and the pain of being crucified did not cause Him to forget His mother. As He hung on the cross His last thoughts were of her and His last act was to provide for her care. John 19:25-27. God says to us: "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you." Isaiah 66:13. He offers love comparable to that of a mother. He says: "No matter what the trouble, I will comfort you. If you stumble over the roughness in the pathway of life, I will help you up. If you are lost in the darkness of the world, I will lead and guide you. If you are heart broken because you have lost a loved one, or because someone has been unkind to you, I will apply the balm of Gilead to your aching heart. If you are tired, come unto Me and I will give you rest. If you are worried about the future, remember I have gone to "prepare a place for you and I will come again and receive you unto Myself."

THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE

Open-membership is to the church of Christ (Christian Church) what Russian Communism is to American.

Open-membership under-mines the teachings of Christ and the New Testament. Russian Communism under-mines our American form of Government.

BE HONEST

We were told by a member of the National Disciples Convention, that "Open-membership in the Christian Church; is un-Scriptural." We would like to know, Why did that Brother and others of the National Disciple's Convention. Defeat a resolution condemning the practice of open-membership? Was it because they were afraid, that they would offend the United Christian Missionary Society; and their financial support be discontinued.

STRENGTHEN YOUR DEFENSE

A Trustee of the National Disciple's Convention said, "Open-membership is only practiced in some of the white churches; and that does not interfere with the colored churches."

It is well known, that some "Colored" churches will do everything they see some "White" churches doing, even if it is contrary to the teachings of Christ. If the small-pox breaks out in a "White" neighborhood, the people of the "Colored" neighborhood, should have sense enough to be vaccinated against small-pox. If the house next to your home is on fire, you should be interested enough in your family and neighbors to sound the fire alarm.

War in Palestine, China and in India interferes with America.

If Communism is sweeping Europe, America should strengthen her defense. If open-membership is in some of the "White" churches, the "Colored" churches should strengthen their defense.

MUD-SLINGING

Some body referred to the Christian Informer as a, "mud-slinging paper." To see children playing in mud, making mud pies, mud cakes and slinging mud; is a sign of health and happiness. Weak and sickly children do not play in mud, they do not have the energy nor the will-power to sling it.

Some race horses are at their best on a muddy track. Jesus made mud and put it on a blind man's eyes, and told him to "go wash". He came back seeing. Our only hope is that this "mud-slinging" paper will cause somebody who is blind to see.



Prof. T. W. Pratt, of Dallas, Texas. International Grand Patron, Order of Eastern Star of U.S.A., visited the Christian Informer office recently. Prof. Pratt is past President of the Dallas Negro Chamber of Commerce and a trustee of the National Disciple's Convention. He held an Executive Board meeting of the officers of the International Conference of the Order of Eastern Chapters of the U.S.A., in Washington, D. C. preparing the general program for the August Meeting in St. Louis, Mo.

LET'S LOOK AT THE OTHER SIDE

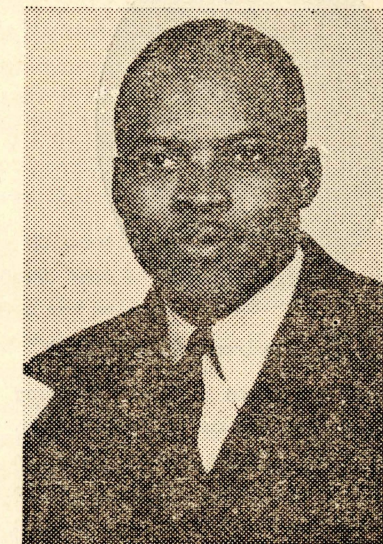
It has been said that the Christian Informer is a "one man paper". Lets look at the other side. If one man on faith, in less than four years can publish a paper; with eight to sixteen pages. How much larger and far-reaching should a 54 year old paper be; with seventy five thousand members, four hundred churches, and two rich missionary organizations giving it financial aid? In some things one man can do more than a group of men. One man, Paul wrote almost all of the New Testament. One man, John L. Lewis stopped 350,000 from digging coal. "One on God's side is a majority". One chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight." Deuteronomy 32:30.

LET THEM DANCE

The Christian Informer does not approve of dancing. But if dancing will bring about better relationship between the races, we say let them dance like the "White" and "Colored" students danced together at Lynchburg Christian College, in "Ole Virginia."

It sounds good to those who know what it is to be Jim-Crowed; Former Vice President of the United States, Henry Wallace said, "No party can claim to be liberal and still stand for Jim Crow."

AUTHORITY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH



The church was given to us by Jesus. It is His church. It is composed of blood-bought people.

(1 Peter 1:18; 1 Cor. 6:20; 7:23).

Jesus is the authority; God hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church.

Eph. 1:22

All things in the church centers in him--faith is in him, repentance is toward Him confession is made of the fact that Jesus is the Son of the living God; baptism is in His name and by His authority; the Lord's Supper memorializes His broken body and shed blood; those baptized are planted in the likeness of his death, and raised in the likeness of his resurrection.

If there is a law--then Jesus is the law-giver Acts 3:22

If there is a doctrine--Jesus is the author. 2 Peter 1:21

If there is a way--Jesus is the guide. Jno. 14:6

If there is a life--Jesus if the life giver. Jno. 4:10

If the church is a body--Jesus is the head. Col. 1:18

If the church is a bride--Jesus is the bridegroom. Eph. 5:22-27

If the church is a building--Jesus is the foundation. 1 Cor. 3:11

If the church is a school--He is the teacher. Gal 3:24. While on earth, Christ trained a group of men to take over; they were governed by the authority of Christ. The same holds good today. Matt. 28:18-20

Elder R. L. Sercy, Warren, Ohio

## THE DOCTRINE



Elder S. D. Armstrong, Detroit, Mich.

Ministers overtaken in faults, teaching contrary to the doctrine of Jesus Christ. Matthew 15:8-9. Christ quoting from the the prophesy of Esaias. "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth; and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men."

False doctrine and false preachers are causing the Church of Christ to be evil spoken of. Christ said, "Who-so-ever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, (stay in the teaching of Christ) hath both the Father and the Son."

Second Epistle of John verses 9:10, Christ warns us not to bid them God speed, that teach contrary to the doctrine of Christ. Christ said in John 12:32. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Christ did not say he might draw men unto Him, but He said, "I will draw all men unto me." Whenever Christ say that He will do anything you may rest assure that it will be done. I am a living witness to the sayings of Christ.

Jesus said, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up." If Christ says a thing must be done, there is no alternative, it must be done. Christ gave His word, if we will lift Him up He will do the drawing. For as by one man's disobediences, many were made sinners, so by obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Romans 5:19. By the disobedience of Adams, the world grouped in darkness and sin. But Jesus Christ being obedient to the Divine Command, thousand multiplied by thousands are still being saved.

The doctrine and teaching of Jesus Christ is our only hope. One of the greatest mistakes the preachers are making is that they are teaching for doctrine the

commandments of men. They are failing to lift up Christ. They are lifting up everything except Christ. The only hope for us in this life is Christ, at home and abroad. We have lifted up our wealth, our education, our schools, our diplomas, our fine church buildings, we are lifting up our dignitaries, our theological institutions, our Deans, our D's. Ph. D's. L. L. D's and all of the other letters to add zest to the "alphabetical soup."

We have spared no pain in lifting up all our great men and women. But none of these characters we lift up have drawing power. Christ declared when he rose, that all power in Heaven and in earth was given to Him. Drawing power was included, and He exclaimed, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

I admit that there are a good many Bible characters, that the preachers are lifting up along with Christ, but Christ is the only one that have the drawing power. Gal. 6:1, says, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such

a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself." Listen Elders, I have overtaken a good many preachers in errors, concerning the doctrine of the teaching of Christ. I am willing to restore such ones if they are willing to be restored.

Some preachers are, by their denominational name, like a horse in about his old stable. When a horse stay in a stable so long, and if the stable catch on fire, the horse would rather die in it, before he would let you pull him out. Some people are like that, they know that they are wrong, but they have been wrong so long that they will die wrong, rather than let you pull them out.

Christ told his disciples to baptize in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Matt. 28:19. There are some Cults that are baptizing, and are ignoring the charge that Christ gave to the Apostles. They are baptizing and leaving out the name of the Father, and the Holy Ghost. They have more respect for what some man have to say about how to baptize; than they do for the charge that Christ gave to His Apostles. A Cult

is any one who teaches contrary to the doctrine and teaching of Christ, and call themselves churches, or christians, when Christ said, "I am the way." He meant His doctrine and His teaching is the way. For other foundation can no man lay, than that is laid which is Jesus Christ. Christ said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

## NEW CHURCHES

There has been a new church started recently in Washington, D.C. Elder Franklin and Elder Tyree are doing a fine job there, although they have no regular pastor. Brother J. C. Grover has been largely instrumental in seeing the work started and kept going. They are meeting in

a Legion Hall, near the old Vermont Ave. Church in Washington, D. C., and are getting along very fine. They have several hundred dollars on hand towards their building. Dr. Campbell spoke there Sunday, April 25th. Brother Maxey has made two trips there. Two of our present students have given them part time preaching; Brother Cole and Brother Daniels.

The new church in Danville, Ill. now has about thirty members and is doing very well. Recently, a tragic thing happened, Mr. A. D. Little, who had come to them from Muskogee to be their pastor, died unexpectedly. Now both Danville and Muskogee are without pastors. The needs of these new churches for ministers drastically illustrate the desperate need for ministers over the Brotherhood.

Last year, a new church was started in Los Angeles, Calif., as well as the one started several years ago by Brother Arnold. The new church in Kansas City, ministered to by Elder A. G. Nelson, has recently brought a building that was formerly a Jewish Synagogue. They are moving ahead in a great way with an attendance running in the sixties.

## TO THE PREACHER

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, OVER THE WHICH the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God.

Acts 20:28

## "TEXT FOR AMERICA"

If we will accept Christ in our hearts, teach Him in our homes, practice Him in our lives. We will have Him in America.

S. D. Armstrong

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## GOD'S ULTIMATUM TO THE TWENTIETH CENTURY CHURCHES



by A. G. Nelson

Kansas City, Missouri

"If God be God, serve Him  
If Baal be God, serve Him"

Joshua 24:15

Baal of yesterday is our prophets and perverters of the gospel and men of evil thinking today.

TO THE LIVING SOULS OF TODAY,  
GREETINGS:

This message is timely because of the true condition of the world today as it applies to religion.

In discussing this vital subject which our God is issuing today, it is because of the world's true condition as seen by God Himself. We will have to deal only with Divine Wisdom, not with theories of men of earthly wisdom, because the great master theologians have us in a predicament today that we won't be able to fully clear ourselves up of before God calls the world to attention for the final consummation of things. Too long have we fell at the feet of theologians who are only instruments of hell, for our counsel and advice. The God of Wisdom has tried continuously thru the ages to warn us of these false leaders that would come into the earth in the later days and deceive the souls of men to the extent that teeming millions are going to hell in deception brought about by the shrewdness of the devil to complete his plans to destroy the souls of men.

If you will note, dear readers, the sub-

ject is, "The Ultimatum to the Churches", not the Church. The reason your attention is called to this particular fact is that GOD'S CHURCH is serving HIM today, even tho a remnant as in the days of the early church, therefore, God discerns the various false teachers who have set up institutions in the world and i deception has called them His church, even tho they do not serve Him; they continue to deceive men and tell them that this is THE CHURCH.

Most modern theologians who are instruments of the devil will try to confuse, and have confused, teeming millions of men & women because of their acquired wisdom which comes from hell itself. Most people do not realize that the devil has a kingdom of his own: he has priests, preachers, teachers and leaders that you cannot easily discern because of their complete cover-up, thru the master-planning of the devil. That is the prime reason that we have so many different religious institutions and cults in the world. If men would yield to God's wisdom only, we would only have ONE church of Jesus Christ and accept only ONE plan of Salvation.

Jesus said once, Himself, that "My word is so plain that a wayfaring child, even tho a fool, could understand it." Now, if you please, tell me why it is necessary for men to worship theologians and seek their wisdom when God said that he will reveal his wisdom in this most simple way to the most common and unlearned man. The writer does not say that wisdom is not necessary. Divine Wisdom is necessary and this is only acquired through absolute obedience to the Christ's way.

Some theologians, preachers or teachers may call my hand at this point but I shall make this statement, backed up by all the powers in heaven, regardless to a preacher, teacher or any leader's standing unless he has complied with the ONLY way that Christ laid down in the plan of salvation to save men even to complete obedience into baptism by emersion - - he is still a deceived instrument of the devil.

God is trying to show us that we cannot serve two masters at once. He plainly states that, "if you are not for me, you are against me," and our God has never trusted his Divine secrets in the hands of his enemies - even to the great commission given by our Lord was only directed to spirit-filled, trusted servants. This commission was too vital to be placed in the hands of strangers or enemies.

I realize this teaching is contrary to the masses and perverters of the gospel, so

you can see from this statement, teeming millions of souls have been deceived by listening to men who were not qualified to deliver God's word to the souls of men. That is the reason today, the world is so confused and upset and wandering in the wilderness of deception, because of th enemies of God have gotten hold of His powerful orders and have used HIM to the advantage of the devil.

We must realize, in our dealing with the devil, that he has power, second only to God and has been God's enemy since he deceived Adam and Eve in the Garden and today, he has deceived 98% of the world's peoples and this percentage is increasing rapidly. Unless God does call time on the human family, there will be just a few, if any, who weather the storm of deception in this hour.

The writer realizes from reading and studying of the unfolding of the prophecy of our God to man that we are in the twilight of judgement and God is shaping up, thru His divine wisdom, to plan to close the books on man and call him a failure. You remember the statement of our God to his Son, Jesus Christ, that he said, "As in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the last days." For clarification, "In the days of Noah - Our God."

After weighing man's thoughts and seeing that they were evil, He repented that he had made man and had to destroy him against His will, so from his statement he realized that the time would come again and He would have to destroy man FINAL and wipe him from the face of the earth which has been cursed by sin.

After 1900 years of God's son pleading through his apostles to hear him, they have failed to heed. Our mind, at this point, goes back to the Mount of Transfiguration, when God himself, with his own voice, told men then and forever to hear His Son. To make it definitely sure, Christ in His commission agreement to man, said that if we would teach them to observe his words ONLY, He would be with us. As we look over the world's picture of religions there are hundreds of types of religion that men are underwriting and to which they are subscribing but there is only ONE religion of the Lord Jesus Christ which has the Power of God Unto Salvation in it.

Then, do we ask the question, "Who are these other religions supported by"? It must be the deceptive hand of the devil. God is asking these churches to take a stand not tomorrow but today, and declare

who you will serve as He will have to deal with man according to his works and each day, declare the works of man.

1900 years ago, our Christ saw this day but he knew that if men heard him conditions would be different.

We are brought face to face with our Lord's prophecy and the book of Revelations, as he talked to John, his trusted servant. (May I call your attention here that no one of the human family had one word to say in the book of Revelations - none but Christ, himself.) In his final statements in this Book he said that any man who adds to the words written in this Book, to him he would add the plagues that are written therein and if any man should take from these words that are written in this Book, from him He would take his portion out of the Kingdom. So you can understand, at this point, why men cannot tamper with God's word and be saved.

We must realize, even tho the over all picture from the average layman seems different, the world, as far as religion is concerned, is in a worse condition than it was 1600 years ago but it is not a hopeless case because as long as man has life, he has a chance to reconsider his ways but the time now is so short, we are fearful that the human souls have lost the battle which they tried to fight alone without God.

Let us, for a moment, observe the conditions of the world today - even with the great scientists and men of wisdom of this world, they can't find a way out - they seek the solution the wrong way. May I say to the Church, Our Lord, the Prince of Peace, has the only solution to the world's condition and the only true formula for peace. Will you observe now, around the U. N. Table, only men of worldly wisdom sit there and try to work out on impossible problem... Peace without God... an impossibility.

The writer should not have you alarmed at this... God said these things would happen in the latter days and tried to console us who are faithful and offering our lives in defense of His gospel. Mighty few men of this modern hour are willing to take the stand and fight until death as Stevens, the great martyr of yesterday and the apostles of our Christ who gave themselves as martyrs in defense of the gospel, but we realize that sin makes men cowards and they seek to save their lives at the cost of their souls.

You remember the statement where Christ said, "If we seek to save our lives we will lose it." There is a reason but for all these conditions today, these modernists, liberals and infidels are tools of

hell who have seized the reins of the so-called church and have set up continuously, many institutions of deception to deceive the souls of men but our God warned us here. He said in the latter days, they would place themselves on the level with God, even to setting themselves up in Holy place in other words (our language) the pulpit of today.

The poor blinded laymen who doesn't read, can't discern and know that the devil has more preachers than does God and places them in strategic places, for the natural inclination of man is to seek counsel and advice in higher places, so the devil takes advantage of this blindness and lack of wisdom to destory man's soul.

The Blasphemers which God forewarned us, in many passages of the scriptures, that would come in the latter days and exalt himself and make himself equal with God and he is using these confederates to announce his coming in the midst of men and they are using all kinds of master devilish schemes to take the people's minds off Christ's coming in order to exalt this evil spirits coming. They are scattering books of propoganda of devilish origination to further fortify themselves and weaken further, the weak and blinded men

They are using master organizations such as the Unified Promotion and the Federal Council of Churches, whose constitution has dilated God and his plan from it to put over a social and economic gospel. This is said for the reason that this massive organization is so well oiled and the machinery running smoothly to this end. The average layman has no faith in this organization or the inimical church it is trying to establish, which is as impossible as a man who says that he can make an air plane that can go to heaven.

The final consummation of things will prove that this organization and its promulgators are only giving us a clear conception of the fulfillment of our Christ's prophecy to the end that this anit Christ, the world's final dictator of sin is about to appear. But, bear in mind, he is still restrained and cannot appear and will not appear until the fulfillment of Christ's prophecy has been brought to pass. He said, before this appearance there will be a great falling away from God... men would eax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived, destorying the power of the church, becoming more disbelieving than all of the history of the world.

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## "THE PREACHER"

If he is young, he lacks experience; if his hair is gray, he is too old; if he has five or six children, he has too many; if he has none, he is setting a bad example...

If his wife sings in the choir she is being forward; if she does not, she is not interested in her husband's work.

If he speaks from notes, he has canned sermons and is dry; if he is extemporaneous, he is not deep.

If he spends too much time in his study, he neglects his people if he visits, he is a gadabout.

If he is attentive to the poor he is playing to the grandstand; if to the wealthy, he is trying to be an aristocrat.

If he uses too many illustrations, he neglects the Bible; if not enough, he is not clear.

If he condemns wrong, he is cranky; if he does not, he is a compromiser.

If he preaches an hour, he is windy; if less, he is lazy.

If he fails to please everybody, he is hurting the church; if he does please everybody, he has no convictions.

If he preaches tithing, he is a money-grabber; if he does not he is failing to develope his people.

If he preaches all the time the people get tired of hearing one man; if he invite guests to speak - he is shifting responsibility.

So what! They say the preacher has an easy time.

Selected from—"Sushine News"

## HERE AND THERE

Elder J. O. Bowles, is doing a great work with the East Monroe Street Church of Christ in Springfield, Ill. Several adults were added in March.

Elder R. L. Sercy, of Warren, Ohio, has been elected to the Educational Committee of the Urban League, has also been appointed Public Relations Committee. On March 18th, he spoke at Central High School, on the subject, "Vocational Opportunity."

One of the Trustees of the National Disciple's Convention, informed the Editor of the Christian Informer, that the one hundred thousand dollar Preston Taylor estate, willed to the Convention, "is all tied-up in court."



## GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

Greenwood Christian Church  
100 East Percy Street

Dear Editor:

Just to say hello, to you and the readers of the Christian Informer. The winter is over and spring is here, and thanks to the Lord we are still on the firing line.

After much patience and hard work, the Lord blessed us to secure the service of Elder H. C. Poston, of Parkin, Ark. The local church had been without a minister for fourteen months, yet we couldn't afford to stop. Elder Poston preached his first sermon March 14th, which was a soul stirring message. Everyone present enjoyed both messages. Several visitors was present and spoke very highly of the wonderful minister which we have.

Fourth Lords day in March was another high day being Easter the minister spoke using for his text "The Resurrection." He had the church to know the importance of being resurrected if it were guilty from that slothful, none attendance, and indifference to a life of service peace and endurance to the task ahead.

At 4:30 p. m. an excellent program was rendered sponsored by Miss Leola Pickens J. High. Total monies raised \$105.34

Since Elder Poston began his pastorate three has been reclaimed, other prospects looks favorable.

March 23rd, Sister Ora Lee Keyes, departed this life. Funeral was conducted by the Evangelist Elder S. D. Yarbrough on March 29th, at 2 p. m. Sister Keyes came to us from Center Point Christian Church, last November during the Evangelistic meeting, Elder W. H Taylor conducted for us.

Bro. Poston can see a great future for the church, and many souls brought to

Christ through preaching of the simple gospel.

May 2nd there will be a special Rally for church indebtedness. At which time the pastor will be present. Our goal is set for \$250.00. Anyone who wishes to help in this worthy cause, will be appreciated Address Christian Church, c/o 714 Ave. J

Pray for us.

Elder H. C. Poston

J. N. Keyes, 714 Ave. I, reporter

## UCM\$ NEGROES

The Southern Christian Institute at Edwards, Mississippi was founded and operated for the purpose of bringing The Gospel to the Negroes of the South.

However, when the officials of the ACMS and others formed the Disciples denomination, and caught the fever of interdenominationalism and modernism, the "social gospel" came in and "the gospel of Christ" went out the window.

The era of the "councils" came in—the Federal, the International, the Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Church Women, etc. The programs or patterns were made at Council Headquarters and handed down to the constituent denominations.

The Christian Plea, "Official Organ of the Negro Disciples of Christ," in its November number carried a "report of Extension Work in Rural (Negro) Churches of Mississippi." The report states that the UCM\$ "in cooperation with the Home Missions Council of North America" has been "supporting a vigorous program of training for rural ministers in the operation of this worthwhile endeavor."

Just how "worthwhile" this Extension Work" is may be gathered from the statement that the Ministerial Institute "emphasized the coming of the Kingdom of God through better rural housing," and the Home Missions Council "workshop" emphasized the coming of the Kingdom of God through "techniques" of "cooperatives, community workshops, family-built houses, education and recreation."

In this two page UCM\$ Christian Plea report the word "gospel" failed to appear, and the name of Christ got in once, in this exalted connection — "the Disciples of Christ Convention."

Thus the "Crusading" UCM\$ Disciples denomination is bringing in E. Stanley Jones' "Kingdom of God" for the Negroes.

The Restoration Herald

April, 1948

## NEWS!

Los Angeles, Calif.

Elder Malcolm Pastor of the "Slavson Ave. Church of Christ" of Los Angeles, California is doing a fine job. I think it is time, it was known to our brotherhood. They support our convention, and they read the Informer. They have been working and making progress for over three years now.

Elder Malcolm started the hard way from scratch, with only a few saints, hungry for good gospel preaching, just about fine. They had to undergo the usual hardships of shifting from first one place and then another. For many months they worshiped in the home of the pastor. During these months the Lord began to bless and this private home was rapidly growing to small. After much prayer and looking about; a suitable meeting place was found.

This venture is an expensive one; yet they possessed the faith; that it takes to trust in Christ. So they paid the rent in hope that the Lord would bless. So far they have been able to meet their obligations, without drawing on their building fund reserve. Not only is the Lord blessing in a financial way, but he is adding regularly to their congregation, such as should be saved. Also some that should be found again laboring in the vineyard of the Lord. The Lord blessed one night; when I was the guest speaker with two candidates for baptism.

I have been present on Thursday nights more than once to pray with Elder Malcolm and his Christian believers. The Spirit is often present, they welcome visitors with open arms, and make you feel at home. They pray with Spirit filled hearts. There is a warm feeling of love; one for the other in their mist. They earnestly request the prayers and good wishes of the entire brotherhood.

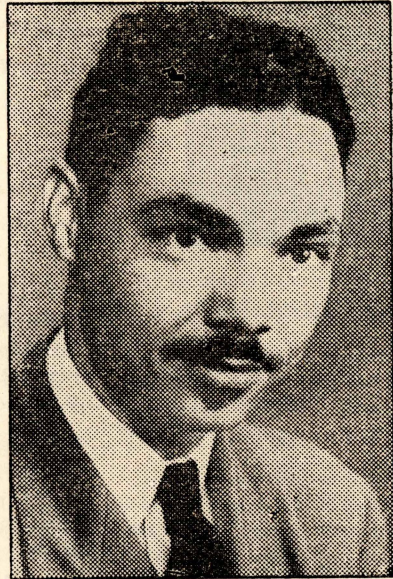
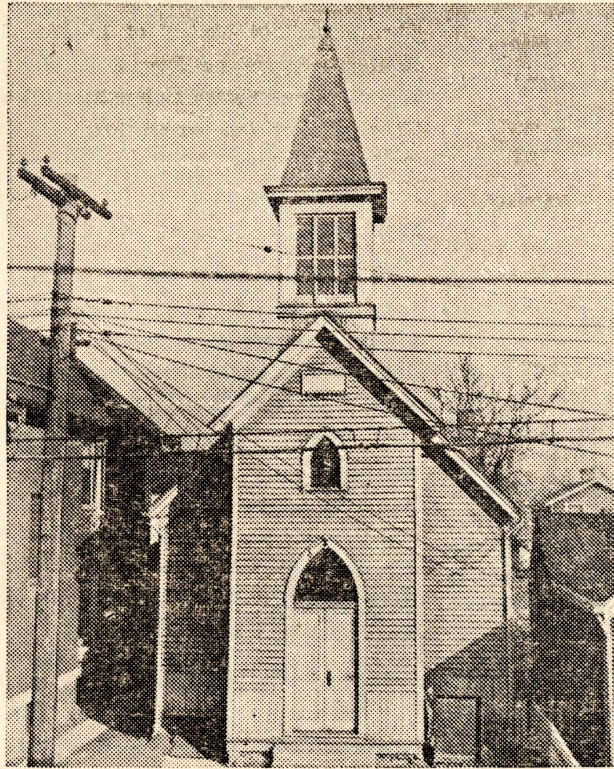
I think Elder Malcolm and his co-workers are to be commended. Therefore I am writing you, to let you know, so you can let the brotherhood know; that in Los Angeles Calif. Elder Malcolm and his Slavson Ave. congregation are lifting up Christ, so that, men of all walks of life can be drawn closer to Christ in spirit as well as in numbers.

Yours in Christ,

James F. Irvin

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dr. W. H. Taylor  
1702 Madison Avenue  
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Dr. Taylor:

The Dallas Negro Chamber of Commerce, the Dallas Housewives League and the Retail Merchants Association are tendering a testimonial dinner to Mr. T. W. Pratt in recognition of 27 years of outstanding community service in Dallas. The dinner will be held Thursday, May 6 at 8 P. M. in the auditorium of the Moorland Branch YMCA.

We cordially invite you to be present if possible, in order that you may join us in paying this deserved tribute to an outstanding citizen. If you cannot be present in person, we know you have been a friend of his for years, we are sure he would appreciate receiving a telegram or message which you may send to him in care of this address, 814½ North Good St., Dallas 1, Texas.

Yours very truly,

Dallas Negro Chamber of Commerce  
D. B. Garner, Chairman  
Committee on Arrangements

Mr. Editor will you please allow some of the readers of the Christian Informer, to tell me the book chapter and verse, where I may find, Where Christ told His Apostles, to leave out the Father's name, and leave out the name of the Holy Ghost, when they baptize. Being A Minister myself, I am seeking information along this line.

Bluefield, W. Va.

Elder W. H. Baltimore Taylor

Dear Sir:—and Bro.:—  
Enclosed you will find a Postal money order for two Subscriptions one for myself and the other for Mrs. Alice White, 305 Belcher St. you will receive a donation from me pretty soon. I am sorry I have delayed in sending out sickness was the cause,

Regards to  
All yours in Christ,  
J. E. Bankes

You find a donation of two (\$2.00) dollars. Elder S. D. Armstrong, Detroit, Mich

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

Dear Brother Taylor,

I was very glad to have your letter. It gave me strength and courage to fight on in the Army of the Lord. All is well hope you and yours are OK. Yes, we're about to get out of the shallow into the deep. I believe we have a good minister for our church. I like him if for no other reason then that he doesn't exalt himself like your little red headed boy did. (smile) But stays in an attitude to gain the love and respect of all the church. And to other folk is turning out as well. I hope to catch up on my donations soon. Enclosed is a donation from Sister M. F. Langs. I'm lonely without the paper. Success in your efforts.

Yours in Christ,  
J. N. Keyes

DANVILLE, ILL.

Dear Brother Taylor;

I am doing nicely. We are here in a whirl wind meeting this week. Just after an Easter celebration. Attendance is good, interest is growing each night. Our good people here are loyal and contending for the faith once delivered unto the saints. I have some subscriptions, will rush them to you. Keep up the good work.

R. L. Serey

INTERESTING NEWS—

**Student Preaching.** The College of the Scriptures now has three former students on the field full time. Brother James Johnson, Brother Bradley Gentry and Brother T. R. Everett. Three of our present students are now serving churches part time on weekends, Brother Cornelius Daniels, Brother David Cole and Brother Jesse Hicks. Last weekend, Brother Hicks and Brother Daniels were in Tennessee and Bro. David Cole at Germantown, Ky.

**The Boarding Club.** The Boarding Club of the College of the Scriptures is enabling our students to go to School in these times of inflation at a very reasonable price. Bro. Maxey has collected hundreds of cans of goods as he travels over the country in his Jeep station Wagon. These canned goods are placed in the basement which is the store room of the Boarding Club. Six men living in the building have banded themselves into a Boarding Club and are able to feed themselves of \$4.00 cash a week. Since there is no school on Mondays and Saturdays, the boys have that time to work out for extra cash they need.

**Student Work Plan.** Another new arrangement this year is the student work program, by which eight different boys can work on their expenses. By agreeing to work seven hours a week, a student may earn his fees, tuition and room rent. This plan helps both the college and the student. There remains only thereafter the cost of textbooks. Naturally therefore, the income to the school from the student body is very little and ninety per cent of the expenses of the school must be borne by free will gifts from interested people.

**New Students.** The College of the Scriptures has increased its student body every year and every semester. This is now the third year. We enrolled one new student the second semester, Brother Jesse Hicks from Tennessee. This brings our total enrollment to 14. Two others that began school had to drop out. Our student body includes 3 women and 11 men. Four of the 11 men are veterans, that are enrolled under Public Law, No. 346. Getting students, of course, is the biggest problem the school faces. There are no young Peoples Camps that can act as feeders for this school. In spite of all

these handicaps, we have a prospect list of over forty at all times. We write these men and go to see them and send others to go to see them. Gradually it pays off.

**Youth Bible Camp.** In order to correct this situation, we are holding our second annual Youth Bible Camp in Louisville. Already, the response seems to be very gratifying. The ministers are already writing and suggesting that they are available as faculty members and saying that they have students ready to bring. Also we have begun to interest young boys in the teen-ages to think about entering this school. These are our hardest days, but every thing we do is building ground for the future.

**Finances.** The College of the Scripture owes \$1800 on its building plus interest, which it is paying off at the rate of \$100.00 per month. Payments are up to date. Other obligations include \$500.00 for equipment that we are paying off at the rate of \$54.00 per month. These payments are up to date.

Besides these obligations, we have about \$600.00 in outstanding obligations, of various kinds, mostly for printing. It is our earnest desire to have these obligations cleared up by the first of June. The Lord has abundantly blessed our efforts and, at last count, 535 churches have had a part in the work here. Today, about 1500 different organizations and individuals have given to the College of the Scriptures. This is truly a great project that we believe is the promise of God.

**Library.** We are happy to say that our library is modern in every way and is a joy both to our visitors and to our students. We have about 4000 books now on hand and are still seeking them. We especially need rare books of the Restoration Period. Of course any books on the Restoration movement will be highly acceptable.

**Faculty.** Brother Tibbs Maxey is on full time salary and has his work arranged so that he teaches two weeks and is able to be away two weeks of each month. Normally he spends ten days of this time out on the field and the rest of the time catching up on office work.

Dr. Campbell is on half-time salary and gives half of his time to the Cleveland church. He is on the campus the two weeks that Brother Maxey does not teach.

Brother Omer ministers to the church at Horse Cave, Ky. He receives \$600.00 per year as part time instructor of the school and teaches two academy subjects.

Brother Henry Webb, ministers to the Clifton Christian Church and gets \$800.00 per year from the college as part time instructor teaching all of the subjects of the junior college year including Greek.

Brother R. D. G. Gerkins of Shoals, Ind., teaches one subject this year and has his expenses paid by the school to come down from Shoals twice each month. While he is here, he makes his headquarters in the house trailer in back of the school.

Two other men give their time; Brother William Odor of Bennett Avenue Church, teaches a Bible subject in the academy and Brother George Lockner, who is a senior at the University of Louisville and a member of the South Louisville Christian Church teaches college and academy English.

Altogether this year, we are teaching seven high school subjects and sixteen college subjects. Next year we plan to graduate our first class, which will be David Cole. There may be two graduating from High School also.

**Needs.** Our greatest need is for individuals and churches to put us into their regular missionary budget. If someone wanted to give us sixty dollars, we would much rather get that sixty dollars in twelve payments of five dollars each, once per month.

Many weeks can go by often when all the support we get is from those who have put us in their regular missionary budget. There are individuals who give five or ten dollars a month. There are churches that give five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five and even thirty dollars a month. There are churches that give a regular quarterly offering.

Many churches do not provide a definite amount of money just pledge to send a regular offering once a quarter or once a

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month. We do not tell the church how it should give, but we do urge that we be the recipients of regular givings at stated intervals. Only this way, can the school come to know financial security.

Many people ask if the school is here to stay and if the school is permanent. The school is as permanent as the promise of God. We are dependent upon, from day to day, gifts that come in the daily mail that keep this school open. The school will remain permanent and faithful as long as people out on the field remain permanent and faithful in their support of this work.

Brother Blocklock and Mr. Conway each spent five weeks in veterans hospital but one now is back in school.

Your friends,  
Tibbs Maxey

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Another donation for the Christian Informer.

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And with what rapture sweet my weary heart would beat  
If I could hear my mother pray again.

#### CHORUS

If I could hear my mother pray again,  
If I could hear her tender voice as then,  
So glad I'd be 'twould mean so much to me  
If I could hear my mother pray again.

2

She use to pray that I on Jesus would rely  
And ever walk that shining gospel way  
So trusting still His love I'll reach that land above  
Where I shall meet my mother some glad day.

3

And in the old home place her patient smiling face  
Was always our comfort, pride and cheer  
And when she use to sing to her eternal king  
It was the song the angels love to hear.

4

Her work on earth is done, her life crown has been won,  
And she is now at rest with Him above,  
And some glad morning she I know will welcome me  
To that eternal home of peace and love.

#### HOW LONG HALT YE?

Why are we being held up? Some are looking for new ways and are even looking for new books so they can learn about God; But I wonder how our ministers of old with out Education, were able to convince people that the Bible was enough, and we can't.

Elder R. L. Sercy, Warren, Ohio



## I HAVE A BOY

by Hugh M. Pierce

I've a wonderful boy, and I say to him,  
"Son,  
Be fair and be square in the race you must run;  
Be brave if you lose and be meek if you win,  
Be better and nobler than I've ever been.  
Be honest and noble in all that you do,  
And honor the name I have given to you."

I have a boy and I want him to know  
We reap in life just about as we sow,  
And we get what we earn, be it little or great,  
Regardless of luck and regardless of fate.  
I will teach him and show the best that I can,  
That it pays to be honest and upright, a man.

I will make him a pal and a partner of mine,  
And show him the things in the world that are fine.  
I will show him the things that are wicked and bad,  
For I figure this knowledge should come from his dad.  
I will walk with him, talk with him, play with him, too;  
And to all of my promises strive to be true.

We will grow up together, I'll too be a boy,  
And share in his trouble and share in his joy.  
We'll work out our problems together and then  
We will lay our plans when we both will be men.  
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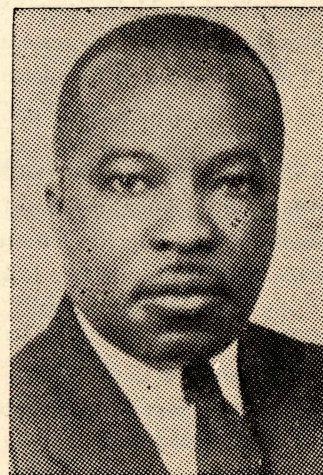
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