

SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

Sunday, Jan. 27
Christian Science

"Truth" will be the subject of all Christian Science churches Sunday, when the text, taken from John 8:31,32, will be, "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

The Rev. Dr. A. B. Keeler, of New York, will again occupy the pulpit for the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services. His topic this week will be "The World's First Guarantee Trust Company."

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Missionary Will Speak On India Experiences At Methodist Program

Motion pictures on the Hindu Pilgrimage to the Temple Vishnu in India, will be shown at the First Methodist church on Jan. 24, by Henry A. Lacy, third generation missionary.

Lacy, born in Foochow, China, was graduated from the Shanghai American school and from Whittier college. He took postgraduate and in 1941 sailed, with Mrs. Lacy, to serve for six years as principal of Parker high school in Moradabad, India.

In 1944 he entered the Office of Strategic Services, and for 15 months directed activities of the underground in South China. Returning to the States in 1947, he studied for a year at the University of Southern California. He is now Supervisor of the Methodist Children's Village in Redford.

The program, a part of the annual January Missionary Institute, will open with a pot luck supper at 6:30.

Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Carlson of 31175 Sheridan road? They moved to Birmingham in November and have been spending the winter in Miami, Fla., expecting to return in June or July. Mr. Carlson is the founder of the Acme Manufacturing Company. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson have four married children.

Methodist Boy's Choir Rehearses On Wednesday

The fifth regular rehearsal of the Methodist church boys' choir will be held this week. This group, composed of boys whose voices have not yet changed, met at the church Wednesday afternoons, under the direction of Rodney M. Peterson, minister of music.

He reports that at present more than a hundred persons are enrolled in the primary, junior, young people's and adult choirs.

"The aim of the graded choir plan," he said, "is to provide a wide group appeal which will give enjoyment to the members and contribute widely to the life and activities of the church."

LEGAL NOTICES

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS: BLOCK BOUNDED BY WALLACE, WATKINS, LINCOLN AND SOUTH FIELD.

VACATION OF ALLEYS. Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held in the Commission Room of the Municipal Building on Monday, February 4, 1952, at 2 o'clock p.m. to hear suggestions and objections to the proposed vacation of alleys in the block bounded by Wallace, Watkins, Lincoln and South Field. This notice is published in accordance with Chapter 12, Section 2 of the Code of the City of Birmingham, and Resolution No. 6, 1952.

Resolution No. 6. Moved by Commissioner Beier, Supported by Commissioner Patterson, Whereas, this Commission has been requested to close and vacate alleys in the block bounded by Wallace, Watkins, Lincoln and South Field, and Whereas, the city manager has recommended that a public hearing be scheduled for the purpose of considering vacation of said alleys.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that it is deemed advisable by this Commission to expedite vacating and abolishing the alleys in the block bounded by Wallace, Watkins, Lincoln and South Field, and further described as (a) extending from Southfield to Watkins, and immediately adjacent, Lots 15 through 17, 19, 21 and 23 through 25 of Valentine Addition, and Lots 10 through 12 Smith Addition, and

Be It Further Resolved, that notice of such meeting, together with a copy of this resolution, shall be published in the Birmingham Eccentric two successive weeks prior to the 4th day of February, 1952.

Witness my hand and the seal of the City of Birmingham, this 24th day of January, 1952.

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Sunday Sermonette A Continuing Series by Local Religious Leaders

I'm Scared!

By Rev. William G. Ardrey
Minister, Church of the Nazarene

I'm scared. And before the tone of my utterance has faded, I hear people whisper, "He's scared". "He's a coward." Nevertheless, I'm scared.

They tell me that I have nothing to fear but fear itself. Maybe this is true and if it is, then fear is spelled in a thousand ways and has many forges—and I'm scared.

Now someone says, "A Christian knows no fears," and someone else says, "Fear and intelligence are incompatible," and still another says, "Fear is the result

of a consciousness of guilt." Still, I'm scared.

Of what am I afraid? Many things.

I'm afraid of that egotistic person, his disdainful aloofness worries me. I'm afraid that I may not measure up to his demands, or worse, I am afraid that I may become like him.

I'm afraid of the pseudo-intellectual, his scorn of my ignorance bothers me. My feeble efforts must certainly fire his impatience. Am I, too, in danger of developing the same type of disposition?

I'm afraid of a gossip, afraid that I may enter into gossip with him, hurting the reputation of another, tainting my own character and weakening my own influence.

I'm scared of the perpetual grouch, afraid that I, too, may become cross and in my crossness, hurt others.

I'M AFRAID OF THE chronic complainer, afraid that too much time in his company will make

me cultivate the same world outlook on life.

And that distrustful person, he who has faith in no one. He scares me. When I testify, he doubts me, questions my motives. He even distrusts my efforts to gain his confidence and friendship.

I'm scared of my sinless friend, God. He holds me in my life a challenge to him, or do I give him reason to remain in a state of sinfulness? Jesus' life proves that there is a romance in Christian living, or do I increase his antipathy for Christian experience?

My list could grow continuously. I candidly admit that I'm scared, and may God keep me scared.

The nation's most intellectual scientists are scared of the potentials of atomic power. A good healthy fear of some things is not caused by guilt. There are many things of which a Christian is afraid, and may God keep us scared of them, so scared that we will spend a lifetime of effort in the creation of the only effective antidote for them, Christian character.

EXPLORE YOUR fears, perhaps they are heaven-inspired. If so, use them to build a truly courageous character.

But weakness scares me. But Christ says, "My strength is made perfect in weakness." That is why I propose to keep my hand in the hand of God. The two of us can meet any situation successfully.

The story is told of a young man who was involved in trouble that made it necessary for him to appear in court. Feeling in himself that he was qualified to defend himself, he attempted to do so. In his striving to press his case his evidence fell short in its power to bring the desired verdict of "not guilty."

HIS FATHER visited him when he was in confinement, and these were the words that stuck in the young man's thinking, "Son, why

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didn't you let me plead your case for you, I could have helped you."

How many there are today that fail; and will continue to fail unless they allow Christ to take the stand and plead their cases for them.

Friends, have you any spiritual problems? Take them to Jesus, who alone can "solve every problem. The tangles of life can undo."

There is nothing too hard for Jesus. There is nothing that He cannot do. He is the Master of every situation; allow Him to

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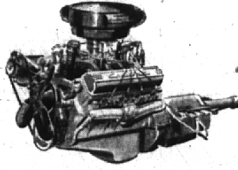


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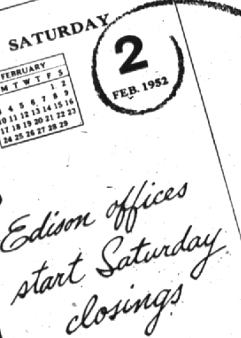
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