

SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7
Christian Science

A better understanding of man's true status as a son of God is brought out in the Lesson-Sermon for this church. The text is from 1 John, 3:1: "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God."

First Presbyterian
"The Student's Quest for God" will be the sermon topic on which the Rev. W. Glen Harris, Ph.D., will preach at both the 8:30 and 11 o'clock services.

First Baptist
"Echoes and Voices" will be the sermon topic at the 11 o'clock service, with the Rev. Emil Kuntz preaching. His text is from John 12:29: "The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered; others said, An angel spake to him." The ordinance of Communion and the reception of new members into the church is also scheduled for this service.

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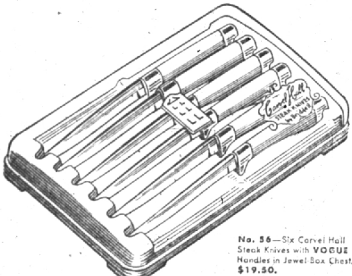
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Sunday Sermonette

"The Lord's Prayer"

By Frank Glabach, Spiritual Leader
Birmingham Unity Center

Many people claim that they find prayer difficult and that they have never been taught to pray. When the disciples asked Jesus Christ to teach them to pray, He gave them the Lord's Prayer as a model.

The Lord's Prayer reveals many principles and must be interpreted. There are many of these interpretations. All have their place and all have their purpose. Our interpretation might be like this:

OUR FATHER—The claim advanced through the centuries that only Jesus was divine is denied by this sweet, forthright statement. Jesus says here, in effect, the word "Father" applies to all, and the word "you" may also be recognized as the basis of universal brotherhood. We all have one Father.

WHICH ART IN HEAVEN—The important inference of this is in the locating of our Source. We are here stating "where" the Father is. Heaven is where God dwells in His inner nature or state of consciousness. Heaven is God consciousness.

HALLOWED BE THY NAME—To hallow is to hold in reverence and the finest way of showing reverence is to be loyal to His nature in every situation.

WHY DELIVER US FROM EVIL—This is a terse acknowledgment of God's power and His ability to deliver us from the power of delinquency and his unqualified and unrestricted affection for us which warms our hearts in the law of sowing and reaping. Our accounts are cleared and we need have no fears or concerns for the future.

FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN—With these words the prayer is brought to a close with majestic notes of praise in acknowledgment that God is all; that God is found and that the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory belong to Him.

Everything is God in expression, ever becoming more manifest through regenerate man, through evoked, transformed souls, through evolving earth and redeeming consciousness.

Embury Church Women Sponsor 'Kiddies Day'

The Women's Society for Christian Service of Embury Methodist church is sponsoring "Kiddies Day" at Kiddie Land on Sept. 12. The park, designed especially for children under 12 years, is located on 8 Mile road, just west of Schaefer highway.

The park is open daily from 5 to 10 p.m. In the event of bad weather the WCS program will be held the following week.

Mrs. William Lomas, 1188 Bird, and Mrs. James T. Keesan, 1074 Davis, are in charge of ticket sales. Each ticket, Mrs. Lomas said, is good for 10 rides at the park. She added that tickets would be mailed out to those who accompanied orders with cash.

THE WISE among us take note of the word "daily" in this phrase and thereby are free from needless anxiety and concern for tomorrow's supply.

AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO ARE OUR DEBTORS—These words are not to be taken as a kind of bargaining with God. It means, rather, that we cannot be in that spiritual

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No Special Service For Church Opening

Members of the First Methodist congregation will hold their first service in the new church, W. Maple at Pleasant, at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning.

The Rev. Dr. Arnold Runkel will preach the opening sermon, and have charge of the service. No special service is planned. He will be assisted by the Rev. Harry Martin, Ph.D.

Special announcements: "The 15th Psalm" and "Blessed Are They That Dwell In Thy House" will be sung by the chancel choir, under the direction of Rodney Peterson. James Hildebrand, president of the Youth Fellowship, will have charge of the 7:30 p.m. service which will be given by members of the group.

The new \$240,000 building was started in December, 1950, when Bishop Marshall R. Reed of Detroit was a special guest at the ground breaking ceremony.

THE PRESENT structure represents only a part of the over-all plan. It includes the sanctuary on a balcony with a seating capacity of 675 persons, church school rooms and a part of the present church building. Church offices are in the present structure.

Children under eight years may attend an extended Sunday school service during the regular church hour, 11 a.m. to noon.

First Presbyterian Bible School Plans

The fall season of the First Presbyterian church school will open Sunday, Sept. 7. Its "Faith and Life Curriculum" will feature an intensive study of the Bible for each of the eight departments.

Grades 1 through 8 will meet at 9:30 a.m., with classes for children between two and five years scheduled for 11 a.m. The senior high school classes, which will open Sunday, Sept. 7, at 9:30 a.m. Age divisions follow public school systems to determine entrance date and grade placement.

Superintendents for the year will be John Werner, general superintendent; Mrs. W. Amos and Mrs. F. Whitney, nursery; Mrs. F. Doherty, beginners; Mrs. M. Cheever and Mrs. L. Rosemont, kindergarten.

Mrs. E. Pool, first and third grades; Mrs. C. Olmstead, second and fourth grades; Mr. and Mrs. B. Hutchings, fifth and sixth grades; E. Kirtner, seventh and eighth grades; J. Suter and J. Stiff, senior high.

Greet New Pastors

An informal reception for two new members of the Christ Church-Cantabrook staff will be held Sunday immediately after the 11:15 service. The Rev. William Norvell and the Rev. Perry Williams, with their wives, will be special guests at a coffee hour.

News copy submitted early necessarily is given preference over late items. So the "Early Bird" usually gets the space.

Gregory Makhov's Work In Soil Science Will Be Radio Program Topic

Two Birmingham residents will be featured in a radio program on Station WJR, Sunday Sept. 7, at 12:30 p.m. The Rev. Emil Kuntz, pastor of the First Baptist church, and George Makhov, son of the late Prof. Gregory Makhov who died only last week will be heard on "In Our Opinion." The program is directed by David Cushing of the WJR staff. It will consist of a three-way interview among the three participants.

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