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M E S S E N G E R

"This then is the message which we have heard of Him,
and declare unto you" 1 John 1:5

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A TIMELY THOUGHT

(At the outbreak of the civil war, the question, "Shall Christians go to war?" became a practical question. In April 1861, J. W. McGarvey introduced the subject in an article in the REVIEW, in which he stated his stand. Following is his article.)

"I know not what other course other preachers are going to pursue, for they have not spoken; But my own duty is now clear, and my policy is fixed. I shall vote, when called upon, according to my views of political policy, and, whether I am a citizen of this Union, or become a citizen of a Southern Confederacy, my feelings toward my brethren everywhere shall know no change. In the meantime, if the demon of war is let loose in the land, I shall proclaim to my brethren the peaceable commandments of my Saviour, and strain every nerve to prevent them joining any sort of military company, or making any war-like preparations at all. I know that this course will be unpopular with men of the world and especially with political and military leaders; and there are some (even in the church, v.c.) who might stile it treason. But I would rather, ten thousand times, be killed for refusing to fight, than to fall in battle, or to come home victorious with the blood of my brethren on my hands."

(Taken from Life And Times Of Benjamin Franklin, pp.286-87)

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(Benjamin Franklin concurred heartily in the sentiments expressed by Brother McGarvey, and in commenting on the article expressed his own attitude in the matter by saying:)

"We cannot always tell what we will, or will not do. There is one thing, however things may turn, or whatever may come, that we will not do, and that is, we will not take up arms against, fight and kill the brethren we have labored for twenty-five years to bring into the kingdom of God. Property must be destroyed, and safety may be endangered, or life lost; but we are under Christ, and we will not kill or encourage others to kill, or fight the brethren."

(op. cit., p.287)

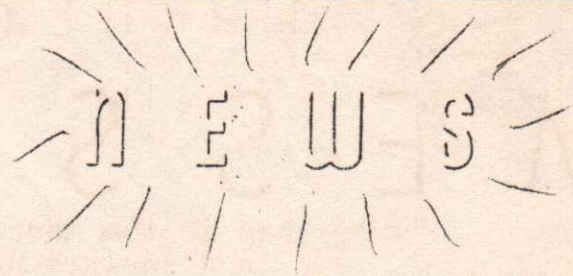
D I D Y O U K N O W:

That in addition to the fourteen thousand congregations of the church of Christ in these United States, we have congregations in Japan; Germany; France; China; Italy; England; Australia; Cuba; South Africa; Mexico; Belgium; the Philippine Islands; Alaska; Hawaii; and the Netherlands; and other countries of the world?

The kingdom of Christ is growing, for these have "obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God." (2 Pet.1:1)

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READ THIS CAREFULLY

A child's week consist of 70 hours sleep, 67 hours eating, playing and working, 30 hours in public school, and ONE brief hour in Bible school on Sunday morning to prepare for a long eternity. Could not about the same thing be said of us who are much older? This is a topic that should challenge the attention of us all.

---Selected.

WHY NOT give a good Bible or a good religious book for Christmas? Bible Commentary, Dictionary, or Concordance. See Bro. Chaffin.

Sister Lonnie Moser and Sister Henry Lawrence were ill last Lord's Day and unable to attend services.

Sister J. W. Warner furnished the potted plants for the rostrum last Sunday.

Sister J. W. Pegram was not able to attend Bible Study due to a cold.

We were glad to have Brother and Sister Parks Messick visiting with us for Bible Study this week.

Brother James W. Nichols, who preached for several months on The Herald of Truth Radio Program, is making a tour of several eastern states and will be at Central Church of Christ in Winston-Salem December 14th at both the 11:00 a. m. and 3:00 p. m. services. You are invited to hear him at the 3:00 p. m. service.

SELECTIONS:

It's good to have money and the things that money can buy, but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure you haven't lost the things that money can't buy. --- G. H. Lorimer.

OUR BIBLE SCHOOL RECORD

Attendance last Sunday.....133
Attendance a week ago.....126
Attendance a year ago.....111
Average attendance for 1951.....105
Average attendance thus far 1952.....124
Average attendance for November.....127

COME TO BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY!

"I AM THE WAY"

Jesus is the way to God. People will tell you that there are many ways to a city, and that there are many ways to Heaven. But Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me." (Jno. 14:6) He is the only way.

He is the way to carry our praise to God. "Through him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name." (Hebrews 13:15) Out of Christ a man has no way to offer praise to God acceptably.

He is the way to learn of God. "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." (John 14:9)

He is the way to right living. "Because Christ hath suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." (1 Peter 2:21-22)

He is the only way to unity. He is the prince of peace, who tore down the middle wall of partition between Jew and Gentile, and made both one. Only with his name, guided by his gospel, in the church he gave, and worshipping as He directs can the warring religious sects of our day have peace with each other and with God.

He is the way for all. Rich and poor, wise and simple, great and small, black and white,....all are to be told the sweet story of the Lamb of God. "Into all the world....all the nations.....every creature." Such statements in the word of God show that Jesus is the savior God intended for all men. "No man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

He is the way for all time.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, yea, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8) "I'll be with you always, even unto the end of the world."

How may I enter this way? If a man believes in Christ as the way to God, and if he determines to enter and follow that way, the Bible tells him that he is "baptized into Christ." (Romans 6:3; Galatians 3:27) Thus he enters the way of God. Then it is his job to walk by faith until he comes to the end of his way. This is the only way to salvation.

But always remember this: no man ever got anywhere by just believing in the way. A faith that produces action is necessary, because one must enter the way and follow it to its proper destination before the way is of any benefit. So Christ is of no effect to those who only believe on him as the way. He is become of no effect to those who started and stopped. (Galatians 5:4, 7) Paul says, "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace....Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth."

It is fine to believe in Christ as the way to Heaven, but Until a man is baptized into Christ, he is not on the way. And if he is not faithful, he is numbered among those of whom Peter writes, "Forsaking the right way, they went astray." (2 Peter 2:15)

ARE YOU ON THE WAY? ? ?

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"Study to show thyself approved unto God." (2 Tim. 2:15)

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THE BEST TRANSLATION

There is a story about four gospel preachers who were discussing the merits of the various translations of the Bible. One liked the King James version best because of its simple beautiful English. Another liked the American Revised Version best because it is more literal and comes nearer the original Hebrew and Greek. Still another liked Moffat's translation best because of its up-to-date vocabulary.

The fourth minister was silent. Asked to express his opinion, he replied, "I like my mother's translation best." The other three expressed surprise. They did not know that his mother had translated the Bible. "Yes she did," he replied. "She translated it into LIFE, and it was the most convincing translation I ever saw."

The above story makes this truth stand out----IF MOTHERS DON'T TEACH THEIR CHILDREN WHILE THEY ARE LITTLE, SATAN WILL! If there were more Hannahs in the world, there would be more Samuels!

I know of one little boy who will not attend Bible Study. But do you know why this boy does not care about attending Bible Class? It is because his parents do not

care to attend! When will Parents realize the influence they have over their children? LORD HELP US!

---Selected.

(Lamar Avenue Church News,
via...Gospel Messenger
Old Hickory, Tenn.)

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN

MISSING--Last Sunday, families from church.

STOLEN--Several hours from the Lord's Day, by a number of people of different ages dressed in their Sunday clothes.

STRAYED--Half a score of lambs believed to have gone in the direction of "No Bible Study."

MISLAID--A quantity of silver and copper coins on the counter of a public house.

INFORMATION WANTED-----Several young people. When last seen were walking in pairs up Irreverance Lane, which leads to the city of "No Good."

LOST--A lad, carefully reared, not long from home, and for a time promising. Supposed to have gone with one of two older companions to Prodigal Town, Husk Lane. Any person assisting in the recovery of the above shall in no wise lose his reward.

---Selected.