



# MESSENGER

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

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## I WILL VISIT MY ABSENTEES

I had been urging upon the teachers the importance of visiting the absentees in their classes. Afterwards, one of them came to me and said: "Sir, I am going to do my duty and visit my absentees." And he went. I saw him again a day or so afterward. He told me, "I am glad you urged it upon me last Sunday to visit my absentees; for when I called to see little Robert who had been absent for two or three Sundays, I found him nigh unto death. He had been sent to Bible School, as usual, by his mother, but had played truant and gone swimming with some of his

companions. Having entered the water when overheated by exercise and staying too long in it, he was seized with cramp and was with difficulty rescued from a watery grave, and has been in a state of high fever and delirium.

"He was asleep when I entered, but his mother's sobs as she told me the cause of his sickness awoke him from his feverish slumbers. He immediately recognized his teacher and, with joy beaming in his face, asked how I was and why I had not been to see him before. It would be difficult for me to express the

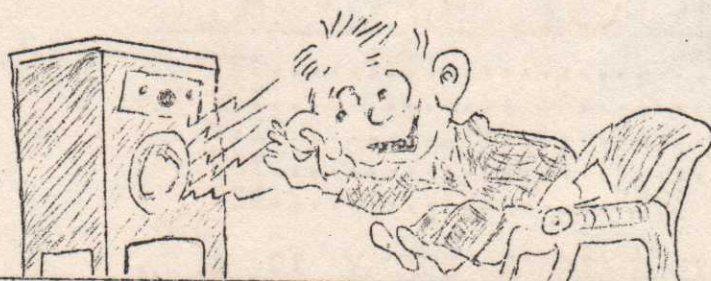
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## WE AGREE WITH GEORGE THAT

"the man who stays at home Sunday morning to read the Funny Paper and communes Sunday night is as scriptural as.....



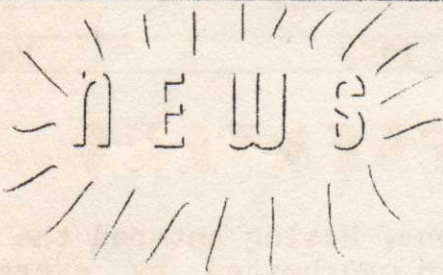
the man who communes Sunday morning and misses Sunday night services to listen to the radio ...and **NEITHER IS PLEASING TO GOD.**"



-----George W. DeHoff.

"WARNERS CHAPEL MESSENGER"

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Sister Harvey Kimel is confined to her home with a broken ankle.

We are happy to have Brother Donald Derryberry from Manchester, Tennessee visiting in the community. We wish his parents, Brother and Sister Cecil Derryberry, could be with him.

Our Fall Gospel Meeting begins August 24th. Brother Jack McElroy of Nashville, Tennessee will do the preaching. It is now time for us to begin making plans for this meeting. Let us begin now to advertise it in every way possible.

Brother Chaffin begins his meeting work July 24th in Tennessee and will be away until about the middle of August.

Brother and Sister Glenn Elam are the proud parents of a big boy born July 7th. His name is David Maxwell. Congratulations, Glenn and Virginia!

RADIO PROGRAMS

You are invited to hear the pure, unadulterated, Gospel of Christ preached in its simplicity, every Sunday on the following radio stations. Bible questions will be answered cheerfully.

- WAIR.....9:00 A. M.
WTOB.....9:15 A. M.
WAIR--ABC.....1:00 P. M.
WAAA .....1:45 P. M.

THE LIQUOR BAR

The name of each saloon's a bar, The fittest of its names by far. A bar to Heaven, a door to Hell, Whoever named it, named it well. A bar to manliness and wealth, A door to want and broken health; A bar to honor, pride and fame; A door to sin and grief and shame. A bar to hope, a bar to prayer, A door to darkness and despair; A bar to honored, useful life, A door to brawling senseless strife; A bar to all that's true and brave, A door to every drunkard's grave. A bar to joys that home imparts, A door to tears and aching hearts; A bar to Heaven, a door to Hell, Whoever named it, named it well.

---Said to be written by a convict in Joliet, Ill. Prison.

\*\*\*\*\* "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."(Prov.20:1)

OUR BIBLE SCHOOL RECORD

Table with 2 columns: Attendance description and numerical value. Rows include: Attendance last Sunday (137), Attendance a week ago (129), Attendance a year ago (119), Average attendance for 1951 (105), Average attendance thus far 1952 (122).

HELP US HAVE 150 IN BIBLE CLASSES SUNDAY 10 A. M.

# WHY DON'T YOU COME SUNDAY NIGHT?

While Franklin D. Roosevelt was President, a lady is said to have called the rector of the church where he worshiped and asked:

"Is President Roosevelt going to church there today?"

The rector replied: "I just do not know whether Mr. Roosevelt is planning to attend here or not, Madam. But we are hoping that Jesus Christ will be here, and we feel that he will be sufficient to attract a sizeable audience!"

I wonder if some of my brethren have forgotten that Jesus said he would be present for every service? Yes, Jesus is present even for the Sunday night service. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt. 18:20)

If members of the Church really enjoyed the presence of Jesus, don't you think they would be anxious to be where he meets with his people? If they really loved the Lord as they would like for us to think they do, don't you think they would come to ALL the services of the church? I am sure they would.

If we could announce to the members of the church here and to the people of this community, that next Sunday night the President of the United States would be here in our services, how many of our members would be absent? None would be absent, all would be present. There would be enough people to fill our auditorium two or three times. Why? The President would be sufficient to attract a large audience, because he is considered to be a great man. But behold, I say unto you, a greater than Harry S.

Truman will be here. Will you come to meet even a greater than the President of these United States? Jesus Christ the Son of God will be present for our service; How many will meet with Him here?

Sometimes we travel hundreds of miles to visit and be with our relatives and friends. We spend time and money in order to do this Why? Because we really enjoy being with them. We enjoy their company and fellow-ship. Yet, there are those who claim to be Christians, who will not make any effort whatsoever, to worship God on Sunday evening. Why? The inevitable conclusion is, they do not enjoy the association and fellow-ship of the Son of God.

There are not many more ways of showing to the world a real genuine faith in so direct and powerful a manner as that of faithful, regular and prompt attendance to all the stated services of the church. Numbers, somehow, add enthusiasm. If you, and you, and all of us will come, we will lead others to come, even those who are not members of the Lord's Church and who knows but they may be led to obey the Gospel in this way.

Sunday night services are not out of date. There is a place, a great place for them. They have a purpose, and continue to do much good. Are you attending services Sunday night? Get the habit. Services last only about an hour, and you are missing a great deal that you need, if you fail to come.

Revised and adapted,  
---Vestal Chaffin.

READ YOUR BIBLE AND PRAY TO GOD  
DAILY.

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emotion of my heart at that moment. I was not to blame for his having gone into the water or for his subsequent illness, but I knew and felt I was censurable to the highest degree for not having gone to inquire into the cause of his absence on the afternoon of its first occurrence.

"Well," said I, "What reply did you make?"

"I told the dear boy that I was not aware that he was sick. He looked into my face, and with tears in his eyes, said: "But teacher, I always thought you loved me; how could you let me be away three whole weeks and never ask, 'Where is Robert.'"

I never before saw conviction and contrition for the neglect of duty more strongly depicted than in that of this teacher. With an energy that spoke the most sincere regard and the sternest resolution he added: "I have learned a lesson I shall never forget. So long as I am a Bible school teacher, I will visit my absentees."

---The Parkview Proclaimer,  
Odessa, Texas.

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The greatest danger facing the younger generation, is the example of the older people. Do you agree?

A mule can't pull while kicking; Neither can you.

## ONLY ONE EASY PLACE

I received a letter from a lad asking for an easy berth. To this I replied: "You cannot be an editor; Do not try the law; Do not think of the ministry; Let alone all ships and merchandise; Abhor politics; Don't practice medicine; Be not a farmer or a soldier or a sailor; Don't study; Don't think. None of these are easy. Oh my son, you have come into a hard world. I know of only one easy place in it, and that is the grave!"

---Beecher.

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## NO BULLETIN LAST TWO WEEKS

You did not receive your bulletin for the past two weeks, because your editor was on vacation. We left here Tuesday morning June 24, and returned Saturday July 5.

We visited with relatives and friends in Michigan and Tennessee. We enjoyed our visit very much, but the weather was extremely hot everywhere we went.

Brother Chaffin preached for the Church in Royal Oak, Michigan, Sunday morning June 29. One was baptized at that service. On that Sunday night he preached for the East Side Central Church in Detroit, with whom he had labored for almost five years, 1943-1948. It was good to be associated with old friends again.

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COME TO BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY 10 a.m.