

NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO CHURCH CIRCLES OF SALEM

WHAT IS TRUTH, MINISTER ASKS

Man's Advancement Mostly in Physical Realm, Dahlin Asserts in Sermon

Following is a synopsis of the sermon, "What is Truth?" which Patrik Dahlin, pastor of the Mill Street Methodist church, corner Fifteenth and Mill streets, will deliver to his congregation today.

The question, "What is truth?" has never had a more dramatic setting than when Pilate asked it before Christ. There is no record left to show whether a reply was made. Nevertheless one can not escape the conviction that the answer was given in the life which Christ lived. There was no need of a verbal statement. His life revealed truth. That Pilate experienced the answer more keenly than many is shown as he sought to free himself from the guilt of putting Christ to death.

No Spiritual Truth

Christ said this of Truth: And shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. In our daily saying appears to be more tangible to natural sciences than to spiritual life. Science has freed man from many a ravaging disease. It has freed man from physical bondage by superior methods of communication. Science goes ever onward for with each step of progress there arises a new problem to solve.

Thinking of the biological aspect of life, I venture this definition, that physical life is a perfect combination of elements that go to make up living matter. As yet no man has reached the ultimate truth of this basis of life. But man has advanced further in the physical realm of life than he had in the spiritual realm of life. If man knew the ultimate truth of life, he could create life. God said, "Subdue the earth." Man is rapidly advancing toward that end. More and more man has discovered about the elements of life but ever the secret of life remains a mystery.

Life a Mystery

Flower in the crumpled wall,
I think you eat of the crumpled wall,
I held you here, root and all, in my hand,
Little flower—but if I could under-stand
What you are, root and all, and all to all,
I should know what God and man is.
For the knowledge that man have reached in science, many have had to give their lives. The reason why the church of our age has not attained greater achievements is the lack of daring men and women who were willing to risk their lives in search for truth. Jesus said that if any would know the truth, he must do the will of the Father. Most of our leaders have refused the beckoning of the Spirit of Truth to new discoveries in the realm of more perfect relationships between individuals and between nations.

Knowledge Must Grow

Truth is not stationary. It is a matter of growth. Knowledge that is not acted upon will never bring about great achievements. When truth revealed to Isaiah the actual condition of his life and that of his people he also saw a way out of the difficulties and promptly set about to change those conditions. The world is longing for greater happiness but it continually refuses to accept Jesus' way of life. He said, "I am the truth, the way, and the life." Truth has revealed to man that life can not be secured by the means of arms and exploitation but by good will and sacrifice. As we celebrate Armistice Day, the day of peace, we seek to cover up the insidious horror of war by military splendor.

When will men learn to trust the way of Christ? What to the companions of Columbus, the great explorer contained hopes of new realities. Why will the nations not listen to the few really great men who urge the trial of new methods both in international affairs and in economic relationships? Why cling to out worn institutions that only bring undue suffering and bondage? If an institution does not aid in the progress of humanity, it should be wiped off the map, no matter how sacred it seems to some.

What was true yesterday may not necessarily be true today.

As Lowell says:
New occasions teach new duties; Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still, and onward, who would keep abreast of truth;
Lo! before us gleam her camps-fires; we ourselves must Pilgrims be,
Launch our life's flower, and steer heldly through the desperate winter sea,
Nor attempt the future's portal with the Past's blood-stained key.

"Belshazzar" Cantata Will Be Given Soon

The chorus choir of the Calvary Baptist church, which was voted the best in the state by delegates to the recent Reception Council in Salem, is practicing the biblical cantata "Belshazzar" for presentation at the church Sunday night, November 25. A number of well known soloists of the city, have prominent parts in the cantata, more complete announcements for which will be made later. The event will be open to the public. W. Earl Cochran, pastor of the church, is directing the cantata and also directs his own choir.

MIAN PRAYER HOUR

Mid-week prayer service for the congregation and friends of the Chemeketa street Evangelical church will be held at 7:30 o'clock Thursday night. The Rev. G. C. Brakins is pastor of the church.

Many Churches to Observe Anniversary of Armistice

The tenth anniversary of the signing of the armistice to terminate the World War falls today and will be fittingly observed in a number of Salem churches with special services, song and music. Churches that will devote a part of the day's program to Armistice Day commemoration include:

The Knight Memorial Congregational church, where Dr. John M. Canse of the Kimball School of Theology will deliver a sermon on "Things That Make for Peace." Special music has also been arranged, announces the pastor, the Rev. H. C. Stover, and will be "Dear Land of Freedom" (G. Donizetti), sung by Benetta Edwards, Harriet Adams and Myra Gleason, and an anthem, "God of the Nations", sung by the chorus choir.

SOUTH SALEM BODY HAS MUCH ACTIVITY

The subject upon which the Rev. Martin P. Pezrey of the Unitarian church will address his congregation this morning as a special Armistice Day sermon.

At the American Lutheran church, the pastor, the Rev. P. W. Eriksen, will give an address on "Memories That Bless and Burn." Mr. Eriksen was a chaplain during the war for two years.

The morning worship hour at the First Christian church will be devoted to an Armistice Day sermon by the pastor, the Rev. D. J. Hwoe on "Spiritual Influences of Armistice Day."

Charles E. Ward, pastor of the First Congregational church, will preach upon "Ten Years After" in the morning, when special music will also feature the program for Armistice Day.

MISSIONARY MEET TO CLOSE SUNDAY

The Rev. James Bishop, who has been in this country only a few weeks following service in the mission field in China, will be the principle speaker at the last sessions of the missionary convention which has been in force since Thursday at the Market street Free Methodist church, corner North Winter and Market streets.

The complete program for today is as follows:

Morning
11:00—Devotionals, The Rev. Elmer Root, returned missionary.
10:15—Address, The Rev. Elmer Root, returned missionary.
11:00—Devotionals, The Rev. W. N. Coffee, pastor of the Free Methodist church.
11:15—Address, "The Present Situation and Mission Prospects in China," The Rev. James Bishop, returned missionary.

Religious Council Selects Pringle For May Meeting

The meeting of the Red Hill Council of Religious education will take place at Pringle in May. It was voted at the council meeting held a week ago today at the Rosedale Friends' church.

Baptist Men's Group To Meet

The brotherhood of the First Baptist church will meet Tuesday night at 8:30 o'clock for the brotherhood supper and study hour. The regular weekly prayer service will be Thursday night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. Robert D. Payne is pastor of the church.



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FATHERS, SONS WILL BANQUET

Judge Rossman to be Speaker at Event at First Methodist Church Friday

Judge George Rossman of the Oregon supreme court will give the principal address at the Father and Son banquet to be given in the church parlors of the First Methodist church Friday night at 6:30 o'clock. All boys and men of the congregation are invited to attend the banquet arranged for them, when fatherless sons and sonless fathers will adopt one another for the veiling of fun and good fellowship.

Other Plans Given

Other events to occur this week among the groups of the First Methodist congregation are announced as follows:

Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the Women's Bible class will meet for its regular business and social meeting at the home of Mrs. C. H. Bryan, 549 N. Cottage.

The regular meeting of the study class will occur Wednesday night, "How Did Jesus Choose His Life Task?" will be the subject for discussion.

The Ladies' Aid of the church will sponsor a social at the church Friday night. A program and games will feature the evening. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday afternoon the story hour will be held for the younger children. The growing number of children has made necessary the addition of a helper to care for the activities and Miss Mildred Erickson will assist Mrs. Gentry in the direction of the play activities.

The Pioneer club will meet Saturday at 1 o'clock for the regular meeting. The afternoon will then be finished at the Y. M. C. A. where Jack Trexel will coach them in basket ball.

CALVARY BAPTISTS PLAN CHURCH NIGHT

The members of the Calvary Baptist church have been working hard to get the Grand Opera house in shape to carry on their program of work and worship, the latest addition being installation of a fine kitchenette, which was used for the first time last Friday night when the women of the young people's married class served a dinner to delegates to the Reception Council.

Wednesday night has been designated as regular church night, when members are asked to come at 6 o'clock for a pot luck dinner. Following the dinner, or about 6:45 o'clock, the group will meet for Bible study, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. W. Earl Cochran.

At 7:30 o'clock the regular fellowship hour will be observed. Following acceptance of the church into the Central Association this past week, the congregation is making plans for a reception for the pastor and his family, to be held at the church Friday night, November 16.

Walter Jenks is chairman of the entertainment committee and Mrs. W. C. Pickens heads the refreshment committee.

Church Sponsors Father-Son Event

Walter Winslow will be the principal speaker at the Father and Son banquet to be held Tuesday night at the Knight Memorial Congregational church, corner 19th and Ferry streets. H. C. Stover is minister of the church.

To Meet Three Times

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday night meetings are scheduled for the Glad Tidings' mission. C. S. Johnson is pastor and the mission is located at 34 1/4 Court street.

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Hawley To Talk At First M. E.

Congressman W. C. Hawley will deliver the address at the First Methodist church, tonight, speaking upon "St. Paul, the Man and Missionary."

Prayer Service On Wednesday

The United Brethren church, on Mission street between 12th and University, will hold the regular weekly prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30, reports the pastor, the Rev. A. S. Henderson.

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