



DR. GUY J. WRIGHT

Bible Talks Begin Sunday

First Christian Church will present the first of a week-long series of Bible Lectures at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, March 20. The speaker will be Dr. Guy J. Wright, professor of Bible and Hebrew at Northwest Christian College in Eugene. Dr. Wright's topic Sunday morning will be "What is the Bible?" Sunday evening at 7:30 he will speak on "How the Bible Was Written." The series will continue at 7:30 every evening through Friday, on such topics as "The Drama of Bible Transmission," (Monday); "The Bible in Many Tongues," (Tuesday); "Pockets of Bible Preservation," (Wednesday); "The Bible in the English Language," (Thursday); and "Right and Wrong Ways to Use the Bible," (Friday).

Dr. Wright has conducted two recent tours of the Holy Land and will show motion pictures and slides of these trips during the week. His study and interest in the history and geography of Palestine make his presentations especially interesting.

Various departments of the First Christian Church Bible School will be hosts for a time of fellowship following the evening meetings during the week, and will have members of the Bible School staff available to answer questions and show facilities of the school. The public is invited to share in the program.

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION

Can we as Christians ever be profitable servants of the Lord? Considering what He has invested in us, can He realize a gain over and above His investment?

Christ, in Luke 17:6-10, compares the life of a Christian to that of a servant. He states that even when we have done all that we are commanded to do, we are unprofitable because we have done only that which was our duty.

We are "bought with a price," 1 Cor. 6:20. That price was the blood of Christ. Let us consider how great a sacrifice was made for our salvation. Can we live a life that is worthy of this? Let us, then, with meekness and humility remember that we are "bought with a price" and strive ever to be a dedicated and faithful servant of the Lord.

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WIENER ROAST

CHLOQUIN — The Open Bible Church enjoyed a late winter wiener roast at the F. Branin home on Agency Lakeshore Road recently. Forty-two gathered around a bonfire for games, singing and food.

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Meditations for Lent

One of the most remarkable women in the Middle East is Bertha Spafford Vestor, who has lived for 78 years in the ancient city of Jerusalem. There she presides with queenly grace over the American Colony, besides administering a great hospital and a clinic for nonrefugees which in 1959 served 22,300 patients.

Her father, Horatio G. Spafford, was a successful lawyer in Chicago toward the end of the last century, where he owned considerable property.

Then came the disastrous Chicago fire. Having lost practically all his possessions and with his wife at the point of a nervous breakdown, he suggested that they go to England for a few weeks to recuperate.

But just as they were about to leave he found it imperative to remain in Chicago for a few more days to attend to some business. He told his wife to take their four little girls and go on the boat as planned, leaving him to join her in London a week later.

On the way across the Atlantic, however, the ship ran into a sailing vessel in a dense fog. There were but 22 survivors.

Among the latter was Mrs. Spafford, who found herself coming up out of the water on a piece of wreckage which enabled her to survive until she was picked up by a lifeboat. The four little girls, however, were drowned.

It was when Mr. Spafford received the news of the death of all his four daughters that in his anguish he sat down and wrote the beautiful hymn:

"When peace, like a river, at my feet doth flow,
When sorrows like sea-billows roll;

Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul."

Subsequently there were three other children born to Mr. and Mrs. Spafford, one a boy who died of scarlet fever. It was then that Mr. Spafford decided to take the two little girls—one of them the present Mrs. Vestor—and his wife to take up residence in Jerusalem.

Asked for a reason he replied: "It was there that my Saviour lived and suffered and conquered. I have lived, and I have suffered. Now I want to learn the secret of how to conquer."

How well he succeeded is revealed in the years that followed. Their home within a corner of the city wall was so poor that most of the time the children had to go without shoes.

But so completely did they devote themselves to their fellow men that today we have in Jerusalem the beautiful hotel and guest house of the American Colony, the Red Cross, and the hospital and clinic mentioned above.

Now 81 years of age, the mother of six children of her own, Mrs. Vestor is one of the most radiant, sparkling Christian women one could find anywhere in the world.

Recently she was invited all the way from Jerusalem to Hollywood to participate in a "This Is Your Life" program featuring Lowell Thomas, whom she introduced to the famous Lawrence of Arabia.

To live—to suffer—to conquer! This was indeed the secret of Jesus, and of those who followed him. The Apostle Paul said, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21).

As for suffering, Paul said further, "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. . . . If so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." (Romans 8:18, 17.)

And conquest? Another New Testament writer has given us, in 1 John 5:4-5, the final word on that. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

Fortunate is that person who having learned the secret of how to live, to suffer, and to conquer, can say in the face of every disaster,

"It is well with my soul."



DR. RUSSELL PAVY

Fresno Man Plans Talk

Dr. Russell Pavy of Fresno will speak in a series of meetings at the Bible Baptist Church, 2244 Ward Street beginning Sunday evening, March 20, and concluding the following Sunday evening, March 27. The meetings will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. weekdays.

Inspirational singing accompanied by the orchestra and other special musical numbers will be featured each evening. A nursery will be provided.

A special feature will be a pre-session time at 7 p.m. each week day evening when Dr. Pavy will speak on "The Ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Believer."

The speaker is pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church of Fresno, as well as president of the Conservative Baptist Association of America.

Rev. Freeman Schmitt, pastor of the Bible Baptist Church, extends a welcome to these services.

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Girls' Conference

The 47th annual Oregon Older Girls' Conference, sponsored by the United Church Women of Oregon, will be held March 25, 26 and 27 at the Scout Training Center on Mount Scott in southeast Portland.

Older Girls' Conference is an interdenominational, interracial three-day meeting of high school and college age girls who are leaders and potential leaders in Oregon church groups, high school girls' leagues and other community clubs.

"Be Still and Know" is the theme of this year's program which will be built around work shops, convocations and worship services. Judy Dotson will preside as president, Freda Hartzfeld, dean of women at Lewis and Clark College, as director, and Mrs. Kay Somers as assistant director.

The Statue of Liberty is 305 feet one inch from the foundation of the pedestal to the torch.

Compassion Sunday

The Klamath Falls Free Methodist Church will join with churches throughout the denomination in observing Compassion Sunday, March 20. On this day the church will emphasize the world relief program carried on by the denomination's missionaries among underprivileged peoples.

Special attention will be given to the work of hospitals and dispensaries overseas, where more than 400,000 treatments were administered last year. Patients pay for treatments according to their ability. In some countries government assistance in the medical work. Because of this, the cost to missions is only 10 cents per treatment.

In addition to direct medical relief and the distribution of food and clothing, missionaries "help people help themselves" by giving vocational training and agricultural instruction. Mission schools teach gardening skills best suited

to the climate and soil of the country and the economic level of the people. Public health teaching and other preventive measures are included in the long-range program to bring a more abundant life to peoples now living on a subsistence level.

The Free Methodist Church on Compassion Sunday will demonstrate belief that Christianity is more than theory, and that the church in a very practical way identifies itself with suffering peoples everywhere.

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Wednesday Evening Testimony Meeting 8:00 O'Clock

Lesson-Sermon Subject, March 20

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Golden Text: Colossians 3:2. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

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