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Dr. Walter A. Maier

Saint Louis, Missouri (Special) December 22—As Christ's parents found no house or room in Bethlehem so this Christmas more American families are without homes than ever before, Dr. Walter A. Maier declared today in a special pre-Christmas broadcast. "We could mobilize our man and money power to kill millions of our enemies and win victories in two World Wars; but somehow we cannot accomplish the smaller tasks of providing homes for our people, especially the veterans," he states. "Graft and favoritism are partially responsible for this. In the Saint Louis area a large, pretentious gambling establishment is being completed, despite building shortages; yet here in our city three G. I. families, a total of eight people, are forced to live in one Christmas," the radio speaker maintained, "finds our country outwardly in the greatest period of prosperity. The nation's total income is now two and one half times larger than before the war. Holiday business, as Christmas Savings Clubs, this year reach new and all-time records." At the same time, Dr. Maier pointed out, how much of the rest of the world is suffering severe trials. In Berlin, said to be the best fed city in Germany, hospitals list more than 2,000 patients suffering from hunger. Many who starve never have medical attention. The 1946 Christmas should therefore be marked by wide generosity and the personal self-sacrifice which the birth of Christ portrays and requires.

Our spiritual progress, Dr. Maier maintained, has not kept pace with our scientific advance. The country must learn to trust and exalt the Christ Child in the manger as God and Savior. Christianity is the only creed that focuses its faith in a child; and only the Christian creed, as it brings American youth to a Bible-based trust, can meet the spiritual trust and moral stamina it needs.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

ST. JOHNS AME CHURCH Rev. E. B. Childress, pastor 22nd and Willis Ave. Mason Devereau Jr., rep.

...And Elisha prayed and said: Lord I pray Thee, open his eyes that he may see; and the Lord opened the eyes of the young man and he saw. And behold the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. II Kings 5:17 was the text of our minister. Subject "Behold The Invisible" Sunday morning December 15 at 11:00 a. m.

Our Junior Choir rendered the Spiritual music for this warm Christmas message of the day. Thoughts from this sermon are: Our invisible contributions to society is the greatest contribution we will leave here; Until a man

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In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska. In the Matter of the Estate of BELZORA COLLINS, Deceased.

The Sunday School Christmas program under the direction of Mrs. Childress, Bro. Harris, and the staff of the Sunday School, and his efficient staff of teachers will be held on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 8 p. m. They invite all members, parents of the participants and friends to come out on this evening.

Orchids to Mrs. Childress, Bro. Harris and his staff and the parents for the cooperation given in the preparation of these our children for this night. Let us all come to this night with joy and gladness. Last rehearsal will be Saturday December 21st at 1:00 p. m. Mothers be sure to let your children be there.

Mrs. Carrie Carter invites all members and friends of St. Johns to place something in that basket setting up front Sunday morning or night or Christmas Eve as a token of appreciation of the fine work our pastor and wife are doing at St. Johns. Let us all place our contribution in this basket. Any food item is welcome.

The Missionary Society will have their last service of this year on the fifth Sunday night of this month, December 29th. Bro. H. L. Preston will direct the Men's Chorus with Mrs. Otis Jamerson at the piano.

The Watchmen's contribution to the trustees for the purchase of two sand tables for the Sunday School and a table for the mimeograph machine was another of those fine Christian jokers on the part of these wide-awake men of St. Johns. To them we say more power to you and may God bless you.

To the brother who gave us 2 tons of coal to christen our new heating plant, the officers, astor, and members thank you and may God bless you for He knows that it was given by a cheerful giver from the depths of the heart from a member who is interested in the future of St. Johns. "Let us heed and do likewise as we march onward, forward and upward in our program for a bigger, better

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends, who were so kind to us during our recent bereavement and also for the beautiful floral offerings at the death of Aaron (Shorty) Glass.

Mrs. Aaron Glass, wife, John and Joe Glass, sons, Theotis Glass, brother, Compton Wheeler, cousin.

Christ in Christmas HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 30th & Corby SERVICES 11 A. M. & 8 P. M.; S. S. 10 A. M. H. H. SCHAULAND, PASTOR

Our Baby God

The thing that fascinates us most about Christmas is the appearance of the Almighty God as a helpless baby, the sight of tiny hands which, we remind ourselves, hung up the moon and rolled the earth into space. And now He's made Himself so helpless, out of love for us. He wasn't really born with a shock of flaxen hair as our Christmas cards represent Him. He was born just like any other son of man, tiny and absolutely dependent on the love of His mother. He would be hungry if she did not feed Him; He would not be clean, did she not wash Him. Now He is close to everyone. He waits in His crib for our adoration. He has not yet assumed the dignity of manhood, nor the majesty of His glorified body; for somehow after the resurrection, His words to Mary Magdalen—"Don't touch Me"—rather put us in awe of Him. He could annihilate us with a glance if He would. Our prayers at Easter are addressed in adoration but at Christmas we want to wrap the Infant Jesus in prayers of love and pity. We want to take Him in our arms, and let His poor little body draw the abundance of our warmth and vitality.

But just think of Mary's joy. This Baby is God. Think of how you would feel if you could have God in your arms, sitting at your table, or asleep in the next room. Mary realized the dignity of her Son. She had been visited by an archangel; St. Joseph's dream had reassured her knowledge, and St. Elizabeth's greeting had confirmed it. She knew that she was the Mother of God—yet she did not become vain, nor did she try to use her Son's power for her own ends.

So let's savor the spirit of Christmas to the full. We can build a crib in our souls which need never be torn down. We can hug our Lord to ourselves and hold Him fast—so fast that, by His grace, we need never lose Him from our arms.

IMMANUEL COM. CHURCH 2320 28th Avenue Rev. E. F. Ridley, Pastor

The text for last Sunday's sermon was from Hebrew 3:6. The subject "What are we to Christ?" High point: The house of Israel meant more to Christ than it did to Moses. Moses was a servant in the house of Israel while Christ is its Lord and heir. Moses was faithful to the house of Israel but Christ was He is and forever shall be faithful. Many of the Israelites died in the wilderness because they were not faithful to Moses. The question now is this: Will we be faithful to Christ and imitate him or be unfaithful to Him and miss the eternal promised land?

Next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Rev. Ridley will deliver our Christmas message, Monday night at eight o'clock the Sunday School will present a play entitled "The Judean Hills."

Watch meeting will begin at 11 p. m. New Year's Eve. Every one is invited. Rev. Ridley delivered a sermon Sunday afternoon for Rev. C. A. Favors at Pilgrim Baptist church. His text was from II Corinthians 1:21 and 22 verses. His subject: "Four Privileges of the Believer."

The sermon was enjoyed by the congregation and as a whole was a spiritual and financial success.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH 30th and Corby Streets H. H. Schauland, Pastor

In Algebra "X" stands for the unknown quantity. And to many people Christmas is an unknown quantity. Such people are justified in spelling Christmas with an "X"—Xmas. But the Christians know the true meaning of Christmas. They know that there can be no Christmas without Christ. To them Christ comes first everything else is secondary. They do not ask "How shall we observe Christmas?" It is self-evident. In God's House. During this blessed season there will again be many opportunities to do just that. May the love of Christ constrain us all to do so.

Hope Lutheran invites you to attend services Sunday, Dec. 22, at 11 a. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. On Dec. 24 the children's service in song and recitation begins at 11 a. m. Come, worship the Christ-Child with us, we are blessed and Christ-centered Christians to all.

CLAIR METHODIST CHURCH 22nd and Miami St. Rev. C. C. Reynolds, pastor.

Services were well attended last Sunday both morning and night. The pastor delivered the morning message from the theme: "A Finished Work" from the scripture John 17:4. A number of visitors were present in both services.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the Rev. R. W. Johnson, his choir and members from Mt. Calvary Community church were with us. This was another great service.

Following the pastor's sermon Sunday night, the Royal Jubilee Singers rendered a very fine program of spiritual music.

This coming Sunday morning, December 22 the pastor shall use as his sermon theme: "Born To Crusade." We urge all our members and friends who are not otherwise engaged to hear this Christmas Sunday morning message. The Sunday School will have its Christmas program and Tree on Christmas Eve at 8 o'clock. A special Christmas candlelight service will be held at Clair Church on Christmas Eve at 14:45 p. m. The pastor will use as his sermon theme for this service "The Angel's Message." The choir will render special music for this service.

Improved SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D. Of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Released by Western Newspaper Union.

Lesson for December 22

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A MESSAGE OF LOVE (CHRISTMAS LESSON)

LESSON TEXT—John 3:16; Ephesians 3:14-21. MEMORY SELECTION—Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.—II Corinthians 9:15.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem there were only a few men and women of faith who could see in the Babe of the manger the glory and the power of Christ. It was a dark and unbelieving age into which he was born—and who will say that it is different in the day in which we celebrate Christmas, 1946.

Indifferent, ignorant and sinful people are glad to try to capitalize on the spirit of Christmas, but they still despise and turn away from the Son of God, Jesus the Saviour.

It behooves us, therefore, to present once more the message of the Saviour who came at Christmas, that all men may hear of him.

Our lesson speaks of God's great gift of love and tells what manner of men and women we should be because he did give his Son for us. I. God's Christmas Gift to Us (John 3:16).

God loved—so God gave. Love prompts the heart to give. One may give without loving, it is true, but one cannot love without giving.

God's love for man existed from all eternity. It provided a way of redemption for man and in due season the Saviour came, to live, to love, to die for all mankind.

It was no chance event, no accident in history; it was the heart of God speaking in his "unspeakable gift" (II Cor. 9:15) of his only begotten Son.

That leads us to our second Scripture and our second point. We who receive gifts try to express our appreciation in a polite and proper way.

II. Our "Thank You" to God (Eph. 3:14-21).

Paul's prayer for the Ephesian church and for us also who are in the "family" v. 15 tells us how we may by our lives as Christians express our gratitude to God.

The church of Christ, made up of those who are believers in him, should show its relationship to God, and its appreciation of his grace by its

1. Strength (v. 16). It does not honor God nor is he properly represented in the world by those who are actually weak and ineffective.

It is the privilege of the believer to be "strengthened with might" (v. 16) and this takes place as the Holy Spirit has liberty "with power" penetrating to our inmost being.

as Weymouth translates it. No part of man's inner being is then left weak or without the light and grace of the Holy Spirit.

2. Love (v. 17). This is the strong foundation of all spiritual development and usefulness. Roots are put down deep (as we change the figure of speech) to hold the life steady, and to provide the nourishment for spiritual living.

This is all possible because Christ makes his home in the heart. This is the privilege of making such a guest feel at home in our hearts! Let us be grateful, and let us recognize him and honor his presence.

3. Knowledge (v. 18, 19). The believer has to know not only the knowable, but also that which passes knowledge, namely, the love of Christ.

We shall grow in grace as we grow in the knowledge of the love of Christ (II Pet. 3:18). We with all of God's people—what a great and delightful company—are to comprehend, to really grasp, the length and breadth and height and depth of his love.

We say with the psalmist, "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain to it" (Ps. 139:6). But then we remember that it is as Christ dwells "in our hearts by faith" (v. 17) that we are able to comprehend such truth.

Most Christians live on a very low plane, going along with a limited and unsatisfactory Christian experience when all this is available to them by faith.

4. Faith (v. 20). Here we see why it is possible to do the impossible, to know that which passes knowledge, to see the unseen. It is by faith in him who "is able to do infinitely beyond all our highest prayers and thoughts" (Weymouth, v. 20) that we attain unto this blessed place of blessing.

So this is the "Thank you" that God wants this Christmas. He wants the unbeliever to turn to him in faith, and the believer to really be what he ought to be and can be in Christ. Then a man's whole life will say, "Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul!"

For the tenth successive year the writer of these notes expresses to his readers everywhere his good wish for a most blessed Christmas both in heart and home. May the Lord give us all special grace this year to thank him for his great Christmas Gift by a life wholly dedicated to him.

have." But this is not the American way. Reform means to remake, to reshape, not to break. In our impatience we too often feel that to reform a situation we must change it completely overnight. We can wipe out all abuses in America, we can reform our country into the Utopia of which we dream, if we will work together

The Bell Tolls

(by Leonard H. Bell)

"PEACE ON EARTH; GOODWILL TO ALL MEN"

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy". St. Matthew, 2:10. The Three Wise Men rejoiced because they knew that they were nearing the end of their quest for the new born child, Jesus. The child who in time would teach all of the tenets that, if practiced, would bring Peace On Earth and Good Will to All Men.

God grant that our Wise Men of today rejoice and be influenced by that star now shining in the heavens. A star which will lead them back to the manger of the Christ Child, where they can worship and offer prayers for Christian guidance in solving the problems of a troubled world. Let them learn that Peace On Earth, Good Will To All Men, is not just a mere platitude to be recited at Christmas when all hearts and minds are mellowed with the Christmas cheer, but is instead a year round formula for a better world. A world in which there can be no civil strife, racial hatreds and wars of aggrandizement. A world where the many good things of life are shared with the many instead of with the few.

Even though the yuletide is at hand and all of us will be paying lip service to Peace On Earth, Good Will To All Men, the world is far from peace. For our Wise Men of today seem to, to be the direct emissaries of a King Herod. A King Herod, which today represents imperialism, selfish greed, oppression and subjugation of the weak peoples, continued persecution of minorities and civil aggression.

It is to be hoped again this Christmas that they will see the star of Bethlehem, accept the divine guidance of Jesus in all of their deliberation so that their gifts to him will be charity, justice, brotherly love, and the final establishment of all the tenets of the Atlantic Charter. Then they and the world can truthfully say, "Peace On Earth, Good Will To All Men."

and utilize the thought and the brains and abilities we already possess. We can do this if we work together, possessing our souls in patience. Neither Utopia nor Rome was built in a day.

AND A CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM

When 540 teen-age boys and girls met at the Hotel Astor on December 7th in the Youth Forum, sponsored by the Daily Mirror of New York City, they outlined a vigorous program for racial and world peace.

Their first goal was that racial peace could be attained through the elimination of racial discrimination. And they urged that racial discrimination should be fought by action against colleges and schools that practice it, by legislating it out of housing developments, by a federal fair employment practices act and by the teaching of common factors of various cultures. They proposed the teaching of world concepts and psychology in the city schools.

They recommended the prevention of juvenile delinquency thru more settlement houses and other community centers for young people, youth hostels, scouting, the education of parents, more extracurricular activities in the schools and the extension of school activities to include all students. They asked that sex education be also taught in the city's high schools and that teachers be impartial politically in the classrooms. And they frowned on teachers teaching subjects in which they have not majored, just to suit the convenience of the school.

When the elders had a chance to speak Mayor O'Dwyer said to the youths that racial bias was one of the big problems left for youth to solve and he urged the delegates to work for a solution so that "in your time there will be no trace of race prejudice". He told them that it was right for them to be interested in inflation, war, foreign affairs and juvenile delinquency.

The delegates represented fifty four youth organizations and it was the fourth annual youth forum sponsored by the Daily Mirror.

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