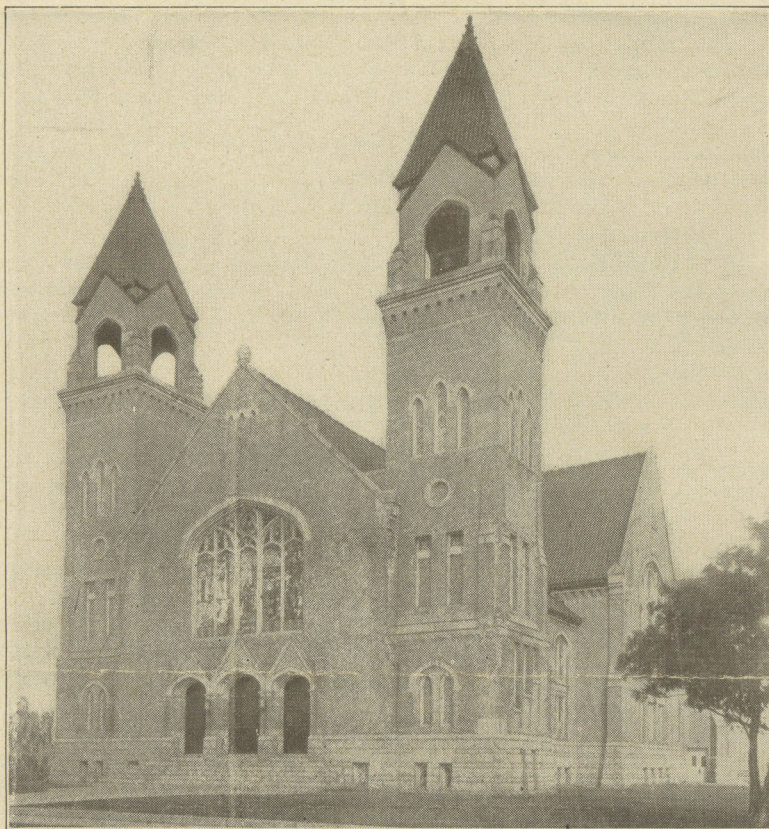


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Sunday, February 17, 1929

"I Was Glad When They Said unto Me, Let Us Go into the House of the Lord"

"The Lord is in His Holy Temple;
Let all the earth keep silence before Him."

Morning Worship 11 a. m.

Organ Prelude	
Doxology	
Hymn 208—"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"	<i>Timothy Dwight</i>
Apostles' Creed	
Prayer	
Response—"The Prayer Perfect"	<i>E. J. Stenson</i>
Mrs. King, Mrs. Myers, Miss Titlar, Mrs. Newsom	
Old Testament Lesson	Exodus 2:11-25
Responsive Reading	Psalm 22, Part II
Gloria Patri	
New Testament Lesson	Matthew 11:1-6
Offertory Anthem—"Onward Christian Soldiers"	<i>McDougall</i>
Incidental Solo by Mr. C. E. Jordan	
Offertory Sentence and Prayer	
Hymn 402—"Hark, The Voice of Jesus Calling"	<i>Daniel Marck</i>
Sermon—	Dr. O. E. Goddard
Hymn 654—"O Zion Haste"	<i>Mary A. Thompson</i>
Benediction	
Organ Postlude	

Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.

Organ Prelude	
Hymn 55—"Saviour, Breathe an Evening Blessing"	<i>James Edmeston</i>
Prayer	
Response—"Come Unto Me"	<i>H. T. Burleigh</i>
Reading from the Scriptures	John 21:15-25
Offertory Solo—"God Heareth Me"	<i>William Dichmont</i>
Mrs. H. E. Meyers	
Offertory Sentence and Prayer	
Hymn 444—"My Home, My All, My Saviour Thou"	<i>Author Unknown</i>
Sermon—"THE SINS OF A GOOD MAN"	Genesis 12:13
By the Pastor	
Hymn 510—"Lord, for Tomorrow and Its Needs"	<i>Sybill Partridge</i>
Benediction	
Organ Postlude	

A School of Missions will be conducted for members of our congregation this week. The book to be used and studied is "The Methodist Evangelist" by Dr. Goddard. Studies will be conducted on Tuesday by the pastor, on Wednesday by Mrs. A. M. Gates, and on Thursday by Prof. James Cannon, III. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings.

On next Sunday morning our annual special offering for missionary maintenance will be made. Last year our Church gave \$1,271. We must not give less this year and we ought to give more.

Calendar for the Week

TODAY:

9:30 Church School
6:45 Epworth League

MONDAY:

3:30 Circle 1 will meet with Mrs. M. B. Fowler, 1021 Monmouth Avenue
Circle 2 will meet with Mrs. H. C. Satterfield, at her home, 1407 Pettigrew Street
Circle 3 will meet with Mrs. R. C. Barker, 704 Buchanan Road
Circle 4 will meet with Mrs. C. L. Dickson, 507 South Duke Street
Circle 5 will meet with Mrs. H. J. Bass, 201 Broadway St.
7:45 Circle 6, the Business Women's Circle, will meet with Mrs. T. E. Rigsbee, 804 West Chapel Hill Street.

TUESDAY:

6:30 Workers' Council at the Church

TUESDAY—WEDNESDAY—THURSDAY:

7:30 School of Missions

"Prayer," said Andrew Murray, "is not monologue, but dialogue: God's voice in response to mine is its most essential part. Listening to God's voice is the secret of the assurance that He will listen to mine." What do you get out of prayer, in private or in the house of God? If you seem to get little, may not one of the reasons be that you have not heeded the principle stated by Andrew Murray?

We are glad to welcome to our pulpit this morning Dr. O. E. Goddard, Foreign Secretary of the General Board of Missions. Dr. Goddard has long been prominent in evangelistic and mission work. He has recently visited our fields of labor in Africa, and is the author of what is proving one of the most popular of all the mission study books published by our Church, "The Methodist Evangel." He preaches here this morning, and at Trinity Church tonight.

Tomorrow, beginning at two o'clock, there will be held in our Church a meeting of the laymen of the Durham District. Addresses will be made by Rev. Ralph E. Nollner of Lake Junaluska, Dr. W. P. Few, Dr. F. S. Hickman, and others. Members of this congregation are invited to attend this important meeting.

At 6:30 a supper will be served at Trinity Church. Delegates from the charges of the District are expected to attend this meeting in a body, and all officers, missionary workers, and as many others as will be asked to attend and take part. Dr. Goddard will make an address, and the meeting will be adjourned by 8:00 o'clock.

The pastor and his family take this means of acknowledging the kind expressions of sympathy which members of the congregation have extended them in their recent bereavement and loss.

Next Sunday morning the pastor will preach the second in a series of sermons on "Building a Rational Faith." The topic will be, "What Is the Truth about Jesus Christ?"

We record with sorrow the death of Mrs. A. H. Godbey, who passed from earth January 29. Interment was made at St. Louis, Mo., former home of Dr. Godbey and his family.

The flowers in the Church today are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Dolian Harris.

Miss Flora Belle Dawson, a student of Duke University, has been employed as office secretary. She will be at the Church office each day from 2 to 5 P. M.

Members of our congregation are invited to attend the service at 3:00 o'clock today at the Rialto Theatre. This service is under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. The address will be given by Dr. Elbert Russell.

The Man Who Draws Near to God Must Believe There is a God

Have you ever wrestled it out with yourself, what you are certain of about God and why? If you were pushed into a corner about it, what would you say?

You could at least say this: There is such a thing in the world as goodness. It is no trouble to find kindness, self-sacrifice, love. Just how to define goodness you may not know, but you are in no doubt that it exists. And you know that it is better, it is more desirable, it produces more happiness and health, it contributes more to the worth of life, than what we call evil. It is in our hearts, we desire it, we cherish it.

We can see it everywhere, though it is by no means everything we see. Alas, there is much, too much that cannot be so described. But you recall that when our Lord sought a figure to express His yearning for the people of Jerusalem He fell upon the familiar sight of a hen gathering her chickens under her wing. One cannot quite avoid the feeling that, although this act of the mother hen is instinctive, it reveals in nature or something at the heart of nature a fitness matching need which surpasses blind instinct. Have you ever walked through a field in summer and flushed a mother partridge from among her brood? Did you note how she fluttered away uttering her cries, attempting to attract your attention to herself so that her young might not be molested? She was risking herself to save her babies. Is there not something about that which does not quite fit in with glib ascription to pure mechanism? Do you not have the feeling that her act is the revelation of something much larger and deeper than the partridge world?

But we do not need to spend our time with the mothering animals or birds. We know there is such a thing as goodness, unselfishness, and love in our human world. And the important fact about this is that a description or act or character that is essentially good leads off invariably and inevitably in the direction of the Good, the Perfect. To serve another at cost to yourself, to tell the truth, to be virtuous, for a man to lay down his life for his friend—these are good things; and they give us a lead we cannot afford to ignore, if we want to think straight, in the direction of Truth, Virtue, Service, Sacrificialness, and Love.

It may be that the objectors are right, and that all this proves nothing about God. But can you wholly agree? The feeling is inescapable that this Goodness to which little goodnesses point is real; that good acts and dispositions and lives are in the world because a Good God is thus finding a way to reveal Himself. There may be another way to explain it; there may be a better way to explain it. Flornet, Nightingale, or Francis of Assisi, or St. Augustine, or Jesus. Who will tell us what that way is? The lives are facts, the realest and loveliest of facts. They have a reason, and an adequate one. What is it? God? We may be sure of it.

At least we know this: They say, they who live such lives say, that God is the reason. We know that we can find in them a calmness and joy, an order and beauty and power, a symmetry and balance and flavor, which are not found in those who deny the reality of God and base their living on the doctrine of denial. In some way or other belief in God makes a difference.

Is it rational to believe that something which produces results so striking and so indisputable and so uniform is wholly imaginary? Does the reason gladly seize upon the conclusion that at the heart of the best and most beautiful lives we ever see in this world there is an irredeemable falsehood?

But theoretical belief that God is is not worth much. That by itself will never console us in our sorrows or encourage us for the battles we all have to wage. It will not put songs into our hearts, or new songs into our mouths. It will have to become vital and practical, something to live by.

That kind of faith will be achieved in only one way. You will have to risk God, and step out on Him, as one steps out on a bridge believing that it will hold him up. Other people's experience and other people's testimony will not avail you, save to stimulate your own adventure. But when you make the test you will find that He does not deceive but rewards those who seek. If you do the will of God you shall know that the doctrine that God is is true. That is the way finally to dispel doubt.

"Religion," said Donald Hankey, "is betting your life there is a God."

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Sunday, March 3, 1929

"I Was Glad When They Said unto Me, Let Us Go into the House of the Lord"

*The Lord is in His Holy Temple;
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Morning Worship 11 a. m.

Organ Prelude—"Ase's Death"	<i>Edward Grieg</i>
Doxology	
Hymn 421—"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"	<i>Lowell Mason</i>
Apostles' Creed	
Prayer	
Response—"Peace I Leave With You"	<i>Roberts</i>
Mrs. King, Miss Titlar, Miss Turner	
Old Testament Lesson	Exodus 14:12-22
Responsive Reading	Psalm 24
Gloria Patri	
New Testament Lesson	Matthew 12:9-21
Offertory Anthem—"Morning Hymn"	<i>Richard Wagner</i>
Offertory Sentence and Prayer	
Hymn 317—"More Love to Thee, O Christ"	<i>Elizabeth Prentiss</i>
Sermon—WHY THIS SACRAMENT?	Luke 22:19
By the Pastor	
Hymn 325—"Break Thou the Bread of Life"	<i>Mary Lathbury</i>
Communion of the Lord's Supper	
Benediction	

Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.

Organ Prelude—"Romanza in G"	<i>Rose Eversole</i>
Hymn 79—"Father, How Wide Thy Glory Shines"	<i>Isaac Watts</i>
Prayer	
Response—"All For Jesus"	<i>Alfred Wooler</i>
Miss Eubanks, Miss Branson, Mr. McLarty	
Reading from the Scriptures	I Kings 19:1-18
Offertory Anthem—"Day is Dying in the West"	<i>Speaks</i>
Offertory Sentence and Prayer	
Hymn 442—"O It is Hard to Work for God"	<i>Frederick Faber</i>
Sermon—WHEN GOD HIDES HIMSELF	Psalm 10:1
By the Pastor	
Hymn 409—"Fight the Good Fight"	<i>John Monsell</i>
Benediction	
Organ Postlude	

ALPHA AND OMEGA

Yea, through death, through sorrow, and through sinning,
Christ shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed;
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.

—F. W. H. Myers.

Calendar for the Week

Today:

- 9:30 Church School.
- 6:45 Epworth League.

Monday:

- 3:00 Prayer service at the Church.
- 3:30 Woman's Missionary Society.
- 7:30 Monthly class meeting of the Daughters of Wesley at the home of Mrs. Jasper Hamlin, 201 West Trinity Avenue.

Tuesday:

- 7:30 Monthly meeting of the Board of Stewards.

Wednesday:

- 3:30 Young People's Missionary Society will meet with Miss Orpah Clements, 310 Watts Street.

Thursday:

- 7:30 Gleaners' Class meeting at the Church with Mrs. J. B. Pate and Mrs. J. H. Rutledge in charge.
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"Awaken us to feel how great a thing it is to live at the end of so many ages, heirs to the thoughts of the wise, the labors of the good, the prayers of the devout"—from one of the prayers of James Martineau.

Next Sunday at 3:00 o'clock our Cooperative Standard Training School begins at Trinity Church. Probably the best arrangement of courses ever offered here is made available. There is no tuition fee. Your Sunday School thinks enough of this matter to bear the expense. All it asks of you is that you do the work, get the benefit, and then serve in such way as you can in your Church.

Have you made your offering for Missionary Maintenance? If not you may enclose your contribution in one of the special envelopes provided today. To date \$ _____ has been received.

Your interest and support is solicited for the Junior Congregation which is begun today. It is hoped that all our boys and girls of proper age, if not attending the public worship in the Church, will attend the service for the Juniors. This service is planned to meet the needs of this age-group and is designed to help them understand the meaning of religion for them selves, to lead them to become more active followers of Christ, and to prepare them to appreciate the worship and service of adult years when adult years shall have arrived.

Next Sunday the third sermon in the series on "Building a Rational Faith" will be preached. The theme will be, "Who, or What, is the Holy Spirit?"

President Henry Sloan Coffin, Union Theological Seminary, New York City, will deliver the Avera lectures at the Auditorium of Duke University on the evenings of March 4, 5, and 6 at 7:30 o'clock. The general theme is "What is There in Religion?" The special topic for Monday night is "Of What Use is Religion?," Tuesday night "How Can We Know God?," and Wednesday night "Why was Christ Crucified?."

On account of the Avera lectures at Duke University there will not be a midweek prayer service this week.

We are happy to welcome this morning to membership in this Church the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Huckabee, 810 Burch; Mrs. F. S. Hubbard, Miss Mary Alice McLaughlin, Mr. Duncan McLaughlin, 1110½ Chapel Hill; Misses Foy and Lina Wil on, 201 South Gregson; Mr. E. C. Brooks, Jr., No. 5 Aycock Apartments; Mrs. Bruce Stephens, 1016 Monmouth, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Yearby, 1004 Broad; Mrs. Jennings B. Berry, 713 Parker.

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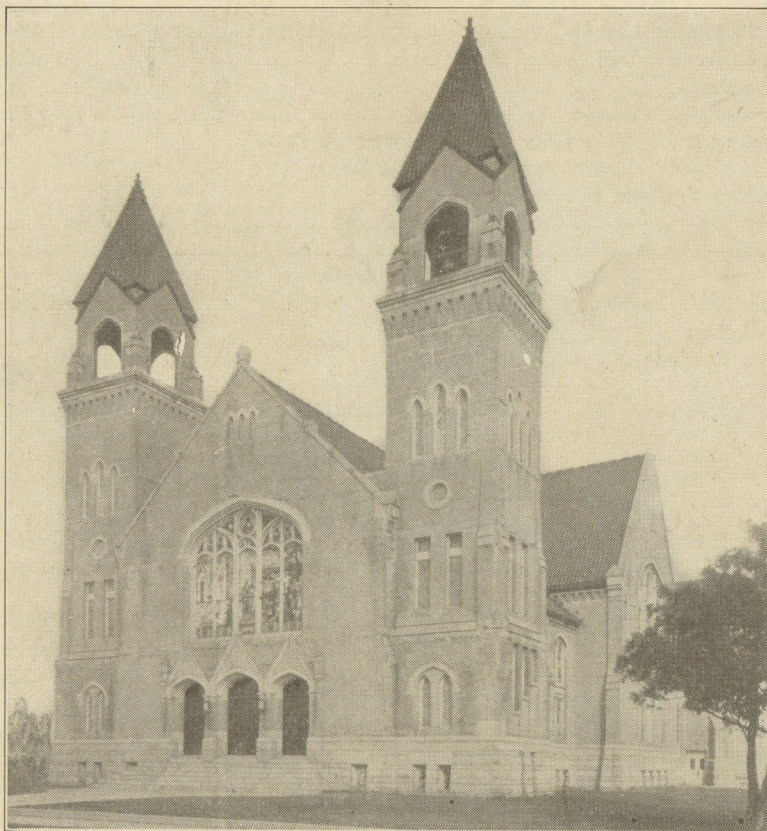
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Sunday, April 14, 1929

*"I Was Glad When They Said unto Me, Let Us Go into the House
of the Lord"*

*"The Lord is in His Holy Temple;
Let all the earth keep silence before him."*

Morning Worship 11 a. m.

Organ Prelude—"Largo"	<i>Handel</i>
Doxology	
Hymn 631—"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun"	<i>Isaac Watts</i>
Apostles' Creed	
Prayer	
Response Anthem—"O Lord Most Merciful"	<i>Concone</i>
Old Testament Lesson	<i>Isaiah 52:13-53:5</i>
Responsive Reading	<i>Psalm 31</i>
Gloria Patri	
New Testament Lesson	<i>Matthew 13:1-9</i>
Offertory Duet—"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Mrs. Newsom and Mrs. Myers	
Offertory Sentence and Prayer	
Hymn 199—"Upon the Gospel's Sacred Page"	<i>John Bowring</i>
Sermon—"OUR FATHERS' BIBLE AND OURS"	<i>Hebrews 4:12</i>
By the Pastor	
Hymn 205—"Lamp of Our Feet, Whereby We Trace"	<i>Bernard Barton</i>
Benediction	
Organ Postlude	

Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.

Organ Prelude—"Melody of Hope"	<i>Leone</i>
Hymn 47—"Sun of My Soul, Thou Saviour Dear"	<i>John Keble</i>
Prayer	
Response Anthem—"Abide With Me"	<i>Neidlinger</i>
Reading from the Scriptures	<i>Psalm 25</i>
Offertory Quartet—"Come Weary Souls"	<i>Gilbert</i>
Offertory Sentence and Prayer	
Hymn 356—"Lord, I Believe a Rest Remains"	<i>Charles Wesley</i>
Sermon—THE SECRET OF THE LORD	<i>Psalm 25:14</i>
Hymn 185—"Holy Ghost, with Light Divine"	<i>Arthur Reed</i>
Benediction	
Organ Postlude	

TO JOHN MILTON

Milton! thou shouldst be living at this hour;
England hath need of thee. . .
Thy soul was like a star, and dwelt apart;
Thou hadst a voice whose sound was like the sea;
Pure as the naked heavens, majestic, free,
So didst thou travel on life's common way
In cheerful godliness; and yet thy heart
The lowliest duties on herself did lay.

—*William Wordsworth.*

Calendar for the Week

Today:

- 9:30 Church School.
- 7:15 Epworth League.

Monday:

- 3:30 Circle 1, with Mrs. D. M. Rea, 1108 Virginia Avenue.
- Circle 2, with Mrs. W. P. Henry, Chapel Hill Street.
- Circle 3, with Mrs. W. H. Wannamaker, Buchanan Blvd.
- Circle 4, with Mrs. J. B. Beard, 1004 Shepherd Street.
- Circle 5, at the church.
- 8:00 Circle 6, with Mrs. J. K. Mason, 608 Chapel Hill Street.

Wednesday:

- 8:00 Midweek prayer service.

The following facts concerning the Sunday School will be of interest:
Active enrollment last Sunday, 877; one year ago, 853. Attendance last Sunday, 688; one year ago, 615. Highest attendance last month, 714 (March 24).

The committee on raising funds for the new Sunday School building is this month canvassing for the larger initial gifts and pledges necessary to assure a successful start toward the \$50,000 goal. For the initial canvass three teams have been selected. Team No. 1, headed by Mrs. J. C. Angier, with Mrs. J. E. Stagg as associate chairman, will canvass the women of the Church except those assigned to Team 3 below. Team No. 2, headed by M. T. Spears, with M. B. Fowler and Geo. T. McCracken as associate chairman, will canvass the men of the Church except those assigned to Team 3 as described below. Team No. 3, headed by Holland Holton, with R. C. Barker as associate chairman, will canvass the Sunday School officers and teachers and the Duke University faculty.

Be prepared to make as generous pledges as you can to the members of these committees when they call upon you. This initial canvass, as the later clean-up canvass next month, will be pitched entirely upon the plane of free-will offerings. There will be no urging by the committees: *the need of the Sunday School is the need of the Church* and is on the hearts and consciences of the congregation. The committees are mere agents to call as rapidly as they can for the answer you will already be prepared to give.

The Young Men's Christian Association of our city is this week calling upon the people to subscribe to its annual budget \$16,907.87. Members of this congregation are invited to have their share in this most worthy undertaking.

As stated above, the month of April has been set aside by the Sunday School committee to raise the larger initial gifts necessary to a satisfactory start toward the \$50,000 Building Fund. This month, therefore, only the initial gifts of \$100 or more will be announced, the month of May being set aside for the multitude of smaller gifts necessary to complete the task. The only team that organized the past week in time to make announcement in this bulletin was Team No. 1, Mrs. J. C. Angier, Chairman. At the end of the first day's work this team announced the following subscriptions of \$100 or over: Mrs. J. E. Stagg, \$5,000; Mrs. J. C. Angier, \$1,000; anonymous, \$1,000; Mrs. G. W. Flowers, \$1,000; Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Nicholson, \$1,000 (partial credit to Team No. 2); Miss Lillie Duke, \$500; Major and Mrs. M. B. Fowler, \$500 (partial credit to Team No. 2); Walter Warren, \$500 (partial credit to Team No. 2); Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Clements, \$500 (partial credit to Team No. 2); Mrs. Walter Warren, \$100; Mrs. Nello Teer, \$200; Mrs. Annie Duke Evans, \$100; Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Angier, \$100 (partial credit to Team No. 3); Miss Bettie Fowler, \$100; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Fowler, \$100 (partial credit to Team No. 2); S. M. Hill, \$100 (partial credit to Team No. 2); Mrs. J. R. Love, \$100; Mrs. Charles Noell, \$100; Mrs. Mallie J. Paschall, \$100; Mrs. H. C. Satterfield, \$100; total, \$12,200.

Next Sunday other initial gifts will be reported from Team No. 1 and a full report of similar gifts to date for Team No. 2, Marshall T. Spears, Chairman.

The flowers in the church today are the gift of Mrs. J. J. Duke, and are presented in memory of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cutts.

"What is Man That Thou art Mindful of Him?"

The Christian religion has an answer; it says that "man became a living soul." It will use the word "soul" in a sense a little different from that of the first chapters of Genesis, perhaps. But let it go at that; it says that man is a soul. He may be and is a body. He may be and is a social unit. The effectiveness of his mental processes is largely conditioned upon his nervous and muscular system.

But, it says, man is fundamentally a soul, a citizen of the spiritual realm. He is made to think and feel and act not only as one of the lords of creation, but as the son of God. He may be a pitiful, puny plaything in the hands of the great forces of nature, such as climate, gravity, storms, earthquakes, and the like. But even so, he can do something that all these mighty things cannot do, he can think. He can reason. He can feel. He can use his mind so that in some measure he brings nature into subjection to himself. And religion says that in doing these things, in forecasting the future and in interpreting the past, in the play of imagination and in the exercise of the nobler qualities of character, man proves himself to be akin to God.

So, we are like Him, in spite of all our sins and stupidity. We have been created in His image; we are His offspring. Our great heritage is in God, and our great business is to live up to this heritage. God is mindful of man and has stamped him with the mark of divinity; He has made him but a little lower than the creatures of eternal light. He has made him to become a child of light, to be in the light as God is in the light.

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

Ah, there it is, in a single sentence. The great pull is God-ward, as God is revealed in our Lord Jesus Christ. What, you ask, is man? That is what he is: he is the kind of being Jesus was. If you want to know what man is potentially—and that is what really matters—then look at Jesus. He is the goal towards which we move. That happened once in human flesh, and it may happen again—is happening again and again, in lives which, because they are lived upon the spiritual level, approach, though it be only in the remotest degree, that perfect life of His. "We are the sons of God—we shall be like Him!"

So, you see, the great error, the damning heresy of all our life is disbelief in this essential nobility, this divine quality of human beings as such. It is because we look on a man as a thing, as without a soul, that we despise him, or make him a means to an end, or degrade him. Because we lower men and women and children, even ourselves, to the level of things or subordinate them to things in our thinking about them, we deal out injustice, and allow miseries and outrages to go unremedied. This is the infidelity which breeds our social wretchedness and spreads distress and inhumanity in the world.

How plain this is! If we could get men to think well of themselves and one another, in the right sense, they simply could not be guilty of the contemptible and corrupting sins they commit. If life and its interests could be held sacred, if when we look upon our fellow-man we could teach ourselves to behold our own brethren in the family and household of God the Father, how different our world would be! Exploitation would be at a speedy end. Laws protecting women and children and other helpless ones would no longer be necessary. The drink traffic would cease, crimes of violence would stop, and we should do anything and suffer anything rather than bring hardship or suffering on one another. This prevalent and devastating hard-heartedness would give place to love which is the fulfilling of the law. It would be a new world forthwith.

Can this kind of world be built, and this kind of life be lived? Can we substitute the human motive and the humane motive for the self-motive and the gain-motive? Can we make persons our main interest, and say that money and ambition and all other things that get in the way of treating our fellows as souls shall take their proper and subsidiary place, becoming tributary to, not master over, our attitudes towards other and all other human beings? Can we make the sacredness of human lives and the soul-blood of human beings the deepest and most inviolable of our assumptions and our chief aim?

Until we can, there is something crooked and twisted about our thinking. Our plan of life is wrong and in the last analysis unworkable. We shall develop the power and the will to do it only by the grace of God.

We are all blind until we see
That in the human plan
Nothing is worth the making if
It does not make the man.
Why build these cities glorious
If man unbuilded goes?
In vain we build the work, unless
The builder also grows.

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Sunday, April 21, 1929

"I Was Glad When They Said unto Me, Let Us Go into the House
of the Lord"

*To all who mourn and need comfort;
To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who are friendless and need friendship;
To all who are homeless and need home's holy influence;
To all who seek courage, hope and power;
To all who hunger and thirst for goodness;
To all who pray, and to all who do not, but ought;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
And to whosoever will enter,
This Church opens wide its doors
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*"The Lord is in His Holy Temple;
Let all the earth keep silence before Him."*

Morning Worship 11 a. m.

Organ Prelude	
Doxology	
Hymn 106—"O worship the King, all glorious above"	<i>Robert Grant</i>
Apostles' Creed	
Prayer	
Response, Anthem—"God Is Our Hope and Strength"	<i>Young</i>
Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 53:6-12
Responsive Reading	Psalms 32
Gloria Patri	
New Testament Lesson	Matthew 13:18-30
Offertory Solo—"O Let Me Hear Thy Loving-kindness"	<i>Colver</i>
	Mr. George Harper
Offertory Sentence and Prayer	
Hymn 199—"Upon the Gospel's Sacred Page"	<i>John Bowring</i>
Sermon—WHAT AUTHORITY HAS THE BIBLE?	Hebrews 4:12
	By the Pastor
Hymn 205—"Lamp of Our Feet, Whereby We Trace"	<i>Bernard Barton</i>
Benediction	
Organ Postlude	

Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.

Organ Prelude	
Processional—"A Prayer for Youth"	<i>Frank Kingdon</i>
Prayer	
Response, Anthem—"Seek Ye the Lord"	<i>Roberts</i>
Reading from the Scriptures	I Timothy 4:1-16
Hymn 208—"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"	<i>Timothy Dwight</i>
Addresses (Moody Smith, presiding) "The Un-Christian Youth," James Cleaver; "The Indifferent Youth," Reba Cousins; "The Timid Youth," Walter L. Lanier; "The Social Youth," Doris Hancock; "The Christian Youth," Norman Huffman; "Youth and the Church," Walter Johnson.	
Following the talk by Mr. Lanier, Mr. George Graves will sing a solo.	
Offertory—"Softly Now the Light of Day"	<i>Carrie B. Adams</i>
	Men's Chorus
Offertory Sentence and Prayer	
Hymn 415—"Faith of our Fathers! Living Still!"	<i>Frederick W. Faber</i>
Benediction	
Organ Postlude	

Are you sometimes oppressed by the vastness and the majesty of God? Do you feel yourself overcome by mystery and tempted to give up trying to think about God altogether? Said Saint Catherine of Genoa, "All that can be said about God is *no!* God, but only certain smallest fragments which fall from His table." And we may be sure that the "certain smallest fragments" are genuine.

Calendar for the Week

Today:

- 9:30 Church School.
- 7:15 Epworth League.

Tuesday:

- 6:30 Workers' Council at the Church.

Wednesday:

- 8:00 Prayer meeting—Topic: "A Man Ahead of His Time," Genesis 22:1-14.

A check for \$650, representing the amount raised to date on our special offering for Missionary Maintenance has been sent forward to the Conference treasurer. This is only about half the sum raised last year and is not sufficient to pay the salary of Reverend Elias Escobar, our native pastor at Juiz de Fora, Brazil. If you have overlooked your part in this matter, will you not attend to it at once?

It was a privilege to our entire congregation to have Dr. F. N. Parker, Dean of the Candler School of Theology in Emory University, to preach here last Sunday. His sermon on "Advantages of Temptation" will be long remembered by those who heard him.

The evening service today will be devoted to the Anniversary Day program of the Epworth League. Prof. H. E. Myers will conduct the opening worship and short addresses will be made by several young men and women. That part of the offering not put into envelopes will be devoted to the work of the North Carolina Conference Epworth League. The Pastor will be absent this evening, going to Zebulon, North Carolina, where he preaches before the graduating class of the Wakelon High School.

Mr. Womack, in charge of the Junior congregation, is at Watts Hospital, where last Monday he underwent an operation for appendicitis. He is making rapid improvement and hopes to come back to his work soon. The Pastor of the Church conducts the service for the Junior congregation today. Reverend H. E. Myers conducts the first part of the service in the Church.

The committee on raising funds for the new Sunday School building, which, as previously announced, is this month canvassing initial gifts and pledges in excess of \$100, announces substantial progress this week. Team No. 1, which reported its first day pledges last Sunday, will make further detailed report next Sunday, which is Sunday School Day. Team No. 3 will make its first report on Sunday School Day. Team No. 2, M. T. Spears, Chairman, will make final report next Sunday and makes initial report today as follows: H. C. Satterfield, \$1000; Claude M. Flowers, \$500; Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Spears, \$300 (partial credit to Team No. 1); Mr. and Mrs. Royal W. Smith, \$250 (partial credit to Team No. 1); Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Strayhorn, \$250 (partial credit to Team No. 1); Hal W. Boring, \$200; H. G. Hedrick, \$150; Horace N. Snow, \$150; Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Stanbury, \$150; R. C. White, \$150; J. H. Coman, \$100; Jimmy and Billy Coman, \$100; Lonnie C. Draughan, \$100; N. E. Faucette, \$100; LeRoy E. Graham, \$100; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Green, \$100 (partial credit to team No. 1); Quinton Holton, \$100; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hopkins, \$100 (partial credit to Team No. 1); Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Linton, Jr., \$100 (partial credit to Team No. 1); Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Rigsbee, \$100 (partial credit to Team No. 1); total, \$4,100.

It is the desire of the Sunday School Committee to give every member of the Church opportunity to participate in the initial pledges; if by any chance the committee overlooks you or fails to find you on call, be sure to see Mrs. Angier, Marshall Spears, or Holland Holton, or some member of their teams.

Next Sunday, April 28, is our annual Sunday School Day, and the 11:00 o'clock hour will be devoted to appropriate exercises. Mrs. C. W. Peppler's class of the Young People's Department, has assumed responsibility for presenting a pageant prepared by the Sunday School Board. The regular Church choir will provide music as usual. A. V. Cole will act as manager in preparing scenery, and Prof. A. M. Proctor, with the cooperation of various groups of Sunday School members serving as processions, will cooperate in the program. The support of the congregation is earnestly requested for Mrs. Peppler and her class in this important undertaking.

"If a Man Die, Shall He Live Again?"

Let us try to get the mind of Jesus on this matter. There is only one way effectively to get rid of the fear of death or of the vast perplexities that surround it, and that is to get Jesus' view of it. That view is set forth in the fourteenth chapter of John. He brushes the tears from our eyes, and puts His hand against our breaking hearts, and says, "Let not your hearts be troubled. Ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's House are many mansions—apartments, rooms, places for the children of God to stay. I go to make ready a place for you."

That was what Jesus thought about it. That was His feeling about it. Most of us would say, that is what He *knew* about it. The Father has two houses, this world and the next. At death we move over into the next room, and are still at home. But note this; it will bring joy and comfort in many an hour of crushing grief and deadening fear: "I go to make ready this place for you; and if I go and prepare for you, I will come again and receive you to myself, that where I am, there ye may be also." Christ is the reception committee for our entrance into heaven. He is our escort through the gates. Nay, when the last agony seizes this body, it is the signal for His approach, it is but the farewell of the spirit which takes leave of its accustomed house of clay; it is the Saviour calling to carry us to the arms and bosom of God.

What then is death? Christ describes it: "I will come and receive you unto myself." Would God that we might Christianize our thought about death and about our dear ones dead! Let us try to get it into the stuff of our minds and hearts that a dead body is not a man, but a house which a man has left; the man is not dead but liveth. He has gone into "the company of the ever-living and most glorious poets;" He has become one of the host which cries forever in grand unison, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts!" He is one of the inheritors of the victory of the Risen Lord, who has raised for our justification, and has brought life and immortality to light.

Well, let us bathe our souls in that. Let us steep our minds in that. Let us heal our hurt hearts with that. Let us train ourselves not only for immortality, but in it. Think of it not one Sunday in the year, but every Sunday, and every other day. Make it an ever-recurring, nay, constant thought.

For it is not much use to argue about this, offering reasons which may sometimes convince, and again leave us cold. The answer to our question is living here the life of immortals.

Lift yourselves up then, to the large extents of eternity. Submerge the trivialities of time in the mightiness of the everlasting and of the everlasting God. Bring to the light of the common day, which is but a kind of dimness after all, the light of God and the forever. Be not cabined in these narrow walls of time, but, remembering that your citizenship is in heaven, bring all your sorrows and bereavements and all the concerns of the daily round out into the wide-horized spaces of immortality. For, as one of our modern prophets of the spirit says, "Immensity is a magnificent medicine."

If a man die, shall he live again?

But he does not die; "The water that I shall give him," says Christ, "shall be in him a well of water, springing up into everlasting life. . . Whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely."

That is the everlasting Yea; it is Easter's glad Affirmative.

I found Him not in world or sun,
Or eagle's wing, or insect's eye;
Nor through the questions men may try,
The petty cobwebs we have spun;
If e'er when faith had fall'n asleep,
I heard a voice "believe no more,"
And heard an ever-breaking shore
That tumbled in the Godless deep;
A warmth within the breast would melt
The freezing reason's colder part,
And like a man in wrath the heart
Stood up and answer'd "I have felt."