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*Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened.*

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Rev. John T. Skinner and Rev. D. Thies with Memphis Negro Deaf

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Memphis, Tenn. — The Rev. John T. Skinner was installed as pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, and principal of the Lutheran Co-operative School on June 26. This school has an enrollment of 225 Negro pupils from kindergarten

through the eighth grade. At the service a large group of adult Deaf attended, and the service was interpreted by Pastor Delbert Thies. Our Lutheran churches of Memphis maintain this Christian day school for Negro children.

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To Our Missionaries to the Deaf

"Thy kingdom come!" — We daily pray
This mission prayer along life's way.
We pray that God would guard and keep
The faithful shepherds of His sheep
And by the Gospel-voice enfold
Through faith a multitude untold.

We, too, include in this brief prayer
The missionaries who with care
And patient, loving hand and skill
Their daily duties do fulfill.
To Deaf they bring the precious Word;
None can believe unless he's heard
The message of salvation blest
Which leads to peace and heavenly rest.

But in His wisdom, love, and grace
E'en such can stand before His face
Whose ears can't hear the message giv'n;
They, too, are souls redeemed for heav'n.
By signs our missionaries bring
The wondrous news of Christ, our King.
Oh, blessed work this is indeed,
With bread from heaven such to feed
Whose ears are stopped and lips are mute,
But ne'er through grace left destitute.

Toil on, ye noble servants, toil,
Your seed will fall on fertile soil;
Your work of love shall not be vain
When you proclaim the Savior slain.
Then labor on, and do not cease;
A rich reward shall be your peace
When you shall see in heaven's sphere
The Lord for whom you've labored here,
And see the souls in shining light
To whom you've brought the Gospel bright.

A heavenly Ephphatha shall be
Abounding through eternity.
There shall each ear and tongue be ope'd
And these shall see what here they hoped:
The Lamb before the throne of God!
And they, the ransomed by His blood,
Will say to you with voices clear,
"You by God's grace have led us here."

DOLores SCHUMANN



Editorials

Free Air

All along our streets and highways are gasoline stations, and at many of them you will see a sign saying, "Free Air." Air always has been and always will be free in this wonderful world of ours. Then why should the filling stations tell us we may have free air? The answer is that it costs money to buy the machines and furnish the service that puts air into our tires. What the advertisements really mean is that motorists may have the free use of these machines and men to keep their tires inflated. Of course, the charge for the gasoline and oil makes it worth their while to give us the free air.

One time a man went to his pastor and said, "Pastor, I object to so many offerings in our church. The Bible teaches us that salvation is free, but it costs us plenty here." The patient pastor said, "Brother, the water you drink and with which you bathe is free, but it costs money to build reservoirs and pipe it into your kitchen and bathroom. It costs money to maintain the water system. And so it is with the love of God; it is free for the world. Yet it costs money to build and maintain churches and Christian colleges, and to send missionaries to the far-away places of the earth."

It is true that salvation is free. It is the gift of God. It cannot be bought with money. On the other hand, if we have experienced the wonderful grace of God in our

hearts, we will want to share it with others, and this sharing costs money. We can't send Bibles to the non-Christian world without cost; we can't bring them the Gospel without giving money for those purposes.

Yes, salvation is the gift of God — it is as free as the air you breathe. Yet to carry on God's work and to carry out the command of our Lord Jesus, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel," costs money. Those who really know the value of God's wonderful gift to us will never complain about the cost of sharing it. It makes our hearts glad to be privileged to do so.

"Freely ye have received, freely give." Matt. 10:8. E. MAPPE

"WHY DO YOU send your children to the church school? You pay your public school taxes anyway, why pay money for bus fare to bring them to the church school and even pay tuition?" — "Because I want them to have not only a good worldly education, but I want them in daily contact with God's Word," said the Christian father, continuing: "My neighbor saved money on his son, and his son does not cost him a cent, but the parents are not happy." — "Why not? They saved money, didn't they?" — "Yes, and their son was killed one Sunday morning early on the way home from a night club. Dead children cost the parents no money; but I prefer to spend money for my children to keep them physically and spiritually alive."



Field gleanings

The poem on page three, "To Our Missionaries to the Deaf," was written by Miss Dolores Schumann of Watertown, Wis. Miss Schumann herself leads souls to Jesus, being a teacher in one of our Lutheran day schools in Watertown. She is a sister of the former Miss Hildegard Schumann, the wife of Pastor Richard Borchers, who ministers to the Deaf of the Chicago southside.

Ordained

In a ceremony conducted orally and in sign language, Candidate Richard W. Borchers was ordained to the holy ministry at St. Philip's Lutheran Church, Chicago, July 31. In the same service he was commissioned as missionary to the Deaf in the South Chicago, Indiana, and Michigan area for The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

Special hymns were signed at the unusual rite. The Rev. Ernst Scheibert, pastor of Our Savior Church for Deaf, conducted the ordination ceremony and also preached the sermon. Pastors Marmaduke Carter, D. D., Paul Huxhold, and O. C. Schroeder, B. D., also took part in the ordination.

Pastor Borchers and his wife, Hildegard, nee Schumann, of Eau Claire, Wis., recently moved to 6235 S. Woodlawn, Chicago, from his home in Arkansas City, Kans. A graduate of St. John's College, Winfield, Kans., Pastor Borchers graduated last spring from the Saint Louis Seminary. Before his vicar-

age in Eau Claire, Wis., he filled summer assignments, touring with the Lutheran Hour Chorus in the southern and western part of the United States, and served in Negro missions in and around Concord, N. C.

Installed

On July 31 the Rev. George Kraus was installed as the new pastor of the St. Paul Field by Rev. J. L. Salvner, D. D., in Calvary Lutheran Church of the Deaf at St. Paul, in an afternoon service. Pastor Cl. Bremer of Minneapolis preached the sermon.

The congregation tendered the new pastor and his family a reception in the fellowship hall below the church after the service. Pastor Kraus comes to St. Paul from a very active and successful pastorate in New York City. He is a very energetic and pleasant individual, and we congratulate Calvary and wish them and him God's richest blessing.

Madison-Delavan, Wis. — June 19 both the Silent Congregation of Madison, Wis., and the Redeemer Congregation of the Deaf, Delavan, rejoiced with thanksgiving unto God for their new pastor. In the afternoon service Pastor Martin Kosche, formerly of Indianapolis, was installed by the writer in a chapel recently purchased of St. Paul Congregation of the Wisconsin Synod. It therefore was a day of double joy for the Madison congregation. Pastors Berg, Ries, and Ziehlsdorff as-

sisted, and Mrs. Albert F. Schroeder played the organ in the service.

In the evening of the same day the installation took place in Redeemer Church of Delavan (O. Thusius, pastor). Pastor Thusius intended to assist, but was prevented because of illness. Mrs. Thusius was at the organ for the service. We hope that in the near future a chapel will be erected near the State School. Our Board has a "Conquest for Christ" grant of \$20,000 for this project. The South Wisconsin District L. W. M. L. also is deeply interested in the work at Delavan and has contributed towards a fund for such a chapel. And they have promised "continued aid for the Delavan Deaf mission." There are more than \$4,800 in this fund now. In the Delavan State School there are 104 deaf boys and girls in our religious classes. A chapel would be a great blessing for the work.

Pastor Kosche ministers to the spiritual needs of the Deaf also at the following preaching stations: Baraboo, Beloit, Manitowoc, Neenah, Oshkosh, Sheboygan, Watertown, Wis., and Rockford, Ill. May our dear Lord be with Brother Kosche and grant that he be a blessing unto many.

J. L. S.

Milwaukee. — June 26 we were in Milwaukee to preach in a farewell service in Emmanuel Church for the Deaf, which had been dedicated in April 1901. This church was built by the school children of our Synod and thus has served well for 54 years. For that we thank God with Emmanuel Congregation. It has now been sold, and, this was the last service in the church. But what now? Our dear Lord is with our Milwaukee Deaf again and has shown them another great kindness. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ortgiesen, members of one of our Milwaukee churches, donated a fine piece of property with a suitable home for the pastor and a lot for a church. We rejoice with them. May God richly reward the donors! God willing, Emmanuel Congregation will shortly build a church with a seating capacity of 200. A dinner was served after the service, and Mr. Ch. Ortgiesen was the honored guest. Mrs. Ortgiesen could not be present because of illness. By the way, Emmanuel Congregation is one of the two self-sustaining congregations in our Mission. May our Lord Jesus continue to be with them and bless them and their pastor!

J. L. S.



Confirmation Class, Delavan, Wis., May 29, 1955

Left to right (back row): L. Doherty, H. Larson, R. Smith, T. Mykie, L. Frazier, Pastor R. W. Mackensen, H. Challsner, J. Reineck, S. Ladd, B. Reineck, L. Elmer. (Front row): I. Sandvick, B. Nelson, K. Nygaard, S. Reed, B. Byrne, E. Housman, J. Wilcox, D. Anderson, L. Gibson, C. Sjoquist

New York. — Within two weeks three events took place in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Jackson Heights, N. Y., that stirred the members.

On June 12 **Vicar H. Hoeman**, who had assisted our pastor the last year, preached his last sermon before returning to St. Louis to complete his studies for the ministry. New York Deaf have taken a great interest in him and are sorry to see him go, but it is necessary that he go to finish his studies, and our blessing goes with him as the Lord has blessed his work.

Then on June 26 **Mr. Wm. Hausmann**, just graduated from the Saint Louis Concordia Seminary, was ordained in St. Matthew's which he will serve. He really is a child of St. Matthews, his deaf parents being members of this church. He will work in New York City.

The third stirring event was the departure of **Rev. Geo. Kraus**, who will now serve Calvary Deaf Congregation in St. Paul, Minn. He gave his last sermon July 10. We had hoped that Pastor Kraus would stay with us, as we love him, for he has been serving us faithfully the last seven years. But God ruled differently, picking him to go to another field to serve His sheep and gather in lost ones. So we sadly gave him his peaceful release. May the blessings of the Lord rest upon him and his family.

At each event a small reception was held. Vicar Hoeman and Pastor Hausmann each received a Communion set for visits in private homes. In memory and appreciation of his work at St. Matthew's, Pastor Kraus was given stoles used in public services dress.

Truly the praise and honor of man is small in comparison with the blessings that God freely gives to His servants and to the congregations through the work of these servants.

Pastor Hausmann, who now serves this important field in work that is new to him, needs and has our prayers that God will guide and support him in his responsible position.

Mrs. L. Brooks

As we go to press, Dr. J. L. Salvner reports that Rev. Donald E. Simon of Columbus, Ohio, has accepted the call issued by St. Matthews of New York, leaving Columbus at the end of September

Seattle, Wash. — An accompanying cut shows us **Mrs. Ralph Griffin** and **David Harmon** on the day of



Rev. Beyer, David Harmon, Mrs. R. Griffin

their confirmation by Pastor Beyer in Our Redeemer Lutheran Chapel on June 12. It was a happy day for them and for the congregation. As the Apostle John could not forget the day and hour when he with Andrew met Jesus and spent the day with Him, so Christians will not forget the hours they spent with the study of God's Word and the day when they can publicly declare that they intend to stay with Jesus and His church until death.

Vancouver, B. C. — The August DEAF LUTHERAN brought a brief statement of the impressive service of June 5 in Bethlehem Lutheran Church, in which a number of per-



Left to right: Mrs. R. Dewar, Mrs. and Mr. James Bain, Pastor Beyer, Mrs. and Mr. Wm. Bain, Mr. John Whyte

sons were baptized or confirmed by Pastor J. A. Beyer. We are happy to be able to bring a picture of the group in this issue. These are **Mrs. R. Dewar** and her daughter **Pamela**, **Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bain**, **Mr. and Mrs. James Bain**, and **John Whyte**. Mr. Wm. Bain is president of the Vancouver Association of the Deaf. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bain and the brother of Mrs. R. Dewar. Events such as these are unforgettable, even the angels of God rejoicing over them, as the Bible tells us.

Madison, Wis. — Silent Lutheran Church has acquired a fine property, consisting of chapel and a seven-room parsonage, located on a very large piece of ground on the north-east edge of Madison. It was purchased from St. Paul's Lutheran Congregation for \$30,000. The frame chapel seats 106 people, which is just right for our congregation,

which numbers 50 communicant members at present. It has a full basement with tiled floor and nice kitchen. The parsonage is colonial style, one and one-half story, and the grounds are landscaped beautifully. The buildings were erected about fifteen years ago. The purchase price was loaned us by Immanuel Lutheran Congregation from its building fund and is guaranteed by Synod's Board of Missions to Deaf and the Church Extension Fund. The members of Silent Lutheran and their deaf and hearing friends are very much elated and have put themselves to work to pay for the property; already over \$1,200 has been collected. Maintenance of the property is the responsibility of Silent Lutheran. The DEAF LUTHERAN congratulates Silent Lutheran. May their church home be to them a good place of preparation for the eternal home above.

Sparta, Wis. — **Mr. Christian Hirte** passed away the first week of August. He was given Christian burial on August 8. A child of God is neither afraid of death nor harmed by it; for it means to a child of God the end of all sorrow and pain and the coming home to the Lord. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord," says the Bible. G. K.

Effingham, Ill. — **Mrs. Ruby Brookman-Dippold** of Farina, Ill., was united in marriage with **Clarence Jarboe** of Indianapolis on July 31 by Rev. N. P. Uhlig at St. John Lutheran Church. Congratulations!

Nashville, Tenn. — Pastor Thies conducted the first service for Negro Deaf with an attendance of five. He

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Catechism

Table of Duties

TO THE YOUNG IN GENERAL

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves to the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you in due time. 1 Peter 5:5, 6.

The heart of man is proud from youth up. Out of the heart of man, as Jesus tells us, comes "pride," Mark 7:22. Therefore God's Word so often warns against pride and tells us to be humble. One of these words we find in 1 Peter 5:5, 6. Our Catechism brings these words "to the young in general." From these verses we learn that both old and young should walk humbly before God and man. Oh, how necessary are these words also today in a world full of pride!

The Younger and the Elder

The first verses of chapter 5 show that the elders are the pastors and ministers who come to people with the Word of God. Above all, the younger should submit-themselves-unto (obey) these elders. However, as we have already learned from the Word of God, not only the younger, but all Christians, both young and old, should honor their pastors, think highly of them in love for their work's sake, and

obey them. And so always God wants the younger humbly to respect and obey and honor the older, the children their parents, the students their teachers, the hearers their pastors, and the people their government. Always be humble as God's dear child!

Much Pride in This World

But the world will not listen to God, but goes on in its proud and boastful ways. The younger often are proud and think they know things better than the older; often children in their pride call their parents old-fashioned; pupils often think it smart to disobey their teachers; and the hearers often think they need not heed the words of their faithful pastor. What a pleasant world to live in it would be if all people would put away pride and humble themselves as our Lord Jesus "humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross," Philippians 2:8. And all that for you and me!

Ask God for a Humble Heart

God grant that we, both old and young, heed these words of God, honor and obey the older, be it either in age or office. Then we shall please Him who died for our sins. Thus we "show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light," 1 Peter 2:9.

J. L. S.

The Doctrine of the Sacraments

I. Definition

Many people talk about sacraments. Some people never heard about sacraments and do not know what "sacraments" means. Where does the church get sacraments? Does the Bible teach us anything about sacraments?

The word *sacrament* does not appear in the Bible. But the Bible teaches us about sacraments. We believe and teach that "a sacrament is a holy act, instituted (ordered) by God Himself, using visible means (things) joined with God's Word to give us forgiveness of sins." But how do we know that this is a true definition? All churches that teach about sacraments call the Lord's Supper and Baptism sacraments. Let us see if this definition works for these two.

1. Are they holy acts? Yes.
2. Did God institute them? Yes. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 28:19.)
3. Are visible means used? Yes, bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, water in Baptism.
4. Joined with God's Word? Yes, with the words of institution.
5. Forgive our sins? Yes; Matthew 26:28: "This is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins;" and Acts 2:38: "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

From this comparison of the two acknowledged (accepted) sacra-

ments with our definition of a sacrament, we find our definition to be a true one. We also see that the Bible supports each part of our definition.

II. How Many Sacraments Are There?

Some churches teach that there are **no** sacraments. They deny the power of any act to forgive sins. They do not believe that God uses any means (things) to bring us His grace. Other churches teach that there are **seven** sacraments. Who is right according to the Bible? Let us compare these extra sacraments with our Biblical definition and see if these others are like the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Such **extra "sacraments"** are penance, confirmation, ordination, marriage, and extreme unction. We shall look at these in the next chapters.

THEO. DELANEY

Field Gleanings

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will go there again and has promises that many more will attend. He writes that the Lutheran Church is the only church which does work for the Negro Deaf. Our work with the Negro Deaf in the United States is meeting with remarkable success, and strong groups in several Northern cities, as well as in the South, prove that God's Word does not return void.

Moline, Ill. — On Sunday, July 3, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, **Bernice Huntington** of Rock Island and **Robert Kephart** of Davenport were united in holy matrimony by Pastor Walter D. Uhlig. Congratulations!



Devotions

SUGGESTED USE

1. As you open your Bible, say: "Speak, Lord, Thy servant hears."
2. After finding the place in the Bible, read the short explanation given under the date.
3. Now read the words of the Bible. *Read slowly, and think what each verse says.*
4. Read again the short explanation and the prayer, adding what is on your heart and perhaps the Lord's Prayer.

Selections are from St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians by Rev. Laurance M. Stacy.

Saturday, October 1

Galatians 1:1-5

A pastor to the Deaf is like Saint Paul. He has many small churches to serve. He serves these groups of Deaf for God, not for himself. The message a true pastor brings is about Jesus Christ, God's Son. He gave His life to deliver us from sin that is always present in us in the world.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, lead us to respect our pastor, who tells us about Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Sunday, October 2

Galatians 1:6-12

A true pastor of God must warn about false preachers, who teach as truth their own ideas and not God's teachings from the Bible. God's teachings are Law, to convict us of our sins, and Gospel, to show us how God revealed His love for us in giving Jesus to die for our sins.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for sending pastors to warn us of false teachers and for sending Jesus to die for us. Amen.

Monday, October 3

Galatians 1:13-24

God chooses a sinner and changes him completely. The Jew, the murderer, the thief, the gossip, the marriage breaker, and all are hard to change to Christian faith. But God uses the message of Jesus to change all people who believe. Think how God changed you from a sinner to a believer in Jesus.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for choosing me to help build Your kingdom. Amen.

Tuesday, October 4

Galatians 2:16-21

Not by works but by faith. If you ask an unbeliever the way to heaven, he will answer, "Live right and do right, and God will reward you." Ask a Christian, and his answer is, "I live by faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." That is God's way: by faith in Jesus we are saved.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for my faith in Jesus. Please keep me in faith. Amen.

Wednesday, October 5

Galatians 3:1-5

Each time we fail to keep God's teachings in our hearts we make Jesus suffer again. We become foolish like the Galatian Christians. But when we heed the Holy Spirit's teachings, we walk by faith. When we sin, we should remember that Jesus died for us and that we have forgiveness for all our sins.

Prayer: O Holy Spirit, teach us to know God's teachings and to walk with faith in Jesus. Amen.

Thursday, October 6

Galatians 3:6-12

Paul uses Abraham's faith to convince us that faith is worth more in God's eyes than works. The Law demands perfect obedience for salvation. No man can keep the Law perfectly. Our faith saves us even as Abraham's faith saved him. "The just shall live by faith."

Prayer: Heavenly Father, give us a strong faith so we can live eternally. Amen.

Friday, October 7

Galatians 3:13, 14

The Jews knew about the punishment connected with God's Law if they could not keep it perfectly. Jesus was cursed and punished for all breakers of God's Law. Thus not only the Jews were saved but also the Gentiles (non-Jews), the Galatians, and also you and I who live today. Faith in Jesus is the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer: O Holy Spirit, keep us in true faith in Jesus. Amen.

Saturday, October 8

Galatians 3:15-18

A man dies. He leaves a will. A will tells people how to divide the belongings among the man's relatives and friends. We who believe in Jesus inherit the promise that God gave to Abraham. That was the promise of a Savior. Jesus came and kept God's Law for us so we could inherit eternal life.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of faith in Jesus. Amen.

Sunday, October 9

Galatians 3:19-21

Adam disobeyed God. Sin came into the world. The Law of God became necessary to rule the lives of people. But this Law could not give life. The Mediator, Jesus, came to stand between us and the Law so that we could have life. Jesus speaks to God for believers, and God does not see their sin.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, we thank You for speaking to God for us. Help us to stay in the true faith. Amen.

Monday, October 10

Galatians 3:22-25

All men are sinners. The Bible teaches us that. As a schoolteacher makes children obey, so the Law of God demands us to obey. But when we are led to faith in Jesus, we are freed from the demands of the Law for our salvation. We still try to keep God's Law with His help, but when we fail, God forgives us.

Prayer: Dear God, we confess we are sinners, and we are sorry. Forgive us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Tuesday, October 11

Galatians 3:26-29

Baptism is one of God's ways of bringing us into His kingdom. We are given faith by the washing of the water connected with God's word. This faith is the same as Abraham's faith. God gave a promise to Abraham, and we have seen this promise kept in the gift of God's Son, Jesus. All who believe in Jesus are God's people.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for leading us to faith in Jesus. Amen.

Wednesday, October 12

Galatians 4:1-3

A person under 21 in our nation cannot legally manage what he inherits from his parents. A guardian and tutor (teacher) helps him understand the responsibilities connected with the inheritance. We were all like a young heir when we were under the Law. But God at the chosen time freed us all by sending Jesus to suffer for us.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank You for giving Your Son to save us by keeping the Law for us. Amen.

Thursday, October 13

Galatians 4:4

Christmas day, 1955 years ago, the fullness of time came. God sent His Son, Jesus, from heaven to earth. He was born a baby from the Virgin Mary as you and I were born; yet not as you and I were born. We were born with sin. Jesus was born without sin. But God placed Jesus under the same Law that you and I were born under, so that He might keep the Law for us.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank You for keeping the Law for us. Amen.

Friday, October 14

Galatians 4:5, 6

Because God sent Jesus to get freedom from the Law for us, and because we are now the adopted children of God through faith in Jesus, therefore we can go to God in prayer. We can talk with Him as children talk with their fathers. When we need things, we can look to God as our dear Father, who gives us all things that we need.

Prayer: Dear Father in heaven, we thank You for making us Your children. Keep us in faith. Amen.

Saturday, October 15

Galatians 4:7-11

Christians are God's children. But Christians are also tempted by many false ideas about worship, which must be changed. God will help us change those wrong ideas. Worship of money makes money a false god. Worship of national heroes makes them false gods. God, the Father of Jesus, is the only true God. Worship Him only.

Prayer: Help us, dear God, to trust and worship You alone and thus defeat all false worship in ourselves. Amen.

Sunday, October 16

Galatians 4:12-16

Sometimes preachers have bodies that are not perfect. Still this does not take away from the truth of the message they bring. True preachers tell the truth as God teaches them from the Bible. Sometimes this truth is hard for us to accept. Truth about sin in ourselves does not make us love preachers. But the message of Jesus makes us love them.

Prayer: Dear God, help us love our pastors who tell us about Jesus. Amen.

Monday, October 17
Galatians 4:17-21

Pastors sometimes become angry, not because people stop following them, but because people stop following God and their Savior Jesus. Anger like that is pleasing in God's eyes because it is anger against the devil and the world, who are the enemies of God and who have succeeded in deceiving people into following the Law again for their salvation.

Prayer: Please, God, help us remain in the true faith in Jesus. Amen.

Tuesday, October 18
Galatians 4:22, 23

Hagar, a slave woman, gave birth to Ishmael. The father was Abraham. Both man and slave woman were of right age to have children. Therefore Ishmael was born normally. But when Isaac was born to Sarah and Abraham, both were old beyond the usual years for having children. Isaac was born to these old people according to God's promise. God always keeps His promises.

Prayer: Dear Father, help us trust in Your promise to save us. Amen.

Wednesday, October 19
Galatians 4:24-26

God gave to us two covenants (agreements) in the Bible. The first is the Law, which God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai. This agreement is hard to keep. Truly no man can keep it perfectly. The second agreement is the Gospel. It is God's promise to save us because His Son

Jesus kept the Law for us and was punished because of our sins.

Prayer: Dear Holy Spirit, teach us to trust only in the promise of God for our salvation, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Thursday, October 20
Galatians 4:27-31

There is continual disagreement between the Christian and the person not a Christian. The Christian is happy. The non-Christian is unhappy. He wants to make the Christian unhappy like himself. But God keeps us happy, as Isaac, the son of the promise, was happy, and we continue free and happy with God's help.

Prayer: Dear God, help us speak words of happiness and peace to our enemies, who want to make us sad. Amen.

Friday, October 21
Galatians 5:1-3

The Law demands that we keep it perfectly. We cannot do that. Jesus came and kept the Law perfectly for us. By doing that, Jesus set us free from the Law and all its demands. The Ten Commandments had nothing to do with the Jewish law about circumcision. That law separated the Jewish people from all other nations. All nations are one in Jesus through faith in Him.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank You for keeping the Law for us. Amen.

Saturday, October 22
Galatians 5:4-6

God has shown us His mercy in the gift of His Son Jesus. If we reject Jesus, then we are no longer in God's grace. Keeping the Law or not keeping the Law has nothing to

do with our salvation. Faith in Jesus, who is God's Gift of love, makes us right before God. "In the Cross of Christ we glory."

Prayer: To You, O God, our praise we bring, help us Your name forever sing. Amen.

Sunday, October 23

Galatians 5:7-12

The Holy Spirit has called us into God's kingdom. We continue in faith as long as we do not despise God's Word and promise. There are false teachers who will come and try to lead us away from God. God will judge them. We shall know them because they will not bring us comfort. True teachers tell us our sins are forgiven because Jesus died for all.

Prayer: Dear Father, help us recognize false teachers, and keep us from following them. Amen.

Monday, October 24

Galatians 5:13-18

Only Christians have true love. Only Christians can serve one another as it is pleasing to God. Our wicked hearts work against our souls and seek the praise of other people. But the Holy Spirit leads us who believe to do all acts of love and charity for the praise and glory of God. Thus God works in us to do His will.

Prayer: O Holy Spirit, continue to help us do all work for the praise and glory of God. Amen.

Tuesday, October 25

Galatians 5:19-26

The works of our wicked hearts are evil. If we follow our wicked hearts, then there is no hope for us

finally to get eternal life in heaven. However, if we follow the leading of the Spirit, then there will be works that are pleasing to God. We shall then be able with the help of God to defeat our wicked hearts and their evil wishes.

Prayer: Dear Father, help us in our fight against wicked desires so we can do pleasing things for You. Amen.

Wednesday, October 26

Galatians 6:1, 2

Many times we see wrong in another Christian. We say that is none of our business. But that is false. It is our business to help another Christian to overcome his wrongdoing. We are to help one another to grow in better Christian living. In this way we serve Jesus and the church better. Speak humbly to him, because it is only by God's grace that you do not do the same wrong thing.

Prayer: Dear God, help us serve You better by helping others. Amen.

Thursday, October 27

Galatians 6:3-5

"Pride cometh before a fall." How often this is true in life! Pride is a great deceiver. A Christian humbles himself before God. The Christian knows that for everything he says or does he must answer to God. Therefore the Christian tries to do and say everything that pleases God and gives praise and honor to God. How often do we forget this!

Prayer: Dear God, remove from us all feeling of pride in ourselves, and help us praise You alone. Amen.

Friday, October 28

Galatians 6:6

God is pleased with Christians who support their pastors with money, food, or lodging. Such support is in the form of a thankoffering to these men, who bring to the givers the precious Word of Life. These men are called by God to bring Jesus, the Savior and Friend of sinners, to people, and God expects people to help support these workers.

Prayer: Please, God, help us give our best for our pastor so he can continue to tell us about Jesus. Amen.

Saturday, October 29

Galatians 6:7-10

A farmer sows wheat and expects to harvest wheat. A man lives in sin, and he must expect to be punished for his sin by God. People can and do deceive other people, but they cannot deceive God. Therefore we should always live and work for God. Then, when God calls us, we shall get the reward of the Spirit, eternal life.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, help us do all things for Your glory. Amen.

Bible Quiz

In the day of prosperity we should be joyful, we are told, but what should we consider in the day of adversity and trouble? Ecclesiastes 7:14.

What are those called that have anger in their bosom? Ecclesiastes 7:9.

People say that laughter is the best medicine, but what is even better than laughter, and why? Ecclesiastes 7:3.

Sunday, October 30

Galatians 6:11-14

The purpose of the false teacher is to get you to follow him, and he gets happiness in seeing you fall away from God. He is the tool of the devil. The true teacher and preacher never seeks his own honor and praise but turns the hearer to God, to whom all praise and honor alone is due.

Prayer: Dear Father, help me keep from false teachers, and lead me always to praise and honor You alone. Amen.

Monday, October 31

Galatians 6:15-18

Paul finishes this Letter to the Galatians praising those who in spite of all false teachers have remained in the true faith. For these people and also for those who have returned because of this Letter, Paul prays that Christ would remain with them. May God grant that you, too, will continue in the true faith until we all meet before the Throne of Grace. Amen.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, abide with us, for the way is dark and lonely without You. Amen.

God did not want the Hebrews to marry "outlandish women," who worshiped false gods; even which good king did his heathen wives lead to idolatry? Nehemiah 13:26.

What kind of prophet would please people that think only about their stomach and having a good time? Micah 2:11