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O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

PSALM 95:1-7



CORONA

Corona now has a radio broadcast. The program entitled "Sunday Treasures" went on the air Sunday October 3rd. It is released over station KBUC Corona each Sunday afternoon 1:15-1:30. KBUC is located at 1370 on the dial. The messages have been dealing with the experience of Holiness in order to present to the public the true teaching of the Bible on this second work of grace. Pilgrims everywhere are urged to try and find the program on their dial and to send their re-action to the program.

The Young People's Society has been re-organized after a summer of inactivity. At a recent Young People's service with Rev. C. G. David of India as guest speaker, there were 23 present between the ages of 12 and 20.

Three Sunday School rooms are nearing completion for the Primaries, Beginners and Junior boys and girls classes. Also one will serve as a Junior Chapel for Y. P. Services, Prayer meeting and Junior Church.

We were privileged to have our District Superintendent, P. W. Thomas with us for a service this past month. Also Bro. H. J. Olsen was a blessing to the Church one of the Sundays in October.

Milton Harrington, *Pastor*

VENTURA

We are glad to report that the Ventura Church is growing both spiritually and materially. Our hearts are made to rejoice to see souls being saved and sanctified and backsliders reclaimed. God is surely on the scene.



Thanksgiving Hymn

Oh God, a grateful Hymn we raise,
A note of universal praise,
Thy mercy we confess.
Thine arm of strength hath been our stay;
Thy love hath lighted all our way,
Thy sovereign grace we bless.

We thank Thee for the fertile field
That did such ample harvest yield
Gladdening each heart and home.
Our every need Thou hast supplied;
Thy loving care hath satisfied:
With thankful hearts we come.

We thank Thee for Thy Church, oh, God,
Which on foundation deep and broad
Forever shall endure.
Increase her faith, add to her power,
And in each dark and trying hour,
Lord, keep Thy people pure.

For brighter hope and larger faith,
For life that triumphs over death
And love that never dies,
We thank Thee, Father, more and more;
And when this brief earth life is o'er,
We'll praise Thee in the skies.

—*Author Unknown*

PASTORS NOTICE

The ministerial meeting scheduled for Dec. 2, 1948 has been postponed. Our General Superintendent, Rev. L. W. Sturk, will be here on the coast, the Lord willing, sometime in January and your District Council thought you would be very pleased to wait a month if you know you could hear Bro. Sturk at the later date.

Watch your mail for the exact date as the office will notify the pastors just as soon as a definite date is set.

DONALD R. WASHBURN, *Sec'y.*

We had an opportunity to visit Bro. A. L. Whiting in Santa Barbara this last month.

He reminded us of one of the patriarchs of old; steadfast in faith and rejoicing in the Lord. He is looking quite perky and says he is feeling fairly well physically and gets out to services on Sunday mornings.

He was mostly interested in hearing about the many friends he has known for so many years in the church and wished to be remembered to them.

Acts of kindness and words of cheer mean so much more while one is still with us to enjoy them than flowers after they have graduated to heaven, so why not mail him a card with a cheery greeting. Brother Whiting's address is:

Bro. A. L. Whiting
1108 San Andreas,
Santa Barbara, Calif.

EDITOR

Our average Sunday School attendance for October was 71 and we had 21 at prayer meeting this week. Each morning prayer meeting is held for one hour in some home in the community and many are receiving help in these daily prayer meetings.

Through the month of October our morning services were broadcast over station KVEN.

The main auditorium of the church had some face lifting a short time back: new hardwood floor on the platform, new pulpit and alter rail and the floor was painted. Now some much needed repairs have been started on the Sunday School rooms, beginning with a new roof.

Continue to pray for the Ventura church that God will bless us and that we will truly be a blessing to others.

MRS. M. BLACKWELL, *Reporter*

SANTA BARBARA

We are rejoicing here in Santa Barbara for all the Lord is doing for us.

The newly painted Church has the new look, but still the Old Gospel is preached. A new platform the full length of the front makes a pleasant appearance, and the new venetian blinds improve the lighting in the auditorium immensely. Best of all souls are being saved and sanctified.

We just returned from Penna. where I visited my father who is ill, and I earnestly request that all will pray that my father will accept Christ before it is everlastingly too late.

REV. C. A. NICOLA, *Pastor*



"In Everything Give Thanks"

"No holiday in all our calendar is comparable to Thanksgiving," said David Grayson. "There is no holiday quite like it anywhere in the world. It celebrates no battle, no fall of a Bastille, no bank or business holiday, the birthday of no great man, no political revolution, no church ritual. It is the great holiday of the common people who have worked all the year and now thank God humbly for good harvests. We are not celebrating Washington, or Columbus, or the Declaration—but just the true, good things, the simple blessings of the soil and the common life. Most holidays are somewhat pagan, and if traced back are rooted in the dull and bloody stores of some old war; but Thanksgiving is the holiday of peace, the celebration of work and simple life . . . a true folk festival that speaks the poetry of the turn of the seasons, the beauty of the harvest, the ripe product of the year, and the deep, deep connection of all things with God."

The FORECAST

REVIVAL

ADAMS MEMORIAL,

Nov. 17-28

CHARLES SLATER, *Evangelist*

God's Minute

I have only just one minute
Only sixty seconds in it.
Forced upon me—can't refuse it.
Didn't seek it—Didn't choose it.
But its up to me to use it.
I must suffer if I loose it.
Give account if I abuse it
Just a tiny little minute
But eternity is in it.

AND SO IT GOES

A colored pastor was preaching his farewell sermon, and in closing said:

"Brothers and sisters, I come to say goodbye. I don't think God loves this church, because none of you have died. I don't think you love one another because I never marry any of you. I don't think you love me because you don't pay my salary. Your donations are moldy fruit and wormy apples, for 'by their fruits ye shall know them.'"

"Brethren, I am going away to a better place. I have been called to be chaplain of the state penitentiary, 'where I go, you cannot follow, but I go to prepare a place for you' and may the Lord have mercy on your souls."

...Sent in

"BE YE HOLY"

By C. A. NICOLA

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." Heb. 12:14.

Holiness is the result of entire sanctification. In entire sanctification, the heart is cleansed and purified. Holiness is the outwork of that life. That which God works into the heart when He purifies it is now lived out in the everyday life of the individual.

It is a pure heart. *"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."* *"God which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as He did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith."* *"He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi."* We want pure water to drink and pure air to breathe and pure food to eat. Why not go on with God and obtain a pure heart? He has provided for it.

Holiness is the image of God restored. Carnality is the child of the devil. It is his image, his likeness. It has in it the seed of any sin human beings are capable of committing. When God purifies the heart of the believer, carnality is crucified, killed, destroyed. My mother used to take ground from the garden, put it into the oven, and heat it. Then she watered it and sowed garden seeds in it. No weed sprang up in that ground. The fires of the Holy Ghost can and do destroy

the carnal nature. All the good passions of the individual are left and strengthened and purified. God looks at that man and sees His own image. In turn He causes such a person to see God! How it does satisfy Jesus to see the result of His suffering and death. God made man in His own image, after His likeness. Man lost it, but Christ restored it in the hearts of His people who go with Him into this blessed experience. *"Blessed are the pure in heart"*.

There is a story told by naturalists of a little insect that lives in slimy pools, and makes for itself a house in the dark waters. In the center of a bubble of air, which it inflates above the water and then takes down with it and moors to a little plant at the bottom of the pool, it lives. There in its little world of light and air, it breathes, and builds its nest, and rears its young. Dwelling below, yet it lives above, and breathes the air of the upper world. All around it are dark waters and slimy depths, and creeping creatures that come and go, and yet in its floating house of air it lives as a citizen of another world. To me this illustrates in some measure the life of holiness. As we walk through this world of sin we are living in a different atmosphere. Sin is all about us but we are shut in with Christ, enabled to live apart from it. Our feet tread the earth below, but we are living in "Heavenly Places" in Christ Jesus. Hallelujah!

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