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CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

We often hear people say, "Why do we have Christian schools and do they pay?"

It is true that it takes money and sacrifice to carry on such schools both for teachers, patrons and the students themselves. An education received in spiritual surroundings, even at a great sacrifice will mean much to a sincere young person.

If you could take a look at a list of past students from this school, as well as from other Christian schools, you would find many engaged in active Christian work as pastors, missionaries or teachers. Also many filling a place of responsibility in the business world or just "living for Him" in an obscure place. If you could follow them thru the heat of the day, resisting temptation, keeping sweet under severe trials and leading lost ones to the Savior you would think it was worth every prayer you prayed, every sacrifice you made and every dollar you gave to have a share in

the final reward at the end of the day when the saints come marching in.

The dear Lord has given us a most gracious revival during the last two weeks. Rev. Maxey Walton was the evangelist and God used his able ministry in a marvelous way and shouts of newborn babes were heard in the camp while the saints were built up in their most holy faith. Monday's chapel was a time of great rejoicing because of the victorious testimonies given by students. Pray much for them and the school in general that God may have His way and every need be supplied.

We need 3 or 4 dozen young chickens or chicks to take the place of the older hens who will soon cease laying, also a beef to be put in our pasture until ready for butchering and the deep-freeze. Pray with us that these needs may be supplied.

Yours happy in His service
A. Krag. Pres.

PILGRIM



PROPOSED NEW BUILDING
The El Monte Pilgrim Holiness Church
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S. S. Convention Notes

Let's see, now, it's been almost six weeks since you cranked up the family chariot and made your way to the Sunday School Convention. And yes, we'll say it again, it's the best convention yet (present tense because we hope it isn't over so far as you are concerned).

The General Sunday School Secretary, Rev. Paul Elliott, was the principle speaker and moderator. Our super-secretary, Rev. Martin Horine did a good job as general manager.

NEW METHOD

We even bought some time on the local television station R. M. P. H. C. and you have to admit that at least it was different and we hope the impressions will be lasting.

Now just what did we take away from the convention that will help us in the days to come?

ADULTS

Well we finally decided that we would have to reach the adult people that the children do not lead the parents to Sunday School but rather the parents lead the teen agers away from Sunday School and that if you get the sheep the lambs will follow, and if you hold the sheep you may keep the lambs. The success of your Sunday School and Church depends upon your ability to get new adult people into your church. How else can we say it? New adults build for permanency in the Sunday School and Church.

BIBLE

O Yes! Some one said that the best text for us to use in Young people and adult classes is the BIBLE. Not portions or selec-

CLINIC

Many were the splendid comments on Rev. Elliott's Sunday School Clinic.

The seven "P's" were Power, Perspectives, Preparation, Promotion, Property, Prospects and Plugging the leaks.

CALLING

We decided to do something about calling. Here are some of the things you promised to do:

1. Post a large map of your area on the bulletin board.
2. Divide into zones and number blocks in each zone.
3. Get some one or more to canvass each zone two times each year. Spring and fall.
4. To keep a file card on each block.
5. To send prospect cards to each teacher concerned.
6. Visits by teachers to the prospects on Friday or Saturday for Sunday. To call for them on Sunday.
7. Stick by the stuff until we get results.

NEW CONVERTS

All this is fine and we MUST do it— BUT we will have to make soul winners out of our people. I have just returned to my office from the local El Monte revival. Rev. Walton preached a splendid and spirit anointed sermon on Holiness ("Ye shall receive power"). It's still burning in my soul, especially this "If we are truly sanctified we are soul winners". Beloved this is basically true. Therefore even tho this was not in the Sunday School convention we are urging an *evangelistic fellowship*.

To contact the homes with the Gospel.

baptism, amid a time of rejoicing and praising God. We commend Sister Childs to the saints every where as a handmaiden of the Lord who is not ashamed to preach the Gospel.

The San Fernando Church is moving ahead for God and Holiness. We thank God for the ministry of our good pastor Bro. Rugh, and for his good wife. Bro. Rugh has been instrumental in the encouragement of the converts in the teaching of a class on doctrine in connection with the mid-week prayer service. The local church has also been made mindful along missionary lines by the visit, in recent months, of Sister E. Louise Van Metre, Rev. Fred Wells, and Rev. Maxey Walton.

HUGH ESTES, Reporter

EL MONTE

We just closed a two weeks revival meeting with Rev. Maxey Walton. God surely blessed Bro. Walton's ministry and a large number of the students, and folk from the church and community received help from the Lord. The writer considers this to be one of the best revivals he has witnessed for some time. Preaching on repentance, restitution, carnality, and holiness of heart and life, was honored of God. There was much confession and restitution which is evidence of God's work of grace in our midst. There were upwards of 90 seekers at the altar, counted as they came. We heartily recommend Brother Walton to all of our churches. He will do any church good.

God has been blessing our Sunday School and church, attendance has averaged 225 for the first four Sundays of February. This is a result of the prayers and activity

WEST PHOENIX

Gospel greetings from West Phoenix Pilgrim Church!

We are moving upward and onward for God through many hard places. Our God is a mighty God.

We were privileged to have Bro. Walton Feb. 1, for the evening service, which was one of the most interesting and inspiring missionary service we have been privileged to attend. Bro. Walton was a blessing to our people.

Feb. 8th (Sunday) A. M. we had another outstanding speaker and his wife, Bro. and Sister Elliott. They were a blessing and inspiration to our people. There were 50 in attendance for the service. His subject was, "Our Church of tomorrow," which was a very timely subject.

We are making plans to begin a new building soon. We want to be in our new church by June 1, 1948 or before. Pray with us and for us about this building. We need it so badly. You need to be here on Sunday morning to appreciate the fact.

R. C. HINES, Pastor

POMONA

February 1 was a glorious Sabbath in the Pomona Church. The day was set aside for prayer and fasting, and God's signal blessing was manifest throughout the entire day. All who remained throughout the day felt well repaid for a little self-denial. Several victories were won around the altar that day, and since then the spiritual tide has been of an old-fashioned, Holy Ghost revival.

Since last conference thirteen

tions but the BIBLE. Study the Bible from the Bible or subjects in the Bible by using the Bible as a text. It has proven to be one of the most effective methods of building a Sunday School class.

PREACHING

By the way, some one also mentioned in passing that morning worship and evening gospel meetings are the most important services of the church. How did they dare say such a thing at a Sunday School Convention? But its true just the same!

KEEPING PEOPLE

Now about plugging the leaks. If you plug them all the proverbial barrel will be all plugs. I wonder if any one ever thought of the law of averages *in this connection*. We expect to get only one out of 50 in a community survey as merely a prospect.

Who ever got the notion that we could make a student and convert out of every corner. No, you have to run a lot of grist through the mill to stop a little for your self and the percentage of persons held for the Sunday School and church will be infinitely less than the prospect list in a given area, and even less than that unless we do something about our adult department.

NEW UNITS

Every Sunday School wants and needs more room and we found out that one way to get it is to use the neighbor's houses. Several said that the neighbors had welcomed Sunday School classes into their homes.

Just a hint, start a children's Bible school in some home near the public school. Its a good feeder for the Sunday School.

To make people aware of their need of Christ.

To see many converted and instructed in the Word.

To see many sanctified wholly.

To see many unite with the Church and serve Christ thru the Church.

G. A. Moran

SAN FERNANDO

The San Fernando Church is still enjoying the fruits of revival, as a result of the recent revival series conducted by Sister Marian Childs, "The Walking Bible". Sister Childs preached old time religion with the result that there were many souls who sought and found definite spiritual help. Only eternity will reveal the full extent of this recent outpouring of Holy Ghost power upon the local church. Many of the young people came forward to make decisions for God and holiness. There were also some backsliders reclaimed for God in this meeting.

One of the results of the revival at San Fernando was the addition of seven new members into the local church. This was on the last Sunday of the revival. There was an atmosphere of refreshing and joy as the new members took the covenant as Pilgrims. May God bless each one of these new ones who have been added to the church.

Another result of the revival with Sister Childs was the baptismal service held at the church on the Sunday afternoon following the revival. We were privileged to have our good District Supt., Rev. George A. Moran, to bring the message of the hour. Five of the new converts followed their Lord in the ordinance of

of our membership. If the people have a mind to work, God's kingdom can be built. May God bless His work everywhere.

THOMAS E. LEE, *Pastor*

ELOY

We are still making progress for the Lord at Eloy. Our Sunday School is growing and we are having a goodly number staying for morning worship. Feb. 1 we had 46 out to Sunday School and we took a picture of the group. There is a good interest and we believe that God is going to give us a gracious revival here at Eloy in the near future. Conviction has settled down on the meeting from time to time. We just ask the prayers of those who want sinners to come to Christ.

We want to praise God for His wonderful goodness to us and our only desire is to see Him exalted.

We are in great need of a piano. If anyone knowing of one, would write us, we would appreciate it very much.

R. W. BROWN, *Pastor*

ADAMS MEMORIAL

It has been encouraging to receive the blessing of God's presence in the regular services. We greatly appreciated the ministry of Brother and Sister Paul W. Thomas Thursday evening Feb. 12. One young mother was saved that evening. She came to Sunday School last Sunday morning with her children.

Each week there have been tokens of progress in the work, and some new people have been attending.

KATHARINE HOLLOWELL, *Pastor*

Our people have a mind to work, are loyal and aggressive, and the result is a forward moving in all church departments.

We are praising the Lord for making it possible for us to have a new three-bedroom parsonage, which is in escrow at present. Under this new arrangement it will be possible to use the entire church building for our growing Sunday School.

DAVID METSKER, *Pastor*

REDLANDS

We are in the midst of a successful revival meeting with the Rev. and Mrs. O. E. Whipple as our evangelists. God has given us a number of souls (seven in all) and the end is not yet. One young man prayed through, who is leaving March 1 for induction in the U. S. Marines. Our own precious daughter, Vinetta, prayed through to definite victory and several of her girl friends came to the altar and wept their way through to victory in the old fashioned way of repentance.

Just prior to the opening of the revival meeting a sister who had stood by the church here for a number of years was reclaimed during Sunday morning service. "Praise The Lord". Conviction is manifest and God is still working in the hearts of the Pilgrims and the Glory of God is made manifest in our midst in manifold blessings.

We are happy to recommend Brother and Sister O. E. Whipple as sincere and earnest ministers of the Gospel. Their ministry is scriptural and spiritual and owned of the Lord.

B. H. SALLADE, SR., *Pastor*

PASADENA

The Rees Memorial Pilgrim Holiness Church reports victory through the blood of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

We were privileged to have the District Sunday School Convention last month. This gathering was well attended. The main speakers were, Rev. E. E. Leadingham, and Rev. P. F. Elliott. Rev. Martin Horine served as chairman of the Convention in a very able manner. The District Superintendent, Rev. George A. Moran, was also present and took an active part in the meetings.

This church has just completed repairs and improvements on the building and grounds, costing approximately \$2,500. Our highest Sunday School attendance was 166.

P. W. THOMAS, *Pastor*

SANTA ANA

Greetings in the precious Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Since the good revival we had here in November, 1947 with Rev. Ralph Steelhead, the Church is increasing spiritually. Also our Sunday services are increasing somewhat of late. We are still pressing forward, and believing God for a great revival this Spring. There seems to be quite an interest among the Young People. Last Sunday night, Feb. 8, there were more people in the Church service under the age of twenty one than there were older ones.

We started the New Year with much sickness, but God has raised us up again, and we are back on the front line fighting the good

fight of faith for our King Jesus. The enemy may hinder, but our God is ever present to help us when in trouble. Praise His Name! Our prayer and aim in the year of 1948 is to do more to help lost souls to find the Savior than we ever did before. By God's help and grace we can accomplish it.

We were especially privileged to have with us for three days in January, Rev. Leadingham of Louisville, Ky. who brought some stirring messages from the Word of God. While we were sick the first part of January, the Church here was privileged to have some of our good ministers of our own Conference to speak to them, and we wish to thank each one that was so kind to help us at the time of need. We also want to thank each one that prayed for us.

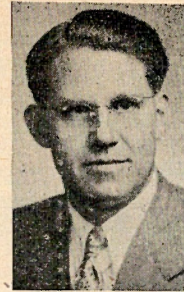
HARRY K. WELLS, *Pastor*

VENTURA

We had a weeks meeting with the Walton sisters, and the Lord was with us. Last Sunday we had our entire enrollment at Sunday School. Our preaching services are having a much better attendance and the young people are doing very well, and they are staying to the preaching services quite regularly. We have three prayer meetings a week, and all fairly well attended. We are taking some into the church, and there is some reason to be encouraged. We have been busy getting on with the repairs both on the church and parsonage, and the Lord is helping us in this respect.

C. A. THOMPSON, *Pastor*

DISTRICT NEWS



By-the-way the Rees Memorial people have been doing things for sure. The church grounds are laid out for planting. The drive way and parking area paved. Several of the rooms have been renovated and last but not least the building has been flood lighted and best of all the spiritual tide is rising.

A revival is in progress at Redlands with Rev. and Mrs. Whipple as the evangelists. There are good days ahead for the Redlands church.

Rev. Leasure has performed a real service for the district in staying at Prescott, calling in the community; and God has blessed him in many ways. There are a few faithful saints and a few in Sunday School. Bro. Leasure desired us to keep the doors open until a couple could be found. We are happy to announce that Rev. and Mrs. Charles Farmer are going to Prescott and expect to be on the field by the seventh of March. We appreciate the good work done by Rev. Leasure and let us join in prayer that the Farmers will have good success

and be used of the Lord to win many to Christ and to teach the Word.

Redondo Pilgrims are pushing out the walls. We spoke to a full house Sunday evening and God gave souls at the altar. A new building or additional room is a must.

We spoke to the largest crowd we have seen at the Highland Park Church. The Pilgrims are repairing the floor and walls and expect to redecorate. Best of all they are making spiritual progress. A fine lady from the community came to me after the service and requested prayer. She wasn't ready to yield at the time but was quite concerned. Elsie and Verna Rice are attending the Highland Park Church.

Three new families and seven new members have been added to the San Fernando Church. This is excellent work. When God gives the increase it means the pastor and people have been doing their part.

The church services at Wilmar are increasing. We saw several new people and a good spirit in the meeting.

The main auditorium was full and the side room open. The Sunday school at a high of 117. That's San Dimas. They have just closed a revival. We hope that all the new converts will join the church.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness; and for his wonderful works to the children of men.