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The Community Church idea is old, very old; it is as old as the gospel. The churches mentioned in the Book of Revelation, chapter three, can be classified as community churches. They were cosmopolitan in their make up, there was usually one church for a city or area, their members were both Jews and Gentiles. They were known as the Church in Sardis or the Church in Philadelphia, etc. Martin Luther was a very great man, the reformation he started in Europe no doubt served a much needed purpose, however from that reformation sprang denominations, legend is their name. The various beliefs would not be so bad were it not for the unkind and uncharitable contentions that go with them, such as the assertion you are wrong and I am right. Many are the arguments put forth in opposition to the Community Church, such as it stands for nothing in particular, it does not have the oversight of denominational Fathers, it is a sort of an orphan, the fact that it is a merge of people of many persuasions, only suggest discord, etc. Personally I feel proud that a local church has enough business and grace to manage its own affairs without advice from a church board in New York or Chicago. I am not in accord with the soft sect brethren that press buttons five hundred miles away and tell us what we can and what we cannot do on our own local field. The rock on which every Community Church that I am acquainted with, is built on Christ, and the New Tes-

tament is the rule of faith and guide. No one is privileged to pick a verse or a chapter on doctrine and ride that to the exclusion of the whole of God's written revelation to man. There is liberty in this and it breaths of freedom, it is like the wideness of God's mercy. It is the aim of a Community Church to serve the people within bounds of the church, to preach, to teach, to exalt Christ, to advance the Kingdom of our Lord, to make disciples, to keep alive his ordinances, to repair or build anew God's altars. Letters are received or granted to or from all denominations recognizing the Community Church. Baptism by sprinkling or emersion is granted. Members are received on confession of faith in Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour. We contend that all parents connected with the church are responsible for the religious education of their children. The members of this church are exhorted to pray for each other and to pray daily for their minister; the Community Church is not sectarian, it is not attached to a school or denomination, it is not bigoted, it is tolerant and forbearing, it has no spirit of interference or antagonism with any individual or his creed. It is the desire and purpose of the Community Church to preach Christ, to teach his gospel, to persuade folk to follow, love and serve Him, to own Him as Lord and Master. The Community Church is active in the Bible School, its Sunday School activities are all highly social as well as Biblical and spiritual thus promoting the Community and social spirit

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among the youths. The Ladies Guild and Men's Brotherhood are also strong and active features of the Community Church.

The community idea of worship commends and trains its talent in worship by the aid of music. Musical instruments and the human voice as an aid to worship is as ancient as the Bible, hence the Community Church urges the training of her youth for the choir and the orchestra. The motto of this Community Church is:

In essentials unity
 In non-essentials liberty
 In diversities charity
 In all things Christ first.

GEO. M. HULME

Children's Day, Sunday, June 21st.

BIBLE STUDY LESSON

June 7

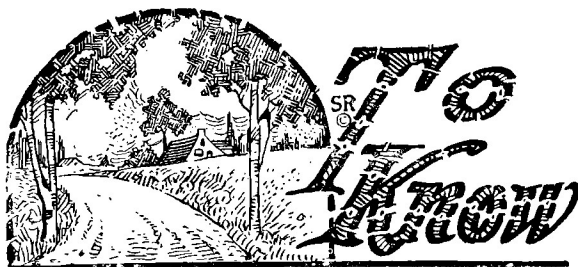
Friday: The Day of Suffering

Golden Text: He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5.

This lesson deals particularly with Christ's words on the cross as recorded in the gospel of Luke.

"FATHER, FORGIVE THEM; FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO." No forgiveness could be more sublime than that of a man for the ruthless enemies who are putting him to death, heartless soldiers who divide his clothing, selfrighteous rulers who heap insults on the one innocent of any wrong, leaving in peace the evil lawbreakers on either side.

"VERILY I SAY UNTO THEE, TODAY SHALT THOU BE WITH ME IN PARADISE." One of the thieves was conscious of his own sin and of Christ's sinlessness. Asking humbly to be remembered, he received the gracious promise of a



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place in Paradise with the Lord. The word "Today" has a special significance.

It confutes any arguments for purgatory or soul sleep. The thief received immediate pardon for his load of sin and that very day was consciously with the Lord. It confutes the idea that one must have good works and be baptized to be saved, for the thief had opportunity for neither.

"MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAS THOU FORSAKEN ME?" For a time God turned his face away from his Son when he made sin for the salvation of men. This is difficult to grasp for it has never happened to any other living man. We turn away from God, but he never turns away from us. So long as we live, deservedly or undeservedly, we are warmed by his sun and refreshed by his mercies. To end our days in sin and unbelief can only bring the inevitable result of total separation from God, a state of darkness, silence, utter loneliness, terror and bitter regret.

"FATHER, INTO THY HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT." The work completed he lays down his life.

HAZEL GILLAM

MUCH NEEDED MOVE

An announcement comes from a member of the Stow Church of

Christ that prayer meetings are to be held each Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Those sponsoring the movement feel that men of the community who are now compelled to do war work on Sunday may thus be able to attend at least one religious service each week.

The suggestion has also been made that these meetings alternate between the Community church and the Church of Christ, both peoples supporting the service.—This we think a very good idea.

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PERSONALS

Mite boxes are due Sunday.

Monday's item of importance.

W. C. Gerber gets new glasses this Tuesday.

Gifts for Father's Day—Graduation Cards, Presents—STOW PHARMACY. (adv.)

One birthday celebrated at Bible School last Sunday, that of Mrs. Hazel Gillam.

Garden plowing, fitting and mowing with Allis Chalmers tractor. Cash. Louis Griggy, Ritchie Road, Stow. (adv.)

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hawk of Vandergrift, Pa., visited the Rearick family on Decoration Day.

Prompt service (within twenty-four hours) on all repair work. Singer Sewing Center, 2373 Front St. WA-8429. (Adv.)

Mrs. Ralph Nichols of Baumberger Rd., who has been ill for some weeks, was taken to St. Thomas Hospital on Wednesday of this week.

For Plowing, land fitting, cow manure, top soil, call Melvin Thomas, WA-5089. Raise a VICTORY garden this year! (Adv.)

Sailor Bob Hamilton, in white uniform, was in attendance at the High School Baccalaureate services last Sunday evening.

The Government Advises that you fill your Coal Bin Now. Call us today. Cook Coal Delivery, WA-8121. 2760 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls. (Adv.)

Sailor Richard Schafer was notified in Stow on Memorial Day. He is now stationed at Dearborn, Michigan.

Jack Beckley and Bob Green are expected home this week end from Camp Blanding, Fla., on a ten day furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gillam entertained at a family gathering on May 27 in honor of the birthday of Hazel Gillam.



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"Well-Driller" Russell Anderson visited his mother in Pennsylvania over the Memorial Day holiday.

This Friday night, June 5th, "Church Night" business meeting will be held. A covered dish supper will be in order at 6:30 p. m.

Carl Korte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Korte, returns this week end to his home on East Arndale Road after attending school for the past year at Concordia Preparatory College, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Carl is studying with the hope and intention of becoming a minister of the Gospel some day.

Wilford B. Bixler, Stow High school graduate, class of '23, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry A. Bixler, Stow, recently resigned his second term as state representative from this district to enter the armed service of Uncle Sam. He is a lieutenant in the Navy and stationed at Cape Henry, Va.

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Announcement. Mrs. A. C. Keeler wishes to announce that a total of \$411.62 was collected in the Red Cross membership drive during the month of May. \$58.00 of this amount was collected in Munroe Falls. Many thanks to all who participated in the drive.

The Keelers are moving to Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls.

Rose Trellises, screen doors, screen windows. Order now. Segelhorst, 734 Hudson Road, Stow. OV-8275. (Adv.)

Mr. Charles Stahl underwent an operation at the Peoples Hospital

in Akron last Wednesday. It is expected that he will be there for another two weeks.

Friday, June 5th is Sailor Harold Hamilton's birthday. If he were here in Stow on this Sunday he would no doubt celebrate his birthday at Bible school as do most all good orchestra members. Then they would play the Happy Birthday song. But, in all probability this paper will reach him several days later at his station on

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Here is a picture taken in Adell Durbin Park on Decoration Day. Besides showing park scenery, new tables, etc., reading from left to right we have Mrs. Lockwood, Senior, Mrs. Roy Lockwood, Mrs. Marshall Gillam (often called Hazel), Mr. Charles Gillam. And if you will look close you will see portions of Mrs. Foote (who didn't want her picture taken) protruding behind Mrs. Roy Lockwood.

that Island Base in the North Atlantic, so we send this message: "Happy Birthday, Harold."

Girl fifteen years of age wants housework in or near Stow. Call OV-3307. (Adv.)

On account of school activities involving our pressman on Wednesday evening (graduation ex-

ercises) the C. C. News will again be printed early this week. And its size may be limited to only eight or ten pages.

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Firing Squad in Memorial Day Parade. Front row, reading left to right: Rowland, Ricketts, Jobes, Rorabeck; second row, Chipps, Guise, Parr, Eisenman, and Major Halley. There were numerous other good pictures taken of the parade, but space is not available this week for more.

As a matter of historic interest it ought to be recorded that on Decoration Day there was a parade in Stow. The flag and flag pole were properly dedicated at Stow's new park, but the formal opening was postponed until July 4th. It should further be recorded that many Stow gardens were planted on that day though a downpour, of rain in the afternoon held up gardening activities for a time.

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I have been interested in what I have heard recently over the radio and read in the newspapers about the possibility of our bunching up riding in our cars to and from work and it seems that the project has much of merit and offers a real problem in organization. Anybody who happens to be passing the parking grounds for any one of several defense plants would probably find as I found in passing the Goodyear Aircraft park one afternoon as the shifts were changing that few of the cars were carrying more than one passenger. We don't even need to go to the defense plants to see this waste of transportation, but we shall start with the defense plants because they seem to me to offer the easiest opportunity to put any such plan of cooperative transportation into effect.

How shall this be done? How can we bring these workers together who work the same shift at the same factory and live along the same route? One way would be to have each worker answer a questionnaire stating when he left home, how many empty seats were in his car, when he left the plant and the approximate cost of transportation each day. Then this information could be transferred to cards and the cards grouped by localities or routes for each shift. A

small office staff of volunteer workers could be organized for this purpose. It would not seem to offer nearly the problems that some of our other groups do. Surely the danger of going tire-less is much more real to the average citizen than the danger of being bombed. Or, is it?

A much simpler scheme would be for some enterprising merchant whose place of business is centrally located to have a blackboard in a prominent location where information could be placed free by anybody wishing rides or having empty seats.

Maybe some patriotic organization would furnish stickers free for cars on which the owner could state the hours of his trips and how many he could carry.

I believe that any one of these plans would work and I believe that all would be supported if they were just started. Maybe we are all waiting for the other fellow to start it. I can't believe that we are not aware of the rubber shortage. What merchant will furnish a blackboard and a place to put it? What organization will furnish stickers for the cars? Then how many of you are willing to help to make the plan work? Let's get back of some plan and cut the number of autos leaving Stow each day in half. We can show the way to the whole nation if we get busy. What do you say?

JOE A. MITTEN



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