WHY I FAVOR THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

FIRST — For its freedom of thought.

Church members here and there are uncomfortable. Just a little ill at ease, they have been obliged to swallow this or that objectionable thing because some one higher up rules so. It's five hundred dollars to raise for missions, or the bishop's salary, or some wild venture in Klondike or China, while folks in our own allotment go hungry and ragged and jobless. I am not interested in a string of churches reaching across the states, with headquarters in New York or Chicago, soft seat gentlemen dictating the activities like the Standard Oil company, or some mighty monopoly. Surely a church is competent to manage its own affairs. Surely a church, worthy of the name church, has vision and ability and spirit and guidance and wisdom to exalt Christ and overcome the world. The coercion of doctrine by austere leadership has caused all the cruel inquisitions known to the human race. The purest and noblest, both men and women, have been shamefully sacrificed, all because higher ups mercilessly wield the scepter of authority. No sunrise or sunset on land or sea was ever more beautiful than a gathering of spirit-filled folk free to express their ideas and learn and be blessed by each other.

Second—For its merge of divided churches.

Christianity is not big enough and never can be so large as to afford to be divided and separated into hundreds of contending units. God hasten the day when Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Protestants, Lutherans, Episcopalians, Pagans and stragglers of the true and living God will fall at His feet and exclaim, "One is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren." No flower garden of east or west ever scented the air with such rich intoxicating odor as that holy atmosphere of a united folk.

Some day like an army with banners, God's people, now so weak, so pitiful in their hopeless efforts to cope with world tragedies, some day united, side by side, an unconquerable army, will crown Him King. Churches will know the sin the shame, the wrong, the demoralizing effect of scattered interests and blasted hopes. Sometime the churches will find themselves, they will be one in Christ.

Third—For a cosmopolitan and community spirit.

Any church should be vitally interested in that area of the world where it lives and has its being. If the incalculable labor that is put forth to make and hold communicants to the Lutheran church, or Baptist church, or any other denomination, was turned into the activity of devout followers of the Great Teacher, if church members were actuated by a holy urge to go cut two by two for the glory of God and the good of the allotment, then, would the millennium of God be upon us. The labor, the vision, the task of the Community Church is that of a heart felt interest in every mansion, cottage or hut, east, west, north, south, within a work-

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Doubt commendable and well meant, the tragedy is that it does not work. It is not in harmony with the teachings of Jesus because it doesn’t make the bad good.

Jesus taught the doctrine of love, of forgiveness, of instruction; Society brow-beats, humiliates, imprisons, hangs and electrocutes. Evil-doers resent the punishment meted out by a society that produced the criminal. Your jails, workhouses and penitentiaries are over-crowded.

Under the present penal system we can scarcely raise enough taxes to pay enough policemen, soldiers, sailors, detectives, and keepers of penal institutions, to squash the tendency of evil, to over-ride the world. Surely this is not God’s program.

I would answer emphatically that society’s present punishment of its criminal class is out of step with the teaching of Jesus.

GEO. H. HULME, Minister
PENNY CARNIVAL
On Friday evening, May 15th, church basement, the Ladies Bible class will “put across” another one of those penny carnivals. There will be eats — for a penny you can be “on the road” to being well fed. Remember the last carnival? Then there will be entertainment—you are invited to take part in the Amateur Hour. See Mrs. Ferris about...
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MEN’S BIBLE CLASS

The subject of our lesson for next Sunday is “Effectual Prayer.” The emphasis is on the adjective “effectual” and a sharp line is drawn between effectual prayer based upon humility and self righteous, egotistically expounded prayer based upon conceit.

Christ said, “Men ought always to pray and not to faint.” The philosophy of fear is completely lost in prayer. Perhaps the real reason men fear future developments, stoop to worry, and finally reach a state of despair is because they do not realize the power of prayer. Effectual prayer is persistent prayer. It is continuous prayer.

What do you believe the relationship of faith and prayer to be? Which do you consider the most important, faith or prayer? Does effectual prayer strengthen faith? Is effectual prayer possible without faith?

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analyze the factors involved in effective prayer.

—M. W. BIGGS

PERSONAL ITEMS

Will be brief.

Should have a new Editor.

Sunday is Mother’s Day.


The Haartjes have a brand new Dodge.

Wm. R. Lodge’s asparagus is growing fine now.

George Hooper has an attack of bronchial pneumonia.

L. B. Sebrell returned home from the hospital last Friday.

Miss Evelyn Harlan is confined to her bed with illness.

“Chet” Holt is reported as putting on a new addition to his drugstore.

The Dibbens on West Arndale road have a new car, likewise the Hoopers.

Mrs. Lovina Bishop, Silver Lake, has been ill recently but is now improving.

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Frank Carlisle is now installed in new office quarters next door to the Merit Market.

C. F. Meredith and family visited in Bath Saturday on account of the death of a friend.

Donna Mae Taylor, East Arena road, celebrated her third birthday on Sunday, May 3rd.

Mrs. W. T. Dibben, went to Canton, Ohio on Monday to attend the funeral of a friend.

Men—Read the Men’s Class announcement twice. It will do you good.

Just about bed time last Thursday evening Bud Houck unexpectedly visited his grandfather Levi Moyer. Bud probably had it in mind to attend choir practice.

It is reported George Chandler while breaking in a new team of horses recently was considerably upset by them breaking into a sev-
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enly or eighty mile an hour clip.
Before the phenomenal burst of speed was reduced to normal and
George found himself still in Stow,
he had visions of a fast trip into
the next State, the Atlantic Ocean
or some other distant place.

How do you stand: First John
3:14 states “We know that we have
passed from death into life, because
we love the brethren. He that
loveth not his brother abideth in
death.”

Those celebrating their birthdays
at Bible School last Sunday were
Dwight Shaffer, A. P. Kurinsky,
Mrs. Pradmore, Harry Olson, Jeanette Palmer, and Earl Gaylord.

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