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"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."

"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20)

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A Ky. Baptist Layman's Experience In Florida Baptist Church

A Baptist layman from Kentucky, on a visit to the east coast of Florida, has written us about an unusual service that he and his wife attended at the First Baptist Church in one of the leading cities of that section.

It happened on the Sunday before Christmas in the First Baptist Church of Ft. Lauderdale, of which Robert E. Lee is pastor. The service consisted of a Christmas concert presented unionistically by both Methodists and Baptists.

When the pastor of the Baptist church gave the welcome, he stated in substance, that he was so glad that Methodists and Baptists could get together in Ft. Lauderdale. And all this in spite of

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"

And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." — 2 Cor. 6:14-17.

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." — Rom. 16:17.

"Can two walk together, except they agreed?" — Amos 3:2.

"Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us." (Continued on Page Two)

Bibles For Soldier Boys

Of recent date we announced that we would send a Bible and personal letter to every soldier boy whose address could be procured, and a good supply of these Bibles and letters have been mailed. New requests are coming in every day.

Since mailing the first of these Bibles, we have received messages of appreciation from several nearby to whom these were mailed. We share two of these with you.

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Blessed Is The Nation Whose God Is The Lord

The following lines come from an unknown minister of England, setting forth the condition of England at this time:

We have been a pleasure-loving people, dishonoring God's day, picnicking and bathing— Now the seashores are barred; no picnics, no bathing.

We have preferred motor travel to churchgoing— Now there is a shortage of motor fuel.

We have ignored the ringing of the church bells calling us to worship— Now the bells cannot ring except to warn of invasion.

We have left the churches half empty when they should have been filled with worshipers— Now they are in ruins.

We would not listen to the way of peace— Now we are forced to listen to the way of war.

The money we would not give to the Lord's work— Now is taken from us in taxes and higher prices.

The food for which we forgot to say thanks— Now is unobtainable.

The service we refused to give to God— Now is conscripted for the country.

Lives we refused to live under God's control— Now are under the nation's control.

Nights we would not spend in "Watching unto prayer"— Now are spent in anxious air raid precautions.

The evils of modernism we would not fight— Now — see what Germany, the seat of this teaching, has produced!

—Courtesy The Commission.

SOME GOOD NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, that I will be punctual in my attendance upon all services of the church (the Sunday services, Wednesday evening, and special meetings) throughout the year.

RESOLVED, that I will bring at least one-tenth of my income into the treasury of the church beginning with my next pay day.

RESOLVED, that I will pray for my pastor, my church, the fellow members of the church, and especially for the lost.

RESOLVED, that I will conform my life to the standards of the Bible, thus living above the things of the world, and thereby bringing no reproach upon my church.

RESOLVED, that I will bring at least one soul to Jesus during 1942. (What a pity each does not resolve to win a hundred!)

RESOLVED, that I will guard my tongue and abstain from criticism of my pastor and other members of my church. (Continued on Page Two)

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"CHRIST'S UNFINISHED WORK"

"Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." — John 4:34.

One of the most familiar expressions used by intelligent Scriptural believers is "the finished work of Christ." In fact, most Biblical students are familiar with this expression. Quite often both preachers and laymen refer to Christ's redemptive work as the "finished work of Christ."

Today, I wish to discuss with you His unfinished work. This may be new terminology and an unfamiliar statement. However, there are certain things which relate themselves to the work and ministry of Jesus which are unfinished, and which He must yet accomplish.

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How The Holy Spirit Guides Local Churches In Mission Work

(Lee Rector, Ardmore, Okla.)

Churches and the Lord's Way of Work

In every truth honoring Church, the mind of the Holy Spirit is the mind of the body. I so assume in this article.

In presenting this study, I assume that the Lord in His Word has supplied us all needful information on the character and the conduct of His Church-witness. I assume, as well as believe, that the Word of God alone can settle the way the Lord's Church does its work. I further assume that all genuine Baptists want our Churches to carry on the way the Lord indicates they should.

The Local Church, God's Lighthouse

The local Church is God's Lighthouse, Matt. 5:14 and John 8:12 and John 9:5, being founded by the Lord in person, Mark 3:13-14 and Luke 6:12-13, and being headed by Him, the Founder, Eph. 1:21-23.

The local Church, God's Lighthouse, is the only agency the Lord has ever authorized to speak for heaven and to spread His Light, Matt. 16:19 and Matt. 18:18 and Matt. 28:19-20. Human agencies or assemblies look in vain in the Word for divine authorization to "preach the Word" and to administrate the Lord's will for His Churches.

The Holy Spirit, The Keeper Of The Church

The local Church was promised the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, Teacher, Testifier, Preacher, and Guide, to stand in it in the stead of our ascended Lord, John 14:16, 17; John 14:26 John 15:26; and John 16:7-13.

The Holy Spirit came according to promise, and baptized the Church, (Continued on Page Two)

Some Recent Weddings

Nineteen young couples, in the presence of the editor, during recent days, pledged to "bear one another's burdens." To each of these we extend our heartiest congratulations, and wish for each of them a long and happy married life together.

- 1. Kenneth Stitt, 22, Pottery Worker, and Dorothy Stottsberry, 21, Zanesville, Ohio.
2. James I. Bowling, 28, U. S. Army, and Dorothy Potter, 23, Camp (Continued on Page Two)