

Christian Student Sunday (Life Dedication Day)

With the dawn of a new year—the One Thousandth, Nine Hundredth and Fifty-seventh Year of Our Lord—so close at hand, there could be no better time to think of the Christian use of future days and years. No better time to consider dedication and re-dedication of lives to the work of Christ.

The Church, in asking its members to observe Life Dedication Sunday, is not calling solely for full-time service. It is asking also for dedication of life to Christian work in whatever profession is chosen. It is asking that each Christian live and work as if called by God to represent Him in each task done in this world.

Of course, students on the threshold of life's work, or who are now considering their choice of professions, are particularly in the prayers and hearts of Christians today. They look to their "home church" for help and guidance, and spiritual support. These you can help provide.

But this is also a day in which each member's thoughts should also concern his or her own dedication—or re-dedication—to Christ's work. Will the coming year find you a witness for Christ in each day and hour, whatever your work may be?

The most influential of all educational factors is the conversation in a child's home.

—William Temple

An Open Door of Opportunity

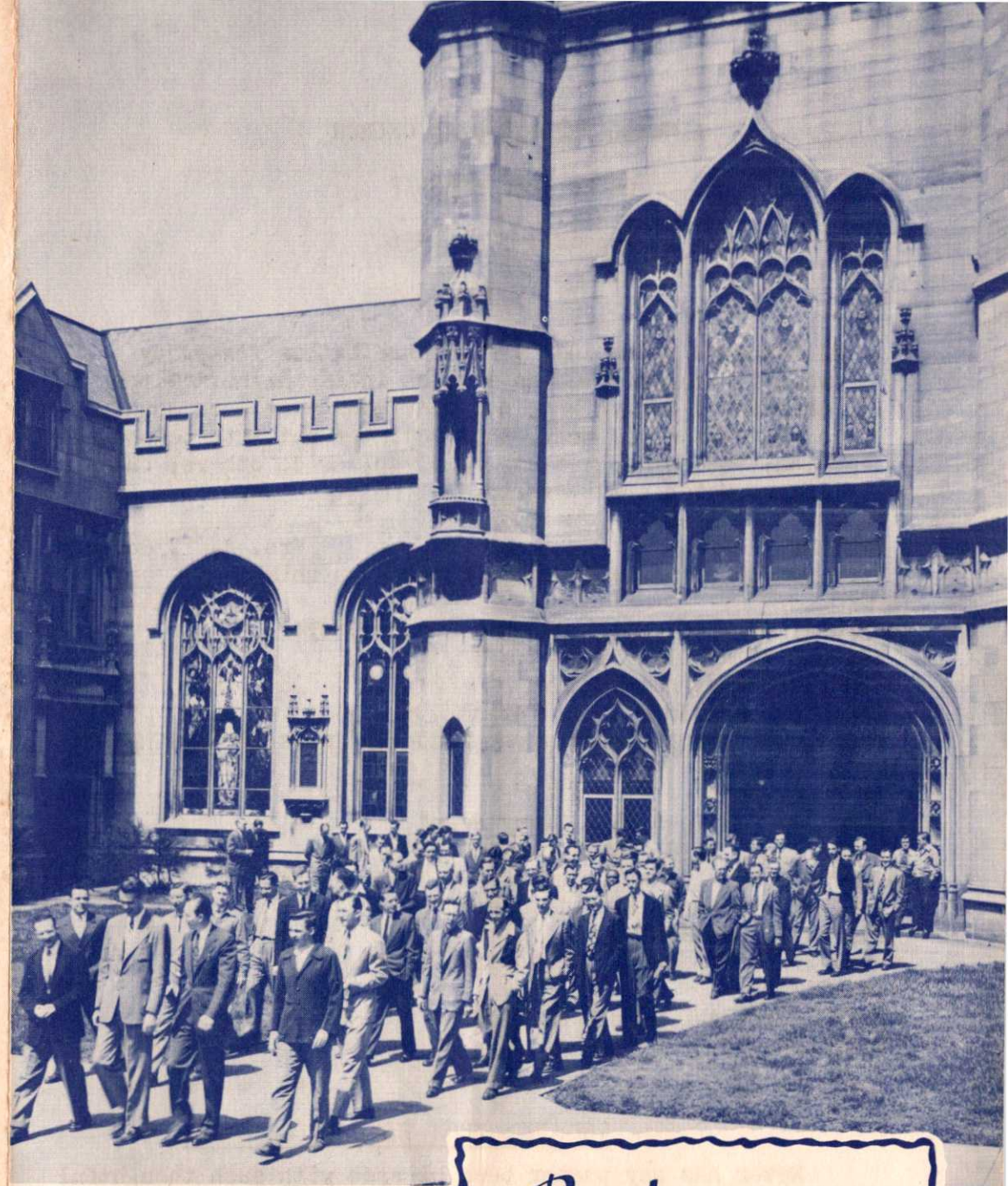
In writing to the Corinthians from Ephesus, Paul stated that he was tarrying at Ephesus until Pentecost for a great and effectual door was open to him, and there were many adversaries. The Revised Standard Version has "a wide door for effective work." As a matter of fact, Paul stayed in Ephesus not just until Pentecost, but for three years, entering through the open door of opportunity to witness for Christ. This was by far the longest period he spent in any of the cities he visited on his missionary journeys.

The New Year brings a new door of opportunity to every Christian and to every church. There is no danger of a Christian's losing his first love, or his ardent zeal for Christ, if he enters through the doors of opportunity for Christian service as they open before him. There is no danger of a church languishing and dying as long as it has eyes to see these open doors and spiritual energy to enter. For whenever, and wherever we enter upon doors of opportunity for Christian service, we find our strength renewed and life becomes new, fresh, and inspiring.

—Stuart R. Oglesby

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 30, 1956

11:15 A.M.

"A thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night." "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." "Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober."

PRELUDE Mrs. J. L. Coleman
CALL TO WORSHIP Led by the Pastor - in unison
*DOXOLOGY
*INVOCATION - (Closing with the Lord's Prayer)
RESPONSIVE READING SELECTION 5
*HYMN 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy"
SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 55
ORGAN MEDITATION "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"
MORNING PRAYER
ANNOUNCEMENTS
HYMN 303 "I Need Thee Every Hour"
WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
*MEMORY HYMN "Our God Our Help In Ages Past"
SERMON "Blessings Of The Year"
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION
*HYMN 292 "Who Is On The Lord's Side?"
*INVITATION
BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE
POSTLUDE

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THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

Never has any pastor been blessed with such thoughtful and loving people as Rev. Mr. Joe Beale and Sung Kyu Kim! I'm sure that we have seen only the beginning of God's Love.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MRS. W. B. KENNEDY, BELOVED
DISCIPLE OF LOVE AS SHE IMITATED JESUS CHRIST.

December 26, 1956

"Blessed are the dead that die in the
the Lord from henceforth; that they
may rest from their labors and their
works do follow after them" Rev. 14:13

TODAY IS LIFE DEDICATION DAY IN OUR CHURCH

All over our church, today is being set aside for the purpose of asking its members to dedicate themselves for full-time service, not for everybody to say "O Lord I will be a minister or a missionary!" but "I will dedicate my life to Christian work in whatever profession I choose." In this manner, all who call themselves Disciples of Christ will feel that no matter what my work is, I am called of God to represent Him in each task done in this world.

CHOIRS TO BEGIN WORK TOMORROW!

Tomorrow is the last day of 1956 and the first work day of the New Year for our Cherub Choir. Each boy and girl will tell you the truth about our choir - it's the best!! We can say this because we work hard. The Cherub Choir will meet at 4 P.M. Monday afternoon December 31, 1956.

YOUR PASTOR takes this opportunity to thank the people of Aimwell and Longtown for the many lovely cards and letters sent to him during this Advent Season. And for himself and Sung Kyu Kim - H A P P Y N E W Y E A R

REMINDER - Tomorrow is your last chance to write a check for 1956. Someone has said, "You can write it out now for your Church and satisfy your God or you can write it out tomorrow and satisfy a larger income tax return"

The average man or woman spends weeks figuring out how much of the income belongs to the government. If the time spent on how much of our income belongs to God could be an indication of our eagerness to arrive in Heaven, God forbid!