

Religious Education Then and Now

The cover of today's bulletin shows two aspects of religious education—that of Jesus' day, and that of ours. Similar in purpose, these two schools are very different in method, equipment and spirit.

In the old school, teaching was done by the rabbi, or sometimes a village elder, and the textbook was the Scripture. Discipline was very strict and attendance compulsory. Lessons were hard and thorough.

In today's school, the same lessons of moral truth cannot be forced upon the children because the culture is so vastly different that the Church cannot demand attendance on hard, long lessons. So the modern Church School must win its pupils with challenging presentations, attractive materials, and variety in approach. Much equipment is used that children of a simpler culture did not demand or expect.

There is no doubt that the old method produced adults deeply rooted in God's laws, morally strong for meeting life's tests. But there is one vital difference: the old school taught without knowledge of Jesus Christ and His teachings. Today's school, therefore, has an entirely different spirit, and through the working of the Holy Spirit, an opportunity for effectiveness that far exceeds that of the old.

A recognition of the tremendous opportunities and responsibilities which these facts bring to us, should be foremost in our thoughts at this time of the year particularly, as Presbyterians observe Christian Education Season through September. Much of the success of the season, and of the church school, depends on careful planning and ardent effort on the part of the pastor, officers and teachers. But unless you, too, and every member of your church, put forth effort, full success in this work cannot be expected. What are your expectations for your church school?

I Surrender All

HANDS: "I will therefore that men pray . . . lifting up holy hands."—1 Timothy 2:8.

FEET: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings."—Isaiah 52:7.

EYES: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."—John 4:35.

EARS: "And he taught them many things . . . and said . . . He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."—Mark 4:2, 9.

MOUTH: "O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise."—Psalm 51:15.

HEART: "Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God."—1 Kings 8:61a.

MIND: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind."—Luke 10:27.



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"Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the Lord hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it. And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed."

PRELUDE Mrs. J. L. Coleman
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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP AT 7 O'clock P.M. TODAY!!!

WELCOME TO OUR WORLD

Wednesday evening at 7:55 P.M. Craig Lee Kelly was born to the happy parents Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Kelly. Little Craig weighed in at 7 pounds and 5 ounces. We are happy to welcome him into our world and to pledge our love and best wishes. Mrs. Kelly is fine, plans to be home Wednesday.

IN LOVING MEMORY

EDWARD ROBERT ANDERSON August 5, 1957

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

Mrs. Jackson wishes to express her deep and sincere appreciation to all who remembered her during this time of sorrow in the death of her father. The flowers, cards, telegrams and memorial gifts were so lovely.

CHOIR PRACTICE WEDNESDAY

For the time being, we will begin practicing on Wednesday afternoon at 4 O'clock. This will include the Juniors and Seniors.

The Cherub Choir will meet on Tuesday afternoon at 4 P.M.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP TO HAVE EATING-MEETING

7 O'clock is the time for all boys and girls to come to supper at the Fellowship building. We will meet around the tables for our SNACK and will have our opening exercises with hymns and announcements, then we will dismiss to the different groups. The Senior Youth Fellowship will meet in the church and the Junior and Pioneer Fellowship will meet in the Fellowship Building. Everyone is urged to attend.