

Universal Bible Sunday

One of the eleven "interdenominational days" appearing on our Church Calendar is Universal Bible Sunday. The General Assembly placed it upon the calendar, and more than \$40,000 in the Church's budget to emphasize the great importance of spreading and using God's Word. The money goes to the American Bible Society for its work throughout the world. The special day, it is hoped, will bring each member's attention once again to the Scripture, and the Word of Life it contains. Universal Bible Sunday has been observed since 1904, and today Christians in more than 40 lands, and in over 50 denominations are joining with you in its observance.



Answered

- He asked for strength that he might achieve; He was made weak that he might obey.
- He asked for wealth that he might do great things; He was given infirmity that he might do better things.
- He asked for riches that he might be happy; He was given poverty that he might be wise.
- He asked for power that he might have the praise of men; He was given weakness that he might feel the need of God.
- He asked for things that he might enjoy life; He was given life that he might enjoy all things.
- He had nothing that he asked for, but everything that he hoped for. His prayer is answered. He is most blessed.

—Selected

Life's Two-Fold Choice

Practically everything in life has a two-fold possibility. Atomic power can be used constructively or destructively. Steel may be made into bullets or plowshares. Chemicals may aid mankind or they may poison man. So it is with the individual. He may dedicate himself to a high and holy purpose, or he may choose a life of degradation, unlofty and unholy. God has given us the freedom of choice in the use of our persons and our possessions.

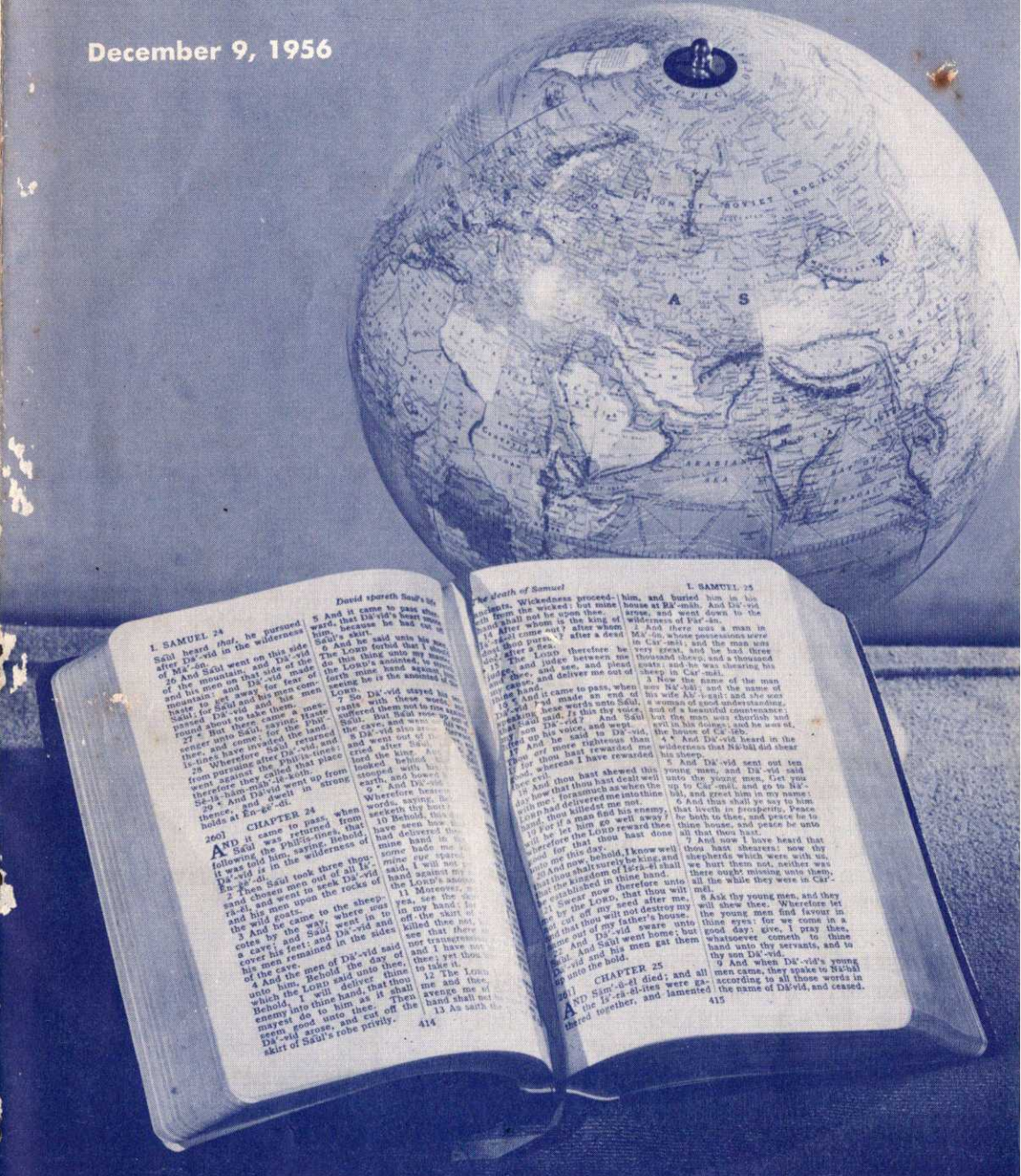
Therefore, the great question confronts each of us: "Shall it be Thy Will or my will?"

A part of this question is the one that concerns the Christian steward, "What is the Father's will in regard to the use of the person and his possessions?"

In Paul's second Letter to the Corinthians he says, "But first they gave their own selves to the Lord." Effective Christian stewardship must be rooted in a spirit of consecration, committed unstintingly to the service of God. A steward guides or watches over that which has been entrusted to him. Time, talents and possessions are all his trust.

The Master said, "Watch ye, for ye know not when the Master of the house cometh." A good steward of time will be ever watchful that his life and influence make an impact which is of enduring value.

—My Church



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"Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people." "...and his name will be called 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'"

Prelude Mrs. J. L. Coleman
Call to Worship "The holy quietness of the Sanctuary invites you to enter. Be still. Meditate. Pray."
*Doxology - "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow,
Praise Him All Creatures Here Below,
Praise Him Above, Ye Heavenly Host,
Praise Father, Son, And Holy Ghost Amen."
*Invocation - (Closing with the Disciple's Prayer)
Responsive Reading Selection 44
*Hymn 392 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun"
Scripture Reading Luke 1:5-38
Organ Meditation "Sweet Peace The Gift Of God's Love" 230
Morning Prayer
Announcements
Hymn 54 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"
Worship God with Tithes and Offerings
*Memory Hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night"
Junior Sermon "Names"
Message "Prepare ye the way of the Lord"
Prayer of Consecration
*Hymn 3 "Come Thou Almighty King"
*Invitation
Benediction and Choral Response
Postlude

PRAYER MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY EVENING AT 7:30 P.M.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. - Jesus Christ

A few minutes spent in quiet prayer and devotional reading will help you renew your faith.

A SPECIAL WELCOME to our visitors from Atlanta, Georgia. Visiting us today is a delegation from the Wee Kirk Presbyterian Church of Atlanta. Your pastor served this church while a student at Columbia Theological Seminary.

WHY SOME PEOPLE STAY HOME FROM CHURCH

Some stay home because it's cold
And some because it's hot; and some
Because they're getting old; and some
Because they're not!

Some stay home because their hat
The milliner's not finished; and some
Because their liking for the minister
Has diminished.

Some declare they don't enjoy
The singing of the choir; and some
Because a fellow saint aroused their wrathful ire.

ALAS! ALAS! How excuses grow to
Drive our thoughts from God,
And turn us from the House of Prayer
The place our fathers trod.

VISITING MINISTERIAL STUDENT TO PREACH NEXT SUNDAY A.M.

Mr. Frank Harrington is going to bring the morning message next Sunday. His subject will be "THE DOOR" And his text - "Behold, I stand at the door and knock,
If any man hear my voice and will open the door I will come in."

Special music will be provided by the pastor.

DANIEL WALTER RUFF III will be baptized today at 12:30 P.M.
"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"- Jesus Christ