

# *The Christian Reminder*

"I stir up pure minds by way of remembrance." (Pet. 3:1)

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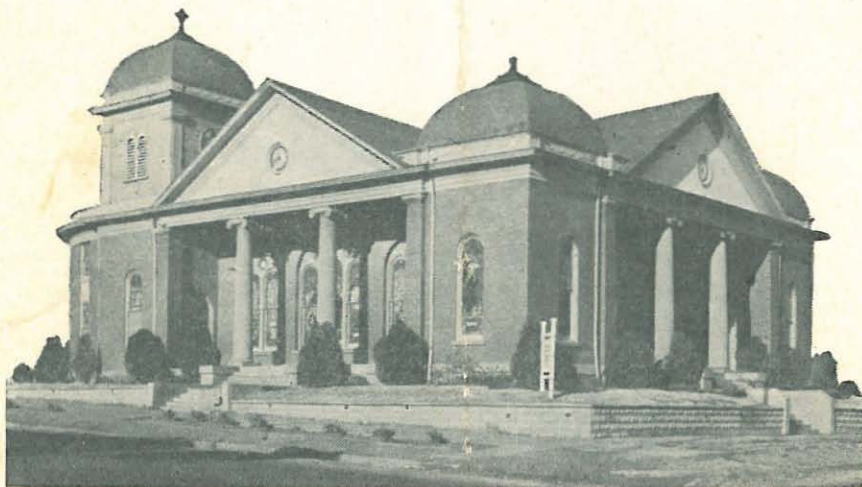
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## CHURCH OF CHRIST

Tenth and Austin

### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### Sunday

Bible School	-	-	-	-	-	9:45 A. M.
Preaching	-	-	-	-	-	10:45 A. M.
Communion	-	-	-	-	-	11:45 A. M.
Young Peoples Meeting	-	-	-	-	-	7:00 P. M.
Preaching	-	-	-	-	-	8:00 P. M.
Communion	-	-	-	-	-	9:00 P. M.

#### Wednesday

Prayer Meeting	-	-	-	-	-	8:00 P. M.
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**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND EVERY SERVICE**

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### SUNDAY SICKNESS

"Morbus Sabbaticus," or Sunday sickness, is a disease which is peculiar to many church members. The symptoms vary but it never interferes with the appetite. Requires no physician. Never lasts more than one day. Always proves fatal in the end to the soul. Fearfully prevalent, destroying thousands every year. The attack comes suddenly on Sunday morning; no symptoms felt Saturday night; patient sleeps well, wakes feeling fine, eats a hearty breakfast, but about church time the attack comes and continues until the services are over for the morning. Then the patient feels easy, eats a hearty dinner. In the afternoon he feels much better, is able to take a walk, drive, read Sunday papers or even play a round or two of golf; eats hearty supper, but about church time he has another attack and stays at home. He wakes up Monday morning much refreshed and is able to go to work and does not have any symptoms of the disease until the following Sunday.

### BUSY MEN

When God wants a man to do important work for his kingdom, he does not call the idle, he calls those who are already engaged in useful service. Amos was busy with his herds when God called him. Elisha was plowing in the field. Joseph was on a mission for his father. Moses was keeping the flocks in the desert. Saul was hunting his fathers lost asses. David was tending his fathers flocks. Daniel was serving the king. Peter and James and John were fishing. Matthew was collecting the taxes. Saul of Tarsus was zealously stamping out what he thought was heresy.

So it has always been. Those who are performing well the lowly tasks of life are those whom God calls to the greater tasks. They have been tried and have not been found wanting.

This truth is one that should bring new courage and inspiration to the one who is of necessity engaged in humble tasks. It is not the big task that counts in God's plan for us, but the doing of our task well, what ever it be, whether great or small. The doing well of the lowly task fits one for the accomplishment of the greater. "Thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make the ruler over many things."

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### ATTENDANCE

Church attendance is a duty, an obligation assumed and accepted by every one who becomes a member of the church. It is even more than this, it is a privilege which should be looked forward to with a sense of pleasure. It is a time of communion and fellowship; counsel and friendship of all the members of the church. Each one needs this stimulus. Furthermore, every one needs the communion with God which can only be obtained by meeting His appointments in His way. God wants our friendship, and He offers us His in return. The least that any member can render is his personal presence every time. We should recognize our duty in this sphere of life and if possible attend every service.

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### BE ON TIME

In everything we should consider the rights of others. This is true in connection with all church services. One way in which we can show this consideration is to be on time at the services. Where a large number of people are late, it causes confusion and takes up time that properly belongs to the worship. It is usually just as easy to get to the service on time as it is to get there five minutes late. With very few exceptions we get to work on time and with very few exceptions we can get to church on time, if we try. It is permissible to be late, but it is never proper.

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### THE EMPTY PEW

The empty pew has an eloquent tongue. Though its message is unpleasant, it is one that all may hear. To the preacher, the empty pew says "Your sermon is not worth while." To the visitor it whispers, "You see, we are not quite holding our own." To the treasurer it shouts, "Look out for a deficit." To the ones who are thinking of obeying the gospel, it suggests, "You had better wait a while." "Why don't you miss the services next Sunday, too?" it asks the members who are present. The empty pew speaks against the service. It chills inspiration, smothers hope and dulls the fine edge of zeal. The empty pew is a weight. The occupied pew is a wing.

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### HEAVEN

Who chides a servant for taking away the first course at a feast when the second consists of far greater delicacies? Who then can feel regret that this present world passeth away, when he sees that an eternal world of joy is coming? The first course is grace, but the second is glory, and that is as much better as the fruit is better than the blossom.

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### NEW MEMBERS

James D. Pendergraft, Route 2, Box 38.  
Mrs. D. B. Kirby, 112 San Antonio.  
Mrs. L. Barkley, 1510½ Filmore.

### DO WE LOVE THE LORD?

"If you love me, keep my commandments," Jn. 14:15.

"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me," Jn. 14:21.

"If a man love me, he will keep my words," Jn. 14:23.

"If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love," Jn. 15:10.

"Whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected," 1 Jn. 2:5.

"This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments," 1 Jn. 5:3.

"We love Him, because He first loved us," 1 Jn. 4:19.

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### DANCING

Many times has the question been asked: Is it wrong for Christians to dance? Consider the following and you can decide the question for yourself: If you continue to dance you will quit praying. If you continue to pray you will quit dancing. "Men ought always to pray."

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### SPARKS OF TRUTH

Self-importance doesn't help you to become important.

Indecision often comes from indifference.

To reach the heart of others, speak and act from your own.

He who makes a mouse of himself will be eaten by the cats.

The man who aims at nothing in particular always hits his mark.

What's the use of having a good aim in life if you're out of ammunition?

It is much easier to be critical than to be correct.

The church is not a dormitory for sleepers, it is an institution for workers; it is not a rest camp, it is a front line trench.

Life would be a perpetual flea hunt if a man were obliged to run down all the innuendoes, inveracities, insinuations and misrepresentations which are uttered against him. —H. W. Beecher.

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## CHURCH OF CHRIST

10th and Austin Street

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JUNE 1939

Balance on hand June 1, 1939 .....		\$1,052.86
Collections for June 4th .....	\$202.50	
Collections for June 11th .....	174.46	
Collections for June 18th .....	163.25	
Collections for June 25th .....	181.65	721.86
<b>TOTAL</b> .....		<u>\$1,774.72</u>

#### Disbursements

Robert C. Jones, Minister .....	\$ 280.00
Robert C. Jones, Expense to Paducah, Ky. ....	60.00
O. P. Newton, Janitor .....	28.00
Eugene D. Smith, Minister .....	120.00
Firm Foundation Pub. Co. ....	21.10
Firm Foundation Pub. Co. ....	1.10
Texas Electric Co. ....	9.30
Hearn Printing Co., Bulletins, May-June .....	13.00
Boles Orphan Home, May-June .....	50.00
Tipton Orphan Home, May-June .....	50.00
Perkins Timberlake Co., Mdse., .....	2.94
Telephone Co. ....	3.00
Local Colored Mission .....	25.00
Minnesota Mission .....	10.00
Wyoming Mission .....	10.00
Japan Mission .....	10.00
Powell Floral Co. ....	2.50
Standard Pub. Co., Bible School Literature .....	10.00
Community Natl. Gas Co. ....	1.54
Incidentals .....	1.80
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<u>\$ 709.28</u>
Balance July 1, 1939 .....	1 065.44
	<u>\$1,774.72</u>

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