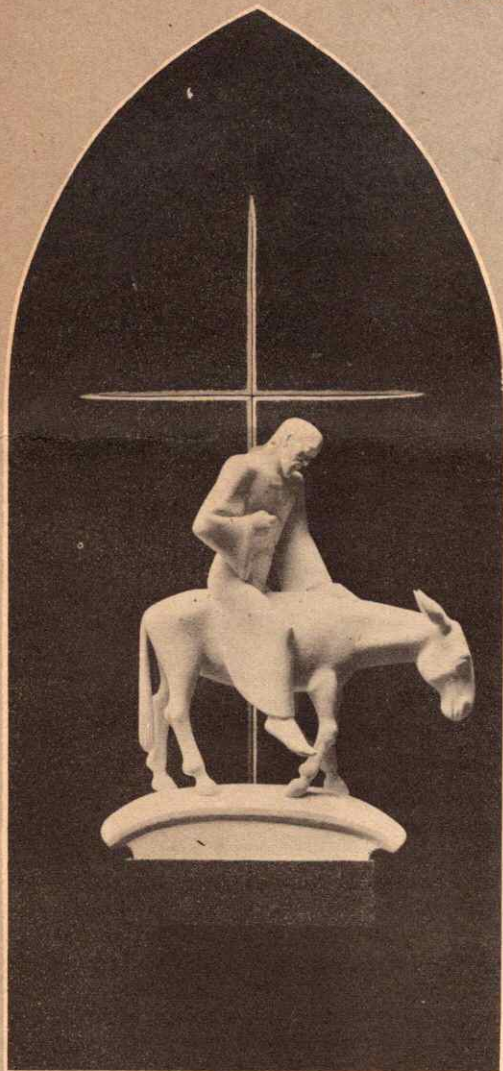


For Christ to Live in Us

WE WILL SEE OURSELVES AS
A VESSEL OF GOD'S PURPOSE



The central claim of the Church has always been that in Jesus Christ the Divine Life was also a fully human life. Christ's entrance into our life began when he came at a particular time, in the being of a particular person, to bring us the good news of God's mercy and love.

For Christ to live in us means, first of all, that we accept fully our own life as the particular life into which God enters to accomplish his purpose.

John L. Casteel

First Sunday in Lent

The Prince of Peace, by Moissaye Marans

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF AUSTIN

408 West 23rd Street

Wm. B. Mathews, Minister

Sunday

February 23, 1958

11:00 A.M.

Personal Meditation

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

PRELUDE

"Serenade"

Rachmaninoff

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise to God

"O Lord, Our Lord, how majestic
is thy name in all the earth!"

HYMN

"The Spacious Firmament on High"

No. 160

THE INVOCATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE DOXOLOGY

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Confession and Intercession

"If you have faith,..nothing will be impossible to you!"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1 and 2

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

A SERVICE OF GIFTS

Offertory

"Forest Idyl"

MacDowell

Prayer of Dedication

Spiritual Illumination

"What is man that thou art mindful of him,
or the son of man that thou dost care for him?
Yet thou hast made him a little less than God."

HYMN

"O Thou, in all Thy Might"

No. 159

SERMON

What Is Life?

Mr. Mathews

The Dedication of Life

"Now we are the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear
what we shall be..But we know..we shall be like him."

HYMN

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

No. 201

BENEDICTION

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

The trio - Mrs. C. Earl Mick, Mr. Earl Cornwell,
Mr. Stanley Woodmansee

THE CHURCH CALENDAR FOR FEB. 23 - MARCH 1, 1958

TODAY

The Church extends a cordial welcome to all, and an invitation to tarry with us for the fellowship and coffee hour following the service of worship.

6:30 P.M. The United Student Fellowship tonight is of added importance at the beginning of "Religion in Life Week."

The Rev. Eugene Prather, formerly of our Church in Montclair, N. J. is the guest speaker.

FRIDAY

6:30 P.M. The February Family Fellowship Night

The supper is covered-dish style. Students and others not having kitchen facilities are not expected to bring anything.

Dr. and Mrs. Howard F. Rase will present the program. Dr. Rase spent four months teaching in the Technical University of Copenhagen. Following this he and Mrs. Rase traveled extensively through Europe in a Volkswagen. They will describe this trip and illustrate it with kodachrome slides beginning with their stay in Denmark.

Bring your friends to this very interesting Family Night program.

CONFERENCE BUILDER'S CLUB

The Central South Conference is seeking to form a group of men and women in each Church who believe in the future of our Churches in this area and who want to see them grow. The aim is to secure at least a thousand people who will pledge five dollars, or more, a year for the next five years. This money will be used to help new Churches to secure building sites, or to build new churches. Mr. Page Twiss is the Chairman here.

LOOKING AHEAD

March 10-13, The Texas Council of Churches annual meeting, Hyde Park Presbyterian Church, Dallas.

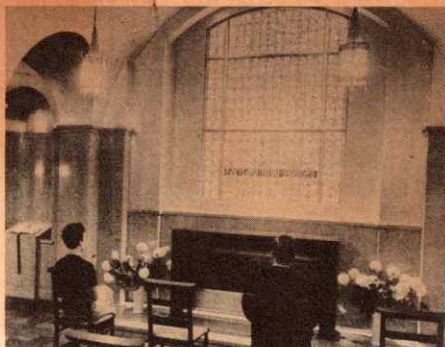
March 16, "One Great Hour of Sharing"

April 15-17, The Central South Conference annual meeting, Fellowship Cong'l. Church, Tulsa, Okla.

June 24-30, The General Council, Boston, Mass.

A Place to Pray

The new multi-million-dollar home office of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company in Worcester, Massachusetts, has followed a noticeable trend in building by keeping their employees as well as business in mind. They have included this meditation and prayer room as evidence of another realization by American business that the people who staff their organizations possess and cherish an "inner life."



New Frontiers of Faith in Action

If the Church is to conquer the new frontier of man's relationship to man, it must establish and support agencies of social action. Churches must form committees to consider the issues and to speak out when the lives of men are imperiled. With courage to face controversy, with access to information, with guidance for cooperative action, church members can face the new frontiers in family, school, community, government and mass communication. It is here that the Church must communicate the Gospel, the only Good News which will meet the needs of man on the new frontier.

Ray Gibbons



Advisor on Medical Education, Thailand

Dr. Charles E. Richards, well-known physician and Congregational layman of Omaha, Nebraska, is now the Advisor on Medical Education to the Government of Thailand. He represents the International Co-operation Administration, Washington, D.C., and will help plan the new medical college in Chinangmai and serve as one of its deans. With only 2,000 doctors in a land of 20,000,000 people, the government is striving to improve educational opportunities for young people interested in studying medicine.

Know Your Missionaries



Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss Allen Myrick, with their baby daughter, Elizabeth, of Northboro, Massachusetts, hope to work among the Bantu people for the rest of their lives. They are now spending a year in intensive language study before beginning work of counselling African pastors and their wives. Mr. Myrick was educated at Phillips Academy, Harvard, and Union Theological Seminary; Mrs. Myrick at the University of Manitoba and Columbia University. They represent the Broadway Congregational Church, New York.

