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Bro. A. Hamilton of the Macedonia Free S. D. A. Church, sent into the office a nice report of \$7.15, collected from yearly and monthly subscribers of The Banner. Bro. Hamilton is our Banner agent there. We thank him for this good report.

ACTIVITIES OF THE SAVANNAH CHURCH

On last Thirteenth Sabbath morning a beautiful program was rendered which added much enjoyment to all present. Every one seemed to have been spiritually uplifted and began the ensuing quarter with the spirit of happiness and with the determination to bring the school up to a hundred per cent. in every point. This Sabbath School is wide awake, full of zeal and inflamed with the spirit of happiness.

Program

Solo, Mrs. Eva Mae Dean.
Talk, Bro. H. H. Clark.
Reading, Mrs. E. Cummings.
Solo, Miss Alfreda Johnson.
Talk, Mrs. E. Horton.
Duet, Mrs. S. Waters, M. Brown.

Reading, Mrs. A. Perry.
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Recitation, Miss R. Anderson.
Trio, Misses E. Dean, R. Way,
Bro. I. Johnson.

Remarks, Mrs. L. L. Johnson.
The Sabbath School is just the place to be every Sabbath. It is

the best place on earth. When you are in Savannah make us a visit, we are glad to have you worship with us.

The classes are making rapid progress toward reaching their goal for the quarter. Class No. 1 entertained the school with a social on Monday night, November 4th, and many friends and well-wishers were present to enjoy this occasion. A lovely repast of ice cream and cake was served.

The Banner

Let it be remembered that every third Sunday is Special Banner-day. This church is doing her part in this way, and the reports are very pleasing. We hope that every church and company throughout the denomination will catch the missionary spirit and act well your part. The Banner must live.

Plans are laid for the erection of a pool in the church. We deem it very necessary, and will you help by making us a liberal offering? Make same payable to Mrs. L. L. Johnson, 610 West 36th Street. We wish to thank you in advance for what you plan to give toward this worthy cause.

The Y. P. V. M. Society is taking an active part in the canvassing field. Miss Ruby Way is our star Banner seller. The Banner will sell and if you wish to know how see her, she knows.

Miss R. Anderson, leader of this society, with the aid of her faithful secretary, Miss Alfreda Johnson and members are putting much stimulant in the society. They are working hard to put over a big program in the near future for the benefit of the pool. We pray for their success and victory.

Bro. H. H. Clarke and a number of others are actively engaged in Bible work. As these brethren go forth laboring for the Master, sowing the seed of life, we pray for them an abundance of rain. Bro. Clarke reports prospects of a good harvest in the near future.

Sister A. W. Graham, president of the sewing circle, reports that the circle is doing excellent work, and is making extra efforts to help in the advancement of the erection of the pool. We pledge them our loyal support.

Mr. Richard Johnson, the hus-

band of Sis. L. L. Johnson, is taking an active part in soliciting funds for the pool. On the fourth Sunday in October he raised the sum of \$12.50. He also sold seventy-five copies of the Banner on Special Banner Day. This is an evidence that the Banner will sell. Let us take courage and do all we can to save the life of the Banner.

MRS. A. B. BROWN,
Missionary Secretary.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Did Christ establish a church when He was here on earth? Is it visible; can it be seen; or invisible; unseen? Is it tangible; real, can be touched; or intangible; incapable of being touched or handled? Is it collective, a group of persons, or is it just floating around everywhere, anywhere, and yet it is not in any particular place?

These questions have been answered so fully by another, we feel that we cannot do better; so insert them in full. Of all the subjects in the Bible that are made plain, this subject of the church of Christ is one. There is no need of any theorizing; there is no room for argument. All that is needed is simple study and acceptance of the plain words of the Bible.

The Greek word that is translated church is, *Eklesia*. In the Scriptures it signifies the company or assembly of the called out ones. This assembly of called-out-ones is the church and is declared by the Scriptures to be "The body of Christ" in the world, thus: "I Paul, am made a minister; who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake which is the church." Col. 1:18, 23, 24.

And God raised Him from the dead and set him at his own right hand in heavenly places, . . . and hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church which is his body. Eph. 1:20, 22, 23. As the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. 1 Cor. 12:12. And as we have many members in one body and all have not the

same office; so we being many are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." Rom. 12:4, 5.

NOW YE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST, and members in particular. 1 Cor. 12:27. For we are members of his body, of his flesh and of bones, Eph. 5:30. Again this church or assembly of Christ's people is said to be God's building, thus: "these things write unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly, but if I tarry long that thou mayest know how thou aughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the CHURCH of the living God." 1 Tim. 3:14, 15.

"Christ (was faithful) as a son over his own house WHOSE HOUSE ARE WE, if we hold fast the CONFIDENCE and the REJOICING of the HOPE firm unto the END." Heb. 3:6. 'Ye are God's husbandry, Ye are God's building.' 1 Cor., 3:9. 'Ye also as lively stones are built up a spiritual house.' 1 Pet. 2:5. "Now therefore, ye are no more strangers foreigners, but fellow citizens with the Saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the Chief Corner Stone, in whom ALL THE BUILDING fitly framed together groweth into an holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the spirit." Eph. 2:19-22.

From these Scriptures it is perfectly plain that membership in the church of Christ depends altogether upon our being joined personally to Him in the "Spirit and by the Spirit." "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body." 1 Cor. 12:13.

Since the church is His house, His building, our being members of His church depends altogether upon our being lively stones from having come to Him in the Spirit and through the Spirit and thus prepared for a place in that spiritual house. 1 Pet. 2:4,5. Membership in the church of Christ then comes altogether by belonging to Christ in order to belong to the church. Being in this church depends altogether in our being in Him, and of Him being in us.

When people having heard His call, come personally to Him,

come in the church by coming to Him, by being in Him, that makes a new people, that changes the individual "into another man." These people, and only these compose the church of Christ. His called-out-ones, the assembly of His chosen.

It becomes important for each one to ask himself, am I indeed a member of the church? Jesus said: "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me." John 5:39.

Search and look. "Let every man examine himself."

ELDER A. C. CHATMAN.

THE WORLD'S CONVERSION

A voice speaks, "We are living in the last days when prophecies are being fulfilled in the signs of the times, when Christ shall appear in the clouds of heaven.

Note.—There will be but two classes in the world then: those in darkness, who are looking for a time of peace and safety, and those not in darkness, who are looking for the day of the Lord, —a day of waste and destruction,—the coming of Christ and the end of the world. See Jer. 7:1-19; Dan. 12:1; Joel 2:11; Zephaniah 1. We understand that will occur in the last days.

The question is, what will some who are in darkness say when they hear about the Lord's coming? The Scripture will answer the question. "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." 2 Peter 3:3, 4.

What Will Be Popularly Taught in the Last Days?

"But in the last days . . . many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; . . . and He shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any

more." Micah 4:1-3. See also Isa. 2:2-5.

Notice, this is not what the Lord says, but what the Lord says many nations shall say in the last days. And this is the very message now heard in every land,—a great world's peace movement; a call for all nations to disarm, to go to war no more, and to profess religion.

What Message Indicates the True Condition of Things?

Here the proclamation is given, "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning-hooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong." Joel 3:9, 10.

Here we have all over Europe armed for this great conflict, and all over the Western Hemisphere we hear the cry of all; we are preparing for this great conflict. Are not these the signs of the coming of the Son of Man in the clouds of heaven?

While the message of peace is being proclaimed, the nations are arming as never before. Wars are in progress almost continually; international complications are constantly arising; and a World war is feared as imminent, and constantly in sight. The world today is a vast armed camp.

Dear Saints, let us gird up our loins and put on the armor of faith, and let us fight the battle of Prince Emmanuel, that in His appearing we all may be found worthy to stand before Him. The coming King is at the door, Who once the cross for sinners bore; But now the righteous ones alone He comes to gather home.

The signs that show his coming near,
Are fast fulfilling year by year,
And soon we'll hail the glorious dawn
Of heaven's eternal morn.

Look not on earth for strife to cease,
Look not below for joy and peace,
Until the Saviour comes again
To banish death and sin.

Then in the glorious earth made new

We'll dwell the countless ages through;
This mortal shall immortal be,
And time eternity.

MISS M. MARTIN,
Moron Cam., Cuba.

THE DOCTRINE THAT BAPTISM SAVES FROM SIN, DENOUNCED, UNTRUE, WITHOUT BIBLE AUTHORITY.

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. 1 Thess. 5:21. He that answereth a matter before hearing it is a fool. The writer chanced to visit a tent meeting conducted by Brother John Vaughner, minister of the Church of Christ (colored) in the city of Gainesville, Florida. First of the year 1935.

BAPTISM FOR THE REMISSION OF SIN, is his doctrine. I was privileged to discuss with him the subject, "The Old and the New Covenants." My opponent advocated that the Old Covenant was the Ten Commandments and that since the Old Covenant was faulty and gave away to the New Covenant, so the Ten Commandments, the law of God, Ex. 20:1-17 are done away with and the law of Christ, the two commandments, Matt. 22:36, 37-40 have taken their place. False, "Let no man deceive you." 2 Thess. 2:3.

There is no saving truth in the doctrine that baptism saves from sin and that the Old Covenant is the Ten Commandments. The doctrine is absolutely false and has no Bible authority whatever.

For the benefit of the readers of the Banner and to safeguard those who desire to know the difference between truth and error, I shall present to you in this article, the subject: "Does BAPTISM SAVE FROM SIN?"

Allow me to abbreviate the doctrine of baptism as Mr. Vaughner has it on his blackboard each night of his meetings. H. B. R. C. B., which means, he says, HEAR the gospel, BELIEVE the gospel, REPENT, or quit your devilment, CONFESS CHRIST, be BAPTIZED, and you are SAVED in CHRIST, in the CHURCH of CHRIST. Hearing the gospel, believing, repenting, and confessing don't save, but baptism

does save. (False.)

The misinterpretation of the Scripture such as 1 Peter 3:18-21, Eight souls were saved by water. (By reason of the water.) Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins. Acts 22:16. (By the blood of the Lamb.) Rev. 1:5.

Naaman, the captain of the host of the king of Syria, was commanded to go down to the river of Jordan and dip seven times which he did and was clean from his leprosy. 2 Kings 5:14. Thus Mr. Vaughner says, that there is power in the water to save from sin. (False.) The power was in the go. Jas. 4:12. Note, what is the truth concerning baptism and the power that saves from sin? For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation. Rom. 1:16. In other words, the gospel saves from sin those who believe and accept the gospel of Christ. The gospel must be preached. The commission is to go into all the world and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, in the name of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Matt. 28:19, 20. But why preach the gospel? For what reason is the gospel to be preached? These are questions for us to consider in this article.

First, the gospel is preached to save from sin. Rom. 1:16. But what is sin? The Bible only can answer this question. 1 John 3:4. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law. Rom. 7:7, I had not known sin but by the law, . . . Thus says the apostle Paul. Again we read Romans the third chapter, verse twenty, By the law is the knowledge of sin. Rom. 3:20. Therefore the law points out sin. The law of God, the Ten Commandments points out to man what he should do and what he should not do. The law is God's mirror for man. James 1:25. "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." To preach

the gospel of Christ without law, means to preach a one-sided gospel. Do away with the law of God, the Ten Commandments, and you have no need of the gospel. It was sin that made the gospel necessary. Where there is no law, there is no sin. Romans 4:15:5:13, and no need of the gospel.

There is no power in the law to take away sin. Rom. 8:3, 4. "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

Second. So in preaching the gospel of Christ, with the law of God, sin is pointed out to the sinner. "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." (the house of Jacob, the sinner.) The sinner hears the gospel, that sin is the transgression of the law, the Holy Spirit convicts him of his sins. John 16:7-10, impressing him to repent. Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, . . . Acts 3:19. Psa. 19:1; The law points out every sin; the sinner repents of and confesses and forsaketh all of his sins. Prov. 28:13. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8, 9. The blood of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, cleanses from all sin. Rev. 1:5.

Christ died for our sins or for the remission or for the forgiveness of our sins, according to the Scriptures. I Cor. 15:3. Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission, or forgiveness for sins. Heb. 9:22. Christ was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin. 1 John, 3:5. This is My blood which was shed for you for the remission, or forgiveness of sins. Matt. 26:28.

Thus Jesus Christ our Saviour was crucified for the remission or forgiveness of sin, buried and rose again for the remission or forgiveness of our sin. The word

forgiveness is another word for the word justification. The word justification means to be made free from sin. But being made free from sin and become servants ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end. Note the statement, at the END, which means at the second coming of Christ in whom our eternal life is hidden. Rom. 6:22; Col. 3:4. We have eternal life now only by faith.

The sinner hears the Gospel preached with the law of God, pointing out to him his sins. He repents, confesseth with his mouth his sin and forsaketh them. He is then a penitent sinner; he can ask God to forgive him for all of his sins, and God, for Christ's sake, forgives him and cleanses him from all of his sins by faith in the blood which was offered on the cross.

Thus the sinner believes that he is forgiven, so he is no sinner, he is a child of God, he is converted, sanctified or holy, meat for the Master's use. 2 Tim. 2:21. Reconciled by His death, justified by being made free from sin, sanctified by obeying His word, and keeping His commandments.

The Old Man of Sin is dead. Crucified with Christ. Gal. 2:20. And must be buried—how? By baptism. Col. 2:12.—Buried with Christ in baptism, we are risen with Him to walk in a new life. Col. 3:1. Rom. 6:1-4.

Baptism is a memorial of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. Yes, baptism is a memorial of the death of the Old Man of Sin that Jesus Christ is resurrected in our lives. He in us and we in Him. We are not saved by the water baptism, we are saved by grace through faith. So we live by faith. Eph. 2:8. Heb. 10:38. 2 Cor. 5:7. There is only one plan of salvation by which man is saved. All mankind from Adam down to the last man, is saved by the one plan of salvation by faith in Christ. It was faith in the blood of Christ that saved the people of God before the first advent of Christ. It is that same faith in the blood of Christ that saves you and me today.

Baptism for the remission of sins, or, in other words, because our sins are forgiven, or remitted, we are baptized. Mr. Vaugh-

ner says because we are baptized our sins are remitted. (False.) "Eight souls were saved by water." Mr. Vaughner must have forgotten that the ark was there in which those eight souls were saved. Read Gen. 7:7, with 1 Peter 3:18-21. Baptism referred to is a like figure of what? The resurrection of Christ. Baptism does not put away the filth of the flesh. The sinner must repent of this and wash in the blood of the Lamb. Away the filth of flesh. Rev. 1:3.
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Don't forget to subscribe for the Banner. Read the January issue. Subject: "Is the Ten Commandments the Old Covenant? Was the Church of Christ Established on the Day of Pentecost?"

EVANGELIST C. G. MANNS.

"As they refused to have God in their knowledge, their senseless hearts were darkened."

GREETINGS FROM THE NEW YORK CHURCH

The members of the Macedonia Free S. D. A. church of New York City are in no way discouraged since Bro. Williams preached to us his last sermon September 29. But we do thank God for our dear brother and Deacon J. H. Cummings, who with the help of God and other officers have mapped out a constructive program which we are going to carry out in the name of Jesus, and let the world know that God still lives in this large, wicked city.

Brother J. H. Cummings began with great inspiration. His first lesson was as follows—Subject: **Our Fight Against Satan.** "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." 1 Peter 5:8. He kills you without a cause. Job 2:3-6. Also invisibly he can see us but we can not see him only through individuals. Eph. 6:12. He causes us to become sick and afflicted. Luke 13:11-16. He makes earthquakes, cyclones and many other disasters. Isa. 14:16-17. Causes many people to commit murder and suicide. Matt. 27:3-5. Never leaves us fully, only for a season. Luke 4:13. Keeps us from

learning of God and attempts to make those who know God forsake him. 2 Cor. 3:4. Causes people to become insane. Mark 5:13. Jesus cast out two thousand devils out of a man at one time. Mark 5:13. Sometimes uses our mates to destroy us. Job 2:9, 10.

He that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne. Rev. 3:21. "My soul, be on thy guard!"

Ten thousand foes arise;
The hosts of sin are pressing
Hard to draw thee from the
skies."

We notice that Satan does not ride, fly or run, but he goes about walking so as to come in contact with all. Let us not be lured with his no-harm pleasures, fashions and pride. Let us not strive to attain to the fame of this old sinful world, but rise to the high standard Christ has set before us. In these last days the call comes from our Captain "Onward, Christian soldiers!"

Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before."

Brother Stephen Britton was appointed leader of the young people's volunteer society, and they have made a new start and are out on Saturday nights selling papers with the instruction of Bro. Aikens. They sold more than \$8.00 worth to the credit of their society within two weeks. The missionary meetings are well attended and all have made pledges for their loyal support. The Sabbath School is also making progress and striving to reach its goal.

The New York church sends greetings to the brothers and sisters everywhere, and ask that you pray with us that the Lord of harvest will send workers into His vineyard to work while it is yet day. For the night cometh when no man can work.

Leader, Bro. J. H. Cummings,
Reporter, Sister M. Aikens.

The way to spiritual health lies in the paths of consecrated activity.

The men and women who are lifting the world are those who encourage more than criticize.

FREE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS PROGRAM

Our Program Is:

1st—A deeper consecration to do service in the vineyard of the Lord.

2nd—To do our BIT in preaching the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ, in all the world, for a witness unto all nations.

3rd—As a race, maintain self-respect, and do as Our Lord has said, “Occupy until I come.”

4th—To establish among Negro Seventh-Day Adventists, Negro Conferences with Negro officers— Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Bookkeepers.

5th—To establish schools for the training of our children and for workers in our organization.

6th—To establish a publishing house in which we may furnish employment to Negro Men, Women, Boys and Girls, as we strive to preach the truth of the Third Angel's Message through the printed page.

An invitation is extended to all “INTELLIGENT” Negro Seventh-Day Adventists, those, with a vision, with moral courage, with backbone, those who are strong in the knees, in short, just common self-respect, who have the love of God in the heart, to join with us and help to put this program over the TOP, for over the TOP it must GO.

“Of a truth, I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.” Acts 10:34. Therefore, we are determined to, “Stand fast . . . in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us Free.” Gal. 5:1.