

POSTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

August 23, 1942

"NEAR TO THE HEART OF GOD"

"Father, I trust my spirit in thy hands."
Luke 23:46

When I first read Socrates "Apology" and his words of farewell just before his death, I was very much impressed by the fact that there was little difference between Christ and Socrates. The only difference was that Socrates was a Greek while Jesus was a Jew. Therefore, were Jesus born in Greece with her pantheistic, metaphysical and logical background he would have become a Socrates and vice-versa.

However, after considerable thinking it gradually dawned on me that there were some fundamental differences between Jesus and Socrates. Socrates was not sure of God of the hereafter. All he said in substance was that he had led a good life as a philosopher and a citizen of Athens. He had no regrets of his earthly life, still he could say that he would depart in peace. But, if perchance, the Spirit which had guided him throughout this life would lead him to a higher life after death, what more could anyone ask.

A noble thought! Enviably life! But it is an achievement of a genius, and a wise counsel of a noble soul. But with Jesus, the whole atmosphere changes. Especially, when we come to his last word on the cross, we see clearly the man who knows the Heart of God, instead of one who searches after the final truth.

Socrates, as great as he was, after all was a man who had only reached the threshold of a partial truth. It was, however, the highest peak of the searched truth.

On the other hand, Jesus embodies the revealed Truth which is known only by the divine Son who lives near to the Heart of God. The words "Father, I trust my spirit in thy hands" breathe the atmosphere of a warm confidence of a trusting child. There is no strain no pretence. The truth is revealed most beautifully and simply in this act of complete trust in His final wisdom. It also tells us that Jesus is not passively submitting to a cruel, but expressing his confidence that his part of the job is done exactly as his Father wished, and now his Father is going to fulfill his whole plan.

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POSTON CHRISTIAN JUNIOR CHURCH

With the termination of the Daily vacation Bible school, the Poston Christian Church is working out plans to establish a Junior Church. Boys and girls from the ages of 9-15 will have a church of their own with their own choir officers, etc.

The opening services will be held in the four parishes next Sunday with the assistants-to-the Young Peoples' Pastors acting as the pastors for these churches. The time has been tentatively set at 9:30 A.M. Sunday mornings.

Sadaichi Asai, Youshiya Tsujimoto, Harry Hosaka, and Yasushi Wada who are the assistants-to-the Y.P. Pastors will head the Junior Churches of Parish I, II, III, and IV respectively.

This new church will give the children an opportunity to develop in the way of Christian leadership and musical talent.

Endeavoring to continue on with the wonderful work which has been accomplished in the Daily Vacation Bible school, the Junior Church will provide spiritual development to these children at this important age.

Hideo Aoki

POSTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Five new appointments have been made to fill the vacancies that have arisen due to commissioning of pastors to Camps II and III. At Parish II, Rec.Hall #44, Masumi Toyotome and Yoshiya Tsujimoto have been chosen as pastor and assistant, respectively. Hideo Aoki will be the new pastor at Parish IV, Rec.Hall #15, with Yasushi Wada as assistant. The assistant pastorate at Parish III, Rec.Hall #19, will be filled by Harry Hosaka. All of these are young men who have signified their intentions of entering the ministry. VACATION SCHOOL---closing exercise.

After one of the longest terms of Daily Vacation Bible Schools ever conducted, the Poston Christians' DVBS will close next Friday. The closing exercises will mark the end of the study, worship and handcraft activities of two and one half months. This mass gathering will take place west of the Adobe work 8:30 A.M. Friday morning. The public is invited for this occasion.

another sunday, and another "corny"
colum---here's a word of warning:
this so-called "Colum" is going to be out
every sunday (just to make yours truly
happy) so if reading this disrupts your
digestive system so, make your eyes avoid
the back, left colum from now on.

that old adage, "try, try again" haunts
us continually--almost every comment on
this colum was something on this order:
"stinky", "lousy", "tripe", etc. well,
some day we hope to make someone happy
but please, please, how's about some
"dope"???? isn't there anything going
on in this church group or is it true
what they say about the church group:
"DEAD-HEADS"???

those of you who knew jolly, friendly
dick narita of the ex-terminal isle
baptist church will be surprised to know
that he is about to embark on the sea of
matrimony----his new "better half"? miss
saeko hohri---'tis too-bad--another good
man lost---

a gentle (?) hint to those of you who
have a tendency to become loquacious:
check proverbs 17:28 and to you who like
to sleep: proverbs 6:6-11, and finally,
to those of you who like to go to a
friend's house and talk, and talk,
and talk there's proverbs 25:17---"withdraw
thy foot from thy neighbor's house lest
he be weary of thee, and so hate thee"---

but enough is enough and so to our serious
time together----herewith our poem for
today-----.

SOMEBODY

Somebody did a golden deed, proving
himself a friend in need;
Somebody sang a cheerful song,
bright'ning the sky the whole day
! long.

Somebody tho't 'tis sweet to live,
willingly said, "I'm glad to give"
Somebody fought a valiant fight,
bravely he lived to shield the right.

Somebody made a loving gift, cheerfully
tried a load to lift;
Somebody told the love of Christ,
told how His will was sacrificed.

Somebody filled the day with light
constantly chased away the night
Somebody's work bore joy and peace.
surely his life shall never cease.

WAS THAT SOMEBODY YOU?

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John R. Clements

With the appointment of new pastors,
herewith is presented a very short sketch
of----

PASTOR Hideo Aoki

Youngest pastor now is hefty, dark likable
Hideo Aoki, born in Wyoming twenty-odd years
ago. His higher education has been gathered
at Fullerton JC and Pacific Bible College.
He answered the call to the ministry while
an engineering student at J.C. Experience
consists of evangelistic mission band work
in the "skidrow area of Los Angeles--an
unique work for a Japanese--and church
work at Anaheim. Pastor Aoki is single,
likes sports is built like a football player
(played at J.C.), likes to discuss
theological problems, and is an active,
thoughtful, presistent worker. His address
is 21-5-D.

Pastor Masumi Toyotome

From chemistry to ministry is the tale of
Masumi Toyotome, who was willing to
sacrifice his job as a vitamin chemist to
follow in the footsteps of his preacher
father. Modest, practical, scientifically-
minded Pastor Toyotome is an issei born
in Japan 28 years ago. His education has
resulted in a master's degree in chemistry
at UCLA. Young peoples' work, Sunday School
and boys' club work in Los Angeles sum up
his experience in church work. He is single,
enjoys classical music, is well-informed,
likes to read, and would like to play chess
if he had any spare time. His address is
42-10-C.

Reviews

In conjunction with our outdoor service last
Sunday we'd like to extend to Mary Toyoda
and Louise Tatsuno for their numbers. Also,
a vote of thanks to the one who loaned the
public address system and set it up. while
passing out these verbal bouquets of roses,
we'll toss one to the boys who slaved to
fix up the platform, chairs, etc.
Church #44 has started their choir---they
has 15 present at their first practice.

Today's Verse

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they
shall see God." Matthew 5:8

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Shall we not also have this confidence
each day when we complete our day's work,
whether its immediate results are favorable
or unfavorable? If we have this fundamental
confidence in God, we can never be defeated
in life.

Rev. T. Mitani