

WORLD FRIENDSHIP CHURCH

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COME EARLY YOUTH CONFERENCE

Morning Worship
 Rec. 8
 Attendance - 110
 Offering - \$8.28
 Rec. 36
 Attendance - 150
 Offering - \$11.36

Evening Fellowship
 Rec. 8
 Attendance for:
 "Prodicial Son" - 50
 Fellowship - 39
 Rec. 36
 Attendance for:
 "Prodicial Son" - 91
 Fellowship - 66

In order to deepen the devotional life of our Church a "Victory Prayer Circle" is being planned for every Sunday night. The meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M. at Rec. 36, prior to the regular Youth meeting. Rev. Tsutomu Fukuyama will lead this group. Everyone is invited to this circle. "The Lord is high unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth." Ps. 145:18

A specially appointed committee of eleven members met last Monday night at the Church Office to lay the ground work of a Youth Conference to be held in the spring. The purpose of the conference is "Inspiration for Better Christian Living." Ways and means of accomplishing this objective was discussed. Mass meetings, seminars, a banquet, and a fun night were suggested.

Tentatively, the dates were set from April 8 to 15. If possible, Dr. E. Stanley Jones will be asked to be the mass meeting speaker. As alternate, Dr. Eugene Austin was suggested. Dr. Austin will be remembered from his last summers visit. Dr. George Roseberry, Masao Satow, and Miss Isabelle Gates were suggested as seminar leaders. A Negro discussion leader was suggested so that we could get acquainted with the Negro race.

The next meeting of the central committee will be held Monday, Jan. 29 at the Church Office. At that time the various chairmen will be chosen. There will be a general chairman, two assistants, program chairman, publicity chairman, hospitality chairman, social chairman, and banquet chairman.

SUNDAY

CHURCH SCHOOL

Nursery, Beginners, and Primary meet in Rec. 2, 16, 26, and 40 at 9 A.M.
 Juniors and Intermediates meet in Rec. 10, 23-2-EF and 32-2-CD at 9:15 A.M.
 High School Dept. meet in 10:6 and Rec. 36 at 9:30.

ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICES 10:45 A.M.

Rec. 8 Rev. Tsutomu Fukuyama
 Rec. 36 Miss Alice Gwinn

EVENING YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS

Area A - Rec. 8 at 6:30 P.M. School of World Friendship.
 Area B - Rec. 36 Victory Prayer Circle at 6:30 P.M.
 Regular Youth Fellowship under the direction of Eiko Suyemitsu and her Devotional Life Commission.

CLASSES IN CHRISTIAN LIVING

3-12-A at 1 P.M. 44-8-C at 4 P.M.

MONDAY

Youth Conference Executive Committee Meeting
 Church Office at 7 P.M.

FRIDAY

Nisei Bible Class 8-12-D 7 P.M.

"The least we want to pray, the more we need to pray."

MODERN MIRACLES

The word "miracle" has dropped out of the religious vocabulary. It seems so supernatural; we are living in a scientific age of abiding laws. Behind everything is cause and effect. Miracles that dare suspend the laws of the universe are out. The word "miracle" has dropped out of religion for many people.

Strange as it may seem, miracles are happening in the realm of science. Science reveals to us that we are not bound in the prison hall of inexorable natural laws. Rather, every new discovery of scientific law has resulted in something amazing and unbelievable. Immediately, to our minds come the discovery of the sulfa drugs and penicillin. The method of extracting and preserving human blood plasma has saved many a life on the field of battle. Plastic surgery is bringing many of our boys back again looking normal; - a few years ago they would be confined in private asylums away from public gaze. Only after the end of this war will we realize the miracles which modern medicine has wrought. In the material realm scientists have discovered a new world of miracles.

More intriguing for us is the unpredictability of spirit. One scientist has put it: "One may take three observations of a comet and three of a cat, but it is safer to predict the date of the comet's return than to tell how the cat will jump." Here was one unpromising boy, George Washington Carver, who was traded for a racehorse in his childhood. Yet, he became one of the leading scientists of our time. Here is Captain Scott, who dared the hazards of the Antarctic night in his dash to the South pole. He leaves this message recorded in a notebook by his icy fingers, a dying man, freezing but unbeaten - "The spirit of man is stronger than anything that can happen to him."

It will take a miracle to relocate all of us from Hunt. It will be a miracle if this war will bring enduring peace. But miracles can happen. It does not happen by "passing the buck" to God. Miracles will happen only through endless cooperation of ourselves and God. Angela Morgan writing her thoughts during the first world war wondered why God didn't stop the carnage and open the way to a new world. As she reasoned she thought God spoke to her:

These things shall be, these things shall be,
Nor help shall come from the scarlet skies
Till the people rise!
Till the people rise, my arm is weak;
I cannot speak till the people speak;
When men are dumb, my voice is dumb -
I cannot come till my people come.

Miracles can happen because God can work wonders through the human spirit. However, the divine cannot come into the human life unless the doors are open. New miracles can be wrought if we pray in the mood indicated by Phillips Brooks:

Do not pray for easy lives.
Pray to be stronger men.
Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers.
Pray for powers equal to your tasks.
Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle.
But you shall be a miracle.
Everyday you will wonder at yourself.
At the richness of life
Which has come to you by the grace of God.

*FROM AN OLD FRIEND

"At present both Ruth and I are working week ends in one of the housing areas in Richmond. The rows and rows and blocks and blocks of apartments and dormitories are so similar to the barracks of the center. Although these are larger and better looking, here are in just a few square blocks 5,000 6,000 10,000 people (varying with the particular area). We meet for Sunday School and Church in a Recreation Hall and often have to even sweep up cigarette butts from the dance the night before. Yet in our place we have an average of above 90. Church has around 50. All of this should be full-time work but where are the ministers? So we put in part time and do what we can and enjoy it tremendously. One area includes a very large Negro section and they are mostly from the South and are very conscious for one in their lives that they are free from the Southern restrictions. Then, too, many of the whites are from the South and they are seeing the Negro with fur coats, a good car, etc.--things are popping all the time and over once in a while even shooting!"

"We are still going strong on Chinese. Just today we again listened to a worship service in Chinese. Once a month our student body has a Chinese service. Some of the advanced students take charge of the meeting and then one of the teachers who are a minister or Christian leaders gives the *Bill and Ruth Sutterlin.

(Continued from last col.) message. Although we cannot get every word it is thrilling to be able to really understand the message. This is especially true with several of our teachers for they are genuine Christians."

AREA B FELLOWSHIP

Area B Fellowship proved to be a great success with a capacity crowd of 91 including adults.

The gay evening started out with a song service led by a capable leader, Lil Morioka. Mr. Jaeger favored us with a song. A preview of the "hidden talent" was given by Toshiko Yukawa and Yae Sakai.

A movie, "The Prodigal Son" was shown to the public. It was a dramatization of the parable by Jesus teaching God's concern for every human being including sinner.

After the interesting movie we went back to Rec. 36 to enjoy a talent show and to have a devotional.

The devotional part of the program was led by Royko Miura, Martha Sugimoto, Nori Miyazawa.

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After the devotional, "The Hidden Talents" was greatly favored by the group, which consisted of girl's septet including the singers, Flora, Yae, Midori, Toshiko, Lil, Philoa and Martha. Next featured the golden voice of the Fellowship Marion Unosawa, Pianist Fumi Higashiyama, Hiro Takeshita on his harmonica, Myrtle Yamanishi with her baton, the boys' quartet, and last of all a play called "Pokey Huntus" to entertain the Fellowship.

The "Hidden Talents" was ended by singing "Bless Be The Tie That Binds".

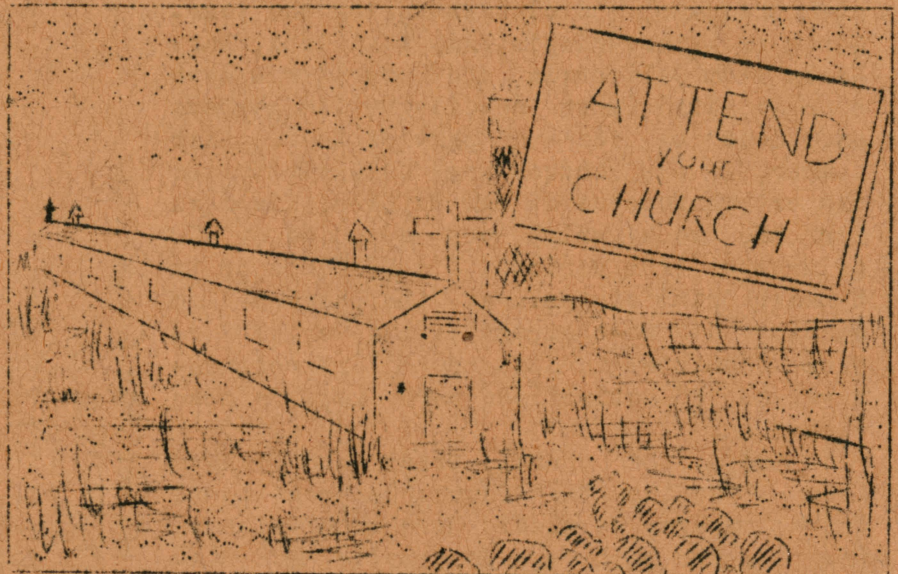
After the program, games were played and refreshments were served.

OUR GRADS

Those belonging to the two fellowships who are graduating this semester are: Kiyoshi Ishimitsu, Paul Hasegawa, Tomio Nitta, Toshi Kirita, Sophie Tomita, Aiko Yoshihara, Anne Nagai, Fude Fujita, Frances Sunata, Shizu Yoshino, Sumi Tsurui, and Toshiko Watanabe.

A book may be as great a thing as a battle.

--Disraeli



FINANCIAL REPORT - YOUTH CHURCH

Balance on Hand	Nov. 31, 1944	\$164.77
Income:		
Offering for December		155.12
Christmas Offering		124.00
	Total	<u>\$463.89</u>
Expenditure		
Secretary's Salary	\$8.00	
The Secret Place	5.00	
Religious Movie	5.00	
Office Equipment	11.58	
Missions Offering	<u>124.00</u>	
	Balance	<u>\$339.89</u>

I will not doubt, though all my ships at sea
 Come drifting home with broken masts and sails;
 I shall believe the Hand which never fails
 From seeking evil worketh good for me;
 And though I weep because those sails are battered,
 Still will I cry, while my best hopes lie shattered,
 "I trust in Thee."

The usherettes for the Rec. 36 for month of January, were the Girl Scout's. We appreciate their cooperation. For the month of February, we shall have the Boy Scouts' ushering at the services.

NISEI ACTIVE IN "FIRST NIGHTERS"

Miss Esther Uchimura, relocated in Chicago, writes of her experiences:
 "Perhaps, you'd like to know a little more about our group, "The First Nighters." As our name implies--we're a group of 75 to 85 young women in the "white collar worker's" group who meets weekly for dinners, club programs, and classes during the year. Three of us are niseis, Amy Kaminishi, Mary Asada from California and myself who have been accepted most readily by the members and made to feel as part of them. Last summer, I was chosen as delegate to the summer conference at New Buffalo, Michigan for one week which was attended by 150 delegates from various B & P Clubs in the 5 neighboring states. At the present I am serving as co-chairman of the Serial Service Committee and as council representative so "Y" activities have kept me more than busy.

And as for church, Graco and I have been attending the South Congregational Church where we niseis have been welcomed warmly by the members. Yes, we've made many friends here and friendships like these are being formed throughout as Japanese Americans venture out -- beyond.

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IN 44

During the past three weeks, a Sunday school class was held in Blk. 44. This class was expressly organized for the younger generation in the area near 44. The class starts at 4:00 P.M. in 44-8-C so be sure that your younger brothers and sisters are there!

Of all the things which man can do or make, by far the most momentous wonderful and worthy are things we call books.

--Carlyle

The place that does contain my books, the best companions, is to me a glorious court, where hourly I converse with the old ages and Philosophers.

--John Fletcher.

It is impossible that we can be much accustomed to such companions without attaining some resemblance to them.

--William Godwin.

Books are men of higher stature and the only men that speak aloud for future times to hear.

--E.B. Browning.