

CHURCH NEWS

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

BE PREPARED

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed...." The pursuit of study has its own rewards: The failure to study exacts its own price, the versatility of study has its own compensations.

Study involves a rugged discipline. It is not always easy to concentrate, to be creative, even when duty demands that you must create! It is difficult for young people to be courting books while others are courting boys or girls which ever the case may be. It is not easy to work on dissertations while others are dissenting, or to be prolific while others are protesting.

The Apostle Paul encouraged his son in the Lord Timothy to study. Paul did not want Timothy or we believers of Christ today to be ignorant.

It is inexcusable for Christians to be ignorant of God's work. Attend a Bible class at your church or in your neighborhood where the true Word of God is being taught.

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The Community Wide Fellowship of Ministers and Churches will meet at Bethel Baptist Church at 3 p.m. Sunday. The Victory Specials will be special guests. The public is invited to come and worship in the Fellowship. Rev. I. W. Wilson, is host pastor.

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On July 30th, the Singing Preacher, Rev. Sam Roberson with recording artist, Prince Dixon will be presented in a battle of songs by the Spiritual Clouds Gospel Singers. The time and place will be announced in the near future.

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Bible classes are held daily at Victory Baptist Church and are open to the public. There are no registration fees or books to purchase other than your Bible. The class is held each day from 10:30 a.m. to shortly after noon. Rev. A. J. Thompson, pastor of Victory is the instructor.

Bible class is also held at Bethel Saturday evenings at 7:30 p. m. under the instruction of Rev. George Smith. The class is open to the public.

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Weekly prayer services are held at Bethel on Tuesday, at 8:30 a.m. and on Wednesday at 6:30 p. m. Anyone wishing to join the prayer band at either of the services is invited to do so.

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Prayer services are held daily at Goodwill Church of God in Christ at 9 a.m Monday thru Friday. The door is open to anyone who wishes to pray with the members there.

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The Deborah Circle of Bethel will meet in the home of the Dilligards at 2728 Sword, at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The Circle's meetings are open to anyone wishing to join them for an hour of Bible study. Sis. Maggie Love is the instructor.

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The music department of Victory Baptist Church will present Rev. Joe Foxworth and the Gospel Impressions on July 29th at 7:30 p.m., 1526 North Main Street. Tickets are being sold by members of the choir. Get your in advance, at the door they will cost more.

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The Community Wide Prayer Band meets in the home of Sis. Arene Trupin each Tuesday, at 9 a.m. Sis Turpin resides at 1204 Cunningham Drive. The public is invited to attend these meetings.

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Delegates from New Jerusalem, Bethel, Mt. Olive, and Victory Sunday Schools and BTU departments are expected to attend a three day session of the Progressive State Congress in Los Angeles, Wednesday thru Friday, of this week. The delegates are expected to return Friday night and report to their respective

Abdul-Baha Answers Questions About Prayer

"Should Prayer take the form of action?"

Abdu'l-Baha--Yes: In the Baha'i cause arts, sciences and all crafts are (counted) as worship. The man who makes a piece of notepaper to the best of his ability, conscientiously, concentrating all his forces on perfecting it, is giving praise to God. Briefly, all effort and exertion put forth by man from the fullness of his heart is worship, if it is prompted by the highest motives and the will to do service to humanity. This is worship: To serve mankind and to minister to the needs of the people. Service is prayer. A physician ministering to the sick, gently, tenderly, free from prejudice and believing in the solidarity of the human race, he is giving praise.

"What is the purpose of our lives?"

Abdu'l-Baha.--To acquire virtues. We come from the earth; why were we transferred from the mineral to the vegetable kingdom--from the plant to the animal kingdom? So that we may attain perfection in each of these kingdoms, that we may possess the best qualities of the mineral, that we may acquire the power of growing as in the plant, that we may be adorned with the instincts of the animal and possess the faculties of sight, hearing, smell, touch, and taste, until--from the animal kingdom we step into the world of humanity and are gifted with reason, the power of invention, and the forces of the spirit.

Prayer brings healing to the soul. It brings joy and happiness, and protects man from tests and difficulties. It is essential to the life of the spirit.

Just as the physical body must have food each day, so does the soul need food each day. Prayer is the spiritual food of the soul. A physical body which is not fed regularly becomes emaciated from malnutrition. It sickens and dies. The same is true of the soul of man. This spirit must be fed regularly and well, or it will suffer the same loss of power. It too, will sicken. While it never dies, it will become so helpless that it exists in a form of death.

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Please continue to pray for the sick and shut-ins everywhere. Sick list: Addie Malone, Odessa Bowman, Lethaniel Dilligard, the Clevelands, Blanch Jones and many others we don't know by name.

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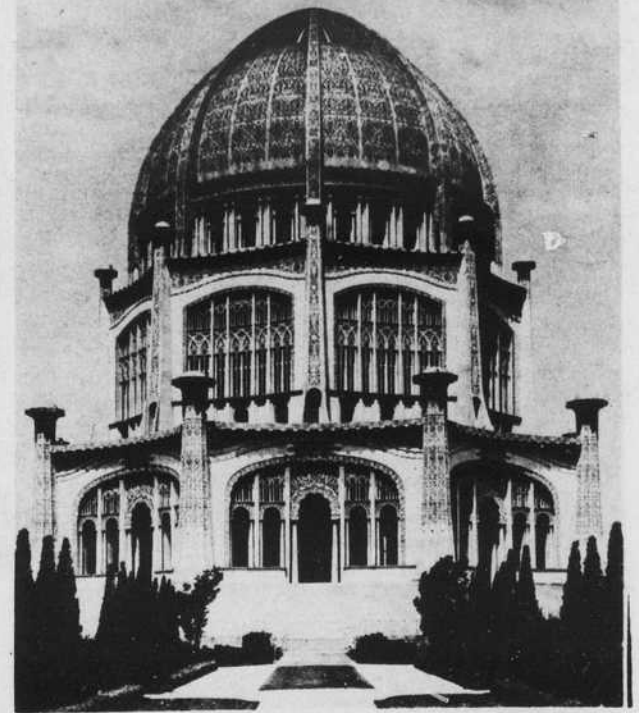
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God is hope. God is now.

Baha'i Faith Schedule

THE BAHA'I FAITH WELCOMES YOU TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS:

THURSDAY - 133 Linden St., Hend. - 8:00 PM

FRIDAY - 226 Poncho Villa, L.V. - 8:00 PM

SUNDAY - 3863 Omaha Circle, L.V. - 3:30 PM

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