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Rev. Yoshinasa Shigekawa --- Free Methodist Hall 44, Parish 2
Issei pastor

Born --- Ehime Ken, Japan May 1, 1883
Grammar school grad.
Extension Div. of Pacific College of L.A. 1 yr
Free Methodist Mission School at Japan 1 yr.
1921, April 7 --- converted
Aug. -- Called to ministry
Sept. --- began minister
Nov. --- pastor at Anaheim 14 yrs.
1925 --- local preacher
1929 --- deacon ordination
1932 --- elder ordination
5 years at Phoenix Free Methodist
Sep. 1941 -- L.A. Free Methodist

Rev. Masatani Mitani ---- Rotating issei and nisei ~~pastor~~ preacher

Born--- Tokio, Japan, 1906
Sennon Sakko --- 4 yrs. (college)
Ohio Wesleyan Univ., Delaware, Ohio A.B.
Biblical Seminary in NYC STB
Grad. work in Columbia Univ.
U. of So. Calif.
Pastor --- Mesa Methodist Church ---Mesa, Ariz, 2 yrs
Bakersfield " " ---Bakersfield, 6 mos.
Ordained --- 1940, June
Deacon
Elder --- (this year position)

Mr. Susumu Kumano ---- Methodist
Born--- Fukuoka Ken, Japan 1898
Technical School 2 yrs
Brawley Methodist Church--- pastor 1930-1942

Rev. E. J. Okamoto --- Free Methodist Hall 15, Parish 4
Issei pastor

Born --- Hiroshima Ken
Hiroshima Grammar School
Taona, Orange County Night School (Hi School)
Ordained 1936
L.A. Free Methodist 7 yrs.
Phoenix Free Methodist 1 yr.

Rev. Sohii Kowta --- Presbyterian Hall 19, Parish 3
Born--Shizuoka Ken, 4-14-93 Nisei pastor
Commercial School in Japan
1911 came to U.S.A. MODERATOR
Heidelberg U. in Ohio
Central Theological Seminary, Ohio--- B.D.
Pastor at Reformed Church at S.F. --1925-1937
Wintusburg Presbyterian at Orange County--1937-1942
Ordained 1925

Elder Teruyoshi Alfred Okohira -- 7th Day Adventist
Born--Tokio, Jan. 1, 1903 Hall 19,
1 yr at San Iku Univ.
Madison College --- dietician 2 yrs
Pacific Union College -- Bachelor of Theology 4 yrs
Ordained at White Memorial 11 yrs. ago
Pastor at White Memorial Seventh Day Adventist Church
Japanese Dept. Social work and clinic
Married 2 children

Rev. Kanichi George Niisato Issei Evangelist for the church
Born-- Toano, Iwata Ken --- 1884
Toano Middle School
Evangelist to Alaska, Canada, Mexico, Orient, Asia and all U.S
Associated with Holiness church but had no church connection
Ordained, May 19, 1940m

Mr. Hideo Aoki Hall 15, Parish 4
Born-Sublet, Wyo 1920 Nisei pastor
3rd Yr. Pacific Bible College
Fullerton Junior College

Rev. Kenzo Kubota Hall 5, Parish 1
Born-Nagano Ken 1890 Issei pastor
2 yrs of Ida Middle school
U of Cal. 3 yrs --- (philosophy)
Ordained 1936
Asst Pastor at L.A. Japanese Christian Church
Pastor at San Berdoo Christian Church

TT Sept, 1942

Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa --- Baptist

Hall 5, Parish 1
Nisei pastor

Born, Vancouver, Canada

son of farmer, lost mother when young, step-mother
Bible Institute of L.A. --- 2 yrs.

UCLA B.A. -- Geography

So. Baptist Theolog. Seminary --3 yrs. Master of Theology

Ordained 1937 Pastor(nisei)--- Terminal Island, Los
Angles, Gardena Bapt. Ch.

Rev. Kichitaro Yamamoto --- Baptist

Hall 19--Parish 3
Issei pastor

Born--- Wakayama Ken, Japan

Shogakko graduate

San Pedro High School, Grad.

Bible Institute --- 4 yrs.

So, Baptist Theol. Sem. 2 yrs, Bachelor of Theology

Easter Bapt. " " $\frac{1}{2}$ yr.

Pastor at

1. Terminal Island Baptist Church

2. L. A. Baptist Church

Ordained 1940

Bachelor

Mr. Masumi Toyotome

Baptist

Hall 44 Parish 2
Nisei pastor

Born --- Tokio, Japan, 1915

UCLA Bachelor and Master degree in Chemistry

Plans to be minister

May 31, 1943

ACTIVITIES OF THE
POSTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1942 --- 1943

May, 1942

- 10 - First Church service morning and evening -- Rev. M. Mitani preaching.
- 13 - First prayer meeting.
- 14 - First Singspiration.
- 17 - Morning and Evening service -- Rev. Kowta preaching.
- 24 - Sunday Evening Speaker -- Rev. Mitani -- Block 12 Mess Hall; Rev. Kowta -- Block 43 Mess Hall.
- 25 - First Religious Committee of Education meeting held at #11.
- 28 - Singspiration at Block 5.
- 30 - First Memorial Day Service with Buddhists near Canteen. Mr. Head was the speaker. Over 900 present.
- 31 - Sunday school at Rec. #37 (130 present), Rec. #5 (90 present).
Evening service at #43 -- Rev. William Kobayashi speaker.

June, 1942

- 1 - Regular Sunday School and evening Services held 4 sundays in a month. Committee decided to organize a United Protestant Church. Composed of representatives of 21 churches. To be supported by free will offering.
- 6. - Organizing Committee appointed.
- 15 - Daily vacation Bible School starts. 800 students, 75 teachers.
- 30 - Poston Christian Church constitution adopted.
No fee for Wedding or funeral.

July, 1942

- Regular Sunday School, Y.P. service, Adult Service, prayer meetings and Singspiration held every week.
- 26 - Church of Poston divided into 4 parishes. Division made geographically. Membership drive on.

August, 1942

- Regular Sunday School, Y.P. Service, Adult Service, Special early morning prayer circle, Wednesday evening prayer meetings, and Singspiration held every week.
- 2 - Mass Meeting. Commemoration of founding of Poston Christian Church. Held near Adobe Project. Mr. Head, Dr. Thomas and Rev. Kowta speakers.
 - 16 - Commission Service. 4 young ministers and ministerial students commissioned to Camp II and III. Dr. Mayberry and Dr. Frank Herron Smith were speakers. Held at Adobe Project.
 - 28 - Closing Exercise of Daily Vacation Bible School held near Adobe works.
 - 30 - First Junior Church services held in all parishes.

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September, 1942

Regular Services held 4 times a month.

- 6 - Ralph L. Mayberry, guest speaker at Parish I.
Daily Vacation Bible School teachers leave for Unit II and III.
- 20 - William Kobayashi ordained at Rec. Hall 19, Rev. C.J. Burnett officiating.
Mrs. L. Bodenhammer, Free Methodist worker of L.A., guest speaker at Parish 3.
Rev. C. J. Burnett, Supt. of Pacific Coast Japanese Free Methodist Conference, guest speaker at Parish 4.

October, 1942

Regular Sunday Services, and week-day services.

- 4 - Mr. Herbert Nicholson -- guest speaker at Parish 2.
- 25 - Mass Service at Block 4 stage. Bishop James C. Baker, Frank Herron Smith, speakers. Installation of council members of Poston Christian Church by Bishop Baker and Dr. Smith.
Rev. Mitani ordained at #19 by Bishop Baker, of Methodist Church.
Rev. Kuwano's son baptized by Bishop Baker.
- 30 - First Mass Choir practice and social at Park #5, Practice for Christmas Festival of Sacred Music. Unit I, II and III present.
Junior Church Halloween sing-spiration at Parish II.

November, 1942

Regular Sunday Service and week day services.

- 8 - Dr. Ralph L. Mayberry, guest speaker at Parish II.
- 14 - Issei members retreat at Block 5 park. 1 - 5:00 p.m.
- 15 - Rev. Gale Season, religious student worker on University campuses, guest at Parish I.
- 17 - First "Hour of Communion" at #19.
- 22 - Rev. William Hulet, Free Methodist worker for Japanese, guest speaker at Parish IV.

December, 1942

Regular Sunday Services and week day services.

- 3 - Mass Choir Rehearsal - Units I, III, and II.
- 4 - Dust Bowl Game, Parish IV social.
- 5 - Parish II Y.P. Forum starts.
Rev. Gordon Chapman, guest speaker at Parish III (Ex. Sec'ty Protestant Com.)
- 13 - Rev. C. J. Burnett, guest speaker at Parish IV.
- 21 - Christmas Festival of Sacred Music at Unit III.
- 22 - Christmas Festival of Sacred Music at Unit II.
- 23 - Christmas Festival of Sacred Music at Unit I.
- 24 - Christmas presents from outside Caucasian Christians distributed among children of Poston under 15 regardless of religious affiliations, hospital.
Mass carolling.
- 25 - Christmas program presented by Sunday School students at all parishes.
- 31 - Watch night at all parishes.

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January, 1943

Regular Sunday Services and week day services.

- 1 - New Year's Day worship service held at Parish II at 10:30 a.m.
- 6-10 Religious Emphasis Meeting at Parish IV. Rev. Morikawa and Paul Nagano speakers.
- 19 - Mass Choir festival singers social at Mess Hall 22.
- 21 - Fagot Service at Parish IV.
Farewell service at Parish IV for Yasushi Wada.
- 24 - Dr. Roy Smith, Missionary from Japan for 35 years, speaker in the afternoon, 2:00 p.m. at Block 5 park. Dr. Hannaford and Mr. Nicholson also speakers.

February, 1943

Regular Sunday Services and week day services.

- 1 - Farewell Service for Masumi Toyotome at Parish II.
Sunday School attendance drive.
- 4-7 James Cuthbertson, Missionary to Japan, series of meetings at #19.
- 9 - Sunday School Teachers' training course at #19. All three camps included.
- 12-15 Kirby Page meetings.

March, 1943

Regular Sunday Services and week day services held.

- 3-7 "Victory Thru Christ" week evangelistic meetings held at Parish II.
Rev. Morikawa and Rev. Nagano, speakers.
- 14 - Services for Volunteers held at all parishes. Special gifts presented
- 19 - Fagot service and social of Parish II held at Block 42.

April, 1943

Regular Sunday Services and week day services held except during Pre-Easter Conference.

- 11 - Pre-Easter Conference - Block 5 park. 900 to 1000 present. Rev. Morikawa preaching -- Mass Choir special music.
- 12 - Pre-Easter Conference -- "Twilight Music Vespers", Rev. Nagano speaker, Westmont College Brass Quartet, special music.
- 13 - Pre-Easter Conference - Rev. William Kobayashi, speaker (Camp II night)
- 14 - Pre-Easter Conference - Hideo Aoki, speaker (Singspiration night)
- 15 - Pre-Easter Conference - Rev. Koyabashi, speaker (Camp III night)
- 16 - Pre-Easter Conference - Hideo Aoki, speaker (Singspiration night)
- 17 - Pre-Easter Conference - Rev. Paul Nagano, speaker (Laymen night)
Mr. Howard Lawson, trumpeter, special music.
- 18 - Closing Session - Rev. Morikawa, speaker -- Mass Choir, 1400 present.
- 25 - First Easter Sunrise Service at Block 5 park. Approx. 800 to 1000 pres.
First Baptism service - Rev. Kowta officiating. 39 young people baptised.
- 25 - Dr. Alfred Tonness, guest speaker at Parish II.

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May, 1943

Regular Sunday Services and Mid-Week services

9 - Special Mother's Day services at all parishes.

Dr. Chapman, special speaker at Parish I.

6-10 Dr. Chapman series of lectures at #19.

21-23 Dr. Duncan series of lectures for DVBS at Rec. 19.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Young People's Christmas Service
December 20, 1942

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Christmas Carols
led by Mr. Y. Tsuijimoto

The Lord is in His Holy Temple
-- Choir

Meditation Mr. Tom Sakai
Mrs. K. Nakane

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn One verse of
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Invocation

Gloria Patri Choir

Hymn of Worship No. 22
"All Hail the Power" (218)

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" Choir

Reading of the Scriptures
Luke 2:1-7
Luke 2:8-20
Matt. 2:1-5, 9-12

Sermon Mr. M. Toyotome
"IF THE STARS COULD SPEAK"

Closing Hymn "It Came Upon
the Midnight Clear"

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men
From heav'n's all-gracious King:"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still thro' the cloven skies they
With peaceful wings unfurled, come,
And still their heavhly music float
O'er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wings:
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

For lo, the days are hasthing on,
By prophet bards foretold,
Then with the evercircling years
Comes round the age of gold;

When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back
the song
Which now the angels sing. Amen.

Closing Prayer and response

Postlude

Mrs. K. Nakane

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Christmas Greetings --

It is with sincere joy
that I wish you a very
Merry Christmas. May
God abundantly bless
you.

Your father,
J. W. W. W. W.

Your partner,
William Byrd



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Summer Outdoor Worship Service
Sunday, June 20, 1943

Chairman: Mr. Y. Tsujimoto

Song Service: Leader-- Mr. Fred Ono
 Pianist--Miss. C. Takahashi

Prelude.....Miss May Uchida
Call to Worship.....Chapel II Choir

*Opening Hymn "Love Divine" No. 10

Choral Selection Parish II Choir
 "Praise Ye The Lord"
 Director--Mr. Harry Minami

Scripture Reading.....Mr. Hideo Aoki
 John 13:1-11

Announcements
Offertory

Vocal Solo Miss Louise Tatsuno
 "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

Chorus of Prayer.....No. 34
 "Near To The Heart Of God"

Pastoral Prayer.....Chairman
Response

Special Musical Number Choir
 "Lead Me, Lord"

SERMON "JESUS TOOK A TOWEL"
 Rev. S. Kowta

Closing Hymn.....No. 35
 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Benediction.....Rev. Kowta
Response

Postlude.....Choir

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ANNIVERSARY SERVICE
POSTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH, UNIT I
Park, Block 5
Sunday, June 6, 1943

Chairman -- Mr. Hideo Aoki
Song Leader - Mr. Yoshiya Tsujimoto
Pianist - Miss Chizuko Takahashi

* Call to Worship Mr. Hideo Aoki
* Doxology Congregation
* Invocation Rev. M. Mitani

* Hymn of Worship On Program
 "Holy, Holy, Holy
 Lord God Almighty!"

Special Music Violin Duet
 Misses Lois and Mary Kanagawa
 Unit II Church

"Thoughts in Retrospection" Mr. Fred Ono

Anniversary Greetings:

Rev. S. Kowta Moderator

Miss Chizuko Takahashi Laywomen
 Representative

Mr. M. Nitta Issei Representative
Rev. Shigeo Shimada Topaz Centre
Mr. Sadaichi Asai Laymen
 Representative

* Chorus "He Lives!" Number 45

Scripture Reading Mr. Yoshiya Tsujimoto

Evening Prayer Rev. S. Kowta

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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE

Singing of Carols led by Mr. Yasushi Wada

Prelude-----Miss Chizuko Takahashi

"The Lord is in His Holy Temple"-----Choir

"Joy to the World"(No. 34)----Congregation*

Invocation*

Responsive Reading-----Selection 18*

"O Little Town"(No. 25)-----Congregation

Scripture Reading-----Matt. 1:18-25
Miss May Nagaoka

Announcements

Offeratory

"Silent Night"(No. 26)-----Congregation

Christmas Meditation

Evening Prayer and Response

Message in Song-----"Calvary"
Junior Church Girls' Sextette

"Cantique De Noel"-----Adolf Adams
Special Choir Presentation

Sermon-----Mr. Hideo Aoki
"THE CROSS BESIDE THE MANGER"

Closing Hymn

Closing Prayer

Postlude-----Pianist

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S
CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, December 20, 1942 8:00 P. M.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Preparation for Worship-----Pianist

Doxology

Call to Worship

Hymn-----No. 22
"Hark! the herald Angels Sing"

Scripture Reading-----Luke 2:1-20
Mr. Harry Hosaka

Pastoral Prayer and Choir Response

Poem-----"A Christmas Prayer"
Miss Chiyoko Mayeda

Carols-----Choir
"Joy to the world! The Lord is come"
"O come, All Ye Faithful"

Announcements

Offering: "It is more blessed to give
than to receive."
"God loveth a cheerful giver"

Vocal Solo-"Thou didst leave Thy Throne"
Miss Louise Tatsuno

Hymn-----No. 23
"It Came Upon The Midnight Clear"

Sermon: "THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS"
Rev. S. Kowta

God
Christian Church
OF Peblen



SUNDAY WORSHIP PROGRAM

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

December 13, 1942

Adoration Service. . . Mr. Takeshi Asoo
Prelude. Miss Chizuko Takahashi
Call to Worship Choir
 "The Lord is In His Holy Temple"
 Invocation
 Gloria Patri
Hymn of Praise. No. 109
 "Come Thou, Almighty King"
Scripture Reading. John 14:1-6
Hymn. No. 249
 "Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me"
Announcements
Pastoral Prayer and Response
"Spacious Firmament". Choir
Sermon: Rev. C.J. Burnett
Closing Hymn. No. 160
 "I hear Thy welcome Voice"
Benediction and Response
Postlude

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SUNDAY WORSHIP PROGRAM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 13, 1942

8:30 P.M.

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Christmas Carols led by Mr. Y. Tsujimoto

Meditation in Music Miss May Kokubun

Call to Worship

Doxology

Congregation

Invocation

Gloria Patri

Choir

Hymn of Worship

"Light of the World"

Light of the world, we hail Thee,
Flushing the western skies;
Never shall darkness veil Thee
Again from human eyes;
Too long, alas, withholden,
Now spread from shore to shore;
Thy light, so glad and golden,
Shall set on earth no more.

Light of the world, Thy beauty
Steals into every heart,
And glorifies with duty
Life's poorest, humblest part;
Thou robest in Thy splendor
The simple ways of men
And helpst them to render
Light back to Thee again.

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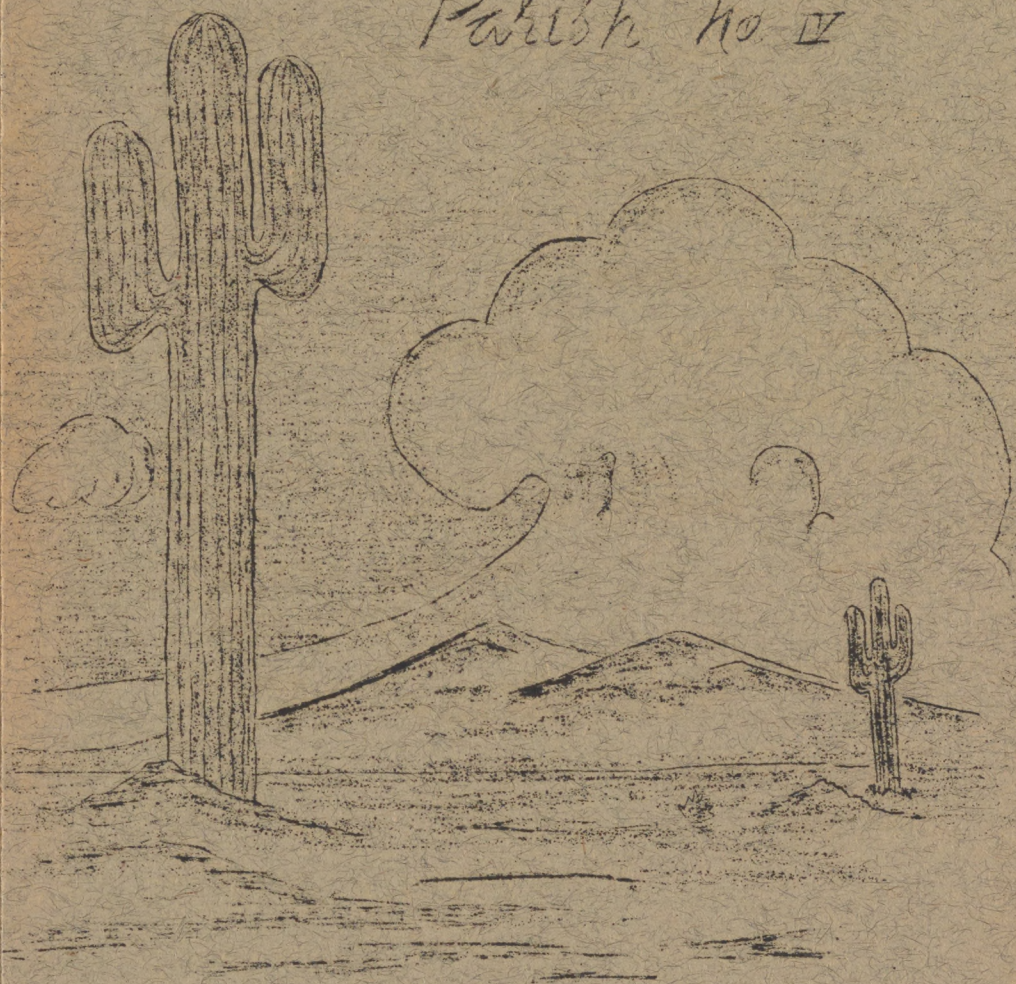
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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP PROGRAM

Parish No. IV



Singcpiration.Mr. Yasushi Wada

Invocation

Prelude

Opening Hymn.No. 231
"I love to tell the Story"

Reading of the Scripture

Meditational Hymn.No. 49
"Pass me not, O Gentle Saviour"

Moments of Silence

Evening Prayer and Response

Announcements

Hymn.No. 230
"Stepping in the Light"

Sermon: "CHILDREN OF LIGHT"
Mr. Hideo Aoki

Closing Hymn.No. 205
"Whiter than Snow"

Closing Prayer

Postlude

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SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP PROGRAM

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ADULT PASTOR
REV. K. YAMAMOTO

NIDEI PASTOR
REV. S. KOWTA

NIDEI ASSISTANT
HARRY HOSHAKA

Enter the Church to worship. . .

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 6, 1942

8:00 P.M.

Familiar Songs. Mr. Harry Hosaka

Preparation for Worship. Pianist

Call to Worship

*Hymn of Adoration. No. 206

"I am Thine, O Lord"

*Approach to God

Minister: O give thanks unto the Lord,
For he is good; For his
mercy endureth forever,

People: Open to me the gates of right-
eousness;
I will go into them, And I
will praise the Lord.

Minister: This is the day which the
Lord hath made;

People: We will rejoice, and be glad
in it.

Minister: The Lord hath given us light;

People: O give thanks unto the Lord;
For his mercy endureth forever.

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*The Lord's Prayer

Reading of the Scriptures

Moments of Meditation

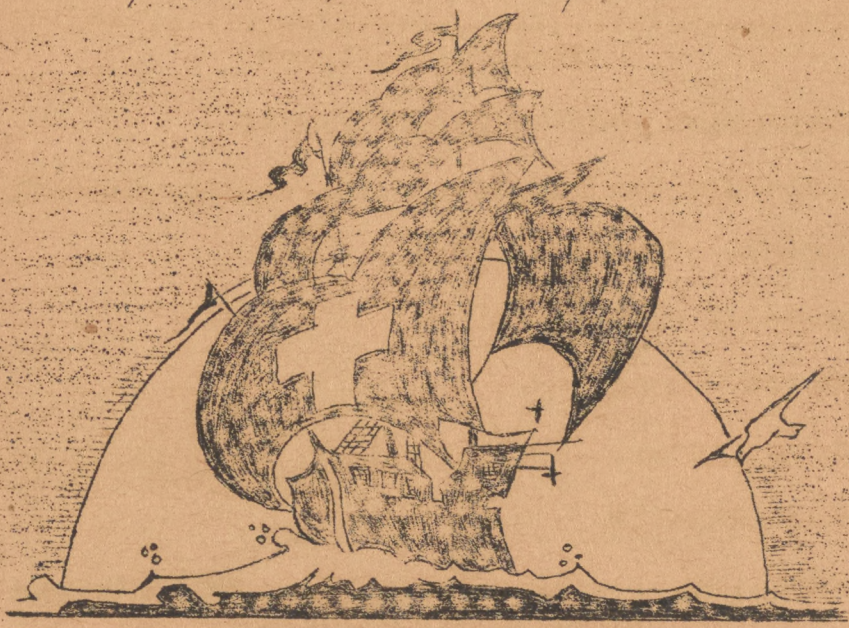
Pastoral Prayer and Response

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday Evening Worship Program



PARISH No. III

ADULT PASTOR
REV. K. YAMAMOTO

NISEI PASTOR
REV. S. KOJIMA

NISEI ASSISTANT
HARRY HOSAKA

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Oct. 11, 1942

8:30 P.M.

Pre-Service Singing.....Mr. Harry Hosaka

Prelude.....Miss Chikako Amano

Call to Worship

Hymn.....No. 56
"Jesus is Calling"

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading.....Lphes. 5-15-21

Moments of Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Vocal Duets.....Miss Doris Fujimoto
Mrs. Mabel Takeda

Announcements

Hymn.....on back page
"Faith of Our Fathers"

Sermon.....Rev. S. Kowta
"THE POSITIVE LIFE"

Hymn.....No. 60
"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

Benediction.....Rev. K. Yamamoto

Postlude.....Miss Chikako Amano

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THE POSTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Parish III

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Oct 4, 1942

8:30 P. M.

Pre-Service Singing.....Mr. Harry Hosaka

Prelude.....Miss Chikako Amano

Hymn.....No. 22
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Invocation

Hymn.....Junior Church Choir
"Jesus Lover of My Soul"

Scripture Reading.....Eccl. 12:1-8

Moments of Meditation

Pastoral Prayer and Response

Announcements

Hymn.....Junior Church Choir
"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Sermon

Rev. S. Kowta

"IF I WERE YOUNG AGAIN"

Hymn.....No. 79
"Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus"

Benediction

Postlude.....Miss Chikako Amano



EVENING OF WORSHIP

.....through.....
SACRED MUSIC

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Prelude.....Miss Mary Homose

- * Doxology
- * Invocation
- * Gloria Patri

Reading of the Scriptures.....I Corinthians 13

*Hymn of Worship and Praise.....Number 22
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Moments of Meditation

Church Choir....."Fairest Lord Jesus"
Evening Prayer.....Pastor
Response.....Choir

Special Music

"Love Divine,
All Loves Excelling".....Male Quartet
William Wake Mitsuro Koba
James Tanaka George Zaima

Violin Solo.....Miss Mary Toyoda
Kol Midrei by Max Bruch (Hebrew Melody)
Accompanist - Miss Kay Suzuki

"Wonderful Grace of Jesus".....Church Choir

Sermon: "A SONG OF LOVE"

Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa

Hymn....."Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus"
The Church Choir

Benediction.....Pastor
Response.....Choir

Postlude.....Miss Mary Homose

(* Congregation Standing)

Week II Block 44

Officers

Representatives to the Central Church Council.

Roi Koike
Frank Abe
Bette Sakai
May Kokubun

Frank Abe
May Kokubun

Chmn. Evangelism Comm.

Amy Takahashi
Yayeko Baba
Hatsuye Shoji

Amy Tak.

Chmn. Worship Comm.

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Rose Sakemi
Tom Sakemi

Tom S.
Rose Sakemi

Music-Worship
George Shibata
Fumiyo Yanaga
Harry Minami
Mitsuru Imoto

Chmn. Social Welfare Comm.

Julia Sakai
June Cno
Mutsuko Ikari

Roi Koike

Chmn. Publication Comm.

Kanshi Yamashita
Mitsuo Sanbonmatsu
Alice Kodama

Mits.

Chmn. Finance Comm.

Nobuyoshi Sase
Tetsuo Sano
Shiro Aizawa

Tetsuo Sano

Clerk

(No nomination made)

Bette Sakai

A CORDIAL WELCOME

To you who are worshipped with us for the first time we are made very happy by your presence, and it would be a real pleasure for the pastor to meet you after the service if you would only make yourself known to him.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR - Wednesday 8 p.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE - Wednesday 9 p.m.

SINGSPIRATION - Friday at 8:30 p.m. at #19.

STUDENT NIGHT

With the opening of the Fall Semester of our Public Schools in Poston, our church will dedicate next Sunday evening's service to the students and pupils of our community. The special program is being planned with Hi-school and College Students in mind. They are specially welcome, and we urge that you will invite your friends of Hi-school and college-age.

OUR CHOIR

We appreciate the spirit of the choir. It makes no claim of excellence but because they enjoy singing they are glad to contribute their little part in making our worship hour helpful and uplifting. Miss Mary Momose is our capable director with Sumako Inouye assisting at the piano.

CHRISTIAN FORUM

Between 40 and 50 Nisei have enrolled for the Christian Forum which meets Sunday mornings at 10 o'clock in Recreation Hall 6. It is never too late to enroll. This hour is for hi-school age and young adults.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF POSTON

Ministers:

Rev. S. Kubota-

Jr. Church Advisor:

Mr. Sadaichi Asai

Issei

Church School Supt and

Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa

Song Leader- Mr. Fred Uno

Nisei

Choir Director and pian-

ist - Miss Mary Momose .

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF POSTON
Chapel One Block Five

The Chapel Organization meeting of Parish I will be held on Tuesday, October 6th at 8 p.m. in Recreation Hall 5. All members of this parish are requested to be present.

The nominating committee presents the following candidates for the different offices.

1. Representatives to the Central Council of the Poston Christian Church:

Roy Kobayashi	Sadaichi Asai
Joe Shiomichi	Fred Ono
Mary Momose	Ruth Sato
Merry Miyabe	George Kita
2. Chairman of the Reception Committee:

Kayoko Asai	Marie Morikawa
Paul Higashi	Mary Sonoda
3. Chairman of the Church Publicity:

Adela Nakayama	Joe Kobayashi
Ruth Ogawa	Marvel Maeda
4. Chairman of the Social Committee:

Phyllis Kinoshita	Frances Omori
George Zaima	Margaret Kawashima
5. Chairman of the Finance Committee:

Mary Uetani	Noboru Tamura
Yasuko Endo	Paul Itaya
6. Church Clerk:

Grace Maeda	Matsume Kojima
Toshiko Furuta	Mary Kinoshita

Submitted by the Nominating Committee,
 Alice Maeda *Tomomi Nomura
 Paul Higashi Adela Nakayama
 Joe Ishii Marie Morikawa
 *Akino Kanegae George Ogata
 *George Kita Mary Sonoda
 *Nobuyuki Kawata *absent

Note: Artist Warner E. Sallman of Chicago has spent much of his time creating religious art subjects. His best known work is "The Ichi Man" which is faithfully and accurately reproduced on the first page of this folder. This dated in charcoal was drawn in 1934 as a picture of Christ which has met with increasing popular approval.

He who controls not his youth
will not enjoy his old age

JUNIOR CHURCH

The organization of the Junior Church in our Parish is a great blessing to our work. We appreciate the presence and help of the Junior Church Choir in our Worship Service tonight.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of our Parish officers will take place on Wednesday night, Oct. 4, at 8 o'clock. Every member of the Parish is very earnestly requested to be present at this important business meeting. All those who have not registered as our members and who desire to do so are asked to attend to the matter immediately.

HOSTS TO SINGSPIRATION

The members of this Parish are to act as hosts to the Singspiration group this coming Friday evening.

A FEW MORE TENORS NEEDED

Our Choir is gradually improving, but we need a few more tenors. Will the male members of the Parish come out every Wednesday night and help us in this important work?

The Church that is not a missionary Church will soon be a missing Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The election of our Parish officers which took place last Wednesday evening resulted as follows:

Two representatives of the Parish to the Church Board--Mr. Teragawa and Miss Doris Fujimoto

Chairman of Worship Comm.--Miss Flora Komatsuka

Chairman of Evangelism-- Mrs. Itsuko Teragawa

Chairman of Public Relations Comm.-- Miss Louise Tatsuno

Chairman of Finance Comm.--Mr. Louis Itaya

Chairman of Publication Comm. --Mrs. Kimi Hosaka

2. The first meeting of the Parish Board will be held on Monday, Oct. 12, at 7:30 P.M.
3. A series of studies on the Parables of Jesus will begin on this coming Wednesday night. Be sure to bring your Bible with you-----and your friends too.
4. Announcements regarding the Singspiration will be made from the Pulpit on Sunday night.
5. Our choir will be able to make its debut before long. Those who are interested in our choir are urged to join it as soon as possible.
6. Miss Iku Yamashita, one of the faithful workers of our Parish left last Wednesday night for Chicago where she will train herself as a Christian Worker. We pray for God's abundant blessings upon her.

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS! LIVING STILL

Faith of our father! living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free
And blest would be their children's fate
If they, like them, should die for thee;
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! God's great power
Shall win all nations unto thee;
And through the truth that comes from God
Mankind shall then in deed be free;
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! we will love,
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how
By kindly words and virtuous life:
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Amen.

I said, "Let me walk in the fields."
He said, "Nay, walk in the town."
I said, "There are no flowers there."
He said, "No flowers, but a crown."

I said, "But the sky is black,
There is nothing but noise and din."
But he wept as he sent me back---
"There is more," he said, "There is sin."
-----George MacDonald.

*Hymn. No. 175
"Faith of our fathers! living still"

Announcements

Special Music. Choir
"It Pays to Serve Jesus"

Message: Rev. Gordon K. Chapman

*Hymn. No. 172
"I'll go where you want me to go"

*Benediction. . . . Rev. Gordon K. Chapman

Postlude. Pianist

. . Depart to serve

(* The Congregation will stand)

WELCOME TO OUR GUEST PREACHER

Tonight we welcome to our pulpit Rev. G. K. Chapman, Secretary-Treasurer of the Commission for Wartime Japanese Service. We are deeply appreciative of the splendid work he is doing for our people in these trying days.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIPERS

Friend, you enter this church, not as a stranger, but as the guest of God. He is your Heavenly Father. Come then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into His presence, offering to Him your love and service. May the worship of the evening give you peace and strength.

Let our prayers ascend morning and evening.
Let our days begin and end with God.

---William E. Channing---

Any Suggestion?

Parish Four will appreciate all suggestions, criticisms and comments from the church goers. If you have been helped in any way from our services, drop a card to your pastor. Address: 21-5-D

Attend Church School

10:00 A. M. every Sunday morning, Nisei Church School doors are open to all.

Thanks to all making possible the Dust-Bowl Game.

Social Chairman:	Ray Sugimoto
Refreshments:	Chizuko Takahashi and her Committee
Games:	Takeshi Asoo
Decorations:	Mari Shigekawa and her committee
Publicity:	Yasushi Wada and his committee

Block 18 for the use of the Mess Hall
and many favors.

The Chef and kitchen workers of Mess
Hall #18

Minister to Iseai
Rev. E.I. Okamoto
15-11-C

Y.P. Director
Hideo Aoki
21-5-D

Assistant
Yasushi Wada
14-14-D

Light of the world, illumine
This darkened earth of Thine,
Till everything that's human
Be filled with that's divine;
Till every tongue and nation,
From sin's dominion free,
Rise in the new creation
Which springs from love and Thee. Amen.

Special Music

Choir

"The Haven of Rest"

Reading of the Scriptures Miss Bette Sakai
Psalms 107:23-32

Hymn

"Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me"

Jesus, Saviour, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rocks and treach'rous shoal;
Chart and compass come from Thee,
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey Thy will
Then Thou sayst to them "Be still!"
Tender Sovereign of the sea,
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore,
And the fearful breakers roar
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest,
Then, while leaning on Thy breast
May I hear Thee say to me,
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."

Sermon

Mr. M. Toyotome

"DEAD RECKONING"

Closing Hymn

"Send the Light"

There's a call comes ringing o'er the restless
"Send the light! Send the light!" waves,
There are souls to rescue, there are souls to
Send the light! Send the light! save,

REFRAIN:

Send the light! the blessed gospel light
Let it shine from shore to shore!
Send the light! the blessed gospel light;
Let it shine forevermore.
Let us pray that grace may evrywhere abound;
"Send the light! Send the light!"
And a Christ-like spirit evrywhere be found,
Send the light! Send the light!

Let us not grow weary in the work of love,
Send the light! Send the light!
Let us gather jewels for a crown above,
Send the light! Send the light!

Closing Prayer and Response

Postlude

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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE

The young peoples Christmas worship service will be held at the regular worship hour, next Sunday evening, Dec. 20, at 8:30 P.M. It will be a service of special beauty and true meditative worship. A special Christmas offering will also be taken at that time.

AN HOUR OF COMMUNION

This Tuesday evening a special worship service will be held for all young Christians who feel the need of a deeper spiritual experience. Dec. 15, 8:00 P.M. Rec. Hall 19.

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Christmas Worship Service

Next Sunday evening will be the Christmas Worship night. In this season of joy, let us invite our friends to worship with us on this special occasion. Special offering will be taken up during the service to give back to God a portion of his goodness.

An Hour of Communion

For a deeper spiritual time, the monthly meeting of "An Hour of Communion" will be held at Chapel 3, Block #19, December 15, at 8:00 P.M. Again, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed. Rev. Kowta will bring the message of the evening.

Our Guest Speaker

A friend of the Japanese, Rev. C.J. Burnett has been laboring throughout all Relocation Centers. We again welcome him to our Chapel.

"AND THOU SHALT CALL HIS NAME
JESUS FOR HE SHALL SAVE HIS
PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS"

MATT 1:21

Carol-----Choir

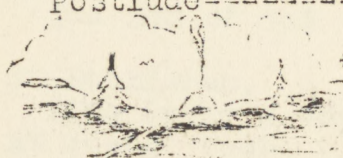
"Silent Night Holy Night"

Hymn-----No. 25

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Benediction-----Rev. S. Kowta

Postlude-----Pianist



REMINDERS



CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, starting at seven-thirty, at the Stage on the west side of Block 4. You should not miss the opportunity of listening to our splendid choir of two hundred voices.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

On Christmas evening, at seven-thirty o'clock in our own chapel. It is not only for children, but for everybody. Come and enjoy the evening with us.

Poston Christian Church
Parish III

Rev. K. Yamamoto
Issei Minister

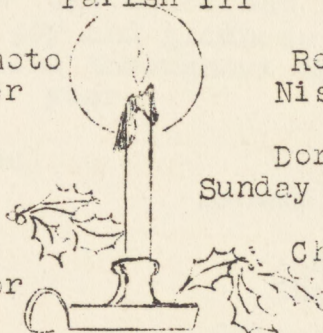
Rev. S. Kowta
Nisei Minister

Harry Hosaka
Assistant

Doris Fujimoto
Sunday School Supt.

Bcb Okazaki
Choir Director

Chikako Amado
Pianist



CHRISTMAS CAROLS

A star to guide,
And gifts to bring,
Wise Men of old
Sought out the King

So, you and I
Today may bring
Ourselves to Him
The living King

From far they came,
By faith they trod
Paths that led to
The Son of God

Then unto us
Himself He'll give.
Born in our hearts,
His life to live

In Bethlehem,
King David's town,
At Jesus' feet
Their gifts laid down

Ourselves to Him,
And from above
His gifts to us,
Himself in love.

Season's Services:

Sunday School Program

Christmas Afternoon at 2:00 PM

Nisei Church School Play

"Angelic Song"

Christmas Afternoon at 3:00 PM

Christmas Festival of Sacred Music

Wednesday Night 7:30 PM Block 4 Stage

May our warmest and heartiest Christmas
greetings with joy and gladness from Above
be yours and extend throughout the coming
year.

Rev. E.I. Okamoto
Issei Minister

Takeshi Asoo
Sunday School Supt.

Hideo Aoki
Y.P. Pastor

Harry Minami
Choir Director

Yasushi Wada
Y.P. Assistant

Chizuko Takahashi
Pianist

Mass Choir

Director - Miss Mary Momose

"IN THIS DESERT"

Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa

"Higher Ground"

Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa

Mass Choir

* Congregation Standing

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the
Glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth,
and sky, and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

A PRAYER FOR SERVICE

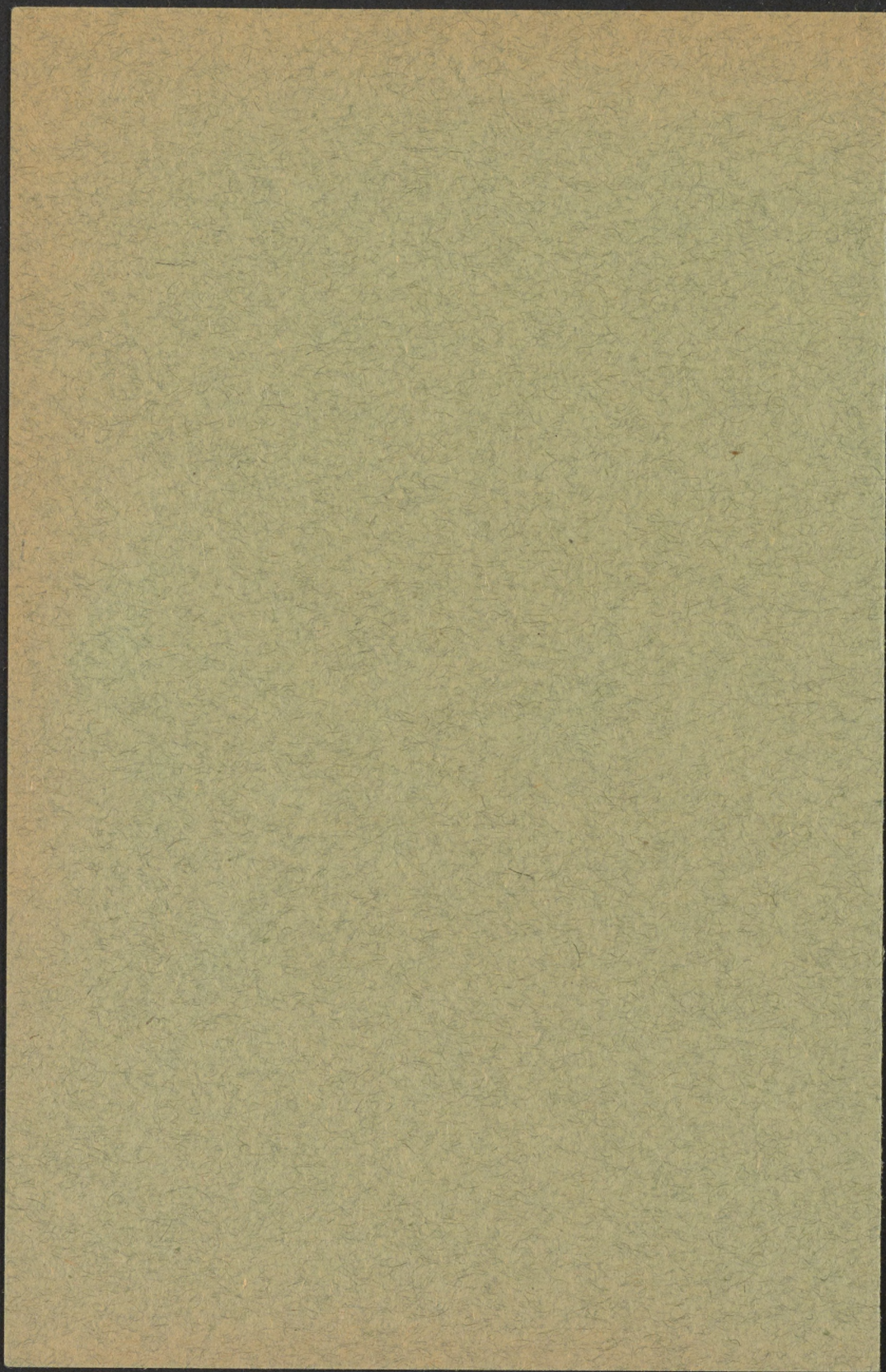
I ask the Lord for work to do,
Some service just for Thee,
Some heart to touch, some soul to win,
Some loved one to set free.

It need not be so very great,
It should not bring me fame,
It may be just a little word,
To glorify Thy name.

It may be I can comfort some
Whose minds are filled with doubt.
It may be that from snare of sin,
Some loved one I'll draw out.

And He will answer every plea
For service we would do.
He'll give His Spirit full and free
To make us vessels true.

But, oh, whate'er the task may be,
Please draw me closer still.
That every service I may do
Shall be within Thy will.



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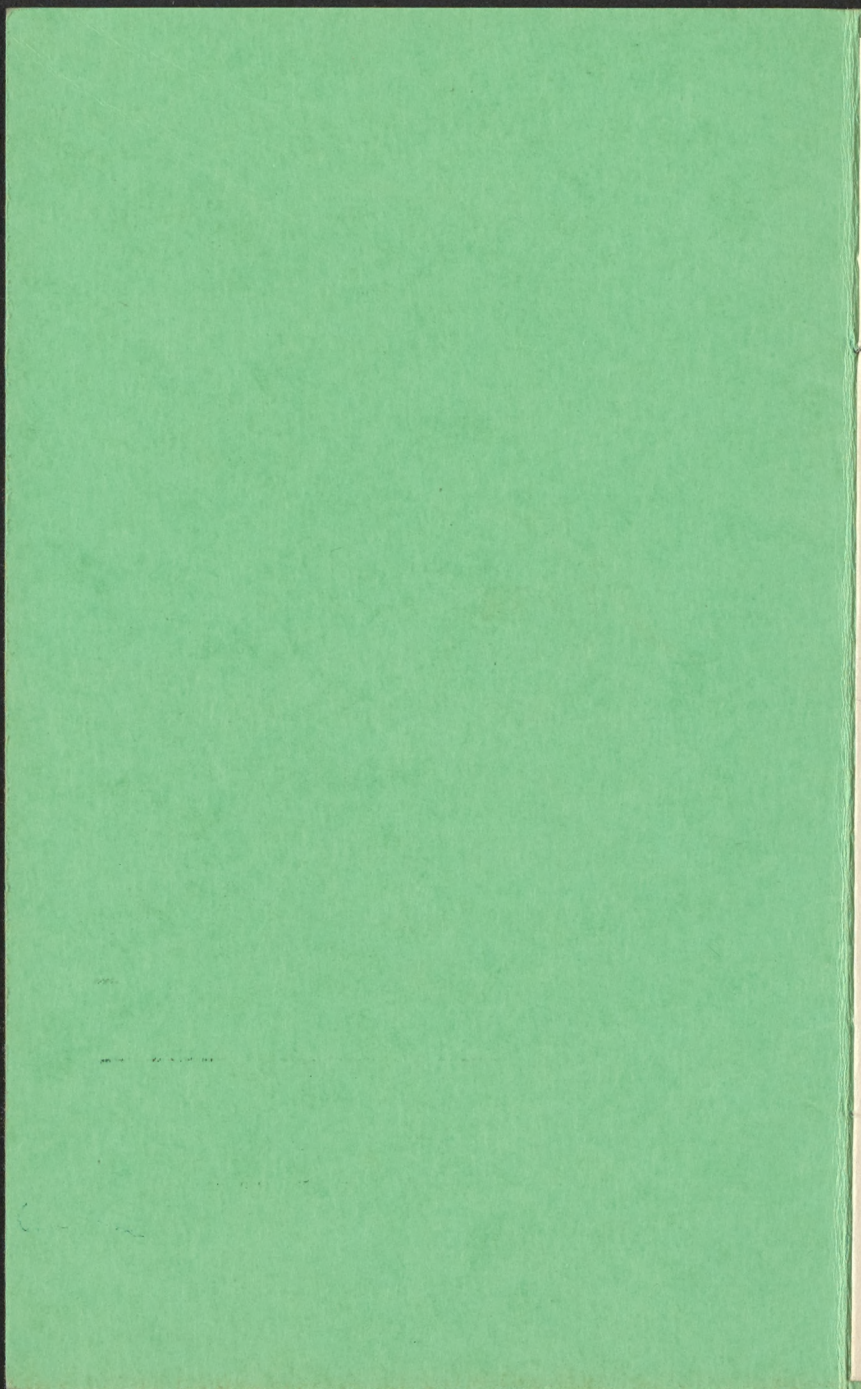
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Pre-Easter Conference



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The Living Christ



Nisei _____
PRE-EASTER CONFERENCE

APRIL 11 - 18
1943

FOSTON, ARIZONA

"...CHRIST LIVETH IN ME"

HE LIVES!

I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the
world today;
I know that He is living;
Whatever men may say:
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His
voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him
He's always near.

CHO. He lives! He lives!
Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's radiant way.
He lives! He lives!
Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His
loving care,
And tho' my heart grows weary,
I never will despair;
I know that He is leading, thro all the
stormy blast,
The day of His appearing will come at
last.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ
the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him,
The Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good
and kind.

OPENING SESSION
Sunday, April 11, 1943
8 p.m.

Chairman - Mr. Sadaichi Asai

Call to Worship.....Mass Choir
Quam Dilecta

Song Service

Leader - Rev. Paul Nagano
Pianist - Miss Chizuko Takahashi

Conference Theme Song "He Lives!"

Prayer.....Rev. William Kobayashi
Choral Response

The Conference Chairman's Message:
Mr. Sadaichi Asai

The Moderator's Message of Welcome
Rev. S. Kowta

Introduction of Delegates by
Mr. Hideo Aoki

Reading of the Scriptures:
Isaiah 53:1-12 Mr. Rei Koike

Music.....Mass Choir
"Songs of Praises"
Director - Miss Mary Momose

Message:
"THE LIVING CHRIST"
Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa

Chorus "Into My Heart" Congregation

Benediction.....Rev. M. Mitani

THE VOICE OF FOREIGN EXPERIENCE

Wednesday, April 14, 1943

8 p.m.

Chairman - Mr. Yoshiya Tsujimoto

Call to Worship.....The Trumpeters

Song Service:

Leader - Rev. Paul Nagano

Pianist - Miss Chizuko Takahashi

Theme Song "He Lives!"

Prayer.....Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa

Introduction of Special Guests

The Westmont College Brass Quartette

Addressees:

The Voice of Japan

The Voice of China

The Voice of America

Scripture Reading.....Matt. 27:33-50
Mr. Togo Asoo

Choir Selection.....Parish IV
"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"

Sermon: Mr. Hideo Aoki

Chorus: "Into My Heart" Congregation

Benediction.....Rev. K. Yamamoto

Closing Echoes.....The Trumpeters

UNIT III NIGHT
Thursday, April 15, 1943

8 p.m.

Chairman - Mr. Sadao Nakashima
Pianist - Miss Florence Wake

Call to Worship.....The Trumpeters

Adoration Service

Leader - Rev. Paul Nagano

Prelude.....Pianist

Invocation.....Rev. Paul Nagano

Response Unit III Chapel Choir

Choir Selection.. "All Hail the Power"

Theme Song "Ho Lives!"

Violin Solo...Miss Dorothy Takahashi

Ladies Trio: Miss Reiko Konatsu
Misses Alice and Lillian Wake

Choir Selection "There is a Fountain"

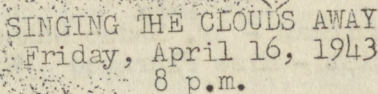
Scripture.....Mark 15:21-41
Mr. Lloyd Wake

Message: Rev. William Kobayashi

Chorus: "Into My Heart" Congregation

Benediction.....Rev. K. Imai

Closing Echoes.....Brass Quartette



Closing Echoes. Trumpeters

ALONG LIFE'S HIGHWAY
Saturday, April 17, 1943
8 p.m.
Chairman - Mr. Fred Ono

Call to Worship.....Mr. Howard Lawson

Song Service:

Leader - Rev. Paul Nagano

Pianist - Miss Chizuko Takahashi

Prayer.....Mr. Hideo Aoki

Trumpet Solo.....Mr. Howard Lawson

The Bystander Looks at:

A Christian Farmer

A Christian Businessman

A Christian Doctor

A Christian Athlete

A Christian Student

A Christian Teacher

Choir Number.....Unit III Choir

Scripture Reading.....John 19:17-37
Mr. Harry Hosaka

Message: Rev. Paul Nagano

Chorus "Into My Heart"...Congregation

Benediction....Rev. William Kobayashi

CLOSING SESSION
Sunday, April 18, 1943
8 p.m.

Chairman - Mr. Hideo Aoki
Pianist - Miss Chiz Takahashi
Trumpeter - Mr. Howard Lawson

Call to Worship.....Mr. Howard Lawson

Hymns of Worship
Leader - Rev. Paul Nagano

Moments of Meditation:
Violin Solo Miss Mary Toyoda

Frayer.....Moderator, Rev. S. Kowta

Theme Song "He Lives!"
Trumpet Solo Mr. Howard Lawson
Scripture.....I Cor. 15:1-11, 50-58
Rev. William Kobayashi

Mass Choir....."My Redeemer!"

Message: Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa

Closing Moments

Benediction.....Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa

OUR GUEST MUSICIANS FROM LOS ANGELES

The Westmont College Brass Quartette

First Trumpeter:

Bill Lewis, president of the junior class of Westmont, is preparing for missionary work among the Jewish people.

Second Trumpeter:

Phil Uhlinger, also a member of the junior class, was born in Africa and is the son of missionary parents. At the present, Phil is filling a place of leadership as Vice-President of the student body.

First Trombone:

Joe Simonhoff, the only freshman member of the quartette, is preparing for the ministry. Part of his childhood was spent in China where his parents were missionaries.

Second Trombone:

Paul Uhlinger, a brother of Phil, plans to return to the Belgian Congo as a missionary of the Cross.

MR. HOWARD LAWSON:

Our talented trumpeter, Howard Lawson, has most graciously offered his services to our Pre-Easter conference. He comes to us from Los Angeles where he shared his musical gift with us on similar occasions.

PRE-EASTER CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
CHAIRMEN

General Chairman - Mr. Sadaichi Asai

Visitation - Kisaye Nakasaki

Prayer - Rowena Kubo

Advertisement - Phyllis Kinoshita

Literature - Fred Ono

Set up - Paul Itaya

Music - Mary Momose

Reception - Rev. S. Kowta

Follow Up - Sadaichi Asai

Art Work - Harry Hosaka

Linoleum Cut - Art Department

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Deep appreciation is expressed by the Poston Christian Church to the members of the different committees and to the many friends who have put in hours of hard work to make possible this Conference.



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SERMONETTE

Jesus said-"But whom say ye that I am?" Peter representing all the disciples, replied, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Then Jesus was exceeding pleased and pronounced. "Blessed art thou Simon Barjona."

It is easy for the world to accept Jesus of Nazareth as a Saint but it is not easy to accept Him as the Son of the Living God.

This is the dividing point in our Christian faith. At the same time it is the deciding point in the fate of the Christian Church.

We are now commemorating the founding of our church, namely, the Poston Christian Church. At this important moment of the life of our Church let us confess once more to our Master, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." and receive His blessing.

Rev. K. Yamamoto

MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Before the eastern horizon is painted crimson by the rising sun, some fifteen to twenty young folks gather each Tuesday and Friday morning at six in the Recreation Hall 19. Guided by Mr. Jitsuo Morikawa this group spends an hour in Bible study, desirous to "rightly dividing the Word of Truth."

For the present the study is in conjunction with what is being taught in the vacation school. The group began with the study of the parables and at present the study is being concentrated on Paul the Apostle.

Historical background, Jewish customs, and other significant points are brought out so that one might appreciate the Word of God more deeply. The class is open to any diligent seeker of the truth.

Kayoko Asai

BE A BOOSTER

LAYING FOUNDATIONS WITH GOD OUR BUILDER



The woman came with a water pot and Christ promised a well of running water. The reason why so many spiritual experiences run dry is that we come with our little vessels instead of accepting the supernatural flow which He has for us.

It was when the woman left her water pot that the river of testimony and blessing began to flow in her life, and God is ready to do the same for us. It was a river that ran uphill with her to the place of her everyday life.

Contributed

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Y. P. FELLOWSHIP

Endeavoring to maintain a closer fellowship with God and trying to actively put into practice the Lord's command to spread the Gospel abroad, some twenty young people of the Poston Christian Church have been meeting twice a week for a time of devotion and of solving the various problems that arise in their Christian lives.

(Continued on reverse page)

PIONEERS, FRONTIERS, FOUNDERS-----what a thrill to know that around us a metropolis has grown; that by us a new era is in the making, that through us, men and women are tested and tried until the best virtues are made manifest; and yes, within the new frontier of the spiritual, the establishing and founding of a new church, The Poston Christian Church.

Yours was the challenge to meet the spiritual needs of our new adventure; yours is the Church which has been found to meet the need-yours was the responsibility to kindle the fire yours is the task to cause its flames to warm the hearts of all.

God has no hand but your hand to do His work today; He has no feet but your feet to lead men in His way. God has no lips but your lips to drive the clouds away He has no help but your help to help men day by day.

God needs you-you are the Church.

The challenge, the privilege is ours. What a rare opportunity to know that almighty God our Creator, has no other means of accomplishing His purpose except by men.

Paul Nagano

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
The saving knowledge of Christ in a Church filled with the Spirit is beyond comprehension.--Contributed

MY TESTIMONY

Since accepting Jesus Christ as my personal Savior, there has been times when the road was steep and rough. Yet I can praise God that He was faithful in caring for me and leading me through each trial. The life of all Christians has been a hard struggle but I believe everyone of them will agree that it has been a happy struggle.

If I had to bear all my burdens by myself, I do not believe that the little strength within me would be sufficient, but praise be to Him who strengthens us by His Grace.

The story of Job and all his sufferings come to my mind at this time. Though Job suffered one trial after another, he knew vaguely that there was a bright day in the future. I have been evacuated to Poston with other Niseis to live a life that is filled with many inconveniences, but my heart is full of praise for the wonderful way in which God my Father cares for me.

Togo Asoo

One morning in an Intermediate Sunday School class in Honolulu, a Miss Robertson, who had been a missionary in Japan, leaned over to me, while our heads were bowed in closing prayer, and said, "Won't you give your heart to the Lord Jesus?" Then and there, I repented and accepted the Lord in faith. That was the summer of '34. Ever since then, I've been a Christian, and I've never regretted that day. Even to this day, Miss Robertson has been interested in my spiritual welfare, and has sent material for our vacation school, from Sacramento where she is now living. Had Miss Robertson not been faithful to the Lord, perhaps today, I would still be without the peace and joy of salvation. My prayer is that I too, might be faithful to the Lord. May Nagacka

FEAR NOT!

FEAR NOT, FOR Love is with you always, Love Omnipotent,

divine.
All the power in this wide universe,
Is encircling you with His "Vine!"
Safe within Love's tender keeping,
You are guarded every minute and every hour.
Satan has no power to harm you.
Through the night of furious storm, power, Hide beneath the Almighty's shade
Love surrounds; Love enfolds you.
Beloved friends, be not afraid!

A "Sunbeam"

in Christ's Service
(Inspired in the midst of the Poston storm)

Bette Sakai

Y. P. FELLOWSHIP (Continued)

The meetings are held on Monday and Thursday nights from nine o'clock to ten o'clock, usually at the park and are presided by a voluntary chairman who is free to decide what kind of program is to be given. However, the usual practice is to have one of the older Christians give a short talk on some phase of the Christian life or for a change, testimonial meetings and prayer circles are held.

The young people attending the meeting usually try to bring a friend who does not yet know Jesus Christ. The emphasis is on personal evangelism, so many of the talks are given with that angle in mind.

Any young Christian who may be interested in a time of devotion and fellowship with other young Christians are warmly invited to attend the meetings. Come join us at the haystack tomorrow night.

Kanshi Yamashita

VIEWS AND REVIEWS

by Fred Ono

Today in continuing our series on short biographies of our pastors, here are some facts on--

Pastor Kobayashi

Evangelical minded William Kobayashi is the pastor of Parish IV, Rec. Hall #15, of the Poston Christian Community Church. Husky-throated Pastor Kobayashi is a native son of Arizona, is in his late twenties, wears glasses that add to his handsomeness. His education has been gathered at Pacific Bible College in Huntington Park, Calif., L. A. Pacific College in Los Angeles, and a theological seminary in Japan. "Bill" has spent most of his life in Arizona, but has had the fortunate experience of serving churches in Santa Monica and Redondo Beach in the cool Los Angeles County sea shore district. Quiet modest Pastor Kobayashi speaks well, he looks older than his age, has been married about two years, has a year old son. His address is 46-14-C.

Today's Verse

"Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise; and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding." Proverbs 17:28

Views and Reviews

It is heartening to see the amount of offerings at church services in spite of our low incomes.

Let's support the chapel in our district!!

Chapel I at Block 5

Chapel II Block 44

Chapel III Block 19

Chapel IV Block 15

The influence of a genuinely Christian personality cannot be estimated." Selected

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THERE IS A PLACE:

..a place of quiet rest..
where sin cannot molest..
..a place of comfort sweet,
where we our Saviour meet..
..a place of full release,
where all is joy and peace.
A Place for You and Me...
NEAR TO THE HEART OF GOD.

O Jesus, Blest Redeemer
Sent from the heart of God
Hold us, who wait before Thee
Near to the heart of God.

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CHAPMAN TO VISIT

We are glad to welcome to
Poston again Rev. Chapman,
secretary-treasurer of the
Western Protestant Commission.
His tentative schedule during
his visit is:

Sunday:

Morning in Unit 2

Afternoon special Issei
meeting here at 3:00

Evening at Parish 3.

Monday he will present at:

Ministers' meeting at 3:00

Evening Board Meeting.

Tuesday: in Unit 3.

Wednesday in Unit 2.

Those desiring personal inter-
views with Rev. Chapman, especially
students who wish to attend school
and those desiring information con-
cerning employment outside, please
feel free to see your Nisei min-
ister who will be glad to arrange
an interview.

COMMUNION HELD

On Nov. 17, young people of the
First Christian Church gathered
for the first "Hour of Communion"
a special worship service to be
held monthly hereafter for Nisei
Christians who feel the need of
a deeper Christian experience.

Those attending received a real
inspiration, not only from the
challenging message on faith by
Rev. Kowta, and the observance of
the Supper, but from the quiet,
candle-lit surroundings and the
feeling of reverent worship.

At each of these monthly ser-
vices, the Sacrament of the Lord's
Supper will be observed.

MINISTERS' MEETING: 3:00 PM

INVITATION

COME
UNTO
ME
ALL YE THAT LABOUR
AND ARE HEAVY LADEN
AND
I
WILL
GIVE
YOU
REST

Matt. 11:28

PARISH I--

Invitation is extended to
everyone to attend the
"Fellowship Hour" on Wed.
evening (7:30-8:15) and to
remain for Choir Practice.

The Gospel Message of our Christ-
mas hymns is the topic for study
at present. Last Wednesday in the
absence of the pastor, Rev. Mori-
kawa, who was in Unit 3 bringing
a message in a series of evange-
listic services, Mr. Sadaichi Asai
was in charge.

Parish II--

Last Wed. about twenty-five young
people gathered in the weekly
Fireside Chat with God, to share
and read their favorite Psalm.
The meeting, with Masumi Toyotome
in charge, was opened by singing
of old Christmas hymns.

Parish III--

In the mid-week services, start-
ing at 8:00, Rev. Kowta is lead-
ing the group in a study of the
life of Jesus according to the
different gospels. It is hoped
that this study will encourage
the reading of His life during
this season, in preparation for
the Nativity of the Lord.

Parish IV--

If nothing goes wrong, when this
paper comes out, the long-awaited
parish party, "The Dust Bowl" will
have taken place last night at
#18. More about it next week.
Chapel Four's Wednesday night ser-
vices are from 7:30, with Choir
Practice following at 8:15.

"Be ye Thankful" - 1 COR. 13:3

Members of the First Poston Christian Church wish to thank the participants in the parish choirs in all four chapels, and congratulate them on the wonderful part they play in our services. By their faithfulness and efforts they add greatly to our enjoyment and worship...



theme: "O Come, let us sing unto the Lord
let us make a joyful noise to the
Rock of our salvation" Psalm 95:1



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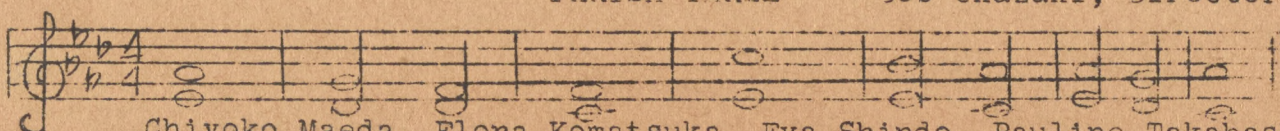
"PARISH ONE"

Mary Momose, Director

4	Miyeko Kawata, Misako Nagato, Lilly Manaka, Tomiko Ito
	Hazel Morikawa, Lillian Nishijima, Thyllis Kinoshita
	Grace Maeda, Kisaye Nakasaki, Rosie Niino, Kay Tsuda
	Fumiye Imamura, Fumi Okanishi, Hisako Aoki, Mary Miyabe
4	Miyoko Sowa.....Kimiyo Zaima....Alice Maeda
	Bill Wake, Mitsuro Koba, Joe Kobayashi, Roy Kobayashi
	Tom Nakamine, Yoshio Mori, James Tanaka, Teruo Kawata
	Hitoshi Nitta, George Zaima, Paul Itaya, Fred Kobayashi

"PARISH THREE"

Bob Okazaki, Director



Chiyoko Maeda, Flora Komatsuka, Eva Shindo, Pauline Takahashi
Peggy Yamato, Chikako Amano, Doris Fujimoto, Tomiko Fukuda
Mr. & Mrs. Hosaka, Henry Teragawa, Yoneo Ono, John Shigekawa

"PARISH FOUR"

Harry Minami, Director

4	Shizuko Shinagawa, Margaret Sawahata, Irene Yonemura
	Rita Otsuki, Emma Yamaguchi, Mary Asano, Vimi Hosaka
	Pauline Yamaguchi, Midori Yamasaki, Margaret Horikawa
	Gloria Miyakawa, Fusaye Endo, Dorothy Obata, Hari Tzumo
Nobuko Suzuki, Mary Okamatsu, Nelly Sasuga, Mabel Takeda	
4	Fumi Kobayashi, Esther Okamoto, Fikuye Kinoshita, Yas Tada
	Paul Kiyotoki, Henry Shimizu, James Obata, Yoshio Matsumoto
	Frank Shindo, Togo Asoo, Paul Yamamoto, Toshiye Shimomura
	Tom Iwanaga, Joshua Shimomura, Paul Yamaguchi, Hideo Aoki



epilogue: "O Give thanks unto the Lord;
call upon his name; make known
his deeds, among the people.
Sing unto him, sing psalms unto
him: talk ye of all his wondrous
works." Psalm 105:1,2

Lest we forget the spirit of everyday thanksgiving...

"GIVING THANKS ALWAYS FOR ALL THINGS TO GOD"
--Ephesians 5:20--

For blessings of the fruitful season,
For work and rest, for friends and home,
For the great gifts of thought and reason,--
To praise and bless Thee, Lord, we come.

Yes, and for weeping and for wailing,
For bitter hail and blighting frost,
For high hopes on the low earth trailing,
For sweet joys missed, for pure aims crossed.

--E. SCUDDER--

Christian Church

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DECEMBER
20TH

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

by Rev. S. Kowta, Moderator
First Poston Christian Church

"There shall
come forth
a star..."

Jesus, the Son of God, was not born in a glittering room of a stately palace. He was born in a stable--a real stable which was filled with the ugly odor of manure and not the kind we often see in the beautifully colored pictures at Christmas time.

The stable is one of the filthiest places in the world. Why is it, then, that the stable in which Jesus lay has become so well-known throughout the world? It is because Jesus, the purest man the human race has ever known, was born there nineteen hundred years ago.

At the time of Jesus, Bethlehem was one of the most insignificant townships in all Judah. Why is it, then, that Bethlehem is today the most well-known village in the whole wide world? It is because Jesus, the greatest man the world has ever seen, was born there nineteen centuries ago. The worth of a thing, the value of a place, and the significance of an event depend upon the kind of people that are connected with them. The size of the canvas does not determine the value of the painting. It is the artist that determines it.

Our people are of one of the minority groups in America. But the significance of the Japanese in America does not depend upon their number. It depends entirely upon what kind of people we are, or what type of men and women we can produce. Produce the type of men like Drs. Takamine, Noguchi, Nitobe and Kagawa. The existence of the Japanese in America will no longer be of "a minority in significance."

First of the Christmas season programs will be the first appearance of the Mass Choir sponsored by the Christian Churches of Poston, in Unit 3 on Mon., Dec. 21.

The 200 members of the Choir, residents of all three units of Poston, will bring the Christmas message through the medium of music.

This unique Choir, directed by George Zaima, will present a program on Tuesday, Dec. 22 in Unit II and on Wed., Dec. 23 here in Unit I at the #4 stage at 7:30. The program is as follows:

O Come All Ye Faithful - Wade
Invocation - Moderator
Ave Verum - anthem - Mozart
Joy to the World - Handel
Hark the Herald - Mendelssohn
O Little Town - Redner

Andante Cantabile from the
"String Quartet" Opus 12 by
F. Tschaikowsky, played by
THE STRING ENSEMBLE:

Mary Toyoda, Alice Tanaka,
Fumi Otsuki, M. Sosnowsky,
Kenji Nakane, Aiko Nakane.

Bless the Lord -
Ippolitov-ivanoff
23rd Psalm - anthem - Schubert
First Noel - Stainer
Silent Night - Gruber
Lord's Prayer - Malotte
Benediction



Through the kindness of American Christian friends all over the country and with different denominations assisting, toys for all the younger children in all three units have been received, and will be distributed on Christmas Eve at block parties.

Maki Ichiyasu, the girls in the Recreation Dept. office, and the church office staff deserve much credit for sorting, labelling, and wrapping these gifts.

Rev. S. Kowta, Moderator of the First Poston Christian Church, led the young people in an hour of divine worship Tues., Dec. 15.

In the reverent, candle-lit service, Rev. Kowta challenged the Nisei to deeper consecration and devotion to Christ, bringing the message from Isaiah 53.

Special music was furnished by Doris Fujimoto and Mabel Takeeda.

The Sacrament of the Lord's supper was observed as is the practice in these "Hour of Worship" services.

DEAREST JESUS

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.

--Martin Luther

Present

Tonight in a candlelit Chapel, Parish I church will have their special Christmas program. The church decorations will be planned by Paul Higashi, chairman of the reception committee.

The service will begin with a violin prelude, "Christmas Fantasy," a medley of Christmas songs by Miss Mary Toyoda, who will also be heard later in the program in a special number, "Ave Maria," accompanied by Miss Mary Momose.

Other musical numbers will include selections by the robed parish choir, directed by Mary Momose and accompanied by Mary Miyabe. There will be a choir processional and recession-al.

In Parish II Masumi Toyotome will give a Christmas message "If the Stars Could Speak"

The choir numbers will be: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "The First Noel".

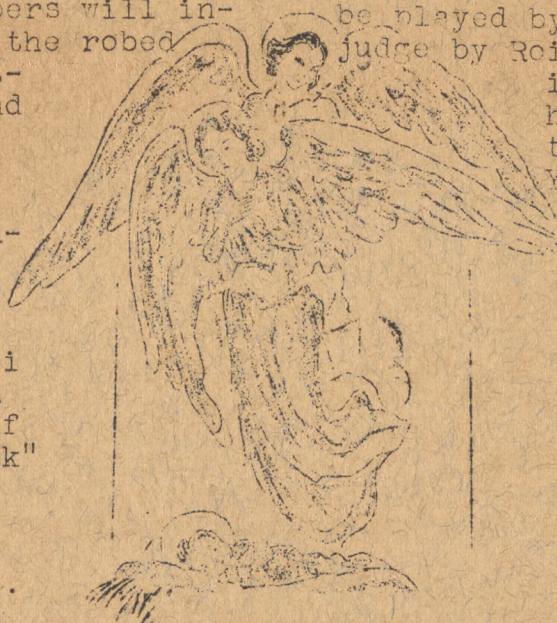
Tom Sakai and Kate Watanabe are responsible for the lovely special decorations.

The Christmas worship service tonight at Parish 3 will find on the program recitations, three special numbers by the choir, a vocal solo by Louise Tatsuno and a message "The Spirit of Christmas" by the pastor, Rev. S. Kowta.

Hideo Aoki will bring the Christmas message to the Parish 4 church, which will be decorated with desert holly and appropriate Christmas decorations.

MEDITATION---

Christmas is not only a memory, It is an experience, like many other great incidents in the life of Jesus. We remember the age-old story of the Babe in the manger, wise men, and the shepherds, and we warm our hearts at the glow of it all. But Christ is born again and again, in all the years, in every land. And only as our hearts each Christmas time become the manger is it truly Christmas time for us.



Future

After Christmas?...of course, a New Year to the world...to Poston...and new life to our Church.

PARISH FOUR has great plans for a series of evangelistic services to be held tentatively on Jan. 13, 14, 15, 16. The speaker is indefinite as yet.

PARISH TWO live-wire Y. P. Forum members will present "The Christian on Trial" on Dec. 27 at their regular meeting, 10:15 at #43.

The Christian to be tried will be played by Kay Kokubun; the judge by Rei Koike; the prosecuting attorney, Amy Tanhashi; the attorney for the defense, Mr. Kans Yamashita.

PARISH THREE will continue with the six-week study of the Portrait of Jesus in the different gospels with Rev. Kowta in charge.

PARISH FOUR will go on with a series of talks on the "parables of Jesus" by Hideo Aoki on Wed. nights.

Past

Parish I--

On Dec. 12, Hideo Aoki, nisei pastor at #15 was the guest speaker. The topic of his sermon was "Priorities of Life."

The YF. Forum party, held last night at #45, brought together over 60 young people in an evening of real fun. Muts Ikari was general chairman for the social.

Rev. C. J. Burnett was guest speaker on Dec. 13 in Parish 4.

In the mid-week service last Wednesday the series of lessons on the Parables of Jesus by Hideo Aoki was interrupted to study the Christmas hymns.

In Parish I this morning the Sunday School classes and the Forum combined to participate in a Christmas worship program sponsored by the Jr. Church.

The program included selections by the Jr. Church choir, directed by Mary Miyabe; a recitation by Mieko Kawata; a special number by James Tanaka; and a message by Sadaichi Asai, Jr. Church pastor.

GOD GRANT THAT THE NEW YEAR WILL HOLD MANY JOYS FOR ALL OF US....

Issei members of the Christian Church will meet in a special service on Christmas morning, at 10:00 in the Block 5 park.

BULLETIN STAFF
Amy Takahashi
Harry Hosaka
Kanshi Yamashita
Alice Kodama

CHRISTMAS DATES

Christmas day, Dec. 25, 1942
2:30 p.m.

Parish 4 will hold their Sunday School program at #15.

In Parish 2 a Christmas party for beginners and primary children is being planned. Yayoko Baba is acting chairman.

Christmas evening:

Parish 4 young people will present a play entitled, "Angelic Song," in the evening at 8:15. The parish choir will contribute to the program.

Parish 3's program will begin at 7:30 on Christmas night. The decoration committee for the holiday season is headed by Harry Hosaka and Doris Fujimoto.

At #44 the Juniors will take part in skits, songs, recitations, and a short pageant, while the intermediate classes will present a play, "Christmas comes to Foston." May Ono, Ikie Sanbormatsu, Hisako Konami, Yukie Masutani, Nobuko Okuma and Paul Chikahisa will be characters.

Sadaichi Asai will be general Chairman of the Christmas program to be held Christmas night in Chapel I. Singing of carols will open the program in which all Sunday School classes will participate.

Mary Momose's Beginners, primary students taught by Mary Miyabe & Rowena Kube, and Juniors in Alice Maeda and Shizue Isumura's classes

will sing Christmas songs. Paul Itaya's Juniors will appear in a play based on the parable of the Good Samaritan, and Phyllis Kinoshita's Junior girls will present another short play.

The Junior Church choir will be heard in several special numbers, while the climaxing play will be presented by the intermediate boys and girls under the direction of Mrs. J. Morikawa.

The grand finale will be when Santa Claus makes his appearance--confidentially, he will look suspiciously like Mr. Sowa!

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL!

Through the past months from time to time, we have been happy to be able to print original poems by young Lloyd Fujimoto of Block 54. They have been a source of great enjoyment and inspiration to all. We are proud to share another with you:

"FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY, A SAVIOUR, WHICH IS CHRIST!"

Sweet, to ears of weary men,
Came songs of love and peace divine; When
Angels in the heavens kept
Watch while Jesus soundly slept.

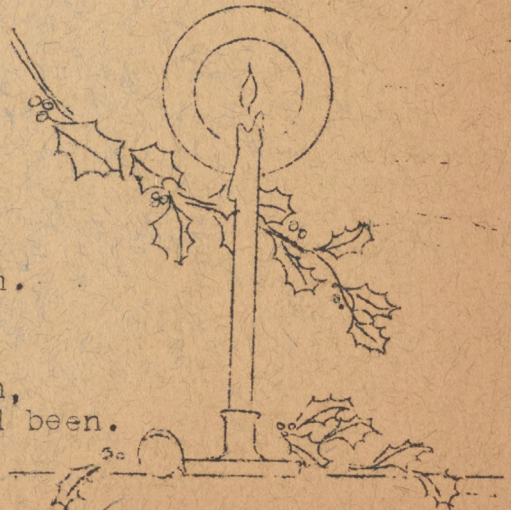
In silent skies, the radiant star
Sent its gleaming light afar;
Lead the wise men through the land,
Safe, across the desert sand.

Born that peaceful, quiet night,
While the eastern star gave light;
He came to save the tired earth,
Brought gladness with His humble birth.

He saved the world with His love,
And all the weary men thereof;
He brought good will and peace to men,
Brought light where darkness long had been.

Oh Prince of Glory, King of Might,
Haralded by God's wondrous light;
As born that calm and silent night,
Be born in me tonight.

--Lloyd Fujimoto



Here & There

KNOWING that many of us have relatives and friends in other centers, these reports on activities elsewhere are presented....

From RIVERS, ARIZ. Royden Susu-Mago, nisei pastor, writes "The first Christmas presentation is to be a pageant, written by our Sunday School teachers in order to introduce the story of Christmas to many who have never heard it."

A stage is being built in an outdoor amphitheatre since, unlike Poston, Rivers still has warm weather.

The play deals with a family on Christmas Eve and during the play the parents, explaining why stockings are hung up, tell the Christmas story from the prophecy of Isaiah to the fulfillment in the Advent.

Home churches in Los Angeles and Pasadena were kind enough to lend costumes.

Christmas morning at 9 o'clock a baptismal-communion service, while at noon candy will be passed out in the different blocks by the block managers who will be Santa Clauses.

The Christmas program schedule in Rohwer, Relocation Center, McGehee, Arkansas, as very kindly sent by Rev. K. Harper Sakaue, is as follows:

DEC. 24

2:30--Outdoor pageant, "The Nativity" by Rosamund Kimball by the young people with choir of forty voices, led by Miss Leola Parsley of the Education Dept.

DEC. 25

9 A.M.--Nisei Worship Christmas service with Rev. Sakaue bringing the message.

10:15--Issei Service, Dr. S. Hata of Stockton, preaching.

7:00 P.M.--Sunday School programs in 3 different locations. Hiroshi Uyehara, formerly of L. A. Baptist, is Supt. of one school.

From Manzanar, California, we hear from Mr. Dick Akagi, who says: "We have three upper division Sunday Schools. The superintendents are: Nellie Seno, Jack Takanagi, Dick Akagi. These schools will present programs on the 23rd, 24th and Christmas.

The Issei at Manzanar are holding a Christmas morning worship service with Rev. Suzuki as the principal speaker.

"We are hoping to give out candy to about two thousand of our S.S. pupils."

GETTING closer to home, let's see what Unit 2 and 3 are doing...

The message in the church service at Unit 2 tonight, Dec. 20, will be brought in the form of a Christmas play "The Town That Couldn't Have Christmas" by Helen Clark.

The oneact play with two scenes taking place in a Black Mt. Inn is directed by Happy Okajima. The list of characters are:

Mikako Uyemura
Paul Kamitsuka
Yukiye Shioji
Nori Iwakiri
Meriko Matsushita
Jayne Miyake
Edward Machida
Esther Onoye
Kenzo Yoshida
Hugo Kazato
Shizue Hatakeda
Lily Maeno

"And there were in the same country, shepherds...."

George Yamagata, Unit 3, has very kindly sent a copy of the schedule of church Christmas activities for

printing in our bulletin:

DEC. 24, 7:30 P.M. Mess Hall 324

Beginners to Juniors in a program of songs, recitations, and a pageant.

Following this program the members of the nisei church are going carolling.

DEC. 25, 7:30 P.M.

Intermediates to Adults will present a program consisting of plays, songs, skit and tableau. Ruth Iwami is program chairman.

Some more Unit 3 notes:

Pastor Paul Nagano is leading the study of the book of John in Mid-week Bible study periods.

Personal:

Friends of Lloyd Wake will be glad to hear that he is recovering from his accident during a football game, which resulted in a broken leg. Lloyd is co-pastor of the Jr. Church and Superintendent of Sunday School in Chapel I. We are praying for Lloyd's speedy convalescence, for his absence must be a severe loss to the work there.

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POSTON WITNESS

POSTON FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

ANNIVERSARY EDITION - JUNE 6TH

Behind every successful, progressive organization there are quiet, self-sacrificing men who work ceaselessly. In our Poston First Christian Church, the Moderator, Rev. S. Kowta, is such a man. We owe much to his tactful courtesy in contacts where he represented the Church, and his wise decisions, backed by years of consecrated experience. Besides performing the invaluable duties of Moderator, Rev. Kowta is also serving as young people's pastor in Parish II.

We pray that God will continue to richly bless Rev. Kowta in his selfless, devoted service.

REV. S. KOWTA:

"As we look back over the work of the Church during the past year, we can readily think of, without being boastful about them, many things we have accomplished. The contribution of our Church to the life of Poston, either directly or indirectly, has been tremendous.

This has been due, of course, to the constant help of our never-failing God, but it has been due also to the whole-hearted co-operation of the members and friends of the Church.

As we go into the work of the second year, let us be united more fully and meet the challenge of the hour more satisfactorily."

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REVEREND MORIKAWA TO TOUR COUNTRY

Reverend Jitsuo Morikawa, Vice-Moderator of the Poston Christian Church, will leave Poston on June 14 on a two-months speaking tour covering such cities as Denver, Salt Lake City, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Cleveland, New York, and other cities in which Nisei have relocated.

The tour is being sponsored by the Northern Baptist Denomination and its purposes will be to study the progress and needs of the relocated Japanese and to introduce the Nisei by speaking to church groups, civic groups, and service clubs.

We will miss Rev. Morikawa during his trip, but realizing the importance of his mission and appreciating his efforts on our behalf, we will pray for his well-being and success.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

All young people's evening services for the next three months will be held in Block #5 park, starting every week at 8:45 p.m.

In spite of the heat this summer in Poston we are going to carry on an accelerated program. No summer let-down in Poston!

GUEST SPEAKER NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, June 13, we will be privileged to hear Dr. Ralph L. Mayberry, dynamic Baptist executive of Los Angeles.

Parish 4's choir will furnish special music.

MASUMI TOYTOME TO RETURN

Every effort is being made to allow Masumi Toydome to return to our city during the summer months to take over Rev. Morikawa's duties during his absence.

It's been a good year. Looking back....

June 15--Daily Vacation Bible School starts! 700 pupils attending for almost three months.

July 26--Membership drive on.. the church divided into parishes.

Aug. 2--Mass service at "old rusted cross" in commemoration of founding of church. Paul Marano, song leader; Rev. M. Itani, chairman; special music, Mary Toyoda. Speakers were Moderator Rev. Kovta, Vice-Mod. Rev. Morikawa, and Project Director Wade Head.

Aug. 9--Crusaders, church ball team, won a game!... Inspiration held as usual on Friday at 410.

Aug. 16--Inspiring service to commission four young men--Clifford Nakadegawa and Em. Kobayashi to Unit 2, Paul Marano and John Miyabe to Unit 3. Guest speakers were Dr. Frank Herron Smith & Dr. Ralph I. Mayberry.

Aug. 30--First Jr. Church services held in all parishes.

Aug. 30--DVBS ends in Unit I.

Sept. 6--" teachers leave for Units 2 & 3 to teach for a month.

Sept. 20--Em. Kobayashi ordained.

Oct. 25--Bishop Baker and Dr. Smith speak at a mass service installing church officers.. Dr. Itani ordained.

Nov. 17--First "Hour of Communion" held at 410.

Dec. 21-23--Mass Choir Festival of Sacred Music in all units.

Dec. 25--Christmas in Poston. Very touching to see gifts from Caucasian Christian friends.

Jan. 6--Religious Emphasis Week (five great days!) at Parish IV.

Feb. 6--Rev. Cuthbertson

Feb. 12--Kiroy Page Retreat in Park.

Feb. 21--Paul Marano leaves for Phoenix to be ordained there.

March 5-7--"Victory Thru Christ" series of meetings in Parish 2.

April 11-18--Pre-Easter Conference, Parish 1, in Block 5 Park.

April 25--First Easter in Poston. Over 40 young people baptized.

June 6--Union services in the #5 park begin for summer months. Rev. Morikawa leaves for tour.

A TRIBUTE TO CHRISTIAN LAYMEN..

Rev. Jitzuo Morikawa

The greatest preacher of all time, writing to a group of Christian laymen said, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine..for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now." The ministers of the Poston Church, Unit One express this same deep feeling through these words to the laymen who have become indispensable to the work of Christ in this community. A spiritual temple has been erected in this desert wasteland during the past year and the "hidden pillars" which have held up the temple have been the loyal laymen who have given themselves so gladly in the service of the Master.

We are reminded of an incident in the life of India's greatest saint, Sundar Singh. One day while traveling in the Tibetan highlands he and his companion were caught in a blizzard and threatened to be frozen. As they trudged through the cold they came upon an unconscious figure on the grounds. The Indian Saint discovering a spark of life left in the helpless man, placed him on his shoulder to take him to safety. His companion rebuked him saying that he was in no condition to help another man, that it was of no use for two to die instead of one, and with a bitter remark, he walked off. Sundar Singh, however, as he walked along the cold suddenly discovered that the burden on his shoulder was creating for himself warmth, heat, and new energy. As he walked towards a village, he came across another frozen form on the ground and upon investigation found it to be his companion. He had found the cold too much to bear. It came to the heart of the Indian Saint that he who takes on a load for Christ's sake finds surging into himself new divine energy, divine strength and peace of heart.

I am sure that the busy laymen, who have given themselves freely in the work of the church have found this experience true in their own lives.