

"Death of God" Began at Cross" States Livonia Baptist Minister

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Church Editor

Elvin L. Clark, pastor of the Livonia Baptist Church, 32940 Schoolcraft, Livonia, has a tolerant attitude toward the current "Is God Really Dead?" discussion.

Pastor Clark is a pious, intelligent man and his beliefs are firmly rooted and not easily swayed. Perhaps part of the reason is that he feels that the problems of man and God are unchanging and that the same conflict has always been present.

The Baptists are currently very much in the news with the series of Evangelistic revivals and the National Convention which has been taking place.

We interviewed Pastor Clark in his study in the Livonia Baptist Church. We asked him what his views on the current discussion among the clergy as to whether the Bible should be taken "literally."

"It is hard to answer that question," he said, "because we must remember that Christ used parables. Also symbols were used throughout the Bible. I believe the term 'Hell' is symbolic."

"Do you believe in life after death?" we asked.

"Of course," he said, "accounts are not all settled in this life. We will enter into a new realm of existence. We are not able to perceive this entirely, but I believe it is an actuality."

"Do you believe in a personal God?" was the next question.

"Do you think that we shall ever see him?"

Yes, he answered, "It is promised in the Bible that his faithful servants should see him."

One of the most interesting viewpoints was expressed by Pastor Clark in the current "Is God Really Dead?" discussion.

"This is an old, old question, smiled Clark. 'As a matter of fact, I am inclined to agree with the theologian who said that the old concept of God died at the Crucifixion. It was at that time that men began following the teachings of Christ instead of the God of the Old Testament.'

"Upon reflection this seems to be true, since it is the teaching of Christ, rather than the

Old Testament that form the Christian religion today.

"There is a division among the Baptist religion, and interestingly enough, it came about during the slavery issue. It was not the actual question of slavery that caused the split but whether or not members of the church should have fellowship with people who owned slaves. The Northern group were against this and the split began."

Today the Northern Baptist group which started in 1901 is considered more liberal in its views and less interested in evangelism. The Southern Baptists are pro-life, the evangelists, and were formed in 1845.

We asked Pastor Clark, since this was the period of Evangelistic revivals, what the primary duty of the Baptist Church was.

"The task of the Church is the same as it has been for centuries," he said. "To lead men to commit their life to Christ in all areas. Consider the facts of your life, pray for guidance, and then try to live your life, not just on Sundays but everyday, according to Christ."

He advanced an interesting idea regarding part of the guilty feelings that people seem to suffer nowadays.

"People seem terrified of making mistakes," he said. "Mistakes have a definite part of life. 'We should be able to learn from them. It is healthy to profit by one's mistakes. Pray for God's guidance, and then go cheerfully into the next phase of your life.'"

"God the Only Cause and Creator" Subject for Science Churches June 5

Spiritual causation and spiritual reality will be explored in a Bible Lesson-Sermon on "GOD THE ONLY CAUSE AND CREATOR" at Christian Science churches services this Sunday.

Responsive Reading from Psalms will begin with these verses: "The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works."

The Lord is high unto all that call upon him in truth. Related passages to be considered from the Christian Science textbook include these lines: "When mortal man blends his thoughts of existence with the spiritual and works only as God works, he will no longer grope in the dark and cling to earth because he has not tasted heaven... The age seems ready to approach this subject, to ponder somewhat the supremacy of Spirit, and at least to touch the hem of Truth's garment." (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy).



THIS GROUP of young people was confirmed on Pentecost Sunday into Christ Lutheran Church, Redford Township. They are (left to right, front row) Eric Johnson, Susan Pullu, Neil Murawski, James Niemie, David Edman, Alan Dore and Lynne Learmonth. (Back row) David Wendlandt, Douglas Gussens, Richard Dalch, Jacqueline Dietz, Karen Motteiler, Walter Stroud, Bailey Smith, and James Salmons. This is the last class of the two-year program of Confirmation Instruction of Youth.

**Brethren Celebrate 50 Years in Detroit**

Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 West Chicago at Inkster, Detroit announce that the Churches of the Brethren in Detroit will commemorate their beginnings here 50 years ago. In services to be held at First Church of the Brethren, June 5.

Members of the Trinity who have held special attachments to the historical development of the Brethren here will want to attend all regular services beginning at 10:45 in the morning.

Many others will wish to attend regular services at Trinity and then journey across town for the dinner at 1:30 and the afternoon program at 2:30. The journey across town will feature a specially prepared story in script and pictures of the Brethren work here.

Rosemary Butler is author of the afternoon presentation.

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