

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST TO CHURCH CIRCLES OF SALEM

CHRIST LEFT OUT, PASTOR

Age Needs Jesus, but an Over-crowded Life Neglects Him, Ward

Is there any room here for Christ? Is the peremptory question which the Rev. Charles E. Ward, minister of the First Congregational church, Center and Liberty streets, asks in his sermon, "The Unnoticed Christ."

The text for this sermon is taken from John 5:13, Weymouth: "For Jesus had passed out unnoticed, there being a crowd in the place." The Reverend Ward has furnished a synopsis of "The Unnoticed Christ," as follows:

For 30 years this invalid had hoped for a turn in life's tide that would give him larger life. But at the foot of Bethesda he had been crowded out by the stronger and no miracle had restored his vigor. When Christ healed the invalid he created quite a sensation. And in the milling crowd he passed out unnoticed even by the recipient of so great a blessing.

This losing of Christ in the crowd indicates the greatest obstacle to the advance of Christianity today. Was ever an age so crowded as our own? Our time is taken, our energy taxed to the limit, our money pledged before it is earned.

Old Days Pictured
In the days of Jesus the Synagogue was the only organization in the town. In it the Jewish laity attended school through the week and the whole family on the Sabbath. The thought of folk centered largely about home and God. But today we are organized to death with clubs and lodges, religious, athletic luncheon and what-not! "And Jesus passed out unnoticed, there being a crowd in the place!"

Our intellectual life is crowded with newspapers, journals, books without end; and our time is taken by the radio with its bid for our time: IS THERE ANY ROOM HERE FOR CHRIST?

Life Too Crowded
In Jesus' day there were no pleasure vehicles. The donkey and the camel carried their commerce. A few chariots were owned by the rich. But today vehicles of earth and air offer allurements such as no other age ever had. Is there any chance for Christ to catch man's attention in such a traffic jam of organizations, books, vehicles and such? And these are such innocent things in themselves!

Now this invalid who had suffered for 38 years did not throw Christ out. Ours is not a viciously wicked age. And the average man is not antagonistic to Christ. People don't hate Jesus. But life is so crowded with other interests that no notice is given to him. Holman Hunt took that word from Revelation: "Behold I stand at the door and knock" and painted an immortal picture of our Lord knocking at the door of a cottage. But the brambles of indifference had grown over the door, it was not opened. He knocks at our doors today, but there is such a hilarious "bridge" party going on within that the "Stranger at the door" is left outside unnoticed!

The effect of this over-crowded life has been in part the breakdown of the mind and the nerve force. Insanity has increased over 200 per cent last half century, suicides multiply, nervous breakdowns mount higher and higher. Never did an age so resolutely need a life sustained and renewed through fellowship with Christ.

We can't go on crowding Christ out of our lives without spiritual degenerating both ourselves and our progeny. Let us awaken to our spiritual peril for if Jesus has "passed out unnoticed" from our plans and purposes the ease and luxury of our age will leave us nothing that abides unto eternal life.

THREE WEEK SERVICES
Week-day service for the Glad Tidings Mission, 343 Court street, are held each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings, with a welcome extended to all.

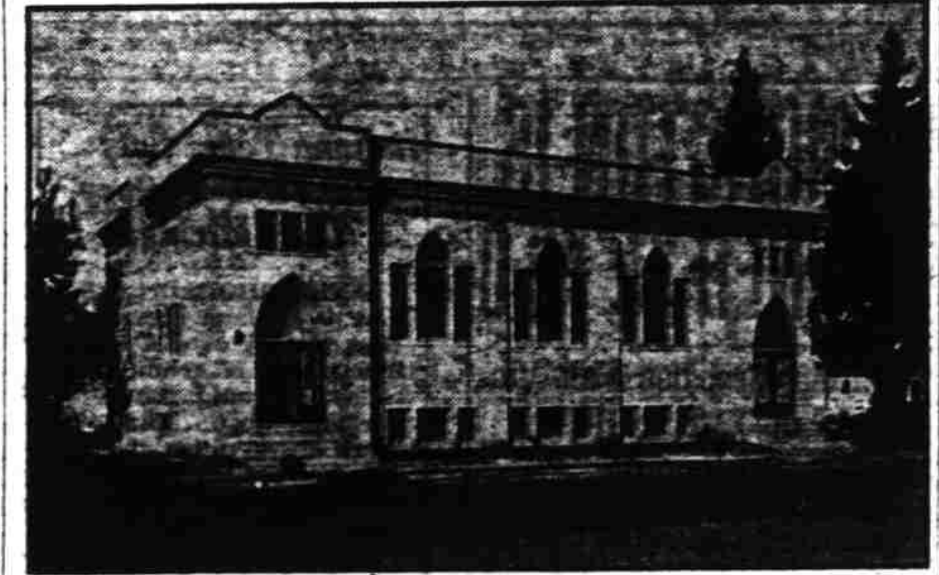


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German Baptist Church Ready for Committee



The First German Baptist church, Cottage and D streets, has been given the finishing touches this week and will be turned over to the building committee the first of next week. The church, built at a cost of \$15,000 and with \$1800 worth of new furnishings, is 44 feet by 65 feet and is two stories high. The structure was dedicated September 30.

Construction employed in the church is new to Salem. Face brick is bonded into a backing of hollow clay tile and the roof load is supported by brick piers. The face brick is light cream, with rusticated corner and the heads and sills are of light pink brick. The architecture is modern, with Gothic fenestrations in both entrance doors and windows.

The church auditorium and the balcony provide seating capacity for 600 people; the choir will seat 25 persons and the orchestra 20. Besides the auditorium, choir and orchestra, between which is the chancel with the baptistry back of this, other rooms on the main floor include the robing rooms, the pastor's study and a room each for the orchestra and choir. Provision has been made in the plans for the future installation of a pipe organ.

The basement contains a general Sunday school room, which may also serve as a dining room, with a capacity of 350 persons; a primary room, three class rooms and a complete and modern kitchen with handy cupboard features and dish washing accommodations. In the basement are also the fireproof boiler room and toilet accommodations.

Other features of construction include: Foundations and footing are of reinforced concrete and the main walls of brick and tile are 12 feet thick. The roof is a built-up fireproof roof. Heating is a direct steam system. The ventilation system has been worked out with a system of ad-

Announcement Of Week-Day Meets Given

Mid-week prayer meeting will be held at a number of Salem churches, as follows:
The Chemeketa street Evangelical church, G. E. Erskine, pastor, at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening.
Immanuel Baptist, corner Hazel and Academy, Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.
Center street Methodist Episcopal members will meet for services Wednesday evening at the home of C. G. Schram, 1349 Marion street, announces the pastor, P. J. Sehner.

Testimonies of healing, experienced and remarks on Christian science will be given at the Wednesday evening services at 8 o'clock of the First Church of Christ, Scientist. The group maintains a reading room at 406 Masonic Temple where all Christian Science literature may be secured.



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MEN'S COUNCIL TO MEET SOON

W. C. Hawley to Address District Meeting at Independence Wednesday

Congressman W. C. Hawley will address the Salem District Methodist Men's council on "The Work of the President" at the brotherhood meeting to be held at the Methodist church in Independence Wednesday evening, October 17, beginning at 8:30 o'clock.

The Rev. H. F. Temple, new district superintendent of the Methodist church who recently came to Salem to reside, will talk to the group. Robert McInvenna of Salem will also appear on the program, furnishing a surprise number.

The complete program includes a New Zealand Dutch lunch; group singing; Congressman Hawley's address; music by the Mouth-Independence male quartet; "Religion on a state campus," by G. L. Boomer of Corvallis; violin solo by the Rev. E. G. Ranton, pastor of the host church; "Haywire," Harold Shellhart.

Group singing; remarks by the Rev. Mr. Temple; reports from district chairmen and committees; impromptu talks and closing with group singing.

Approximately 200 are expected to attend the first fall district meeting.

F. A. Magruder of Corvallis is president of the council and Roy M. Lockenour of Salem is secretary-treasurer.

Leslie Plans Church Night For Thursday

The second of the fall church night series for the members of Leslie Memorial M. E. church will be held Thursday night, beginning with a pot luck dinner at 6:30 o'clock, which will be followed by a stewardship hour at 7:05 o'clock and two study classes and children's hour at 7:45 o'clock, announces the pastor, the Rev. S. Darlow Johnson.

The Rev. Johnson reminds the men that members who are planning to attend the Salem district Brotherhood meeting at Independence Wednesday evening should meet at the church at 5:30 o'clock.

First Baptist Has Announcements

The Women's Missionary society of the First Baptist church, corner North Cottage and D streets, will meet this week at the home of Mrs. M. Letz, route four, box 198, on the regular day at 2:30 o'clock.
Other activities of the week for the First German Baptist include the Wednesday night prayer meeting, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Young People Hold Revivals

J. B. Smith, pastor of the Salem church of the Nazarene has made the following announcements for the week:
Prayer meeting will be held as usual at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening. The young people of the church are holding revival meetings in the Spring Valley church and these will continue through the week. Services will be held there this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and each evening at

New at Jason Lee



The Rev. Harry Gardner, new pastor at the Jason Lee Memorial church in Salem. He will occupy the pulpit here for the second Sunday today.

District League Will Meet Here

The Salem Young People's society of the St. John's Lutheran church will be hosts to the Oregon district of the Walther league, which meets in Salem October 20 and 21, announces H. W. Gross, pastor.

GROUPS OF FIRST CHURCH ARE ACTIVE

Junior church services, a Y. K. K. Hallow'een party; prayer services and a reception mark the week's activities scheduled for groups of the First Methodist church, corner State and Church streets, according to announcements from the office of the pastor Dr. Fred C. Taylor.

Junior church services will be held for the first time this fall in the church annex at First Methodist church. Harry Mosher will be the leader and Professor T. H. Matthews will give the message. Boys and girls from the junior and intermediate departments of the church attend this service which is conducted as much like the adult service as possible with a message especially adapted to the boys and girls. There is a choir and the church has its own organized official board which helps the young church members to become familiar with the organization of the church.

On Tuesday evening the Y. K. K. Bible class of which Mrs. H. W. Scott is president and Dr. J. D. McCormick the teacher, will hold a masquerade Hallow'een party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Acton, route 3, South Salem. An amusing program has been planned by the program committee. Twenty-five young married people are members of this class.

The mid-week prayer and praise will be held Wednesday evening this week to permit those who desire to attend Dr. McGovern's lecture on Thursday evening to do so. The services will be in charge of the pastor.

Salem Pastor At Convention; Others Attend

The Rev. P. W. Erikson, pastor of the American Lutheran church in Salem, was the principal speaker and conference leader on evangelism at the Saturday session of the state convention of the Lutheran league of the United Lutheran church of America which opened in Eugene Friday and will end tonight. The conference theme is "Crusading for Christ."

Free Methodists To Give Shower

Week-day meeting and activity of the Free Methodist church, corner Market and North Winter streets, will be as follows, according to the pastor, the Rev. W. N. Coffey:

Prayer meeting, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Caroline Jackson, 1463 North Winter street. Thursday evening prayer service at the church at 7:30 o'clock.

Friday evening, October 14, there will be a missionary shower for the boxes being sent to the foreign fields. At this time the Rev. G. G. Edwards of St. Helens, for years in the Indian field, will give an address. The public will be welcome.

LAYTON GIVE SUBJECT

Subject of this week's prayer service for the First Evangelical church, corner Liberty and Center streets, is announced by the pastor, A. P. Layton, as "With Jesus in Prayer."

Calvary Baptist Tells of Services

Mid-week prayer service and fellowship meeting for the Calvary Baptist congregation and their friends will be held at 7:30 Wednesday evening, announced the pastor, W. Earl Cochran. The church is located at the corner of Court and High streets, in the building known as the old Grand theater.

Topic for this Sunday evening meeting of the B. Y. P. U. at Calvary Baptist church is "The Young Folks Will Meet at 6:30 o'clock with Edith Jenks, leader."

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