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Recruits for Service

By Dr. Ross J. Griffith
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The cry comes from many quarters that the church must recruit more of her most competent young people to prepare for full time employed Christian service. The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America has become so concerned about this matter that it has prepared visual aids to help in the program of enlisting such workers and has devoted much of its resources to this end. The major Christian communities have given "recruitment" a must place on their activity and educational programs.

There is need for able and adequately trained leaders in all phases of church work, but most insistently the demand is for preachers and pastors who have the moral courage, spiritual integrity and intellectual acumen to meet the keenest of earth-bound minds.

The most ominous threats to the well-being of humanity come from the laboratories and studies of the learned and can only be met by the spiritually learned who can match keenness of mind with equal or superior keenness of spiritual discernment and power.

It is becoming increasingly apparent in this land where, as Gilbert Chesterton said, "America's religion is education," that the Christian college must assume much of the responsibility for seeking out those it is to begin training for the Christian ministry. The recruiting program must reach to Christian youth in the high schools but the approach must be through the church. Instead of trusting to chance or benevolent providence, or relying upon occasional outbursts of intense effort to bring in volunteers, the college must go out in the spirit of the Law of Moses to claim "the first and the best for God."

Because its message is intellectually valid and its work a spiritual imperative, the church has every right to expect to get much of its ministerial leadership from those in the top scholastic bracket.

The college will find that the wisest layman in the various congregations have an uncommon lot of common sense and generally are good judges as to who may and who may not have the native ability to take responsible places as ministers in time to come. No satisfactory aptitude test has been developed to discover those who probably will be able to render the best service as ministers, although a start has been made by certain theological seminaries to provide such a test. This need not discourage us because the training program through college and seminary tends to prove whether or not the recruit should continue his training or seek some other avenue of service.

Because of the pressure which comes from many quarters to enter other vocations, the sometimes hesitant, self-conscious adolescent, although filled with Christian idealism and a desire to prepare for the ministry, is desperately in need of the Christian "butcher, baker or candlestick-maker" to place a kindly hand on his shoulder and say, "Son, the church is going to need you to serve as a minister one of these days. You ought to prepare yourself for this calling. If you do, we'll back you up."

Then someone must see to it that such a chap has a chance publicly to commit himself to preparation for the ministry and, if able to meet the requirements of the calling, to give his life to it.

Our public school system provides some excellent guidance programs to help get round-peg in round holes, vocationally speaking, but by the very nature of our American system which provides for a proper separation of church and state, such guidance programs do not satisfactorily include guidance into the Christian ministry. The responsibility for this program belongs to the church and generally must be implemented through the Christian college.

World Council of Churches on the Struggle Between East and West

(The position of the World Council of Churches is here presented in the report by the General Secretary of the Council, Dr. Visser 't Hooft, made at the recent meeting of the Central Committee of the World Council.)

The First Assembly of the World Council resisted all attempts to draw it into the field of power politics or to make it into a voice which would directly or indirectly bless one of the parties in the great ideological conflict of our time. Amsterdam (especially through the report of the Third Section) refused to identify itself with any of the present established systems and thus underlined the fundamental independence of the church in relation to all political and social ideologies.

Does this mean that Amsterdam took a purely neutral attitude? No. For it gave a specific judgment on Communism, and another different one on laissez-faire capitalism. It did not say that the present systems are equally bad and did not propose to the

church to turn its back upon the world. It reminded the church of its prophetic function of speaking out concretely concerning the main tendencies of the political and social life of our generation.

The Assembly attempted to draw men away from the false assumption that the present forces represent the only possible alternatives. It spoke of the responsibility of Christians to seek new creative solutions which do not allow either justice or freedom to destroy the other.

Amsterdam has, therefore, really said that it is the task of the church to find a better way which cuts across the present conflict and should lead the world out of its present sterile dilemma.

In the months since Amsterdam the international situation has developed in such a way that it becomes increasingly difficult to maintain the position formulated at Amsterdam.

First of all the general political situation has deteriorated. The conflict has become even sharper than it was. There is even less "vital space" for a third position.

Secondly the trials of church leaders and other measures taken by Communist Governments with regard to the churches have made a very deep impression on the Western churches and on public opinion generally.

In the third place the anti-Communist propaganda has become much more self-conscious and articulate. The Vatican especially takes an increasing definite and unilateral anti-Communist stand and some Roman Catholic Church leaders are using the terminology of a fully fledged anti-Communist crusade.

In these circumstances the question arises whether the World Council can really maintain the position which it has taken at its First Assembly. Must that position be qualified in the light of more recent developments? Or have we good reasons to maintain it today in spite of all pressure to the contrary?

All reports indicate that the pressure on the churches in Communist controlled areas is constantly increasing. The most important facts are: the secularizing of Christian schools, the forbidding of Christian youth movements and periodicals, interference with the choice of church leaders or their forced resignation, forbidding of direct relationships with churches in other lands or ecumenical bodies, and last but not least the imprisonment of prominent church leaders.

What then should be the attitude of the World Council of Churches in this situation? The starting point is surely that we are committed to religious liberty. And we mean by that full religious liberty which has been explained and developed in the declaration on Religious Liberty adopted by the Assembly. For that liberty is not simply a Western concept. It is rooted in the nature of the Gospel itself.

We must, therefore, reject the Marxist restrictions on religious liberty. We believe in the Lordship of Christ and in the right of the church to proclaim the implications of this belief for relationships in a social or political community. We cannot give up this central conviction without giving up the very substance of the ecumenical movement. In this matter we cannot compromise with the Moscow Patriarchate or with any other church or government which denies the right of the church to exercise its prophetic ministry.

It is, therefore, surely our pastoral responsibility toward the churches in Eastern Europe to remind them of this mission. We must do so in a humble spirit because the Western churches have not really been prophetic.

At the same time we must make it abundantly clear that in speaking for full religious liberty and for a prophetic judgment on Communism, we do not in any way defend the pre-revolutionary situation in the countries concerned. We must admit openly that Communism has done away with forms of feudalism against which Christians ought to have protested long ago.

We must also avoid identifying ourselves with a general anti-Communist crusade. For such a crusade leads to self-righteousness, to blindness with regard to the true challenge of the situation, and to a war-psychology. We cannot afford self-righteousness, for Communism is to a considerable extent the outcome of our own sins of commission and omission. We cannot afford to be blind to the challenge of Communism, because we can only overcome it by dealing with its causes. And we cannot afford war because it would not solve but increase in a catastrophic manner the spiritual, moral and social disintegration of which Communism is only one possible expression.

It must become clear that our stand against Communism is exclusively motivated by Christian convictions. We do not stand against certain social achievements of Communism. We take a stand against its heretical ideology and the imposition of that ideology upon the peoples.

—Christianity and Crisis

Paul Mellish Plans Sermon At Presbyterian

Rev. Paul S. Mellish, at Central Presbyterian Church Sunday morning, will preach on the theme "The Parable of the Dirty Boots." This unified service of Church and Church School will begin at 9:45 a.m. "My Hope is in the Everlasting" (from "The Daughter of Jairus")—Stainer will be sung by Patricia Hays.

The Junior High Westminster Fellowship will meet in the Parish House at 5 p.m., and will have reports of the Silver Creek Camp which was held last week. The Stewardship Commission will be in charge.

The Senior High and Geneva Fellowships will have their meeting in Fellowship Hall at 6:15 p.m. and will have as guests the young people of the Christian, Methodist, and Fairmount Presbyterian Churches. This will be the second of the summer cooperative young people's meetings. Dr. R. E. Osburn will be the guest speaker. A Social Hour will follow the meeting.

Youth for Christ Features Movie

Eugene Youth for Christ features on its program Saturday night Aug. 27 at 7:45 p.m. an outstanding Christian film, "Templed Hills." The rally will be held in the First Baptist Church located at Broadway and High St.

The film is described as a scenic Psalm. It is a complete worship service taking its pictorial theme from the scenic splendor of Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park, The Carved Canyons, and the plains of the Southwest. The musical score provides balance between the scenes; both are designed primarily to bring spiritual joy to the audience.

"Templed Hills" film is an interesting and excellently planned production that should receive enthusiastic reaction from young and old.

Eugene Youth for Christ is growing rapidly under the leadership of Joe Brill, now serving as director for the past eight months. The annual financial statement of Eugene Youth for Christ was recently released stating that the total money handled was \$8269.90 and the total expenditures were \$8266.44. The organization is run by reliable Christian business men who meet in the Youth for Christ office every Tuesday morning. The office is at 125 East Broadway in the Wall's Cash Grocery. Mr. Wally Mull is Chairman of the Executive committee. Anyone wanting to contact the Youth for Christ office may call 4-0241 or write Eugene Youth for Christ Post Office Box 21.

Youth for Christ is not a denomination or a sectarian movement but is an organization sponsoring Saturday night Youth rallies in churches or in the Woodrow Wilson Jr. High School. Young people come from most every church and school in Eugene. The program features the very best in Christian talent and speakers. Everyone is welcome to attend but the Young people are especially urged to attend.

River Road Baptist Sermon on 'Faith'

"The Importance of Faith" is Rev. W. M. Whitwell's 11 a.m. sermon topic at the River Road Baptist Chapel.

"Faith is vital in all of life and the limiting factor in spiritual success. Care not whether men say you are a thinker. See to it that they know you as a great believer."

"There will be a service of dedication for parents and children during the morning worship hour. Special music will be provided by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Davis.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. with classes for everyone. The Youth Fellowship meets at 6:15 p.m. every Sunday and invites those of Junior High age to come. This is an expression of service for young people offering training in Christian leadership.

The pastor is speaking on the subject, "Doubtful Obedience" in the evening service at 7:30 p.m. The service will include singing, testimonies, and spiritual inspiration. Bring your testimony in the form of a Scripture quotation on the subject of "Joy."

The mid-week prayer service is held each Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. The pastor is beginning a series of devotional studies in the book of Acts.

Alpha Mission to Meet

Baptist Alpha Mission Circle will meet at the church, Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 2 p.m. The program will present up-to-date missionary information by means of an adaptation of the missionary commissioning services held recently in conventions at San Francisco.

Mrs. Floyd Travis is the leader.

FRIENDS MEETING SET

The regular weekly Friends meeting for worship will be held at the University YWCA, Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Provision is made for care of young children.

Central Lutheran Service to Be Broadcast Sunday

The morning worship service at Central Lutheran Church, 18th and Potter Sts., will be broadcast over radio station KUGN, at 11. Pastor Harold Allbue will preach the sermon. Sunday School is 9:45.

The High School Luther League will have a meeting in the afternoon, at the home of Malcolm Amondson. Jerry Zenzen will present the topic, Clarence Hultgren will lead in devotions and Eleanor Hansen will speak on "Youth in Action." The young folks are to meet at the old church, 6th and Pearl, at 3 p.m., and go together to the meeting.

United Lutheran Sunday Sermon Topic Listed

"The Ministry of Encouragement" will be the theme of the Rev. Charles A. Eppele's sermon at the United Lutheran Church, 11th Ave. E. and Kincaid St., Sunday morning at 11. Sunday school for all ages will be held at 9:45.

At 2:30 in the afternoon the young people of the church will hold a picnic on the park grounds of the Bethesda Lutheran Church on the Elmira Rd.

Construction of the new church at 22nd Ave. W. and Washington street is moving along at a rapid pace. Members of the congregation are currently being solicited for their suggestions for a name for the congregation.

Because the congregation is affiliated with that branch of the Lutheran Church known as the "United Lutheran Church in America," it has long been felt that another name than "United Lutheran Church" should be carried by the congregation.

Guest Pastor At United Brethren

Rev. Clark Robb, dynamic young minister from Michigan, and new pastor of the Roseburg Mission, will speak Sunday morning in the 11 a.m. worship service at the First Evangelical United Brethren Church, 8th Ave. W. and Monroe St.

Sunday School, with classes for those of all ages from the tiniest tot up to grandmas and grandpas, convenes at 9:45 a.m. with Joe Nee in charge. Bus service for outlying districts is available every Sunday morning.

Youth Fellowship meets in the basement chapel at 6:30 p.m. every Sunday. Kenny Dunkleberger, pre-med student at the U. of O. is president of this organization. The Y. F. is sponsoring a "Youth Emphasis Week," Sept. 11-16, featuring an outstanding musical group from Cascade College in Portland. Plan now to attend!

In the evangelistic service at 7:30 p.m. the assistant pastor, Rev. Kenneth D. Dooley will bring a message entitled, "There Came One Running."

Idaho Guests At Lighthouse

Lighthouse Temple will have as their guests, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Cole of Lewiston, Idaho, throughout the day Sunday.

Rev. Cole will be speaking at both the morning worship service, 11:00 a.m., and the evening evangelistic service at 7:30 p.m. Cole will speak at the young people's service which meets in the lower auditorium at 8:00 p.m. Sunday School will convene at 9:45 a.m. with classes for all ages, competent teachers and a hearty welcome to all who attend.

On Tuesday evening at 7:45 the mid-week Bible study and prayer service will be held. Friday evening at 7:45 the young people of the Temple will have charge of the service.

Missionary From Tibet At Church of Christ

"What Jesus Taught About Faith" is the message of W. W. White, pastor of the Fairmount Church of Christ, at the 11 a.m. hour.

Miss Gladys Schwake missionary of Tibet, who is home on furlough, will be the speaker at both evening groups. She will speak at the 6:15 Endeavour hour, and again at the 7:30 church hour. Miss Schwake has been in Tibet for the last 10 years.

Sunday School classes meet at 9:45 a.m. for all ages. Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting, is Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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Rev. Van Lierop Lists Sermon At Fairmount

Rev. John H. Van Lierop at Fairmount Presbyterian Church will preach on, "A Sermon in Road Signs."

"This sermon takes the common road signs along the highway and lifts them into a deeper meaning with a Scriptural basis." Sunday school convenes at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday evening at 6:15, Westminster Fellowship will attend a joint meeting at Central Presbyterian Church, along with other downtown young peoples' church groups.

Monday at 7:30 p.m., there will be a meeting at the church of all officers and boards of the church, at which time the work of the coming year will be planned and discussed.

A potluck luncheon, held at the church Thursday, Aug. 25 was well attended. The luncheon was a farewell to Mrs. Wm. Kelsay, who is moving to Roseburg. Mrs. Kelsay was chairman of Circle No. 3 of the Women's Association, and was very active in youth group work.

Church of God Plans Service For 'Lookouts'

Paul Davis and his "Lookouts" along with a number of other shut-in folk will be special guests at the Church of God Sunday morning, Aug. 28. Rev. Wilma I. Perry has prepared a sermon planned to meet the need of those who are afflicted. This sermon is entitled "The Upper Window."

Immediately following the morning worship the church will hold its annual all-church picnic. Activities at this picnic will include, worship, recreation, and an old-fashioned basket dinner.

At 6:45 p.m. the delegates who have just returned from the West Coast Youth Fellowship Convention of the Church of God held at Camp Anza, Arlington, Cal., will bring a report of this convention and the activities of the car caravan which carried 48 young people from Oregon to this youth meeting.

The evening service begins at 8 p.m. with lots of gospel singing under the direction of Clarence Perry. The entire service promises to be evangelistic in its appeal.

'Our Father' Sunday Topic At 1st Christian

"Our Father" will be the theme of Dr. E. R. Moon's sermon at the First Christian Church Sunday at the 10:35 a.m. worship service. Dixie Roberts will sing "The Beatitudes" by Brown.

In the evening at 7:30 James Cornett, associate pastor, will bring the message on "Let No Man Despoil Your Youth" for the Young People's hour. An organ and piano duo will be played by Jean Rice and Eleanor Bower.

Nursery service during the Sunday School hour, 9:45, and the morning worship, Junior Church from 10:55 to 12 in the Junior Department.

Mid-week service Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the White Room with Dr. Moon leading the discussion. Maud Skaggs Woodyard, well known in Eugene for her choral work, has been called to direct the choir for the coming year and will meet with them for the first rehearsal on Thursday, Sept. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Ordination Council To Consider Two

An ordination council has been called by the First Baptist Church for Tuesday, Aug. 30, to examine and, if possible, to ordain Montell Whitwell and Howard Campbell, two young men of the First Baptist Church to the gospel ministry. The council will comprise delegates of 16 Baptist churches in this area. The council will meet at 8 p.m. in the church chapel with the service of ordination scheduled at 7:30 in the church auditorium.

Montell Whitwell is pastor of River Road Baptist Chapel. He has a Masters degree from Oregon State College and a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago. Howard Campbell is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Campbell of Coburg Road. He graduated from University of Oregon and took his theological training leading to Masters degree at Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas.

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Burtner Lists Trinity Topic

"Behold, I am Doing a New Thing" will be the sermon topic of R. W. Burtner at the 11 a.m. worship service of the Trinity Methodist Church which meets in the Collin Kelly Junior High School.

The Church School begins at the regular 9:45 a.m. hour for all persons desiring instruction in the Christian faith. A nursery is provided for the smaller children of parents who wish to attend the worship service.

An all-church pot-luck supper will be held Sunday evening at 5 p.m. Fellowship of church people is the keynote.

Sunday Masses At St. Mary's Catholic Church

St. Mary's Catholic Church will have five Masses on Sunday, Aug. 28 at 6:30, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Father J. J. Linehan will be celebrant of the 6:30 a.m. Mass with a second Mass at 9:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church at Oakridge.

Father Francis P. Leipzig will read the 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. Masses with sermons at both the Masses. The 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses will be celebrated by Father Basil, O.S.B. Father Basil will also deliver the sermon at the last two Masses.

Daily Masses will be held at 6:45 and 8:00 a.m. each day, except on the First Friday of September, when three Masses will be said at 6:45, 8:00 and 8:30 a.m.

Mary Grubbs In Last Service

Miss Mary S. Grubbs will play her last service at the Congregational Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock before leaving to do graduate work in the Oberlin Graduate School of Theology at Oberlin, Ohio.

The choir will sing "Peace I Leave With You" by Roberts, and Miss Treva Rice, soprano, will sing "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes" by McDermid. Dr. Nicholson will preach.

A reception for Miss Grubbs will be given by the Women's League from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday in the Wheeler Room of the church building. Community friends of Miss Grubbs are cordially invited.

The Northwest Regional Conference of Congregational Churches meets in Forest Grove, from Monday evening through Friday noon. Ministers and laymen and their families from Congregational Churches in Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon will be in attendance.

Headline speakers at the meetings will be Dr. Herman Long, director of the Race Relations Department of Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. R. Norris Wilson, assistant director of the Missions Council of the Congregational Churches with headquarters in New York City; and Dr. Jesse Pierce, minister of the First Congregational Church of Elgin, Ill.

'Harsh Words From A Tender Heart' Is Simonson's Topic

"Harsh Words from a Tender Heart" is the title of Pastor Sterling Simonson's sermon at divine worship, Sunday, 11 a.m. at the Springfield Lutheran Church.

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. with a genuine welcome offered for every pupil. "Every Sunday is enrollment Sunday at the Springfield Lutheran Sunday School."

NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR

Marjorie Seibert Wilson will be the new choir director and organist for the Methodist Church. A few openings are left for altos, bass and tenors. Anyone interested call Mrs. Wilson. Choir practice is Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., at the church.

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First Baptist To Broadcast Sunday Service

"Apostasy and Its Fruit" will be the sermon topic of Dr. Vance H. Webster at the First Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a.m.

This message, which will be broadcast over KASH, will be based on Revelation 18. Questions which will be considered in the presentation will be: "What are the conditions in church preparing for the apostasy?" "Does the growing toward church union have part in this picture?" Is there a revival in the church?" Virginia Baker will sing "The Light of the World" by Askey and the choir them will be "Remember Thy Creator" by Adams.

"Armageddon, a War That Really Brings Peace" will be the theme at the evening service. The choir will sing "The Silent Night" by Bach. There will be a sing-along for young people following the service.

Bible School with classes for ages at 9:45 a.m. Six fellowship groups meet at 8:30 p.m.

Local Pastor's Son to Preach

Pastor Edwin A. Sveden, Oakes, Okla., son of the local pastor, will deliver the sermon, "Emmanuel Lutheran Church."

His sermon topic will be "Are We The Light of the World?" based on the text in Matthew 14-16. Sunday School for all ages will be at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. Gold-Band League, the League, and all junior and senior young people are invited to home of Atter Moss, 460 S. Side Drive for a back-yard picnic.

Pastor Edwin Sveden will also make his work among the Okla. Indians in Oklahoma. This will be conversation and action, and a pot-luck-lunch will be served.

1st Methodist Events Listed

At the First Methodist Church Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 28, the minister, Rev. Lynn V. Farris, has chosen as sermon topic, "And We'll Pray." There will be a school at 9:45 a.m. for all ages.

There will be a Children's vision Meeting Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the parsonage. This meeting is a day so the superintendents and teachers may plan the fall program for the Sunday School.

Mrs. Marjorie Seibert Wilson will release the choir Wednesday evening, Aug. 31 at 7:30 p.m.

'Christ Jesus' Lesson-Sermon

"Christ Jesus" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in the Churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, Aug. 28.

The Golden Text is "God loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon are the following from the Bible: "I am not that I am come to destroy, but to fulfill" (Matt. 5:17), together with the following correlative passages from the Christian Science text book, "Science and Health," by Mary Baker Eddy: "Jesus' words established his claim to the Messiahship" (p. 131).