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Do You Read Your Church Periodical?

By Mrs. Galen Boles Publications Secretary, First Baptist Church Do YOU read the church page in your local newspaper, or your church paper or magazine? Or do you subscribe to some church periodical? Many church people would have to answer No to these questions.

Among the mass of periodicals the church publications are all too often neglected. Frequently good church members are not even sufficiently acquainted with their church publications to recognize them when they see them, or hear their name. Though the average home has at least two or three different magazines only a very small percentage has a church periodical.

By newspaper, magazine and radio we are kept informed of what is happening all over the earth. Should not Christians know as well what the people of God are doing?

Your church paper brings you news of what your denomination is doing in other places, what it is achieving throughout the state and the nation. It is not good to be a church isolationist; we need to learn of the problems and accomplishments, not only of our own particular church and denomination, but also of other denominations.

Church papers bring us the best thought of our church leaders. To be well informed we need to keep up in the religious field as well as in other fields. Many church magazines have excellent book review sections which can serve as a guide to good reading.

Especially we should study the reports from the foreign nations where the church is facing great difficulties. How many people really know what the missionaries are accomplishing? Or how many understand the problems which confront them in many lands? These who have gone in our place deserve our prayers and financial support, but WE need the knowledge of the people to whom God's word is given and its results.

The only place to get this knowledge is through our church papers. No greater adventure stories are written than the biographies of missionaries.

Too often the only church publication with which children are familiar is the Sunday School paper. There are many excellent Christian magazines which they would read if they were available to them.

We all complain about the trash which children read, but make little effort to see that they have better things to read. Too many parents are overlooking the Christian sources of help and interest for children and young people.

The church periodical of today is usually a high grade publication. The editors are carefully chosen and the form and material are attractive. Editorial comment on current events gives us the Christian point of view which we might otherwise miss. Selected sermons, interesting articles and stories, Bible lessons, and simple church news make up the average church paper, but there are many with a special interest, such as those devoted to the work of women's societies in the church, or to missionary education, or to youth work or children's work.

The scope and variety of church publications is truly amazing.

There are, of course, non-denominational papers and magazines devoted to religious thought and events. These are also worth studying, and worth having in the home. They do not, however, exactly take the place of one's own church publications.

Every home should have a good church periodical.

Communism—Menace and Challenge

A humble missionary whose only distinction is that he has taught more backward peoples to read and write than has any other person—or probably all other persons together—comes back from the Far East with some ideas about winning the battle against Communism. Frank C. Laubach said recently:

We cannot out-propagandize Russia in a war for survival. But our deeds of kindness are more powerful than her accusations. The answer to Communism is a deed.

Putting our confidence in money is a mistake. We must help the world to help itself by sending technically-trained missionaries to teach the nations our technical skills.

While the Communists are trying to weaken the resistance of the world to poverty and discontent, we have to give the world strong bodies and hopeful minds.

Dr. Laubach firmly believes that Christians can infiltrate behind iron curtains with the Gospel, working and praying to bring Russia and her leaders to Christ. Speaking of Communism, he declares that "we must con-

tain it and seek to save it in the spirit of Jesus. And in doing this, America herself will have the revival which she sorely needs."

Of course, the "practical" people will complain that the world-traveled missionary is too idealistic. After all, he has been away from home and has had no chance to listen to rabble-rousing commentators and propagandizing politicians. Nor has he read the books and magazine articles about the Communists. All that he knows is what he learned through actually being out there where the really tough struggle is going on.

Unity by Way of Hymns

The National Federation of Music Clubs has made its selection of hymns for the Hymn-of-the-Month program for the 1949-50 season. This influential organization is to be commended in its desire to lift the level of church music and center the attention of clubs, schools and service organizations on the spiritual values contained in the great hymns of the church.

The selections for the coming season are as follows:

- September: "O God of Love, O King of Peace."
October: "Faith of Our Fathers."
November: "Now Thank We All Our God."
December: "O Come, All Ye Faithful."
January: "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning."
February: "O Worship King."
March: "O Sacred Head Surrounded."
April: "All Glory, Laud and Honor."
May: "Come, Thou Almighty King."
June: "The God of Abraham Praise."
July: "O Love that Will Not Let Me Go."
August: "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee."

Churches would do well to adopt this monthly program of hymn emphasis for the year and let these lofty hymns express and interpret the deep religious moods of the seasons for our people. All the hymns suggested are in Christian Worship, a Hymnal with the exception of the one for June which is to be found in a Jewish manual of worship. Nowhere is there a better expression of the underlying unity of the church than in the use of the same great hymns by all communions to express their common religious hopes and aspirations and their universal faith. These hymns are sung in many languages over the whole world and constitute a common bond to unite together in Christ all races of men in Christian fellowship.

—The Christian-Evangelist

Needed: A Spiritual Uplift

America needs to be lifted to a higher moral and spiritual level. Washington would be an excellent place to begin. Its merchants are reliable. If a salesman says a fabric is all wool, then all wool it is; or if a purchase is unsatisfactory to return it and get one's money back, he will make good. It is when one moves into the field of politics that doubts arise.

A few weeks ago President Truman told a group of exchange teachers at the White House that when one understands his neighbor "and what he is trying to do, nine times out of 10, he is trying to do right."

Individually members of Congress would measure up to the President's rating. The slump comes when party policymakers go into caucus and turn on the heat in an attempt to make a congressman violate his conscience for the sake of political expediency. No Presidential fact-finding board is required to discover that mass political morality has about struck bottom.

—The Christian Advocate

Your Second Job

Everyone should read the article by Albert Schweitzer in the current number of the Reader's Digest entitled Your Second Job. Here we find the deep and yet simple conviction of a great Christian and philosopher. Two significant paragraphs are these:

"Our greatest mistake, as individuals, is that we walk through our life with closed eyes and do not notice our chances. As soon as we open our eyes and deliberately search we see many who need our help, not in big things but in the littlest things.

"Wherever a man turns he can find someone who needs him.

"I hear people say: 'Oh, if I were only rich, I would do great things to help people.' But we all can be right in love and generosity. Moreover, if we give with care, if we find out the exact wants of those who need our help most, we are giving our own loving interest and concern, which is worth more than all the money in the world."

Here is a strange fact about us all. When we face scathing condemnation from outsiders, self-defense is at once aroused, and we vigorously justify ourselves against accusation; but when, from the inside, someone whom we love gratefully praises us and assures us of all we have meant to him, we at once feel humble, and begin to accuse ourselves.

—Harry Emerson Fosdick, On Being Fit to Live With.

Living is a lot like weaving—we need a pattern to follow.

Truman Takes Stand for 'Brotherhood'

PORTLAND—The subjugation of human beings by totalitarian states is horrifying to free people everywhere, declared President Truman in accepting the honorary chairmanship of the Brotherhood Week which will be observed next February 19-26 under the sponsorship of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Text of the President's message, dated Oct. 5:

"Respect for human dignity is the central issue in the world struggle today. America is dedicated to the conviction that all people are entitled by the gift of God to equal rights and freedoms even though they may differ in religious persuasion, in racial and political views or in social origin."

"Millions of people in our world are living in slavery. They are subject to the iron rule of despots who make the state supreme and who constantly violate God-given human rights. Free people everywhere are horrified to witness the subjugation of their fellow human beings by the totalitarian states. No group is being spared. Protestants, Jews, Catholics and Orthodox are being crushed into submission. Statesmen of democratic spirit and writers, teachers, scientists of independent mind are being destroyed. The conscience of the free world is appalled by their shocking martyrdom."

"It is for these reasons that I am happy to accept the Honorary Chairmanship of Brotherhood Week 1950."

"It seems to me that Americans can make no greater contribution to all mankind than to stand united, without a state-imposed uniformity, for the achievement of that peace and freedom for which all people everywhere pray."

'The Problem Of Being God'; United Lutheran

"The Problem of Being God," is the sermon topic announced by the Rev. Charles A. Eppie, minister of the United Lutheran Church, for the 11 a. m. service, Sunday, (Services are still being held in the Northwest Christian college music chapel, East 11th and Kincaid, while awaiting completion of the congregation's new building at West 22nd and Washington.)

The church council meets Tuesday 8 p. m. in the parsonage. Choir rehearsal in the music chapel Wednesday at 7 p. m.

Sunday school and adult Bible class are held every Sunday at 9:45 a. m.

'University of Life' Opens Sunday Evening

The "University of Life" will begin at Wesley Foundation, 1347 Onyx Street, this Sunday evening from 5:15 to 7:30 p. m. Two discussion courses will be offered. "Religion in Music" will be led by Dale Cooley, choir master of the Catholic Church in Eugene, and "World Christian Community" will be led by James Bryant of Friendly House. A buffet supper will be served at 5:15. Chapel at 6 and Discussions at 6:30 p. m. All University age youth are cordially invited.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship are planning a special youth night beginning at 4:30 p. m. Sunday afternoon. The youth will meet in the MYF room. Several caravans of cars will leave the church at 5 p. m. to pick up those of high school age. Fun, food (served by the Woman's Society of Christian Service) and worship will be the order of the evening. All those of high school age are cordially invited.

The various circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet Tuesday, October 11th. Circle No. 1, Dessert 1:15 p. m., Tuesday at Mrs. Anna Johnsons, 534 W. 11th Street. Circle No. 2, Dessert, 1:15 p. m., Tuesday at Mrs. Lawrence May, 305 W. Broadway with Mrs. E. A. Working assisting. Circle No. 3, Dessert 1:30 p. m. at Mrs. Adolph Walder, 2633 Agate Street with Mrs. E. C. Latham and Mrs. T. C. Wildish assisting. Circle No. 4, Dessert 1:30 p. m. at Mrs. F. Seibert, 670 W. Broadway. Circle No. 5, 1:15 p. m. at Mrs. Chas. Hunt, 360 Sunset Drive with Mrs. E. P. Robertson assisting. Circle No. 6, Dessert, 1:30 p. m. at Mrs. Celia Baker, 1156 Pearl Street. Circle No. 7, Dessert 1:30 p. m. at Mrs. L. O. Meisel, 1210 Pearl Street. Circle No. 8, 8 p. m. at Mrs. James Waite, 34 Ransom Avenue. Circle No. 9, 8 p. m. at Mrs. Gladys Bigley, 1304 Lorane Highway. Circle No. 10, 8 p. m. at Mrs. Paul Fetter, 2387 Alder Street. The Wesleyan Service Guild will meet Friday evening, 8 p. m.

Robert's Honors Ministry in Morning Sermon

"I Magnify My Ministry" is the message of Dr. Carol C. Roberts, minister of First Christian Church, at the 10:35 service. This is "week of the ministry" observance in recognition of the ministry.

The choir under the direction of Mrs. Maud Skaggs Woodyard will sing "The Lost Sheep" by M. B. Foster. The soloists in the anthem are Jean Balfour and James H. Cornett, with Mrs. Nell Murphey Dickson at the organ. At the 7:30 p. m. service Dr. Roberts' message will be "Your Religion." Special music will be a solo by Don Jones.

Nursery service is maintained from 9:45 to 12 during Sunday school and morning worship. Junior Church from 10:55 to 12 in the junior department.

We had 788 in Sunday School last Sunday. That was somewhat short of our goal; however, it was better than last year's Rally Day attendance but not good enough. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a. m. so let us all work toward reaching a goal of not fewer than 800 this Sunday. During the Sunday school devotion period special music will be brought by some of the music students at Northwest Christian college.

High school and junior high groups will meet at 5 p. m. for a social and recreational period to be followed at 6:15 by a study and devotional. The leaders for the Junior HI study hour are Mary Jane Eldridge and Larry Hershiser. The topic being "Making Our Dreams Count." The college age young people will meet at Christian House, 736 E. 16th Ave., at 6 for their youth meeting. Dr. Carol C. Roberts will speak on the topic "Building a Life Philosophy." Miss Dorothy Ganngath will furnish special music.

An informal reception honoring Dr. and Mrs. Roberts will be held at Christian House Sunday 4-6 p. m. The students of University of Oregon and Northwest Christian College are providing this opportunity to get acquainted with Dr. and Mrs. Roberts.

Wednesday, Oct. 12, there will be an "All Youth Banquet" at 8:30, in the dining room giving an opportunity for the youth to become better acquainted with Dr. Roberts. Tickets are 50c and can be secured in your departments. Dr. Roberts will speak to the group on the program of the youth and their relationship to the church.

Junior choir rehearsal Thursday at 4 p. m. in the Directing Room with Miss Alice Peck directing the choir. Miss Peck is music director at Roosevelt Junior HI school. Senior choir rehearsal is Thursday evening at 7:30 with Mrs. Maud Skaggs Woodyard directing.

Triduum at St. Mary's Catholic

The Rev. Frederick Traut, C.S.S.R., (Society of the Redeemptorist Order) Seattle, will open a Triduum in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Sunday, Oct. 9. The three days devotion will commence at the 6:30 a. m. Sunday Mass. Sermons will be delivered at the Sunday Masses at 6:30, 8, 9, 10 and 11 a. m.

Evening devotions will be held on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p. m. consisting of the Rosary, sermon, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All the sermons will be given by the visiting priest.

Daily Masses during Triduum will be at 6:30, 7:45 and 8:30 a. m. KUGN will broadcast the 11 a. m. High Mass and sermon. St. Mary's adult choir will have charge of the music under the direction of Dale Cooley. Father Traut will deliver the sermon.

At Fairmount Pres. Friends

The Gideons will be in charge of the service at Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Sunday morning, Sunday at 10:15 a. m. Following the Meeting for Worship there will be a discussion of the topic, "Friends and the Family." Anyone interested is invited to attend. Provision is made for the care of young children.

"The statistics of every state show a greater amount of crime and misery attributable to the use of ardent spirits than to any other source." Who said this? The Supreme Court of the United States—none other. Quoted by the Board of Temperance, Methodist Church.

"UNITY" STUDY GROUP Unity Study Group meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m. in the south room of the Unitarian Church, 11th and Ferry St. Class topic, "The Spoken Word and Unadulterated Truth."

Jane Hansen Joins Staff At Methodist

Miss Jane Hansen has recently been appointed as Secretary's Assistant and Church Secretary at First Methodist Church. Miss Hansen is a graduate of the Department of Religion, Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, Class of 1947.

During the summer of 1947 she was working in New York City under the Board of Education and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, in a Summer Work Camp Project. Upon returning to the west coast she has been employed at the Portland Council of Churches in Portland, Oregon, and in the Special Education Department of the Salem Public Schools.

Gideons At Evangelical Sunday Morn

The 11 a. m. worship service at the First Evangelical United Brethren Church, Eighth and Monroe, will be a Gideon Service. The church choir under the direction of Oscar Carlson, minister of music, will sing the anthem, "I Shall Not Pass This Way Again," by Stanley S. Effinger.

At 7:30 p. m., the local church Brotherhood will have charge. One of the features of this service will be a male chorus which will present special music. We extend a special invitation to all young people to attend the Youth Fellowship Service at 8:30 p. m., and the Youth Singspiration in the church parlor at 9 p. m.

Webster Takes 'Tides' Topic At Baptist

"Withstanding the Tides on the Sea of Life" will be the theme of Dr. Vance H. Webster at First Baptist Church at 11 a. m.

"Is it possible for men to keep their footing in a day when many of the tides of life are sweeping men off their feet?" is the question which Dr. Webster will endeavor to answer in the message which will be broadcast over KASH.

"Hyms We Love to Sing" will be featured at 7:30 p. m. The sermon by Dr. Webster will be on "Can a Man Know God?" The activities of the day will include Bible school at 9:45 a. m., six fellowship groups at 8:30 p. m., and a singspiration for young people at 9 p. m.

The Umpqua Baptist Association meets at Coos Bay Monday and Tuesday.

The Hour of Power service Thursday at 7:30 p. m., with Bible study in Romans 11 by the pastor.

Dr. Francis E. Dart Speaks 'Plymouth' On Europe's Plight

Dr. Francis E. Dart, assistant professor of physics at the University of Oregon, will speak at 6 p. m. Sunday to the members and friends of Plymouth Club, the organization for University students and business young people.

Dr. Dart was for three years with the Friends Service Committee in Europe. He will discuss, "Does Europe Want Democracy?" All are invited to come at 5 for a snack supper and a period of recreation preceding the talk. The snack supper is catered by the Faculty Club chef and is 35c per plate.

Pilgrim Fellowship for high school students meets at 6:30 p. m. at Plymouth House. All high school students are invited.

Central Pres. Has Conference Sunday, 3 p. m.

Rev. Paul S. Mellich will preach on "The Need of the Hour" at 11 a. m. at Central Presbyterian Church. The choir, directed by Mrs. Edna Pearson, will sing two anthems, "Abide With Me" by Liddle, and "O God, Thou Faithful God," by Brahms. Andrew Flinders' organ prelude will be "Nun Komm, Oen Heiden Heiland," by Bach.

At 3 o'clock Sunday the Willamette Presbytery will hold an Area Officers' Training Conference at Central Presbyterian Church. "Church Administration," "Promotion of the Church School" and "Use of the New Curriculum" will be the chief areas of discussion. All officers of church boards and organizations of the church and all church school officers and teachers are urged to attend. Supper will be served in Fellowship Hall at 5:30.

The Junior High Westminster Fellowship will conclude its discussion in the area of "Faith and Life" with a survey of the New Testament. This group will meet at 5 in the Parish House.

At 5:15 the Senior High Westminster Fellowship will leave from the Parish House for a picnic-veper service along the McKenzie River. Everyone is requested to bring their lunch. Mr. Mellich will present the evening meditation. The group will return at 8:30.

Around 50 students from the University are spending the week-end on the Westminster House Fall Retreat at Smith Camp, near Silver Creek Falls. They planned a well-rounded program of worship, recreation, and study and work on the Westminster Fellowship Commission Plan, and will return to the campus Sunday evening.

At Congregational

Dr. Wesley Goodson Nicholson will preach at both the 9:30 and 11 a. m. services at the Congregational Church, on "Some Aspects of Churchmanship."

The choir under direction of Elwin Myrick, will sing, and soloist will be John Hendrickson, tenor. A nursery will be provided at both services. Sunday school with classes through high school, is at 10 a. m. as usual. Lunch will be at 8 p. m.

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