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Southern Baptist Minority Wins Battle Over Church 'Structure'

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NEW YORK (AP)—Some steadfast Southern Baptists go back to a Rocky Mount, N. C., church this Sunday — victors in a long struggle to prove the church roots go deeper than moods of the moment.

The case seems likely to become a landmark in the history of congregationally governed churches.

It demonstrates, said the Rev. Douglas M. Branch, president of the North Carolina State Baptist Convention, that a church structure "does not belong to a congregation at any particular time."

Rather, he said, it belongs to "both the dead and the living" whose cumulative gifts have built it to serve God according to convictions of "a particular denomination or persuasion."

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The question, long a touchy one among Baptists and other "free church" denomiations, was appealed through 3 courts in a year and a half of conflict at the North Rocky Mount Baptist Church.

As a result, a minority group that remained loyal to the church's traditional Southern Baptist position regains the house of worship this Sunday from a majority that voted to switch allegiance.

The dispute arose shortly after the Rev. Samuel H. W. Johnston, of the General Assn. of Regular Baptists, became paster. The state supreme court held that he "was the person who inspired and led" the dissention.

He charged the Southern and State Baptist Conventions with "promoting modernism, liberalism, unbelief and apostacy."

The "true congregation," said the state's supreme court, consists of those "who adhere and submit to the characteristics, doctrines, usages, customs and practices" accepted by both sides prior to the dispute.

Fundamental to the church, the court said, are its Southern Baptist connections.

BREAKING NEW GROUND

"I doubt if this has ever been defined in this particular way," said Dr. Porter Routh, of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention. "In that degree, it is breaking new ground."

The church was founded 60 years ago. It grew to a membership of about 1,300. It had a harmonious, flourishing life until the current dispute boiled over Aug. 9, 1953.

The vote to break old ties was 241 to 144. Many didn't vote.

Ordinarily, that would have ended the matter, and the minority would either have had to go along with the break, or get out. But they argued the church's foundations couldn't be shaken by any momentary majority.

"The thing that makes this decision important is that it was carried to court," said Dr. Albert McLellan, of Nashville, director of Southern Baptist publications. "It does, in that measure, establish a precedent."

Declared the Watch-man-Examiner, a national Baptist publication:

"It has taken a court of law to come nearest to a definition of Baptist local church property responsibilities.

"Our forefathers could not foresee a time when ambitious sectarians would lead organized raids upon Baptist churches. This generation has to meet a new type of church problem . . . the dangers inherent in our freedom."

540 IN MINORITY

About 540 Rocky Mount members are reported currently supporting the minority. A few of the original majority have shifted back. The others are building a new church 2 blocks away.

Officials of the Southern Baptist Convention, second largest Protestant body in the nation, took no part in the controversy, but made their comment in reply to this reporter's questions.

"The finding of the court," Dr. Routh said, "was that the customs and characteristics of an individual church have real meaning and substance, that they can be recognized even though they aren't written down."

Southern Baptist churches have no prescribed creed, or fixed procedures. Each acts as an independent democracy, whose "messengers" to conventions set programs of the denomination.

New Classes On Religion Are Offered

Four classes will be offered in the Christian Life and Workers Course which will begin at the First Baptist Church Monday, March 7th, and continue for six weeks. One study will be on "The Bible, How to Study and Memorize It" by Robert Gillikin. This will follow the "Navigator" system of study.

"Personal Evangelism" will be taught by the Rev. John Henderson, Associate Pastor. The above classes will meet at 7 p.m., and at 8 p.m. there will be two other classes. The epistles of Romans, I Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians will be taught by the Rev. Wm. Cross, pastor of Bethel-Danebo Baptist Chapel. Mrs. Robert Gillikin will teach a class on Vacation Bible School work. Everyone is welcome to take these classes without cost.

"Facing Life With Confidence" will be the subject of the sermon at 11 a.m. by Vance H. Webster. The U. of O. "Y" group will be special guests. New members will be received and the Lord's Supper observed.

A new fellowship group for young married couples will have a coffee hour at 6:30 p.m.

In connection with the Sunday evening series on the Book of Daniel, Webster will discuss the moot question "Will the Church Go Through the Tribulation?"

Lutherans Close Regional Meeting

The closing sessions of the Willamette Lutheran Inner-Mission Society, currently meeting at Spencer Creek Lutheran Church, will be held Sunday. The Rev. B. T. Gabrielsen, pastor of the Spencer Creek church, will be the main speaker at the 11 a.m. church service and his topic will be, "The Two Debtors." After the noon meal to be served at the church, The Rev. H. Christensen, Woodburn, will speak on Bible study and Elmer Strand, Eugene, will speak on "Studies in the Hereafter According to Scripture."

The closing service will be conducted by Evangelist Oscar Knutson of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Progressive Dinner

The Senior High Westminster Fellowship at Central Presbyterian Church will have a progressive dinner party this Sunday evening, March 6. The group will meet at the Parish House at 5 p.m. to start on their visits to the homes of three members.

The Junior High Westminster Fellowship will have a discussion meeting Wednesday about "Christian Conduct at School." They will also see a 15 minute film strip entitled "The Travelin Man," which will introduce the work accomplished by the relief offering, "One Great Hour of Sharing." This film strip will initiate a sharing project which will combine several benevolence projects in one effort.

Council Defers To Gleemen

Central Lane Council of Churches will postpone the meeting which was previously scheduled for the evening of March 8, because of the Gleemen's Concert.

Carroll C. Roberts, president of the council, will schedule a future time, to be announced later.

Television Family Aids in Promoting Charitable Movies

Members of "the Fisher Family," popular on the TV series "This Is The Life," which is currently televised over the local Eugene station, will be seen in many Lutheran churches of this area when they appear in a new documentary sound motion picture, "Building For Christ." The film is part of the information service in a campaign to raise five million dollars through the 5,000 congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, in behalf of five educational and welfare organizations. The ingathering will begin on March 20.

The "Fisher Family" is depicted viewing a film showing the needs of the five agencies: Valparaiso (Ind.) University; Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf, Long Island, N. Y.; Bethesda Lutheran School for the Deaf, tally retarded in Watertown, Wis.; The Lutheran Deaconess Association; and Board of World Relief and Lutheran Refugee Service.

Bethesda Home which now cares for 423 of the nation's mentally-retarded, epileptic and spastic patients of all ages, will receive $1,700,000 for use in a complete remodeling program, in the erection of new dormitories, and for a school.

The following churches of Lane County, belonging to the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will participate in this offering: Grace Lutheran Church, 11th and Ferry Sts., Eugene, the Rev. W. B. Maier, pastor; Hope Lutheran Church, 14th and B Sts., Springfield, Oregon, the Rev. E. D. Busch, pastor; Trinity Lutheran Church, 7th and Quincy, Cottage Grove, Oregon, the Rev. R. E. Kunz, pastor; and St. Luke's Lutheran Church, temporarily worshipping in the Westfir Community Hall, at Westfir-Oakridge, Oregon, the Rev. Henry W. A. Friedrich, pastor.

Children Baptized

Children will be baptized at the Congregational Church 9:30 a.m. service, and Communion will be celebrated at the 11 a.m. service. Wesley Gordson Nicholson, pastor, will continue at both sermons his current series on "A Statement of Faith for Congregationalists."

The high school age group, Pilgrim Fellowship, is at Salem for a conference this weekend. The Church Council meets Monday, 7:30 p.m.

'Nother Trip Through India For Christian

All passengers — from "Child Care" to "Adults"—should be at the airport of First Christian Church (church dining room) at 5:30 p.m. Sunday for an important study in the series of "Family World Friendship Nights" programs. Carl Cobb will be on hand to send the group off "on the wings of song." Each age-level will have an interesting study beginning at 6:15. The adults will join in one group under the direction of the pastor and will hear reports on the work of the Disciple Missions in India. Public welcome.

Members of the church are asked to be thinking of the "Week of Compassion" Offering which will be received March 13 and March 20. The church will be participating in the "Share Our Surplus" program. This is a plan in which the government will provide 20 dollars worth of our surplus food for every dollar contributed. This food will be sent to those who need it in other lands. As a church, First Christian will take part in a three-fold way: the Indian Festival or "Mela" to be held March 13, the Week of Compassion Offering, March 13-20 and the All-Protestant "One Great Hour of Sharing."

Mendelssohn's Work Begins the Memorial To Century of Life

Sunday, March 6, the Central Presbyterian Church begins a series of special programs celebrating 100 years of continuous existence. The First Presbyterian Church here was organized May 5, 1855, while Oregon was still a territory and Eugene City had a population of about 200. In the intervening century the churches have steadily helped to form the city. Hence this observance emphasizes "the people and the conditions which have enriched the century. Appropriately, the first program is to be presented by the choir, and Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" has been selected.

This work was composed for another anniversary, in 1840, that of the invention of printing. Mendelssohn chose the texts and set them to various song forms, so that chorus and soloists and organ repeat the main theme of "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." The "Hymn of Praise" is supposed to have brought to the composer particular satisfaction.

For next Sunday's services, at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., the work has been compressed slightly to come within an hour in length. Mrs. Edna Pearson will direct the choir of about 40 voices.

Sermon on 'Man'

A Lesson-Sermon entitled "Man" will be read as the principal part of the church services in First Church of Christ, Scientist Sunday, March 5, at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Grace Chapel To Dedicate On Monday

There will be much activity in Grace Chapel next Monday, March 7. They are planning on a combined service which will include a dedication service and a fellowship meeting. The dedication will be for the recent remodeling of the exterior and interior of their building. The building has a complete new look on the outside, the labor being donted by men of the church, the pastor, Bible Standard Institute students, and Lighthouse Temple men.

The fellowship meeting is of the Oregon District of the Open Bible Standard Churches of Des Moines, Iowa. The first meeting will be held at 2:30 in the afternoon.

The evening service will begin at 7:15 with the Rev. O. I. Taylor from Vancouver, Wash. speaking.

Grace Chapel is located at 345 E. 31st Street in Eugene. The Rev. Robert M. Martin is pastor.

The Rev. Mr. Martin wishes to add this statement, to avoid confusion with another nearby church of similar name: "Grace Chapel and Lighthouse Temple are both affiliated with the Open Bible Standard Churches headquartered at Des Moines, Iowa; the Church of the Open Bible, located at 3195 Hilyard St. is not."

Pastoral Help Provided For Charles Moore

Emerald Baptist Church has provided its pastor with a student assistant, due to recent action of the Board of Deacons. Steven Garner, University of Oregon student, will assist the pastor, the Rev. Charles W. Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Garner are both in Eugene as students, preparing for the ministry.

Sunday morning the pastor speaks on "My Church, First of All." Communion will be celebrated and a group of new members received. At the evening or "family vespers" service he speaks on "The Fatal Lack." For boys and girls, the "Story Lady" will be present. At the midweek service the pastor continues the study series on "The Book of Acts." The church is making plans for the "Cavalcade of Missions," March 28, starting with a public mass meeting at Roosebelt Junior High School. Nine missionaries will participate.

Youth for Christ Hears Petticord, Noted Evangelist

Eugene Youth for Christ will present a sound film entitled, "The President Speaks," at the youth rally to be held in the First Baptist Church, Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Speaker for the evening will be Paul P. Petticord, President of Western Theological Seminary at Portland. His interdenominational contracts are with the National Association of Evangelicals, the Oriental Missionary Society, Youth for Christ International, the World Gospel Crusade, and many other organizations of a distinctly evangelical nature. He is Vice President of the National Association of Evangelicals and is Chairman of the Home Board of the Oriental Missionary Society.

His travels have taken him into all sections of the United States, much of Canada, across 14 countries of Europe and in Japan, Formosa, and Korea. Petticord holds many union and single church evangelistic campaigns in addition to his regular administrative duties of the Seminary.

Dr. Petticord is accompanied by his wife, who is in her own right a skilled chalk artist. Her original drawings, using chalk and black light, are very unusual. These drawings are based on Biblical scenes with her specialty being drawing life size faces of the disciples.

Director Harvey Klapstein invites the public to attend the weekly Saturday night rally of Eugene Youth for Christ.

Philip S. Hitchcock At Westminster Pres. For Morning Sermons

Philip S. Hitchcock will be the guest speaker at the Westminster Presbyterian Church Sunday morning March 6. Hitchcock, Director of Church and Public Relations for Lewis and Clark College, will speak on "The Importance of the Church in Higher Education." He will speak at both of the morning worship services, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

A communicant's class will begin Sunday, March 6, at 6 p.m. in the home of the minister, 107 Leigh Street. This is the first of a series of five meetings for young people in preparation for church membership.

The monthly church potluck dinner will be Friday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Central Presbyterian Church, 1040 Pearl Street. Roy A. Elliott, who attended the meeting of the National Council of Presbyterian Men in Sacramento last month, will speak about that meeting and play some records of the events and speeches there.

Paul and Mrs. Petticord

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Artistic Couple Display Curios, Drawings, Slides

The First Evangelical United Brethren Church, corner of 8th and Monroe, is having Mr. and Mrs. Paul P. Petticord of Western Evangelical Seminary, Portland, Oregon, as their special guests for his Sunday. Petticord is president of the above mentioned seminary, which is a graduate school of theology. He comes with a broad background of experience and training. At present he is also First Vice President of the National Association of Evangelicals and Chairman of the Home Board of the Oriental Missionary Society.

At 11 a.m. he speaks on: "The Christian Testimony," being conversant with the great trends in the Christian world and its relationship to the present political unrest.

The Evangel Hour at 7:30 p.m. will feature the Petticords in artistry, music, pictures, and sermon. Mrs. Petticord will give one of her original chalk drawings with the use of "black light." Colored slides will be shown of Japan, where Petticord recently visited, of the beautiful Shinto Shrines, a festival dance, the inside of a typical Japanese home, and the government buildings. The theme will be, "Time is Running Out!"

The Sunday School is celebrating "Enrollment Sunday." Several of the classes have had 100 per cent attendance in recent weeks and the entire Sunday School is striving for perfect attendance. If this is achieved, the attendance for this Sunday morning will be 551. To the Department having the best showing, Mrs. Petticord will give her picture which she will draw during the opening exercises.

University Church Beginning Campaign With Movie, Slides

The University Street Church of Christ, 2880 University St., begins a ten week loyalty campaign on Sunday, March 6. The goal is to double the Bible School attendance. The sermon by Leo A. Woodruff, minister, at 11 a.m. will be "Loyalty To Christ."

During the 6:15 p.m. hour, a 50 minute sound film, "As We Forgive" will be shown to a combined meeting of all Endeavor and discussion groups. The College Group will show the picture after the church service.

The Junior Hi and High School Youth are having a "Fun Frolic" in the social room on Tuesday, March 8, 7-9:30 p.m. Janice Bish and Dennis Rice of the Social Committee are in charge. All youth are invited.

The monthly potluck fellowship dinner for members and friends of the congregation will be held Wednesday, March 9, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Social Committee has arranged a program consisting of a reading by Joan Bissell; vocal solos by F. H. McEwen; slides from Japan by Opal Doty; and closing devotions by Melba Rees, "living link" missionary of the congregation.

Church of the Air Hears 4 Ministers

The Rev. Ray Holder, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Los Angeles, Calif., will speak at 7 a.m. on Kerg-CBS Radio's "Church of the Air," Sunday, March 6, offering the sermon "These Burdens We Bear."

Three leading Presbyterians concerned with the work of the laymen in their church will speak at 7:30. The sermon will be offered by David Cassat, President of the National Council of Presbyterian Men, on "The Right Man in the Right Place at the Right Time." The Rev. Richard M. Heydinger, pastor of Westminister Presbyterian Church, in Dubuque, Iowa, will conduct the service. The Rev. Dr. Gaylord M. Couchman, President of the University of Dubuque, Iowa, will offer the scripture reading and prayers.

At Fairmount Pres.

The interim pastor of the Fairmount Presbyterian Church, the Rev. R. E. Clark, will occupy the pulpit Sunday at 11 a.m. His topic: "Twice-Tested Character" — a study in the life of the Apostle Peter.

The nursery will be in operation from 11 to 12. The coffee hour will be held immediately following the morning worship. Wednesday evening March 9th, the Men's Club will meet in the Sunroom for their potluck supper, beginning at 6:30 p.m. A work program will follow the supper.

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At 11 a.m. the pastor will speak on "The Four Suppers Mentioned in the Holy Scriptures."

Nazarenes Have Missionaries Friday Evening

Missionary activity in Argentina will be the subject of a Special program offered by the Church of the Nazarene for Friday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the church, 8th and Madison.

The missionaries appearing are the Rev. and Mrs. Spurgeon L. Hendrix, recently arrived in this country from Argentina for their second furlough.

During their stay in the United States Hendrix will be teaching at the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri and in deputation work under the direction of the Department of Foreign Missions of the Church.

Leaving for the field in 1941, Hendrix assumed pastoral and evangelistic work in Buenos Aires. He is accompanied to the States by his wife and their three children.

Conservatives Attend Meet

Conservative Baptists of Eugene will be attending the seventh annual meeting of the Conservative Baptist Association of Oregon, March 8, 9 and 10, at The Dalles.

Harold Lindsell, Dean of the Faculty of the Fuller Theological Seminary, will bring sermons on the theme of the conference, "The Power of God."

Milton Baker, Associate Foreign Secretary of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society with headquarters at Chicago, will relate the missionary fields and conditions as he found them last fall. Dr. Baker visited the countries of South America and took part in the field conferences.

More than 100 churches in Oregon are now affiliated with Conservative Baptist group, 44 new churches having been organized during the past six years.

Easter Seals In the Mail; Request Yours

Easter seals, proclaiming the message that "Christ is Risen" are now being mailed to almost a half million Lutheran Hour listeners who have written into the St. Louis headquarters of the Gospel broadcast in recent months, according to a report by the Rev. C. Thomas Spitz, Jr., director of radio operations.

Printed in purple and yellow, the seals also call attention to the Family Worship Hour, a 15-minute daily program of Christ-centered devotions sponsored by the League. The seals are designed for use on envelopes, letters, and all kinds of correspondence. Originated several years ago by William Fenske, a Detroit businessman, the seals have proved to be a popular means of identifying the broadcast. Seals are available by addressing a letter to The Lutheran Hour, St. Louis 18, Missouri.

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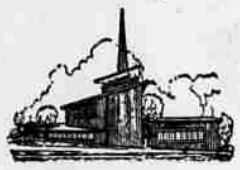

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