



PROPOSED BUILDING—Above is an architect's drawing of proposed Free Methodist church building. The middle section, now being used by the congregation for services, was completed in time for services to be held in the building last Sunday. The church is located at 1266 South Peach st. with the Rev. John M. Root, pastor.

Modern Ministers to Talk Of Gospel's Basic Essentials

By LOUIS CASSELS, United Press Correspondent
Washington — (U.P.) — The modern minister is talking to the same kind of audience that faced St. Paul.

His talk is to proclaim the basic essentials of Christian gospel to men and women who may not know what it is all about, but who feel a desperate need for the "radical healing" it can bring.

This conclusion, which may have a profound influence on Protestant preaching in the next few months, is the highlight of a unanimous report recently submitted to the National Council of Churches by the 24 distinguished theologians and ministers who are members of its commission on evangelism.

All Protestants Agree
The 19-page report, drafted by Prof. Robert Calhoun of Yale Divinity school, is notable in at least two respects.

It presents a summation of Christian beliefs on which representatives of all major Protestant denominations were able to agree. The signers included such diverse figures as Dr. Norman Vincent Peale of New York and Dr. Gaines S. Dobbin of the Southern Baptist seminary. And it shows that U. S. Protestantism has come a full circle since the prewar days when gospel preaching evangelism was relegated to an unfashionable corner of church life.

The report treats the current "religious revival" in America as an opportunity for evangelism, rather than evidence that the churches already are getting their message across.

Revolt Against Shams
"Like other mass movements" it says, "this one moves on many levels from superficial quest of new emotional satisfactions or ways of escape from hard realities to the profound discontent of honest, vigorous, penitent men and women in revolt against shams and half realities, truly crying out for the living God."

But the minister need not diagnose his congregation to determine how many are sincere seekers and how many are just following a fad.
"Christian evangelism is concerned for both mature and immature seekers. All alike need to find themselves face to face with the God and Father of Jesus Christ in his unyielding judgment and infinite mercy, both those who already know the depth of their need for healing, and those who are trying to settle for something less than the radical surgery of redemption."

The Major Point
The one all important thing which the church has to say to

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
West Jackson and Welch sts. near Holy st.
Rev. G. E. Walston, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Church school
11 a.m.—Morning worship "Communion, The Christian's Passover"
6:30 p.m.—Youth fellowship Bible study
7 p.m.—Evening gospel hour, singing
Tuesday: 7 p.m.—Choir practice and prayer service.

APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH
North Central ave. at Third st.
Rev. Loyce C. Carter, pastor
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
3 p.m.—Young people's meeting
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic service
Tuesday and Friday: 8 p.m.—Evangelistic service
Saturday: 7 p.m.—Prayer meeting

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pythian Bldg., Fifth and Grape sts.
Rev. Elvin S. Tollefson, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school and confirmation class
11 a.m.—Sermon with Holy Communion
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Midweek Lenten service, Archib. Olson home, 1023 Winchester avenue

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Jacksonville
Rev. William D. Turnbull, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
7:30 p.m.—Christians ambassadors meeting
Tuesday: 7:30 p.m.—Evening service
Wednesday: 7 p.m.—Joy girls
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Women's missionary council
7 p.m.—Choir practice
8 p.m.—Orchestra practice
Thursday: 7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting
7:30 p.m.—Bible study

BREMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
White City
Glenn S. Wade, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
6:30 p.m.—Baptist youth
7:30 p.m.—Evening service
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Prayer and Bible study
7:30 p.m.—Midweek service

BETHLEHEM ASSEMBLY OF GOD
1209 North Riverside
L. D. Krause, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship service
6:30 p.m.—A youth service
7 p.m.—Evangelistic service
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Prayer and Bible hour
7:30 p.m.—Midweek service

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
808 North Central ave.
Dexter Williams, minister
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Bible school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
6 p.m.—Study class
6:45 p.m.—Evangelistic service
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Midweek service

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Central Point
Third and Oak sts.
Mr. Jean M. Shelley, minister
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
10:45 a.m.—Worship "Why Church Members are Lost."
6:30 p.m.—Junior, Junior High and Senior youth meeting
7 p.m.—Evening evangelistic service, "Funeral services for the Living Dead."
Tuesday: 7:30 p.m.—Personal workers calling night
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Midweek service

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
345 North Mary st.
Essel Hiser, pastor
Sunday: 10 a.m.—Church school
11 a.m.—Morning worship "The Forgiveness of Sin"
6:30 p.m.—Choir practice
7 p.m.—"Martin Luther" film
7:45 p.m.—Christian education commission
7:45 p.m.—School of doctrine

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL
Prospect
Sunday: 11:15 a.m.—Morning prayer with sermon, Hal Todd, speaker
COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
Eagle Point
Joseph J. Munshaw, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
6:30 p.m.—Bible survey time
7:30 p.m.—Evening service
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Child's Bible story time
7:30 p.m.—Choir practice
7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
648 South Ivy st.
D. E. Dawson, bishop
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Televized broadcast of Salt Lake City general conference
7 p.m.—Sacrament meeting
Tuesday: 10 a.m.—Relief society
7:30 p.m.—MIA
Wednesday: 10 a.m.—Primary
Friday: 8 p.m.—Lucky Clover Orchestra dance

COMMUNITY CHURCH MEDFORD
(Non-denominational)
927 1/2 So. Central ave.
Joseph A. Bowdoin, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Church service
7:30 p.m.—Church service
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting and Bible study

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
300 Oakwood dr.
1 block south of East Main on Grove
Thomas McCamant, minister
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
7:30 p.m.—Youth meeting
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting and Bible study

MT. PITT AVENUE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Cor. Mt. Pitt ave. and Chestnut
Rev. Dewey Batchelor, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
6:30 p.m.—Youth service
7:30 p.m.—Evening service
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Midweek service

COUNTRY CHURCH
Midway Four Corners, Table Rock Rd.
Ernest E. Ralls, pastor
Sunday: 10 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship service
6:30 p.m.—Youth service
7:30 p.m.—Bible study and prayer
7:30 p.m.—Midweek service

EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
(American Baptist)
North Keene Way dr. at Ridgeway
Richard M. Jones, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Church school
11 a.m.—Morning worship, "The Agony of Prayer"
6:30 p.m.—Dine-a-mite for young people
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Hour of prayer
8:30 p.m.—Choir rehearsal
7:30 p.m.—Building committee

FAITH ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1329 Sailing ave.
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
10:45 a.m.—Worship
6:30 p.m.—Junior, Junior High and Senior youth meeting
7 p.m.—Evening evangelistic service, "Funeral services for the Living Dead."
Tuesday: 7:30 p.m.—Personal workers calling night
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Midweek service

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
1108 West Main
Robert C. Cull, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Communion service, "The Communion Mosaic"
6 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors meeting
6 p.m.—Adult Bible study
7:45 p.m.—Evangelistic service, the Rev. Edward S. Caldwell, guest speaker
Tuesday: 6:30 p.m.—Orchestra practice
8:30 p.m.—Choir practice
Thursday: 7:45 p.m.—Prayer and praise service

CHURCH DIRECTORY

"The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork." Psalm 19:1.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
Windsor and Oakwood dr.
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Sunday: 11 a.m.—Service, subject "Unreality"
11 a.m.—Sunday school; nursery available Sunday and Wednesday
Wednesday: 7 p.m.—Testimonials of healing. Reading room 228 West Sixth st.
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Daily (except Sundays and holidays)

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Holly at First
Raymond W. Hurn, minister
Sunday: 9 a.m.—Gospel hour, KMED
9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
10:30 a.m.—Morning worship
6 p.m.—Youth groups
6:45 p.m.—Adult prayer and Bible study
Monday: 4 p.m.—Evening worship
4 p.m.—Indian maidens and braves
7 p.m.—Work night at church
Tuesday: 7:30 p.m.—Gladys Mosteller, chapter, 808 West 11th st.
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Dinner and visitation
7:30 p.m.—Family prayer meeting
Thursday: 7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary choir practice
7 p.m.—Prayer and fasting
Saturday: 7 p.m.—Prayer meeting at church altar.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
North Main at Laurel
Ross Knotts, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Story hour, nursery
11 a.m.—Worship, "Dealing With Heresies"
5 p.m.—Junior and Senior high fellowships
8:30 p.m.—Wesley foundation for college students
8 p.m.—Adult membership class
1:30 p.m.—Prayer group
7:30 p.m.—Fireside circle; Wesleyan service guide
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Choir rehearsal
Saturday: 10:30 a.m.—Sixth grade membership class for retarded children
12 noon—Daily prayer fellowship

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
West Main at Laurel st.
Dr. Raymond E. Balcomb, Rev. George Trougher, Rev. Mrs. Anne George, ministers
Sunday: 9:30-9:30 a.m.—Youth membership class, 6th and 7th grades
9:30 a.m.—Church school, 4 adult classes for retarded children
9:30 and 11 a.m.—Worship, "The Marks of Jesus—Gentleness"
11 a.m.—Senior and Junior high church school, kindergarten, nursery, Presbytery choir rehearsal
3 p.m.—Youth membership makeup classes
7:30 p.m.—Junior high MYF
7 p.m.—Senior high MYF
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Lenten service
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Youth membership class for 10th, 11th and 12th graders.
7 p.m.—Boy Scouts
7:30 p.m.—Fellowship of prayer
8 p.m.—Choir rehearsal
5:30 p.m.—World friendship group of girls
8:30 p.m.—Youth rehearsal
8:30 p.m.—Youth membership class for 8th and 9th graders

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Central Point
Dr. Norman Tully, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Church worship, "The Word of Triumph"
10:50 a.m.—Church school, pastor's class
7 p.m.—Youth fellowship and home fireside
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Jacksonville
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship service, Gideons in charge
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Eighth and Holly sts.
Rev. D. Kirkland West, pastor
Rev. John O. Reynolds, assistant
Sunday: 9:45 and 11 a.m.—Church school
9:45 and 11 a.m.—Worship services, "His Abiding Presence"
7 p.m.—Evening service and Westminster fellowship
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.—Westminster fellowship youth night
7:30 p.m.—Midweek prayer fellowship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Phoenicia
Second and Church sts.
Ernest R. Volkman, minister
Sunday: 10 a.m.—Church school
11 a.m.—Worship, "The Man Who Knew What He Wanted"
7:30 p.m.—Youth group, report from Youth Presbytery
Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.—Bible study and prayer group
7:15 p.m.—Choir practice
FOURSQUARE CHURCH
East Jackson and Bliddle rd.
R. H. Mathewson, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship service
6:30 p.m.—Evangelistic service
7:30 p.m.—Bible study and prayer

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
1266 South Peach st.
Rev. J. M. Root, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship service
7 p.m.—Family hour
7:45 p.m.—Special service and singing
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Midweek prayer service

FOREST ACRES COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Lester Wilcox Jr., pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
6:30 p.m.—Young people's service
7:30 p.m.—Evening service
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting
Griffin Creek Grange

GRIFFIN CREEK UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL
(Non-denominational)
Griffin Creek Grange
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
6:30 p.m.—Young people's service
7:30 p.m.—Evening service
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Talent
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Preaching service
11 a.m.—Baptist doctrinal lesson
Thursday: 7 p.m.—Bible study and prayer meeting

OPEN BIBLE STANDARD CHURCH
Moore Hall (11 Newtown)
Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Harsh, pastors
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning worship, "Why Start Church in Medford?"
7 p.m.—Evening worship, "The Man Who Forgot God"
OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH
Cove
Sunday: 8 a.m.—Mass
10 a.m.—Mass

PHILADELPHIA CHURCH
1 block off Crater Lake avenue on Grandview avenue
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas White, pastors
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
7:30 p.m.—Evening service
7:45 p.m.—Evangelistic service
Wednesday: 7:45 p.m.—Midweek service

PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH
Corner of Pine at Sixth sts., Central Point
Rev. H. J. Kreider, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school, rally day
11 a.m.—Morning worship
6:30 p.m.—Youth service
7 p.m.—The Gospel hour
Thursday: 7 p.m.—Midweek prayer and Bible study

PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH
East Jackson and Besse sts.
Rev. Sherman Moore, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
6:45 p.m.—Young people's service
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic service
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Midweek prayer service

RE-ORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
Tenth and Ivy sts.
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
6:30 p.m.—Youth service
7 p.m.—The Gospel hour
Thursday: 7 p.m.—Midweek prayer and Bible study

ROGA VALLEY SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
Route 161, Gold Hill
M. M. Aruse, D.D.
Sunday: 8 p.m.—Service

ST. LUKE'S METHODIST CHURCH
Bigham hall, Jackson county fairgrounds on Stewart ave.
John Albert Taylor, minister
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Church school
11 a.m.—Morning worship, "Trumpets in the Morning"
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL
Fifth st. and North Oakdale ave.
Rev. George R. W. Bolster, rector.
Rev. John A. Bright, assistant
Sunday: 8 a.m.—Holy communion
9:30 a.m.—Church school; adult study group
10:45 a.m.—Nursery school
11 a.m.—Holy communion with sermon
12 noon—Coffee hour
7 p.m.—Young people's fellowship
Friday: 7:30—11 a.m.—Holy communion

ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Shady Cove
Sunday: 7:30 p.m.—Evening with sermon.
C. Elwood Hedberg, speaker

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
215 South Oakdale st.
Priests: Fr. Nicholas Deis, Fr. John A. Higley, Fr. William McLeod
Sunday: 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m.—Mass
4:30-7:30 p.m.—Confession
Daily: 8 p.m.—Mass

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Corner Edwards & Beatty sts.
Elder John, Trude pastor
Friday: 7:30 p.m.—Teens for Christ, Medford church
Saturday: 9:30 a.m.—Sabbath school
11 a.m.—Worship
5:30 p.m.—MV, Valley View church
Monday: 7:30 p.m.—Junior Dorcas
Tuesday: 7:30 p.m.—Pathfinders
7:30 p.m.—Senior Dorcas
7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting

ST. PETER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Missouri Synod)
1020 East Main at
Kenneth F. Korbly, pastor
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.—Sunday school and Bible study
11 a.m.—Worship with sermon and holy communion
2:30 p.m.—Voters' meeting
Monday: 8 p.m.—Adult class
8 p.m.—Midweek Lenten service
Thursday: 11 a.m.—Adult instruction class
senior choir
Saturday: 10, 11, 11:15 a.m.—Children's catechumen classes
10 a.m.—Cherub and junior choir meeting

ST. PETER PREACHING MISSION
Antelope school, Eagle Point
No services

SALVATION ARMY CHURCH
4th & Bartlett sts.
Capt. William Ricken, commanding officer
Sunday: 7 p.m.—Street service
7:30 p.m.—Bible study
8:30 p.m.—Soldier's meeting
9:45 a.m.—Junior church and morning worship
8 p.m.—Young people's service
7 p.m.—Evening worship
7:45 p.m.—Evening worship
7:30 p.m.—Bible study and prayer
8:30 p.m.—Street service
8:30 p.m.—Youth night
Thursday: 11 a.m.—Ladies' day home league
7 p.m.—Ladies' night home league

SAMS VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH
(Non-denominational)
School house
Rev. H. A. Dierdorff, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship, communion
Tuesday: 7 p.m.—Christian Builders, home of Mrs. Lester James
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Prayer and Bible study

SAMS VALLEY GOSPEL CHURCH
(Non-denominational)
Sunday: 10 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning worship, Pat Muller, speaker
7 p.m.—Regular service
7:30 p.m.—Regular service, Gordon Peterson, speaker
Thursday: 7:30 p.m.—Bible study and prayer meeting

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
Eagle Point
Grange Hall
Elder John Trude, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sabbath school
11 a.m.—Worship, Elder Lloyd E. Biggs, speaker
8 p.m.—Choir rehearsal
8 p.m.—Mid-week Lenten service
Thursday: 7:30 p.m.—Goodwill
Saturday: 7:30 p.m.—Councilmen's conference
10:15 a.m.—First year catechetical

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Jacksonville
Sunday: 10 a.m.—Mass

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Corner Edwards & Beatty sts.
Elder John, Trude pastor
Friday: 7:30 p.m.—Teens for Christ, Medford church
Saturday: 9:30 a.m.—Sabbath school
11 a.m.—Worship
5:30 p.m.—MV, Valley View church
Monday: 7:30 p.m.—Junior Dorcas
Tuesday: 7:30 p.m.—Pathfinders
7:30 p.m.—Senior Dorcas
7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting

TRAIL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rev. Ernest Evers, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 p.m.—Morning worship, the missionaries from Panama
8:30 p.m.—Choir practice
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic service, Bill Stollen, guest speaker from Central Point
Monday and Tuesday: 7:30 p.m.—Services with Rev. Gordon V. Chapman from Indonesia, speaker

UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP
Sunday: 8 p.m.—"Religious Liberals Examine the Bible," Robert Bauman, speaker, at home of Mrs. Helen Ashley, 851 Washburn ave., Medford

UNITY CENTER OF MEDFORD
203 Holly Theater Bldg.
Sunday: 11 a.m.—Devotional service and Sunday school, "Lord's Supper"
Thursday: 7:30 p.m.—Midweek service
Friday: 11 a.m.—Morning study class

VALLEY VIEW SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
South Stage road
Floyd Breesse, pastor
Saturday: 9:45 a.m.—Sabbath school
10:45 a.m.—Young people's meeting
7:30 p.m.—Junior Dorcas
Wednesday: 7 p.m.—Teacher's meeting
7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting

WEST MAIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
1701 West Main st.
John York, minister
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Bible classes
10:45 a.m.—Morning worship
6:30 p.m.—Evening classes
7:30 p.m.—Evening Bible study
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Ladies Bible class

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ULCA
Fourth and Oakdale
Pastor G. Herbert Hillerman
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship service, "What Sacrifice Would You Make?"
6:30 p.m.—Intermediate Luther League
8 p.m.—Pastor's class
Tuesday: 8 p.m.—Brotherhood
Wednesday: 8 p.m.—Choir rehearsal
8 p.m.—Mid-week Lenten service
Thursday: 7:30 p.m.—Goodwill
Saturday: 7:30 p.m.—Councilmen's conference
10:15 a.m.—First year catechetical

Religious Ideals and Government Job Mix, Say Cabinet Member-Minister

Washington — (U.P.) — Ezra T. Benson, the first clergyman to serve in the cabinet since the Civil War, said today his four stormy years as Secretary of Agriculture have convinced him that "You don't have to sacrifice your principles to perform effectively in a political post."

"I have never found it necessary to wink at my religious ideals in order to carry on my government job," said the devout Mormon church leader who has occupied one of the hottest seats in Washington since the Eisenhower administration took office in January, 1953. "If I did, I wouldn't stay here 24 hours."

Benson is an ordained minister and former foreign missionary. He has been a member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles ruling body of the Mormon church since 1943.

He said in an interview that he regards government service as a Christian vocation, as honorable in the sight of God as the ministry or any other calling.

He also believes that religion, if sincere, must be the guiding influence in all of a man's activities—in politics, business, family life and recreation—and not merely a "separate compartment of life reserved for Sunday morning."

These convictions are reflected in Benson's custom of opening all of his Agriculture Department staff conferences with prayer.

"I believe very deeply in the possibility of finding divine inspiration for your daily work if you seek for it," he said. "I've had enough evidence of it to satisfy me beyond the shadow of a doubt."

Benson said he does not expect God to provide specific "answers" to detailed problems of farm policy. "I would not ask the Almighty where to set the

price support level on a crop," he explained. "That is an economic, not a moral issue."

What he does seek, and is confident he has received, is overall guidance to "make decisions in the right way."

Benson's strong conviction that he is carrying out God's will in his farm policies has been a frequent source of irritation to his political opponents, and particularly to some farm state congressmen who sincerely and vigorously disagree with him.

But the "inner security" which he draws from this conviction has been a major factor in Benson's ability to remain relatively unruffled in the face of some of the sharpest political and personal attacks ever directed at a public figure.

"I never get too upset by all this controversy so long as I feel in my heart that I'm doing what's right," he said.

Doesn't he find it hard at times to maintain an attitude of Christian charity toward his critics?

"Well, there is such a thing as righteous indignation," he replied with a smile. "I believe that it is right to speak your mind frankly and defend your position vigorously. But I always try to meet attacks with kindness."

"I really haven't had much trouble about forgiving my political enemies. Some of those who have attacked me most bitterly are good men with good motives. I have no feeling of personal animosity toward any of them."

"Since your belief that your policies are right, Mr. Secretary," the interviewer asked, "does it trouble your conscience when you have to compromise or make a deal to get a bill through Congress?"

"Compromise is part of the Democratic process," he replied, "and I do not consider it morally wrong so long as it doesn't involve surrender on basic principle."

"You can't always plow straight forward toward a goal. Sometimes you run into practical situations where you have to progress with ziggs and zaggs. On a farm bill, for example, I may accept temporarily some things I don't believe in, in order to go part way toward an objective I do believe in."

"But I would never support something I thought was basically wrong, something that involved a moral principle, even if I thought that by so doing some good might be accomplished."

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