

# Church News

## Central Point Pastor Accepts Call to Florida

Central Point — The Rev. James Kreider, pastor of Pilgrim Holiness church, Central Point, will leave Monday for Orlando, Fla., where he will assume duties as pastor of the Pilgrim Holiness church there.

Mr. Kreider has been pastor of the Central Point church for the past three years. He moved to Central Point from Portland where he attended Western Evangelical seminary and was minister of music at the First Evangelical-United Brethren church, prior to moving to Portland. He was graduated from the Owosso Bible college, with Owosso, Mich., with a degree in theology.

New pastor of the church is the Rev. Clarence Jackson of Klamath Falls who will assume his duties as pastor July 4.

Mr. Kreider will be accompanied to Florida by his wife, Katherine, and three children, Linda, Sandra, and Wanda.

Sunday morning at the 11 a.m. service the new church pews will be dedicated. The Rev. William S. Deal, district superintendent of the Pacific Northwest Pilgrim Holiness church, will speak at the dedication service.



Rev. James Kreider

## Tents Used by Friends During Church School

Vacation Bible School students will present their demonstration program at the Friends church Friday at 8 p.m., exhibiting their hand-drawn and giving a resume of memory work and songs learned during the two-weeks Bible School. Weather permitting, the program will be given in the large tent behind the church, where the primaries, juniors and intermediates have been meeting for opening assembly each day. The younger children will be costumed in sunbonnets, western hats, chaps and skirts made during craft time in keeping with the theme, "Pioneering with Christ."

More than 240 children from four years through the eighth grade have been enrolled in the Bible school, with a staff of over 40 teachers and helpers. Two buses have been used each day for transportation, and two tents were erected on the church grounds to provide extra rooms for craft classes. Pastor Clayton Crisman is superintendent of the school.

Worship services will be held in the church Sunday at 9:45 and 11 a.m. and at 8 p.m. Pastor Crisman will bring the messages. Pat Leek will be soloist for the morning services. During the Sunday school opening assembly at 9:45 a.m. Mrs. James Higgins will play vibraharp solos. Christian Endeavor will be held at 7 p.m., and the "Quaker Hour" will be broadcast at 9:30 p.m. over KMED.

## Presbyterians Set United Service

The Presbyterian congregations of Jacksonville, Phoenix, Central Point, Ashland and Medford are uniting Sunday evening at the First Presbyterian church in Medford for a Union Evening Vesper Service at 8 p.m. The Rev. Robert T. Bridge, formerly of Washington, D.C. and Abilene, Texas, and now of Jacksonville, will be the guest speaker. His topic will be "Art Thou He Or Look We For Another?" Mrs. Charles Champlin will sing, accompanied by Miss Priscilla West at the organ. A social hour will follow the service.

At both of the morning worship services Dr. D. Kirkland West will preach on "Does God Answer All Our Prayers?" The Westminster choir will sing "The Twenty-Third Psalm" at the first service, and the chancel choir will sing the anthem, "Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him" at the second service. Dr. Elliott Harlow will be the soloist for both services and will sing "The Ninety-First Psalm."

At 7 p.m. Westminster fellowship for senior high young people will meet in the fireplace room and will hear reports from some of the high school students who have returned from the Presbyterian Senior High conference at Lake of the Woods. Approximately 20 junior high campers will leave at 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon for a week at the Lake of the Woods camp and conference.

## Methodist Teachers To Attend School

Mrs. Robert Forbes, chairman of the commission on education of the First Methodist church, and Mrs. Alvin Minahall, teacher in the fourth grade department and Miss Judy Davis, teacher in the four year old department of the church school, will leave Sunday to attend a Laboratory school at the First Methodist church, Eugene. Mrs. Forbes will be the instructor for the three year old nursery, on the staff of the school. The school is sponsored by the Oregon Conference of the Methodist church, for the training of teachers and workers from nursery through the senior high departments. The Medford church provides scholarships for all teachers in the church school who wish to attend.

## Tuesday Fun Nights Planned for Youths

The Methodist Youth fellowship of the First Methodist church has planned to have fun nights this summer on Tuesday nights. This past Tuesday, the group skated in Ashland. On June 25, they plan to have a swimming party at the Hawthorne park. Craig Walestead is Fellowship Program Chairman with Richard Fanger, adult advisor. The Sunday meetings will be held at 7 p.m., with "The World Around Us" as theme for June 23, "This I Can Do," on June 30, and "Why Does It Matter If I Drink?" on July 7. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Igo are counselors.

## Children's Day Set At First Nazarene

Sunday morning services at the First Church of the Nazarene will be dedicated to the children of the church. Following a program presented by the daily vacation Bible school children at 10:20 a.m. the worship service, 10:50 a.m. will feature the children's day message by the pastor, "As Little Children." The pastor's Sunday evening sermon will be the third in a series of sermons from the Prophecy, the subject will be "The Riddle of Ezekiel."



**FORMER PASTOR**—The Rev. C. W. Frost, former pastor of The Apostolic Faith church here, will speak at the local church Sunday morning and evening, June 23. Mr. Frost, who has made his home in St. Louis, Mo., during the past year and has held evangelistic services throughout the Midwest. The Frosts will remain in Medford one day on their way to the Apostolic Faith International convention-camp meeting in Portland.

## Apostolic Faith Tell Summer Schedule

During the Apostolic Faith International convention-camp meeting in Portland fewer meetings will be held at the local church, according to the Rev. Loyce Carver, pastor. Schedule for the church starting Sunday, June 30, will be Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; morning worship, 11 a.m. and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 7 p.m. This schedule will remain in effect until July 28 when the regular five meetings each week will be resumed.

## Scheduled to Meet

The advisory board of the Salvation Army, Medford, will meet Monday, June 24, at 12:15 p.m. at the Salvation Army shelter on Crew's rd. Bids will be reviewed for repair work to be done at the Shelter. A tour of the shelter will follow the lunch. Reports to be given at the meeting will include one by members who attend the state advisory board meeting in Portland.

## Dr. Balcomb to Preach Farewell Sermon Sunday

Dr. Raymond E. Balcomb will preach his last sermon in Medford before leaving for new duties in Corvallis Sunday at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services at the First Methodist church. The sermon will be "Now Hear the Word of the Lord."

Several anthems will be sung and Dr. G. A. Dierdorff will be soloist singing "The Great Awakening."

Dr. Balcomb has been minister of the First Methodist church for the past three years. He was appointed by Bishop A. Raymond Grant to the First Methodist church, Corvallis.

Under the ministry of Dr. Balcomb more than 440 members united with the First Methodist church and the local and benevolent giving reached new records. In November, 1955, at the 70th Anniversary of the church, a campaign realizing over \$108,000 in cash and pledges was carried on for building and remodeling purposes. The Clarence A. Meeker Memorial chapel was dedicated in May, 1956 and bids were recently received for the construction of a new parsonage. Church attendance reached an all-time high at the Easter services in the Hedrick Junior High school auditorium last April, and series of Lenten Sunday evening services with guest preachers and choirs brought widely known speakers and choral groups to Medford. The church staff was increased with the addition of an associate minister and an additional part-time secretary.

The First Methodist church, Corvallis, is known as "the church beside the campus" of Oregon State college. Dr. Balcomb will preach there for the first time on Sunday, June 30. Dr. and Mrs. Balcomb have four children, Bernice, Rosemary, Gene, and Scott. A fifth child, Joanne, died here in January.

## School Demonstration Program Scheduled

The daily vacation Bible school demonstration program of the First Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly, will be given during the Sunday school hour Sunday morning. A rhythm band by the kindergarten and primary departments will be featured, also a junior and intermediate choir.

The offerings brought by the children to vacation Bible school is to be used to build churches in Korea and Formosa, the intermediate Department as also worked on bandages and hospital gowns to be used in missionary work done during Bible school. The program is scheduled to begin at 10:20 a.m. and will include songs and scripture memorization from each department of the school.

## Presbyterians to Attend Synod Meeting During Next Week

Several Presbyterians will be attending the Synod meetings at Lewis and Clark college in Portland, June 24 through 27. They include Dr. D. K. West, the Rev. John O. Reynolds, George Flanagan, Robert Brewer, Fred Gatter, Ward Lampkin, Mrs. George Osler and Mrs. Grover Corum.

Each person attending has an official relationship with the Synod, with Dr. West as chairman of the stewardship and promotion committee of Synod; Mr. Reynolds will be working with the committee on camps and conferences; Flanagan, stewardship and promotion committee; Brewer, finance committee; Lampkin, evangelism committee; Gatter is attending as secretary-treasurer of Presbyterian Men's club, and Mrs. Osler and Mrs. Corum are the delegates to Synod of the South West Oregon Presbyterian society.

## Home Mission Director To Speak Here Monday

The Rev. Clarence Solberg, home mission director of the Evangelical Lutheran church, will speak to the Ascension Lutheran church congregation Monday, June 24, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Valton Finley, 1327 Reddy st. Mr. Solberg will present the home mission set-up as it pertains to the building of the local church which is scheduled to start next month. The church site is on Barnett rd. and Black Oak dr.



William C. Piper Minister

## First Christian Church

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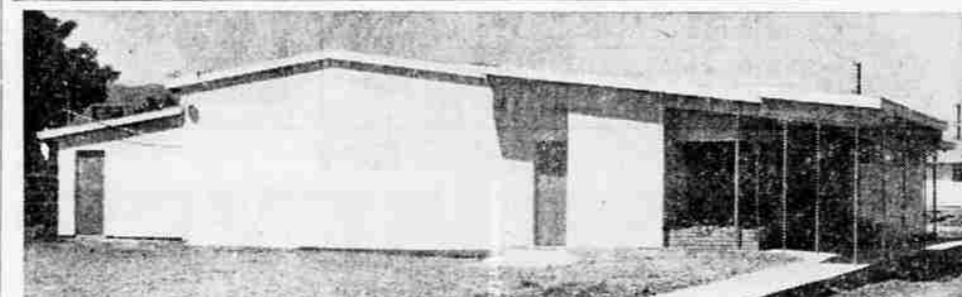


**MEMORIAL WINDOW**—A memorial window for the First Methodist church depicting the child bringing the loaves and fishes to Jesus has been ordered by the church. The window will be in memory of Joanne Elizabeth Balcomb, six-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Balcomb, who died last January. The window is being created by the Cummings Stained Glass studios of San Francisco and will be installed early in the fall in the east windows of south transept of the church. In the completed window the grape and leaf pattern will fill the curved border of the window.

## College President To Speak Sunday

The Rev. Leland R. Keys, president of the Bethany Bible college in Santa Cruz, Calif., will speak at the 11 a.m. service Sunday at the Bethel Assembly of God, 1729 North Riverside ave. Before occupying his present position as Bible college president, Mr. Keys was pastor of the Glad Tidings Temple in San Francisco. He is widely known as a Bible expositor and camp meeting speaker. Together with the Rev. C. M. Ward, speaker for the Assemblies of God national radio broadcast known as Revivaltime, Mr. Keys will form the camp meeting teams which will speak at the Oregon District Camp at Brooks, June 24 through July 7.

A group of musicians from the Bethany Bible college will be at the Bethel Assembly of God Friday, June 28, at 7:30 p.m. They will present sacred music in both vocal and instrumental combinations. The group is traveling extensively this summer to represent the college and to present concerts of sacred music.



**CHURCH DEDICATED**—Dedication services were held last Sunday for the Free Methodist church which was recently completed. The church, at 1266 South Peach st., is one of three proposed units. The Rev. W. S. Kendall and the Rev. M. C. Miller, both of Salem,

## Sunday School Picnic Planned by Church

The Sunday school of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran church, 1020 East Main, will be held Sunday afternoon on the south side of Hawthorne park, beginning at 1 p.m., according to Al Hunt-emann, chairman of the board of education.

Families of the congregation are reminded to bring food and service. Ice-cream and beverage will be supplied. The Sunday school picnic is an annual affair, sponsored by the congregation, for the children of the Sunday school and vacation Bible school conducted by the church.

## Starts Gambling Fight

The Massachusetts Council of churches in a state-wide crusade against organized gambling, first step in the "educational campaign" was distribution of a state crime commission report asserting that Massachusetts has more bookies than lawyers and dentists. The report added that gambling syndicates are milking the state of more than one billion dollars a year.

## Medford Boy to Attend National Assembly

Robert Licht of Old Stage road, Medford, will attend the Fourth Westminster Fellowship national assembly at Grinnell college in Iowa from June 26 to July 3. He will be a delegate from the Southwest Oregon Presbytery.

Mrs. George Flanagan will accompany the group from the presbytery as adult advisor. The assembly will be geared to the concerns of high school youth and will include "talk-it-over" sessions as well as speeches by Presbyterian churchmen.

## PASTOR TO SYNOD

Central Point — Dr. Norman K. Tully, pastor of First Presbyterian church, Central Point, will leave Monday for the meeting of the Synod in Portland. He will visit his daughter in Davenport, Wash., prior to his return. Sunday, June 30, the Presbyterian Men's club of the church will conduct the worship service.

**Notice**  
of change to summer schedule at the  
**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
Thomas McCamant, Minister  
Groveland Ave. and Oakwood Drive  
Church School at 10 a.m.  
Church Worship at 10 a.m.

## St. Luke's Methodist Pastor Arrives

The Rev. Melvin W. Dixon arrived in Medford this week to assume duties as pastor of St. Luke's Methodist church. Mr. Dixon has been pastor of the Shedd Community Methodist church for the past five years and was appointed to serve St. Luke's at the recent Oregon Annual Conference in Corvallis. His sermon for the Sunday morning worship hour will be "The Answer to A Question!"

The new pastor was born in China of missionary parents, came to America when six years of age, and has been in the ministry for 12 years, having served a Methodist church in Breckenridge, Mich., prior to coming to Oregon. His formal education was received in southern California with degrees philosophy and Biblical literature.

He was accompanied here by Mrs. Dixon, two daughters, Sharon, 12, and Martha, 10, and Mr. Dixon's father Stanley Dixon. Their residence is at 698 South Modoc ave.

## Picnic - Paint Day Set by Eastwood

Enrollment at vacation church school at the Eastwood Baptist church, North Keene Way dr. at Ridgeway, has exceeded previous years as the school been in session during the past week. Total enrollment is near 100. The school continues next week, with the annual picnic being held on Friday, June 28, at Lathia park and the program will be that evening at 7:30 p.m. Children from the ages of four through the sixth grade in the area of the church are invited to enroll for the second week of the school.

"What on Earth Are You Doing?" is the theme of the sermon to be given by the Rev. Richard M. Jones, pastor of the Eastwood Baptist church, at the 11 a.m. worship service. The choir will lead in the worship service. Nursery care as provided.

The Eastwood Baptist church cooperates with the American Baptist convention and is located north of the Hedrick Junior High school.

Saturday has been designated "Paint Day" at the Eastwood Baptist church. Members of the church are asked to come prepared to do a number of jobs, including the placing of the bell in the new tower, cleaning waxing the new floor and painting trim and wainscote. The new lawn will also be cut and rolled. The church is nearing the completion of its remodeling program, with many changes being made both inside and outside the church structure.



Rev. Melvin W. Dixon

## Baptist Pastor Attends Meeting

The Rev. James Newley, pastor of the First Baptist church, left for Los Angeles this week to attend the annual meeting of the Conservative Baptists of America. While in Los Angeles he will also attend a board meeting of the trustees of the Denver Theological seminary of which he was elected a member last year. In the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Haddon Robinson will conduct the worship services.

On Thursday, June 27, at 7:30 p.m. the church will celebrate its annual "Christmas in June" service. This service which is planned and directed by the missionary committee of the church is designed to provide Christmas gifts for a conservative Baptist missionaries around the world.

It is necessary to have the service during the summer since it often takes several months for packages to reach distant missionaries. The speaker for the program will be the Rev. Russell Smith of Portland. Mr. Smith is director of the state missionary work among negroes. The Rev. Lester Libbey of the First Baptist church in Ashland will also bring a brief devotion on the theme of world missions.

## Denomination Merger Explained Sunday

The 10 a.m. service at the Congregational church on Sunday will include a brief statement in preview of the Uniting Synod of the United Church of Christ which will be held at Cleveland on Tuesday, June 25. At this time the General Council of the Congregational Christian churches and the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed church will unite to form The United Church of Christ.

This is regarded as one of the most significant denominational mergers to have taken place in this country. However it is not expected to produce any immediate change in the status of local churches and the Congregational church of Medford will continue to be known by that name.

The sermon by the Rev. Thomas McCamant Sunday will be on the topic, "Full of Life." The second and concluding week of the vacation Bible school will begin on Monday. Sessions are from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Parents are invited to an open house Friday at 10:30 a.m.

## Church Department Organization Talk Set At Christian

The Rev. William C. Piper will talk on "The Functional Program" Sunday at the First Christian church. All departments of the church have recently been reorganized under the plan used in most of the Christian churches in the brotherhood. Mr. Piper will explain this plan and show by charts how it will operate. Mrs. Gloria Smith will sing the solo "How Lovely is the Hand of God" and the chancel choir under the direction of C. Warren Fairbanks will present the anthem "How Lovely Are the Messengers." A coffee hour will follow the morning service.

In the evening the sermon title will be "The Foundation of the Kingdom."

## SCHOOL CONTINUES

Phoenix—The daily vacation Bible school of the Church of the Nazarene, Phoenix, will continue for the second week. All children in the community are invited to attend the daily sessions at the church.

## Two American Denominations To Merge Tuesday

By LOUIS CASSELS  
United Press Correspondent  
Washington — Next Tuesday, June 25, in a ceremony at Cleveland, two of America's oldest Protestant denominations will formally merge into one body.

The Congregational Christian churches, descended from the Pilgrims who came to New England aboard the Mayflower, will unite with the Evangelical and Reformed church, which German and Dutch immigrants established in this country in the early 18th century.

The new body will be called "The United Church of Christ." With 8,200 local churches and more than 2,100,000 members, it will be the seventh largest U.S. Protestant denomination.

Merger negotiations between the two groups have been in progress for years. A previous decision to unite in 1949 was blocked by a law suit brought by an anti-merger faction. A minority group within the Congregational Church still is adamantly opposed to the merger and has threatened to remain independent.

Leaders of the Protestant ecumenical "drawing together" movement regard the forthcoming merger as one of the most significant that has taken place in the struggle to reunite the long-divided Christian family.

Previous U. S. mergers in recent years have generally been within the bounds of a single historic confession — as when various Methodist bodies joined to form the Methodist church in 1939, or when two northern branches of the Presbyterian church united last year.

The Cleveland ceremony will mark the confluence of two entirely distinct streams of Protestantism. The Congregationalist stem from the English reformation, while the E & R churches are spiritual descendants of the continental reformation led by Luther, Zwingle and Calvin.

Despite their diverse ancestries, the two groups found they had no basic disputes over doctrine. The principal differences which had to be ironed out in the protracted unity negotiations were in the realm of polity, or church government.

Congregationalists, faithful to the Puritan tradition, have always accorded local churches the highest degree of autonomy in regulating their own affairs. The Evangelical and Reformed churches, in the Presbyterian tradition, have had a greater degree of central organization and supervision.

The plan of union is designed to provide elements of both systems within the United Church of Christ. In effect, local churches will have a wide latitude to choose for themselves how closely they will be connected with the central organization.

## Adventists to Hear Congress Reports

A report of the Spokane Seventh-day Adventist Youth congress will be given Saturday, at 8:30 p.m. at the Medford S.D.A. church during the regular meeting of the local youth group.

Included in the report will be an account of the ceremony witnessed by the local delegates attending the Youth rally. Scheduled to give the report are Miss Gladys Beddoe of the Medford society and Miss Carolyn Glassford and Miss Marcella Wilbur of Fred Wilbur of the Valley View church.

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