

'Christianity Today' Editor Defends Dr. Graham's Methods

Editor's Note: In a recent signed column for the United Press, Dr. Harold E. Fey, editor of the Christian Crusade magazine, questioned the value of mass religious conversions such as those recorded at Billy Graham's New York Crusade meetings. The following dispatch, by the editor of another well-known Protestant journal, Christianity Today, defends Graham's methods and the crusade's results.

By DR. CARL F. HENRY
Written for United Press

The multitudes are loosed today from fixed standards and from a vital relationship to God. Whether won to Christ one-by-one or in throngs, they had better be enlisted swiftly, for unless they are brought to Christ, they will be abandoned to the service of false gods in our secular and materialistic age.

While the New Testament emphasizes the necessity of personal spiritual decision, it nowhere looks with skepticism and disdain upon attempts to evangelize the masses. At Pentecost 3,000 converts were added to the church. From the beginning, therefore, the Christian recognized that mass conversions are not necessarily superficial.

The real issue is not whether conversions are mass-produced or custom-made, but whether they are God's work or man's. Liberal Protestantism is critical of Dr. Billy Graham because of his success with New Testament evangelism in which it disbelieves, and not because there is anything intrinsically harmful about a bulk response to Christian evangelism.

What Graham believes Dr. Graham preaches the New Testament message that every man is a doomed sinner exposed to divine wrath, and that the sinner can be restored to fellowship with God only by the Holy Spirit's supernatural regeneration on condition of personal trust in the substitutionary atonement of Jesus Christ, the virgin-born, bodily-resurrected Son of God. The liberal theology's rejection of this New Testament message is the deepest ground of its criticism of Billy Graham.

In a recent article prepared for the United Press, Dr. Harold E. Fey, editor of the Christian Century, asserts that mass-produced conversions are ephemeral, and implies that one-by-one conversions through the local churches, without fixed doctrinal beliefs and without emotional upheaval, are superior. Dr. Fey contributes a shallow and disappointing estimate of the Madison Square Garden campaign.

Numbers of converts in Madison Square Garden have previously experienced the type of individual spiritual adjustment for which Dr. Fey pleads, and have found it spiritually inadequate and superficial due to the shallow theological dimension of the liberal Protestant theology.

The fact is that Dr. Graham

College Team to Lead Eastwood Worship

A gospel deputation team from Linfield college, McMinnville, Ore., will lead in the worship service at the Eastwood Baptist church, North Keene Way dr. at Ridgeway Sunday at 11 a.m. The team is composed of members of the student body at Linfield, some of whom are preparing to go into the ministry. Music will be provided by team members. The team will bring the worship in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Richard M. Jones, who is on vacation.

Ruch Church Pastor Ordained at Service

Earl Best, pastor of the new Ruch Community church for more than a year, was ordained as a minister at ordination services at Provolt Community Church last month. Lester Stevens, pastor of Provolt church, also was ordained at that time. The Rev. George Kehoe of Multnomah School of Bible served on the ordination council.

Others on the council included the Rev. Harold Anderson of Murphy, the Rev. T. S. Gopen of Applegate, the Rev. Dymoch of Williams, Alford Dymoch of First Baptist church in Grants Pass, H. H. Blanchard of Murphy, Herbert Elmore and Cecil Culbertson of Provolt, W. L. Green and Glenn Hunter of Ruch.

BIBLE STUDY

"The Holy Spirit—Third Person of Trinity or God's Active Force" from the July 15 Watchtower will be the Bible study topic Sunday at the 6 p.m. meeting at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

TOPICS TOLD

Sunday at 11 a.m. the Rev. Escil Hiser of the Church of the Brethren will speak on "The Grace That Shares". Topic for CBYF at 6:30 p.m. will be "Being Christian on Our Highways" while the Adult forum will be on "The Doctrine of Christian Experience."

SEMON SUBJECT

"Soul" will be the subject of the First Church of Christ, Scientist sermon at 10 a.m. Sunday.

is not opposed to a one-by-one winning of men and women to decision for Christ through the activities of the local church. Precisely the failure of the local churches to fulfill this task creates the urgency of mass evangelism. Multitudes of those who come to the Garden have never been reached by churchmen of Dr. Fey's persuasion with an allegedly superior technique of conversion or they would not be responding to Mr. Graham's ministry.

Converts Personally Counseled

Moreover, even in the Graham campaigns the appeal for public decision does not exclude personal counseling and commitment; every convert goes into the counseling rooms, and is encouraged in Christian growth through personal fellowship. If Dr. Graham were to lead hundreds of converts nightly into a decision for Christ through personal counseling,

Church News

Missions Service Set For Sunday

Special services for missions will be held Sunday at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran church, 1020 East Main st., according to the pastor, the Rev. Kenneth Korby. Prayers for missionaries and their work, plus a special offering for the continuation of the work will be features, in addition to the regular services.

Sermon to Stress Denomination's Education System

Fred W. Wilbur, principal of Rogue River Academy, will be guest speaker at the 11 a.m. worship service at Medford Seventh-day Adventist church Saturday. The service will emphasize the denomination's educational system.

Missionaries to Speak At Nazarene Church

The Rev. and Mrs. Joe Chastain, missionaries to the Hawaiian Islands, will speak in the First Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly st., Sunday, at 7 p.m.

Hornbrook Chapel Dedication Date Set

Hornbrook—The New Faith Chapel in Hornbrook, built by Eddie Jackson, will be opened on the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Jackson, Saturday, Aug. 24, at 12 noon.

Young People To Attend Firpoint Camp

Five young people from the First Church of God, will be represented at the southern Oregon youth camp at Glendale, Ore., from Aug. 19 through 24. The local delegates will leave Monday morning.

PASTOR'S SERMON

Sermon subject Sunday at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services at Zion Lutheran church will be "The Wise, Unwise Steward." The sermon will be by the pastor, the Rev. G. Herbert Hillerman.

GUEST SPEAKER

Trail—The Rev. Jack Schisler will be guest speaker Sunday at the evening gospel service at 7:30 p.m. at the Trail Community church.

SEMON SUBJECT

"Faithful and Wise" will be the sermon subject Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Ascension Lutheran church service.

Meeting Place Changed For St. Luke's Church

Worship services at the St. Luke's Methodist church Sunday will be held in Roosevelt school gymnasium according to the Rev. Melvin Dixon, pastor of the church. The 9:30 a.m. services were formerly held in Bingham hall at the Fairgrounds. Due to the 4-H and FFA fair to be held at the fairgrounds the meeting place of the church has been changed for Sunday, Aug. 18.

Presbyterian Services Told For Sunday

Dr. Norman K. Tully, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Central Point, will speak at the Union evening service of Rogue River Valley Presbyterian churches in Ashland Sunday at 8 p.m. He will preach in the absence of the Rev. Robert Bridge, Jacksonville church pastor.

Mr. Bridge was called Albany, Texas, this week to preach the funeral service of the late Judge Thomas Lindsay Blanton, a member of the House of Representatives from Texas for 20 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Bridge will return to Oregon next week. Preaching in his absence Sunday at the 11 a.m. service at Jacksonville will be Jim Johnson, a member of the Presbyterian Men's club of Medford.

Christian Church Purchases Site

The First Christian church has purchased approximately eight acres of the Phipps property on the old Crater Lake highway for a future church. The long range building program will include, in addition to a church building, an educational building, ample parking lots, play ground, and parsonage.

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ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

1125 North Riverside, L. D. Krause, pastor
Sunday: 11 a.m.—Divine worship.

BRETHREN ASSEMBLY OF GOD

1270 North Riverside, L. D. Krause, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship service
6:30 p.m.—CA youth service
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic service
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Bible and prayer hour

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

608 North Central ave., Dexter Williams, minister.
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship service
6:30 p.m.—Study classes
7:15 p.m.—Evangelistic services
Monday through Friday: 9 a.m.—Vacation Bible school

CHURCH OF CHRIST

1056 Court st.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m.—Radio program KMED
10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.—Worship service
Wednesday: 8 p.m.—Bible study

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

609 South Ivy st., D. E. Nelson, bishop
Sunday: 9 a.m.—Priesthood
10:30 a.m.—Sunday school
7 p.m.—Sacrament meeting
Tuesday: 7:30 p.m.—MIA
Wednesday: 10 a.m.—Primary

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

345 North Mary st., Escil Hiser, pastor
Sunday: 10 a.m.—Church school
11 a.m.—Worship
6:30 p.m.—CBYF
7:30 p.m.—Adult forum

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

1024 Oakwood dr., (1 block south of East Main on Groveland ave.), Thomas McCamant, minister
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
10 a.m.—Church worship

EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

American Baptist, North Keene Way dr. at Ridgeway
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Church school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
6 p.m.—Dine-a-mite and youth fellowship
Wednesday: 7:45 p.m.—Hour of prayer

FAITH ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1529 Saling ave.
Sunday: 11 a.m.—Worship school
11 a.m.—Worship hour
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

1108 West Main st., Robert E. Cull, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship
6:30 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors meeting
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic service
Tuesday: 7:30 p.m.—Orchestra practice
7:30 p.m.—Choir practice
Thursday: 7:45 p.m.—Prayer and Praise service

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

North Central at Fifth, James W. Neely, pastor; Haddon Robinson, assistant
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning worship with sermon
6:30 p.m.—Baptist youth and adult leagues
7:45 p.m.—Evening evangelistic hour
Wednesday: 7 p.m.—Midweek service

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1224 South Peach st., 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.—Evangelistic service
Wednesday: 7:45 p.m.—Midweek prayer service

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

West Main at Laurel st., George G. Roseberry, George Trobaugh, Mrs. Anne Gorby, ministers
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Church school, four adult classes, class for retarded children
9:45 and 11 a.m.—Morning worship
11 a.m.—Senior and Junior high church school, kindergarten, nursery, primary church
6:45 p.m.—Junior high MYF
7 p.m.—Senior high MYF
Monday: 7:30 p.m.—Orchestra practice
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Boy Scouts
7:30 p.m.—Fellowship of prayer
Thursday: 7 p.m.—Youth choir

FULL GOSPEL TABERNACLE

600 Western Ave., (McAndrews rd. at West Jackson st.), Van McCoy, pastor
Sunday: 10 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship service
6:30 p.m.—Youth service
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic services
Tuesday: 7:45 p.m.—Midweek services
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KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

2402 Jacksonville highway
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Church school
11 a.m.—Worship service
2:30 p.m.—Re-La-La Da Sa women's group
Friday: 7:25 p.m.—Service meeting and therapeutic ministry school
Sunday: 6 a.m.—Bible study
Tuesday: 8 p.m.—Bible study, "You May Survive Armageddon into God's New World" (Northside area)
Wednesday: 8 p.m.—Bible study, Armageddon book, (all areas)

PHILADELPHIA CHURCH

(Nonsectarian), 1823 Grandview ave., Mr. and Mrs. Thomas White, pastors
Sunday: 10 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship
7:45 p.m.—Evangelistic service
Wednesday: 7:45 p.m.—Midweek service

PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH

East Jackson and Bessie st., Sherman Moore, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
6:45 p.m.—Young peoples service
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic service
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RE-ORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

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Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Church school
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2:30 p.m.—Re-La-La Da Sa women's group

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

North at Oakdale
William C. Piper, minister
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
10:30 a.m.—Morning worship
7 p.m.—Christian men's fellowship

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

100 Windsor ave., (1 block south of East Main st.)
Sunday: 10 a.m.—Church service
7 p.m.—Sunday school, nursery available Sunday and Wednesday
Wednesday: 7:45 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 GOD

8200 and Holly sts., Harold H. Jones, minister
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
7 p.m.—Upper room prayer hour
7:30 p.m.—Evening service
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting
Thursday: 7:30 p.m.—Missionary visitation
2 p.m.—Prayer meeting

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

520 North Holly st., Raymond Hurn, pastor
Sunday: 9 a.m.—"Gospel Hour" KMED
9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
10:30 a.m.—Morning worship
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Family prayer meeting
Thursday: 7:30 p.m.—Prayer and fasting
7 p.m.—Youth activity
Saturday: 7 p.m.—Prayer at church altar

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

1264 South Peach st., J. M. Root, pastor
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