

Catholics Operate Information Center In Washington, D.C.

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Washington—What aspects of Roman Catholic faith are most puzzling to non-Catholics? Judging from the questions most frequently asked of two priests who operate a new "Catholic information center" in downtown Washington, they are:

—The church's stand on birth control.
—The claim that the Catholic church is the "one true church."
—Praying to the Virgin Mary and to saints.
—Belief in the infallibility of the Pope.

—Telling Catholics what books they may read or what movies they may see.

The Revs. James Kerins and James Coen have expounded Catholic teaching on these points hundreds of times since they opened their unusual information center in the heart of Washington's business district.

The center, sponsored by the local Roman Catholic archdiocese, has been operating since May 5. About 50 persons a day, on the average, come in to ask questions. A substantial majority of the visitors are non-Catholics.

"A few people come in with chips on their shoulders, hoping to start arguments," said Kerins.

"But most of them are sincerely seeking information about some point of Catholic doctrine or practice which has puzzled or disturbed them."

General Answers

Kerins and Coen conduct each interview in a friendly, conversational manner. They have no "set answers" for frequently asked questions. The answers given below should therefore be considered only as an outline of some major points they would make if you walked into the center to ask one of the "favorite five" questions:

Q—Why does the Catholic church condemn any "artificial" birth control technique?
A—Contraception violates the natural law put into human nature by God. It involves the satisfaction of a natural instinct in such a way that the clear natural aim and purpose of the function are frustrated. The obvious purpose of the conjugal act is the procreation of children. . . . It is God's only way of continuing the human race. That conception of children may not in any individual case occur is due to nature itself, and therefore ultimately to God, the author of nature. What the church opposes is deliberate, artificial interference with nature. It does not teach this merely as a disciplinary law applied only to Catholics. Contraception is as seriously wrong in itself for the most primitive savage as it is for the most pious Catholic.

Q—Why do Catholics contend there is only "one true church"—the one headed by the Pope?
A—The New Testament records that Christ said to Peter, "Upon this rock I will build my Church." From the very beginning of the church's history, Peter clearly exercised authority as single head of the Christian church. And there is abundant testimony in the earliest centuries that the bishops of Rome who succeeded Peter were accepted as the authoritative heads of the Church.

Q—Why do Catholics pray to the saints, and particularly to the Virgin Mary?
A—Catholics do not "worship" Mary or the saints, because worship belongs only to God. But they believe that Mary, the mother of Christ, and the saints, who lived lives of virtue far beyond the goodness of other human beings, have influence with God. There is abundant historical testimony that prayers to Mary and to the saints have often been the means of obtaining from God special favors or even miracles.

Q—Do Catholics really believe that the Pope—a human being—is "infallible"?
A—The infallibility attributed to the Pope should not be confused with holiness, or moral perfection. Nor does it mean that every time the Pope speaks, he is divinely safeguarded from error. The Pope can make a mistake. It is only in certain circumstances—when the Pope speaks to the whole Church, as the successor of St. Peter, on a doctrine of faith and morals—that the Holy Spirit will prevent him from making any mistake.

Q—Why are Catholics forbidden to see certain movies, or to read certain books?
A—The wrong kind of books and movies can bring serious harm to souls because they induce people to commit sin and to violate God's law. Any parent with even a bit of common sense will govern his child's reading. The Church, in performing her job of eternal watchfulness for souls, properly warns her children against these very real dangers to their eternal welfare.

Presbyterians To Celebrate First 100 Years in Valley Sunday

Jacksonville—One hundredth anniversary ceremonies of the First Presbyterian church, Jacksonville, will be held Sunday, Sept. 22, starting with the 11 a.m. morning worship service.

Dr. G. Henry Green, executive secretary of the Synod of Oregon, Portland, will speak at the morning service with Dr. D. Kirkland West, First Presbyterian church, Medford, principal speaker for the 8 p.m. rededication and challenge service. He will be assisted by Dr. Norman K. Tully of Central Point Presbyterian church.

New members will be received by the church at the 11 a.m. service.

Picnic Planned
At 12 noon an old fashioned picnic will be held at the church. During the informal lunch hour ladies in the latest fashions of 100 years ago will provide entertainment for the gathering and have charge of the guest book.

John Lusk of Medford will furnish the organ music at both the morning and evening services. During the picnic a male quartet from the Presbyterian

Men's club of the Medford church will sing.
Those attending the picnic are asked to take a salad, vegetable or dessert and their own table service. The church will provide meat, rolls, and coffee.

On display at the church will be old books, pictures, and records as well as objects used by the church during its first 100 years.

Ashland—"Do We Need a New Religion?" will be the sermon topic at the 11 a.m. worship

service Sunday at First Presbyterian church, Ashland. The Rev. B. J. Holland will bring the message.

Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. the men will meet at the Plaza cafe.

Central Point—Dr. Norman K. Tully will preach on "With and Like Christ" at the 9:45 a.m. service Sunday at the First Presbyterian church Sunday.

Phoenix—Robert Brewer of the Presbyterian Men's club of Medford, will speak at the Phoenix Presbyterian church Sunday morning.

Sunday, Oct. 6, will be rally day in the church during the Sunday school hour at 10 a.m. and all parents of children in the department are invited to attend.

Medford Services
Medford—At both services of the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning, Dr. D. Kirkland West will preach on "Jeremiah—God's Unpopular Prophet." This is the fourth in a series of sermons on "Bible Characters I Wish I Had Known" which Dr. West is preaching during the month of September.

The Westminster choir will sing the anthem "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" at the first service. The anthem "Open Our Eyes" will be sung by the chancel choir at the second service. Misses Kathy and Colleen Barr will sing a duet entitled "Teach Me to Pray" at both services.

David Frohnmayer, a member of the Westminster fellowship of the church who spent the past summer as an exchange student in Molln, Germany, will bring a brief report on church life in Germany today.

The third in the present series of churchmanship classes will be taught by the Rev. John Reynolds at 5 p.m. Sunday afternoon. These classes are open for those who intend to become members of the Presbyterian church or are interested in learning more about basic Christian beliefs.

The Westminster fellowship group for senior high young people will meet at 5:30 p.m. for a progressive dinner at the home of Miss Gail Prentice, 1432 Crown ave. The young people will go to other homes for different courses and will conclude the evening at the George Flanagan home on North Pacific Highway. Robert Lichti and Miss Sharon Lyons will bring a report on their experiences at Westminster fellowship national assembly held at Grinnell, Iowa, this summer.

Geneva Fellowship for young adults will meet at the church at 1 p.m. prior to their regular Sunday evening Bible study group. Geneva fireside will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al James, 1426 Euclid ave.

The Sunday school bus route has been expanded to include Table Rock rd. as far as Orr dr., with the bus picking up passengers for Sunday school and returning them at noon.

Additional services at the church Sunday will be Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p.m. and praise and worship at 7:30 p.m. At this service the pastor's message will be titled, "The Ignorant Professor."

The senior Christian Endeavor group will meet at the parsonage Saturday at 7:30 p.m. for a business meeting and informal social time with Dick Zeller as guest of honor.

Methodists Return From Two Day Meet

Five members of the Medford First Methodist church MYF attended the Presidents' Palaver, Sept. 13 and 14, in Eugene.

Those who attended included Miss Mitzi Parsons, conference publicity; Lynn Hales, subdistrict president; Miss Joan Laurila, subdistrict vice-president and local publicity; Winton Worth, local president; and Glen Kaye, local vice-president.

Also attending from Medford was the Rev. George Trobough, subdistrict counselor.

The Rev. Louis Miles, Ashland Methodist church, and Larry Neal, subdistrict witness and Ashland group president, also attended from the valley.

SUNDAY TOPICS

The youth choir of the First Methodist church will sing, "My God and I" at the 9:30 a.m. service of worship Sunday. This was the theme song of the recent sub-district workshop of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, at Dead Indian Camp. Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Jones will sing at both services, "Out of the Depths." Dr. George G. Roseberry will preach on, "The Light of the World." The chancel choir anthem at the 11 a.m. service will be, "Miserere Mei."

The time schedule calls for the building to be completed before the camps start in June, 1958.

Construction Approved For Methodist Camp

A new dining hall-kitchen has been approved for construction at the Methodist church camp, Dead Indian Soda Springs, this fall, according to the camp committee chairman, the Rev. G. A. Trobough, after a meeting with the building committee.

Prefabrication of the building has already started at the home of Walter Higgins, and a work party has been scheduled at the camp for Oct. 19, at which time the forms will be constructed for the cement work.

Doyal Brown, Ashland Methodist layman, will be in charge of construction at the site. The estimated value of the building, when completed is about \$12,000.

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NOTICE
of New Schedule at the
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
(United Church of Christ)

Groveland Ave. and Oakwood Drive
Thomas McCamant, Minister

Church School 9:45 and 11 a.m.
Church Worship 9:45 and 11 a.m.



Dr. Ralph M. Johnson

College President Speaker Here Sunday

Dr. Ralph M. Johnson, president of the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, Berkeley, Calif., will speak at the 11 a.m. worship service of the Eastwood Baptist church, North Keene Way dr. at Ridgeway.

Dr. Johnson has held many positions within the church and has held several denominational and interdenominational offices including the presidency of the Washington state council of churches. He has held pastorates in California, Washington, Indiana, and New York.

The public is invited to attend the Sunday service.

Saturday the builders class of Eastwood Baptist will hold a party at the church at 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday the board of Christian education will meet at 7:30 p.m. followed by a meeting at 8 p.m. of the teachers and workers. Wednesday the advisory board will meet at 8:30 p.m.

Football Feeds Set by Baptists

A "Football Feed" a program for teen-agers following the Medford high football games will be sponsored again this year by the First Baptist church. The center will have a variety of games for the young people to play, milk shakes and ice cream will be served, and a short devotional will be given each evening.

The "Football Feed" is open to all high school students attending the local high schools, and the visiting team will also be invited to attend.

The purpose of the program, according to the Rev. Haddon Robinson, is to provide a wholesome program of recreation for high schoolers following their sports events. Ladies of the church will supply the refreshments, and the youth advisors will help to supervise the program.

In the absence of Pastor James Neely, both of the Sunday services will be conducted by Mr. Robinson. During the morning hour, he will speak on "The Greatest Text in the Bible." Music for the worship service will be provided by the Brannock trio and the church choir directed by the Rev. Kenneth Raymond. In the evening, Mr. Robinson will continue his series of the Christian home with a sermon directed to husbands, "Bringing Up Father."

Program Told For Methodist Schools

Miss Verna Cingede, Jackson County Christian education teacher, will give a story, using flannelgraph material, at the Inspiration Time of the School of Christian Living, 7 p.m., at the First Methodist church. Interest groups start at 5:30, and Dr. William D. Bray will discuss the subject, "The Work of the United Church in Japan," at a meeting in the chapel. Dr. George G. Roseberry will lead the "Christian Churchmanship."

Mrs. Anne J. Gorby will lead the discussion in the "Inquirer's Seminar." "The Revelation To John" group will continue to read and discuss the little known book of the Bible. It is taught by the Rev. G. A. Trobough.

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Phoenix—The Rev. Perry M. Johnson, pastor of First Baptist church, Phoenix, will preach on "How Can a Sinner Be Saved?" at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday. During the 7:30 p.m. service the Lord's table will be observed.

Central Point—"I Am Debt-or" will be the sermon topic at the 11 a.m. service Sunday at the Community Bible church. Central Point. The sermon will be by the Rev. Paul O. Kroon, pastor.

YOUTH OVERPLEDGED

The Senior High Methodist Youth fellowship of the First Methodist church, Medford, overpledged their budget for the Methodist Youth Fund, a missions fund, at a pledge service last Sunday evening. The regular meetings are held each Sunday evening at 7 p.m.

SERMON SUBJECT

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

Local Minister Clarifies Position

The Rev. Thomas McCamant, minister of the Congregational church of Medford, has made a statement clarifying the position of the local church in relation to the merger which took place last summer.

At that time the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches merged with the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed church to form "The United Church of Christ." The merger has not been completed yet on the level of the state conferences and probably will not be for several years. Even when it is the independence of local congregations will be preserved and they may keep their local church names if they desire. For the time being many churches are simply adding in parenthesis after the church name the name of the newly merged denomination, so that people may become familiar with this new name.

This Sunday Mr. McCamant will conclude a series of sermons on "Aspects of Salvation." The topic will be "Saving Life."

Chief of Police Speaker at Church

Medford Chief of Police Charles Champlin, is to be the featured speaker at the First Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly st., Sunday. He will speak at 10:30 a.m. and all Sunday school departments will meet in the sanctuary following the class period.

Sunday is "Back to School Rally" in the First Church of the Nazarene, all Sunday school classes will be striving to have 100 per cent of their active enrollment present on that day.

"Welcome Sunday," Sept. 29, will honor those in the public school profession and will welcome new teachers to the Rogue Valley.

Members of the Nazarene Sunday school recently purchased two large busses. Bus service coverage includes most of the Medford vicinity. For free transportation to or from Sunday school call the church office Spring 3-6261 or bus supervisor, W. V. McArthur, Spring 3-2723.

Methodists Set Dedication Service

Dedication of all participants in the annual Every Member Canvass of the First Methodist church will be conducted Sunday at both the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services, according to Dr. George G. Roseberry, minister.

The official kick-off for the Canvass will be held Monday night at 6:30 p.m. in the church parlors, with a complimentary dinner for everyone taking part.

Richard Fanger is general chairman of the canvass. John Kent, special pledges, and Walter Higgins, is chairman of the general canvass organization.

Guest Speaker-Band At Salvation Army

Capt. M. Rosewell will be the guest speaker Saturday and Sunday at the Medford Salvation Army church. Band concerts will be included in the program by the Portland Temple band.

Saturday an open air service will be held at 6:45 p.m. to be followed by the concert and Capt. Rosewell as speaker for the evening. He will also speak at the 11 a.m. holiness meeting Sunday. The band will play during the Sunday school hour 9:45 a.m.

CHURCH BEES

Clawson, Mich. — The Rev. Walter Ratcliffe, pastor of the Clawson Methodist church, was willing to live and let live when a swarm of honey bees invaded the church steeple two years ago, but he objected as they multiplied, began to invade the vestibule and even the church, finally upset a wedding party. He hopes to collect enough rent in honey to pay for having the bees evicted.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

"Remove not the ancient landmark which your fathers have set." Proverbs 22:28.

APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH

North Central Ave. at Third st.
Loyce Carver, 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.
Elvin S. Tollefson, pastor

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Divine worship

BETH EL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

1729 North Riverside
L. D. Krause, pastor

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship service
6 p.m.—C.A. youth service
7 p.m.—Evangelistic service

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

608 North Central ave.
Dexter Williams, minister

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning service
6:30 p.m.—Study classes
7:15 p.m.—Evangelistic services

CHURCH OF CHRIST

1056 Court Street

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Radio program, KMED
10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.—Worship
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Bible study

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

648 South Ivy st.
D. E. Nelson, bishop

Sunday: 9 a.m.—Priesthood
10:30 a.m.—Sunday school
6 p.m.—Sacrament meeting.
Tuesday: 7:30 p.m.—MIA
Wednesday: 4:30 p.m.—Primary

COMMUNITY CHURCH

West Main at Orange
Joseph A. Bowdoin, pastor

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning service
7:45 p.m.—Evening service
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting and Bible study

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (United Church of Christ)

300 Oakwood dr.
(1 block south of East Main on Grove-land ave.)

Thomas McCamant, minister
Sunday: 9:45 and 11 a.m.—Sunday school
9:45 and 11 a.m.—Church worship

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
6:30 p.m.—Baptist youth fellowship
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Hour of prayer

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

11 W. 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: 6:30 p.m.—Orchestra practice
7:30 p.m.—Choir practice
Thursday: 7:45 p.m.—Prayer and Praise service

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Ninth at Oakdale
William C. Piper, minister

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
10:30 a.m.—Morning worship
6:30 p.m.—Christian Youth fellowship
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Choir practice
Friday: 7:30 p.m.—Choir practice
Saturday: 7:30 p.m.—Christian Youth fellowship committee and general meeting
Wednesday: 7:45 p.m.—Prayer and Praise service

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Conservative)

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 Leagues
7:45 p.m.—Evening evangelistic hour
Wednesday: 7 p.m.—Midweek service

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, 190 Windsor ave.

(1 block south of East Main st.)

Sunday: 10 a.m.—Church service
6 p.m.—Sunday school, nursery available Sunday and Wednesday.
Wednesday: 6 p.m.—Testimonies of healing
Reading room 228 West Sixth st., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Daily (except Sundays and holidays)

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

Stevens, Holly sts.
David H. Jones, minister

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
7 p.m.—Upper room prayer hour
7 p.m.—Evening service
Tuesday: 8 p.m.—Youth meeting, at parsonage
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting
8:30 p.m.—Choir practice
Thursday: 2 p.m.—Missionary visitation
Friday: 10 a.m.—Building committee meeting
Saturday: 10 a.m.—Friendways club

RALLY DAY

Sunday school rally day will be held at the First Church of God, Haven and Holly sts., Sunday, at 9:45 a.m. Mrs. Cora Noss is the new Sunday school superintendent for the church with Mrs. Olive Guyer, assistant superintendent. Mrs. Florence Lindgren will be secretary for the Sunday school.

TOPICS TOLD

"Basis for Successful Marriage" will be the public address Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2402 Jacksonville highway. The 7:15 p.m. Bible study will be "The Flight of Faith of the Peaceable," from the Aug. 15 Watchtower.

GUEST SPEAKER

Ashland—Promotion Sunday will be held during the 9:45 a.m. Sunday school hour at Ashland Methodist church Sunday. At 11 a.m. the Rev. William Bray, missionary from Japan, will be guest speaker.

SERMON—MEETING

"Compassion" will be the sermon subject by the Rev. Elvin S. Tollefson, pastor of Ascension Lutheran church, Sunday at 11 a.m. Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. the church council will meet at the parsonage.

UNITY CENTER of Medford

Affiliated with Unity School of Christianity, Lee's Summit, Mo.

Sunday Devotional Service and Sunday School, 11 a.m.

Weekly Classes in "Lessons in Truth" Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.

Center Open Daily 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Noonday reading of daily word.

HOLLY BUILDING
Katherine Bosworth, Leader

HEAR!

Dr. Ralph M. Johnson

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BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

AT THE
Morning Worship Service
(11:00 A.M., SEPTEMBER 22)

EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

N. KEENE WAY DRIVE AT RIDGEWAY



William C. Piper
Minister

First Christian Church

"The Friendly Church"

Welcomes You
TO ALL SERVICES

Bible School — 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service — 10:50 a.m.
Youth Meeting — 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service — 7:30 p.m.

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