

Racial Segregation Problems In Churches Told by Churchman

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Washington — "The churches of America are being weighed and tested by their response to racial segregation. If they remain in the rear in the struggle for justice, they may cease to be the living church of Christ through which God speaks and acts."

These are the words of the

Presbyterians To Hear Guest Speakers Sunday

Sunday Dr. Paul S. Wright, Portland, will be guest preacher at the First Presbyterian church, Medford. Dr. Wright is pastor of the moderator of the Synod of Oregon in 1951 and moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. in 1956.

Dr. Wright's message will be on the exploits of Gideon and is entitled "God's Commandos."

Dr. D. K. West, pastor of the local church, is preaching at the First Presbyterian church, Portland, Sunday. From there he will travel to Seattle, Wash., where he will lead a conference of ministers for two days.

At the first service, the Westminster choir will sing the anthem "Be Thou My Vision," and at the second service the church choir will sing "Love Divine." Mrs. Charles Champlin and Otis Swisher will sing a duet at both services, "Hold Thou My Hand."

The Junior High fellowship, for seventh and eighth grade students, will begin its fall program Sunday at 6:30 p.m. under the direction of Miss Natalie MacDougall. A debate will be held by the young people on the subject "Amateur Church," and the meeting will be followed by a rehearsal of the Junior High choir.

Freshman fellowship for ninth grade students, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Jack White, will meet at the home of Mary Lou Moore, 1410 West Tenth st. John Fontaine is in charge of the meeting.

A worship service for high school and young adults will be held in the church at 7 p.m. and will be led by the Rev. John O. Reynolds. Westminster fellowship for high school students will meet after the worship service for discussion on the topic "Christian Vocations," led by John and Jim Lacy. Fireside will be at the home of Carol McKeown, 119 South Orange st.

Geneva fellowship for young adults will meet after the worship service at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al James, 1426 Euclid ave. The group will continue its study in the New Testament Letter to the Galatians.

Valley Churches
Ashland — The Rev. B. J. Holland, First Presbyterian church, Ashland, will speak on "A Layman and His Faith," at both the 9:45 and 11 a.m. worship services Sunday.

During the afternoon at 5 p.m. the Presbyterian and Methodist young people will meet at First Methodist church, Ashland.

Phoenix — Ross Gilkinson of the Medford Presbyterian Men's club will speak at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday at Phoenix First Presbyterian church. He will be assisted by Robert Brewer.

Friday at 6:30 p.m. a family night dinner will be held at the church.

The prayer and Bible study hour which has been held at the church during the summer months will now meet in the homes on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday it will meet at the home of Mrs. Floyd Jarman.

Los Angeles Area Evangelist to Speak

Cave Junction — Dr. David Schmidt, evangelist from the Los Angeles area, will conduct a series of meetings at the Cave Junction Community church beginning Sunday.

A pastor for 30 years before he turned to evangelistic work, Dr. Schmidt will deliver the morning sermon Oct. 20 and 27, and will speak at night meetings during the week. Services will start at 7:30 p.m. at the church, and will continue from Sunday until Oct. 27, with the exception of Saturday night.

REVIVAL SERVICES END

The series of revival services which are being conducted at First Assembly of God church, 1108 West Main st., will conclude Sunday evening. The meetings have featured Evangelist Don Gossett and party. On Sunday during the Sunday school hour Mr. Gossett will present gifts to those who have brought the largest number of visitors the past two weeks.

MEETING SUBJECT

"The Golden Decade" will be the subject of the Missionary Volunteer meeting to be held at 4:30 p.m. at the Valley View church Saturday afternoon.

Rev. Clifford J. Earle of Philadelphia, executive secretary of the Social Action department of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. He must believe them strongly, for he said them at a place and time where they were not easy to say—in the pulpit of a Presbyterian church at Little Rock, Ark., early this month.

Many ministers, in the south as well as the north, share Dr. Earle's conviction that the segregation controversy has brought American churches to a place where they have often arraigned other elements of society — the judgment bar of God.

The agony of conscience which thousands of clergymen are experiencing on this subject is clearly evident in church publications . . . in the formal resolutions of denominational conferences . . . and above all, in the private conversations that take place whenever a group of ministers meets.

Brands Segregation A Sin

Whether segregation is moral-

Federated Dorcas Meet in Medford

Miss Maybelle Vandemark, Home Missionary secretary for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, located in Washington, D. C., was guest speaker at the Southern Oregon Federated Dorcas association meeting held in Medford, Monday, Oct. 14.

The all-day meeting, which took place in the new Red Cross building, 60 Hawthorne ave., was attended by representatives from nine Southern Oregon societies, and was presided over by Mrs. Bliss Hudson, Ashland, president of the Federation.

Pastor Floyd Breese of the Valley View church welcomed the delegates and conducted devotional services to open the meeting. Vocal solos were given by Mrs. Walter Chapman, Valley View, and Susie Bennett, Ashland.

Mrs. Hudson introduced C. J. Richie, director of the Home Missionary and Dorcas Welfare work for the state of Oregon, who reported to the group on work done in the state through the year of 1956.

Miss Vandemark's remarks were directed principally toward helping society members learn better methods of approaching those who need help, and establishing a good relationship with them. She also gave suggestions on the setting up and operation of local welfare centers.

Reports from the societies represented were given.

The Medford society operates a welfare center behind the Medford Seventh-day Adventist church, corner of Edwards and Beatty. The center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Wednesday, and anyone needing help may apply there during those hours.

Contributions are welcomed according to Mrs. A. J. Miracle, co-leader of the Medford society, and she states that bedding and children's clothing are particularly in demand. Anyone having articles they would like to contribute may call Mrs. A. J. Miracle, Spring 2-2206, or Mrs. B. F. Blank, Spring 2-5906.

Three Day Missionary Convention To Be Held At First Assembly

A three-day missionary convention will start, Tuesday, Oct. 22, at 7:30 p.m., at First Assembly of God church, 1108 West Main st. The convention will continue on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and will be concluded Thursday, Oct. 24, with a morning session at 10 a.m. followed by a luncheon. Delegates will attend an afternoon gathering at 2:30 with the final session listed for 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Mrs. Fred J. Walton of Portland, state president of Women's Missionary council, Assemblies of God, will preside at all meetings and will be assisted by the Sectional President, Mrs. Lorraine Havenman of Rogue River. The Medford Assembly Women's Missionary council is arranging for the Thursday luncheon. Visitors are welcome.

National Laymen's Day Observed by Methodists

National Laymen's day in all Methodist churches will be observed Sunday. Dr. George G. Roseberry will speak on the subject, "If I Were a Layman," at the First Methodist church.

Laymen of the church who will assist him in the service will be Robert Baccuss, chairman of the finance commission; Robert Sage, junior department superintendent; and Everett Faber, lay leader.

The Methodist men will serve the coffee hour at the close of the 11 a.m. services. The coffee hour will be held in Wesley hall, and all members and friends are invited to join in the fellowship.

SERMON SUBJECT

"Doctrine of Atonement" will be the subject of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, sermon at 11 a.m. Sunday.

ly defensible is not the primary topic of these soul-searching sessions. The vast majority of northern ministers, and a substantial number of southern ministers, are personally in agreement with the declaration of the National Council of Churches and major denominational bodies branding segregation a sin.

An earnest young pastor, who serves the largest Methodist church in one city of the deep South, expressed the quandary in which many southern church leaders find themselves.

"I would like very much to stand up in that pulpit next Sunday and say what I really believe about race relations," he told this reporter. "It would ease my own conscience. But what would it do to my congregation. One or two of them might agree with me—they do already. The rest would turn against me, and possibly against the church as well. I would lose any chance I may have of leading them slowly into a more Christian attitude toward Negroes."

This is the prudent approach, which most southern ministers apparently have decided to take. It is based on the belief that the church cannot attack segregation head-on in the present climate of southern feeling without alienating itself completely from the people it seeks to shepherd.

Church Must Speak Out
Behind it is the faith, or the hope, that southern Christians will gradually come to accept the implications of their religion in race relations — if they are not driven to a hasty emotional choice between giving up their ties with the church or giving up their deeply-ingrained feelings about segregation.

Advocates of the prophetic approach believe that the church must speak out on segregation today in the same bold, uncompromising voice that the prophets of ancient Israel used in denouncing the social evils of their day.

To count the cost of such a stand, they say, is unworthy of a body whose founder followed his own convictions to a cross.

This viewpoint is more common — and easier to expound — in northern pulpits. But it has also been eloquently expressed by a southern minister.

"Churches must recognize the urgent necessity of taking a forthright stand on this crucial issue," he said. "Christians must decide whether they will obey the eternal demands of the almighty God, or whether they will capitulate to the transitory demands of the defendants of segregation."

The author of that statement, Dr. Martin Luther King, knows how much it will cost any southern clergyman who takes his advice. His own home was bombed last year when he led the Negroes of Montgomery, Ala., in a "passive protest" against segregation on city buses.

Use and Understanding Of Bible Conference Set

The conference on the Use and Understanding of the Bible will be held in the First Presbyterian church Thursday and Friday, Oct. 24 and 25.

The conference, held in cooperation with the majority of Medford churches, will include workshops covering a variety of subjects regarding the Bible.

Registration for the workshops will be held in the narthex of the Presbyterian church from 9:30 until 10 a.m. Thursday.

Workshops will be held three times each day with instructors from various parts of the state. Speakers here for the program will include Dr. Gerald A. Larue, National Council of Churches staff member, Dr. J. Carter Swaim, executive director of the department of the English Bible, division of Christian education of the council, and the Rev. Dean Collins, western area executive of the American Bible society.

Keynote Speaker
Prior to the start of the two-day Bible emphasis program, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Presbyterian church.

Thursday noon Dr. Swaim will speak at a men's luncheon at the First Methodist church. That evening at 6 p.m. a banquet with Dr. Larue, speaker, will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal church. Immediately following the banquet at 7:30 p.m. a hymn festival will be held

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Services Set For Gold Hill Church

Gold Hill — The Community Methodist church, Gold Hill, will hold its visitation evangelism services next week, Monday, Oct. 21, through Thursday.

The Rev. Howard Walton, pastor of the church, stated that the commission on membership and evangelism of the local church will call on members and parents of church school youngsters. The worship services at the church will be held these evenings between 8 and 9 p.m. The public is invited to attend these services.

The Rev. Violet Littlefield Bolliger will be guest pastor for the series of meetings. She began preaching as a high school girl, was recorded a minister in full standing in the Friend's church and served churches in Idaho, Washington, Indiana, and Oregon.

She also taught school and did evangelistic preaching in West Virginia. Mrs. Bolliger was ordained a local deacon in the North Indiana Methodist conference and after the death of her husband, she began preaching again, pastoring the Hoyt Street Methodist church and the Errol Heights Methodist church in Portland. She is now serving her seventh year in the First Methodist church of Estacada, Ore. She is an ordained Elder in the Methodist Church.

Music will be provided by the church choir for this series of services.

Laymen's Sunday Observed by Church

Laymen's Sunday will be celebrated this week at the Congregational church. Don Bohnert will preside over the worship. Ted McLean and Rex Stevens will divide the sermon time, both talking on the topic: "My Father's Business."

On Saturday the Pilgrim Fellowship will be observing "Work Day for Christ." Members of this youth group will be available to do any odd jobs such as leaf raking, window washing, car washing or the like. Proceeds are all given to the missionary projects of the state Pilgrim fellowship. Any who have jobs for the young people are asked to call Pat Foulon, Spring 2-6086.

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at the high school auditorium. Dr. Swaim will speak at the festival.

Friday Dr. Swaim will speak at a women's luncheon at the First Methodist church while Mr. Collins will speak to a men's luncheon at the First Presbyterian church.

Breakfast meetings will be held both Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m. at the First Christian church. The ministers will meet with Dr. Swaim on Thursday and with Dr. Larue and the committee on Friday at the breakfasts.

No Host Dinner
Wednesday at 6 p.m. a no host dinner for Dr. Blake will be held at the Rogue Valley club.

Displays stressing the Bible emphasis program have been placed in store windows in downtown Medford. A Bible display is on exhibit at the Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan association.

General chairman of the conference is Dr. D. Kirkland West, pastor, First Presbyterian church.

BRETHREN TOPICS

"This is Eternal Life," will be the topic of the sermon Sunday at 11 a.m. by the Rev. Escil Hiser, pastor of the Church of the Brethren. "Choosing Your Entertainment" — Reading is Tops" will be the topic for the youth fellowship at 6:30 p.m. and the Adult form at 7:30 p.m. will be "The Doctrine of Future Things."

Lay Development Program Starts At Eastwood

Eastwood Baptist church, North Keene Way drive at Eastwood, is beginning this Sunday at 7:30 p.m. a denomination wide emphasis known as the "Lay Development Program." This program has arisen out of a need for lay people to take a more active part in the life of the local church.

At 7:30 p.m. a workshop by the pastor will be held entitled "A Primer for Baptists." Following, at 8 p.m. five workshops will be held simultaneously. The titles and chairmen of these workshops are: Communications, Robert G. Balk; the Music program, E. Ron Rice; pattern for a Baptist church, Dean S. Anderson; the People and their Pastor, Mrs. Stanley G. Parrish; and Community Witness, Dr. L. Paul Walker. The Lay Development Workshops begin Sunday and run for four consecutive Sundays, with the fifth Sunday evening being a report and recommendation meeting.

"Thou Shalt Not Kill" is the theme of the pastor's sermon at the 11 a.m. service. This is the seventh in a series of sermons on the Ten Commandments for Today. Music will be furnished by a woman's trio.

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

Unitarian Group Observes UN Day

United Nations Day will be observed by the Rogue Valley Unitarian Fellowship at their meeting Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2 of the Girls Community club, 229 North Bartlett st., Medford.

Speaker for the evening will be Moore Hamilton, who is vice-president of the Medford Chapter of the Oregon Unitarian Association. Hamilton will touch on the various aspects of the work of the United Nations, its accomplishments, and the many possibilities for future expansion and service.

Regular meetings of the Unitarian Fellowship are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, and all interested persons are invited to attend.

Missions and the Bible Stressed by Baptists

Missions and the Bible will be emphasized in the program at First Baptist church this week.

Sunday evening at 7:45, the Rev. Fleming Newcomb, a missionary to Haiti under the Conservative Baptist Mission society, will have charge of the service. Mr. Newcomb, who was appointed as a missionary in June, 1957, was formerly a teacher at Powellhurst Bible institute, Portland, and a pastor at Manning, Ore. He will give a missionary message on Sunday night and show slides of the Haitian field.

The Rev. James W. Neely, pastor of the church, will speak on "A Greater Ministry Through the Word" at the 11 a.m. worship hour. Also in keeping with the Bible emphasis, the film, "How We Got Our Bible," will be shown at the mid-week service Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

College on Wheels Ends Sunday at Church

Central Point — Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jessup, of the San Jose Bible college on wheels, will conclude the classes at the Central Point Church of Christ, Sunday. Classes will be held tonight, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Jessup, president of the college, will speak on "What the Church can Expect of Me," at the 10:45 a.m. service Sunday and "Working Together to Build the Church," at the 7:30 p.m. service.

SERMON TOPICS

Phoenix — The "As and So of the New Birth," will be the 11 a.m. worship topic at the First Baptist church, Phoenix, by the Rev. Perry M. Johnson. "Let's Go Some Place Else," will be the 7:30 p.m. topic at the church.

METHODIST MEETINGS

Talent — The Rev. J. T. Buck, Pleasant Home Methodist church, Willamette, will speak at the Talent Methodist church, Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. He will also speak each evening Monday, Oct. 21 through Friday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m.

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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Royalty to Worship At National Church

Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh will join President and Mrs. Eisenhower at the 11 a.m. service in National Presbyterian church, Washington, on Sunday, Oct. 20, following attendance at a 10:15 service in Washington Episcopal Cathedral. The regular order of worship will be followed, at National Church. Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, pastor will continue a series of sermons on Christ's parables, speaking on "The Mighty Meek."

Quartet Continues At Local Church

The Four Flats quartet will continue services at the Friends church through Sunday, with meetings at 7:30 p.m. this evening and Saturday and at 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

The Saturday evening service will be a youth rally at which the quartet will present a variety of negro spirituals in addition to gospel songs. Ronald Creelius will speak. The other minister member of the Four Flats, Norval Hadley, will bring the messages at the Sunday morning worship services.

Sunday also marks the closing day of the "Tune-Up Time" contest in which the local Sunday school is competing with the school of First Friends church, Portland, to see which can gain the most new Sunday school members. Attendance goal for this Sunday is to top the Portland church's high mark of 404.

Members of the Four Flats quartet will be leading the Christian Endeavor group meetings at 6:30 p.m. "Quaker Hour" will be broadcast at 9:30 p.m. over KMED.

Music and Sermon Told by Church

Mrs. Ralph Matlack Jr. and Mrs. Robert Reeves will sing, "Holy Lord, Receive Our Prayer," and the choir will sing "Comes, at Times, A Stillness As of Even," for the morning worship service of the First Christian church.

The Rev. William C. Piper, minister, will preach on "You shall Do Greater Than These" for the morning service and "The Challenge of Jesus" for the evening service Sunday.

Starting Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 6:45 p.m., the Fellowship dinners will again take place. It is a covered dish supper and each family is asked to take their own silver service, for the cups and plates will be furnished. Following the dinner the film, "The Greatest of These" will be shown.

The youth of the Christian youth fellowship are planning a spooky Halloween party for Saturday, Oct. 26. Masquerade is the style. Entrance will be allowed only through the office door on the south side of the First Christian church building.

Missionaries to Speak At Bethel Assembly

The Bethel Assembly of God, 1729 North Riverside ave., will entertain a missionary convention for three nights beginning Wednesday, Oct. 23, and continuing through Friday. The time of the nightly services will be 7:30.

Arthur Lindvall will represent Central America, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dowdy, South America and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Downy, Africa. The missionaries will show pictures and slides of their work among the people they represent.

The public is invited to attend.

Guest Speaker At Pilgrim Holiness

The services at which Dr. C. W. Butler, Detroit, Mich., is guest speaker, will continue through Oct. 22 at the Pilgrim Holiness church, East Jackson at Bessie st. There will be services Oct. 21 and 22 at 10 a.m. Dr. Butler, who has preached for 67 years, was president of Cleveland Bible Institute, Cleveland, Ohio; president of John Fletcher college, Oskaloosa, Iowa; and president of the National Association for the Advancement of Holiness.

FILM SCHEDULED

Sunday at 7:30 p.m. the Beran Baptist church will show the film "Calvary." This film was made at Bob Jones university, Greenville, S. C. The film stresses the purpose and significance of the death of Jesus Christ. The public is invited to attend.



MEDFORD CHURCH DIRECTORY

"For thou, O Lord, has made me glad by thy work; at the works of thy hands I sing for joy." Psalms 92:4.

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
E.L.C.
Pythian Bldg., Fifth and Grape sts.
Elvin S. Tollefson, pastor
Sunday:
9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship service
7:30 p.m.—Young people's Luther league
Saturday:
9 a.m.—Junior confirmation class
Fred Hinz home, 27 South Keene Way.
10:15 a.m.—Senior confirmation class, home of Richard Melum, 832 Marshall ave.

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
7 p.m.—Sacrament meeting
Tuesday:
10 a.m.—Relief society
7:30 p.m.—MIA
Wednesday:
4:30 p.m.—Primary

Wesley Foundation Dedication Set

Ashland — The Rev. Ross Knotts, pastor of Ashland First Methodist church, will preach on "Mark's Portrait of Christ," at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, Friday at 4 p.m. the Wesley Foundation will be dedicated at Wesley house, 1205 Wisconsin st., Ashland. Following the service at 6:30 p.m. an all church potluck supper and program will be held at the church. Bishop A. Raymond Grant will speak.

Medford Nazarenes to Attend Conference

Southern Oregon Nazarenes will meet for a "Crusade for Souls" conference, to be held in Grants Pass, Thursday, Oct. 24. Services to be held at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. with Dr. V. H. Lewis, general secretary, department of evangelism, Kansas City; Dr. Hardy C. Powers, general superintendent; Dr. W. D. McGraw, Oregon Pacific district superintendent; and the Rev. Roscoe Pershall, district secretary of evangelism, speakers. Members of the Medford First Church of the Nazarene plan to attend the conference.

LAYMAN TO PREACH

Laymen's Sunday will be observed at Ascension Lutheran church Sunday at 11 a.m. with Richard Melum preaching. Young people's Luther league will meet at the parsonage, 317 Black Oak dr., at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Confirmation classes will not be held tomorrow morning according to the pastor, the Rev. E. S. Tollefson.

GIDEONS IN CHARGE

Central Point — The Rogue Valley camp of Gideons will be in charge at the 11 a.m. service at Central Point Community Bible church, Sunday. The Rev. Robert Deviney, missionary candidate to Japan, will preach at the 7:45 p.m. service.

ADDRESS AND STUDY

"Unveiling the Mysterious Soul" will be the public address Sunday at 6 p.m. at Kingdom hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2402 Jacksonville highway. The Watchtower study at 7:15 p.m. will be "Healing of the Nations Has Drawn Near."

FRIENDS TOPIC

"Talent — 'Used or Buried,'" will be the topic at the 11 a.m. service at the Talent Friends church, Sunday. The Rev. A. Clark Smith, pastor, will preach.

BETHEL 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
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday:
7:30 p.m.—Missionary Convention

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
245 North Main st.
Escil Hiser, pastor
Sunday:
9:45 a.m.—Church school
11 a.m.—Worship
6:30 a.m.—CBYF
7:30 p.m.—Adult forum

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