

Average American Protestant Gives \$56.74 To Church Yearly

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United Press Correspondent
Washington—The average American Protestant gives \$56.74 a year to his church, the National Council of Churches reported today.

This is the highest per capita giving figure ever recorded by the council. It represents an increase of about 7 per cent over last year's figure of \$52.88.

Each year, in November, the council compiles the latest available statistics on contributions to American religious denomina-

tions. The Roman Catholic church and Jewish bodies do not publish official figures on contributions, and are not included in the compilation.

Reports from 52 Protestant bodies this year showed total contributions of \$2,041,908,161, an all-time record. Most of this money—81 per cent—was used for local congregational expenses, such as paying the minister's salary, enlarging or maintaining the church building, buying hymnals, etc.

Only 19 per cent was ear-

marked for foreign and home missions, relief projects and other benevolences.

Per capita giving was calculated by dividing the total contributions by the number of church members over the age of 13.

Adventists Still High
As usual, the Seventh Day Adventists were way out in front with an average contribution of \$202.02 per member. Close behind were several small fundamentalist bodies which, like the Adventists, place heavy stress on tithing.

The Wesleyan Methodist church \$197.43; the Evangelical Free church \$165; the Pilgrim Holiness church \$161.70; and the Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends \$142.08.

None of the larger Protestant bodies came close to these figures. The highest per member contributions among the major denominations were recorded by the Southern Presbyterians and the Reformed church, which tied at \$88.56.

Per member giving by other major Protestant denominations: Missouri Synod Lutherans \$80.88, Presbyterian USA North \$72.03, Congregational Christian \$65.18, United Lutheran \$58.46, Evangelical Lutheran \$56.47, Protestant Episcopal \$52.79, Southern Baptists \$48.17, Methodist church \$43.82, American Northern Baptists \$37.18, Disciples of Christ \$37.14.

Precise Figures Unknown
No precise statement can be made about the proportion of his income which the average Protestant gives to his church. Per capita personal income of Americans was \$1,935 last year. But children under 13 are counted in computing this figure, and are not counted in computing the average giving figure, so the two are not fairly comparable.

Various "reports" are issued from time to time which give a total figure for all U.S. giving to churches. Since no official information is available on Catholic and Jewish contributions, these reports are little more than guesses. The usual procedure is to increase the National Council's total for Protestant churches by about 70 to 75 per cent, on the assumption that the extra amount will cover Catholic and Jewish giving.

Free Methodists Schedule Three Missionaries For District Convention Nov. 6-7

The Rev. Edwin Clemens, missionary on furlough from Portuguese East Africa, will be one of the principal speakers at the district missionary convention Nov. 6 and 7 to be held at the Free Methodist church, 1294 South Peach st., Medford.

The convention will be sponsored by the Women's Missionary Society of the Oregon Conference of the Free Methodist church. Mrs. M. C. Miller of Salem, conference president of the society will be in charge of the program.

Mr. Clemens will show pictures

Apostolic Faith Evangelist Here

Evangelist Allen L. Crabtree, of Seattle, Wash., will speak at the Apostolic Faith church, Third and Central, Medford, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 5, 6, and 7. He will conclude an evangelistic campaign in Grants Pass on Sunday, Nov. 3.

Mr. Crabtree was in Medford and held a revival campaign last February. He is staff evangelist of the Apostolic Faith church with headquarters in Portland. Mr. Crabtree opened a church in Seattle a little over a year ago and has just recently moved into enlarged quarters.

Mr. Crabtree has spent many years in evangelistic work throughout the country. He is enroute to San Francisco to hold a campaign and only will be in Medford for the three nights.

New Service Added To Brethren Schedule

The Church of the Brethren in a meeting this week of the Board of Administration has added another service to the Sunday schedule.

The youth group study class will meet at 7 p.m. and the 8 p.m. worship service will be held in the sanctuary. The later service will be varied in nature and will give opportunities for each department of the church to lift their particular emphasis.

This week a film strip will be used entitled, "You Are the Church." The film strip is a study of the local church in its world wide outreach.

In other service of the day; the sermon by the pastor in the morning worship will be, "When Christ is Remembered." The Youth fellowship topic, second in a series on "We Choose Our Entertainment," will be "Films are Low." The adult forum will discuss, "The Doctrine of the Scriptures."

Revival Services Set For Foursquare Gospel Church Each Evening

The Rev. Jack Chase, member of the national champion wheelchair basketball team, will speak at the Foursquare Gospel church in East Jackson blvd. and Biddle rd., Medford, for a series of services at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Chase was stricken with poliomyelitis at the age of 23. Since then he attended the University of Illinois and after graduating studied for the ministry. He has played basketball with the Flying Wheels, team composed of disabled veterans. The nightly meetings at the local church will be held each evening except Mondays and Saturdays.

Ten Commandments Sermons Continue

"The Great Robbery" will be the sermon to be given during the 11 a.m. worship service at the Eastwood Baptist church, North Keene Way dr. at Ridgeway. This is the ninth sermon in a series on the Ten Commandments being brought by the pastor, the Rev. Richard M. Jones. Nursery care is provided during both the church school and morning worship hours.

The Lay Development Program continues with its third session on Sunday evening beginning at 7:30 p.m. The pastor's workshop for all will be on the theme: "What is Baptist Church?" Five simultaneous workshops will follow on the themes: The Music Program of the Local Church, A Pattern for a Baptist Church, Community Witness, Communications and The Pastor and the People. Members and friends are invited to take part in these workshops. Eastwood Baptist church is located north of Hedrick Junior High school and is affiliated with the American Baptist convention.

Writer and Minister To Speak at Ashland

Ashland—The Rev. Elmer Wilder, author of object lesson books for Christian education and author of the object lesson magazine of the "King's Business" for the past 24 years, will be at the First Baptist church, Ashland, November 3 through 10.

Mr. Wilder will speak each evening at 7:30 p.m., according to the Rev. Lester S. Libbey, pastor of the Ashland church. The guest speaker has been a pastor and evangelist for many years in addition to writing.

The church is located at First and Hargadine sts., Ashland, up the hill from the Lithia hotel.

MEETINGS PLANNED
Gold Hill—The Christian endeavor group of the Gold Hill Christian church will meet Sunday at 7 p.m. at the home of Darlene Allison, 560 First st., Gold Hill. The Thursday midweek service of the church will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mabel Goodwin, 1187 Second ave.

Sunday School Perfect Attendance Awards

Awards for perfect attendance in Sunday school will be given at the First Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly st. Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Those receiving awards for nine years perfect attendance include: Glenda Branch and Charles Leschensky, eight year perfect attendance awards will go to: Mrs. Vivian Starkey, Faye Stiehl and Melvin Stiehl.

Many others will be receiving awards and special recognition for perfect attendance.

Discussion Club Meetings Continue At Sacred Heart

"Who is God?" is the question to be discussed in the fourth of a series of eight weekly religious discussion club meetings taking place in several Sacred Heart parish homes Sunday afternoon and evening. General topic for the series is "God, Man, and God-Man," with the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine text of that title being used as the guide for discussion.

A religious discussion club is a group of persons, preferably six to twelve in number, who meet weekly to discuss and analyze the teachings and practices of the Catholic church, to clarify and correlate religious information in order to put religious truths into practice in daily living. These clubs are promoted under the guidance of a parish priest director, but are conducted by lay leaders.

Formal discussion is limited to one hour each meeting, followed by a social hour. Besides the topic for this week, such questions as "Why am I Here?" "Is the Devil Real?" and "What is Man?" will be analyzed in the current series.

While the discussion clubs are designed primarily for adult Catholics, interested non-Catholics are invited to take part in the meetings.

Anyone not participating in a discussion club, but wish to do so, may get further information by calling Arnold Paradis, SPring 3-3001.

New Pastor Arrives At Cave Junction

Cave Junction—After nearly a year the Cave Junction Community church will have a full time pastor again this Sunday. The Rev. and Mrs. Gene Denning, their two children, Elizabeth 14, and David, 15, and a friend, Gene Hovater, 17 who lives with them, will arrive in the valley late this week from McArthur, Calif.

A native of southern California, Mr. Denning worked for Standard Oil company of California in the inspection laboratories for 11 years, prior to his decision for the ministry. During that time he served in various capacities as lay-pastor.

Attending the College of the Sequoias at Visalia, and later graduating from Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Mr. Denning began his service as a minister at McArthur Community church in December, 1949. He resigned there in October to accept the call to the Cave Junction church.

Mr. and Mrs. Denning have five children, three of them are in college.

Films Scheduled At First Christian Church

"Heaven's Imperishable Treasures" will be the sermon topic for the morning worship service of the First Christian church Sunday. The choir will sing, "Rejoice" and the choir director, Warren Fairbanks will sing, "My Task" also for the morning service.

Flight progress is reported during the Sunday school hour.

Communion Service Planned for Sunday

Central Point—Justification, a Work of God," will be the sermon topic Sunday at the 11 a.m. communion service at the Community Bible church, Central Point.

The executive board will meet Tuesday evening at the church and a teacher training class will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

PHOENIX SERMONS
Phoenix—"Our One World" will be the topic for the morning worship service Sunday at First Baptist church, Phoenix. The Rev. Perry M. Johnson will also preach at the 7:30 p.m. service on "Paul, on the Fundamentals."

PARTY HELD

Talent—The intermediate and junior classes of the Talent Methodist Sunday school held a Halloween costume party in the church annex, Oct. 29. Thirty children attended with their teachers, Miss Wilma Bench, Mrs. H. Chapman, Wills Bench, and Clifford Nickolson.

Presbyterians to Hear Laymen-Missionary Nurse; Topics Told

Layman's Sunday will be observed this week at the First Presbyterian church. It is planned to have eight laymen participate in the morning services, guiding an appraisal of the program of the whole church.

James Johnston will guide the appraisal on worship; Darrell Huson the appraisal of organization and administration; evangelism and new life will be considered by George Witter and Christian education will be directed by Larry Clark.

James Rowan will lead the appraisal of the church's program on social education and action; Fred Gatter and Ray Mencke will lead the consideration of stewardship; and Dr. William P. Holt will cover the area of missionary education. Fred Gatter will be the moderator for this service.

After appraisal program Dr. W. Kirkland West, pastor of the church will speak on "The Forward Look." This program appraisal being conducted by the men is designed to stimulate thinking in regard to the total church program. It is hoped that it will help the church from the basis upon which the new budget for 1958 can be executed.

Music for both services will be provided by the Nonette of the Medford High school under the direction of Lynn Sjolund.

Missionary Nurse
At 7 p.m. the evening service will feature Miss Sara Perkins, missionary nurse in China for over 30 years. The adults, junior high fellowship, Freshman fellowship, and Westminster fellowship will all combine to hear this program.

Since her return from China in the fall of 1955 where she had been held in a Communist prison camp for four and a half years, Miss Perkins has been speaking in many parts of the United States, telling of her experiences of nurses at the hospital in Linhsien when the Chinese Communists entered the city, and superintendent of nurses at Dou Hospital in Peking, previously.

Being held as a war hostage was not a completely new experience for Miss Perkins, however. During World War II, she spent some time in a Japanese internment camp, but was repatriated in 1943. In 1946 she returned to China to continue her work in Peking. Miss Perkins now lives with her sister, Miss Gertrude Perkins, in Charleston, S. C.

Other Churches
Ashland—The Rev. B. J. Holland will speak on The Secret of Caring, at the 9:45 and 11 a.m. morning worship services at First Presbyterian church, Ashland, Sunday.

At 5:30 p.m. Sunday the senior high Westminster fellowship will meet at the Wood home, 1180 Oak st., Ashland. Monday evening the property and finance committee will meet at 6:45 p.m. followed by a session meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Central Point—"The Art of Giving" will be the topic for the church worship at 9:45 a.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian church, Central Point. Dr. Norman K. Tully will speak. The youth choir will sing during the service.

Phoenix—Carroll Cones, Ashland, will speak at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday at Phoenix Presbyterian church. Mr. Cones is a student at Southern Oregon college.

GUEST SPEAKER

Ashland—The Rev. Carl B. Mason will speak Sunday at 11 a.m. at the First Methodist church, Ashland. He will also speak to the junior and senior high fellowships at 5 p.m. and the closing evangelistic service at 7:30 p.m.

Series Begins At Church

A series of sermons on "Christ, Our Lord and Guide" will begin Sunday, Nov. 3 at the First Church of God, Haven and Holly sts., Medford. This series will continue at the 11 a.m. worship hour through Christmas Sunday according to the pastor, the Rev. Darold H. Jones.

Navigators Study History

Young married people of the First Church of the Nazarene meeting at 6 p.m., Sunday, are studying the "Origin of the Church of the Nazarene." The study group is led by Mrs. Dora Mae Shepard, and will include six discussion periods.

SATURDAY SPEAKER

Eagle Point—Bonner Allen will speak Saturday at the 11 a.m. worship service at Eagle Point Seventh-day Adventist church.



MISS SARA PERKINS
Sunday Evening Speaker

Christian Living School Starts

Dr. George Roseberry will present a study of Apocrypha as one interest group in the School of Christian Living starting Sunday, at 5:30 p.m., at the First Methodist church, Medford. These scriptures are rightly spoken of as the lost books of the Bible. They used to be included in the old family Bibles.

The Wesley Drama interest group will be directed by Mrs. Ernest Ludwig. The project is to stage and present a drama, with music, for the entire church participation, on Dec. 15. All who are interested in taking a speaking part, lighting, stage management, costumes and arrangements, are invited to attend this group.

"The Kingdom Beyond Caste," the book on Christ, The Church, and Race, will be the bases for the interest group conducted by the Rev. G. A. Trobough. Films, study, reports, and panels will be featured.

The sermon by Dr. Roseberry Sunday at both the 9:30 and the 11 a.m. services, will be "On the Road to Certainty." The chancel choir and the youth choir will sing.

Missionary Volunteer Rally Starts Saturday

A missionary volunteer rally for the Seventh-day Adventist youth of the southern Oregon churches will be held Saturday, Nov. 2, at 4 p.m. in the Medford church, corner of Edwards and Beatty sts.

Present from Portland will be Pastors W. D. Blehm and Richard Schwartz from the Oregon Conference Missionary Volunteer department and Bonner Allen, manager of the conference book and Bible house.

At 7 p.m. in the Lincoln school gymnasium there will be a book sale featuring the new M. V. Book club releases and other books. Pastor Blehm will show some pictures of missionary volunteer activities and the Walt Disney film, "The Living Desert."

Central Point Church Tells Topics; Meeting Planned for Workers

Central Point—"Christian Love" and "Lesson From a Lost Soul" will be the 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. services at Central Point Church of Christ Sunday. The Rev. Mr. Jean M. Shelley will preach at both services.

A meeting of all personal workers will be held at noon Sunday immediately following the morning service. A potluck dinner will be followed by a period of instruction and planning. All church leaders are invited to attend.

CHURCH EDITOR DIES

Cleveland—Funeral services will be held here Saturday for William W. J. Dinwoodie, veteran church editor of the Cleveland News and a newspaperman for more than 40 years. He died Thursday following an illness of several weeks.

BAPTIST SERMON
"A Greater Ministry Through Fellowship" will be the topic of the Sunday 11 a.m. sermon at First Baptist church by the Rev. James W. Neely.

SERMON SUBJECT
"Everlasting Punishment" will be the subject of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, sermon at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Baptismal Service At Zion Lutheran Church

The sacrament of baptism will be administered to four infants at the 11 a.m. worship service of Zion Lutheran church, corner of Fourth and Oakdale.

Pastor H. H. Hillerman's sermon for the service will be titled, "Why Bother With Excuses," and the choir will sing "O Savior of The World."

New Pastor Here For Valley View Adventist Church

Pastor C. E. Wimer, who for the past nine years has served as publishing department secretary in the Oregon conference of Seventh-day Adventists, arrived here last week from Portland to take charge of the Valley View and the Ashland Adventist churches. He succeeds W. F. Breesee, who transferred from pastoral work to full time evangelism.

Mr. Wimer preached for the first time as pastor of the churches here last Saturday morning.

The new pastor attended Canadian Union college in Alberta, Canada. Before assuming his new duties here, Pastor Wimer spent more than 28 years in the publishing work of the Adventist church in Canada and in South China as in various conferences in the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Wimer have two grown sons, Eugene, who is employed in Riverside, Calif., and Gordon, who is a dental student at Loma Linda, Calif. The Wimers are residing at 545 Fairmount st. in Medford.

Portland Youths Receive Trip Here As Prize

Guests of the Friends Sunday school Sunday will be four young people from Portland First Friends church who received a plane trip by United Airlines to Medford as a prize in the recent Sunday school contest between the two churches. The group will arrive in Medford Saturday morning, returning Sunday night.

Free airplane rides over the valley will be given by the local church Saturday afternoon to the following girls who brought at least five new members to Sunday school during the contest: Gayle Hagen, Patt Hurt, Lynn Malot, Barbara Walters, Carol Icenhower, and Raylene Viers.

In observance of missionary Sunday, a skit, "Ghosts which Haunt in the Night," will be presented by women of the church's Women's Missionary union during the opening assemblies of Sunday school at 9:45 and 11 a.m. The monthly missionary offering will be taken to pay the freight of goods being sent to the Friends mission in Bolivia. Approximately 175 pounds of men's used suits and sweaters, baby layettes, and school supplies were packed and sent this week.

At the worship services, 9:45 and 11 a.m., pastor Clynton Crisman will bring messages on "The Faithfulness of God." The chorus will sing, "He Giveth Peace."

Christian Endeavor will be held at 6:30 p.m., and the praise and worship hour at 7:30 p.m. Music will be furnished by a ladies' trio, Mrs. Claude Lewis, Mrs. Deane Roberts, and Mrs. Clynton Crisman. The pastor will speak.



MEDFORD CHURCH DIRECTORY

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive it, and you will." Mark 11:24.

APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH
North Central ave. at Third st.
Loyce Carter, pastor

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Radio broadcast KMED
9:30 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
6:30 p.m.—Evangelistic service
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 8 p.m.—Evangelistic service
Saturday: 7 p.m.—Prayer meeting

BETHEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
1729 North Riverside
L. D. Krause, pastor

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
6:30 p.m.—Baptist youth fellowship
7:30 p.m.—Lay development program
Tuesday: 12:15 p.m.—Visitation evangelism committee
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Hour of prayer

FAITH ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
3329 Sailing ave.
C. E. Lee, Minister

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship hour
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
1105 West Main st.
Robert E. Gull, pastor

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship
6:30 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors
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
7 p.m.—Midweek prayer service

FIRST BAPTIST 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
6:15 p.m.—Baptist youth leagues
6:30 p.m.—Adult Bible study
7:45 p.m.—Evening evangelistic hour
Wednesday: 7 p.m.—Midweek prayer service

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
345 North Mary st.
Eckel Hiser, pastor

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Church school
11 a.m.—Worship
7 p.m.—Youth fellowship
7 p.m.—Adult forum
8 p.m.—Evening worship

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

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
Tuesday: 10 a.m.—Relief society
7:30 p.m.—MIA
Wednesday: 4:30 p.m.—Primary
Saturday: 8 p.m.—Priesthood meeting at Klamath Falls

CHURCH OF CHRIST
1036 Court Street

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship
6:30 p.m.—Bible study
7:30 p.m.—Bible study

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