

Church News

Protestant Leaders Urged To Provide Church Programs Suitable For Handicapped

By LOUIS CASSELS
Washington—Jesus Christ in his earthly ministry displayed a special concern for handicapped people—the blind, deaf, crippled and mentally disturbed.

Protestant churches throughout America are now being urged to follow their Lord's example in this regard.

Oregon Churches Included in 1959 Centennial Events

Development of the church in Oregon during the past 100 years will be commemorated in several special events to be planned for Oregon's centennial years in 1959, it is announced by Dr. A. Talney, executive director of the Oregon council of churches.

Mrs. Monroe Sweetland, member of the Oregon centennial commission serving as liaison between churches and the centennial, appeared before the board of the council of churches recently and received official approval of centennial participation by that group.

Dr. Talney said that a 10 member committee will be appointed in the near future to work out details of church participation in the centennial.

Among suggestions which the committee will consider is the possibility of an exhibit at the Oregon Centennial Exposition and International Trade Fair depicting the influence and importance of the church in the early development of the state. A historical survey of the church movement in Oregon might be undertaken in connection with the proposed display. Statewide observance of the centennial through special services during a pre-designated week in 1959 is also a possibility, Dr. Talney said.

Mrs. Sweetland indicated that efforts to bring all church groups into centennial activities would be made during the next few months.

The Oregon council of churches represents a number of major denominations in Oregon with more than 900 member churches. The council is also affiliated with 13 local and area church councils.

The motion passed by the council board pledged full cooperation not only with the centennial commission and staff but with other organized church groups which may participate.

Valley Presbyterians Announce Speakers

Central Point—"How Much Is Enough?" taken from the Presbyterian Life article will be the sermon topic for Stewardship Sunday at Central Point First Presbyterian church. Dr. Norman K. Tully will preach at the Sunday 9:45 a.m. worship service.

Ashland—The Rev. B. J. Holand, pastor First Presbyterian church, Ashland, will preach on "A Look at Loyalty," at both the 9:45 and 11 a.m. worship services Sunday.

Phoenix—Sam Harbison, member of the Presbyterian Men's club, Medford, will speak at the Presbyterian church, Phoenix, Sunday at 11 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 11, the regular monthly meeting of the session will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Jacksonville—The Rev. Robert T. Bridge will speak on "The Escaping Fragrance" at the 11 a.m. Sunday service at First Presbyterian church, Jacksonville.

Ministerial Association Announces Speaker For Tuesday Morning Meet

Mrs. Vera Thompson, Portland, field representative for the state of Oregon Commission for the Blind, will speak at the monthly meeting of the Medford Ministerial association Tuesday, November 12, at 11 a.m.

Mrs. Thompson will speak about the work of the commission in providing services for the blind in the state, including adjustment and training problems for them.

Prior to the talk a business meeting will be held at 10 a.m. at the First Presbyterian church in the fireplace room. The association is open to ministers of all denominations and churches in the area.

A comparatively few churches already provide special worship services and religious education classes for them.

But Protestant leaders have long been aware that most local churches are neglecting the spiritual needs of the handicapped.

The first important step toward remedying this situation was taken last month. Representatives of major denominations met at Green Lake, Wis., under the auspices of the National Council of Churches, and agreed to work together "to assure churches to their responsibility" to provide suitable Christian education programs for all types of handicapped persons.

The conferees recommended a long-range, cooperative program of training special teachers, preparing special Sunday school curriculum materials, and advising local churches and pastors on specific ways in which they can minister more effectively to the handicapped. They asked that a new unit be set up within the Christian Education Division of the National Council to oversee the effort.

The Rev. Randolph Thornton, administration director of the Christian Education division, told the United Press that it is now up to local churches and to denominational headquarters to decide how swiftly these recommendations are carried out.

The big problem, as usual, is money. One hope is that some wealthy philanthropist, or foundation, may see fit to underwrite the cost about \$20,000 a year of setting up the proposed new council unit, or the considerably larger costs of establishing a national workshop to train teachers for the handicapped.

Meanwhile, Thornton said, there is plenty that local churches can do on their own to begin serving neglected groups.

They can pool their resources on a community basis, as churches in Evanston, Ill., are doing to provide Christian education classes for the mentally retarded; as churches in Pittsburgh and several Connecticut towns have done for the blind; and as churches in Syracuse, N.Y., have done for youths in a detention school.

Medford Presbyterians Approve \$113,104 Budget

At a congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian church, held Wednesday evening, Nov. 6, the budget for 1958 was presented and approved. The church has set a total budget of \$113,104, dividing it evenly on an equal basis between home base needs and the world Christian mission. This budget is \$13,104 over the budget of 1957.

It was pointed out during the meeting that the local church has been instrumental in starting new churches at Brookings and Tricity during the past five years. Several other Presbyterian churches in the Synod of Oregon have also been aided by the local congregation. Other amounts of the world mission budget are designated for the denomination's program of Christian education, theological education, and interdenominational Christian agencies.

The Every Member Canvass is being directed this year by Fred Gatter and Ray Mencke. Dedication of pledges to the church will be made on Sunday morning, Nov. 17 at both services and teams of callers will contact those who do not pledge at that time. Mr. Gatter has said that "We pledge to the church because all we own belongs to God" and this is the basis of Christian stewardship.

Sunday morning at both services, Dr. D. Kirkland West, pastor, will preach on the theme "What Christ Expects From His Church." The Westminster choir will sing the anthem "Savior, My Dying Love," at the first service and at the second service the choir will sing "Praise, Lord, For Thee in Zion Waits." Mrs. B. Melvin Hoover will sing the solo "Consider the Lilies."

Classes for prospective members of the church will begin Sunday at 5 p.m. Dr. West will lead the class for adults and the Rev. John Reynolds, assistant pastor, the class for young people of junior and senior high school age. These classes are open to anyone interested in knowing more about basic Christian faith and the Presbyterian church. This Sunday young people's class will be instructed by a member of the Session.

Westminster fellowship for high school young people will meet at 7 p.m. in the church and the Junior High fellowship for seventh and eighth grade students will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Youth Synod
The annual meetings of the Westminster Fellowship Youth



MAJOR LEONARD ADAMS To Speak Here (Kennell Ellis photo)

Salvation Army Officer Here Sunday-Monday

Senior Major Leonard Adams, divisional young people's secretary of Oregon and southern Idaho for The Salvation Army, will visit Medford, Sunday and Monday. He will conduct the semi-annual program review and inspection of the youth program.

This includes a conference with Captain William Ricken, commanding officer, and youth leader, Sunday school teachers and the local Corps. The 1957 summer camp program, daily vacation Bible school program and the other phases of youth work will be reviewed.

Sunday evening a meeting with the junior soldiers, 6 through 14 years of age, will be held at 5 p.m., and with the young people's legion at 6 p.m., ages 15 through 30 years. He will speak at the second group meeting.

At the 7:45 p.m. service Major Adams will be the speaker. The public is invited.

Monday the Major will meet with about 15 members of the Corps Cadets, group of youths, 12 years and older, taking a six year course of study in Scripture work. A meeting of the teachers and youth works is also to be held on Monday evening.

Major Adams has had varied appointments in The Salvation Army having served in China, Burma and England before coming to the United States.

Demand Increases For Religious Christmas Cards

New York — A nation-wide program to encourage wider use of religious Christmas cards is being launched throughout America by a network of state and local Councils of Churches and the Christmas card publishers.

The National Council of Churches made a formal request to the Christmas card publishers in 1947 for greater varieties of reverent and appropriate Christmas greeting cards. Since then, great progress has been made through the cooperation of church-goers and the publishers to place more emphasis on the true significance of Christmas with cards that fully express the spirit of the greatest of all holidays.

H. H. McConnell, acting executive director, department of evangelism of the National Council of Churches recently said, "The attention of our thirty-eight million constituents has been called to the greater variety of reverent design and the increasing number of Christmas cards available with specific Christian content. We are also pleased to note that more Christmas cards are being published using Scripture references."

Association Cooperates
Expressing the viewpoint of

Sermon Series Continues

"Speak the Truth in Love" is the theme of the sermon to be given during the morning worship hour at the Eastwood Baptist church, North Keene Way dr. at Ridgeway, at 11 a.m. Sunday. The sermon given by the pastor, the Rev. Richard M. Jones, is the tenth in a series of sermons on the Ten Commandments for our day. A women's trio will sing.

The fourth session of the Lay Development program will be held beginning at 7:30 Sunday evening. The pastor will lead a general workshop on the theme "How American Baptist Churches Work with One Another." Following this workshop and a brief worship period, the simultaneous workshops will be held on communications, community witness, a pattern for a Baptist church and the pastor and the people. These workshops are open to the public and all members and friends of the church are invited to attend.

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

Investment Fair Set For Saturday Evening
The Sabbath school members of the Valley View Seventh-day Adventist church will hold an Investment Fair Saturday evening at 7:30 in the gymnasium at the Rogue River Junior Academy on South Stage rd. Funds received from the fair will go to the Sabbath school investment project. The denomination uses the money to open new mission work throughout the world.

At Saturday night's fair the juniors will sell "white elephants"; the primary division will sell cookies, doughnuts, and candy, and punch will be sold by the kindergarten children. The ladies of the Eagle Point doreas society will sell Christmas cards.

The Valley View Camera club is to have a display. There will be games and musical entertainment for the rest of the evening.

Sermons Announced; Box Social Scheduled
The morning message of the First Christian church Sunday will be entitled "Heavenly Rewards" and will be delivered by the pastor, the Rev. William C. Piper. Miss Marilyn Conner and Miss Sara Hinkle will sing. "Somehow" and the choir directed by C. Warren Fairbanks will sing, "Judge Eternal."

The topic of the evening message will be "Two Roads With Different Destinations." An old fashioned box social is being sponsored by the youth Saturday, Nov. 16. All the parents of the youth, the Lamp-lighter class and young adult class are invited to attend. All proceeds will go to the Christian World Friendship fund.

SERMON SUBJECT
"Adam and Fallen Man" will be the subject of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, sermon at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Talent Friends Church To Show Film Sunday
Talent—"What Shall I Do With Jesus?" will be the question asked by the Rev. A. Clark Smith, pastor, at the 11 a.m. morning service at the Talent Friends church, Sunday.

Sunday at 7:30 p.m. the color film "They Wait for Peace" will be shown at the church. The picture, filmed during the closing days of the Korean conflict, presents the signing of the truce between the United Nations and the Communists and gives an accurate account of the hardships and needs of the Korean people. Included in the film is the service carried out by the schools, churches, orphanages and Christian missions in Korea. The film is presented by the Film department of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

LAY SPEAKER
C. Elwood Hedberg will preach at the 11 a.m. morning prayer service Sunday at St. Mark's Episcopal church.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Groveland Ave. and Oakwood Drive
Church Worship at 9:45 and 11 a.m.
Church School at 9:45 and 11 a.m.
Sermon: "What Makes Us Do What We Do?"

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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Grand Rapids, Mich. — Eleven is an important number for Jimmy Willis of Grand Rapids. Jimmy will be 11 years old Monday at 11 p.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month.

Stewardship, Saturday Topic
"Christian Stewardship" will be the subject of study presented by Pastor John D. Trude at the 11 a.m. worship hour Saturday in the Medford Seventh-day Adventist church.

Elder George Belleau, field secretary of the Oregon conference Sabbath school department, from Portland will conduct a workshop for Southern Oregon Sabbath school leaders here Saturday night. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Dorcas building, corner of Edwards and Beatty, and will be attended by representatives from Ashland, Eagle Point, Medford, Klamath Falls and Valley View churches.

Instruction will be given to workers in all departments of the Sabbath school, and Elder Belleau will present a number of books and visual aids available to teachers.

Both officers for the past year, and newly elected officers for the coming year will be present. Anyone interested in learning about Sabbath school work is invited to attend.

Medford Pathfinders will meet in the Pathfinder clubhouse Monday at 7:30 p.m.

America's leading greeting card publishers, S. Q. Shannon, executive director of The Greeting Card association, said that members of his organization are most appreciative of the continued cooperation of the National Council and church leaders of many denominations in directing the attention of the American public to the rising importance of the religious Christmas card.

Each year the Association makes a survey to determine the popularity of the various religious Christmas card designs. For 1957 Madonnas are in first place, followed by delineations of the Holy Family, the Three Wise Men, churches, cherubs, the Christ Child, manger scenes, angels, shepherds, and in tenth position, illustrations of choirs.

While invariably from year to year the Madonna is by far the most popular design, there is considerable variation of the other illustrations symbolic of the holy season.

Indicative of the great progress that has been made in recent years in the trend of public demand for the sending of religious Christmas greetings, the association estimates that in 1957 over 25 per cent of all Christmas cards mailed will be religious in character in contrast to only about a 5 per cent usage of such cards ten or twelve years ago.

Many of the cards reflect the rich traditions of classical art, along with modern conceptions of all phases of the well loved story of Christmas and all that it means.

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Unitarians to Hear Methodist Minister

The first November meeting of the Rogue Valley Unitarian Fellowship will be held Wednesday, Nov. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Girls Community club, 229 North Bartlett st., Medford.

Guest speaker for the evening will be the Rev. Louis Miles, assistant minister of First Methodist church, Ashland. Mr. Miles' special interest is the newly dedicated Wesley Foundation for students at Southern Oregon college. He has chosen as his topic, "Perfection and Progress."

Meetings of the Unitarian Fellowship are held on the second and fourth Wednesday nights of each month, and consist of both a worship service and a discussion period. All interested persons are invited to attend.

GROUND FLOOR APPROACH
Ventura, Calif. — Ventura College today invited citizens to enroll in its first Spurt tracking course. The class in the evening school has no prerequisite, but graduates can participate in the government's forthcoming Operation Moonwatch, a spokesman said.

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Those attending from Medford are the ministers and their wives from First Church of the Nazarene, the Rev. and Mrs. W. Lee Mansveld, the Rev. and Mrs. Dwayne E. Bachelor of the Mt. Pitt Avenue church of the Nazarene will also attend.

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Over 70 pastors and their wives will attend the three-day meeting from western Oregon. Dr. W. D. McGraw Jr. of Portland, district superintendent, will be in charge of the sessions.

Topics Announced For Central Point Church
Central Point—"Ye Therefore shall be Perfect" will be the 10:45 a.m. Sunday worship service topic of the Rev. Mr. Jean M. Shelley, pastor of Church of Christ, Central Point.

Each family is asked to take a waterbottle to church for 7:30 p.m. evangelistic service when the pastor will preach on "Is Your Water Bottle Empty?"

At the Sunday evening service "fill a pew night" will be observed with each family asked to fill one row of seats for the worship period.

STAKE CONFERENCE
The Stake conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will continue through Sunday evening in Klamath Falls. Saturday at 8 p.m. a priest-hood meeting will be held and Sunday meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. with a 6:30 p.m. youth meeting. The Sunday night service will be at 7 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY TOPICS
Bible study topics has been announced by the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses for the week. Sunday at 6 p.m. the Watchtower study topic will be "Endurance Like Job's in the Time of the End," with the Tuesday and Wednesday 7:30 p.m. topic "This Means Everlasting Life."

KIWANIS FOUNDER DIES
Detroit — Services will be held Saturday for Donald A. Johnston, 83, one of the four founders of the International Kiwanis Club, who died Wednesday at his home in suburban Birmingham.

Former Chicago Police Officer Guest Speaker

George Marshall, former member of the Chicago police department, and now a student at Southern Oregon college, Ashland, will be the guest youth speaker at the Youth Fellowship hour at the First Church of God Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. Miss Joanne Galloway will be chairman of the service.

Temple Baptist Schedules Dinner Thursday Night

Invitations have gone out to all members of Temple Baptist church, the Sunday school, and their families to attend a church family and loyalty dinner Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. The dinner is being held in the Pioneer room, Jackson hotel, because of limited facilities at the church.

The dinner is a feature of a four weeks stewardship campaign now being conducted by the church. The Claude Miller, pastor of the church reported that the dinner is for the purpose of fellowship and information. He added that is an opportunity to inform everyone connected with the church of the \$14,618.32 budget which the church adopted last Sunday.

Children eight years and under will be entertained at the church at a party under the direction of women from Calvary Baptist church, Ashland. Infants and children to three years will be cared for in the church nursery.

At the evening worship service Sunday Temple Baptist church will show the film "All for Him" which was originally scheduled for last Wednesday evening. The film is being shown in connection with the four weeks stewardship campaign, and all members are invited to take their friends.

At the Sunday school hour the junior, intermediate, young people, and adult departments will study stewardship lessons looking toward pledge day, Nov. 17, when the church will subscribe the largest budget in its history. The budget for 1958 is a \$6,000 increase over last year.

Documentary Film Set For Sunday Evening

"They Wait for Peace," a 30-minute documentary color-sound film on Korea, will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the Friends church. Sponsored by the Senior Christian Endeavor, this will be the first in a series of missionary films produced by the Bible Institute of Los Angeles to be shown once each month during the winter at the local church.

For the worship hours at 9:45 and 11 a.m. the pastor will speak and the adult and youth choirs will sing. Sunday school is held at 9:45 for children and adults and at 11 a.m. for junior high through college age young people. For the 7:30 p.m. worship hour Deane Roberts will be soloist and the pastor will bring a message. "Quaker Hour" is broadcast over KMED at 9:30 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church To Commission Workers
Following weeks of preparation, Zion Lutheran church, corner of Fourth and Oakdale, will enter the week of active solicitation of support of the work of the church through the stewardship program by the commissioning of the lay visitors at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday.

For this occasion the title of the sermon to be preached by Pastor H. H. Hillerman will be, "The Drive Of True Living." The choir under the direction of Oscar Bjorlie will sing "Praise Ye the Lord."

PHOENIX SERMONS
Phoenix — "Day in Court" and "The Search for Assurance" will be the sermon topics of the Rev. Perry M. Johnson, Sunday at First Baptist church, Phoenix. The services will be held at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

THE NEED IS GREAT
Chicago — Neighborhood children are looking for someone to take the place of retiring Sister Hilda A. Lee, a Lutheran deaconess. The former nurse setup a doll hospital 30 years ago and mended thousands of dolls, sometimes drawing from a doll "bone bank."

OUT OF WAR
comes chaos, suffering and more wars. The only peace is found in Christ. "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

(John 16:33) Hear of the peace that passeth all understanding at our Church this Sunday.

9:45—Sunday School for all ages
11:00—"Sound Investigating" (Broadcast KBOY)
7:45—Evening Evangelistic Hour

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
North Central at 5th James W. Neely, Pastor
Where Visitors Are Always Welcome

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.

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