

Nearly 50 Million Adults Attend Worship Services

By LOUIS CASSELS
United Press Correspondent
Washington — Nearly 50 million adults attend worship services in U.S. churches and synagogues each week.

Slightly more than 50 million stay home.

Like most statistics, these figures can be interpreted in two ways. The church attendance figure can be, and often is, cited as evidence that this country is experiencing a major religious revival. It is the highest in history, up 10 million from 1950. It dwarfs the churchgoing sta-

tistics of other countries in Britain, for example, only one adult out of seven regularly attends worship services.

But any pastor, priest or rabbi who is inclined to rejoice in today's big congregation is quickly brought down to earth by the figure of non-attendance. Even in this period of great popular interest in religion, the number of worshippers on a typical weekend constitutes slightly less than half of the total adult population.

Many churches work hard at the task of bringing the absent-

tees into the fold. They hold revival meetings, conduct house-to-house canvasses, bring in guest speakers, advertise their services in community newspapers, provide coffee hours for newcomers, and baby-sitting facilities for young parents.

Advertising Campaign Efforts

Their year-round efforts will be strongly reinforced during the next few weeks by a nationwide public service advertising campaign sponsored by the Religion in American Life Committee.

The committee, headed this year by former Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens, is composed of laymen from all major religious faiths. Each fall since 1949, it has enlisted the cooperation of America's mass communications media to promote church attendance.

About \$7,500,000 worth of free advertising space has already been promised to this year's drive. More than 1,000 participating newspapers will carry an average of 10 advertisements each. The outdoor advertising industry is donating 5,500 billboards to display RIAL posters.

Most television and radio stations will carry this weekend a special 30-minute broadcast, introduced by President Eisenhower, explaining the goals and purposes of the campaign.

In addition to this initial program, spot announcements will be carried on some 300 regular network radio and TV broadcasts and thousands of local station breaks during the next few weeks.

"Togetherness" Theme

The whole campaign is built around a single, brief message, which RIAL leaders chose as the 1957 theme. It is not the only reason for attending church and some ministers might say it is not the best. But it may prove to have a very timely appeal for a nation whose anxieties have lately been heightened by Soviet success in building long-range rockets.

The message, which you'll be seeing and hearing many times this month, is:

"Find the strength for your life . . . Worship together this week."

Sunday School Party Scheduled

Celebrating the victory of the "Flats" over the "Sharps" in the recent Sunday school contest, a party will be given for the entire Sunday school of the Friends church tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the church social hall. The "Sharps" will entertain with a program of skits, music, contests and games and will serve refreshments. Team captain Nadine Brood is in charge of arrangements.

Sunday the pastor will speak at the worship services at 9:45 and 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Wayne Roberts will be soloist in the morning and the music for the evening worship will be a duet by Pat Leek and Jerry Kline. Janet Johnson will lead Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p.m. Junior and Intermediate C E will also meet, with youth leaders. "Quaker Hour" will be broadcast over station KMGD at 9:30 p.m.

CHURCH NEWS DEADLINE

Deadline for church news and announcements for the Nov. 22 edition is 12 noon Wednesday because of the Thanksgiving holiday. For other weeks the deadline for the church section of The Mail Tribune remains the same, 12 noon Thursday.

Medford Presbyterians Observe Loyalty Sunday, November 17

Loyalty Sunday will be observed at both services of the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning.

Every member of the church will be given an opportunity to make his pledge to support the work of the church for 1958. Recently a budget of \$113,104 was set for 1958 to be divided equally for needs of the home base and opportunities of the World Mission. A special service of dedication of the pledges will be held during the morning services.

Teams working on the Every Member Canvass will begin calling Sunday afternoon in the home of members who have not pledged. Fred Gatter and Ray Mencke are co-chairmen of the Every Member Canvass.

Dr. D. Kirkland West will speak on the subject "The Victory Depends on You," at both services. The Westminster choir will sing the anthem "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" at the first service and the chancel choir will sing "Let The Mountains Shout for Joy" at the second service. Mrs. Brittain Ash, soprano, will sing the solo "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings." Churchmanship classes for



SPEAKER — The Rev. Sterling Stewart, missionary to El Salvador, will speak tonight at 7:45 p.m. at the First Assembly of God church, 1108 West Main st. He will illustrate his talk with a film. The public is invited.

Christian Youth To Attend State Meet, Plan Service

"Will We Know Our Friends in Heaven?" will be the sermon topic Sunday morning at the First Christian church. The choir under the direction of C. Warren Fairbanks will sing "All Glory Be to Thee, Most High."

The young people will conduct the evening service Sunday. Miss Lynn Latham will lead the singing with Boyd Henry at the piano. Miss Oveta Walden will preside over the evening activities. The sermon will be presented by Lynn Seger, Robert Allen, Miss Priscilla Shafer, Max Johnson and Miss Oveta Walden. Miss Marilyn Conner and Miss Donna Demmer will play a clarinet duet. Clinton Stiger and Jim Osborn will serve as deacons with Price Shafer, youth sponsor, assisting.

All parents, friends and members are invited to be present.

The young people of the Christian Youth fellowship and the Chi Rho fellowship, seventh and eighth graders, will be leaving immediately after school Friday, Nov. 22, for the World Fellowship youth meets being held at Myrtle Creek and Winston, Ore. This is one of the seven youth meets being held in Christian churches throughout the state. The meets are designed to help youth in every church in planning missionary activities on the year's mission emphasis.

Film, games, banquet and discussions will bring youth a glimpse of the church in many lands. There may be as many as ten to fifteen young people attending from this church, along with Price Shafer, youth sponsor and Miss Eleanor Bower, youth director.

Adventists Plan Cooking Classes

A cooking school under the direction of the International Nutrition Research Foundation will be held in this area Nov. 22 through 25, by Miss Dorothea Van Gundy from the Foundation's center in Arlington, Calif.

Miss Van Gundy will speak at services the Seventh-day Adventist churches Nov. 22 and 23 and will hold cooking classes on the following two days. She will give a lecture Friday evening at the Ashland Adventist church preceding Pastor Floyd Breesee's evangelistic meeting and will again speak at morning services Saturday in Ashland and Valley View and in the afternoon in Medford.

The demonstration and lecture classes will be in the cafeteria at Rogue River Junior academy.

Thanksgiving Day Union Services Planned Locally

The annual union Thanksgiving service under the auspices of the Medford Ministerial association will be held at 10 a.m. on Nov. 28. The meeting will be held in the First Assembly of God church, 1108 West Main st., Medford.

Dr. George G. Roseberry, pastor of First Methodist church, will deliver the message. The Rev. Dwayne Bachelor, Mt. Pitt Avenue Church of the Nazarene, will give the invocation and benediction with the Rev. Escl Hiser, Church of the Brethren, the scripture reading and prayer. Pastor of the First Assembly of God church is the Rev. Robert E. Cull.

The host church will present the music for the service. This worship service is held annually by the Ministerial association and is open to the public. Arrangements for the special hour of Thanksgiving are under the direction of the Rev. William Piper, pastor of the First Christian church.

Services Told by Presbyterians

Central Point — "He Can Who Thinks He Can," will be the sermon topic of Dr. Norman K. Tully at First Presbyterian church, Central Point, Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. a thank offering supper will be held at the church.

Phoenix — Carroll Cones, student for the ministry at Southern Oregon college, will speak Sunday at the 11 a.m. worship service at First Presbyterian church, Phoenix. At 7:30 p.m. he will meet with young people of the church in an effort to reorganize the Westminster fellowship group.

The session met Monday night and made plans for the every member canvass to begin Sunday. Letters were sent to every church member and should be returned within the next two weeks. Those from whom a card is not received will be called upon by canvass teams, Nov. 24.

There will be a meeting of the teachers and officers at the home of Mrs. Ray Claflin Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Women's association will meet at the church on Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. Plans will be finished for the bazaar to be held on Dec. 6.

Jacksonville — The Rev. Robert Bridge will preach on "A Human Sigh and a Divine Response" at First Presbyterian church, Jacksonville, Sunday at 11 a.m.

Ashland — "God At Our Door" will be the sermon topic Sunday at both the 9:45 and 11 a.m. services at First Presbyterian church, Ashland. The Rev. B. J. Holland, pastor, will preach.

Eagle Point Adventists Start Week of Prayer With Home Services

Eagle Point—Services Saturday at the Eagle Point Seventh-day Adventist church will start the week of Prayer readings that will continue throughout the week at 7:30 p.m.

Services will be held at the homes of the following persons: Sunday, Adrian Pittsley residence; Monday, George Sander home; Tuesday, Elmer Estelle's Wednesday and Thursday, Herschel Harper home; and Friday, Irvin Pershall residence on Gebhard rd., Central Point.

DEDICATION SERVICE

Cave Junction — Dedication of babies service will be held at the Bridgeview Community church, Cave Junction, Sunday at the 11 a.m. worship service. William S. Richie, Medford, will preach following the dedication ceremony.

PHOENIX SERMONS

Phoenix — "The Divine Invitation" and "The Development of 'Christian Grace'" will be the sermon topics at the 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. worship services at First Baptist church, Phoenix, Sunday. The Rev. Perry M. Johnson will preach.

CENTRAL POINT TOPICS

Central Point — "The Little Member" and "Just A Picture of Man's Need" will be the sermon topics at Church of Christ, Central Point Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. services. The Rev. Mr. Jean M. Shelley, pastor, will preach.



WILLIAM F. WILLIS
To Conduct Meetings

Youth Meetings Scheduled At First Baptist

William F. Willis, evangelist and youth leader, will conduct a series of youth meetings at the First Baptist church, Medford, each evening at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, through Nov. 22. Mr. Willis represents the Youth Gospel Crusade, Inc., of Wheaton, Ill., which has preached to youngsters across the nation.

Mr. Willis' meetings are highlighted by select motion picture messages, oil scenes on felt, illustrations in magic, and chalk drawing under colored lighting, featuring the black light.

A different surprise program is presented each night, streamlined to the interest of young people. Although the program is directed primarily to the youth of the city, adults are also invited to attend the campaign.

Local Pastor To Attend Meeting

Dr. D. Kirkland West, pastor of First Presbyterian church, Medford, will leave Tuesday for New York City where he will attend the annual meeting of the General Assembly committee of the department of stewardship and promotion for the Presbyterian church of the U.S.A.

Dr. West, an advisor to the committee, received his appointment last May. He has been asked to lead the opening devotional services at the New York meeting which will be held at the New Yorker hotel, Nov. 23 through 27.

Lay Reader To Preach Sunday

Norman Jahn will be the lay reader at the worship service Sunday at 11 a.m. at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran church, 1020 East Main st. He will preach on the subject "The Urgency in the Christian Life."

The pastor the Rev. Kenneth Korby, will be in Artois, California, participating as a guest missionary in a series of evangelistic services of the Upper Sacramento valley. These services go under the heading: Preaching - Teaching - Reaching.

The Sunday school and adult Bible study begins at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. The adult group will continue its study of the Sermon on the Mount.

Missionary Speaker At Mt. Pitt Church

Dr. Samuel B. Hynds, missionary to Swaziland, South Africa, will speak at the Mt. Pitt Avenue Church of the Nazarene, Sunday, at 7 p.m. Following his talk he will show slides of his work. Accompanying Dr. Hynds will be his wife and their small daughter. The public is invited to attend.

TRAIL SERMON

Trail — "Saul, the Outcast" will be the sermon topic Sunday at 11 a.m. by the Rev. Ernest E. Evers at the Trail Community church, Trail.

TOPIC

The Rev. G. Herbert Hillerman will preach on "In Communion With God" at the 11 a.m. worship service at Zion Lutheran church, Fourth and Oakdale aves., Sunday.

SERMON SUBJECT

"Mortals and Immortals" will be the subject of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, sermon at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Christian Scientists Set Thursday Lecture

A free lecture entitled "Christian Science: Its Message of Liberation" will be given Thursday, Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. in the First Church of Christ, Scientist, by Elbert R. Slaughter of Dallas, Texas. Mr. Slaughter is a member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother church, First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass. The public is invited to attend.

Centennial Tea To Be Held Friday

Jacksonville — A centennial tea and fellowship will be held by the Woman's association of the First Presbyterian church, Jacksonville, Friday, Nov. 22, in observance of the founding of the church Nov. 22, 1857.

The tea will be held at the church from 2 until 4 p.m. Women in charge of committees making arrangements for the event include Mrs. Harold White, tea table; Mrs. Melvin Hall, program; and Mrs. John Keaveny, president of the association. Other members of the association will assist.

During the afternoon background music will be played and a program of fellowship will be held at 3 p.m. Mrs. Otto Nellemeyer, one of co-chairmen for the centennial services held at the church Sept. 22, will read her original poem "If This Old Church Could Speak."

Mrs. Robert Bridge, wife of the pastor, will be welcomed back to Jacksonville at the tea. She is scheduled to return from their former home in Texas this week end.

Members and friends of the church in the valley are invited to attend.

Adventists Plan Prayer Emphasis Week Nov. 16-23

Seventh-day Adventists around the world will unite in a special prayer-emphasis week, Nov. 16 through 23. According to Pastor John D. Trude of the Medford Seventh-day Adventist church the week is designed to "help our church members and community friends who would like to join with them rededicate themselves to placing a 'top priority' classification on their prayer life in a day when the rigors of modern living tend to take up more and more of each person's time."

Denominational leaders, who state that they feel prayer is "society's greatest bulwark against the subtle evils of our time," have prepared a series of reading on subjects of major Christian concern to be studied on a world-wide basis during the week.

Meetings

Eagle Point church members have scheduled meetings for each evening to be held in various homes in their community. Medford and Valley View members will study individually in their own homes during the week, and meet together at the Medford church three evenings, to be announced Saturday.

The open meeting will be held in each church during the 11 a.m. worship hour. Saturday with Professor Fred Wilbur giving the initial reading at the Medford church, Pastor Trude at Eagle Point, and Pastor C. E. Wimer at Valley View. The beginning subject will be "Preparation for the Coming of the Lord."

MEDFORD CHURCH DIRECTORY

"Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut." Revelation 3:8.

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH ELC Pythian Bldg., Fifth and Grape sts. Elvin S. Tollefson, pastor	EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH (American Baptist) North Keene Way dr. at Bridge Richard M. Jones, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school 11 a.m.—Divine worship 7:30 p.m.—Adult membership class, at parsonage	Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Church school 11 a.m.—Morning worship 6:30 p.m.—Baptist youth fellowship 7:30 p.m.—Lay development program
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.	FAITH ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH 1329 Saling ave. Fred Lee, Minister Sunday: 10 a.m.—Sunday school 11 a.m.—Worship hour Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting
APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH North Central ave. at Third st. Loyce Carver, pastor	FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD 1108 West Main st. Robert E. Cull, pastor Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school 11 a.m.—Worship 6:30 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors youth rally 7 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

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Church News

Representative for Blind Speaker at Ministerial Meet

"Blindness is an inconvenience, not a handicap if the person adjusts to the lack of sight," Mrs. Vera Thompson, Portland, field representative for the state of Oregon commission for the blind, said Tuesday at the meeting of the Medford Ministerial association.

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

She explained that the blind association helps the blind to help themselves. More than 80 per cent of the blind in the state, she added, are past 50 years of age.

She told of the need for talking books but explained that many were available to the blind free of cost. In the state there are now 3,000 titles available including 10 copies of the Bibles, she reported. It was stated that the Government would not record hymns but the American Red Cross had taken on this project.

The speaker concluded by saying that the public as a rule does not understand the blind and in many cases are rude and thoughtless.

Mrs. Thompson was introduced by the Rev. Raymond Hurn, pastor, First Church of the Nazarene, who is chairman of the program committee of the association.

During the business meeting which preceded the talk the annual union Thanksgiving day service was discussed and an announcement was made that the state convention of the Gideons association would be held in Medford next September.

The Ministerial association meets at the First Presbyterian church, Medford, the second Tuesday of each month at 10

Ascension Lutheran Schedules Meetings

"Christ in the Church" will be the topic of the pastor, the Rev. Elvin S. Tollefson, at the Ascension Lutheran church Sunday at 11 a.m. The service will be held in the Pythian building, Grape and Fifth sts.

Several committees of the church are scheduled to meet this week. Sunday at 7:30 p.m. the resources committee will meet at the Paul Jorgenson home, 324 South Groveland ave.; Monday at 7:30 p.m. the general committee will meet at the Richard Melum home, 832 Marshall ave.; and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. the proposal committee will meet at the Archie Olson home, 1023 Winchester street.

Series Continues At Central Point Church

Central Point — The times of two services at Central Point Community Bible church, Central Point, have been changed, according to the pastor, the Rev. Paul O. Kroon.

The evening evangelistic service will be held at 7:30 p.m. and the prayer pals, young people, Bible studies, and pre-service prayer meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m.

The 11 a.m. worship service Sunday will be another in the series on the book of Romans by the pastor, entitled "Faith in Action."

Loyalty Sunday At Congregational

"The Plus Sign in Church" will be the topic of the sermon by the Rev. Thomas McCamant at both services of the Congregational church Sunday.

On Wednesday evening there will be a potluck supper for all members and friends of the church at 6:30 at Pilgrim House. At this time the church's budget for 1958 will be presented for the approval of the congregation and a film entitled, "Split Level Family" will be shown. Next Sunday will be "Loyalty Sunday," when members will take their pledges to the church.

Methodists Plan Dinners, Speaker Here From Portland

Operation "Fellowship" is the theme of spiritual emphasis to be observed in First Methodist church under the leadership of the Rev. J. T. Ralph Johnson, pastor of Centenary - Wilbur Methodist church, Portland, Dr. Johnson will speak to the entire membership at potluck dinners at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights. The meetings will close each evening at 7:57 p.m. Dr. Johnson will speak each evening on the subject "Spiritual Fellowship in the Local Church."

Tuesday evening he will speak to the official board at a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. His subject will be "Spiritual Vitality in the Official Board." The official board will hold their regular business meeting at the close of his service.

All junior-hi, senior-hi and older youth will meet with Dr. Johnson in their potluck dinner on Thursday at 6:30 to 7:57 p.m. His address will be "Christian Youth for Christ and the Church." Dr. Johnson will be in Medford for the entire week speaking and meeting with groups of the First Methodist church.

Catholics Tell Of Parish Library

The opening of the new parish library has been announced by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine of Sacred Heart Catholic church. The library is located in the rectory at 326 South Oakdale ave., and will be open every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

According to the library committee which has been working on the project for many weeks, a large and varied number of books have been loaned to the Confraternity by parish members. These will be used until funds have been accumulated to finance the permanent library.

It has been pointed out that books are available now to suit nearly every taste, from novels to biographies and from apologetics to studies in meditation. A charge of five cents per book per week will be made, and these rental fees will be applied on the purchase of new books.

An invitation is extended to all by the Confraternity to visit the library and make use of the new facility.

Ruch Community Church To See Films Sunday

Applegate Valley — A film showing Christian work among alcoholics on "skid row" in Portland will be shown at 7:30 p.m. at Ruch Community church Sunday by Charles Wise, Union gospel mission, Portland. Mr. Wise is a former resident of this community.

The Rev. Lee Green, also a former resident, will show a film which he made in Africa titled, "A Day with an African Girl." Sunday, Nov. 24. Mr. Green spent some time in Africa as a missionary.

ASHLAND SERMON

Ashland — The Rev. Louis Miles, associate pastor, First Methodist church, Ashland, will preach on "Possible Impossibility" at the 11 a.m. Sunday worship service. Sunday evening Mrs. Ben Willard will lead a class session on Bolivia at the school of missions.

MARTIN LUTHER

The Film, Martin Luther, will be shown tonight at 7 p.m. at the Griffin Creek grange hall sponsored by the Griffin Creek Union Sunday school. The public is invited to attend.

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