

Presbyterian Church in U.S.A. Starts Five-Year Program To Double Giving

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The Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. embarked this month on a "five-year plan" that many denominations would consider hopelessly idealistic.

It is asking its three million members to double their total giving to church work by 1962.

The Presbyterians have the best possible reason for believing it can be done: They've

done it before. In 1950, the so-called northern Presbyterians were giving about 100 million dollars a year for local, national and foreign enterprises of their church. Last year, they gave more than 220 million dollars.

Although the denomination has grown in size during that period, most of the jump in its budget reflects more generous giving.

The present per capita giving figure of \$72.03 a year is one of the highest to be found in major Protestant bodies. It compares, for example, with \$52.79 for Episcopalians, \$43.82 for Methodists, and \$48.17 for Southern Baptists.

Behind the remarkable Presbyterian record is a new concept of church finance pioneered by the Rev. Dr. John Thompson Peters, secretary of stewardship and promotion.

Before Peters took charge eight years ago, the denomination followed the custom which still prevails in most Protestant bodies. Each year it would adopt a budget for the coming year, hopefully making the total a little larger than the previous one. This national total was then parcelled out among the 8,600 local Presbyterian churches.

When the goal was reached, the drive was described as a success and everyone rested until the next year.

Under Peters' leadership, the Presbyterians switched to an "open end" budget. Each year the national church proposes a "basic program" which simply maintains the status quo.

At the same time "advance programs" are laid before the denomination on the basis of "Here are some things which we ought to do, and which we will do if we get the money."

Can See Ahead

The advance programs are spelled out in detail.

Thus Presbyterians know that in 1958, if they give more than the bare minimum requirements represented by the basic program, they will be helping to expand mission programs in West Africa, Japan, Iran, Chile and 30 other countries; to build new churches in mushrooming U.S. suburbs and support missions in teeming inner-city slums; to expand the facilities and strengthen the faculties of 41 church-related colleges; to train thousands of church school teachers and other lay leaders.

Beyond the "advance program for 1958" is a list of long-range projects in Christian education, home and foreign missions which will be undertaken when the money is available.

The effect of this approach is to disabuse any church members of the comfortable idea that the denomination's budget represents all that really should be done this year.

The open end budget is a constant reminder that the responsibilities and needs of Christian service are unlimited.

The individual member is able to see a direct relationship between the size of his own contribution and the extent to which the church can obey Christ's command to proclaim the gospel to every living creature.

This, according to Dr. Peters, is the only basis for "true Christian stewardship."

"The church is not a club to which we pay fixed dues," he said. "Giving is part of our discipleship, an act of worship, and expression of gratitude to God."

Medford Adventists Hear Guest Speaker

"What Do We Believe?" will be the question asked the congregation of the Medford Seventh-day Adventist church by guest speaker Forrest W. Bigger at the 11 a.m. worship service Saturday.

In reviewing some of the basic beliefs held by the denomination, Mr. Bigger will emphasize the results which should be evidenced in the lives of those who accept them.

The 4 p.m. young people's meeting, held in the Medford church, will feature C. E. Wimer who recently came to the Rogue Valley from Portland to assume pastoral duties at the Valley View and Ashland Seventh-day Adventist churches.

Pastor and Mrs. Wimer spent seven years in mission service in Hong Kong and Canton, China, and the afternoon program will be devoted to a description of Chinese life and customs in addition to some of the couple's missionary experiences in that field.

Students Return From National Methodist Conference in Kansas

Ashland—Two Medford students returned to Oregon Jan. 3 from Lawrence, Kan. where they were delegates at the sixth quadrennial conference of the national Methodist student movement held at the University of Kansas, Dec. 27 to Jan. 1.

Making the trip, which lasted ten days, were Dale Flowers, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Dale Flowers, 306 Apple st., a student at Southern Oregon college; and Stanley Culy, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Culy, 39 North Peach st., a student at Willamette university. The Medford delegates were part of the Oregon contingent of 48 which made the trip to Lawrence by chartered bus from Eugene.

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READING NEW TESTAMENT — The Rev. Raymond W. Hurn, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, is shown reading from the New Testament today in the church sanctuary.

Mr. Hurn, who started reading the New Testament aloud this morning at 8 a.m., expects to finish reading some time between 11 p.m. and midnight. He is reading from several versions of the Bible including the King James, Revised Standard, John Wesley and James Moffett translations. Each chapter is being read so that those who attend may expect a devotional and meditative treatment of the Word. A number of persons have attended the reading this morning and interested persons are invited to stop by the sanctuary this afternoon and evening. The purpose of the reading, according to Mr. Hurn, is "to focus attention upon the readability, simplicity and the ease with which the New Testament may be read."

Nazarenes Join In Reading the Bible

The sermon subject for Sunday evening at the First Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly st., at 7 p.m. will be, "Ten Commandments for Wives," by the Rev. Raymond W. Hurn, pastor. Features of the evening will include a choir made up of dads, grandads, sons and grandsons, a men's quartette, and a granddad's Ensemble will sing.

The Rev. Wayne Butchard, development secretary for the Northwest Nazarene college, Nampa, Idaho, will speak Sunday at 10:50 a.m. The choir will sing "Nearer, Still Nearer," and Mrs. Rex Goble will be soloist.

Members of the First Church of the Nazarene will have read the entire Bible through five times during the week closing Jan. 12, according to Mr. Hurn.

In cooperation with denominational wide program of Bible reading during January, volunteers from the congregation formed five teams of 29 persons in each team for completion of the task. Each person will read approximately 42 chapters and each team will have completed the reading of the Old and New Testaments by Sunday.

Methodists Tell Sunday Schedule

Dr. George G. Roseberry will speak Sunday at First Methodist church on "Faith — A World Order." Music by the church choir at the 11 a.m. service will include the Anthem: "O Rest in the Lord," and a solo by Mrs. Howard Bush, "The Lord Is My Light."

The School of Christian Living, a family evening program, will include classes for all age groups. Classes from the kindergarten through the junior high will study Japan.

The adult groups will be "Lands of Witness and Decision," with Dr. G. G. Roseberry; "Vocations and You" will be taught by Miss Annet Grey, which is planned for youth, older youth and adults.

"Inquirers Forum," will have the Rev. G. A. Trobough exploring the various areas of church membership, history and doctrine.

O. P. Taylor, a member of the commission on missions, will lead the Inspiration Lunch, following the snack lunch.

Temple Baptist Church Votes to Change Name

The Temple Baptist church, 794 Lozier lane, Medford, has officially changed its name to First Southern Baptist church, according to the pastor, the Rev. Claude Allen Miller.

The new name, he explained, will more definitely identify the church as there are several groups of Baptists. He added that the new name would be of assistance to newcomers in locating the church.

PHOENIX TOPICS

Phoenix—"Everyman's Refuge" will be the 11 a.m. worship topic Sunday of the Rev. Perry M. Johnson at First Baptist church, Phoenix. At the 7:30 p.m. Sunday service he will speak on "Making God's Promises Effective."

SERMON "The Living Church and Death's Defeat" will be the sermon Sunday at 11 a.m. by the Rev. Escler Hiser at Church of the Brethren, 345 North Mary st.

Local Union Official To Speak to Ministers At Tuesday Meeting

Charles W. Cray, business manager of local union 659 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, will speak at the Tuesday, Jan. 14, meeting of the Medford Ministerial association in the fireplace room at the First Presbyterian church.

Cray will speak on the relationship of the union to the church and community.

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

Presbyterians Announce Topics And Meetings

Sunday at the First Presbyterian church, Dr. D. Kirkland West will preach on the theme "Do Your Prayers Help Others?"

At the first service at 9:45 a.m. the Westminister choir will sing the anthem: "Thanks Be To Thee." The anthem "Be Thou Not Still, O Lord" will be sung by the church choir at the 11 a.m. service. Mrs. Charles Champlin, soprano, will sing "O, Divine Redeemer" at both services.

At 6:30 p.m. the junior high fellowship for seventh and eighth grade young people will meet for its regular Sunday evening discussion. A period of refreshments and also a rehearsal of the junior high choir will be held during the hour. Westminister fellowship for high school students will meet at 7 p.m. for an opening worship service.

At 7:30 p.m. a meeting under the outreach commission will be led by Mrs. D. Kirkland West. She will speak on the topic "I Married a Missionary." All high school young people are invited to attend this meeting. Fireside will be held at the home of Sharon Carr, 124 Highland Dr.

Central Point—Dr. Norman K. Tully will preach on "Blest River of Salvation" at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday at Central Point First Presbyterian church.

Phoenix—Wilson Slater, member of the Presbyterian Men's club, Medford First Presbyterian church, will speak Sunday at 11 a.m. at Phoenix First Presbyterian church. Mrs. Slater will be guest soloist at the service.

Following the worship service a covered dish dinner will be held at the church with officers elected for the year during an afternoon meeting.

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

Mr. Harbison will speak in the absence of the Rev. Robert T. Bridge, pastor, who is in Abilene, Texas, on a business trip.

Ashland—The Rev. B. J. Holland, First Presbyterian church, Ashland, will speak on "A Look at the Christian Ministry" at both the 9:45 and 11 a.m. worship services Sunday.

Teacher Institute To Start Saturday

The annual Child Evangelism fellowship two day institute for teachers will be held Saturday, Jan. 11, and Monday, Jan. 13, at the Free Methodist church, 1266 South Peach st.

Here to conduct the institute are Miss Ann Hollenbeck and Miss Bea Hollenbeck, Salem, teacher training team for the fellowship.

The school is interdenominational and interested teachers may attend the entire two day course which starts at 10 a.m. and continues through 4 p.m. or attend only certain periods either day. Advance registration is not required to attend.

Included in the course will be visualized methods for teaching the Bible to children as well as a Bible class for teachers from Ephesians. The traveling teachers have been holding short institutes in Oregon and California during the past four months.

MEDFORD CHURCH DIRECTORY

"Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established." Proverbs 16:3.

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
ELC
2501 Barnet dr.
Elvin S. Tollefson, pastor

Sunday: 9 a.m.—Junior confirmation class
10:15 a.m.—Senior confirmation class
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Divine worship
7:30 p.m.—Luther League

Tuesday: 7:30 p.m.—Congregational meeting
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Adult church membership class
Sunday school building
Thursday: 7:30 p.m.—Senior choir rehearsal
Hiser Goodrich home, 718 West Main st., apt. 4.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
648 South Ivy st.
D. E. Nelson, bishop

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

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

Sunday: 10 a.m.—Church school
11 a.m.—Worship
12 p.m.—Council meeting
7 p.m.—Youth fellowship meeting

COMMUNITY CHURCH
West Main at Orange
Joseph A. Bowdoin, pastor

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

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
(United Church of Christ)
300 Oakwood dr.
12 p.m.—Morning worship
7 p.m.—Evening service
Thomas McCamant, minister

Sunday: 9:45 and 11 a.m.—Sunday school
9:45 and 11 a.m.—Church worship
7 p.m.—Pilgrim's fellowship
Monday: 7 p.m.—Board of trustees

EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
(American Baptist)
North Keene Way dr. at Ridgeway
Richard M. Jones, pastor

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Church school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
6:30 p.m.—School of missions
7:30 p.m.—Evening service
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Hour of prayer
8:30 p.m.—Choir rehearsal

FAITH ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1229 North Riverside
C. F. Lee, minister

Sunday: 10 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship hour
Wednesday: 7 p.m.—Prayer meeting and Bible study

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
1108 West Main st.
Robert E. Cull, pastor

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship
6 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors meeting
7 p.m.—Evangelistic service
Tuesday: 6:30 p.m.—Orchestra practice
7:30 p.m.—Choir practice
Wednesday: 7:45 p.m.—Prayer and praise service

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
(Conservative)
North Central at Fifth
James H. Robinson, pastor, Haddon Robinson, assistant

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning worship with sermon
6:15 p.m.—Baptist training unions and adult-Bible study
Wednesday: 7:45 p.m.—Evening service
Wednesday: 7:45 p.m.—Annual business meeting

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
910 Oakdale
William C. Piper, minister

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
10:30 a.m.—Adult Bible study
7:30 p.m.—Evening service
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Annual business meeting

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
100 Windsor ave.
(1 block south of East Main st.)

Sunday: 11 a.m.—Church service
11 a.m.—Sunday school, nursery available Sunday and Wednesday
Wednesday: 8 p.m.—Testimonials of healing
Reading room, 228 W. Sixth st.
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.—Daily (except Sundays and holidays)

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
320 North Holly st.
Raymond W. Hurn, pastor

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Gospel Hour" KMED
9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
10:30 a.m.—Morning worship
6 p.m.—Youth groups and junior church
7 p.m.—Evening worship
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m.—Visitation dinner
7:30 p.m.—Prayer and praise
8:30 p.m.—Choir practice
Sunday: 7 p.m.—Prayer at church altar

WATCTOWER STUDY
The subject to be studied at the Watchtower study, Sunday, at 6 p.m. is: "Deliverance for Integrity Toward God." The Bible study aid currently being studied at the Tuesday and Wednesday night studies is "This Means Everlasting Life."

UNITY CENTER
11 a.m.—at Medford
Affiliated with United School of Christianity, Lee's Summit, Mo.
Sunday Devotional Service and Sunday School 11 a.m.
Weekly Classes in "Lessons in Truth"—Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.
Center Open Daily 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Noonday reading of daily word.

HOLLY BUILDING
Katherine Roswell, Leader
Office SP 2-6902, TA 6-2098

Postage Stamp Commemorates Religious Freedom in America

A 3-cent stamp to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the signing of the Flushing Remonstrance and religious freedom in America was issued by the U. S. Post Office department Dec. 27.

The postage stamp, now on sale at the Medford post office, has for its central subject a Bible, a hat symbolic of the people and the times, and a quill, as the symbol of man's determination to speak the truth through the written word.

An ornamental ribbon bearing the wording "1657 The Flushing Remonstrance 1957" links the Bible, the hat, and the quill. All lettering, including the wording "Religious Freedom in America" and "United States Postage" is a modification of the early American type.

On Dec. 27, 1657, the town clerk and 26 freeholders of the town of Flushing, N.Y., sent to Governor Peter Stuyvesant a protest against his order forbidding Quakers to be received into the colony.

The courage and tolerance of these citizens marks a chapter in the molding of religious freedom in America. In making this remonstrance against Stuyvesant's order

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