

Migrant Ministry Proves Worth In Florida Following Severe Freezes

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Bad weather in south Florida has created a new crisis for one of the oldest and least-known "home missions" of American churches.

Alternate rains and freezes have severely damaged Florida's winter crop of fruits and vegetables. This is a hard blow to the growers. It is sheer catastrophe for 15,000 migratory farm workers and their families who are now stranded in the state, with no hope of finding work before spring plantings are ready for harvest about March 15.

Emergency help is being mobilized to relieve their desperate plight — at least to the extent of preventing actual starvation. State and county agencies, civic clubs, business firms and private individuals are cooperating. Some surplus food from federal stocks has been made available.

In the midst of this effort, armed with few resources besides a tremendous determination to help the migrants, is an inter-denominational church organization called the Migrant Ministry.

The Migrant Ministry was founded in 1920 by church women of 21 Protestant denominations. It now operates in 31 states, under the aegis of the Home Missions Division of the National Council of Churches.

Lives Spent In Poverty

Its mission is to minister to the material, educational and spiritual needs of about 1,500,000 men, women and children who "follow the crops."

These migrant laborers have been called "the forgottenest of America's forgotten families." Their lives are spent in almost incredible poverty and squalor.

During the cold months, they congregate in southern tier states like Florida, Arizona and Texas, where there are winter crops to be harvested. In spring they move north in three streams of battered vehicles — one heading up the East Coast into New Jersey and New York; another through the Midwest to the Canadian border; and a third up the West Coast through California.

They live in whatever shelter they can find, sheds, barns, tarpaper shacks, occasionally the comparative luxury of a migrant barracks. They travel in worn out cars, or herd together like cattle in "crew trucks."

Deprived Of Services

Because they cannot comply with residence requirements for public aid, migrants are often deprived of medical care and welfare services. Their illness and death rates

are much higher than the average population. Sixty per cent of them are illiterate. The average family income, in a good year, with everyone including the children working in the fields is about \$1,000.

The Migrant Ministry tries to help them in several ways. It organizes public and private aid for them when they are destitute — as they are in Florida now. It conducts

literacy classes to teach adults and older children how to read road markers and sign their names. It operates child care centers where very young children can be left while their mothers are in the fields instead of being left in boxes between the rows, or locked in overheated cars in the broiling sun.

It also provides worship services, conducted from altars mounted on the tailgates

of station wagons. The ministry now has 30 of these roving station wagons, called "harvesters," each manned by a specially-trained chaplain who is the modern version of the circuit-riding preacher of pioneer days.

Miss Edith Lowry, national director, estimated that the Migrant Ministry is currently reaching about 10 per cent of the total migratory labor population.

Services To Be Held In New Ruch Community Bible Church

Ruch—People of the Ruch Community Bible Church will move into their new church building Sunday. In honor of the event a praise service will be held Sunday evening with Provolt, Williams, and Applegate churches attending, according to the Rev. Earl Best, Ruch pastor.

The regular worship service will be held at 11 a.m., preceded by the Sunday school hour. The public is invited to attend these services.

The new frame structure includes the Sunday school department with six class rooms. One partition has been left out to allow for use of one section as a chapel for the present. The unfinished exterior section allows for addition of the chapel as funds become available, according to Rex Davis, chairman of the building committee.

Two acres of land were purchased from the Buckley estate over a year ago, and in April the new building was started. The land, building, pump and well cost \$5,662.52, and were financed entirely with voluntary gifts, according to Mr. Best. Majority of the carpentry was donated.

The interior of the new building is knotty pine. Tile flooring will be laid this week, and the next job will be pouring the cement floor in the basement, where dining room, kitchen, and rest rooms will be located.

The church group was organized in March 1956, and has met in the old mercantile store building built by the late C. M. (Cap) Ruch at the turn of the century. The building is owned now by McDonough brothers.

The new church serves a need in the community, which has not had an organized church since 50 or more years ago, when a South Methodist church, known as the Matney church, served spiritual needs for many years. Since that time varying denominations have held services for short periods, and Sunday schools in the community have served for many years.

Mr. Best, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Best of Ruch, was graduated from the Multnomah School of Bible in February, 1956, and returned here to accept the ministry of this church. Mr. and Mrs. Best are residing at the Port home.

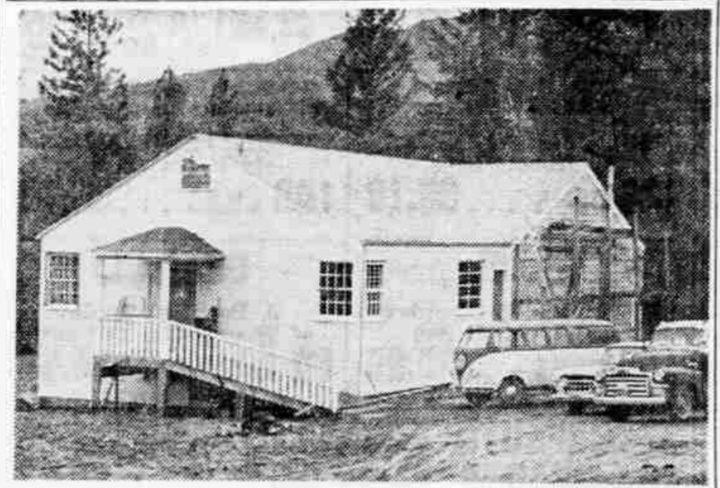
Officials

Members of the temporary organization board are William Green, Glenn Hunter, and Rex Davis.

Officers elected at a business meeting Sunday are Rex Davis, treasurer; Mrs. Herbert Devos, secretary; and Glenn

Travis, Sunday school superintendent. The teaching staff includes Glenn Hunter, Fred Devos, Mrs. Herbert Devos, Mrs. Glenn Hunter, Earl Best, Mrs. Clyde Smith, Miss Kay Adams, Mrs. Floyd Hawkins, Mrs. Harley Hall, and Miss Mary Beth Ramsay.

Average attendance during the last year has reached nearly 80.



RUCH COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
Services in New Church Sunday

Local Adventists To Hear Guest

Elder Duane Corwin, Oregon conference evangelist, currently engaged in an evangelistic campaign near Cottage Grove, Ore., will be guest speaker at the 11 a.m. worship hour Saturday in the Medford Seventh-day Adventist church. His subject will be "Building for Eternity."

Elder Corwin, a former

resident of Medford, is a graduate of Rogue River Academy, and was a member of the faculty there the year of 1952-53 before beginning his ministerial work.

Missionary Volunteer meeting will be held in the Valley View church at 4:30 p.m. Miss Avis Bissiger will direct the program and has chosen the Scripture "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto me," as the key text around which the afternoon program is planned.

The students of Rogue River Academy will present a nature film, "The Living North," in the Lincoln gym at 7:30 Saturday night.

Pathfinders will meet in their clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Youth Director To Speak Sunday

Miss Eleanor Bower, youth director of First Christian church, will bring the morning message this week entitled, "What is Joy?" Mrs. Ralph Maltack will sing, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountain," and the choir under the direction of Mrs. W. C. Piper will sing, "Eternal Light, Immortal Love."

The youth of the church will participate in the worship service, games and food in cooperation with the Medford Interchurch Council of Youth, starting at the First Methodist church and ending at the YMCA.

For the evening service at 7:30 p.m. the youth will be in charge and will present a sermon in colored slides. The youth who are in the service include Miss Lynn Latham, pianist; Miss Marilyn Jo Conner, song leader; Miss Sara Hinkle, prayer; Max Johnson, master of ceremonies; Jim Osborn and Clinton Stiger, deacons; Joe Lewis, Boyd Henry, Miss Barbara Gordon, Miss Oveta Walden and Miss Priscilla Shafer will bring the sermons and George Lindemann the benediction.

Methodist Youth Plan Snow Party

The Junior High Methodist Youth fellowship of the First Methodist church, Medford, plan to have a snow party at Union Creek, Saturday. They will leave the church at 8 a.m. and will leave Union Creek not later than 2:30 p.m. Miss Carolyn Kent is in charge of reservations and transportation. Each MYF member will take his own sack lunch and 50¢ for snow insurance for each person, which is required. The Rev. G. A. Trough and other parents will provide transportation and supervision.

The Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship Witness Mission will be conducted Saturday and Sunday. Miss Karen Paschke, witness chairman, and John Kent, area advisor, will be in charge of the Mission. The youth will be divided into teams, and will call upon inactive youth.

Central Church To Install Officers

Church officers for 1958 will be installed at Central Church of Christ Sunday, following a potluck dinner. Those to take office include Clarence Pierce, Willard Henney, Carl Bivens, L. Crowl, elders; and Robert Daun, Aldeon Johnson, Orrin Johnston, deacons.

Sermon topics Sunday at 11 a.m. will be "The Living Christ in the World Today" and "The Worship Convoy, and Its Enemies" and the evening service.

MISSIONARY BAPTISTS

Central Point — Missionary Baptists Sunday school will be held at the Townsend club building in Central Point from 10 until 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

EAGLE POINT SERMON
Eagle Point — Elder Wilton O. Baldwin, Oregon conference educational secretary, will be guest speaker Saturday at Eagle Point Seventh-day Adventist church. The service will be held at the grange hall.

Presbyterians Announce Sunday Coming Services

Dr. D. K. West will preach Sunday at both morning worship services of the First Presbyterian church. His topic will be "How to Treat a Sinner."

The Westminster choir will sing the anthem "Glory to the King of Kings" at the first service and the chancel choir will sing "Seek Ye the Lord" at the 11 a.m. hour. At both services, Lynn Sjoland will sing the solo "Hear My Cry, O Lord."

Sunday the third class in the current church membership course will be taught by Dr. West at 5 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The course covers the basic doctrines and beliefs of the Christian church and is intended to be a prerequisite for membership in the local church. However, those who are already members or are curious to learn more are welcome to attend.

Sunday at 5 p.m. the Westminster fellowship for high school students will join with other young people of the community for the Interdenominational Christian Youth rally to be held at the First Methodist church.

Junior high fellowship for seventh and eighth grade young people will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the junior high room for its meeting titled "A Worship Workshop." The meeting will be led by David Irving, Dorelyn Huson, and Barbara Whalin.

The February family night dinner of the First Presbyterian church will be held Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. The program this month will feature Miss Rachel Benfer, the National Missions representative for the National Council of Presbyterian Women. In addition to her message, there will be a time of hymn-singing and fellowship.

The children's choir of the church will also sing. Those who attend are asked to bring a hot dish and a salad. Rolls, coffee and dessert will be furnished by the Women's Association.

Central Point — "Let God Have Your Life" will be the sermon topic Sunday at 11 a.m. by Dr. Norman K. Tully at First Presbyterian church, Central Point.

That evening Dr. Tully will conduct the church membership class at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Clark. Wednesday at 8 p.m. the Faith circle will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Braund, 1115 East Pine St., to sew on new robes for the youth choir.

Phoenix — The Rev. E. J. Clark, Trail, former pastor of Phoenix First Presbyterian church, will speak at that church Sunday. He will be present for both the Sunday school and church hours.

He will speak on "Watches" during the Sunday school hour and "Prayer, A Guided Missile," at the 11 a.m. service.

Last Sunday morning the elder-trustees and deacons of the church were installed during the worship service by the Rev. Harold Roberts.

The Women's association of the church met last week for the purpose of making program plans for the year and Saturday night the Junior high girls were entertained at a party given by their teacher, Mrs. Roy Bolz.

The Westminster fellowship groups met Sunday evening under the leadership of Carol Combs with the young people at the Medford First Presbyterian church.

Jacksonville — The Rev. Robert T. Bridge will deliver the second in a series of four sermons on questions asked about Jesus. His topic will be "What Do You Owe to Jesus?" At 6:30 p.m. the church Bible study class will continue their review of the gospel of John. Tuesday at 10 a.m. the Candlelight circle of the church will meet for the study of Matthew.

Ashland — "Can You Say Amen?" will be the sermon topic Sunday at both the 9:45 and 11 a.m. First Presbyterian church, Ashland. The Rev. B. J. Holland will speak.

At 5:30 p.m. the senior high Westminster fellowship worship service and progressive supper will be held by the young people of the Ashland church.

First Baptist Sermon
"The Way of Righteousness" will be the sermon topic by the Rev. James W. Neely Sunday at 11 a.m. at First Baptist church.

Church News



BISHOP A. R. GRANT



THE REV. E. P. MCGINNIS

'Invitation to Outreach' Planned by Medford First Methodist Tuesday

The Bishop's "Invitation to Outreach", to be conducted in Medford, Feb. 4, will be one of 13 such meetings scheduled in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, by Bishop A. Raymond Grant, bishop

of the Portland area of the Methodist church. The Rev. Fred P. McGinnis, district superintendent of the Alaska mission, is accompanying the bishop on the 15 day trip.

Methodist churches from Roseburg to Lakeview are invited to the Mission in Medford, and more than 250 guests are expected. The Women's Society of Christian Service of the church will serve the dinner. Mrs. Jennie Lawless, secretary of Christian Social Relations, will be in charge of the preparations.

The program schedule for the day includes the "Bishop's Roundtable", at 4:30 p.m., when the people may discuss with the bishop any questions that they might have. At 6:30 p.m., the dinner will be served, to be followed by a message by Bishop Grant. Mr. McGinnis will speak at 8 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church.

Books of Bible Sermon Topics At Friends Church

Two morning worship services will be held as usual at the Friends church Sunday at 9:45 and 11 a.m. Mrs. Claude Lewis will be soloist the first hour, and the adult choir will sing at 11 a.m.

Pastor Clynton Crisman will bring messages from the Book of James, which is the current selection in the "Book-of-the-Month" project sponsored by the Sunday school: one book of the Bible will be chosen by a committee for each month of 1958, to be read by the entire Sunday school. Sunday's sermon topic will be "Your Reflection in the Mirror."

A nursery has been organized to care for children up through four years of age during the 11:00 worship hour each Sunday. Children from five years old through the third grade are invited to attend the junior church service.

A missionary offering will be taken during the opening assemblies of Sunday school, to be sent to the new Friends church at Silverton, Ore., which was organized last September. The congregation there have completed the first unit of their church building and are now constructing the sanctuary.

The Senior Christian Endeavor will dismiss their regular Sunday evening meeting to participate in the Medford inter-church youth rally at First Methodist church at 5 p.m. Junior and intermediate C. E. will meet as usual. The praise and worship service will be held at 7:30 p.m., with the pastor speaking on "Wisdom for Those Who Ask." "Quaker Hour" will be broadcast at 9:30 p.m. over station KMED.

Medford Girl Wins Methodist Contest

Gold Hill — A winter sub-district rally of the Methodist Youth Fellowship was held in Gold Hill Sunday. Sixty-nine MYF members from Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass, Cave Junction, and Gold Hill attended the meet.

A highlight of the program was the sub-district speaking contest. The winners of the contest were announced as Joan Laurila, Medford, first; Gordon Newstrom, Grants Pass, second; Peggy Harney, Grants Pass, third; and Marsha Minshall, Medford, fourth. Each contestant delivered a five-minute oration on the general subject "Here Am I, Send Me", dealing with full-time Christian vocations.

The participants were each given an MYF pin for taking part in the contest. The winner, Joan Laurila, will compete on the Eugene district level on March 2 at Roseburg. Sub-district president, Lynn Hales, announced plans for attending the state-wide convocation for Methodist youth in Salem, March 8.

SERMONS
Central Point — "Sowing and Reaping" will be the sermon at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at Church of Christ, Central Point, by the Rev. Jean M. Shelley, pastor. At 7:30 p.m. Sunday he will speak on "The Way of Man Is Not in Himself."

New Assistant Scheduled To Arrive at St. Mark's

The Rev. John Smith Power, until recently vicar of St. Matthew's Episcopal church at Benton, Ark., is expected to arrive in Medford this week end to assume his new duties as assistant priest at St. Mark's Episcopal church. He will take the place of the Rev. John Bright who left the parish last August to become vicar of St. Andrew's Episcopal church in Portland.

The Rev. Mr. Power was born in Saskatchewan, Canada, in 1916. He came to Oregon in 1929 and received his high school education at Hillsboro, Ore. He attended the Oregon College of Education, and Fresno State college where he received his bachelor of arts degree in education in 1942. He served overseas with the United States Army in New Guinea and the Philippines for three and one half years, after which he was discharged from the service with the rank of lieutenant.

Mr. Power taught on the faculty of Dallas High school for two years and became principal of an elementary school at Klamath Falls, Ore. until his decision to enter the ministry of the church in 1949. He received his theological education at the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., where he received his bachelor of divinity degree in 1954, and was ordained to the diaconate in 1954, and to the priesthood in 1955. Since his ordination he has served as vicar of St. Matthew's, Benton, and St. Michael's, Arkadelphia.

The congregation of St. Mark's will greet the new assistant at all services on Sunday, and a reception will be held in his honor following the 11 a.m. service. Mr. Power, who is single, will reside at 427 North Grape st.

Zion Church Installs Council and Officers

At the 11 a.m. worship service of Zion Lutheran church, corner of Fourth and Oakdale, there will be held the order for the installation of the church council and the officers of the congregation for the coming year.

The elections, held at the annual congregational meeting last Sunday evening, placed Robert Glathair, Richard Myers and Douglas Gordonier on the council for a three year term. Others being installed from former elections are: Bruce Braaten, Bernard Niehaus, Ryder Berg, Daniel Kadin, Walter Nunley and Otto Ewaldsen. The officers for the congregation include Otto Ewaldsen, vice president; Robert Glathair, secretary; Bruce Braaten, treasurer; Hugo Guenther, financial secretary; Knute Lindgren, building fund treasurer; and Mrs. Nona Myers, memorial-hymnal fund treasurer. The Rev. G. H. Hillerman, pastor, is president.

The pastor's sermon topic for the day will be "Inadequate Goodness."

The congregation invites interested persons to be present.

Bethel Assembly of God To Have Guest Speaker

The Rev. James Kessler will be the guest speaker Sunday night at the Bethel Assembly of God, 1729 North Riverside ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Kessler have recently returned from Ghana, West Africa, where they taught in the Assemblies of God Bible school. The missionary program of the Assemblies of God throughout the world is to establish Bible Schools for the training of national workers for the purpose of evangelizing their own people.

Mr. Kessler will show colored slides of the missionary work in Ghana. The service starts at 7 p.m. and is open to the public.

Talent Church Girls Conduct Home Services

Talent — The Kings Daughter of the Talent Methodist Sunday school comprised of sixth, seventh, and eighth grade girls, have formed a gospel team to hold services in homes of various shut-ins. Each visiting period they will visit three homes.

Tuesday a delegation from the Talent church will attend the Bishop Outreach meeting to be held in Medford at the First Methodist church.

UNITED CENTER

Affiliated with United School of Christianity, Lee's Summit, Mo.
Sunday Devotional Service and Sunday School 11 a.m.
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Subject—Sunday 3:00 p.m. (February 2nd) Is Tithing for Today?
Hear — Know
For Wednesday—7:45 p.m. (February 5th) What Is a Christian?
For Friday—7:45 p.m. (February 7th) Where Are the Dead—Is Soul Sleeping Scriptural?
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Groveland Ave. and Oakwood Drive
Church Worship at 9:45 and 11 a.m.
Church School at 9:45 and 11 a.m.
Sermon: "Jesus and His Enemies"