

Presbyterians Asked to Sponsor New Church Here

The First Presbyterian church, Medford, has been asked by the Synod of Oregon and the Southwest Oregon Presbytery to sponsor a new Presbyterian church in Medford as an immediate missionary project.

The announcement was made by Dr. D. Kirkland West, pastor of the local church, at a meeting Tuesday evening for those members interested in learning more about the formation of another Presbyterian church in Medford.

In a letter received from the Synod of Oregon, Dr. West was notified that \$22,500 was available from the Synod for purchasing property for the new church.

Dr. West explained that several steps had been already taken towards the establishment of another Presbyterian church. He said that the Presbytery of southwest Oregon was the process of purchasing approximately six acres of land in Glen Oak court on Groveland ave. and Barnburg court. An option was taken on the land in 1953 for a future church site when the land was still in the county. Since that time the land has been annexed to the city.

The pastor explained that the current membership of first Presbyterian church is nearly 1,600 persons. He added that the new church would take care of the members of the church that live some distance from the church at Eighth and Holly sts., or for any interested persons. Dr. West said the membership at the present time is nearly equally divided on either side of Central ave.

The establishment of this work in Medford is with the approval of the Oregon Council of Churches, Dr. West reported.

Following a discussion of accomplishments so far, a nucleus of potential members of the new church met.

Sermon and Music, Told by Methodists

"Christ in the Great Arts" will be the sermon subject by Dr. George G. Roseberry, Sunday at the First Methodist church, Medford. Don Gordon, sophomore at Willamette university, Salem, will present "Methodism in High Education."

The anthem by the youth choir will be "Jerusalem! O Turn Thee" at the 9:30 a.m. service directed by Mrs. George Sloniger. The chancel choir will sing "Resurrection" and "Redemption" at the 11 a.m. service, with Mrs. Charles Adamson, director of music.

Presbyterian Churches Tell Week's Activities

At both services of the First Presbyterian church Sunday Dr. D. Kirkland West will preach on "A Time To Remember." This will be a meditation given just prior to the observance of the sacrament of the Lord's supper.

At the 9:30 a.m. service the Westminster choir will sing "A Canticle of Peace" and at the 11 a.m. service the chancel choir will sing "Lamb of God." Otis Swisher, tenor, will sing "Save Me, O Lord" at both services.

A new church membership course will begin at 5 p.m. Sunday and will be taught by Dr. West. The class is open to all adults and high school young people who are interested in becoming members of the Presbyterian church or who want to learn about its beliefs and history. The class will last for four weeks.

The Junior High fellowship for seventh and eighth grade young people will meet at 6:30 p.m. for discussion and fellowship. The Freshman fellowship for ninth grade students will meet at the same hour and will begin putting together a report on the organizations in the life of the church.

Westminster Fellowship for senior high young people will meet at 7 p.m. After a worship service, a discussion will be led by John Flanagan of the Outreach commission. Fire-side will be held afterwards.



DR. PAUL A. DAVIES
Sunday Speaker Here

Conference Official To Speak Sunday

Dr. Paul A. Davies, minister and superintendent of the Congregational Conference of Oregon, will speak at both services at the Congregational church, Medford, Sunday. Dr. Davies has been a frequent visitor to Medford, assisting with the organizing of this church four years ago and with various steps in its progress.

He will meet Sunday at 2 p.m. with the church council to review the present status of the church and any problems that it faces. Carl D. Elhart, moderator of the church, will preside over the council meeting.

The Rev. and Mrs. Thomas McCamant have been in attendance at the annual Ministers' Retreat at Ocean Lake, Ore., Monday to Thursday of this week.

Ministers Discuss Activities at Meet

Self evaluation of work done by the Medford Ministerial association during the past year was discussed by members of the association at their monthly meeting on Tuesday at the First Presbyterian church.

Reports of the various committees were heard by the group. Included in the discussion were the various radio and television programs aired by the association and the special services sponsored by the group at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Good Friday.

Officers will be elected at the May meeting of the group May 13. The meetings are held in the fireplace room at the First Presbyterian church at 10 a.m. and are open to ministers of all denominations and churches in the valley.

'Are Unitarians Christians?' Many Outsiders Ask Members

By LOUIS CASSELS
United Press Correspondent
Ever since the first Unitarian churches were established in America in the early part of the 19th Century, outsiders have been asking: "Are Unitarians Christians?"

In the past few years, the

question has become a burning issue among Unitarians themselves.

A growing number of Unitarians, especially ministers, have begun to answer the question with a flat "no" instead of the traditional qualified yes. And this trend is acutely distressing to those

Unitarians, particularly in New England, who still consider themselves "liberal Christians."

Tension between these two groups was heightened last May when the annual meeting of the American Unitarian association voted to change the name of the denomination's magazine from "The Christian Register" to "The Unitarian Register."

No "Official" Doctrine

It is characteristic of Unitarians that no attempt has been made to resolve this tension by spelling out an "official" doctrine.

Individual freedom of belief is the basic principle of Unitarianism. The church has no creed, no dogmas, no definitions of faith that members are expected to accept. Each member is urged to "seek the truth for himself" and to believe only what he personally finds reasonable and persuasive.

As an organized movement, Unitarianism dates back to 16th Century in Europe. The name apparently was designed to distinguish the church from "Trinitarian" Christian bodies which teach that God manifests himself in three ways or "persons"—Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

New England was the first center of Unitarian strength in the United States. The new denomination, formally organized in 1825, grew so rapidly at first that Thomas Jefferson predicted that every American would be a Unitarian within one generation.

This forecast proved to be very wide of the mark. The Unitarian church has remained small. Today it has about 600 congregations with 160,000 members. The membership is still heavily concentrated in New England but since World War II there has been substantial growth in the Middle Atlantic States and on the West Coast.

The number of Unitarians who have been prominent in American life is large in proportion to the size of the denomination. Jefferson and four other presidents—John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Millard Fillmore and William Taft—were Unitarians.

Among the well-known Unitarians living today are Adlai E. Stevenson, Sen. Leverett Saltonstall (R-Mass.), architect Frank Lloyd Wright, Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill.), Chester Bowles, Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks, historian Henry Steel Commager, astronomer Harlow Shapely, and Dr. James H. Killian Jr., scientific adviser to President Eisenhower.

Differences in belief. Unitarians generally do not acknowledge Jesus as Divine Lord and Savior. They do not believe in the Virgin Birth, the Resurrection, the Incarnation, the Atonement or other affirmations about the person and mission of Christ that are contained in the historic Christian creeds.

But they do revere Jesus as a great human teacher—many Unitarians would say the greatest.

Many Unitarians define their personal religion as "trying to emulate the life of Jesus" and on that basis they consider themselves Christians.

Christian Workers

Young Christian Workers of Sacred Heart Catholic church will meet tonight at 8 o'clock at St. Mary's High school annex.

Neal Murphy, teacher at the high school, will lead the discussion for the evening. Visitors are invited to attend.



ELDER P. E. FARROW
Conference Speaker

Regional Meeting Planned in Medford

The Southern Oregon District conference of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will be held at the Medford church, Tenth and Ivy sts., today, Saturday, and Sunday, April 11 through 13.

Guest speakers during the conference will include the presiding minister of the Pacific Northwest Mission, Elder Percy E. Farrow of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Apostle Farrow makes his home in Independence, Mo., which is also the world headquarters of the church.

Other speakers will be Elder Robert Seeley, district president of the Southern Oregon district and Elder T. A. Beck, Bishop of the Southern Oregon District and the Pacific Northwest.

The public is invited to attend any of the meetings and conference services. Meeting times may be obtained by contacting the pastor of the local congregation, Elder James W. Davidson at SPring 3-1279.

Loyalty Campaign Set by Church

The annual loyalty campaign of the Bethel Assembly of God, 1729 North Riverside ave., will be conducted April 13 through May 25. "Always Faithful" is the theme of this year's campaign and will emphasize faithfulness each successive Sunday.

Areas to be included will be faithful in prayer, testimony, fellowship, missions, family devotions, stewardship, and attendance.

During the seven weeks of the campaign a special effort will be made to encourage perfect attendance of every pupil in the Sunday school.

The opening period of the School session each Sunday of the loyalty campaign will feature the presentation of a skit carrying out the theme of the day. Mrs. Roy H. Hagaman will direct the skits.

The Rev. Lawrence D. Krause is pastor of the Bethel Assembly of God, and Robert D. Carnahan is the general Sunday school superintendent.

Valley Unitarians Set Sunday Meeting

The Rogue Valley Unitarian Fellowship will meet weekly starting Sunday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Thurston School of Dance, 245 Stewart ave., Medford.

A tape-recorded sermon, "Unitarians Believe More, No Less" by the Rev. Waldemar Argow, minister of the Toledo, Ohio, Unitarian church. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Youth Invited To Present Service In Grants Pass

Approximately 60 Medford Pathfinders will leave here early Saturday morning to attend Sabbath school services in Grants Pass, and present a program to church members there during the worship hour.

The program is being given at the invitation of Harold Turner, pastor of the Grants Pass church, as the beginning of a drive to reactivate club activities in the Grants Pass area.

The Pathfinders with their directors will present the entire service, including musical selections and devotional exercises in addition to outlining the activities of the club here.

Club members will describe and illustrate some of the things they learn in the organization in such diverse fields as Bible knowledge, photography, Red Cross First Aid, camp craft, knot-tying, and leather craft, as they attempt to better fit themselves to fulfill their creed of becoming "A servant of God and a friend to man."

In Medford Sunday, Pathfinders who are qualifying for hiking honors will meet at 12:30 p.m. at the clubhouse to begin a 10-mile hike. They are asked to bring sack lunches.

Nazarene Youth To Wash Cars

Last spring when the Oregon-Pacific District Missionary convention was held in Eugene, the teenage delegation from Medford First Church of the Nazarene led all youth chapters in the State when they pledge \$125 to help purchase printing equipment for the Cape Verde Islands.

The president of the teenage missionary chapter, Ron Warner, 602 West Eleventh st., has led the local group in various activities to reach their goal. Only \$34 is needed to meet their commitment.

Saturday they will wash cars at the Barnes Shell station, 618 West Main st., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The filling station is furnishing water and equipment for the young people.

Cape Verde Islands is a series of little dots 320 miles West of Cape Vert, Africa. Although a barren volcano-studded empire, it is populated by 148,000 people. The Nazarenes have 53 churches with 9 missionaries and 21 native workers, with a Bible school and a publishing house.

Lecturer To Give Second Series Here

Dr. J. Hudson Ballard, lecturer, will return to Medford for a second series of addresses on "Psychology and Better Living." The new series of lectures will be conducted at the First Presbyterian church from April 20 through April 24.

Dr. Ballard has been pastor of Presbyterian churches in New York, California and Oregon and was principal of a private high school and junior college in New York state. For eight years he was head of the department of philosophy and religion at Occidental college in Los Angeles.

He will speak at both morning services April 20 and speak at the church Sunday through Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock.



SPEAKER — Miss Ruth Peterson, missionary to the Belgian Congo, will speak tonight at the First Christian church. A covered dish family dinner will be held prior to the talk starting at 6:30 o'clock. Miss Peterson is presently on furlough after her first term of three years in the north-central section of the Congo.

Dedication Set In Eagle Point

A combination dedication service and fellowship meeting will be held Monday, April 14, at the Eagle Point Assembly of God church, according to the Rev. Robert E. Cull, Rogue Valley sectional presbyter of Assemblies of God.

The monthly fellowship meeting for the section will start with a service at 2:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Gordon Hadley of Shady Cove Assembly of God church. A potluck dinner will be served for guests at 5 p.m.

Dedication ceremonies for the Eagle Point Assembly of God church will be held at 7:30 p.m. with an address by Mr. Cull, pastor of First Assembly of God, Medford.

The Rev. Troy Cambron is pastor of the Eagle Point church.

The Women's missionary group of the church will meet at 6:30 p.m. prior to the dedication service. The dinner will be served at the Eagle Point Teenage club with the other meetings at the church. The public is invited to attend.

SERMON SUBJECT

"Are Sin, Disease, and Death Real?" will be the subject of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, sermon at 11 a.m. Sunday. The public is invited to attend.

Second Year For Operation Search At 1st Baptist

The Sunday school of First Baptist church is beginning its second year of an original program of study for adults called, "Operation Search." The program offers a systematic study of the Bible and related subjects geared to adult minds and interests. The unusual feature of the plan is that adults may elect the course they desire to take each quarter, much in the same manner that college students select their courses.

A steady increase has been shown in attendance of adults as a result of "Operation Search." Personnel on the teaching staff of the project have included the Rev. Haddon Robinson, John Roelfs, Kenneth Raymond, Shirley T. Brannock, Clarence Wilson, Don Chapman, Herbert Hunter, and Paul Icenhauer. All of these men have had special college or Bible training.

The quarter of Search which began April 6 and is still open for registration, is offering studies in John, I Corinthians, sermons of Jesus, Exodus, and history of missions. During the Sunday school hour a class on baptism and church membership for all interested in information on this subject is taught by the pastor, the Rev. James W. Neely.

Sermon Topics and Music Announced

"The Last Roll Call" will be the sermon topic at First Christian church, Sunday morning by the minister, the Rev. W. C. Piper. Mrs. Vera Selby will sing, "Sheep and Lambs" and the choir, directed by C. Warren Fairbanks, will sing "Purer Yet and Purer."

"Witnesses of Jesus" is the evening topic by the minister.

The Men's Fellowship have invited the women and children to their annual Sweetheart Banquet Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Fellowship hall of the church. George Milligan of the Mercy Flights will be the guest speaker.

LUTHERAN SERMON

The Rev. Elvin S. Tollefson will speak on "The Salvation of the Resurrection" Sunday at 11 a.m. at the divine worship service at Ascension Lutheran church, 2501 Barnett rd. Monday the church council will meet at 7:30 p.m.

Sermon Series Planned At Eastwood Baptist

"How Big Is Your God?" is the first sermon in a series entitled "I Believe" to be given by the pastor, the Rev. Richard M. Jones, at the 11 a.m. service of Eastwood Baptist church, North Keene Way dr. at Ridgeview.

E. Ronald Rice, bass soloist, will sing, "I Shall Not Pass Again This Way." Nursery care is provided for toddlers and a second hour session for those of kindergarten age.

The evening program of the church begins at 7:30 p.m. with the pastor leading the discussion on "Cults and Sects." The topic for the evening is "Jehovah's Witnesses, Who They are and What They Believe." Visitors are welcome.

Eastwood Baptist church is

located north of Hedrick Junior High school and is affiliated with the American (formerly Northern) Baptist convention.

Interested persons are invited to share in Leadership Training classes at the Eastwood Baptist church beginning Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Lawrence Merrill, director of Christian education at the First Baptist church, Roseburg, will lead the series of six classes to be held two each night on April 15, 22, and 29 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

This is a first series course with the use of the book "You Can Teach" by James P. Berkeley Baptist Divinity school in Berkeley, Calif., and has served the Roseburg church for two years.



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