

Valley Nazarene Churches Plan Week of Witnessing

Valley Nazarene churches will take part in the denomination's goal of reaching one million persons with a personal testimony and invitation during a week of witnessing Oct. 5 through 12. The local churches will endeavor to contact at least 2,500 persons during that time.

The 50th anniversary of the founding of the Church of the Nazarene will be celebrated throughout the world Oct. 12. The entire denomination is cooperating in prayer programs in preparation for the "One in a Million" witnessing plan of that week.

Prayer Meetings
In preparation for the week of witnessing, local churches are planning several prayer meetings the week of Sept. 29 through Oct. 5.

The Rev. Raymond W. Hurn, pastor of First Church, 520 North Holly st., has scheduled several activities. At 6 a.m. each day during the week the men of the church will meet for prayer at the church altar. Leaders have been selected from adult Sunday school classes with a different class responsible each morning.

In addition, a prayer and fasting program has been outlined by the church board. Church members are to select one of three appointed fast days, Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday.

The traditional mid-week prayer service will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. This weekly meeting, usually attended by approximately 100 persons, will divide into six prayer groups to pray specifically for prayer requests.

Emphasis will be given the week of prayer also by the Mt. Pitt avenue Church of the Nazarene located at Mt. Pitt ave. and Chestnut st. A chain of prayer will be formed by members of the local organization. The purpose of the prayer chain will be to have someone at prayer night and day for the entire week.

Prayer and fasting will be observed on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The pastor, the Rev. Henry I. Brown, has asked the members to gather

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Presbyterians Schedule Christian Education Day

Christian Education Sunday will be observed at both services of the First Presbyterian church Sunday.

As a special feature, all of the more than 120 teachers and workers in the church school will be dedicated to their tasks for the year. The sermon to be preached by Dr. D. Kirkland West will be in line with the observance and is entitled "Christ's Call and Man's Response." The Westminster choir will sing the anthem, "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" at the first service, and the chancel choir will sing "Why So Troubled, O My Heart" at the second service. Miss Rosemary Doolen, soprano, will sing the solo "These Are They Which Came" from the "Holy City."

The Rev. B. J. Holland, pastor of Ashland First Presbyterian church, will speak on "Every Church a Seminary" at both the 9:45 and 11 a.m. worship services Sunday.

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Salvation Army To Hear Divisional Commanders

The yearly ingathering or Harvest Festival for Home Missionary work will be featured this week end at the Medford corps of the Salvation Army.

Here to conduct the special series of services will be the Southern Idaho divisional commanders, Lt. Colonel and Mrs. John Erickson, of Portland.

An auction sale of fruits, vegetables, chickens, rabbits,

canned goods, jams and jellies will start at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be served.

Sunday special harvest observance will be held with an ingathering of funds from all Salvation Army members. Colonel and Mrs. Erickson will be featured speakers at the 11 a.m. worship and 7:30 p.m. Salvation services.

Youth groups will meet at 9:45 a.m. for Sunday school and 6 p.m. for Young People's Legion. At 2:30 p.m. a meeting for all Camp White members will be held in the Camp White theater building.

St. Mark's Starts Classes
Classes of instruction in religion and the basic tenets of the Christian faith designed for adults, will start at St. Mark's Episcopal church, Thursday, Oct. 2, at 8 p.m. in the Markade, and will continue for 12 weeks.

The classes, which will be conducted by the Rev. George R. V. Bolster, rector of St. Mark's, and the Rev. John S. Power, assistant, will be open to all who care to attend and will involve no commitment to further association with the church.

Subjects which will be covered in the course of instruction will include church history, church doctrine, church worship and practice, the Christian sacraments, the Holy Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, the organization of the church, the meaning and purpose of confirmation, and a concluding class on personal religion. The classes will be informal and questions and discussions will be included.

For those who so desire, these classes may lead to communicant membership in the church.

Church of Brethren Marks Start of Year
The Church of the Brethren will mark the beginning of the 1958-1959 church year Sunday. Church School promotions will be made at the closing assembly of the church school. Certificates will be granted to all pupils going to new departments of the school.

An installation service will be conducted by the pastor to include all church and church school officers, newly elected or re-elected to office.

The pastor, the Rev. Escl Hiser, will speak on "To Practice His Presence" giving instruction in how to pray successfully by making prayer an act of surrender.

The new church year will also be marked on Thursday evening by the annual evening council meeting following a potluck dinner in the church social hall at 6:30.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS
Ashland—Two children's choirs from the Sunday school will sing in the 11 a.m. worship in the Ashland Congregational church Sunday in observance of Christian Education Sunday. Pastor Fred G. Plocher has prepared a children's sermon for the occasion.

'Conquering Heroes' Sunday Sermon Topic
Ashland—"Conquering Heroes" will be the sermon topic Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Grace Lutheran church, Ashland, by the Rev. E. Paul Riedel, pastor.

Rally day will be held Sunday during the Sunday school hour at 8:45 a.m. and Sunday school teachers will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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1st Baptist Church Observes National Sunday School Week

National Sunday School week will be observed in a number of ways at First Baptist church during Sept. 28 through Oct. 5.

Sunday morning at 9:45, the annual promotion day program of the nursery, beginner, and primary departments will be held, with super-

intendents Mrs. Cecil Heard, Mrs. John Sellers, and Mrs. Melvin Johnson, in charge.

Wednesday evening, Oct. 1, at 6:30, an all-church, all-Sunday school rally dinner and program will be held at the church. All Sunday school students and church members and their families are invited. Turkey will be provided, and those attending are asked to bring their own service and either a hot vegetable, a salad, or a pie.

Reuben Larson, Klamath Falls businessman and superintendent of a rapidly-growing Sunday school, will be special speaker for the evening. Vincent Smith will be master of ceremonies.

Sunday, Oct. 5, will be rally Sunday, and a special effort will be made to have pupils present for the beginning of the new Sunday school year. Children and young people will be enrolled in their new classes on that day and new courses for the adult program, "Operation Search," will begin.

The Men's Fellowship of the church will sponsor a father-son banquet on Monday, Sept. 29, at 7:15 p.m., in the church. A special program and speaker are being planned, and all interested persons are invited to attend.

The Rev. Kenneth Raymond will speak at the 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. services of the church on Sunday. James W. Neely, pastor of the church, will return Oct. 1, after a month of vacation.

Color Film Planned By Medford Friends
A color-film, "Silent Witness," will be shown at the Friends church Sunday during the opening assemblies of Sunday school at 9:45 and 11 a.m. It will be the first day of the five-week Sunday school contest to increase attendance. Theme is "Building with Christ." Awards will be given to those bringing the most visitors in each of the four departments.

Guest speaker for the two worship services at 9:45 and 11 a.m. will be Dean Gregory, general superintendent of the Friends churches of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

At 11 a.m. Mrs. R. B. Langston will have charge of the junior church for children in the first to third grades, and Mrs. Milo Hardin will supervise the nursery.

Visitation teams will meet at the church at 1:30 p.m. to call on prospects for the Sunday school.

At 6:30 p.m. the Christian Endeavor groups will meet, and at the 7:30 p.m. worship service Pastor Clynton Crisman will bring the message.

Ascension Lutheran Announces Events
The Rev. Elvin S. Tollefson, pastor, will speak at Ascension Lutheran church, 2501 Barnett rd., Sunday at 11 a.m. His topic will be "Our Lord's Object Lesson." Nursery facilities are available.

Wednesday at 8 p.m. the church membership class will be held for the benefit of those who would like to become acquainted with the teachings of the church.

Acolyte meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday followed by senior choir at 7:30 p.m. At approximately 8 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. John Showalter, missionaries of Bolivia, will present a program of colored slides about their work in that region. The public is invited to attend.

Spiritual Healing Service Scheduled
A service of spiritual healing will be held every two weeks at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Episcopal, according to the vicar, the Rev. W. Bruce MacHenry. The first service is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 29, at the Prospect church at 2:30 p.m.

The service is for members of both the Prospect and St. Martin's Episcopal churches as well as interested persons. More information regarding the service will be given at the Sunday morning services by the pastor.

PHOENIX TOPICS
Phoenix—"The Love of God" will be the worship service topic Sunday at 11 a.m. in First Baptist church, Phoenix, by the pastor, the Rev. Perry M. Johnson. At the 7:30 p.m. service he will speak on "One Mediator."

HAYRIDE TONIGHT
The Walther League of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran church will hold a hayride and wiener roast tonight at 6:30 o'clock. The group will meet at the church and will return by 10 o'clock. Members and guests are invited to attend.

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STATE DIRECTORS—Mr. and Mrs. Sol Ediger, Dallas, state directors of Child Evangelism Fellowship, attended a dinner Friday evening at the Red Cross building given by the Medford group. Director of the local Fellowship is Mrs. Nina Gain (left). Pine st. Above the trio hold some of the training aids used by the Fellowship in the teaching of interdenominational week day home Bible classes to children. The Bible classes are known as Good News clubs.

Unitarian Fellowship Begins Fall Schedule
The Rogue Valley Unitarian Fellowship will begin its first church school Sunday at 10 a.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sander, 408 Oak Grove rd., Medford. Tom Goff is chairman of the church school. Children from the age of three will be welcomed.

The aim of the Unitarian church school is to provide the child with a foundation for moral and spiritual living, giving him a broad outlook and teaching him to think independently in matters of religious belief. Books for education in this liberal religion are from Beacon Press curriculum, as well as many other sources.

Copies of the books and religious literature will be available for parents to examine on Sunday.

The adult fellowship will meet at the same time and place to hear Dr. Arthur Kreisman speak. His talk will be "Twentieth Century Religion for Twentieth Century Children" and will deal with the aims and purposes of liberal religion as it pertains to children.

Pilgrim Holiness To Meet in Church
Sunday services for the Pilgrim Holiness church will be held in the building at East Jackson and Bessie streets. During the summer the congregation met in Carpenters' hall, while the church building was being moved to the back of the property and remodeled.

At a later date a new edifice will incorporate the old building into a modern plant adequate for the congregation's future needs.

A guest speaker will occupy the pulpit in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Sherman Moore, who is attending a meeting of the board of Western Pilgrim college, El Monte, Calif.

"Reality" will be the subject of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, sermon at 11 a.m. Sunday. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Education Week Set At First Christian
Christian Education Week begins Sunday and the theme will be stressed throughout the week at the First Christian church. The sermon which the Rev. William C. Piper will give Sunday morning will be on "Our Talents." Robert Allen will play the violin solo "Cavatina," for the musical number. A coffee hour will follow the morning services.

At the evening service Mr. Piper will preach on the subject "Forgiveness." The Christian Youth Fellowship will meet at 6:30 p.m. for study and devotionals. David Elgin will have charge of the worship period.

PARTY HELD
Talent—The senior Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Talent Methodist church held a "kidnap" party Monday evening in the church annex. Games were played and refreshments served. Mrs. George Conner and the Rev. Earnest Bell, pastor, were chaperones.

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