

Protestant Contributions Increase by 40 Per Cent

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The average Protestant's contribution to his church has increased 40 per cent over a five year period.

That is the most significant news contained in the latest report on giving, published today by the National Council of Churches.

The report shows that total contributions to 52 Protestant denominations reached an all-time high of \$2,206,593,817 in 1957.

But this grand total is not as meaningful as the average contribution per church member, which rose last year to \$63.27.

That's an increase of 40 per cent over the \$45.36 per member contribution for 1953.

This substantial jump cannot be attributed solely to in-

flation. The percentage increase in church giving is nearly eight times as great as the rise in the cost of living index and nearly four times as great as the rise in personal incomes over the same five year period.

The only explanation seems to be that Americans are responding to the "stewardship" education programs underway in nearly every major denomination.

Stewardship is an ancient Christian concept. It means that each person is in effect a "steward" or trustee of whatever material wealth God has enabled him to acquire. Instead of having a "right" to spend his money as he pleases, he has a duty to use it in the way he believes God would have it used.

Some churches leave it up to the individual's conscience to apply this principle. But a growing number now recommend the Biblical standard of tithing - giving 10 per cent of your income to church and charity - as a sort of minimum yardstick for stewardship.

The new statistics show that most Protestant bodies are still a good distance from the ideal of every member tithing. The average per member contribution of \$63.27 figures out to 3.6 per cent of the average per capita income of Americans, after taxes, in 1957.

But this represents considerable progress since 1953, when the figure was 2.8 per cent.

If individual members are taking their stewardship responsibilities more seriously, what about the churches themselves? Are they giving a larger portion of their total income to the overall work of the Kingdom of God, outside of their own congregational boundaries?

The answer, from the council's new report, is no.

In 1953, the average local church kept for its own congregational expenses four dollars out of every five contributed by its members. The other dollar went to home and foreign missions and other "benevolences."

In 1957, the ratio was still

the same - 80 per cent of the money stayed in the home church to pay pastors' salaries, build new Sunday school rooms, heat and light the sanctuary, and repair the organ.

The latest report shows that 17 per cent of the contributions received by Presbyterians, U.S.A. churches in 1957 were passed along for "benevolences."

The Episcopal Church, at its recent general convention in Miami Beach, Fla., called on each parish to adopt as a goal the giving of half its income to the work of the church beyond parish boundaries. At present, the average Episcopal parish passes on only 19 per cent of its income.

Methodist Men Hold Fall Meet

Ashtand - The Methodist Men's Club of First Methodist church, Ashtand, held its first meeting of the fall Oct. 27 at the church. Thirty-four men attended the meeting.

Members of the Women's Society of Christian Service served the dinner. Dr. George Roseberry, pastor of the First Methodist church, Medford, spoke.

Following the regular meeting, the executive council of the club met and planned for the next meeting to be held Nov. 24. This will be a combination of dinner and work night.

The Rev. Herschel W. Hall, pastor, will speak on "The Radiant Life" at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday at the Ashtand church.

During the service Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pettit will conduct a story hour for first, second and third grade children. Mrs. Gregg Monroe will conduct a class on "North American Neighbors" for children in the fourth through sixth grades.

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Portland Girls to Be Guests Sunday

A Senior high school girls Sunday school class from Portland will be guests of the local Apostolic Faith church Sunday. This class of 12 girls, whose teacher is Miss Virginia Schmick, has been awarded the trip for their general application and class achievements in their Sunday school work. The same group had a trip to visit the Sunday school in the Seattle church last year.

Miss Schmick will be assisted by Mrs. Beulah Stephens as the second driver and chaperone. The girls will be entertained by the high school girls and boys of the church at a dinner given for them in the church activity building Saturday evening. The group will be in Sunday school, the morning meeting and the afternoon Young People's meeting, returning to Portland Sunday afternoon.

St. Luke's Methodist Sermon Topic Told

The Rev. Melvin W. Dixon, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist church, 2940 Siskiyou Blvd., will speak on "The Concord of the Brethren" at the 11 a.m. worship service. Mrs. Nancy Kaylor, will sing "Come Ye Blessed."

Supervised nursery is conducted during the worship service for those who have pre-school children.

The public is invited to attend.

Dedication Day Planned by First Presbyterians

Dedication Sunday will be observed at both morning services of the First Presbyterian church. This will be the occasion of the members' pledging their loyalty to the church's program for the coming year.

During the past week, canvassers have been calling on the members of the church in their homes and each member. Sunday morning with each member will attend services with his pledge card and make his pledge. The goals set for 1959 are \$110,000 for needs of First church's local and benevolent program and \$30,000 for the new Westminster church's local needs, benevolent program and construction costs.

Dr. D. Kirkland West, pastor, will speak at both services on the subject "Reasons for Giving". At the first service, the Westminster choir, under the direction of Ted Lawson, will sing "Round Me Falls the Night". At the second service, Mrs. William J. Williams will direct the church choir in the anthem "Jesus, Lover of My Soul". Otis Swisher will sing a solo at both services.

Churchmanship classes for prospective members will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. The class for adults will be taught by Dr. West and the class for youth by the Rev. John Reynolds. All who are interested in joining the church on confession of faith or transfer of their membership from other churches are invited to attend these classes which will be held each Sunday throughout November.

The Junior High fellowship will meet at 1 p.m. in order to go to Roseburg and meet with the Fellowship of the Presbyterian church there. They will be publicizing the Junior High Presbytery meeting to be held Nov. 14-16. Westminster Fellowship for senior high young people will meet at 7 p.m. for a discussion led by Carol Slater entitled "Teenagers and Their Billions" Fireside will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mencke, 2141 East Jackson Blvd.

Week End Topics Told for Sermons

Evangelist Floyd Breese will outline Bible conditions for answered prayer in his sermon, "Prayer That Is Sure to Be Answered," tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the Oregon National Guard Armory as the Breese-Turner-Jones Evangelistic team begins its sixth week of gospel meetings in Medford.

The meeting tonight will begin with organ reveries and the song service, led by Singing Evangelist Harold Turner, will feature familiar hymns illustrated in color on the screen.

Friday night has been regularly designated gift night, and a framed picture of Christ will again be awarded to a junior and to an adult member of the audience.

Saturday night's sermon will deal with the Bible answer to the question, "Will People Today Live to See Jesus' Second Coming?" A film, "Nature's Half-Acre" will precede the address.

The title of Sunday night's study will be "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"

Musical selections will be presented each night by tenor soloist Monty Jones, and the Gospel Quartet composed of Harold Yost, first tenor, Alvy Bowman, second tenor, Leonard Yost, baritone, and Joe Hoyt, base.

Congregational Church Announces Sermon

The sermon by the Rev. Thomas McCamant at the Congregational church Sunday will be on "The Good Things About Church People."

The Pilgrim Fellowship are having a Halloween party Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Their usual Sunday evening meeting will not be held this week.

PHOENIX SERMONS

Phoenix-The Rev. Perry M. Johnson, pastor of First Baptist church, Phoenix, will speak on "All This and Heaven Too" at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday. At 7:30 p.m. he will speak on "Salvation's Seed-bed."

Missionary Film "LIFT UP YOUR EYES"

Showing the great revival in Brazil featuring The Ministry of Rev. Harold Williams

FOURSQUARE CHURCH
East Jackson and Biddle Road
SUNDAY - 7:30 P.M.

Willamette University Chaplain First Methodist Church Speaker

Dr. Harley H. Ziegler, author and preacher, and chaplain of Willamette university will preach at First Methodist church Sunday at 9:30 and 11 a.m. services.

This is the second year for Dr. Ziegler at Willamette university. Prior to that time he



DR. HARLEY H. ZIEGLER Sunday Speaker

was director of all religious education work for the Methodist church in the Hawaiian Islands.

Dr. George G. Roseberry, pastor, reports that Dr. Ziegler's appearance here will be in connection with the church's observance of Willamette day. Willamette students will have a part in the service.

Special gifts to Willamette university made it possible to

Lay Development Program Planned By Local Church

The second year emphasis of the Lay Development program of the American Baptist convention will begin at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Eastwood Baptist church, North Keene Way dr. at Ridgeway ave.

The program is designed to inform, train and guide lay people in working more effectively in the local church. A series of workshops will be presented both in the Fall and again in the Spring.

The four workshops for Sunday and the four weeks are: The work of Deacons, Deaconesses, and Evangelism Committee, Dr. L. Paul Walker, leader; The Laity at Work in Christian Education, Dean S. Anderson, leader; The Laity at Work in Missionary Promotion, Mrs. Oral Harshman, leader; William L. White, resource; and Adult Workers with Youth, Carroll Graber, leader; the pastor, the Rev. Richard M. Jones, resource. Any interested persons are invited to take part in these workshops. They will be preceded by a song and worship service, with the pastor speaking on "Preface to Evangelism."

"The People of God" is the theme of the pastor's sermon for the 11 a.m. service. The chancel choir will sing and nursery care is provided.

The Baptist Youth Fellowship meets at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Eastwood Baptist church is affiliated with the American Baptist convention and is located north of Hedrick Junior High school. Its services are open to all.

Central Point Group Schedules Conference

Central Point-A two-night Bible conference will be held at the Community Bible church, Central Point, with the Rev. Charlie Searle of England as the speaker.

Mr. Searle spent several years on the mission field in Africa as a missionary under the World-Wide Evangelization Crusade. During the past few years he has been in England and has been active in Bible Conference work. The service will be held Wednesday and Thursday.

Cave Junction Youth To Grants Pass Meet

Cave Junction-"Why Unanswered Prayer" will be the text Sunday of the second in a series on science and prayer conducted by the Rev. Harold Mackey at Immanuel Methodist church.

Methodist Youth from the Rogue River valley will meet at the Grants Pass church 3 p.m. Sunday. Those from Immanuel planning to attend should contact Linda Prather. Also anyone who can help with transportation.

employ a chaplain, making it one of the first universities to employ a chaplain in the western part of the United States.

The anthem for the 11 a.m. worship service is, "Psalm 150." Mrs. Jack Harris will be the soloist for both services and will sing "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings."

Dr. Roseberry will be guest speaker Sunday at the First Methodist church, Fruitland, Idaho. The church is observing its 50th anniversary. Dr.

Roseberry was pastor of the church from 1930-1933 when he began his ministry. He will speak at both morning worship services.

An anniversary dinner will be held following the service with other former pastors of the church included in the program. Mrs. Roseberry, who will accompany Dr. Roseberry to Idaho, will also speak.

Monday, Nov. 3, the Roseberrys will be honored at a coffee hour. The Medford pastor and his wife were married in the Idaho church.

1957 Award of Merit Winner CHURCH NEWS

National Religious Publicity Council

Prize Winners in Church Contest to Get Awards

During the Sunday school hour at the Friends church Sunday, 9:45 and 11 a.m., first prize winners in the attendance contest which closed last week will be announced and will receive their awards.

Though attendance last Sunday fell 19 short of breaking the record, phonograph records will be on hand to be broken if attendance this week should top the record of 354.

A party for the entire Sunday school is planned for Friday, Nov. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the church social hall honoring winning classes and individuals. Sunday school classes will form the committees in charge with decorations, high school freshmen and sophomores; refreshments, young adults; games and entertainment, women; and program, seventh grade girls.

At the worship hours, 9:45 and 11 a.m., pastor Clynton Crisman's sermon topic will be, "The Divine Invitation." The youth choir anthem for the first service will be "Anywhere with Jesus." At the second service the adult choir will sing, "Song of Praise." Mrs. Harold Allen will have charge of junior church.

Christian Endeavor groups will meet at 6:30 p.m., with

the seniors finishing a five-week "Mountain Climbing" contest. Praise and worship service is held at 7:30 p.m. Soloist will be Mrs. Kenneth Boshears, and the pastor will bring the message.

The "Quaker Hour" broadcast will be heard at a new time beginning Sunday, 9 a.m. over station KDOV.



CONDUCTS SERIES - Paul E. Goins, Memorial Friends church, Seattle, Wash., will begin a series of meetings Monday, Nov. 3, at the Talent church. Services will be held each evening at 7:30 o'clock. Rolly Hartley of the local church will be in charge of the music. The services will close, Nov. 16. Sunday at the 11 a.m. service A. Clark Smith, pastor of the Talent Church, will speak on "God So Loved."

School of Missions In Central Point

Central Point - School of Missions will be held Thursday, Friday, and Sunday at Central Point Church of Christ.

Several speakers will appear on the program including Harlan Woodruff, Okinawa, who will speak on The Church on the Mission Field, Lynn Stanley, South Africa, speaking on The History of Missions Among Us, and Harold McFarland, Joliet, Ill., editor of the Mission magazine, "Horizons." He will speak on Contemporary Report of Direct Support Missions.

All Churches of Christ in the valley will participate in the mission school.

Sunday will be the second week of the Christian Growth crusade at the Central Point church. At the evening service the Joy class will be hosts for the evening and Aubrey Stith, teacher of the group, will be honored.

The pastor, Mr. Jean M. Shelley, will speak on "The Growth of a Christian in Wisdom" at the 10:45 a.m. service and "The Growth of a Christian in Fellowship" at the 7:30 p.m. Sunday service.

SERMON SUBJECT

"Everlasting Punishment" will be the subject of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, sermon at 11 a.m. Sunday at the church, 100 Windsor ave. Everyone is welcome to attend.

LUTHERAN TOPIC

The Rev. H. C. Coovert, pastor of Zion Lutheran church, will speak on "70 x 7 Equals Contentment" at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday.

First Christian Schedules Two Morning Services

A change in services is being made at the First Christian church. Starting Sunday there will be two morning worship services, the first one to start at 8:30 and the second one at 10:55. Bible school will be at the same time, 9:45 a.m. The purpose of these two services is to provide a more convenient time for many people to attend church. The regular Sunday evening preaching service will be discontinued. The Sunday evening youth programs will remain the same.

The sermon subject for both services by the Rev. William C. Piper will be "A Radiant Certainty". At the first service Miss Oveta Walden will sing "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say". At the second service the choir under the direction of Mrs. Piper will sing the anthem "Rejoice". Miss Oveta Walden will be at the organ for both services. The pianist for the first service will be Mrs. John R. Schwab and Mrs. Mabel Sims at the later service. A coffee hour will be held following the second service only.

The Christian Youth Fellowship will meet at 6:30 p.m. Miss Lynn Latham will give the study lesson on Mexico. Miss Sara Hinkle will have charge of the worship service. Youth Fireside will be held in Fellowship hall at 7:30 p.m. with Lanny and Larry Bostwick as hosts.

Presbyterians Announce Topics

Phoenix-The Rev. William A. Saladin, pastor of First Presbyterian church, Phoenix, will speak on "Adornment of the Heart" at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday.

Ashtand-"How Much Will God Give?" will be the sermon Sunday at both the 9:45 and 11 a.m. worship services at Ashtand First Presbyterian church. The Rev. B. J. Holland will speak.

Central Point - The Rev. Bruce J. Weber, pastor of Central Point First Presbyterian church, will speak on "This Story Called Life" at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday.

Church school will be held at 9:30 a.m. "Our Church" will be the theme of a series of two sermons that will begin Nov. 9, at the church. The first in the series will be "The Man in the Pulpit" to be followed by "The Man in the Pew."

Jacksonville - "This High Calling" will be the sermon topic Sunday at First Presbyterian church, Jacksonville, at 11 a.m. The Rev. King K. Jones Jr., pastor, will speak.

The Jacksonville Westminster Fellowship will meet Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, the church family fellowship night supper will be held at the church at 6:30 p.m.

Several speakers will appear on the program including Harlan Woodruff, Okinawa, who will speak on The Church on the Mission Field, Lynn Stanley, South Africa, speaking on The History of Missions Among Us, and Harold McFarland, Joliet, Ill., editor of the Mission magazine, "Horizons." He will speak on Contemporary Report of Direct Support Missions.

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Church Youth To Sponsor Car Wash

Sunshine Gospel church, Mace rd. will sponsor a car wash at the Krupp's Flying A Service Station on Pacific highway, Central Point, Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The young people of the church are raising money for the church so drinking fountains and restrooms may be installed on the church property.

In cooperation with the "Make Medford Beautiful" program the church is also trying to obtain fill dirt so the property may be landscaped.

In addition to the car wash the young people will also sell cookies and candy donated by the women of the church.



THE REV. BRUCE J. WEBER At Central Point Church

New Pastor Assumes Duties in Valley

Central Point - The First Presbyterian church, Central Point, has called the Rev. J. Weber to their pastor effective Nov. 1. He is replacing Dr. Norman K. Tully who has served the church for the last eight years and who recently retired.

Mr. Weber attended Berkeley High school, San Jose State college, San Francisco Theological seminary, and Boston University Graduate school. He was ordained June 30, 1957 by the Presbytery of Los Angeles. Prior to coming to Central Point Mr. Weber served the First Presbyterian church of Santa Monica, Calif. for one year as an assistant pastor. He also worked at the First Presbyterian church, Medford, for three months during the summer of 1956. Mr. Weber's wife, Hollie, accompanied him to Central Point.

Army Sunday School Schedules Contest

Two planes will take off from The Salvation Army Sunday school, Sunday at 9:45 a.m. to travel to 18 different cities and 33 states.

The pilots are Pat Bandy and Lucille Smith; co-pilots, Barbara Bailey and Bob Garrison; navigators, Bill Carson and Ralph Ragan, and stewardess, Mrs. Edith Phillips and Mrs. George Smith.

During the contest several prizes will be given. At the close of the contest a trip on West Coast Twin Propjet transport will be awarded to the one who brings the most people. Anyone under 20 years of age is qualified to participate. A Salvation Army song book with the person's name on it will be given to the one who is 20 years old or over who brings the most

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MISS ESTHER HOWARD Rally Speaker

Missionary Zone Rally Planned

A missionary zone rally will be held at the Mt. Pitt Avenue Church of the Nazarene Monday, Nov. 3, with services at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. There will be a meeting at 7 p.m. for the youth chapters of the various churches.

Miss Esther Howard, who has been serving as a nurse for the Church of the Nazarene in India, will be the speaker. Miss Howard has been engaged in nursing in the Reynolds Memorial hospital in Basim, Akola district, Bombay state, India for the past five years. Before going to India Miss Howard attended Pasadena college, Pasadena, Calif., and the Samaritan hospital in Nampa, Ida. She also studied at the University of Washington. Miss Howard spent three years in the nursing profession in hospitals in the United States prior to her appointment as a missionary.

Miss Howard is one of a party who are presently touring the Oregon Pacific district in the interest of foreign missions. Other members of the party are Mrs. Gordon Olsen, district missionary president; Mrs. Kate Phillips, district youth missionary director, and Dr. W. D. McGraw, district superintendent.

Retired Ministers Assist at Church

The Rev. and Mrs. Walter C. Morris, Oceanlake, retired ministers of the Church of the Nazarene, arrived in Medford Thursday to assist the pastor of the First Church of Nazarene, the Rev. Raymond W. Hurn during the next two weeks.

Mr. Hurn will be taking a brief trip to Idaho and Mr. Morris will fill pastoral duties during this time. He will speak in both morning and evening services Sunday, Nov. 9.

Important Notice!

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Christian Youth Fellowship
6:30 P.M.

No Evening Service

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