

# Seven Churches Schedule Christmas Programs, Announce Other Events

Programs this Christmas season have been scheduled for next week by seven valley churches. Several of the churches have already held their annual programs, usually presented by the church school and music departments, while others will hold the events Sunday, Dec. 21, or during the following week.

Some of the churches have planned the program to be held between Christmas and New Year's day to avoid the crowding of holiday schedules.

## Eastwood Baptist

"A Matter of Recognition" will be the theme of the pastor's sermon Sunday at the 11 a.m. service at the Eastwood Baptist church, North Keene Way dr. at Ridgeway ave. This is the second in a series of Christmas sermons being given by the pastor, the Rev. Richard M. Jones. The chancel choir, under the direction of Mrs. Jones will sing "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," Nursery care is provided.

The two youth groups, junior high and senior high, will meet at 6:30 p.m.

A service of carols will begin at 7:30 p.m., with music, carol singing and candle lighting.

Eastwood Baptist church is located north of Hedrick Junior High school and is affiliated with the American Baptist convention. Visitors are welcome at any of its services.

## First Christian

"The Lord's Prayer" will be the sermon by the Rev. William C. Piper at both services at the First Christian church Sunday morning.

At the 8:30 a.m. service Mrs. Arthur Hotho and Mrs. Robert Reeves will sing the duet "What Child Is This?" The choir will present the anthem "Rocking" at the latter service. Nursery care will be provided at both services and a coffee hour will follow the second service.

At 7 Sunday evening the Bible school will give their annual Christmas program. "Life in Christ" is the play which will depict the story of the birth of Christ. All departments of the Bible school will participate. The committee in charge of the program is Mrs. Earl Purdy, Mrs. Vernon Monia, and Mrs. Stanley Shafer.

The Christian Youth Fellowship meetings will be cancelled both Dec. 14 and Dec. 21 because of special Christmas programs at the church in which they will participate.

Tuesday at 7 p.m. the Men's Fellowship will entertain their wives at a "Sweetheart Banquet." Oris Moore will be the guest speaker and show films.

## Apostolic Faith

The Christmas story, "The Birth and Life of Christ," will be presented by the children of the Apostolic Faith church, North Central ave. at Third st., Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m.

The program will feature seven scenes with musical background by choruses, quartets, and soloists in costume; piano accompaniment by Miss Georgia Sue Weidman, and scripture readings by Kay Bright and Marilyn Gilman. One of the scenes is the Wise Men, guided by the star, as they come on camels to the house in Bethlehem where they find Jesus and worship Him.

The program is planned and directed by Mrs. Hazel Withrow and Mrs. Glorene Bailey. The public is invited and favors will be given all children attending.

The Rev. Loyce C. Carver, pastor announced that Christmas week services will be held as usual on Sunday morning and night, Tuesday and Friday at 8 p.m. and a devotional service Christmas at 10:30 a.m.

An annual evening of music will be presented at the church Tuesday, Dec. 30, at 8 p.m. The program will be presented also at Camp White Sunday, Dec. 21, at 3 p.m.

## program Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. under the direction of Mrs. Edith Strong and Mrs. R. E. Cull.

A sacred pageant entitled "Birth of Christ" will be featured during the program.

Twenty-three persons will participate in the pageant and will be assisted by Bob Heide, trumpet soloist; Mrs. Thelma Heide, organist; and Mrs. Agnes Thornton, pianist. Four choirs will furnish the musical background.

Candy and fruit will be distributed to all who attend. The public is invited.

St. Peter Lutheran

"The Nativity Story" will be presented Tuesday, Dec. 16, at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran church, Missouri synod, 1020 East Main st., at 8 p.m. The kindergarten department will present the Christmas program.

Sunday at 7 p.m. the worship service will be held at the church with holy communion. The Rev. Hugo V. Gurney, vacancy pastor, will preside.

## First Baptist

The Sunday school Christmas program of First Baptist church will be presented Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. Young people from the primary, junior, junior high, and high school departments, directed by Mrs. Mike Stradley, will participate in the program entitled, "The Message of the Bells."

Dean Goddard will narrate the four portions of the program, which will consist of pantomime scenes, readings, recitations, a playlet, and musical numbers. Music will include numbers by the youth choir, a duet by Loraine and Pamela Hampton, and solo numbers by Nancy Wilson, Kenneth Raymond will be organist, and Diane Franklin pianist.

At the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, the Rev. James W. Neely, pastor, will speak on "Responsibility of Discipleship," taken from a portion of the Sermon on the Mount. Music will be provided by the adult choir.

The annual night of Christmas music by the adult choir will be presented Sunday, December 21, at 7:30 p.m. This year the program will consist of carols from many lands which tell the Christmas story.

## Friends Church

"The Living Word" will be the theme of Pastor Clayton Crisman's message at the Friends church for the 9:45 and 11 a.m. worship services. Mrs. Nina Gain, local director of the Child Evangelist Fellowship, will be guest speaker for the opening assemblies of Sunday school.

At 4:30 p.m. there will be dress rehearsal for the Sunday school Christmas program, "Because of Jesus' Birthday," to be given Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Pre-school and grade school children will participate in the nine scenes depicting Christmas customs that are observed "because of Jesus' birthday."

At 6:30 p.m. the three Christian Endeavor groups will meet. Senior C.E.'ers are selling Christmas trees to earn transportation money to the mid-winter C.E. convention to be held at Tillamook Air Base Dec. 30 to Jan. 2.

Last service of the day will be the evening praise and worship at 7:30 p.m. "Quaker Hour" is broadcast Sunday at 9 a.m. over KDOV.

## Ascension Lutheran Announces Events

"Marks of the True Messiah" will be the sermon subject at 11 a.m. Sunday at Ascension Lutheran church, 2501 Barnett rd. The Rev. Elvin S. Tollefson, pastor, will speak.

A meeting of the congregation will be held at 8 p.m. with the film strip "We Witness for Christ" being shown. Saturday, Dec. 20, the Christmas tree will be trimmed and Sunday, Dec. 21, the Sunday school Christmas program will be held at 7 p.m.

Ascension Lutheran church is open from 9 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. each day for worship and prayer.

## Missionary to Speak At Local Meetings

"The Rev. Edward Meyer, missionary to British Guiana, will speak Sunday at the 11 a.m. worship service at Zion Lutheran church. The pastor will conduct the liturgy. The senior choir will sing "Singing Unto the Lord."

At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Meyer will show films on British Guiana. The meeting is open to the public and the Intermediate League will be in charge of the service. The League will meet for dinner at the home of Jan Barker, Lenora dr., at 5 p.m.

## EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

Evangelist David Godwin of Dallas, Texas, is the guest speaker for a series of meetings in progress at the Bethel Assembly of God, 1729 North Riverside ave. In addition to his ministry in the United States, Mr. Godwin has done evangelistic work in Mexico. Services are being conducted nightly at 7:30, except Monday and Saturday. The Sunday night service begins at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

## Bible Sunday to Be Observed Here

Universal Bible Sunday will be observed at the 11 a.m. worship service at St. Luke's Methodist church, 2940 Siskiyou blvd. The pastor, the Rev. Melvin Dixon, will speak on "The Book That Lives!" Ralph Van Horn, guest soloist, will sing Handel's "Messiah."

Church school convenes at 9:45 a.m. with classes for all ages and nursery is conducted for pre-school children during the worship service.

Family night covered-dish supper will be Sunday at 5:45 p.m. in the church parlors. Members and friends are invited to participate by taking a hot dish, salad, or pastries, and table service. Mrs. E. H. Lovensness, who has recently returned from a European tour, will show colored film of Scandinavia, Brussels World Fair, and Switzerland. The public is invited to all services.

## Church School Officers And Teachers To Be Honored Here Sunday

Official recognition and dedication of church school officers and teachers will be observed at both services Sunday at First Methodist church. The officers and teachers who will be in the church school at 11 a.m. will be consecrated and the officers and teachers who teach from 9:30 to 10:30 will be consecrated in the later service. There are 60 officers and teachers who teach in the church school for people of all ages.

The consecration services will take place during the regular worship services at the church altar.

## ASHLAND SERMON

Ashland—"How Can You Prepare for Christmas?" will be the sermon topic Sunday at 11 a.m. at Grace Lutheran church by the Rev. E. Paul Riedel, pastor.

# Question on Temperance Subject of Lively Debate

By LOUIS CASSELS  
United Press International

All churches advocate temperance. But does temperance mean moderation in the use of alcoholic beverages—or does it mean total abstinence?

That question, the subject of lively debate among American Protestants for more than a century, has been brought to the fore again by a report from the Episcopal Church's Joint Commission on Alcoholism.

The report was issued at an Episcopal general convention at Miami Beach, Fla., this fall. It is 28 pages long, and at least 20 of its pages are devoted to explaining the reasons why Christians, out of regard for the rights of others and the sacredness of human personality, should sharply restrict the times, places and above all, the amount of their alcoholic beverage consumption.

Comparatively little attention has been paid to this part of the report. What caught the public eye, and was widely quoted, was a single sentence which said:

**Has Caused Controversy**  
"A Christian who drinks moderately with due regard for the feelings and needs of his brothers and with a conscientious care for the claims of God can drink with thanksgiving to Him for these blessings."

This pronouncement has stirred a hornet's nest of protest from advocates of total abstinence. Methodist Bishop

John Wesley Lord of Boston recently accused the Episcopalians of giving "aid and comfort to the enemy." The Florida Baptist convention unanimously expressed "keen regret and disappointment." The Christian Century Magazine charges in its current issue that the "rationalizations" found in the report will "anesthetize the consciences of millions of church people."

The vehemence of the response has tended to obscure the fact that the Episcopal report was intended, not to encourage "social drinking," but to define limits within which it may be acceptable to the Christian conscience.

For example, the report says that a Christian should not drink, even moderately, in any situation which demands "sharp attention, keen discrimination, self-control and quick reactions." He should abstain if he has reason to believe that "his drinking is an offense to others who have been or may be hurt by alcohol." He absolutely must forego drinking if he is, or shows any tendency to become, an alcoholic.

The report also warns repeatedly that "moderate" drinking does not mean stopping just short of drunkenness. "Any value to be found in drinking alcoholic beverages," it says "is lost where relaxation becomes less of control."

If the report had stopped there, it would have created no stir. But it went on to spell

out a position that has been traditional among Episcopalians and Catholics: Alcohol, like food, a gift of God; it is not inherently evil, but is subject to abuse through the sin of gluttony.

Methodists, Baptists and other advocates of total abstinence hold that alcohol is essentially evil because it has caused infinitely more harm than good to the human race. They point to the spreading blight of alcoholism, which now claims some five million victims in America; to the heavy toll of automobile accidents and crime in which alcohol is involved.

One of the fullest statements of the case for total abstinence is contained in Chapter 202 of the Methodist Book of Discipline. This statement, which has just been unanimously reaffirmed by the Methodist Council of Bishops, asserts that a Christian has two good reasons for forswearing all use of alcohol:

First, "We are stewards of an ability to think straight." Even small quantities of alcohol impair this ability.

Second, "We are stewards of our influence upon others." Even though a Christian may be able to drink moderately without serious damage to himself, he should abstain lest the example of his drinking "lay a stumbling block in the path of a brother and thus contribute to the destruction of another human personality."

## Presbyterians Announce Events And Tell Plans for Five Churches

At both morning worship services of the First Presbyterian church Sunday Dr. D. Kirkland West will preach on the subject "A Lamp For Our Path," which will be a message on the Bible commemorating Universal Bible Sunday.

The Westminster Choir will sing "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" at the first service and the chancel choir, "Oh, Blessed Night" at the 11 a.m. service. The Triple Trio will sing "High Upon a Hilltop." The trio is directed by Mrs. Harvey Field and Mrs. Chandler Drew, pianist. At the second service, the sacrament of baptism will be the infants of church members.

The Junior High Fellowship will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Miss Marilou Garner, 619 1/2 East Main st., for a meeting entitled "Do We Really Hear Christmas Music?" All junior high young people are invited.

Westminster Fellowship for senior high youth will meet at 7 p.m. for an opening worship service which will be followed by a meeting on the Bible under the direction of the Faith Commission. Fireside will be at the home of Miss Sharon Carr, 124 Highland dr.

Ashland—Universal Bible Sunday will be observed at Ashland First Presbyterian church, Sunday. The Rev. B. J. Holland, minister, will speak on "Why Men Need the Bible" at both the 9:45 and 11 a.m. services.

Jacksonville—The Rev. King J. Jones, pastor of First Presbyterian church, Jacksonville, will speak on "The King of Kings" at the 11 a.m. worship Sunday. The choir will sing "How Beautiful Upon the Mountain."

Sunday at 9:45 a.m. the new adult Bible class will start a study of Genesis. The meeting is held at the manse. During the 11 a.m. worship service a white Christmas offering of food will be received for use in baskets to be distributed

for Christmas.

At 7 p.m. Sunday the young people will make final plans for their Christmas caroling. The final instruction class for persons interested in learning about the Presbyterian church will be held at 8 p.m.

Central Point—"The Stage is Set" will be the subject of the sermon Sunday at 11 a.m. at Central Point First Presbyterian church by the pastor, the Rev. Bruce Weber.

The young people of Westminster fellowship will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Phoenix—The Rev. William A. Saladin, pastor of Phoenix First Presbyterian church, will speak on "The Grace of

the Humble" Sunday at 11 a.m.

The Bible study class formerly held at 8 p.m. Sunday is now held on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. Choir practice is held following the class.

The young group will meet Sunday at 7 p.m. at the manse.

## Crusade Ends In Central Point

Central Point—The Christian Growth Crusade will conclude Sunday at Central Point Church of Christ. The men's class lead by one point in the Bible school program.

The evening service at 7:30 o'clock will feature history night. The sermon by Mr. Jean M. Shelley, pastor, will be "The Necessity of the Growth of a Christian."

At the 10:45 a.m. service he will speak on "The Place of Evangelism in the Growth of a Christian."

## Nazarenes Tell Christmas Events

"The Living Word" will be the subject of the sermon to be given by the Rev. Raymond W. Hurn of the First Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly st., Sunday at 10:55 a.m. The service will be broadcast over station KDOV.

Children of the Sunday school will give their annual Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 9:45 a.m., Mrs. A. M. Miller, program coordinator has announced. Children of all departments will participate in the program and the buses will run 10 minutes early that Sunday in order to start the program promptly at 9:45.

The cantata, "The Christ Is Come," by Henry Bishop Wilshire will be given by the sanctuary choir under the direction of Mrs. Joe Johnson, choir director, during the 7 p.m. worship hour on Dec. 21.

## WATCHTOWER STUDY

"Resolution" will be the subject of the weekly Watchtower study to be held Sunday at 8 p.m. at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2402 Jacksonville highway. The Bible study aid "Yours Will Be Done on Earth" is being studied at all service centers.

# MEDFORD CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Sunday: 9:30 a.m.—Radio broadcast KMED  
9:30 a.m.—Sunday school  
11 a.m.—Morning worship  
8 p.m.—Young people's meeting  
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic service

Tuesday: 7:30 p.m.—Sunday school Christmas program  
Friday: 7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic services

**ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2501 Barnett dr.  
Elvin S. Tollefson, pastor

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school and adult Bible class  
11 a.m.—Divine worship  
8 p.m.—Film  
Tuesday: 8 p.m.—Sunday school teacher's meeting  
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Senior choir  
Thursday: 8 p.m.—Adult class in church  
8:30 p.m.—1st year confirmation class  
10:15 a.m.—Second year confirmation class  
10 a.m.—Junior choir  
11:15 a.m.—Acolytes.

**BETHEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
1729 North Riverside  
L. D. Krause, pastor

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school  
11 a.m.—Worship service  
7:30 p.m.—Acolytes  
7 p.m.—Evangelistic rally  
Tuesday thru Friday: 7:30 p.m.—Evangelist David Godwin, speaker

**CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
608 North Central ave.  
Dexter Williams, minister

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school  
11 a.m.—Morning worship  
6:30 p.m.—Study classes  
7:15 p.m.—Evening evangelistic service  
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Bible study and prayer meeting—youth meeting.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
1656 Court street

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.—Radio program, KMED  
10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.—Worship  
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Bible Study

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
1701 West Main st.  
Rosa V. Legg, minister

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Bible classes  
10:45 a.m.—Morning worship  
7:30 p.m.—Evening worship  
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Midweek Bible study

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

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

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

Sunday: 10 a.m.—Church school  
11 a.m.—Worship  
6:30 p.m.—Youth choir; adult study and children's Bible hour  
7 p.m.—Youth fellowship

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

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

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
(United Church of Christ)  
300 Oakwood dr.  
1 block south of East Main on  
Groveland ave.  
Thomas McCamant, minister

Sunday: 10 a.m.—Sunday school  
10 a.m.—Church fellowship  
7 p.m.—Pilgrim fellowship

**EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
North Keene Way dr. at Ridgeway  
Richard M. Jones, pastor

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Church school  
11 a.m.—Senior and junior high church school, kindergarten, nursery, primary church  
5:30 p.m.—Junior high MYF  
7:30 p.m.—Senior high MYF  
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Altar choir rehearsal  
7 p.m.—Boy Scouts  
7 p.m.—Youth choir rehearsal  
8 p.m.—Chancel choir rehearsal  
Friday: 12 noon—Methodist men  
7:30 p.m.—Fellowship of prayer

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