

America's Religions Attempt to Interest More in Ministry

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A drive to recruit more young men for the ministry is underway in America's major religious denominations.

It is prompted by a shortage of trained clergymen which is already serious and getting steadily worse.

The average layman doesn't think much about the clergy shortage - until his own church needs a pastor. Then he learns with a shock that the demand far exceeds the supply.

Statistics from the two largest U. S. denominations indicate the dimensions of the problem.

During the last 10 years, the Catholic population of the United States has increased 31 per cent, but the number of priests has increased only 21 per cent.

Membership of the Methodist church has grown 28 per cent since 1940, but the number of fully-accredited ministers has increased only one per cent.

Similar figures could be supplied by Baptists, Lutherans, Episcopalians and Presbyterians.

Churches face a severe handicap in their efforts to interest more young men in seeking holy orders.

Many denominations are working to raise ministerial salaries. But they are doing so primarily in the interests of justice to clergymen and their families, rather than as a recruiting measure.

They believe it is God Who calls men to the ministry, and that it would be blasphemous to try to substitute monetary bait for His divine promptings.

So the churches are doing their recruiting the hard way. They are trying to get across to their youth the message that there is more to life than making money, and that no sincere Christian can ignore a call to full-time service just because it may entail some sacrifices.

At the same time, they are trying to clear away some of the misconceptions that young people have about a clergyman's life, and to make clear that a ministerial career brings many deep satisfactions as well as a few hardships.

One of the most ambitious programs of this kind is being conducted jointly by four Lutheran denominations - the American Lutheran church, Lutheran Free church, Evangelical Lutheran church and United Evangelical Lutheran church.

A preaching mission will be held at St. Luke's Methodist church, 2940 Siskiyou blvd., beginning Tuesday Feb. 24.

The guest evangelist is the Rev. Robert Guthrie, of Australia. The Rev. Melvin Dixon, pastor of St. Luke's, said that the services will be held nightly at 7:45 p.m. except Saturday and continue through March 1.

Since last November, these Lutheran bodies have held "men for the ministry" conferences in 37 major cities. Four more will be held next month. More than 3,000 young Lutherans have attended the conferences to date. They asked blunt, hard questions about going into the ministry - and they got straight answers. The response was so enthusiastic that Lutheran leaders have decided to repeat the conferences regularly in the future.

The Methodists are using a somewhat similar approach. They have held convocations in several major cities recently to acquaint college students with the church's need for manpower, and to encourage more applicants, not only for the ministry but for other religious vocations.

Catholic parishes throughout the nation will observe "vocation month" in March, with special prayers and sermons directed to the church's acute need for additional priests.

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Youth for Christ Rally Set Feb. 27

Rogue Valley Youth for Christ is sponsoring a rally Friday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at McLoughlin Junior High school. Speaker for the event will be Jack Wyrzten, international youth leader from Word of Life Fellowship, New York City.

Mr. Wyrzten has spoken to capacity crowds in Yankee stadium, 40,000 persons in Time Square, and over a flow crowd in Madison Square Garden. He also broadcasts the radio program "Word of Life" hour which supports 65 foreign missionaries and three summer camps for various Protestant denominations.

Accompanying Mr. Wyrzten will be Norman Clayton, composer and organist, and Ken Nansel, tenor soloist.

There will be no charge for the rally but a free-will offering will be taken.

Baptist Pastor Attends Meet

The Rev. James Neely, pastor of First Baptist church, will return to Medford Saturday after attending the eleventh annual meeting of the Conservative Baptist Association of Oregon, held in Hillsboro, Feb. 18 through 20.

The local pastor, who is the Oregon representative on a national committee for the establishing of new Conservative Baptist churches, gave a report to the Oregon messengers in Hillsboro on the progress of the new church program in Oregon.

At the 11 a.m. worship hour Sunday Neely will speak on the subject, "The Gospel and Its Contents." The adult choir, under the direction of Kenneth Raymond, will sing "Lost in the Night," with Mrs. Michael Stradley as soloist.

Baptist Training Unions for junior, junior high, and high school ages, meet at 6:30 p.m., Sunday at the church.

A Bible class on Christian doctrine, taught by Kenneth Raymond, meets at the 6:30 hour each Sunday in the north wing of the church. The evening evangelistic hour follows at 7:45.

Missal Stand To Be Dedicated Sunday
"The Marks of True Faith" will be the sermon subject Sunday at the 11 a.m. service at Ascension Lutheran church, 2501 Barnett rd. The Rev. Elvin S. Tollefson, pastor, will speak.



ALLEN CRABTREE To Conduct Meetings

Apostolic Faith Church Here To Host Evangelist

Evangelist Allen L. Crabtree of Seattle, Wash., will speak at the Apostolic Faith church, Third and Central ave., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8 p.m.

Mr. Crabtree has held meetings through the Midwest and is enroute to California to California to hold a campaign in Eureka. Later he will be in Roseburg.

Mr. Crabtree held a 10-day campaign during March, 1958, in Medford. He makes his home in Seattle where he is pastor of The Apostolic Faith church.

The public is invited to these meetings. Music by the organ, orchestra, mixed chorus, male chorus and various singing groups and soloists will be a feature of every meeting.

There will not be a meeting Friday, Feb. 27, but the evening will be used for the orchestra and chorus rehearsals.

Adventists To Hear Program

Evangelist Floyd Breese will discuss "The Christian Sabbath" at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the Esquire theater. A musical program by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Gungl of Redding, Calif., will be featured in the evening's service.

Members of the Medford and Valley View Seventh-day Adventist church's Missionary Volunteer organization have been invited to attend MV services in the Ashland church, corner of Clark and Garden Way, Saturday at 3 p.m. Students from Milo Academy will present the program.

At 7 p.m. Saturday a home-cooked food auction will be held at the Pathfinder clubhouse, with the proceeds going to the new Medford church building fund. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by Miss Eve Prentice with a group of accordianists.

Sunday at 9 a.m. Medford and Valley View Pathfinders will meet their leaders and counselors at the National Guard Armory for a snow trip to the Siskiyou.

Course to End At 1st Southern Baptist

The last class in a study course based on the book "Personal Soul Winning" by Leonard Sanderson will be held tonight at 7 o'clock, at the First Southern Baptist church.

The classes, which have been held this week, are being conducted by the adult training unit of the church. The Rev. J. M. McCraw, pastor, has led the discussion each evening.

Sunday at the 11 a.m. worship service "The Lord's Prayer" will be sung by the church choir under the direction of Maynard Hadley. Mrs. John Mitchell is the accompanist.

YOUTH ZONE RALLY
A zone rally of Nazarene Young people will be held in the First Church of the Nazarene tonight at 7 o'clock. The Siskiyou zone includes all Nazarene churches in southern Oregon. Music will be presented from various groups and the activities of the evening will include a Sing-Spiration and an oratorical contest. The winner to compete in a district contest.

1957 Award of Merit Winner

CHURCH NEWS

National Religious Publicity Council

Valley Presbyterians Announce Activities

Dr. D. Kirkland West will preach at both morning services of the First Presbyterian church Sunday on the topic "Obedient to Heavenly Visions."

At the 9:30 a.m. service the Westminster choir will sing the anthem "Ave Verum" and at the 11 a.m. service the chancel choir will sing "Come Ye Disconsolate," with incidental solo by Mrs. M. B. Hoover. James Baker, tenor, will sing the solo "Christ Went Up Into the Hills" at both services.

The Junior High Fellowship will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the junior high room. Valerie Knights, Donna Marin Elaine Davenport of the seventh grade will lead the worship service. The program will be "Which Way Out?" a play put on by Crater High school students under the direction of Jim Backen.

The Rev. Wayne Wattman, pastor of Tulelake Presbyterian church, will bring the message at the noon hour and the Rev. Burton Alvis will be the guest speaker for the afternoon on the theme "Looking Forward to Easter."

Teachers and interested parents from all the churches in the area are invited to attend.

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A joint meeting of the session and trustees will be held Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. Phoenix - The Centennial theme was carried out at the First Presbyterian church, Phoenix, last Sunday. During coffee hour, the serving table was centered with a Bible, an hymn book, and a picture of the inside of the First Presbyterian church here which stood near the cemetery.

A display table, containing many heirlooms, displayed a sampler made in 1820, a handkerchief, old album, cookbook, a pair of hand forged wool picks from England, an old bonnet and a number of other items.

All the articles for the display and the centerpiece for the table were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stancliffe, Mrs. Enid Caster, Mrs. Emma Keith and Ray Claffin.

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series of churchmanship classes will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. Dr. West will teach the adult class and the Rev. John Reynolds will teach the class for youth.

The Christian Education Department of the church is sponsoring a one-day teaching institute for all Church School workers and interested parents on Saturday, Feb. 28, at the church, beginning at 9 a.m. Every department in the church school will have a leader to help in the work.

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NEW ASSISTANT - Lt. David Peterson has arrived in Medford to assist in Capt. William Ricken at the local Salvation Army Corps. Lieutenant Peterson arrived here from Seattle, Wash., where he was assigned for nearly a year. The young officer, whose home is in Long Beach, Calif., received his training in San Francisco, and was commissioned about 18 months ago.

Mission Officer Is Sunday Speaker

Jacksonville - The Rev. Paul B. Peterson, president of the Eastern European Mission, an interdenomination missionary organization with headquarters in Pasadena, Calif., will speak Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the Village church (Old Protestant church), Jacksonville.

He will speak on "Two Million East Germans Flee Communist Tyranny." The program will include a documentary sound-color film on Europe, entitled, "Lest We Forget."

Mr. Peterson has been associated with missionary work in Europe for 38 years and recently returned from a survey where he conferred with Christian leaders in Turkey, Greece, Yugoslavia, Germany, Holland, Belgium and England.

Youth Choir Organized; School of Missions Ends

The recently organized youth choir under the direction of Miss June Daniels will sing at the 8:30 a.m. service at the First Christian church Sunday. They will

The annual Brotherhood dinner will be held Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 6:45 p.m. At that time the "Week of Compassion" offering to help the needy peoples of the world will be taken. A program, including the film "The Long Stride" will be given.

The Christian Youth Fellowship will have their first meeting at the Simmons home, 1020 East Jackson st. They are making plans for a baked food sale Feb. 28. The proceeds will be given to the "Week of Compassion" offering.

Sermon Series To End Here Sunday

The series of sermons based on the Acts of the Apostles will conclude at the Congregational church Sunday. The final sermon by the Rev. Thomas McCamant will be on "The Work of Paul." Worship and the church school meet at the same hour, 10 a.m. Visitors are always welcome.

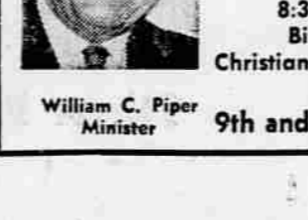
The Fun and Fellowship club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Waldron, 2399 Springbrook rd., at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Members and friends of the church are invited.

Five members of the Pilgrim Fellowship are attending the annual mid-winter conference at Beaverton and Cedar Hills this week end. The usual Sunday evening meeting will not be held. Those attending the conference are Carol and Ray Foulon, Marilyn Harwood, John Hay and Stan Hobbs.

PRE-EASTER SERVICES
The Rev. Raymond W. Hurn of the First Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly st., will begin a series of three sermons on the subject, "The Three Crosses of Calvary." Sunday's sermon will be entitled "The Cross of Hopelessness." The 11 a.m. worship service is broadcast over station KDOV. During the next two Sundays Mr. Hurn will speak on "The Cross of Penitence" and "The Cross of Atonement."

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William C. Piper, Minister

First Church of God Lays Plans for Church Construction Program

John S. Kane, church architect of Anderson, Ind., will be in Medford over the weekend to assist the First Church of God, First and Holly sts., in planning their new structure to be built on Crater Lake ave. and Roberts rd.

Plans are made that Kane will meet with the building committee and the board of trustees Saturday at 7 p.m.

Sunday the Rev. Dwight Brown, Portland, who is the Oregon State Director of Evangelism, and who is traveling with Kane, will speak for the 11 a.m. worship service.

Sunday at 2:30 p.m. the church will meet with Kane to go over and to approve rough drawings of church floor plans which will be presented.

Building committee members include Glenn McCullough, Mrs. John Eads, Mrs. Everett Noss and Sam Davis. The church recently started a study of the needs, potential and opportunities of the local congregation. For seven weeks they will work in the study program. Then a church official from Anderson, Ind., will arrive to assist the church in the training program for the raising of needed funds to be used in the construction of a new church building.

Activities Told For St. Peter's

"I Am the Truth" is the title of the sermon for the 11 a.m. service Sunday at the North West Baptist church, North Keene Way dr., at Ridgeway ave.

This is the fourth sermon in a series called "An Autobiography of Jesus" being given by the pastor, the Rev. Richard M. Jones. The series runs through Easter and takes the words that Jesus used to describe Himself as the text. The choir will sing under the direction of Mrs. Jones. Nursery care is provided.

The Junior and Senior High Baptist Fellowships will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the church for their regular meetings.

At 7:30 p.m. the churchmanship class will meet. This class is for new members and inquirers and is open to all interested persons.

Wednesday evening, the second session in a School of Evangelism will be held. The pastor is presenting a six weeks' course in the study of Ephesians, using the book "The Broken Well" by Markus Barth as the text. This book was written for American Baptists to be used as a course of study during the first year of the Baptist Jubilee. Advance a cooperative emphasis in evangelism for the next five years. Any who are invited to attend.

Eastwood Baptist church is located north of Hedrick Junior High school and is affiliated with the American Baptist convention.

Activities Told For Local Church

"Faith and Heroes of Faith" is the sermon topic for Sunday by the Rev. John E. Simon, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran church, 1020 East Main st. The service begins at 11 a.m.

A short communion service for those who wish to commune more often will follow the service. The Sunday school for all age groups begins at 9:30 a.m. with a first worship service.

The newly-organized adult instruction class will be conducted in the church parlors at 4 p.m. Sunday. This audio-visual course in the fundamentals of the Christian religion is open to all interested persons.

The Waltham League meets Sunday at 7:30 p.m. for worship, business and recreation.

The third in a series of lenten services will be conducted Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The text chosen for the sermon is the third saying of Christ from the Cross.

Presbyterian Men To Attend Meet

Twenty one men from the First Presbyterian church, Medford, and Westminster Presbyterian church, left today to attend the sixth western area meeting of the National Council of United Presbyterian Men being held in Sacramento, Feb. 20 through 22.

Keynote speaker at the meeting is Dr. Clifford E. Barbour, president of Western Theological seminary, Pittsburgh. Other speakers are David W. Proffitt, senior vice president of the Presbyterian Foundation; Dr. Theophilus M. Taylor, moderator of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, stated clerk of the church.

Theme of the meeting is "Build on your most holy faith."

Local men attending include the Rev. John O. Reynolds, James A. Johnston, Lawrence L. Clark, Sam B. Harrison, R. M. Meyer, Fred Fry, James Fontaine, George C. Witter, Harold Snodgrass, Ward Lampkin, Robert Rukovina, Robert Brantley, Harold V. Soballe, George Maddox, Fred M. Gatter, Myron Gaston, Philip Morgan, Glenn Klein, John T. Brandenburg, Max Priebe, and David E. Erion.

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Sermon Topics Told For Central Point

Central Point - "Jesus, the Truth Maker" will be the 10:45 a.m. sermon topic Sunday at Church of Christ, Central Point. Mr. Jean M. Shelley, minister, will speak.

At 7:30 p.m. his sermon will be on "Ichthyology or God Among the Fishes."

Monday, Feb. 23, gym night will be held from 7 until 9 p.m. at the Central Point High school gymnasium. The activity is open to all young people of the church and is sponsored by the evening senior youth group.

Job's Daughters to Be Honored Sunday

Gold Hill - The Woman's Society of the Gold Hill Community Methodist church will be host for a reception honoring the International Order of Job's Daughters, Bethel 38, and Miss Donna Burnett, honored queen, after the morning worship service, Sunday. The Rev. Howard Walton, pastor, will deliver the sermon. Miss Burnett is a member of the church.

All attending church are invited to the reception which will be held in the dining room.

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● Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
● Young People's Meeting 3:00 p.m.

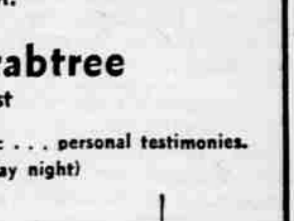
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WATCHTOWER TOPIC
"Surviving with the New" will be the Watchtower study Sunday at 7:15 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2402 Jacksonville highway. The subject of the public address is "Choosing Life with the New World Society."