

Jehovah's Witnesses' Presiding Minister Transferred to Utah

Ted Thompson, who has been the presiding minister of the Medford congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses since 1955, announced today that he has been appointed as the presiding minister of the American Fork, Utah, congregation.

Mr. Thompson, his wife, Shirley, and son, Fred, who until recently have been living at 1846 Woodlawn dr., will leave Saturday by car to take up their new assignment.

Mr. Thompson moved to Medford from Idaho in 1939. He owned the Rose Grocery until 1944. In 1945 he was employed by a local lumber and logging firm as book-

keeper. Subsequently he became office and sales manager. He is resigning from this position in order to devote more time to the ministry.

Mr. Thompson first began studying the Bible with Jehovah's Witnesses in 1939. In 1941 he was baptized and has been active in the ministry since that time.

Congregation Growth

The growth of the local congregation corresponds with the world-wide increase. Mr. Thompson reported. In 1940 there were about 25 associated in the local congregation and meetings were held in a small home on North Central ave. In 1954 the congregation had grown sufficiently to make it necessary to establish another congregation in Central Point.

There are now more than 200 active in the ministry in the two congregations. In 1956 the Medford congregation completed its modern Kingdom Hall located at 2402 Jacksonville highway.

Harlan Nixon has been appointed by the Watchtower Society as the presiding minister of the Medford congregation. Since 1956 he has been the assistant presiding minister.

Mr. Nixon, his wife and three children, are all active in the ministry of Jehovah's witnesses. The family moved here from Michigan in 1948. Mr. Nixon was baptized in 1950.



TED THOMPSON To Leave Valley



HARLAN NIXON Receives Appointment (Fred Pearce photos)

Spiritual Thrust Program Planned

The Spring "Spiritual Thrust" program of the First Church of the Nazarene Sunday school, 520 North Holly st., is in progress and the Sunday school will try to reach a new attendance "orbit" during these next few Sundays until Easter.

Sunday school at First Nazarene begins at 9:45 a.m. with classes for all age groups from nursery through adult. Sunday School Superintendent Bill Brewster announced that all departments will meet together Sunday for a closing exercise with a feature called "7 Fabulous Minutes" in which a report from the seven department supervisors will be given.

During the 11 a.m. worship service, the Rev. Harold Sanner will speak on "Living the Christian Life" which will be broadcast over station KDOV.

At the 7 p.m. service the pastor's message will be titled, "Baptism" and several persons will be baptized during the service.

Junior Soldiers Rally Tomorrow

The Salvation Army will hold their annual Junior Soldiers rally, Saturday. An estimated 75 young people, ranging in age from 6-13, will attend.

The young people will be from Coos Bay, Roseburg, Klamath Falls, and Medford.

The day will include two sessions and a luncheon. The sessions will include singing and story telling. The entire program will be held at the Salvation Army building, 236 North Bartlett st., except the luncheon, which will be held in the Girls Community club.

St. Peter's Church Announces Events

"Give Your Life to Christ" is the sermon topic chosen for Sunday's service at 11 a.m. by Pastor John E. Simon of St. Peter's Lutheran church, 1020 East Main st. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Lenten services continue at St. Peter's at 7:30 p.m. A series of sermons on the characters from the Lenten scene is in progress. Wednesday's topic is "Pilate, the Unjust, Cowardly Judge." The fourth installment of the Lenten history from the four Evangelists will be read.

The adult membership class continues to meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the church office.

The public is welcome at St. Peter's services and classes.

SERMON SUBJECT

"Matter" will be the sermon subject Sunday at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 100 Windsor ave. The service is held at 11 a.m. and all are welcome to attend. Young people up to the age of 20 are invited to attend Sunday school.

Cottage Prayer Meetings Set

Central Point - Beginning Tuesday, March 22, the congregation of Church of Christ, Third and Oak sts., will enter into a program of cottage prayer meetings.

Five areas are planned and a home in each area will host all members located near them each meeting time. The meetings will be each Tuesday and Friday nights for the next three weeks.

Ralph Holcomb, San Jose, will be evangelist for meetings to start at the church April 10 and continue through April 17. The services will feature music from the local church and guests.

This week the church members will start calling on friends of the church in the area.

Sunday at 10:45 a.m. Mr. Jean M. Shelley, minister, will speak on "Why Our Church Should Have A Revival This Year" as a preparatory message to the week of evangelism.

Sunday at 7:30 p.m. he will speak on "Ebenezer."

Meetings to Last Through Sunday

The revival meetings will continue at the Apostolic Faith church at Third st. and Central ave., Medford, over Sunday.

The Rev. Allen Crabtree, Seattle, has been preaching nightly, except Saturday, and will speak tonight and at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday. The mixed chorus and selected soloists will be features of the Sunday morning service.

At night the prelude will include the 36-piece orchestra playing "Bells Across the Meadows," and the mixed chorus singing, "The Lord Is Coming Back."

A water baptism service will be held in the main auditorium at 3 p.m. Sunday. This will take the place of the usually held at that hour. All new converts will be baptized, as well as those who have not yet been baptized by immersion. Mr. Crabtree will bring the baptismal message and the Rev. Loyce Carver and the Rev. Clifford Friesen will baptize the converts.

Central Church Tells Activities

"Recipe for Happiness" is the title of the message which John V. Heberling, minister, will give at the Central Church of Christ, North Central ave., at Jackson st., Sunday at 11 a.m.

Mr. Heberling's message at the 7:30 p.m. service will be "Moses, Man of Decision and Destiny." This is a continuation of his current series on Old Testament personalities. A quiz on the lives of Joseph and Job will be included in the service.

The Bible school will meet in a combined opening at 9:45 a.m. Points in the "Rocket Race to the Moon" contest will be scored and there will be a feature by the Primary girls class under the direction of teacher Dorothy Metheny. Following the opening the congregation will separate into age group classes. Youth and adult classes will study "Paul's Voyage to Rome" from Acts 27 and 28.

Junior, Intermediate and High school youth groups will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Midweek study and prayer services are at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Junior High Choir To Sing at Service

McLoughlin Junior High school choir will sing Sunday evening for the Lenten service at First Methodist church. They will sing "Praise Ye The Lord," "A Heart of Prayer," and "God So Loved the World." The choir is directed by Ray Lewis.

The Rev. Earnest Bell, Talent, will preach at the 7:30 p.m. service on the subject "Knowing What's Good For You."

Dr. George G. Roseberry will preach on "Jesus Ministering to Crowds" for both the 9:30 and the 11 a.m. services. Sunday the youth choir at 9:30 a.m. and the adult choir at 11 a.m. will sing the same anthem. "Cast Thy Burden Upon The Lord." Mrs. Milton Snow will sing "Come Unto Me" at each service.

The nominations committee will meet at the church Tuesday at 7:45 p.m. The Methodist Men will meet at the church Thursday noon when Dr. Roseberry will be the speaker.

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The Rev. James W. Neely, pastor of First Baptist church, North Central ave., at Fifth st., will continue in a series of messages from the book of Ecclesiastes Sunday at the 11 a.m. worship hour of the church. Music for the service will be provided by the choir under the direction of Kenneth Raymond.

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LUTHERAN TOPIC

Ashland - The Rev. Albert R. Nickodemus, pastor of Grace Lutheran church, Frances lane, will speak Sunday at 11 a.m. on "Man's Natural Wretched State and God's Help to Overcome It."

Leadership Event Planned in Valley By Association

An area-wide leadership evangelism conference under the direction of the Rev. Bob Harlow, president of Global Aids, Inc., Portland, and sponsored by the Rogue Valley Sunday School association, will begin with a "kick-off" rally in the First Assembly of God church, 1108 West Main st., Sunday at 8 p.m.

The Rev. Paul Kroon, chairman of the R.V.S.S.A., has announced the schedule for the week night meetings of the conference. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, March 21, 23, and 25, the meetings will be held in the Medford First Assembly of God church, and Tuesday and Thursday, March 22 and 24, repeats of the same programs will be given at the Community Bible church, Fourth and Alder sts., in Central Point. The services begin at 7:30 p.m.

Subjects

Subjects to be pursued at the training meetings during the first week will include the challenge of teaching, aims in teaching, laws of teaching, and three distinct presentations on visitation and its value in Sunday school and church work.

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, March 23 and 30, and April 1, the services will be held at 7:30 p.m., in the Central Point church, and on alternating evenings at the Assembly of God, in Medford. Subjects that week will pertain to planning your lesson, teaching for results, and soul-winning visitation. It is emphasized that the same program will be presented in the two communities, thus enabling a greater number of people to profit by the training offered.

These sessions are planned to be of benefit to Sunday school and youth workers, but will also be of help to all workers in the church. A small registration fee will be charged for those who take the entire course, and a free will offering for the speaker will also be received during the course of the meetings.

Musical Evangelists To Appear at Berean Baptist

Mr. and Mrs. Lester C. Place, musical evangelists of Spring City, Penn., shall conduct a series of services in message and music at the Berean Baptist Church, White City Tuesday through Sunday. The services will be held at 7:45 p.m.

Pastor of the church is the Rev. Ray E. Nelson.

Historic Pulpit Being Refinished By Local Students

Butte Falls - The Youth Round-Up at Cannon Beach has attracted a delegation of eight young people from the Butte Falls Community Bible church this week. Mrs. Howard Simmonds and Harold Arnold accompanied the group.

Young Christians from the world of sports and college achievement addressed this spring vacation conference which ends today.

The historic pulpit from the church is being refinished in the high school shop under the direction of Michael Estes. Senior students are doing most of the work. During the course of taking the pulpit apart, it was discovered that square, hand-made nails had been used in its construction. One of the dates inside was 1896.

Long ago it was a gift from the Medford Presbyterian church but the exact date of the gift is not known. The design is in keeping with the new auditorium and there is much sentimental attachment to the old pulpit.

A new addition has been built onto the west side of the church which will make room for three Sunday school classes. Within the area there will be a small kitchen and large dining room. Plywood tables will be used as room partitions when they are stored.

The carpentry work is not yet finished. Another work day is planned for Saturday starting at 9 a.m.

Congregationalists Announce Activities

The request sermon by the Rev. Thomas McCamant at the two services at the Congregational church Sunday will be "Worship in Spirit and Truth." The services are at 9:45 and 11 a.m.

The church school meets at the earlier hour with care provided for younger children at 11 a.m. Carroll Graber will sing "The Voice in the Wilderness" at both hours. The choir under his direction will sing an anthem at the first hour.

The Pilgrim Fellowship will meet at 6 p.m. starting their meeting with a bonfire.

There will be a Laymen's Breakfast at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday. The Rev. Ed Winkulder of Ashland will be the discussion leader.

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Episcopal Women Set Thank Offering

Sunday at the 11 a.m. service the women of St. Mark's church will join Episcopal churchwomen from the entire United States and other countries in presenting their Spring United Thank offering.

This year marks the 71st year in which pennies, nickels, dimes and dollars have been dropped, day by day into little blue boxes as a tangible expression of the thankfulness of women everywhere for blessings and the good things of life.

The several million dollars which are given triennially in the United offering are used to train young women for church work; to provide specialized training in social service, medicine, and in rural work; sends young women to mission fields as evangelists, doctors, nurses and teachers; helps repair old church buildings and pay for new ones and provides retirement pensions for women workers in the church.

Gold Hill Christian Tells Sunday Events

Gold Hill - "Believing the Word" will be the theme for the services at the Gold Hill Christian church, Sunday school beginning at 9:45 a.m. March 20, Mrs. Rex Allison, acting superintendent of the Sunday school classes, said that everyone is asked to take their Bible.

"Outside the Camp" will be the title of the sermon by Miss Jean Cunningham, minister of the Gold Hill Christian church at 11 a.m. Sunday.

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MR. AND MRS. LESTER C. PLACE Plan Song and Worship Services

Westminster Service of the Westminster Presbyterian Church

At the morning worship service of the Westminster Presbyterian church the Rev. John O. Reynolds will preach on the subject "What Jesus Says About Prayer."

Mrs. Charles Champlin will sing the solo "Hear Our Prayer" and a children's sermon will be given for children between the ages of five and ten. Church school classes for all ages convene at 9:45 a.m.

Westminster Presbyterian church is located on Oakwood dr. between Barneburg and Groveland aves.

Education Class Series Planned

A Leadership Education class will be held at Eastwood Baptist church March 21 to 23 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The purpose of the class is to train church leaders to do their jobs more effectively. The teacher of the class will be the Rev. Ray Schaefer, American Baptist Director of Christian Education for Oregon. The accredited course offered will be "Leadership in classes and groups." A nominal registration fee will be charged for the course, which includes the purchase of a book.

At the 9:30 a.m. Sunday school hour, at Eastwood Baptist Superintendent Lydia Harris will continue to stress the importance of leadership.

At 10:45 a.m. the Rev. Clifford Young, pastor, will speak on "The Great Shadow Mystery of the Bible."

Baptist Youth Fellowship will meet at 6 p.m. with Wes Duggan leading the program. At the service at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Young will speak on "Understanding the Enemy."

Saturday, March 26, the BYF meets at the church for a skating party.

Tonight and Saturday a number of church delegates plan to attend the Rogue River Baptist association meeting at Roseburg.

Sunday Topics Told For First Christian

"Build the Church Through Spiritual Vitality" is the title of the sermon which the Rev. Glenn McKerrow will preach at both services Sunday morning at the First Christian church. This is the fifth in his series of sermons on the revelations which John gave to the churches.

At the 8:30 a.m. service the youth choir will sing "The Cross Was His Own" and at the second service the chancel choir will sing the anthem "O Worship The King."

Mrs. Clarence Hershiser and Mrs. Orpha Wendell will be hostesses for the coffee hour which follows the second service.

The instruction class for people desiring to join the church will be continued by Mr. McKerrow at 4:45 p.m.

The Chi Rho Fellowship will meet at 6 p.m. for crafts, study and worship. The Christian Youth Fellowship will meet at 6:30 p.m. for their study on religions of the world. Miss Nancy Simmons will be the leader on Hinduism.

Monday at 7 p.m. will be the last session for the present class in leadership training conducted by Mrs. McKerrow. A demonstration on using the visual aid equipment will be given.

Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. is the regular all church fellowship dinner.

A Cappella Choir to Sing Wednesday

A 40-voice a cappella choir of Friends Bible college, Haviland, Kan., now on a 17-day tour of the west coast, will present a sacred concert at the Friends church Wednesday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m.

Director Roy P. Clark, formerly music coordinator for the Quaker Hour broadcast heard locally each Sunday, serves as narrator and master of ceremonies for the choir's program. Composed of college students from the midwest Quaker school, the choir presents a distinctive styling of hymns and spirituals. Selections for the intermission will be provided by both male and treble quartets.

There is no admission charge; a free will offering will be taken.

Film on Berlin to Be Shown Tuesday

The Rev. Paul Peterson, Los Angeles, will show a sound film Tuesday, March 22, at the Village church, Jacksonville, on "Berlin - Island of Hope."

The film was produced by the Senate of West Berlin. It shows East German refugees arriving in Berlin.

Mr. Peterson spent three months in Europe last summer supervising the work of the Eastern European Mission in 14 countries. In Germany the work is mainly with the refugees in the different camps.

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Presbyterians Slate Seminary Teacher To Speak

Dr. Neil Hamilton, S. A. Francisco Theological seminary, San Anselmo, will give the message at the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning at both services.

Dr. Hamilton is one of the new teachers at the seminary having recently finished his work in Switzerland where he received his doctorate in theology.

Dr. Hamilton will also speak at 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Monday through Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Kathy Koegel will be the soloist Sunday and the chancel choir will present, "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" at the 11 a.m. service.

Saturday the Geneva Fellowship will hold a bowling party at the Roxy Ann Lanes. They will meet at 1:30 p.m. for hamburgers followed by bowling at 1 p.m. After bowling the group will go to the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Jacks, 649 J st., for refreshments and fellowship.

Sunday the Junior High Fellowship will meet at the church at 7:30 p.m. to hear Dr. Hamilton. Youth Fellowship for senior high young people will meet in the fireplace room at 7 p.m. and later go to the sanctuary to hear Dr. Hamilton. Fireside will be announced.

Youth Night on Wednesday will begin at 5:15 p.m. with choir practice, potluck supper at 6 p.m. and Bible study following.

Three Churches Announce Topics

Central Point - "What Do You Think of Jesus?" will be the topic of the sermon Sunday at First Presbyterian church by the Rev. Robert Bridge. The sermon will be the first of a series on questions asked about Jesus.

Jacksonville - Sunday the Rev. King K. Jones Jr. at First Presbyterian church will preach the next-to-last sermon in a series of "Great Themes from Galatians." It is entitled "If you are led by the Spirit..."

The choir will sing "A Song and a Prayer."

Sunday at 7 p.m. the Jacksonville Westminster Fellowship will meet in the church. Monday at 7 p.m. the Junior High Fellowship will meet. Tuesday evening the Session will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the church and Thursday there will be a meeting at 8 p.m. of the Sunday school teachers, substitutes and any who are interested in teaching at the church.

Phoenix - The Rev. William Saladin, First Presbyterian church, will speak on "Valley of the Shadow" as his sermon topic at 11 a.m. services Sunday.

The Rev. Verne Newhouse was guest minister Sunday while Mr. Saladin spoke at the Ashland First Presbyterian church.

On March 25 the men and women of the church are sponsoring a joint dinner. The women will cook and the men will serve and clean up. Some of the women have been considering refinishing the floors with the proceeds and part will go to pay for resistant fire material in the basement.

Wednesday office hours at the church will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Choir practice is held that same day at 7 p.m. and Bible study at 8 p.m.

Thursday the Cub Scout pack will meet.

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The church trio consisting of Mrs. C. Norman Gail, Mrs. Molloy and Mrs. Roy Eskew will sing during the worship service. Mrs. John Bruce will be organist.

"A Successful Cripple" will be the sermon subject by the Rev. O. L. Kendal, pastor of the church, Sunday at 11 a.m.

The worship study group will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kendal Sunday at 6:30 p.m. instead of at the church.

The Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship directed by Mrs. George T. Allen will meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. And the Intermediate M. Y. F. will meet at 5:30 p.m. under the leadership of Mrs. Kermit Bickle.

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"A Successful Cripple" will be the sermon subject by the Rev. O. L. Kendal, pastor of the church, Sunday at 11 a.m.

The worship study group will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kendal Sunday at 6:30 p.m. instead of at the church.

The Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship directed by Mrs. George T. Allen will meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. And the Intermediate M. Y. F. will meet at 5:30 p.m. under the leadership of Mrs. Kermit Bickle.

Pastor Announces St. Luke's Schedule

The Sunday services at St. Luke's Methodist church include Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. with classes for three year olds through the mature years. The Rev. Melvin Dixon, minister, will preach the Lenten sermon during the worship service at 11 a.m. The chapel choir will sing, "Open Now Thy Gates." A supervised nursery is conducted for pre-school children during the service.

A youth membership training class is held Sunday at 3 p.m. at the church. The Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, the choir rehearsal and