

Two Gold Hill Churches Tell Sunday Activities

Gold Hill—"Martin Luther" will be the title of a 15 minute film that will be shown during church school classes at the Gold Hill Community Methodist church Sunday at 9:45 a.m., according to Mrs. Paul Molloy, superintendent of the church school.

Members of the Intermediate Methodist Youth group and Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship will hold a cleanup party at the church Sunday beginning at 3:30 p.m. Each young person attending is to take enough weiners for themselves. Buns and beverages will be furnished.

The Intermediate MYF is sponsoring a film entitled "Christian Vocations" that will be shown at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, regular meeting time of the group. The Senior MYF will meet at 6:30 p.m.

"What Christianity Means To Me" will be the topic of a talk by lay speaker, Bill Stanton, president of the Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship group during the worship service at 11 a.m.

The Rev. O. L. Kendal plans to continue the policy of having a young person present his own version on the subject each Sunday just prior to the regular sermon. Last Sunday, Miss Toni Morrow was lay speaker.

"Christ's Big Three" will be the sermon subject by Mr. Kendal Sunday.

The church choir, directed by Mrs. C. Norman Gail, will sing "Seek Ye The Lord." Mrs. John Bruce will be organist.

The minister said Ferd Jones will be in charge of the evening worship lesson, which will be on the last chapter of Hebrews. This group will meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Gold Hill—"It's Spring" will be the theme for services of the Sunday school classes at the Gold Hill Christian church Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Mrs. Rex Allison, acting superintendent, asked members to be there to watch the leaves come out. A new Bible reading contest will be announced Sunday.

Officials of the Sunday school wished to remind patrons of the attendance goal that is set for Easter, which is less than a month away.

Cradle Roll Day Set by Nazarenes

Cradle Roll day will be observed in the First Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly st., Sunday.

During the 9:45 a.m. Sunday school hour a presentation showing the work of the Cradle Roll department will be given. A reserve section for all Cradle Roll parents with their children is being arranged. At the close of the presentation, a group picture of the parents and their children will be made.

The special program is being directed by Mrs. A. F. Stewart, Cradle Roll supervisor, with her assistants.

In the 11 a.m. service, which is broadcast over KDOV, the Rev. Harold M. Sanner, pastor, will preach on the subject, "The Vision of Glory." In the service at 7 p.m., the pastor will speak on the subject "Keeping Right With God."

Tuesday evening the monthly Men's Fellowship of First Church of the Nazarene will hold its dinner meeting. Warren Cole, program chairman, announced that A. C. Pierce will present his pictures of his trip to the Antarctic. Reservations for the chicken dinner and fellowship are to be in by Sunday night.

Baptismal Service Planned For Sunday

There will be a baptismal service following the 11 a.m. services Sunday at the Central Church of Christ, North Central ave. at Jackson st.

The morning message by the minister, John V. Heberling, will be entitled "The Beauty of Baptism."

Medford First Presbyterian to Have 75th Birthday March 29

Moses Williams Started Church With 9 Members

"Sabbath, Mar. 29 1885. Up early & studied for the duties of the day. Went to Medford with Mrs. Williams & left the horses at the Livery Stable, but they did not charge me anything. Organized a Pres.Ch. of the following members. Dr. Geary & wife, Walter Gore & wife, Mrs. Lizzie Johnson, & Mr. Simon & wife. Dr. Martin Vrooman the sick in bed was admitted upon examination, as he wished to receive the communion a number of christian friends of his, with Revs. Milligan & Bickenback went to his house & there in the presence of Mrs. V. & three of her children by a previous marriage, I administered the Lord's supper to him as he was braced up on the lounge with pillows. Bro. Bickenback prayed. Bro. Milligan pronounced the Benediction. Lord God of truth bless his soul richly for the glory of thy grace. A number of us afterwards dined at Walter S. Gore's. Ret. home with Mrs. W. & helped Holly Clayton get his horses for they had gone over the creek & got out of the field also brought back B. O. Bickenback's ponies to have them ready for him to-morrow."

With the above entry in his diary, the Rev. Moses Williams, Presbyterian missionary in southern Oregon, marked the beginning of the First Presbyterian church in Medford.

It was the second church in the small southern Oregon town which had been incorporated only the previous month.

Mr. Williams arrived in the small mining town of Jacksonville in 1856, where he organized the First Presbyterian Church of Southern Oregon in 1857.

The nine charter members for the Medford church were Mrs. Sarah Williams, the second wife of Mr. Williams; Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Geary, Walter S. Gore, Mrs. Gore, the stepdaughter of Mr. Williams; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Simon, Mrs. Lizzie Johnson, and Dr. Martin Vrooman.

The first Presbyterian church, Medford, will observe the 75th anniversary of its founding Tuesday, March 29. Sunday Dr. D. Kirkland West will give a message on "Seventy-Five Years of Witness in Medford."

The Sunday services and the week's activities will all point toward the 75th anniversary theme. There will be an anniversary program and birthday party Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. to which the public is invited.

At both services Sunday Harvey D. Field will sing, "I Walk With God." The youth choir will sing at the early service with the chancel choir at the 11 a.m. service.

Junior High Fellowship will meet at 5 p.m. Sunday. Youth Fellowship for Senior High young people will meet at 7 p.m. Sunday and at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday for choir rehearsal, potluck dinner and Bible study. Geneva Fellowship meets each Friday morning on the Southern Oregon campus for breakfast and Bible study.

Mr. Williams was the church's first minister and conducted services in the schoolhouse on South Central ave. while plans were made for a church building.

Land at the corner of West Main and South Holly sts. was donated by C. C. Beekman and following a "successful" subscription campaign, the church foundation was laid in November, 1886.

Dedication Ceremony Dedication ceremonies were held Sept. 4, 1887. According to Mr. Williams' diary, "a large crowd attended the dedication. Bro Milligan preached the sermon."

The building faced Main st. with a flight of steps leading to the entrance hall above which was the bell tower.

Mr. Williams became seriously ill in 1887 and the following year the Rev. Eneas McLean was chosen as pastor.

When the congregation oversubscribed a bell fund drive, the extra money was used to pay the cost of heating the church. A problem which had been facing the



EIGHTH AND HOLLY—Two worship services are held each Sunday morning at First Presbyterian church, Eighth and Holly sts., to accommodate the congregation of nearly 1,540 members. Above, part of the congregation at the 9:30 a.m. service starts to leave the church.



DR. D. KIRKLAND WEST Presbyterian Minister

congregation since the church's completion, records showed.

In 1894 a committee was formed to inaugurate a method of systematic giving to the church. Few members were found to be in favor of the plan and the report stated "those few are in the habit of giving anyway."

The church building was used by the school for classrooms in 1895 after the school building was destroyed by fire. On Oct. 15, 1895, the Presbyterian church also burned.

Until the new church was completed and dedicated in August, 1896, the Presbyterians met in the Medford Methodist Episcopal church, South, on the corner of West Main st. and Oakdale ave. where the Safeway store now stands.

By 1898 the church had 80 members (36 were designated as contributors). To meet a deficit that year a 25 cent per capita tax was imposed, which, according to the records, netted \$13.75.

Mrs. Rebecca Finney, widow of Dr. Charles G. Finney, president of Oberlin college, left Medford in 1900 after living here for 13 years. She deeded her home and five blocks to the church for use as a manse. This property is where the present church now stands.

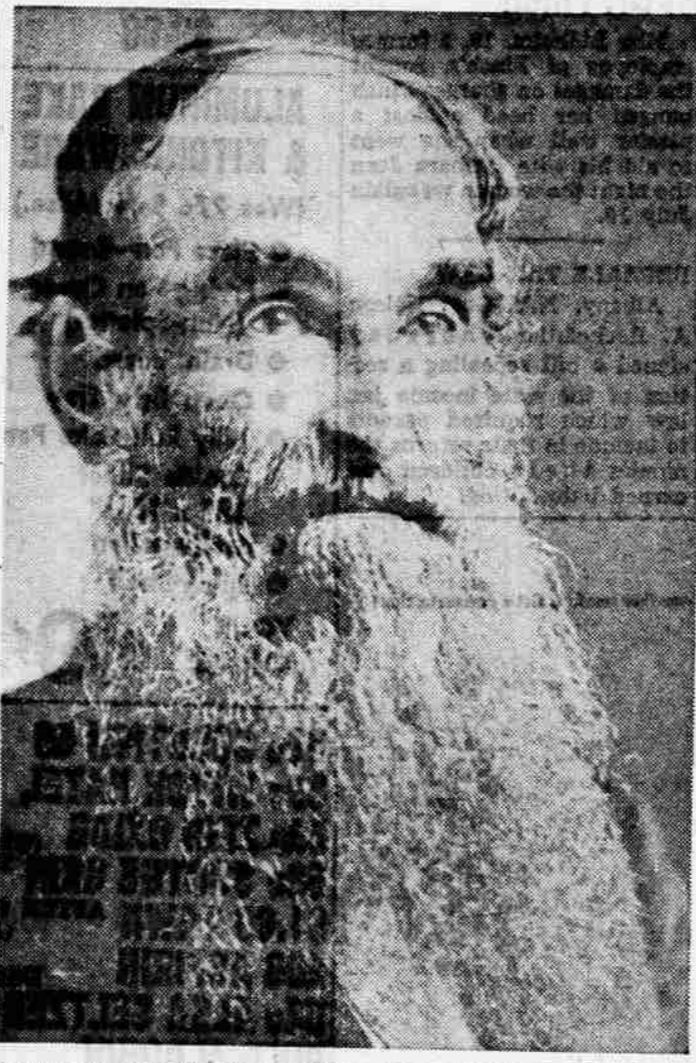
The congregation continued to increase and by 1920 numbered 200. The church was also debt free. The lots at Main and Holly were sold in 1926 for \$13,000 and the present church was erected on the former manse property. It was dedicated on Palm Sunday, April 10, 1927. Church membership was then 459.

Last of Charter Members Mr. Gore, the last of the charter members of the First Presbyterian church, died Nov. 25, 1942, at the age of 91.

Pastors who served the church since Mr. Williams, 1885-1888, and Mr. McLean, 1888-1890, have included W. J. Edmunds, 1890-1892; A. S. Foster, 1893-1898; Adolph Haberly, 1898-1901; Thomas F. Day, 1902-1902; Weston F. Shields, 1903-1915; A. A. J. Hoag, 1915-1918; Myron Booser, 1918-1920; E. P. Lawrence, 1921-1929; Claude Porter, 1930-1931; W. J. Howell, 1931-1934; R. S. Peterson, 1934-1936; S. L. D. Vine, 1936-1942; and Harry W. Hansen, 1942-1950.

By 1950 the church membership was 780 with the average Sunday school attendance 350. In 1952 a Sunday school unit was dedicated.

Dr. D. Kirkland West arrived in Medford to serve the local congregation as minister



CHURCH FOUNDER—The Rev. Moses Williams, Presbyterian missionary in southern Oregon, organized the First Presbyterian church in Medford, March 29, 1885. The church has grown from 9 members to nearly 1,540 in 1960.



PREBYTERIAN CHURCH—The second building constructed in Medford by the First Presbyterian church was dedicated in 1896. Made of brick, the first lamps used were a gift from the King's Daughters, a church organization of teen-age girls, and cost \$28. The building faced on West Main st. and was at the intersection of South Holly st. In 1910 the lighting of the auditorium was improved by the installation of six tungsten light globes of 100 candlepower each and the half block of sticky gumbo in front of the manse (to the rear of the church) was paved for \$105.

In 1950. He had been a missionary in China. Dollar for Dollar

It was about this time that their church set a goal of "dollar for dollar"—for each dollar spent on the local church a dollar would be contributed to benevolence. This record which has been attained since 1958, has brought national recognition to the church.

In 1958 First Presbyterian church was asked by the Southwest Oregon Presbytery to sponsor an additional Presbyterian church in Medford. The Westminster Presbyterian church was organized with 122 members on Dec. 1, 1958.

Membership in First Presbyterian church now totals 1,535 persons and the church's annual budget is \$125,000.

Pre-Easter Evangelistic Events Planned This Week

The Rev. Glenn McKerrow will give the sixth sermon in his series on John's revelations to the churches Sunday morning at First Christian church. He will speak at both services on the subject "Build the Church Through Expanded Opportunity."

At the 8:30 a.m. service the youth choir will sing "Only A Touch." Mrs. Steven J. Dodge will sing "The Old Rugged Cross" at the second service. The chancel choir will present the anthem "Father, O Hear Me" at the second service also.

Mrs. W. I. House and Mrs. A. L. Paul will be hostesses at the coffee hour which follows the second service. The instruction class for those desiring to become members of the church will be conducted again by Mr. McKerrow at 4:45 p.m.

The Chi Rho Fellowship will meet at 6 p.m. for study, worship and crafts. The Christian Youth Fellowship will meet at 6:30 p.m. Jim Osborn will be the study leader on Confucianism.

As a part of the pre-Easter evangelistic program there will be preaching services each night this week by Mr. McKerrow. A different phase or doctrine of the Christian church will be discussed at each service. The topics for the week are "God's Called Out Ones," "The Life Line to God," "God's Law for Spiritual Birth," "The Koinonia of the Lords Supper," and "The Most Vital Membership."

Palm Sunday, April 10, will be Decision Sunday. The public is invited to attend these services. Nursery care will be provided.

1957 Award of Merit Winner



CHURCH NEWS

Bishop To Speak At St. Mark's

Guest preacher at St. Mark's Episcopal church Sunday will be the Rt. Rev. Albert Ervine Swift, Bishop of Puerto Rico and Bishop-in-charge of the Virgin Islands.

He will preach at both the 9:30 and the 11 a.m. services. Bishop Swift was a consecrated bishop of Puerto Rico in May, 1951, and has been in charge there since then.

A graduate of the University of Oklahoma, Bishop Swift also holds the bachelor of divinity degree from the Episcopal Theological seminary and an honorary doctorate in Sacred Theology from General Theological seminary.

During Bishop Swift's visit to the valley he will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. V. Carpenter, Topsides. The Bishop will also visit with the Ralph Matthews family, 601 Dakota st. Mrs. Matthews is a niece of the Bishop. Bishop Swift is also a cousin of the Rev. George Swift, rector of St. Paul's church, Salem.

William Walker to Speak Here Sunday

"The Sons of God" is the sermon title Dr. George Roseberry of First Methodist church will use for the two worship services Sunday. This is the second of a series of three sermons on what the coming Easter meant to man. The sermon for April 3 will be "The New Grace."

The Rev. William O. Walker, Dillard, will preach at the 7:30 p.m. service on the subject "The Choice is Ours." The Methodist youth choir will sing Easter music at the service.

With Howard Buckner in charge of the youth choir they will sing "God So Loved The World" for the 9:30 a.m. service. Mrs. Keith Johnson will be soloist at both the services. The chancel choir will sing the anthem "God So Loved the World" for the 11 a.m. service.

The nominations committee will meet Tuesday at 7:45 p.m. at the church. All choirs will rehearse Wednesday at the church. The commission on evangelism will meet at the parsonage Thursday evening.

Sermon Topic Told For St. Peter's

"The Gain in Godliness" is the sermon topic chosen for Sunday's 11 a.m. service at St. Peter's Lutheran church by the pastor, the Rev. John E. Simon.

The Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. The Wednesday evening Lenten services continue at St. Peter's with a sermon on "Pilate's Wife" for the coming service. This will be the fifth character study and Lenten application of some of the people mentioned in the history of the suffering and death of Christ. The public is invited to attend.

St. Luke's Services Scheduled for Week

Sunday services at St. Luke's Methodist church include church school at 9:45 a.m. and the worship service at 11 a.m.

Clarence Holdridge of the Gideons will speak during the service. Mrs. Holdridge will be soloist. Supervised nursery is conducted for pre-school children during the worship hour.

The Rev. Melvin Dixon, minister, will conduct the youth membership class at 3 p.m. Sunday. The Methodist Youth Fellowship meets at 6:30 p.m. with counselor, Al Cole. Wednesday at 7:15 and 8 p.m. will be choir practice and Inquirer's class conducted by the pastor, respectively.

St. Luke's is located at 2940 Siskiyou Blvd., across the street from the Hoover Elementary school. The public is invited to the services.

Eastwood Baptist Announces Events

The Rev. Clifford Young, pastor of Eastwood Baptist church, will speak Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. service on "God's Peculiar Preparation."

The chancel choir will sing "Thy Loving Kindness." At the 7:30 p.m. service Sunday the pastor will speak on "What Kind of Person is the Devil?"

At the 9:30 a.m. church school hour Mrs. Clara Harshman will continue the adult class course on the life of Paul.

The Baptist Youth Fellowship will meet at 6 p.m. with Susan Plett, presiding. Stuart Young is in charge of the program.

Monday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. the long range planning committee will meet. Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. is invitation night.

Wednesday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Young will continue his study of the life of Christ according to Luke. The chancel choir meets at 8:30 p.m.

Congregationalists To Hear Junior Choir

The junior choir will sing at the 11 a.m. service at the Congregational church Sunday. They have been rehearsing for several weeks under the direction of Carroll Graber. Their anthem is "God So Loved the World." The adult choir will sing at the 9:45 a.m. hour also under his direction.

The sermon by the Rev. Thomas McCamant at both services will be on "What Is Conscience?" The annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received.

The Pilgrim Fellowship will meet Sunday at 7 p.m. This will be a planning session. A Junior High membership class is now being held, meeting on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Youth Rally Set at 1st Assembly Here

"Passing and the Permanent" is the sermon topic chosen by the Rev. R. E. Cull, pastor of First Assembly of God, 1108 West Main st. for the 11 a.m. Sunday worship service.

Monday at 7:30 p.m. Christ Ambassador youth groups from Assembly of God churches in the Rogue valley section will hold a rally at First Assembly with the Rev. Leroy Nidever as guest speaker. Mr. Nidever, who has filled the office of sectional representative for the Christ Ambassadors during the past two years, is leaving soon to accept a pastorate at Wilhelmina.

The public is invited to all services.

Three Churches Announce Topics And Other Events

Central Point - The Rev. Robert Bridge will speak Sunday at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian church on "What We Owe to Jesus." It will be the second in a series of four sermons on the questions asked about Jesus.

It was announced that the organ is expected to be installed by Palm Sunday. The Westminster Fellowship held a swim party in Ashland last Sunday evening.

Jacksonville - The monthly church night fellowship group will meet Saturday at 6:30 p.m. for a potluck dinner at First Presbyterian church. An evening of games and entertainment is planned.

Sunday at 11 a.m. the Rev. King K. Jones, minister, will give the final sermon in a series on Galatians which will be entitled "A Scale for Christian Living." This sermon will be related to the One Great Hour of Sharing in which the church will be participating along with thousands of other Protestant churches of 35 different denominations.

The trio composed of Mrs. Rafe Anders, Mrs. Melvin Hall and Mrs. W. A. Worden will sing "The Sheep and the Lambs."

A program on segregation, planned by the young people of the Jacksonville Westminster Fellowship, will be the feature of the meeting of the high school students at 7 p.m. in the church.

There will be no Junior High Fellowship this week. Phoenix - Mrs. Bert Stancliffe will address the congregation of the First Presbyterian church Sunday during the 11 a.m. service on the subject of Christian Stewardship.

All members are to take the small cardboard model churches or envelopes containing money for the One Great Hour of Sharing.

A coffee hour will be held after the service at 12 noon. Today, from 5 to 7:30 o'clock a church dinner will be sponsored by the men and women's groups of the church. Tickets may be purchased from representatives of the men's and women's groups or purchased at the door.

Wednesday office hours will be held at the church from 2 to 5 p.m. Choir practice will be held at 7 p.m. A nursery will be provided. Communion will be served April 3.

Church of Christ to Have Guest Speaker

Central Point - Charles Nahss will speak at both the 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. services Sunday at Church of Christ, Third and Oak sts., while Mr. and Mrs. Jean M. Shelley attend the Cross Bearers Crusade in San Jose, Calif.

Each year the Bible college located in San Jose holds a three day session for all junior and senior high school young people and those of college age who might be interested in attending a Bible college. Several of the young people from the Church of Christ will be sponsored by the minister and his wife this year.

Five area cottage prayer meetings were held this week on Tuesday and Friday nights. The meetings are to help prepare the congregation for the revival planned April 10 to 17.

Persons interested in attending one of the prayer meetings may telephone Mr. Shelley at NORmandy, 4-1020 for the home nearest them.

UNITY CENTER OF MEDFORD

995 South Oakdale. Affiliated with the Unity School of Christianity, Lee's Summit, Mo. Midweek Devotional and Healing Service - every Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Study class every Friday 11:00 a.m. at 995 So. Oakdale. Regular Sunday Devotional Services - 11:00 a.m. at the Unity School of Christianity. PYTHIAN HALL, 5th and Grape sts. Center Open Daily 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Prayer Ministry and Counseling by appointment. Rev. Katherine Bosworth, Minister. Office SP 2-6002

Ascension Lutheran Postpones Communion

Oliver Erickson will speak Sunday at the 11 a.m. worship service at Ascension Lutheran church, 2501 Barnett rd.

Holy communion, which had been scheduled for Sunday, will be held April 3 due to the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Elvin S. Tollefson.

Mr. Tollefson will speak Sunday evening at an Evangelism conference in the Seattle area. He was asked to be the speaker by Dr. H. L. Foss, bishop of the Pacific Lutheran church. Mr. Tollefson will return to the valley Thursday.

Richard Melvin will conduct the Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Lenten service.

Jacksonville Topics Told for Sunday

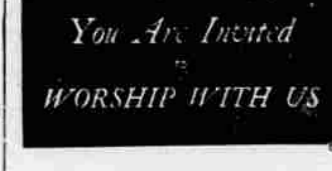
Jacksonville - "Eyes That See Not" is the title of the message Pastor W. Elwood Irby will give at the Assembly of God church, Jacksonville, Sunday at the 11 a.m. service.

Sunday 7:30 p.m. Pastor Irby will give the second in a series on the Transfiguration entitled "The Celestial Visitors."

The Sunday school will meet in a combined opening exercise at 9:45 a.m. Another clue will be given for the Sunday school contest entitled "The Mystery Man."

The Christ Ambassadors, youth group, will meet at 6:30 p.m. under the leadership of Robert Vaughn Jr.

DEVOTIONAL TOPIC "Firm Family Foundations" will be the Sunday 11 a.m. devotional subject by the Rev. Katherine Bosworth, minister of the Unity Center of Medford. The service will be at the Pythian hall, Fifth and Grape sts. Membership Sunday will be observed. The Center at 995 South Grape st. is open daily Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For private consultation with Mrs. Bosworth call SPring 2-6902 for an appointment.



March 27, 1960. 9:30 A.M. Graded Sunday School. 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship. "God's Peculiar Preparation." 6:00 P.M. Baptist Youth Fellowship. 7:30 P.M. Popular Evening Service. "What Kind of Person is the Devil?"

Eastwood BAPTIST CHURCH. Clifford J. Young, B.D., Pastor. 1108 West Main St., Medford, Oregon.

The Christian Life Is A Life of Faith

It is impossible to please God without faith. Heb. 11:6. Also Gal. 5:6 tells us that faith which works by love, is required. So in becoming a Christian one must have enough faith to repent of all his sins, to confess Christ before men, and to be baptized for the remission of sins. Acts 2:38 and Rom. 10:9.

The process by which one becomes a Christian is really an expression of obedient faith. After becoming a Christian, his life is built on the same principles of obedient faith which led him to accept the Saviour. In writing to Christians Paul said: "For we walk by faith and not by sight." 2 Cor. 5:7.

Again: "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." Rom. 10:17. So to live by faith is to live as God directs. It is to believe and do what he says without doubts or questionings and without adding or subtracting from His Word. In Heb. 11 we read of many people of old who did things by faith, and in every instance their faith was expressed in wholehearted and exact obedience.

If the love of God does not master us, the love of the world will. To Be Continued.

The Church of Christ

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First Presbyterian Church

Eighth & Holly • Phone SP 2-2830. Dr. D. Kirkland West, Pastor. A cordial welcome awaits you Sunday morning. Services 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Church School classes for all ages 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.