

# Thorny Dilemma Given Public Schools by Religious Attitudes

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How public schools should deal with religion is one of the thorniest dilemmas of U.S. education.

Although some Americans hold strong opinions on this subject, there are many others, probably a majority, who are deeply perplexed and who see no simple, satisfactory solution.

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When the argument arrives at this point, educators and others often suggest that the answer is for the public schools to teach moral and ethical values without reference to a religious context. But many wonder if this really can be done effectively.

How are you going to convince a child that it is wrong to lie, cheat, steal or hate, without bringing in, somehow, basically religious concepts of man's nature and destiny? Even the Declaration of Independence relies ultimately on the will of God in asserting that all men are created equal, that all men are created equal.

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The schools should teach the moral and ethical values common to all the great religions—and should make clear that for most Americans these values are derived from and sanctioned by religious faith.

Finally, the school should make clear that it does not consider religion unimportant or irrelevant, but that it leaves religious training to the home and church because that is where it "properly belongs" and where the varied religious heritage of our nation "can be transmitted and interpreted most effectively."

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# Subjects Told For Presbyterian Services Sunday

Dr. D. Kirkland West will preach on "Where Does Christianity Begin and End?" at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services in First Presbyterian church Sunday.

Infant baptism will be administered at the 11 a.m. service. The youth choir will sing, "A Canticle of Peace" at the early service and the chancel choir will be heard in two anthems, "The Heavenly City" and "Magnificat" at the 11 a.m. service.

Junior High Fellowship will meet Sunday at 5 p.m. The meeting will begin with Bible study and a program, "The Bible in Many Tongues," led by A. J. Beardside. Seventh grade is responsible for worship and refreshments.

Senior High Fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. for a program, "Christian Vocations," to be led by the witness commission. First side following will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peterson, 1440 Whitman ave. Youth Night is held each Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. at the church, beginning with choir practice with potluck supper and Bible study following. Geneva Fellowship meets at the Wesley House on the S.O.C. campus every Friday at 7 a.m. for breakfast and Bible study.

Westminster  
A course designed to acquaint non-members with the basic beliefs of the Christian faith and of the United Presbyterian church will begin Sunday afternoon at the Westminster Presbyterian church.

The course will lead to membership for those who desire to join the church, however, there is no obligation attached to attendance. The Rev. John Reynolds, pastor, will teach the class which will meet at 5 p.m. for the next six consecutive Sundays. This week's topic will be "The Revelation of God in Jesus Christ." Interested persons are invited to attend.

At the worship service at 11 a.m. Sunday, Mr. Reynolds will preach on the subject, "How Christ Transforms Ordinary Life." There will be children's church during the service and the choir will sing the anthem "All on an April Evening."

Church school classes will meet at 9:45 a.m. There are departments for all ages through adult. Parents of young people are invited to attend the adult class which is studying the contemporary Christian church.

The Westminster Junior High Fellowship will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the home of Mike Gordon, 2525 Lyman ave. The discussion will be on "The Ten Commandments." Mr. and Mrs. Duke McQueen are the advisors to the fellowship.

Lay Speaker Told For Gold Hill  
Gold Hill—Miss Jennie Lou Thompson will be lay speaker during the worship hour at the Gold Hill Community church, Sunday at 11 a.m.

"A Spiritual Crisis" will be the sermon subject by the Rev. O. L. Kendall, pastor of the church. The church trio, consisting of Mrs. C. Norman Gail, Mrs. Roy Eskew and Mrs. Paul Molloy, will sing a number. Mrs. John Bruce will be organist, during the worship service.

Mrs. Blanche Merriman will lead the discussion on the fourth chapter of First Timothy for the adult Bible study group, Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

"Plants and Animals in the Spring" will be the title of a 15-minute film that will be shown during the church school hour at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Mrs. Paul Molloy, church school superintendent, said.

The Intermediate Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at the church Sunday at 5:30 p.m. directed by Mrs. Kermit Bickle and Mrs. George T. Allen will supervise the senior Methodist Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

Evangelist to Speak Sunday at Bethel  
Evangelist Denny Davis will speak at the Bethel Assembly of God Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The 9:45 a.m. Sunday school hour will begin a loyalty campaign with the theme "I Belong." The campaign will continue for seven consecutive Sundays and will emphasize the value and importance of belonging to Sunday school. Those who have a record of perfect attendance during the seven-week campaign will receive special recognition.

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Baptists to Hear Guest

Missionary to Speak Sunday At First Baptist  
The Rev. Robert Hall, missionary from Argentina with the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission society, will be guest speaker at First Baptist church, North Central ave. at Fifth st., Sunday at 7:45 p.m.

The missionary has spent four years working in the city of Tucuman, which is the capitol of the province of Tucuman in northwestern Argentina. He has made extensive use of correspondence courses and radio broadcasts in his ministry in the South American country. The Rev. Mr. Hall attended Westmont college, Santa Barbara, Calif., and Gordon Divinity school, Beverly Farms, Mass. Following a year's furlough in the United States Mr. Hall and his family plan to return to Argentina.

"The Bible's Last Invitation" will be the subject of the message given at the 11 a.m. worship service by the Rev. James Neely, pastor. This will be the last worship service conducted by the Rev. Mr. Neely as pastor of the Medford church. His resignation as pastor will be effective on April 30.

Pastor To Be Honored  
An all-church missionary fellowship will be held Wednesday, April 27, beginning with a covered-dish dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Combined with the missionary program will be a time of fellowship honoring Pastor and Mrs. Neely.

Monday, April 25, the Men's Fellowship of the church will have a potluck supper at 7 p.m. The Rev. John Gresham will be guest speaker and a sports film is scheduled. John Morris is president of the men's group.

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Christian Workers' School Scheduled by Methodists  
Another Christian Workers' school will be held May 1, 8, and 15 at Medford First Methodist church.

The Sunday classes will be from 5 to 7:30 p.m. with half an hour "break" for sack lunches and coffee. Child care will be available in the nursery.

"Working With Kindergarten Children," will be led by one of two women from the northern part of Oregon.

This year the teachers of adult classes will have a course. This is the first such opportunity in the Rogue Sub-district for several years. The former district superintendent, the Rev. Meredith A. Groves, will be the leader for "Helping Adults Learn."

Central Church Tells Activities  
Central Church of Christ, North Central ave. at Jackson st. will have Clifford Lindsey, a student at Northwest Christian college, Eugene, as guest speaker at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. This is in observance of the annual promotion Sunday which the college sponsors among interested churches.

N.C.C. is an undergraduate college giving instruction in the Bible and related subjects in preparation for the ministry and Christian vocations, as well as a foundation in the Christian faith, in conjunction with secular studies at the University of Oregon.

At the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, the message will be on "Portrait by Paul." John V. Heberling, minister of the church, will speak.

The Bible school will convene with departmental openings at 9:45 a.m. followed by classes for all ages. Youth and adult classes will study "Hunger for Righteousness" with text from Matthew 5:6-7. Mrs. Ralph Aubrey will teach the "Gleaners Class" in the absence of the regular teacher, Carl Hoover.

Youth groups will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

Officers to be Installed Sunday  
Newly elected officers for the church boards and all departments will be installed Sunday at First Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly st.

Sunday school teachers and officers will take their covenant of service in the 9:45 a.m. meeting. At 11 a.m. the pastor, the Rev. Harold M. Sanner, will present for dedication, newly elected members of the board of trustees, board of stewards, church school board and heads of departments.

At the 7 p.m. services, the new officers for the foreign missionary society will be installed.

The Rev. R. E. Griffith, founder of the work for the Church of the Nazarene in New Zealand, will show pictures and speak in the 7 p.m. service Sunday at First Church of the Nazarene. Some years ago Mr. Griffith went to New Zealand where no Nazarene churches were in existence, and now several have been organized.

LUTHERAN TOPIC  
"Progress—Old and New" will be the sermon topic Sunday of the Rev. H. C. Covert, pastor of Zion Lutheran church, Fourth st. and Oakdale ave. The senior choir will sing.

Foursquare Gospel Church Holds Dedication Service  
Approximately 50 people attended the dedication and ground breaking service of the Foursquare Gospel church Sunday, April 17.

The Rev. R. H. Mathewson, pastor of the church, announced that they had recently purchased the property at the corner of Roberts rd. and Gary ave. for the new building.

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# First Communion To Be Received By 86 Children

First Holy Communion will be received by about 86 St. Mary school children at the 8:30 a.m. mass in Sacred Heart church on White Sunday.

The children have been preparing all school year by study of catechism and prayer for this occasion which is regarded by Roman Catholics as one of the most important in their spiritual life.

Until last year First Communion in the local parish was held on Mothers' Day. However, according to the Very Rev. Carl Mal, the White Sunday date now observed is more in keeping with the spirit of church liturgy which suggests that the sacrament should be received within the time of the Easter ceremonies.

Father Mal has requested that all parishioners who can attend a mass other than the 8:30 a.m. on this Sunday so that there will be room in the church for the parents and relatives of the First Communions. Many of the children will have out-of-town guests for the occasion.

The First Communion hymns will be sung by the fifth grade choir of St. Mary's school.

Three Churches Tell Services  
Central Point—The Rev. Robert Olmstead, San Jose, Calif., will be guest speaker Sunday at the 11 a.m. worship service at First Presbyterian church, Central Point. Following the service a congregational meeting will be held. The event will be potluck and served in the church basement.

Saturday, April 23, a coffee hour will be held for Mr. and Mrs. Olmstead from 7 to 9 p.m. at the church. All interested persons are invited to attend.

At 7:30 p.m. Sunday the Westminster Fellowship will conduct their second evening church worship service. Three of their members will speak on topics pertaining to youth and parents.

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The Jacksonville Westminster Fellowship will meet in the church at 7 p.m. The program, directed by Dale Matheny, will be "Exciting—So What?"

Thursday at 8 p.m. immediately following the choir rehearsal there will be a Sunday School Teachers' meeting for those who are now teaching and substituting, plus those who might be interested in teaching or substituting.

Phoenix—"Has a Man a Soul?" will be the sermon topic of the Rev. William Saladin of the Phoenix First Presbyterian church at the 11 a.m. services Sunday.

The Kings' Men meeting has been postponed until Tuesday, April 26. Tonight at 6:30 o'clock the church will hold a potluck supper for family night in the church parlor. All interested Phoenix residents are invited to take a potluck dish and their table service and attend. Potluck includes a hot dish, salad or dessert.

Wednesday, office hours for the church are 3 to 5 p.m., choir practice from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a nursery provided. Bible study will follow from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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"Probation After Death" 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.

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# Annual Investiture Service Set Saturday

The annual Pathfinder investiture service will be held Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in the Medford Seventh-day Adventist church.

At this time Pathfinders and pre-Pathfinders in the Rogue valley will receive their insignia for the Progressive classes they have completed during the past year. All the children in grades one to four will be invested as Busy Bees, Sunbeams, Builders, and Helpers, respectively.

There will be thirteen Pathfinders invested as Friends, Companions, Explorers, Guides and Master Guides. Honors will be given to those who have completed special requirements.

Two Good-Conduct awards will be given to outstanding Pathfinders who have been observed for three months without their knowledge.

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Free Methodists Announce Revival  
The Free Methodist church will conduct a second series of meetings April 27 to May 8. The Rev. Lee Ensey, San Bernardino, Calif., will be the speaker.

Mr. Ensey is returning to Medford after having held several meetings here in recent years.

There will be featured music and congregational singing each evening. The services will begin at 7:30 p.m. except Saturday.

Sunday evening, the Rev. M. C. Miller, conference superintendent, will be present and preach. Also in an honor council, the Roberts and Fairbairn awards will be given to two of the Christian Youth Crusaders. These are the highest awards given to children by the denomination. Conference CYC director, Clarice Bartlett, Salem, will also be present for the occasion.

Sermon Topic Told For St. Luke's  
The sermon Sunday by the Rev. Melvin Dixon, minister at St. Luke's Methodist church at 11 a.m. will be "How Does Our Church Measure Up?"

Supervised nursery is conducted for pre-school children during the service. The choral ensemble will present the music.

The church service is preceded by Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. with classes for all ages. The youth study class will meet at 3 p.m. Sunday and the Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday the choir meets for rehearsal at 7:15 p.m. and the Bible study class at 8 p.m.

Family night will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the church.

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

Eastwood BAPTIST CHURCH  
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April 24, 1960  
9:30 a.m. Graded Sunday Church School.  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship "The Merciful Servant."  
5:30 p.m. Youth Mexico Trip Rally—Blair's  
7:30 p.m. Popular Evening Service "The Red Thread of the Bible."

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# College Day Planned Sunday

Sunday will be observed as Northwest Christian College Day at the First Christian church. This college, located in Eugene, is sponsored by the brotherhood of Christian churches. Its educational program is primarily in the preparation for religious work.

Miss Gloria Haggard who is a senior at Northwest Christian college will be the guest speaker for both services. Her subject will be "God's Plan for a Needy World." Miss Haggard's home is in Medford; her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Claude Haggard. The Rev. Frederick Ross Evans will preside at the services.

At 8:30 a.m. service the youth choir will sing the anthem, "All Beauty Is of Thee." The chancel choir will present the anthem "Nearer the Cross" at the second service.

Mrs. H. A. Sims, Mrs. J. H. Hopkins and Miss Shirley Hopkins will be hostesses for the coffee hour following the second service.

The Chi Rho Fellowship will meet at 6 p.m. and the Christian Youth Fellowship will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. an all-church dinner will be held in Fellowship hall. Walter Weber will show pictures of activities of Boy Scout Troop 9 which is sponsored by the church.

Guest Speaker at Advent Christian  
The Advent Christian church, 24 West Jackson st., will have Dr. Moses Crouse as its guest speaker Sunday. Dr. Crouse is the head of the theology department of Aurora college, Aurora, Ill.

Pastor Fred O. Sapp had Dr. Crouse as an instructor when he attended the college. Dr. Crouse is out on the west coast for his Advent Christian Ministers' conference which will be from April 25 to 27 in Portland. After visiting here over the week end, Dr. Crouse will be accompanied by Pastor Sapp and the Rev. George Walston on the trip to Portland for the conference.

Living for the Record  
A young man sat before an executive to be interviewed about his past. An item of the past was mentioned which the young man was not very proud of. He said to his examiner, "Well, I'll admit that I do not have a very good record behind me." To this the man behind the desk replied, "Unfortunately, young man, your record is not behind you. It is right here before you."

That is a sobering thought. All through our lives, and even when life is over, our records, which we may consider to be in the past, will be coming up before us.

The most important record with which we are concerned is God's record of our lives. Some day we will face that record. It will be right there before us—we cannot hide it. Fortunately, God has promised under certain conditions, to blot those things from our records which would condemn us for eternity.