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CHURCH NEWS

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Three Sermons Given For Sunday

Central Point—Sunday the Rev. Robert T. Bridge will be the guest speaker at the Central Point Presbyterian church. His sermon will be entitled "The Meaning of Life." A coffee hour will follow the worship service.

Sunday school will be held for all departments except the Adult Bible class. There will be no junior church service. All parents have been asked to take their children into the sanctuary for the morning service. Also the Westminster Fellowship will not meet Sunday evening.

Tuesday, Jan. 3 at 8 p.m. there will be a joint meeting of the session and the board of deacons at the church. The choir will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. under the direction of Mrs. Lorna Meyer.

Jacksonville—The sacrament of communion will be celebrated Sunday during the worship service at First Presbyterian church, Jacksonville. The Rev. King K. Jones, minister, will give the communion meditation. A sextet composed of Mrs. Dave Allen, Mrs. Rafe Anders, Mrs. Furman Everham, Mrs. Melvin Hall, Mrs. Otto Niedermeyer, and Mrs. Wes Worden, will sing "Trust in the Lord."

The Jacksonville Westminster Fellowship will hold its first fireside meeting of the new year in the home of Bruce Niedermeyer. The pastor will give a brief talk on "How to Make Jesus Feel Welcome in Our Lives." The meeting will conclude with games and refreshments.

Phoenix—This Sunday is communion Sunday at First Presbyterian church, Phoenix. The Rev. William Saladin, minister, will speak on "The Twilight Zone," at the 11 a.m. service.

Saturday, New Year's Eve, a party and film for the young people of the church and their friends are scheduled.

New Year's Day Services Planned

Services on New Year's Day at First Baptist church will begin with Sunday school at 9:40 a.m., with classes beginning a new quarter of study.

The Rev. Edward C. Stauffer, pastor, will speak at the 11 a.m. worship hour on the subject, "1961—My Millstone or Milestone—Which?" Music will be directed by Maynard Hadley and will include a number by the chapel choir.

The youth leagues for those of junior college age will meet at the church at 8:30 p.m., and the adult Bible study, taught by Albert Gandt, will meet at the same hour.

At the 7:45 p.m. hour, a New Year's candlelight communion service will be a part of the worship program. Pastor Stauffer will give a message entitled, "The Forward Look," and the youth choir, led by Charles Church, will sing.

The First Baptist church is located in downtown Medford at the corner of North Central st. and Fifth ave.

Congregationalists Announce Schedule

Worship at the Congregational church on New Year's Day will return to the 10 a.m. hour, with the church school meeting at the same time. The communion of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the church service. The sermon by the Rev. Thomas McCamant will be on, "At the Gate of the Year."

The Pilgrim Fellowship will meet Sunday at 7 p.m. with the Fellowship commission in charge of the topic, "What Makes Good TV?"

The Laymen's Breakfast will be Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. with Duane Richardson as the leader.

Ashland Sermon Told for Sunday

Ashland—"Living in 1961" will be the sermon subject Sunday by Dr. P. Malcolm Hammond, minister, at First Methodist church, North Main and Laurel sts., Ashland. The junior sermon will be "A Clean Sheet."

Sunday at 6 p.m. a New Year's day potluck dinner for the entire family will be held. Dr. Hammond will speak on "My Years in New England" and show colored slides. College students will be introduced and a closing service of worship held.

ASHLAND SPEAKER

Ashland—The Rev. Eric O. Robathan will preach and be the holy communion celebrant Sunday at the 10 a.m. service at Trinity Episcopal church, 44 North Second st., Ashland.

Presbyterians Set Activities

"A New Year and a Fresh Start" will be the topic of the sermon to be given by Dr. D. Kirkland West at the First Presbyterian church Sunday at both morning services. Miss Karen Paschke, soprano, will sing and the youth choir under the direction of the Rev. G. Robert Jacks will present "A Flemish Carol" at the early service. The chancel choir will sing under the direction of Lynn Sjolund for the 11 a.m. service.

Youth Fellowship for senior highs will meet at 7 p.m. Sunday in the fireplace room. DeAnne Taylor will lead the meeting which will feature guests from last year's senior class, Molly Barker, Sue Fontaine, John Frohnmayer, John Lacy and others. Fireside will follow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney B. Miller, Old Stage rd. Youth night for senior highs will be Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. with potluck supper followed by devotions at 6:15 p.m. in Chapter 2 of "Mere Christianity." Choir practice will follow from 7 to 8 p.m.

Beginning Jan. 4 Dr. West will conduct a study in the Gospel according to John each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Westminster—"Faith for the New Year" will be the sermon to be preached by the Rev. John O. Reynolds at the Westminster Presbyterian church Sunday.

The worship will be held at 11 a.m. and will be preceded by church school classes at 9:45 a.m. There will be nursery care available during the worship hour but the children's program until Jan. 8. The choir will sing "The 100th Psalm" and Bill Wilson will be at the organ.

The Senior High Youth Fellowship will meet at the church Sunday at 7 p.m. A panel discussion will be led by several college students who are in their freshman year. They include Carolyn Mencke, Jerilyn Smith, Gary Milne and Jim Lacy. Interested high school young people are invited to attend the meeting and the fireside afterwards which will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Mullen, 27 North Barnard st.

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

Witnesses Schedule Public Talk Sunday

A public talk will be given Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Kingdom hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2402 Jacksonville highway. The subject of the talk is "What Is God's Way To Salvation?" A Molinsky, the speaker, will give Scriptural answers to questions such as "Salvation From What?" and "Why can no one ignore it?"

Directly following the talk the congregation will participate in discussing the Watchtower article "Married Believers Called to Peace and Salvation."

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Jacksonville Church To Hold Services

Jacksonville—The Jacksonville Bible church will hold a watch night service Saturday from 8 p.m. until midnight at the home of the pastor, the Rev. James R. Hendricks, 404 South Oregon st., Jacksonville.

The film, "Contrary Winds" will be shown to friends and members of the church. Sunday at the 11 a.m. service Mr. Hendricks will speak at the church, across from the museum on "Security." His 7 p.m. sermon will be "The Opening of Christ's Transitory Gates."

Central Church Plans Watch Party Saturday

Central Church of Christ, North Central ave. at Jackson st., will see the New Year in with a watch party beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday and continuing until midnight. There will be games and refreshments with a devotional just prior to midnight.

"Hitherto and Henceforth" will be the topic of the Jan. 1 morning message by minister John V. Heberling. A gospel solo will be brought by Mrs. Jane Johnson. Worship begins at 11 a.m.

"The Gospel of the Son of God" will be the subject of the adult and youth Bible School lessons. Sunday marks the beginning of a new quarter of study in all departments. Bible school at Central church begins at 9:45 a.m.

"Why Should The Work Cease?" is Mr. Heberling's evening sermon subject. The message is based on the inspiring story of Nehemiah's struggle to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Gospel singing will begin the service at 7:30 p.m.

Children of elementary school age and junior high age will meet for youth groups at 6:30 p.m. High school youth will meet for games at 6 p.m. with lesson by the minister at 6:30 p.m.

There will be no Youth Fellowship meetings Sunday evening.

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Series Scheduled For Nazarenes

The New Year's Day worship services at the First Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly st., will include music and a sermon by the Rev. Harold M. Sanner, pastor. "Evangelism First" is the general theme of the denomination for the next four years.

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1st Assembly Tells Scheduled Activities

Holy communion will be observed at the 11 a.m. Sunday worship service at First Assembly of God, 1108 West Main st. The Rev. R. E. Cull, pastor, will speak on the topic, "What Christ Expects Of Us In 1961."

A ministers' institute has been scheduled for Jan. 5 and 6 at First Assembly for Assembly of God ministers in southern Oregon. The institute will be under the direction of the Rev. R. M. Riggs, former general superintendent of Assembly of God churches. Morning and afternoon sessions are for ministers only, but both evening services are open to the public.

MIDNIGHT SERVICE Prospect-A watch service will be held Saturday from 9 to midnight at the Chapel in the Pines, Church of the Nazarene, Prospect, Pastor of the church is the Rev. George Fitch.

New Year's Resolutions Described as Religious Act

By LOUIS CASSELS
United Press International
It is time that someone put in a good word for New Year's resolutions.

Comic strip artists and TV gag writers have almost lampooned this custom out of existence.

Things have reached the point where anyone who does make a serious New Year's resolution is ashamed to admit it, lest he be greeted with ridicule.

This is a pity, because there is nothing inherently absurd about pausing on the threshold of a new year to take stock of your life and habits.

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Roundtable Topic Told For Sunday

"The coming of a new year is a time for evaluation and prediction in many areas of life. What would be your commentary on the spiritual state of the world for 1961? By what significant facts or signs can we judge whether we are in a time of progress or decline of Christianity in the world?"

This will be the topic of discussion on Sunday morning's "Ministers Roundtable" program. The program is broadcast over radio station KMED at 8:05 a.m. each Sunday.

This week's panel will be the Rev. Fredrick Evans, First Christian church; the Rev. Melvin Dixon, St. Luke's Methodist; the Rev. Esil Hiser, Church of the Brethren. Moderator will be the Rev. Fred Sapp, Advent Christian church.

On the contrary, it is hard to imagine a more profoundly religious act.

Anyone who does it with reasonably honesty is bound to feel an impulse to narrow the gap between what he is and what he knows he ought to be.

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Adventists Hold Missions Offering

The Seventh-day Adventist Sabbath school members of the Medford and Valley View churches joined with their fellow believers throughout North America in a pre-Christmas special missions offering last Saturday morning.

It was the quarterly Thirtieth Sabbath offering, being given this time to the denominations work in Central America. The members of the two local churches gave \$481.73 which will help to build a nurse's home for the Adventist hospital in Nicaragua, a new hospital building for British Guiana, and a boy's dormitory for the church's boarding academy in Puerto Rico.

UNITY
"In the Beginning, God" will be the Unity devotional subject Sunday at the 11 a.m. service at Haven and Holly sts. The Rev. Katharine Bosworth, minister, will speak. All classes study in Medford. Grants Pass and Ashland will resume following a holiday recess.

"People have become cynical about New Year's resolutions because they are so seldom kept," he said in an interview. "And one reason they are seldom kept is that they are usually couched in sweeping generalities."

Must Have Goal
The only kind of resolution that is likely to have any real impact on your life, Bishop Creighton said, is "one that commits you to a specific course of action that is clearly within your power to carry out."

For example, he said, suppose that your conscience is troubled about racial bias.

You aren't going to accomplish much, if anything, with a vow to eliminate prejudice from your heart.

"But you might achieve that end if you made and kept a more modest resolution: Namely, to establish real, human relationships with particular individuals of another race."

By the same token, the bishop said, it would be an idle gesture to promise on New Year's Day that you will be "more devout" or "lead a better Christian life" during 1961.

"If you really want to move in that direction," he said, "you will get farther by committing yourself to specific new habits of devotion and obedience."

Catholics List Sunday Masses

Special thanksgiving services will be held in Sacred Heart Catholic church New Year's Eve, starting at 7:30 p.m.

According to the Very Rev. Carl Mai, pastor of the parish, prayers will be offered in gratitude for all favors and blessings received during the past year. The services will close with benediction of the blessed sacrament.

All Sacred Heart parishioners and their friends are invited to attend the thanksgiving devotions.

Since New Year's Day falls on Sunday this year, the regular Sunday schedule of masses, rather than the holy day schedule, will be followed in all Catholic churches of the area.

Masses in Sacred Heart church, Medford, are at 6, 7, 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m. and at 7 p.m. At Jacksonville mass will be said at 9 a.m. in St. Joseph's church. There will be mass in Our Lady of Fatima church at Shady Cove at 10 a.m.

Dr. George Roseberry of First Methodist church, will preach on "God's Time Is Now" for the New Year's Day sermon at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

The youth choir will sing "Ancient of Days" for the 9:30 a.m. service. Mrs. D. G. MacDougall will sing "The Lord Is My Light" at each of the services. The chancel choir will sing "Praise Ye The Lord of Hosts" for the 11 a.m. service.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship will go to Dead Island for a spiritual retreat today through Sunday.

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Gold Hill Church Plans Communion

Gold Hill—The Rev. Lochlen L. Gregory, pastor of the Gold Hill Community Methodist church, will use the John Wesley Covenant service with the sacrament of holy communion during the worship hour, Sunday at 11 a.m.

"When I Come To The End Of The Day" will be the title of a duet sung by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Doherty. Mrs. John Bruce will be organist. Mrs. Paul Molloy, superintendent of the church school, said films will be shown during the church school hour at 9:45 a.m.

SERMON SUBJECT
"God" 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.



MEDFORD CHURCH DIRECTORY

"... give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." I Thessalonians 5:18.

APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH
North Central ave. at Third st.
Loyce Carver pastor

Sunday:
9:30 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
3 p.m.—Young people's meeting
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic service
Tuesday and Friday:
8 p.m.—Evangelistic service

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
2201 Barnett rd.
Elvin S. Colleson pastor

Sunday:
9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Divine worship
7 p.m.—Luther league

RETRAIL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
1225 E. Main st.
L. D. Krause, pastor

Sunday:
9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship service
3:30 p.m.—CA youth and children's services
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic rally
Wednesday:
7:30 p.m.—Bible and prayer hour

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
North Central ave. at Jackson st.
John V. Heberling, minister

Sunday:
9:45 a.m.—Bible school
11 a.m.—Worship service
7:30 p.m.—Evening worship
Wednesday:
7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting

CHURCH OF CHRIST
1056 Court st.
Sunday:
9:45 a.m.—Program KMED
10:30 a.m.—Worship service
7:30 p.m.—Worship service
Wednesday:
7:30 p.m.—Bible study

CHURCH OF CHRIST
1701 West Main st.
Rosie V. Long, 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

CHAPEL OF THE STAR
(Metaphysical Church Inc.)
88 Janney lane
Marie Hendee, pastor

Sunday:
9:30 p.m.—Worship service
Thursday:
7:30 p.m.—Open forum

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
(United Church of Christ)
300 Oakwood dr.
John O. Reynolds, minister

Sunday:
10 a.m.—Sunday school
10 a.m.—Worship
7 p.m.—Pilgrim fellowship
Wednesday:
6:30 a.m.—Laymen's breakfast
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EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
(American Baptist)
North Keeneyway dr. at Ridgeway
Clifford J. Young, pastor