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Former Missionary To Speak at First Baptist

The Rev. Kenneth Cumings, former missionary to Portugal, will speak at the First Baptist church on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m. He is now representative for the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society in the northwest area of the United States.



THE REV. K. CUMINGS
Wednesday Speaker

During the five years that he served in Portugal, Cumings conducted a widespread evangelistic ministry. He also served as business manager of a theological seminary at Leira, Portugal, and directed a farm program which helped support the seminary and a girl's training school.

"Security in an Insecure World" will be the sermon subject of the Rev. Edward C. Stauffer, pastor, at the 11 a.m. worship hour on Sunday. Miss Carol Gresham will present a vocal solo and the chancel choir, directed by Maynard Hadley, will sing an arrangement by R. J. Hughes of "Lead On, O King Eternal."

The young people of the church will have charge of the afternoon worship service at the Jackson County Farm Home. Those participating in the program have been asked to meet at the church by 2 p.m. Baptist Youth Leagues for those of junior through college age will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Stauffer will speak at the 7:45 a.m. gospel hour on the subject, "All Things Made New." Mrs. Charles Church will sing, and Curtis Vanbeber will present an electric guitar number.

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

Activities Set By 1st Christian

"Surprised With Joy" is the title of the sermon which the Rev. Frederick Ross Evans will give at both services Sunday morning at the First Christian church. It is based on the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew.

The youth choir will sing "Speak To Thy Child, O God" at the first service. At the 10:55 a.m. service the chancel choir will sing "Thanks Be To God" and Mrs. A. H. Schmechel will sing "The Lord's Prayer."

Mrs. J. C. Bradberry and Mrs. Floyd Cary will be hostesses at the coffee hour which will follow the second service. The annual School of Missions will begin Sunday evening and continue for six Sundays. The study this year will be on the different religions of the world. Classes for all age groups will begin at 6 p.m. Mrs. Robert Randles will be the guest speaker for the first session.

Lutherans To Install Officers Sunday

Ashland - During Sunday's service at Grace Lutheran church, Frances Lane, Ashland, newly elected officers of the congregation, are to be installed as announced by the congregation's pastor, the Rev. Albert Nickodemus.

Zone Training School Scheduled By Nazarenes

The Churches of the Nazarene in the immediate area of Medford are planning a combined Christian Service Training school to take place Monday through Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

The meetings will be held in the First Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly st. The Rev. E. E. Crawford, pastor of the Ashland church, is the chairman of the school and Mrs. Lowell Shepard will serve as dean.

Two one-hour class sessions will be held each evening with a 10-minute opening devotional period led by the several pastors, and a 20-minute general session between the class periods. Pertinent information regarding Sunday school work, films and "swap shop" will take place in the general sessions. The classes for each evening which are being presented are "Teaching in the Sunday School" and "The Mission of the Church of the Nazarene." The two classes on teaching in the Sunday school will be taught by the Rev. James Gordon, Mt. Pitt Avenue church, and Mrs. Shepard.

Mrs. Shepard will instruct those who are interested in the kindergarten through junior age group, and Mr. Gordon those who are interested in the intermediate to senior adult group. The class on the mission of the church will be taught by Mrs. Walter C. Morris, Phoenix.

The pastor of the local church, the Rev. Harold M. Sanner, will speak Sunday at 11 a.m. on "Living in the Faith Realm."

In the 7 p.m. song and evangelism service, "The Basis for Good Living" will be the subject. Music in the morning service will be provided by the sanctuary choir singing "Rock of Ages" with Bob Anderson as soloist.

Church Starts 'Book of Month'

Jacksonville - "The Gospel of Deliverance" is the title of the sermon which the Rev. W. Elwood Irby will preach at the Assembly of God church, Jacksonville, Sunday at the 11 a.m. service.

Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Irby will speak on the subject "Abraham's Request."

Three Churches Announce Sunday Topics, Events

Central Point - "Response to the Gospel" will be the sermon title which the Rev. Robert Olmsted will deliver Sunday morning at the First Presbyterian church, Central Point. A coffee hour will follow the morning worship service.

The Adult Bible class will resume both Sunday morning and Monday evening sessions. Both groups will meet in the pastor's home at 20 Crater lane. The Sunday class meets at 9:45 a.m. and the Monday group at 7 p.m.

The Westminster Fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. Sunday in the church. A Bible study will be led by Mr. Olmsted. All high school students are invited to attend.

Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 6:30 p.m. a family night potluck dinner will be held at the church. The men of the church will be in charge of the arrangements under the direction of Dr. Bruce Turner. Following the dinner a stewardship program will be presented and explained by Dr. Max Flowers, financial committee chairman.

Beginning Sunday, Jan. 15, a communicants class will be held for those who are interested in joining the church. There will be a series of three two-hour classes from 3 to 5 p.m. These people will be received into the church on Feb. 5. All who are interested are asked to contact the pastor.

Jacksonville - "The State of the Church Message" is the title of the sermon to be preached Sunday by the Rev. King K. Jones at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian church, Jacksonville. The choir will sing the anthem "God Is Our Refuge."

Following the morning service a potluck dinner will be held in the fellowship hall. The dinner will be followed by the annual meeting of the church congregation and corporation. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect church officers, determine a budget for 1961, and consider any other business which might come before the church.

At 7 p.m. the Jacksonville Westminster Fellowship will meet in the church, Lynn Sjolund, Medford High school music instructor, will discuss the place of music in Christian worship and the influence of Christian faith upon music.

Phoenix - The annual congregational meeting and potluck dinner of First Presbyterian church, Phoenix, will be held Sunday. Sermon topic to be presented by the Rev. William Saladin at the 11 a.m. service will be "Looking Toward Lent."

Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Miss Jeannie Thorp will sponsor the first junior high school group in conjunction with the high school youth group.

The church is sponsoring an adult basketball team to play in the YMCA league. All interested men should contact Raymond Swingle or Rod Fowler.

The new carpeting has arrived, it was announced.

Gold Hill Subject Given For Sunday

Gold Hill - "Wholeness and Health" will be the sermon subject by the Rev. Loehlen L. Gregory, pastor of the Gold Hill Community Methodist church, Sunday at 11 a.m. This will be the first in a series of five sermons on the topic "Because Christ Came."

Feast of Lights Scheduled Sunday

The traditional Epiphany Pageant, the Feast of Lights, will be presented at St. Mark's Episcopal church Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

The production will be directed by Mrs. Scott Hamilton, assisted by Mrs. Margaret Phillips, Mrs. A. Douglas Roach, Mrs. Robert D. Dames, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford M. Crosby, Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Jensen, Mrs. J. A. McDougall, Scott Hamilton, Jerome McDougall, and Elwood B. Hedberg.

Children of the church school will provide the cast for the pageant, which will be narrated by Fred Lorish with Royce Payne playing the role of the Messiah, and Sarah Matthews and David Elmgren as Mary and Joseph. Accompanying music will be provided by St. Mark's Chor-

isters, directed by Mrs. Ann Wirkkula with Miss Julie Winkley at the console.

The pageant will relate the chain of prophecy which foretold the advent of the Messiah of God, unfolding the story of the Nativity and the visit of the Magi, and concluding with the founding of the Church, and the spread of the Gospel of Him, who came to be "The Light of the World." The finale will be the distribution of candles, lighted from the altar, to the congregation as they leave the church, symbolizing the obligation of Christians to spread the "light" to the uttermost ends of the earth. Approximately 70 children of the church school will be involved in the presentation.

The presentation is open to the public.

Medford Presbyterians To Observe Holy Communion

"How a Christian Ought to Live" will be the subject of a communion meditation by Dr. D. Kirkland West Sunday at First Presbyterian church. At both morning services, the sacrament of holy communion will be observed.

At the 9:30 a.m. service the youth choir, under the direction of the Rev. Robert Jacks, will sing "The Beatitudes" and the chancel choir will sing "O Bread of Life" at the 11 a.m. service, directed by Lynn Sjolund. Mrs. Charles Champlin will sing "Psalm 84" at both services.

Junior High students will entertain their parents at a fellowship meeting at 5 p.m. Sunday with a program and worship service in the new Youth chapel, followed by a reception. Miss Marjorie Collie will be guest

speaker for the evening.

Richard Licht, moderator of the senior high Youth Fellowship, will lead the Fellowship in an informal discussion session entitled "Ideas Unlimited" at 7 p.m. at the church. This will be a time for evaluating, suggesting, planning for the future and improving the senior high program. Fireside will be announced.

A four week training course for those who work with nursery-age children will begin Sunday at both the 9:30 and 11 a.m. sessions taught by Mrs. Gary Boshears and Mrs. Dale Coverstone. Parents and others interested in this course may enroll Sunday.

Central Church Topics Listed

Services at Central Church of Christ, North Central ave. and Jackson st., will begin Sunday with the Bible school hour at 9:45 a.m. Children's and adult classes will follow departmental opening exercises.

"The Beginning of Miracles" is the theme of the lesson which the adult and youth classes will study from the second chapter of John.

The minister, John V. Heberling, will speak at the 11 a.m. service on the question "Who Is the Boss?" Mr. Heberling will also give the message in song entitled "My Saviour's Face."

At 6 p.m. the senior youth group meets for games. Senior, intermediate and junior youth discussion groups convene at 6:30 p.m.

"Help Wanted" will be the title of the sermon by Mr. Heberling at the 7:30 p.m. worship hour.

Immediately following morning worship on Jan. 13 complete building program reports will be made at a dinner to be held at the church. The afternoon program will conclude with a brief groundbreaking ceremony at the new building site, South Oakdale ave. and Holmes st.

Joanne Hilkey To Be Honored Sunday

Gold Hill - Miss Joanne Hilkey, member of the Junior class of the Gold Hill Christian church Sunday school, has been named the "most willing worker." Mrs. Rex Allison, superintendent of the Sunday school, plans to honor one person each month in recognition of various activities. Miss Hilkey was the first to be honored.

Annual Meeting Set for Jan. 15

The annual congregational meeting of St. Mark's parish will be held on Sunday, Jan. 15, following a potluck dinner at the Guild hall at 6:30 p.m.

The Rev. George R. V. Bolster, rector, will preside. Reports will be heard from all departments of the parish work, and will elect four men to the Church Vestry to replace those retiring in the ordinary course of rotation.

Those retiring this year are Robert C. Beatty, Robert D. Dames, Mark Taylor, and Dr. Thomas C. Bolton. Delegates will also be nominated to represent the parish at the 1961 Diocesan Convention. Following the general meeting, the new Vestry will meet briefly for organization.

On the lighter side will be the presentation during the dinner period of musical selections by the "Margollimarians," a quartette which includes Mrs. William F. Herman, Mrs. Jake Welch, Mrs. W. H. Fischer, and Mrs. Ann Wirkkula.

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Communion To Be Served By Methodists

Holy communion services will be held at First Methodist church Sunday at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services. The sermon title, "A Psalm of Praise," will be the message given by Dr. George Roseberry.

The music for the services will be a solo, "Save Me, O God," sung by Otis Swisher and the anthem by the adult choir, "The Sacrament Divine."

The third annual School of Missions will begin at 5:30 p.m. Sunday. There will be interest groups for all ages.

"The Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions" will be the topic for the entire school. The topic, "Our Changing American Culture" will be the subject for the first session of the six week study for Sunday night under the chairmanship of Mrs. Eudora Pierce.

There will be a snack supper at 6:30 p.m. The evening will close with a devotion brought by Dr. Roseberry.

Missionary Emphasis Set For Gold Hill

Gold Hill - "Into All the World Together" will be the theme of the missionary emphasis throughout the Gold Hill Community Methodist church and church school beginning Sunday. Mrs. Roy Eskew, chairman of commission on missions for the church, announced the program that has been outlined.

"Matter of Fact," in keeping with the missionary emphasis, will be the title of a film to be shown during church school at 9:45 a.m.

Commencing at 7:30 p.m. the Rev. Loehlen L. Gregory, pastor of the church, will conduct a series of lessons from the study book entitled "One World, One Mission." These meetings will be held each Sunday evening at the church through Jan. 22. "The World In a Word" will be the title of the film shown during the first session Sunday.

Mrs. Eskew listed the titles of film strips, and one movie that will be shown in addition to those already mentioned.

Sunday, Jan. 15, during church school, a film "About People" will be shown. During the evening meeting on that date "Brother's All" will be the film.

At 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, "Village Reborn" will be the film shown to members of the church school.

Missionary emphasis will conclude with a family night, Jan. 22 when a potluck supper will be held prior to the evening lesson and movie entitled "People Without Fear" shown.

Fate of Sunday Closing Laws To Be Decided by U.S. Supreme Court Soon

By LOUIS CASSELS
United Press International
Sometime during the next few months, the U.S. Supreme Court will hand down a decision that could change your way of life.

It will decide whether Sunday is constitutional. Not Sunday as a day of the week, but Sunday as a day of rest and worship, recognized and protected by law.

Pending before the court are four cases challenging Sunday closing laws in Massachusetts, Maryland and Pennsylvania. But the basic issue is much broader than the specific statutes of these states. It is whether any gov-

ernmental body in the United States has a constitutional right to accord a special legal status to a day which is considered holy by many but by no means all Americans.

Constitutional Violation
Jewish groups and some small Christian bodies like the Seventh Day Adventists, who observe Saturday as the Sabbath day, have long contended that Sunday observance laws violate the First Amendment's guarantee of governmental neutrality in matters of religion.

In the past, with a single exception, lower courts have upheld the constitutionality of Sunday closing laws. They have ruled that states have a right to enforce a shutdown of general business activity one day a week, not for religious reasons, but to protect the health and welfare of workers. The choice of Sunday for this day of rest may have been prompted originally by the tenets of the Christian faith, the courts have said, but it can now be justified on the grounds of social custom and long-standing tradition.

Observance Set For Holy Family Feast Sunday

Sunday, the feast of the Holy Family, will be observed in a special manner by members of the Knights of Columbus and their families.

The men, accompanied by their wives and children, will attend the 8:30 a.m. mass in Sacred Heart church and will receive holy communion together. Following this, the families will have breakfast at the Jackson hotel.

The family communion and breakfast is an annual January function of the fraternal organization.

Tomorrow the regular first Saturday Fatima devotions will follow the 8 a.m. mass in the church. The prayers, consisting of rosary and litany of the Blessed Virgin, are offered particularly for the conversion of sinners in compliance with the requests made at the apparitions of Fatima, according to the Very Rev. Carl Mai, pastor of the parish.

Sunday, Jan. 15, a day of recollection has been scheduled for the women of Sacred Heart parish. Women, including non-Catholics, are invited to attend all, or at least a part, of the spiritual exercises which will take place that day.

Details of the recollection day program will be announced later.

Eastwood To Hear Guest Speaker

Sunday at the 7:30 p.m. service at Eastwood Baptist church, the Rev. John Reynolds, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church, will be guest speaker. His topic will be "In Him Was Life."

This is a part of the service of Sunday services in which Eastwood is becoming better acquainted with its neighboring churches.

At the 11 a.m. worship service, the pastor, Rev. Clifford Young, will speak on the theme "But We See Jesus," using Hebrews 2:1-10 as his scriptural background. The chancel choir will sing a number for the New Year, under the direction of Carroll Graber.

During the Sunday School hour at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Willie Mauck will teach the lesson, "Jesus Brings Joy."

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The Rev. Thomas McCamant begins a series of sermons on "The Sermon on the Mount" Sunday at the Congregational church.

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Without Sunday closing laws, it is hard to see how downtown department stores, chain groceries and other retail and service businesses could long resist the competitive pressure to keep open seven days a week. And if Sunday becomes just another shopping day for customers, it will perforce be just another work day for millions of employees.

There may be a way out of the dilemma - a solution that neither destroys Sunday as an institution nor denies the rights of minorities. Twelve states have adopted laws which exempt from compulsory Sunday closing laws those who observe another day as their holy day of rest.

When a law of this kind was challenged in Ohio in 1959, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to review the case on the ground that no "substantial federal question" - i.e., no major constitutional issue - was involved.

Congregation Attends Eureka Circuit Assembly

Virtually the entire congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses in Medford will be in attendance at the "Be Taught by Jehovah" Circuit Assembly at the Municipal auditorium, Eureka, Calif., Jan. 6 to 8.

Harlan S. Nixon, presiding minister of the local group, pointed out that it has been necessary to cancel all meetings this week end at the Kingdom Hall. Regularly scheduled meetings will resume Tuesday, Jan. 10.

The convention program is an advanced ministerial training service rather than a revival or crusade. The keynote address, "Be Taught by Jehovah," will be heard this evening, and the baptism and ordination of new ministers will take place Saturday afternoon. The climax of the three-day Bible conference will be on Sunday at 3 p.m., when Lester M. Dugan, New York minister, gives the public discourse, "Is God Interested in the Affairs of Men?"

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