

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY



Dr. Landrum R. Bolling was elected president of the Council of Protestant Colleges and Universities recently.

The Church of England has organized a new commission on Roman Catholic relations to pursue "informal friendly discussions" on theological questions.

In a recent survey to determine what people thought of Sunday, it was found that many people regard it merely as a day of rest. Slightly more than half of American adults will be in church on an average Sunday with two-thirds of the population in church at least once a month.

A three-year project to excavate the ancient Biblical city of Gilead has started under the sponsorship of the University Museum of the University of Pennsylvania. A scientific staff of eight persons from the U. S., England and Jordan will work with a force of 125 laborers from nearby villages.

Church membership statistics of the 15 largest Protestant and Eastern Orthodox church bodies reveal a total of 68,931,691. Roman Catholics claim a membership of 43,847,938. There are 60,000 Buddhists recorded. Jews number 5,509,000. All church membership reported in the Year book of American Churches total 117,946,002. Southern Baptists are the largest Protestant group with a total membership of 10,191,303.

A HAPPY HOME

The pressure of social patterns is making the home more and more a place to eat and sleep and less and less a place to live. It would seem that increasingly the home is a loosely knit economic coalition instead of a soil to nourish the growth and development of adults and children. This is one of the tragic aspects of Communism in its minimizing of family life. Our great need today is to discover sources of strength to restore and enrich family life. Fortunately, there are many good families where the bonds of affection are kept strong. There's no place like a Christian home at its best where people learn the joy of togetherness and learn to say "we" instead of "me." It is the experience of millions that the inheritance received from a Christian home is the richest endowment of their lives.

DECATUR EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH TRINITY

J. O. PENROD, Pastor

Divine Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

8:30 a. m. First Worship Service. The Pastor's message will be, "You Are My Relays." Miss Kay Wynn will preside at the organ. Her selections will include, "Andante Con Moto" by Schubert, (from Symp. No. 5), "To A Lily" by Hodson, and "Marche Heroique" by Saint-Saens.

9:30 a. m. Sunday Church School. Mr. Doyle Gehres is superintendent. The adult lesson is "Facing Family Tensions." The general theme is "The Christian Faces Family Tensions." Background scripture is from the gospel of Matthew 10:34-39; Ephesians 5:21-6:4.

10:30 a. m. Second Worship. The order of worship is the same as the 8:30 service except the chancel choir will sing the anthem "There Is a Balm in Gilead" directed by Mrs. Lex Dormire.

2:00 p. m. Associated Churches meeting.

6:00 p. m. Y-Hour meetings.

7:00 p. m. Evening Worship and Boys and Girls fellowship. Message, "The Controlling Love of Christ."

Monday

7:00 a. m. Decatur Group Ministers at Berne.

8:00 p. m. Decatur Ministers and wives at Community Center.

6:30 p. m. Boy Scouts.

7:00 p. m. Jr-Hi YF Executive meeting at Trinity.

7:30 p. m. Building committee at Bethany.

Tuesday

7:30 p. m. Adult Work Council will meet at Trinity.

Wednesday

4:30 p. m. Sixth grade catechetical class.

7:00 p. m. Boys and Girls Fellowship.

7:00 p. m. Mid-week Worship and Bible study.

8:10 p. m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal.

Saturday

9:00 a. m. Senior-Hi Executive meeting at Trinity.

3:00 - 8:00 p. m. Scout-O-Rama at Community Center.

Acolytes for the services are David Winteregg, Steve Haggerty and Dan Plasterer.

Next Sunday will be World Service Day. Guest speakers will be Dr. John F. Schaefer, executive secretary of division of world missions and Dr. Mary McLanahan, editor of the World Evangelist.

May 3rd should be reserved by your family for the family night supper at the opening of "family week." A team of college students from Ball State will present the program with Rev. George Barkert, the Student Foundation Pastor. All high school students are urged to attend. The program is especially aimed at students and considerations for college.

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7:30 P.M. — Children's Choir and classes.

7:30 P.M. — Prayer and Praise.

THURSDAY

10:00 A.M. — Opening session for Sunday School teachers in a special workshop to be held at the First Missionary Church in Berne.

You will enjoy our services tomorrow!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Merced Avenue at Five Points

Elbert A. Smith, Jr., Pastor

First Presbyterian welcomes you who are visitors or newcomers to our community. Meet with God while you worship with us in his house.

9:15 — Church School for Nursery through Primary classes in the Annex with Mrs. E. W. Hag-an, superintendent in charge. Junior through Adult classes meet in the church school rooms.

10:30 — Morning Worship. Rev. Smith will give the sermon: "Persevering in Christ's Way." The Old Testament Scripture is Job 19:13-27. New Testament reading will be 1 Peter 2:15. The Chancel Choir will sing the anthem "Onward Christian Soldiers." Nursery care for those who wish to use it will be available in the Annex during the service with Mrs. Darrell Cookson and Mrs. Chalmers DeBolt in charge.

Sunday at 2:00 p. m. The Associated Churches of Decatur meet in the United Church of Christ. All our representatives should attend.

Sunday at 5:30 the UPY Fellowship meets. We will have a special guest from Cuba and a film on the problems in Brazil—"Beyond the Night."

Sunday at 6:00 the Mariners meet at the manse to begin at progressive supper.

Sunday at 4:30 the Junior High Fellowship meets. Mrs. Russell Freed will be in charge of the program.

Wed. there will be no rehearsal for either the Junior or Chancel choir.

Wed. at 6:30 the UPW Association meets for a covered dish supper. The Naomi Circle is hosts.

Next Sunday, April 26th, the Senior breakfast discussion group meets at 8:30 a. m. The 8th chapter "Starting with God" will be discussed.

Also Sunday the 26th there will be a youth rally at the Anderson Church from 3:00 to 7:15. All high school students who plan to go should turn in their \$1.00 registration before Thursday.

Folk singers, modern Christian drama and Educational counseling sessions are the special features in store.

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NEW LIGHT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Cleveland Street

Rev. Ople Mounsey Pastor

Worship Service 2:30 p. m. Sunday.

Prayer and Praise Service

Thur. 7:30.

DECATUR CHURCH OF GOD

1123 Mercer Ave.

Huston Bever, Jr., Pastor

8:30 a. m. The "Christian Brotherhood Hour" our radio ministry over station WKJG.

9:30 a. m. Morning worship with Rev. Joe Espey, Alumni Director of Anderson College, speaking to the congregation. He will answer questions of our youth in regards to Christian training.

10:00 a. m. Children's Worship in the Chapel for children ages 4 thru 10.

10:40 a. m. Sunday School with a class provided for each member of the family. We extend a cordial invitation to you to attend our services, if you have no church home, we invite you to make this your church home.

6:30 p. m. The Junior and Senior High Youth Fellowship will meet.

Monday, 7:30 p. m. The Board of Trustees will meet.

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. Teacher's Meeting.

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Mid-week Service.

Friday and Saturday — Anderson College Vocational Days.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

1210 Elm St.

M. H. Nolin, Pastor

Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Lesson study for adults will be "Isaiah's Messianic Prophecies." Some seven hundred years before the birth of Christ, Isaiah told of the names by which our Lord should be known. "Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." His purpose in coming was to save his people from their sins.

Morning Worship, 10:30 a. m. Carrie Hunsberger, Evangelist and former missionary will continue in Revival effort throughout this Sunday and following week at least.

C. A. Service, 6:15 p. m. Young People are striving to study and learn of God's Word, the Holy Bible.

Evening Worship, 7:00 p. m. Again hear our Lady Evangelist with a compassion for the lost.

Word comes that Mr. William Bell who was so seriously injured a week ago, is now improving.

Mrs. M. H. Nolin returned home from Parkview hospital, Fort Wayne on Saturday, April 11. Again many thanks are expressed for the prayers, cards, flowers and many kindnesses shown by the church and other friends to the Nolins during this illness.

"Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God and His righteousness," is a good motto to continue to follow, even after revival efforts close.

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8:00 a. m. First Worship Service. The Pastor's message will be, "Judgment and Forgiveness." Mrs. Jerold Lobsiger will preside at the organ. Her selections will be, prelude, "Reverie du Soir" by Sheppard; offertory, "The Mercy Seat" by Richolson, and postlude, "Postlude in E Flat" by Bach.

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1:30 p. m. Baptismal service at the First Christian church. Rex Journey will receive the Sacrament of Baptism through the mode of immersion.

2:00 p. m. Associated Churches of Decatur will meet at the Zion United Church of Christ. All representatives of our church please be present.

6:00 p. m. Jr-Hi Y-Hour will meet at Trinity.

6:00 p. m. Sr-Hi Y-Hour will meet at Bethany.

Acolytes for the second service are: Miss Connie Hutker and Miss Linda Nicodemus.

7:00 a. m. Decatur Group Ministers meeting at Berne.

7:00 p. m. Jr-Hi YF Executive meeting at Trinity.

7:30 p. m. Building committee will meet at Bethany.

7:30 p. m. Adult Work Council will meet at Trinity.

7:30 p. m. Loyal Daughters class will meet at the home of Mrs. James Staley.

Wednesday

4:30 p. m. 6th Grade Catechism class will meet at Trinity.

7:00 p. m. Chancel Choir rehearsal.

Saturday

9:00 a. m. Sr-Hi Executive meeting at Trinity.

NEXT SUNDAY — WORLD SERVICE DAY. There will be a special speaker in morning worship. Dr. John F. Schaefer, executive secretary of General Board of World Missions will deliver the message. At 7:00 p. m. slides of our mission work in various areas of the world will be shown.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28 — Senior Citizen's Banquet.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Seventh & Marshall Sts.

W. R. Watson, Pastor

"Showers of Blessing" on WGL at 8:45 a. m.

Sunday School: 9:00 a. m. Raymond McAhren, Superintendent

Worship Service: 10:00 a. m. Junior Worship Service: 10:00 a. m.

Youth Service: 6:30 p. m. Roger Frey, N. Y. P. S. President

Evening Service: 7:00 p. m.

Calendar:

Tuesday: Visitation night

Wednesday: Mid-week Prayer & Praise Service 7:00 p. m.

Choir Rehearsal: 8:00 p. m.

Thursday: Sacred Concert by the Vikings Male Chorus of Olivet Nazarene College, 7:30 p. m. at the First Church of the Nazarene in Huntington.

Saturday: District Young Adult Banquet, 5:30 p. m. at the Winona Lake Hotel.

(Reservations must be made to Roger Frey by this Sunday.)

Thought for the Day: "The man who refuses to hear criticism has no chance to evaluate it."

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Charles M. Hill Minister

Morning Worship 9:30 a. m. Church School 10:30 a. m.

This Sunday evening at 5:30 p. m. we will be enjoying our Annual Birthday Dinner. This is an enjoyable family dinner. Each family please bring their own table service and covered dishes and join us. The dining room will be decorated with tables for each month of the year and you are asked to sit at the table of the month of your birth. A talent program will be presented following the dinner.

Announcements:

April 21: The Ruth Circle will meet with Mrs. Jerry Williamson. Mrs. Robert Baumgartner will give the lesson. Time 9:00 a. m.

Thursday: Adult Choir will meet at 7:00 p. m. for practice.

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Third and Jackson

William C. Feller, Pastor

Church School at 9:00 A.M.

Harold Strahm, assistant superintendent, will be in charge. We invite you and your entire family to study with us. There are classes for all ages.

Divine Worship at 10:00 A.M. Sermon by the pastor: "That You May Believe." The senior choir, under the direction of Roger Spencer, will sing, "In My Father's House Are Many Mansions" by Mac Donald. Organ numbers by Mrs. J. Fred Fruchte will include, "Gently Praise the Sacred Strain" by Griggs-Schreiner, "Quietude" by Harold K. Marks, and "Trust in God" by Klein. The Mission Band will meet during the sermon portion of the service. We invite all who are without a church home in this community to worship in the services of this church. Visitors are always welcome.

The Associated Churches will meet on Sunday at 2:00 P.M.

Youth Fellowship at 5:00 P.M. Cube One will meet at the parsonage with Rev. and Mrs. Feller. Cube Two will meet in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Augsbarger.

The Ruth and Naomi Circle will meet at the church on Wednesday at 2:00 P.M.

Youth choir rehearsal on Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.

Senior choir rehearsal on Thursday at 7:00 P.M.

Family night carry-in supper and program on Monday, April 27.

May Fellowship breakfast on Saturday, May 2.

Come and worship with us.

United Brethren in Christ

Nutman Ave.

Sylvester Martin — Minister

9:30 Sunday school, Classes for all ages

10:30 Morning worship, Special music, message by the Pastor

2:30 Meeting of the associated churches

2:30 Ladies service at the Fort Wayne State School

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