

INDIANA PASTORS TO DISCUSS CHURCH PROBLEMS AT CONVENTION HERE

First Baptist to Be Host to 3-Day Meeting

National Leaders Are to Address Protestant Representatives.

Virtual problems facing the church today are to be dealt with at the Indiana Pastors' Convention, which is to meet for three days beginning Monday, in First Baptist Church.

Representatives of Protestant denominations are to be addressed by nationally recognized leaders in the fields of religion, education, literature, social problems and consumer co-operatives. Each delegate is to be placed on a commission to study one of the following issues: Rural problems, city problems, Sunday problems, industry, international relations and comity.

Devotional services are to be conducted by the Rev. A. W. Fortune, pastor of Central Christian Church, Louisville, Ky., and music is to be in charge of Prof. A. P. Stewart, choral director at Purdue University.

Speakers Announced

Speakers at the opening sessions Monday are to be Dr. P. R. Hayward of the National Council of Religious Education and A. W. Corliss, professor of history at Manchester College.

Tuesday morning Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam, president of De Pauw University, and the Rev. Ernest F. Titte, pastor First M. E. Church, Evansville, are to speak to Dr. Title is to address the afternoon meeting, and Dr. Edwin H. Hughes, bishop of the Washington (D. C.) area of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is to be the night speaker.

Delegates are to hear Prof. W. J. Mather of the sociology department of Franklin College; E. P. Bowes, secretary of Consumer's Co-operative, New York, and Dr. Rufus M. Jones, professor of philosophy at Haverford, at the final meetings Wednesday. They are to lead discussions following lectures.

Disciples of Christ ministers and their wives, coming here for the convention, are to attend the Indiana Christian Ministerial Association midwinter meeting, Tuesday afternoon and night, at Central Christian Church.

Interference Avoided

Committees in charge of the two conventions have arranged that there is to be no interference with either program.

A panel discussion of "A Minister's Confession of Faith" is to be led by three ministers in the opening session at 3. A half-hour business meeting is scheduled at 4, to be followed by a social hour.

The Rev. Doyle Mullen, vice president of the association, and pastor of the Rensselaer Christian Church, is to preside at a 5:30 banquet. The program is to include a message by the president, Earl Daniels of Salem, on "The Future of the Disciples" and an address by A. W. Fortune, Louisville, Ky. The meeting is to conclude in time for the evening session of the interdenominational convention at First Baptist Church.

Men's Bible Class Plans Social Hour

Social meeting of the Men's Bible Class of Seventh Presbyterian Church for class members, men of the church and their friends is to be held in the church Monday night.

D. J. Angus is to lecture on Yellowstone Park, illustrating the talk with motion pictures he has taken. The meeting is to be in charge of Raymond F. Forbes.

Lesson topic for tomorrow morning's class meeting is "Enlisted Helpers."

Broadway to Hear C. M. B. Glee Club

A 40-minute concert is to be presented by the C. M. B. Glee Club at 5:30 tomorrow evening in Broadway M. E. Church.

Mary Ann McCrory, juvenile singer, and John Nelson, accordionist, are to be soloists, with Wallace S. Sims announcing the program.

The club has 25 members, directed by Arthur W. Mason. Mrs. Grace Parris is accompanist.

Sunday's Services to Honor Pastor

First anniversary of the pastorate of the Rev. Harry T. Bridwell is to be observed by the congregation of Centenary Christian Church in tomorrow's services.

During his ministry more than 100 persons have been added to church membership, and a large part of the building indebtedness has been lifted.

Dessa Byrd to Play New Pipeless Organ

Demonstration of the new Hammond pipeless organ is to be given by Dessa Byrd, Indianapolis organist, in St. Mark's United Lutheran Church at 7:30 tomorrow night.

The Rev. J. Luther Seng, pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, is to speak. The public is invited.

Teacher to Preach

Both sermons at Englewood Christian Church tomorrow are to be preached by Prof. Dean E. Walker of Butler University, who is to appear for the Rev. O. A. Trimble, pastor.

On the Air

Tomorrow's broadcasts of church services and other programs of a religious nature are listed on The Times Radio Page today.



HOLD OFFICES IN CHURCH DURING YOUTH WEEK

Church Groups to Give Views During Series

Sunday Night Programs for February Outlined at Roberts Park.

Series of special Sunday night services for February has been outlined by the Rev. Charles T. Alexander, pastor of Roberts Park M. E. Church. Opportunity is to be given representatives of congregational groups to voice their opinions on present-day church needs.

Tomorrow night's topic, "What the Young People Expect of This Church," is to be discussed by Joe Edwards, Miss Iris Price, Charles Shulhafer and Miss Genevieve Smith, each to speak five minutes.

The following week four women of the congregation are to speak on "The Kind of a Church That Appeals to a Woman."

On Feb. 16, the vested choir, under the direction of Mrs. Jane Johnson Burroughs, with Dale Young at the organ, is to sing excerpts from the standard oratorios.

Five-minute talks on the subject, "If I Were Pastor of This Church," are to be given by four men of the congregation on the last Sunday of the month.

WINTER'S NIGHT COLLEGE SPEAKERS



First two speakers at First Baptist Church Winter's Night College are Dr. Charles L. Seasholes (left), pastor of the Dayton (O.) First Baptist Church, who is to address the opening session Feb. 13, and Prof. Arthur E. Holt (right), University of Chicago Divinity School, to be heard Feb. 20.

Enrollments Accepted for 13th Annual Winter's Night College

First Meeting Is Scheduled for Feb. 13 in First Baptist Church, to Continue Through March 19.

Advance enrollment for the Winter's Night College of the First Baptist Church points to the largest attendance in its 13 years of existence, according to Dr. Carleton W. Atwater, First Baptist pastor. The first meeting is set for Feb. 13 and sessions are to continue each Thursday night through March 19.

Classes in the study of "The Family and Religion" and "Applied Christianity" are to be taught by William G. Matther Jr., professor of sociology at Franklin College, and Dr. Kyle M. Yates of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Following these group meetings, the general assemblies are to hear popular lectures by well-known religious leaders and educators.

Prof. Matther's course of lessons is to deal with the origin of the family, the form it takes, current family problems and the contribution of religion to their solution.

The speaker's articles have appeared in the North American Review, Harper's and the Family, as well as in scientific journals.

From the New Testament Book of James, Dr. Yates is to draw comparisons relating to such questions as religion in business, meeting temptations, bearing burdens and class prejudice.

Dayton Pastor to Speak

Opening assembly address is to be given by Dr. Charles L. Seasholes, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dayton, O., on the subject of "Christianity and Its Social Expression Today."

Later speakers and their subjects are to be as follows: Feb. 20, Social Idealism in the Middle West; Dr. Arthur E. Holt, professor of social ethics, University of Chicago Divinity School; Feb. 27, "The Sign of the Time"; Mrs. Ida B. Wise, president National Women's Christian Temperance Union; March 5, "The New Frontier"; Dr. G. Pitt Beers, executive secretary, American Baptist Home Mission Society; March 12, "After Roger Williams, What?" Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, dean of the University of Chicago Chapel; March 19, "The Church and the Criminal"; Dr. John L. Gillin, professor of sociology, University of Wisconsin.

Those in charge of the college are Dr. Atwater; Eugene C. Foster, chairman, educational committee; A. C. Waggoner, chairman, publicity committee; Jack C. Moore, registrar; and Ernest C. Goshorn, treasurer.

Church Leader Is to Be Guest

Dr. Backus to Preach at St. Paul Methodist.

Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Backus are to be guests of St. Paul Methodist Church at all services tomorrow. Dr. Backus, director of religious education of the Methodist Church in Indiana, is to speak the change which it wrought in his life, the results which followed it, not the details attendant upon it.

That day was epochal in the history of the Christian Church. The lesson it has to teach us is the fact that the greatest sermons are not preached from pulpits but through the lives and examples of such men as St. Stephen, who was, as we may well believe, a powerful factor in Saul's conversion.

Mr. Backus is to speak to the service of the Master, many strong men of great ability in other fields of endeavor who are capable of rendering as great a service to the Church as they have hitherto rendered to the world. The conversion of St. Paul is historical testimony to the possibility of their conversion.

Nazarene Boys to Give Church Music

Boys of the First Church of the Nazarene are to have charge of the regular monthly "Music Night" tomorrow evening.

The program, to begin at 7:30, is to be presented by the Primary Boys' orchestra of George Kennedy, Richard Rorimer, Harold Collins, Lloyd Cain, Robert Collins, Harold Oliver and Billy Hurt, and by the following soloists: Willie Gregory and Claude Arnett, piano; Donald Robb and James Cain, violins; and Charles Edwin Higdon, Dale Neunschander and James Crider, singers.

United Brethren to Start Its Revivals

Missionary Society Meeting Wednesday

Miss Alice Cobb of Pine Mountain Settlement is to give an illustrated talk before the Woman's Missionary Society of Fairview Presbyterian Church Wednesday afternoon.

Family night dinner at the Fairview Church Thursday is to be addressed by Rabbi Morris M. Feuerlicht of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, on the subject, "Looking at Life Through the Tele-

scope."

St. John Alumnae Will Meet Monday

Regular monthly meeting of St. John Academy Alumnae Association is to be held Monday night at the academy supper in the academy cafeteria is to precede the executive board's business session. The regular meeting is set for 7:30.

Proceeds of the supper are to aid the academy's alumnae orchestra.

First Baptist Church

Meridian and Vernon M. Atwater, D. D., Pastor

9:30 A. M. Bible School

10:30 A. M. Morning Worship

11:30 A. M. Evening Worship

12:30 P. M. "LOVE'S NECESSITY"

1:30 P. M. Evening Worship

2:30 P. M. "A SWINE IN SWINE'S SNOUT"

Many 'Souls' to Be Won Today, Powell Declares

Conversion of St. Paul Is
Testimony to Its Possibility, He Says.

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Careful readers of the book of Acts will immediately be struck by the apparently contradictory accounts of the conversion of Saul of Tarsus. In the ninth chapter we are told that "the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing in man," while in the 22nd chapter Paul himself says, "And they were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spoke to me."

Defenders of that very discredited doctrine of verbal inspiration face a serious problem in attempting to reconcile such statements and, after all, the important fact connected with Saul's conversion is not the experience of his followers; what happened to them does not matter particularly; what happened to him matters tremendously.

Saul left Jerusalem with hatred in his heart and a firm resolve to increase, if possible, his persecution of the followers of "the way." He entered Damascus a penitent—he left it an Apostle and evangelist.

Surely such an astounding change can not be adequately explained by the notion of instantaneous conversion. And if the miracle of the moment will not explain it, still less does the theory that Saul was the victim of a stroke or an epileptic seizure. The latter suggestion is a typical example of the length to which some critics will go in their attempt to cast doubt upon the essential credibility of Holy Scripture.

In not a few instances the credibility of the skeptic is comparable only to that of the extreme fundamentalist.

Conversion Was Climax

Without doing violence to the truth it may be said that Saul's conversion may be credited to causes existing long before the "miracle of the Damascus road." That event, reasonably interpreted, was but the climax resulting from Saul's experience as an enemy of Christianity.

From what we know of Paul as a man of sound judgment and superior intelligence we are bound to believe that he was strongly influenced by the lives and deaths of his Christian victims. He has seen Stephen and many others die with words of forgiveness on their lips and love for all mankind, not even excepting their murderers, in their hearts. As some one has said, "the light had been dawning though he had refused to look; the voice had been speaking though he had declined to listen." Much is lost and nothing gained by the assumption that Saul's conversion resulted from an instantaneous, miraculously induced, change in his character. The conversions of a moment are, as a rule, of little more than momentary value.

Results Were Important

So we must believe that what happened outside the gates of Damascus was the climax of an orderly process. The important thing about the conversion of St. Paul was the change which it wrought in his life, the results which followed it, not the details attendant upon it.

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Devotional period in the Other fellow's Bible class tomorrow morning is to be in charge of Mervin Ryan, with Lieut. F. F. Knachel teaching the lesson as usual.

Series at Lutheran Church Is to Close

Fifth and last in a series of special Sunday evening services at English Lutheran Church of our Redeemer is to be held tomorrow night, with Prof. O. P. Kretzmann of Chicago speaking.

Prof. Kretzmann is executive secretary of the International Walter League, young people's organization of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church, having 50,000 active members. His subject is to be "The Lutheran Church and Youth."

The Rev. W. H. Elifert is church pastor.

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Cadie Tabernacle to Mark Its Second Year of WLW Programs

Tomorrow's broadcast of the Nation's Family Prayer Period from Cadie Tabernacle is to mark the second anniversary of this daily feature over station WLW, Cincinnati.

The golden text is: "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." (I John iii, 18.)

Misses Thelma and Mary Kathryn Gayer are to sing a duet, accompanied by Miss Agnes Thieman.

Two-week series of evangelistic services in charge of the Rev. J. W. Kramer is to be opened Feb. 16 at Woodruff Place Baptist Church, the Rev. W. L. C. Trent, pastor, an-.

nonces.

Mr. Kramer, familiarly known as "Big Jim" Kramer, the Colorado Evangelist, has conducted evangelistic campaigns in Portland, Ore., Boston, Knoxville and Philadelphia, and now is holding meetings at Johnstown, Pa.

Children's work and choir music are to be in charge of Miss Pauline Todd of Terre Haute.