

# YOUNG PEOPLE TAKE OVER ACTIVE LEADERSHIP IN CHURCH AFFAIRS

## Local Services Conducted by Youth Groups

Clergymen Are Enthusiastic Over Results; Outline Plan's Benefits.

Churches, which have been accused of being reactionary, slow in progress and too conservative, today are realizing what big business and political parties have come to recognize—that the success of their institutions depends upon their young people.

In an effort to solve the national problem of keeping congregations interested in the church and to vary the program, local churches are turning the evening service over to the young people.

"The church must become the social center as well as the religious center," said the Rev. William F. Rothenburger, Third Christian Church pastor, today.

### Youths to Lead Service

Starting in September, the Third Christian Church is to turn its entire evening service over to the youth of the church. During August, the Christian Endeavor of the Memorial Presbyterian Church, is to take charge, and in many Methodist churches during the summer months, the Epworth League provides the service.

The Sunday night service has been a duplication of the morning, according to Mr. Rothenburger, making the day's program with the addition of adult and Sunday school classes too heavy.

A special committee composed of adults and young people is to work with Mr. Rothenburger's new assistant, Mrs. Ruth D. Bates, Union City, to arrange programs. They are considering music, devotionals and a social hour.

### Enthusiasm Is Reported

"The church people are enthusiastic about the project," said Rothenburger, "and there is no doubt but that it will enrich the church life."

Memorial Presbyterian Church members appreciate the young people taking any lead in church work," said the Rev. W. H. Kendall, pastor. "They are happy to listen to their suggestions, and I believe it will be mutually beneficial."

The project was arranged by Norman Feine and Walter Carleman, both Christian Endeavor members, and Mrs. Carleman.

Evening services at which the young people take charge are well attended by both the young people and adults, according to Dr. W. C. Hartinger, superintendent of the Indianapolis Methodist District.

### Project Held Successful

For several summers such a project has been carried out in local Methodist churches and found successful, he said.

"It gives an opportunity for expression on the part of the young people who like to be doing things," he said. "They feel they are making a real contribution. We have had comments from congregations to the effect that it was a real inspiration to see young people taking an active part in church work."

## Church to Be WPA Center

Children Are to Gather at Meridian-st Edifice.

The Meridian Street Methodist Church, St. Clair and N. Meridian-sts., is to serve as a recreational center for children in the community during the summer months, the church office announced today.

Starting Tuesday, the work is to be conducted under the auspices of the WPA recreational department.

The church is to be open from 9:30 to 11:30 a. m. and 1:30 to 3 p. m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays during the remainder of the summer.

Music, dramatic art, handicraft and game instruction are to be included in the program.

Notices have been sent to approximately 50 young people of the church Sunday School, according to Miss Ruby Cook, church secretary. Kennedy Reese is Sunday School superintendent.

## Announce Program for Camp Meetings

The Rev. John H. Higginbotham is in charge of music at the camp meetings conducted at Salem Park, 3400 W. Washington-st., by the Missionary Bands.

Services tomorrow are to include a talk at 10:30 a. m. by the Rev. Joshua Slaughter, Union Bible Seminary, and at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. by the Rev. A. L. Lutzrull, a radio evangelist, Evansville.

July 19 is to be Mr. Higginbotham's missionary day with missionaries and their families as special guests.

The Rev. O. H. Nater is Missionary Bands president.

## Young People's Choir to Present Concert

The 50-voice young people's choir of the Woodside Methodist Church is to present a sacred concert at the evening service tomorrow night on the church lawn.

The Rev. Charles M. Reed, Hillside Church, is to be guest speaker.

## FOURTH CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST IS NEAR COMPLETION



The neighborliness of the Irvington community prompted the Georgian-Colonial style of architecture for the Fourth Church of Christ, Scientist, (pictured here) according to the designer and architect, C. Wilbur Foster.

The building, being erected at Market-st and Pleasant Run-blvd., is to be completed the end of August and with its completion each of the five Christian Scientist churches in the city will have its own building.

The First and Second churches are of classical Renaissance style; the Third, modern Gothic and the Fifth, early Norman.

Many members are being employed on the project. In many cases a portion or all of the salaries are being turned back into the church fund, according to the church office.

Cooling, amplifying and control systems and Sunday school, reading and literature distribution rooms are to be included in the building. The auditorium is to seat 600 persons.

The congregation of the Fourth Church, 14 years old, was organized mainly by members of the Second Church. Services in the past have been held in the Irvington Masonic Temple.

Mr. Foster, First Reader, with the co-operation of Mrs. Emma Swank, Second Reader, and Richard O. Shimer, board of directors' chairman and a charter member, have taken an important part in the erection of the church.

## 'With the Bases Full' to Be Sidener Topic

"With the Bases Full" is the subject of the first of a series of talks to be given by Merle Sidener, leader and teacher, before the Christian Men Builders' Bible Class of the Third Christian Church tomorrow.

Mrs. May Boyle Brown, vocalist, accompanied by Mrs. Dolly Wire, violinist, and Mrs. Eva Pugh, pianist, are to provide music for the service which is to be broadcast over WYEM. Harold Traylor is to lead group singing.

## IN INDIANAPOLIS CHURCHES TOMORROW

### BAPTIST

River Avenue—The Rev. George D. Billeisen, pastor. Morning, "The Good Shepherd," 10; "The Good Shepherd," 10; "The Good Shepherd," 10.

Tabernacle—The Rev. S. W. Hartsock, pastor. Morning, "Life, an Adventure," 10; "The Good Shepherd," 10; "The Good Shepherd," 10.

Lyndhurst—The Rev. C. H. Schelck, pastor. Morning, "The Good Shepherd," 10; "The Good Shepherd," 10; "The Good Shepherd," 10.

First—The Rev. Carleton W. Atwater, pastor. Morning, "The Good Shepherd," 10; "The Good Shepherd," 10; "The Good Shepherd," 10.

Third—The Rev. Harry C. Lincoln, pastor. Morning, "The Good Shepherd," 10; "The Good Shepherd," 10; "The Good Shepherd," 10.

University Heights—The Rev. John A. Collins, pastor. Morning, "The Good Shepherd," 10; "The Good Shepherd," 10; "The Good Shepherd," 10.

Central—The Rev. W. A. Shullensberger, pastor. Morning, "The Good Shepherd," 10; "The Good Shepherd," 10; "The Good Shepherd," 10.

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### METHODIST

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## Mrs. Rothenburger to Address Girls

"Witnessing Under Persecution" is the subject of a talk to be given by Mrs. Lella Rothenburger before the Girls' Federation Class of the Third Christian Church at 9:30 tomorrow morning.

This is to be Mrs. Rothenburger's last talk before her vacation trip to Europe.

Mary Jeanette Sellers, pianist, is to provide special music.

## Picnic at Greenfield

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church members and their friends are to spend tomorrow at Riley Park, Greenfield. The group, in charge of Karl Veniz, chairman, and Ben Somers, is to leave following the morning service.

## Propose Club House

A meeting of the membership of the First Friends Church is to be held at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday at the church, 13th and Alabama-sts., to discuss plans for a club house. Mrs. Mary Stubbs Moore is clubhouse chairman.

## Presbyterian

First—The Rev. George Arthur Frost, pastor. Morning, "The Good Shepherd," 10; "The Good Shepherd," 10; "The Good Shepherd," 10.

West—The Rev. W. H. Hay, pastor. Morning, "The Good Shepherd," 10; "The Good Shepherd," 10; "The Good Shepherd," 10.

## Local Lutheran Church to Mark Its Centennial

Ebenezer Evangelical Group Arranges Series of Celebrations.

The Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran Church is to mark its 100th anniversary with three celebrations: Aug. 2, Aug. 6 and Oct. 4. The Rev. Kenneth E. Harkman is pastor of the church, founded on Aug. 6, 1836.

Charter members are to be honored at the service Aug. 2, which is in charge of the Rev. Allen K. Trout, Bethlehem Lutheran Church pastor. Silas H. Johnson, one of the oldest living members, is to speak and the Rev. Arthur H. Abplanalp, a former pastor of the church, is to preach the sermon.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is to be observed at 10:45 a. m. It is to be followed by a basket dinner on the church lawn and the sermon at 2:30 p. m.

All Lutheran pastors and church persons in the city and state are invited to be present at the service. The church Luther League is to present a play dramatizing the founding and history of the church, at 7:45 p. m., Aug. 6. The Rev. Knox Roberts, Nevada, O., and former church pastor, is to be among the guests.

The remaining celebration is to be incorporated with the homecoming service, Oct. 4.

The arrangements committee enumerates the three-fold purpose of the celebration: "To honor the memory of the founders, prepare for the building of a greater church and to enlarge the congregation."

## Men to Sing at Church Service

Musical Program Scheduled at Edgewood.

The Men's Chorus of Edgewood Methodist Church with Charles N. Johnson, chairman, is to present a musical program at 7:45 p. m. tomorrow at the church.

Chorus members include H. C. Danner, William Davidson, Morris Miller, W. F. Smith, S. R. Wasson, Lee Coates, J. K. Graham, F. H. Weevey, R. J. Gibson, Francis Dankelman, C. M. Johnson, Frank Werner, C. N. Johnson, F. M. Miller and H. L. Coates with Miss Marie Johnson, director, and Mrs. J. K. Graham, accompanist.

Other numbers are to include inspirational congregational singing, duets, violin and accordion numbers by the Danner brothers, string ensemble, quartette, mixed chorus.

The public may attend. The Rev. M. O. Robbins is church pastor.

## Group to Sing Sacred Music

Hymns, Spirituals Included on Club's Program.

Gospel hymns, Negro spirituals and other sacred music are to be presented by the Young People's Choral Club of Cade Tabernacle at 7:45 p. m. Monday at Hillside Christian Church.

Miss Helen Campbell, Floyd Jones, organizer and director of the group, and Miss Betty Hash, pianist, are to assist.

The group organized several months ago, has filled engagements in cities over the state. The Rev. Herbert J. Wilson is Hillside Church pastor.

## PEACE LEADER

Christian Life Has Place for Social Events

Pastor Contents Scripture Does Not Discourage Good Time.

BY THE REV. L. C. E. FACKLER, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Pastor  
Text—St. John 2:1-2. "There was a marriage feast at Cana of Galilee and the mother of Jesus was there; and both Jesus was called and his disciples to the marriage."

Some people may have the opinion that religion is such a serious matter that it is wrong to enjoy a wholesome good time. Others may hold the opposite view, namely, have a good time and never take anything seriously—or their theory is eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow you may die.

These extreme views are not substantiated by any scriptural proof. They are merely the notions of men. There is a golden mean, a sane position which Christians may follow and still hold their Christian integrity.

Man is a social creature. The Lord does not overlook this fact. We even find Jesus taking part in some social events of His day. In His acts and teachings He makes it very plain concerning man's influence in social events. For that reason it is well for us to study Jesus in the midst of social activities.

No where in the Scriptures have we found Jesus who is not laughing or was jolly yet we read that He had pleasure as he stated, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me."

Lifted Those With Him  
When speaking of Jesus taking part in social events we do not use this term in the modern sense as a fun maker in the group, neither as a modern social leader yet He led those who would follow Him to a higher spiritual level and into circles of supreme social benefits.

There are examples of Jesus taking part in social events. Most of these events were occasions when meals were served in His honor and to which various people were invited.

In St. Matthew 9:10 we read of Levi, the tax collector, who prepared a meal in honor of Jesus who is supposed to have given Levi the name "Matthew," which means "A gift of God." Levi invited the disciples to the meal; then there were also many of Matthew's friends present among whom were publicans and sinners.

Invited to Dine by Leper  
A few days before the last Passover celebrated by Jesus he was invited by Simon the leper to dine at his place. St. Mark 14:3.

St. Luke records the "most occasions" when Jesus was present at social gatherings. One of these was just a family gathering in the home at Bethany. St. Luke 19:7. Jesus dined at the home of the chief Pharisee Zacharias. On this occasion Zacharias told Jesus how he supported the Kingdom of God and how he carried out his principles of honesty.

Even after His resurrection He accepted the invitation to dine with the disciples at Emmaus.

In St. John we have the reference of His presence at the great social event in the Jewish family life, namely the wedding.

No one would dare say that Jesus' only purpose in attending these occasions was to have a good time. Neither would any Christian say that He was present at the high purpose which He came to fulfill. Though some that attended these feasts had an adverse feeling toward Him and His teaching yet this did not constrain Him to remain silent.

As rule human nature does not crave isolation, rather association. Then Jesus had a still greater reason for seeking the assemblies of people. He had a universal love not only for the people of His own nation but for all humanity. He came as He did to seek and to save that which was lost.

## Pastor to Address Men's Bible Class

The Rev. E. L. Day, Fountain Square Church pastor, is to address the Fishers of Men Bible Class tomorrow morning. His sermon topic is to be "Fellowship Within the Local Church."

## Weekly Sunday School Lesson

Witnessing Under Persecution  
Text: Acts 4:1-12; I Corinthians 1:21-25

BY WILLIAM E. GILROY, D.D., Editor of Advance  
International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for July 12.

THE morning after Pentecost, Peter and John were going into the temple to pray. That fact itself is instructive.

The temple was the great symbol of the Jewish religion at the time. In a sense it was the center of the religion and power of those who had crucified their Lord; yet Peter and John were going into the temple to pray.

They realized that the temple did not belong to those who had perverted religion. It belonged, rather, to God himself, and it was the spirit of the worshiper which sanctified the place.

How different often has been the course of modern Christians if somebody in the church has done something that has offended them or something of which they have disapproved, they have been ready to quit the church, and have nothing to do with it.

Indignant and discouraged church members, even when they have some just grievance against a church or against their fellow church members, might take a lesson from Peter and John.

As the two disciples were about to enter the temple, a crippled beggar sitting at the Beautiful Gate looked up at them and requested alms. The story is richly symbolic in its record of fact.

"Silver and gold have I none," said Peter, "but such as I have give I thee. In the name of the Lord Jesus, rise up and walk." And taking the beggar by the right hand, Peter lifted him up.