

The Rev. Emil Kontz Announces Baptist Church Now Debt Free

The First Baptist Church of Birmingham is now completely free of all indebtedness. This news was released by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Emil Kontz, earlier this week. The achievement represents the successful culmination of an intensive ten-week campaign to clear the long-standing mortgage of the church.

The campaign was directed by Walter E. Turner, chairman of a representative committee of lay leaders of the church. The final report was made public in a congregational meeting held at the regular Midweek Meeting.

The campaign got under way early in September. It was prompted by the generous gift of an anonymous donor whose contribution was made on condition that the members and friends of the church would raise the balance by December first of this year.

All organizations of the church immediately marshaled their resources of leadership and finances.

All Church Groups

The consistent and enthusiastic cooperation of all church groups contributed much to the success of the campaign. The money was all raised in voluntary contributions; no individuals or groups conducted or commercialized money-raising projects.

The formal celebration of the freedom of the church will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 14. On that date a Victory Celebration

is to be held. A program committee has announced that there will be a victory banquet prepared and served by the ladies of the church. Principal speaker of the evening will be Dr. C. Harry Atkinson of New York, N. Y. Dr. Atkinson is one of the national secretaries of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, which was the holder of the mortgage just paid off.

Walter E. Turner, chairman of the local and visiting civic and church leaders present to extend greetings. Highlight of the occasion will be a "mortgage-burning" ceremony. All members and friends of the church are urged to make their banquet reservations well in advance, for a capacity attendance is anticipated.

Mission Meeting

Thursday, Dec. 1, the Women's Mission Union will hold its monthly meeting at the church. The White Cross work period begins at 10:30 a.m. when the group prepares bandages and other necessary supplies for mission hospitals in various parts of the world. Luncheon is served at 1 p.m.

This will be followed by the program, in charge of Mrs. O. D. Hillman. The speaker will be Mrs. Fred Frey, of the Story-Tellers League; she will speak on "A Star Across the Tracks." All women are cordially invited to attend.

Thursday evening the young people of the church have their weekly gym period. This project is directed by Mr. and Mrs. Roland Erickson. Youth of high school and junior high age are invited.

Last Sunday the church will observe its monthly communion service. At that time several new members will be received into the church. The pastor will preach on the subject "An All-Around Gospel." The sanctuary choir directed by Mrs. Walter E. Turner will provide an appropriate anthem.

Last Sunday numerous college students were present in the morning worship service. They were some of the Thanksgiving holidays. Some took their customary place in the choir. A vocal duet was rendered by David J. Knowlton and Herbert Cassel.

First Methodist Church Notices

The Junior choir meets in the Church House on Friday at 4:30 p.m. for rehearsal under the direction of Mrs. R. A. Lawson.

The next appearance of this group will be Sunday evening, Dec. 18, as part of the Christmas music festival.

The Young Adult Fellowship will hold its monthly social on Friday, Dec. 2, beginning with a pot-luck supper at 6:30 p.m. followed with recreation at 8:00 p.m.

A bake goods sale will be sponsored by the Young Adult Fellowship on Saturday, Dec. 3, in the Leonard Electrical, store beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The sermon in the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 4, will be the first in a series out of the general theme "Our Faith in Christ" which will be delivered by the Rev. Arnold F. Runkel. The Senior choir will render the anthem entitled "Winds Through the Olive Trees" by Will C. MacFarlane. Mrs. Frey Ayres will sing the solo "Less Bambino" by Pietro A. Yon. New members will be received into the fellowship of the church during this service.

On Sunday evening both the Senior and Junior High youth will meet at the church house at 8:30 to go to the Presbyterian Church where they will join the other youth of the city for an evening of fellowship. A buffet luncheon will be served, and will be followed with the movie "Answer for Aime" which will be the main feature for the evening.

The board of education will hold its regular business meeting in the Church House on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m.

The Youth and Senior choirs rehearse on Wednesday in the church at 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. respectively under the direction of Victor Ulrich.

Church Services

St. Hugo of the Hills
1200 Maple Road
The Rev. Francis T. Stack, Pastor
Sunday School—10 a.m.
Worship—10:30 a.m.
11:45 a.m.—Bible School
7:00 p.m.—Youth Meeting.

Southfield U. F. Church
1400 West Lakeside Road
10:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
11:45 a.m.—Bible School
7:00 p.m.—Youth Meeting.

Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
14 1/2 Mile road at Melrose
The Rev. H. C. Alward
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 11:15 a.m. The Rev. Alward will preach.

St. James Episcopal Church
25 West Maple Avenue
The Rev. Francis H. Gardner, Rector
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Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Peg Elliot
9:30 a.m.—Holy Communion
10:30 a.m.—Church School ages 5-13
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
11:30 a.m.—Little Church ages 2 1/2 through 5
6:30—Evening prayer
Wednesdays—Holy Communion at 11:30 a.m. except first Wednesday which will be at 12:15 p.m.
Holy Communion first Sunday of the month.

Troy Methodist Church
Scuse Lake Rd., near Livermore
The Rev. Howard F. Small, Minister
Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
Divine Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.

United Brethren Church
4 Mile Road and Edgewood
The Rev. Harry C. Sowards, pastor
A Friendly Church with the Gospel Message
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7:30 p.m.

Holy Name Catholic Church
Harrison at Woodward
The Rev. David J. Duncan, Pastor
The Rev. Joseph Hayes, Assistant
Sunday masses 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30 and 12:30.
Christian Doctrine classes each Sunday after 9:30 Mass; primary grade children in the school for religious groups (The Newman Club) each Monday evening in the school at 5:30.
Baptisms Sunday at 2 by appointment.

The Christ Fellowship Church
Masonic Temple—17 S. Woodward
The Rev. Willis H. Sawyer—Pastor
Sunday Morning Worship—11:00 A.M.
Grassroots Service—8:00 P.M.
Cottage Prayer Meeting—Wed. 8:00 P.M.

Christ Temple
17 S. Woodward
Dr. Lehard L. Marston, Pastor, Director
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and Communion.
10:30-12:00 a.m.—Children's Church and School
11:20-12:00 a.m.—Adult Bible Classes.

English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1100 Maple Road
The Rev. Theodore Waggener, M.A., Pastor
James Vaughan Heard, Director of Choirs
Henry Chas. Orsatt
Sunday School—9:45 a.m.
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First Methodist Church
121 W. Maple
The Rev. Arnold F. Runkel
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11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Rev. Runkel will preach on "Our Faith in Christ."
Nursery (for small children) during the worship hours.
6:30 p.m.—Senior Fellowship.
6:30 p.m.—Junior High Fellowship.

Big Beaver Methodist Church
Woodward at Benaville
The Rev. Howard F. Small, Minister
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Sunday Church School, 11:15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.

Embury Methodist Church
Woodward at Benaville
The Rev. Reginald Becker, Minister
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Lee Weldon, Church School Superintendent
Leland Spivey, Choir Director
Barbara Braided, Pianist
9:45—Church School
11:00 Morning Worship Service.

Wink in the Hills
The Rev. Leslie A. Beckel
1245 West Lake Road
10:00 a.m.—Adult Bible Class, Senior-Young People's Class
11:00 a.m.—Morning worship, Church School
11:30 a.m.—Vesper service.
6:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship.

First Baptist Church
Willis at Bates Street
The Rev. Emil Kontz, Pastor
Mr. Walter E. Turner, Director of Music
Mr. George Jackson, Church School Superintendent
10:00 a.m.—Morning worship, Rev. Kontz will preach.
11:00 a.m.—Baptist Youth Fellowship.
Midweek meeting every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Communion on First Sunday of the month.

Baldwin Choir, Organist Appear on Program Dec. 7

The Baldwin high school choir, directed by Victor Ulrich, will present a Christmas program for the Women's Society of the First Methodist Church on Wednesday, Dec. 7 for a square dance following the regular dinner in the new church parlors. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

The program to be given following a short business meeting at 1:30, will include: "Joy to the World" by Miss Alyssa Dove; Miss Ella Adams; "Noel," "Nativity Miniatures," "Procession to Jerusalem," "The Nativity," "The Nativity Scene, Paean of the Nativity, Lullaby, The Star and the Magi, and the Light on the Jordan Hill, on the organ by Schmidt.

The Baldwin choir, accompanied by Miss Alyssa Dove, will present "The Sleigh" by Richard Kontz; "Glory to God," by Harvey Dams; "The Christ of the Snow," a Hungarian carol arranged by Harvey Gault; "A Joyous Christmas Song," by S. A. M. Leonovich, arranged by Peter Gault; and "Christmas Wish," by Morten Luzzatto. Tea will be served afterwards by the Hattie Evans group.

Church Club Notes

Supper Club
Members of St. James Supper Club will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 7 for a square dance following the regular dinner in the new church parlors. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

Westminster Guild
A pot-luck dinner will be held by members of Westminster Guild of the First Presbyterian Church this evening, Dec. 1, at 6:30 p.m. A Christmas program is being planned.

Women's Society
The executive board of the Women's Society of the First Methodist Church will meet Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 10:00 o'clock in the church house. The general meeting of the Society is set for 1:30 on Dec. 7. A Christmas program is being planned and arranged.

Missionary Society

The regular monthly meeting of the Redeemer Lutheran Ladies' Missionary Society will be held this evening, Dec. 1, at 8:00 p.m. in the church lounge. The business meeting will be followed by a Christmas party for members. The entertainment committee will be in charge and hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. Donald Barnes, Mrs. Roy Brown and Mrs. Thomas Howarth.

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Women's Association Christmas Tea Dec. 7

The Women's Association of the First Presbyterian Church will hold a Christmas tea at 2:00 p.m. on Dec. 7 in the Sunday school room on the main floor.

The program will include a talk by Mrs. Donald Zimmerman and a musical presentation by Fay Wilkney and her choir, accompanied by Mildred G. Ritter.

The Church choir will also sing under the direction of Ora Richards. The Elizabeth and Susan Townbridge Guilds are in charge of the tea with Mrs. Stanley P. Jenson serving as general chairman.

Church Dinner

The Shrine of the Little Flower is holding its annual church dinner on Sunday, Dec. 4 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Franklin Community Church
The Rev. William C. Lovejoy
9:45—Church School
11:00—Morning Worship

Church of Christ
The Rev. Maurice Garbant, Organist and Choir Director
Mrs. Marc T. Patton, Church School Director
Sunday Services
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10:10 a.m.—Church School (Children ages 11 and under)
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service and Sermon (Holy Communion first Sunday of the month)
6:30 p.m.—Vesper Service.
Every Tuesday, 8:00 a.m., Holy Communion.
Women's Auxiliary—Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.; luncheon at 12:30; nursery for children.

First Presbyterian Church
The Rev. W. C. Harris, P.D., Minister
The Rev. Julia E. Kegan, Missions Director
Mr. John J. Wertz, Church School Superintendent
Meets 9:30 a.m. through 12, meets 9:30 a.m. Nursery and Beginners meet at 11 a.m. Prayers and Bible study at 11 a.m.
Morning worship—11 a.m. "The Bible is God's Voice," Dr. Harris will preach. Workmen will be hosts to the youth of Birmingham this evening at the church. Buffet supper at 8:30 p.m. by mission picture, "Answer for Ann," Women and Workmen will also participate in this meeting.

First Church of Christ, Scientist
Chestnut and Wilk
Sunday service—11 a.m. Lesson sermon for Sunday, Dec. 4, "God The Only Cause and Creator."
Church school—11 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting—8:15 p.m.
Ladies' Room open every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at 218 E. Maple Avenue.
Reading room open daily except Sundays and holidays; evenings 7:50 except Wednesdays and Saturdays.

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- 1 The name of the Longacre telephone exchange will be changed to Mayfair and all telephone numbers in that exchange will begin with Mayfair 6.
- 2 To call another Mayfair number, Mayfair customers will dial the first two letters of Mayfair (M-A) and the numeral 6 followed by the remaining four figures in the number. (The last four figures of the number will be the same as at present.)
- 3 Mayfair extended area service customers will be able to dial Pontiac and Commerce telephones direct. Mayfair local service customers, however, will continue to reach Pontiac and Commerce telephones through the operator.

How to call after 12:01 A.M. Sunday, December 4

Suppose you want to call another Mayfair 6 number... for example, Mayfair 6-7364. You will listen for the dial tone, then dial the M, then the A and the 6, followed by 7-3-6-4. Please remember that you will dial two letters and five numerals starting Sunday.

Pontiac numbers change Sunday
Pontiac (including Commerce and Drayton Plains) telephone numbers also will change Sunday. All Pontiac numbers will start with FEderal and an associated numeral, while Commerce numbers will begin with EMrpire 3 and Drayton Plains numbers with OrlAndo 3.

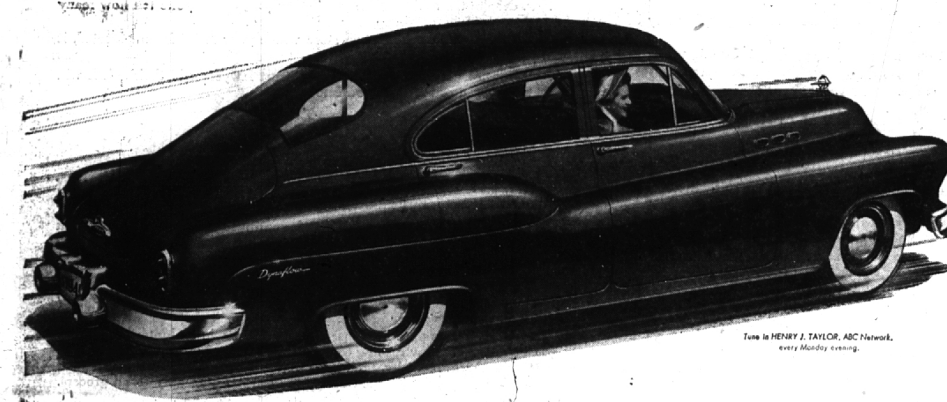
To call a number in Pontiac or Commerce
If you have extended area service you will dial the first two letters (P-E if it's a FEderal number or E-M if an EMrpire number) followed by the five digits in the number. If you have local service, you will dial "0" and give the new Pontiac or Commerce number to the operator.

To call a number in Drayton Plains
You will dial "0" and give the new Drayton Plains number to the operator.

Attach new number to your telephone Saturday night
You already have your new number card holder. Last night Saturday or first thing Sunday, please snap it into place over the present holder in the center of your telephone dial. If you have difficulty, dial "0" and ask for "Repair Service."

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