

SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

SUNDAY, AUG. 30
First Baptist
 "How About Your Hands?" is the question on which the Rev. Emil Kontz has chosen to speak, stressing that hands should be clean, they should be busy and they should be prayerful. His text from Psalms 134:2 is "Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord."
First Presbyterian
 "God's Eternal Purpose" is the subject of the Rev. W. Glen Harris, Ph.D., whose text will be Ephesians 3:11. "But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, the just shall live by faith."
Christian Science
 That Christ Jesus came to show man His true relationship to God as Father, is brought out in the lesson-sermon "Christ Jesus," the text is from John 3:14. "We have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world."
Ascension Lutheran
 "The Christian's Earthly Calling" with the text from 1 Thessalonians, chapter 3, verses 1 through 10, is the topic on which the Rev. Paul Shipper will preach Sunday morning.



CONSTRUCTION GOES ON IN SPITE OF FIRE
 Foreground shows new-addition of St. James, background, fire area. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Summer's End Sees Full Church Programs

Churches, "old" and "new" in Birmingham are preparing to swing into busy schedules as summer vacations end. For most of the churches it will mean a resumption of full schedules for services, Sunday schools and the various church organizations.

Others will be drawing up final plans for expansions of church buildings while one in particular will be preparing to take the first step in the tangible evidence of a parish.

For St. James Episcopal it means solving the double problem of expansion and recovery from the fire which destroyed part of the building on July 29.

The Rev. Harold E. Towne said this week that no accurate figures had been arrived at but that losses would probably be between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

"ARCHITECTS and contractors are going over plans for the burned section," he said, "trying to arrive at a true figure. It will probably be several days before their tally is finished."

In the meantime, known losses include \$20,000 for pews; \$1,000 for the altar and \$21,000 for the organ, all of which were totally destroyed.

Services will continue, at least temporarily, in the Community House.

"We may have to arrange another schedule," Mr. Towne said, "when the Community House returns to its winter schedule. That is a problem we will face when it comes. We're thinking of ways to solve it but no final plans are made as yet."

"We had hoped to return to a full schedule in the church by early November. The fire has set those plans back about four months and we have little hope of getting church usage before next Easter."

EXPANSION PLANS are also underway for Ascension Lutheran where, it is expected, work on the first actual church building will be done this fall.

During the past several years services have been held in a temporary chapel designed for use as the pastor's residence.

New to the community will be St. Columba parish, formed to serve the southeast section of the city.

The Rev. Thomas F. Kenney announced this week that plans for the new Catholic parish had been accepted. Architects are now working on the overall picture, breaking it down into units to be constructed over a long-range program.

In the meantime, services for this third Catholic parish in Birmingham, are being held in Upton school on Normandy road.

BIRMINGHAM'S new Congregational church, which held services for some time in Adams school, is expected to obtain its permanent home in the near future and begin full-scale operations.

At Kirk-in-the-Hills Presbyterian, Dr. William R. Lemon, minister emeritus at First Presbyterian in Ann Arbor, will continue to occupy the pulpit until a successor is found for Dr. Leslie Bechtel, resigned.

The Rev. Eldon Varian who began his pastorate at the Church of the Nazarene this summer, will be entering his first winter schedule in his new charge.

CHURCHES throughout the community which have undergone summer redecorations will see the last of ladies and workmen and settle into the busier programs of winter months.

Church societies for both men and women will resume meetings, programs and social activities.

The Birmingham Council of Churches will begin scheduling regular monthly meetings in September.

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Women of New Catholic Parish Planning First Altar Society Meeting

The altar society for the newly formed St. Columba Catholic parish will hold its first meeting at 8 p.m. Aug. 31 at Upton school. Mrs. Edward J. Lynch, Jr. speaking for the group said, "It is our first attempt at formal organization and we feel, a very important meeting."

"We will be laying the groundwork for future activities, so far as we can, and trying to make contact with possible members. We sincerely hope that the women in the area will join us at this time voluntarily, for without church records we have no way of knowing which families to contact."

Baptist Church Plans Fifth Nursery School

The Rev. Emil Kontz of the First Baptist church this week announced plans for the fifth session of the Baptist Nursery school, which will open Sept. 14 or pre-school age children.

Classroom sessions will be held in the church from 9 a.m. to noon, Mondays through Fridays.

Advance registrations for children will be taken Thursday and Friday, Sept. 10, 11 from 10 a.m. to noon, at the church.

Officials will be released shortly along with plans for the daily sessions.

Churches and Council of Church Women will begin scheduling regular monthly meetings in September.

Two other churches, Our Shepherd Lutheran and United Brethren in Church church, are planning expansion programs but, at the moment have nothing to release to the public.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN—ORDER OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION—RACCOONS—LOWER PENINSULA: The Conservation Commission, by authority of Act 236, P. A. 1952, hereby orders that for a period of one year from October 1, 1953, it shall be unlawful to trap raccoons in Zone 2, excepting from November 15 to December 15 inclusive, and in Zone 3, excepting from December 1 to December 15, inclusive.

Signed, sealed, and entered published this ninth day of July, 1953.

GEORGE A. GREIFFITH, Chairman
 F. P. STRUBASAK, Secretary

Countersigned:
 GERALD E. KEDDY, Director of Conservation
 23, 24, 25

Forbes S. Hesse, City, Bridge Bldg., Birmingham, Ala., in the Probate Court for the County of Oakland, No. 40-244.

In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT M. BELL, Deceased.
 At a session of said Court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 11th day of August A. D. 1953.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

Dorothy H. Bell, executrix of said estate having filed in said Court her final account and petition praying for the examination and allowance thereof, determination of the heirs of said deceased, assignment of the residue of said estate, and the discharge of said executrix.

It is Ordered, that the 15th day of September A. D. 1953 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Court in the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, be and is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition.

It is further Ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of copy of this order in the Birmingham Eccentric a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that notice be given to the unpaid devisees and legatees and creditors whose claims may be allowed but not fully paid by personal service of a copy of this order or by serving the same by registered mail, with return receipt demanded, addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate
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R. T. Berger
 City Treasurer

August 24, 1953

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