

# This Week's Plans in Birmingham Churches



## WSCS Sponsors Second Series On Bible Study

Mrs. Maurice Garabrant will conduct the second in a series of Bible studies at the First Methodist church beginning Wednesday, Jan. 6. The series are under the sponsorship of the Women's Society for Christian Service.

The 1954 series will be based on Harold C. Case's book, "The Prophet Jeremiah," Mrs. Garabrant said. She added that Case is president of Boston university and a well-known author and lecturer on religious subjects.

"He says there is something of Jeremiah in all of us," Mrs. Garabrant commented. "Life in the prophet's days, from the political and financial angles of the times.

"IN MY OPINION one cannot completely understand Jesus unless he first understands the prophets such as Jeremiah or Isaiah."

At the opening session, Mrs. Garabrant's Bible study period will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30. Members of the Anna Bird group will be hostesses at the 12:45 luncheon.

During the 1:45 business meeting, Mrs. Adolph Weismiller will have charge of the devotionals, with Mrs. Robert Gray program chairman. She will present Mrs. William F. Tighe who will speak on today's alcoholic problems.

## SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

SUNDAY, JAN. 3

### Christian Science

The spiritual basis of genuine peace and brotherhood will be brought out in the sermon, "God," Psalms 46, verses 1 through 9 (King James version) will be included in the responsive reading.

### Unitarian Fellowship

At the 10 a.m. service in the YMCA building, the Rev. Russell L. Lincoln will speak on "Horizon Stretching Exercises."

### Congregational

Meeting at the Presbyterian church at 1 p.m., church and Sunday school services will be held jointly. The Rev. Robert D. Dewey will preach his first sermon as minister of this church. He has selected for his topic, "We Gather Together."

### First Presbyterian

The Rev. W. Glen Harris, Ph.D., will speak on "Worshipping God Individually," taking his text from Matthew 6:6 and Genesis 24:63.

### First Methodist

"We Have Not Passed This Way Before" is the topic selected by the Rev. Arnold F. Rankel, D.D., for his first sermon of the new year.

### Townsite Community

The Rev. John Rose, minister of Townsite Community church, will preach on "Let's Be Specific" during the 11 a.m. service.

### Church Group Schedules New Plan to Remember Mission Field Workers

"Forget-me-not" cards will be included in each place setting when ladies of the Baptist Mission Union meet Jan. 7. Each card will bear the name and address of a missionary in the field, so B.M.U. members may correspond with these persons, establishing a closer relationship between them and the church.

The meeting will open with white cross work at 10 a.m., followed by the business meeting and luncheon. During the afternoon Mrs. Robert Giffin will have charge of the program and Mrs. C. R. Thompson, devotionals. Mrs. Stewart Smith will arrange special musical numbers.

### Church's Young People Plan New Year's Dance

The Young People's society of Townsite Community church are sponsoring a semi-formal dance on New Year's Eve.

It will be in the Fellowship Hall of the Church at 11 1/2 Mile and Southfield roads. Bob Dearing's band will play from 9 p.m. till 1 a.m. Cossages will be provided and refreshments will be served.

## 25 Will Attend Church Meeting

Birmingham will be represented by a delegation of 25 when the three-day regional convention of Jehovah's Witnesses meets at Saginaw on Jan. 1, 1954.

Floyd Adams, presiding minister here, and head of the delegation, said today that 27 other congregations would be represented including Bay City, Port Huron, Royal Oak, Pontiac and Flint. About 1,800 are expected to attend.

"Their conventions are well attended," Mr. Adams said, "because instructions and counsel given strengthen faith in Jehovah God; hope in His Kingdom rule of a righteous New World and promote activity in preaching this good news. We expect that many of those attending the convention will be baptized."

He said speakers would be present from the group's headquarters in Brooklyn, N. Y., adding that about 165,000 attended the meeting held in New York City's Yankee stadium last summer.

## 'Successful Living' Series of Lectures Names Third Speaker

The third meeting of the "Successful Living" series will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 5, at Townsite Community church, Congregational.

Dr. Theodore M. Shepherd, a retired Congregational minister, will speak on the topic, "Approaches To Church Unity." He has been active in Congregational churches for 20 years and is a member of the General Council. He has also been active in interdenominational work, helping to establish a number of state and city Councils of Churches.

The dinner meeting, Mr. and Mrs. James Spozzano and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene N. Himes will be hosts. Reservations should be given to Mrs. Woodrow W. Nelson, listed on the Southfield (Flanders) exchange.

## Need More Male Voices In New St. Hugo Choir

Additional voices are being sought for the men's choir recently formed in St. Hugo of the Hills (Catholic parish).

According to the Rev. Francis Stack, the parish is eager to have available enough singers to provide a double quartet for church services.

"We hope for that, as a minimum," he said, "but will be pleased if we are fortunate enough to get more men interested in church singing. The more men enrolled in the church choir, the most assurance we have of a double quartet for special services."

The choir is under the direction of Dominic Kline with C. H. Wiegand as organist.

Church News Deadline is 5 p.m. on Thursdays.

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## Begins Service At Presbyterian Church on Jan. 3

New minister to youth in the First Presbyterian church, the Rev. Robert W. Gibson, Jr., will take over his Birmingham duties on Sunday, Jan. 3, 1954.

Mr. Gibson succeeds the Rev. Robert Graham who has been elevated to assistant pastor after three years' service as youth minister.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Mr. Gibson served as a staff sergeant with the U.S. Infantry and was stationed in Europe for 30 months.

HE WAS graduated from Princeton university with an A.B. degree in 1949 and then joined the staff of Saks of Fifth Avenue. He left there a year later and went to Europe, where he spent a year touring the battle area.

In the fall of 1950 he entered Pittsburgh Xenia theological seminary and received his bachelor of divinity degree last June.

WHILE AT the seminary he served at the Falconer United Presbyterian church and after graduation remained there as pastor. Presbyterian church as student pastor, and after graduation remained there as minister.

He was active in the youth affairs of the church and in the community.

Mr. Gibson, son of Dr. Robert W. Gibson, president on Monmouth college, with his wife and year-old son, Robert Gibson III, will reside temporarily at 408 Baldwin.

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## Congregational Women Schedule Two Meetings For Early in January

Two meetings are planned by the Women's Fellowship of the Congregational Church of Birmingham for early January.

The executive board will meet at 1 p.m. on Jan. 4 at the home of Mrs. Harrison M. Goodhue, 18155 Dunblaine.

The following day the entire group will gather at 8 p.m., with Mrs. Melvin Kates and Mrs. Vernon Isenhart at 723 Oakland. Assistant hostesses will be Mrs.

## Women of Christ Church Plan Initial '54 Meet

The Women's Auxiliary of Christ Church Cranbrook will open its 1954 season Jan. 5, at 10:45 a.m., with a meeting in the church.

The Rev. Perry Williams will lead a new class, starting this day, and entering around the book "The Holy Scriptures."

Speaker of the day will be Mrs. Charles Deniger of Jackson, president of the Women's Auxiliary of the diocese.

The meeting will also be the starting of plans for the group's annual bazaar. Sewing will be the chief item of this discussion.

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