

Church Activities in the Birmingham Area



SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

SUNDAY, AUG. 8
 Christian Science
 How the individual can find true joy, health and courage through gaining a spiritual understanding of God will be explained in the sermon entitled "Spirit." The text is from Galatians 5:22, 23, "The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against these there is no law."
 Congregational
 The Rev. Raleigh E. Sain, staff member of the Detroit Council of Churches, will speak in Birmingham again this week. Choosing "How Far Can You Travel on Sunday?" as his sermon topic, Mr. Sain will occupy the pulpit during the vacation absence of the Rev. Robert D. Dewey.
 First Presbyterian
 Continuing his series of August sermons, the Rev. Robert W.

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 "MAN'S EXTREMEITY IS GOD'S OPPORTUNITY"
 CELW (600 kc) Sundays
 9:45 a.m.

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 Wednesday Evening 7:00-8:15
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Gibson, Jr., minister to youth, will have "The Curse of Complaining" for his sermon topic.
 United Brethren
 For his 11 a.m. sermon topic, the Rev. Willis Bishop has selected "The Continuing Task" for his sermon.
 At the 7:45 a.m. service, he will speak on "The Problem of Forgiveness."
 He announced the midweek service would be at 7:45 p.m., Wednesday with Bible study based on the book of Mark, followed by prayer service.
 Franklin Community
 A former pastor and recognized leader among college youth will be the last of the series of vacation pulpits on Sunday. The Rev. Clifton G. Hoffman came to Franklin in 1941, having served at Willis and Newburg (Plymouth) prior to that time. He left Franklin in 1945 to serve as chaplain at the University of Chicago.
 First Methodist
 Speaking at the morning service the Rev. Dr. Harry O. Martin, assistant pastor, will have as his sermon topic, "Ancient Sacred Landmarks for Modern Travelers on Highways."

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THE REV. STAFAN NISCHIK AND FAMILY
 Know life behind the Iron Curtain

Deacons to Sponsor Ukrainian Speaker

A former slave laborer under Nazi rule and an escapee from Communism will tell of "Baptists Behind the Iron Curtain" at 8 p.m. in the First Baptist church on Aug. 11.
 The Rev. Stefan Nischik and his family were liberated from behind the Iron Curtain a few years ago and are now settled in the Detroit area, where he is serving as home missionary pastor among Ukrainian families.
 His appearance in Birmingham is sponsored by the board of deacons, Louis G. Crooks, chairman, will preside at the public session.
 Mr. Nischik, a native of the Ukraine, was ordained a Baptist minister 25 years ago. He served in several eastern European countries, moving about due to the circumstances of war or peace.
 UNDER NAZI rule he was forced to slave labor and after release from this was conscripted for a like period in a Communist labor camp.
 As he was driven from his homeland by the forces of war, he saw the properties of his church confiscated. He himself, was driven from his personage, but forced to leave his family and all earthly possessions behind.
 Twice the family was separated, once for more than a year. Mr. Nischik was prosecuted for preaching the gospel and his life was often in danger.
 IN ADDITION to his church work in Detroit, he is secretary of the Ukrainian Evangelical Baptist association, a division of the Baptist World Alliance. He is also secretary of the Ukrainian Missionary and Bible society and is active

Old Church Bells Silent As Electronics Take Over

By ALICE E. MORGAN
 Sunday isn't what it used to be since the decline of the old-fashioned church bell.
 Throughout villages and cities church bells called the faithful to worship and reminded the backsliders that this was Sunday—God's day.
 Their solemn tones boomed out, rain or shine, winter and summer. Morning worship was usually announced by an "early" bell which prodded the laggard into a little more speed. The "last" bell hastened the pace of those not yet at the door or broke up the little groups who had paused to visit a while.
 Bells, as such, have meant even more, for through the years the bells of the church have been used to spread news far and wide. The farmer in his field would hear the bells and by their very tone could tell whether good news or bad had come to his people.
 They have tolled the death of the powerful, the beloved, the famous, and have rung out the grim news that strife and conflict had smitten the nation. Later, when the war clouds rolled away, the church bells fairly shouted the glad tidings across the beleaguered land.
 THROUGH THE ages the men who made the church bells have been regarded as artisans. Their pride in their work was high and men boasted that they could recognize the tones of bells they had made. The bells were so important that, in many cases, the earthly wealth of the church was judged, not by the excellence of the building, but by the tonal quality of the bells.
 While today's churches do have bells, they have changed. The old heavy cast bells are rare and in their place are chimes, played by the science of electronics, from the organ keyboard.
 The old bell ringer will soon be forgotten, perhaps in little towns where the church is too small to yield to the influence of science.
 BIRMINGHAM is not one of these. While the sound of bells does ring over the community each Sunday, they are the products of electricity rather than manpower.
 No longer do the youngsters tarry by the church door to watch the old man jigging the heavy and construction on the actual Hooper get underway.
 In the efforts to get messages of hope and courage to those who are still behind the Iron Curtain, Mrs. Nischik, a teacher, helps in this work.
 They have two sons, Victor, 20, is a Wayne university student, while George, 15, attends Cody high school.

Baptists to Hear Cincinnati Pastor

Preaching at the First Baptist church Aug. 8 will be the Rev. Richard E. Lyon of Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Mr. Lyon, pastor at Price Hill Baptist church, is vacationing in this area. He will be introduced to the Birmingham congregation by the Rev. Emil Kontz, who will conduct the worship service.
 Mr. Kontz and Mr. Lyon worked together in Cincinnati some years ago, the latter serving as interim minister while Mr. Kontz spent a year with the American Baptist Home Mission society.
 FOLLOWING this, Mr. Lyon began his first full pastorate at the church he still serves. In addition to his church work, he is actively engaged with several civic groups and interdenominational activities throughout the city.
 He, with his wife and three children, will spend the weekend with the Kontz family at the parsonage on Larchlea drive.
 Services will be at 11 a.m., with the cribroom, toddlers' room and nursery and kindergarten open for the care of children.
Progress Report
 A progress report of the new building for the Holy Name Catholic parish, reveals the excavation work near completion. Building materials will arrive shortly and construction on the actual Hooper get underway.

Coffee Hour Goes As Church Kitchen Is Reorganized

The traditional "way to a man's heart" is temporarily bogged down out at Christ church Cranbrook—the kitchen has all been torn apart.
 While church staffers miss the coffee hour, and church finance officers miss quite a slice off the budget, Herbert Mann supervises the work of remodeling the "cooking headquarters."
 Greater efficiency is the keynote of the project with cupboard doors being relocated and stainless steel counters installed.
 A new bake oven, dishwasher, portable potato peeler, two new sinks, automatic hot water heater, coffee makers, steam table and even new trucks to carry dishes and silverware will be added.
 The new range will have a glass canopy for easier checking by workers on "what's cookin'."
 The entire project will be completed by the time church activities enter their business season in the fall.

Men's Fellowship Elects New Slate

Congregational church men combined business and pleasure at their last fellowship meeting, which took the form of a picnic.
 Highlight of the affair was the election of officers with Edward W. Brehm, Jr. being named president. Other officers are Vernon Lamb, vice president; Dalton Sims, secretary-treasurer; Robert Sims, program chairman and Dr. L. E. Olmstead, Fellowship chairman.
 Use this page to keep every member of your church and its several organizations fully informed on what is going on. News items and pictures are needed to make this Church Page a valuable instrument.

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