

He that gives all, though but little, group, and the quantity of the gift, but to the quantity of the givers.

—Francis Quarles

Churches Teeming With Study Groups

Birmingham area churches have been amazingly busy since June 20, at least during the morning hours, as several hundred children have gathered for vacation Bible school sessions.

The city, this year, is experiencing its first cooperative school, operated jointly by the Congregational and First Baptist churches. Over 200 youngsters were enrolled in this unit, alone.

Basically, all schools operate on the same plan, regardless of the faith of the sponsoring church. Religious teachings are stressed, this year from the point of "getting along with others."

Instead of setting down and learning the teachings of Christianity, the youngsters are given their lessons in an atmosphere of relaxed "vacation" fun.

CAPABLE women are selected to staff the schools, chosen for their deep interest in children, their talent and training, and their ability to make the commonplace take on a new interest.

Story hours are on the schedule with special emphasis on those stories which teach the deepest forms of Christianity without even a hint of a "do this, do that" theme.

"Children," one teacher said, "have to take so many orders, so they may learn that good Christians. We have to make that facet of life so interesting that they want to be good. It's quite a job for parents and teachers to do successfully."

TO HELP children develop a sense of teamwork, handicrafts and games are stressed in the schools. Projects are planned where children will work together to construct something which can

be displayed at the end of the two-week period.

Programs, requiring the services of several members, or the entire group, are scheduled with children being given a chance to help with the planning and production.

Music, another excellent opportunity for harmonious teamwork, is a favored subject among some groups. It serves a double purpose, according to school staffs, in giving the children a chance to stand up and "shout" as well as getting them to work together.

Musical games afford exercise for restless little bodies, and at the same time, exercises a certain restraint not suspected by participants.

A MOTHER whose three children took part in the 1954 Bible school sessions said, "I think it was the most wonderful experience my children had ever had. One had finished his first year in grade school, one a term in kindergarten, and the baby her first year at nursery school."

"Each one of these had a definite gift and influence for the children, but the Bible school left a much deeper impression. They met children not enrolled in their other schools."

"They enjoyed the lessons they were taught because they did not regard them as lessons. They enjoyed the more liberal friendships there were between children and adults. I hope these vacation schools will never end, and wish the sessions were more than two weeks long."

—Alice E. Morgan, Church Usher.

Church Activities in the Birmingham Area



MEMBERS of Community Church-Congregational in Southfield leave the church after a brief service to go to the site of the groundbreaking for the new wing. Shovels were in evidence for the ceremony as nearly every family brought their own tools eagerly entered the roped off space to do his or her bit toward the basement start. Young and old took part in the ceremony, with the little folks carrying their toy garden tools, some even bringing rakes and hoes. The Rev. John D. Rose was heard to comment, "If they all dig enough we can probably save a thousand dollars worth time on the job."

Strike-Delayed European Trip Starts at Last

After several days' delay due to English dock strikes, Dr. and Mrs. Emil Kontz of the First Baptist church left here June 22 for Europe where they will attend the Baptist World Alliance, convening in London in July 16.

From the time of their scheduled sailing, June 5, Dr. and Mrs. Kontz were on "one hour alert" to get to the airport and start their journey. Finally, when ship's passage seemed impossible, tour officials switched plans and made flights available.

After three days in Paris Dr. and Mrs. Kontz will leave for Geneva, then on to Rome, Naples, Florence, Venice, Lucerne, Wiesbaden, The Hague, London, Edinburgh and Southampton on Aug. 2 to start the journey home.

Much of their time will be spent in sightseeing tours which will take them to places of historical and religious importance.

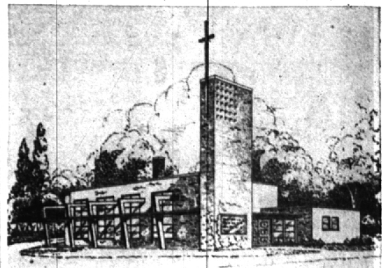
Biographies Basis Of Sermon Series

A series of sermons are being presented by the Rev. Robert D. Dewey at the Congregational Church of Birmingham, biographies of great religious figures.

Opening last week the first subject was Moses. The July 3 topic will be developed in the life of Jeremiah.

Subsequent sermons will deal with the lives of Paul, St. Francis, Luther and Schweitzer.

In commenting on the series Mr. Dewey said, "Through biographies, we sometimes get new insights into our own struggle and faith, and are often encouraged to see new possibilities in the life God has given us."



THE FIRST UNIT of the new Peace American Lutheran church is now under construction on West 13 Mile. The modern, one-floor building is in keeping with the general architectural trend of the area, and will be a multi-purpose unit until other sections are completed as the need arises. The main chapel will seat about 200, with an overflow space for another 75 persons in the \$10,000 building. Harry Shirley, general contractor of Royal Oak and a member of the church, said it would be ready for occupancy in about three months. In the meantime, the Rev. Paul Wietzke will continue to conduct services in Parker school. The church site, located between Pierce and Southfield, contains seven and a half acres.

U-B Church Ends Vacation Classes

At United Brethren church, 11 Mile road, the closing program for the vacation Bible school is to be held at 10:30 a.m. Parents and friends are invited.

Other summer changes include the temporary halt of the infant nursery room. However, a program for children two years and over will be maintained by the church school.

Summer Schedule At Congregational

Sunday morning services are scheduled for 10 a.m. at the Congregational Church of Birmingham, beginning July 3.

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SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

SUNDAY, July 3
 First Baptist
 Dean George E. Riday of Alderson-Broadbent college, Phillips, W. Va., will occupy this pulpit during July. His sermon today will be "Declaration of Dependence."

Unity Center
 "Some Thoughts on Freedom," has been chosen by Frank Glabach for his subject Sunday. Meetings are held in the Center's reading room, Birmingham theater building.

First Methodist
 Services throughout the summer months will be held at 10 a.m.

Methodist Conf. Lists One Change

Only one change was listed for Methodist pastorates in the Birmingham area at the Detroit district conference last week.

The Rev. Fred McNeil has been assigned to this church to replace the Rev. Julius Davis, who has gone to St. Lukes, Southfield.

In Birmingham the First Methodist and Embassy Methodist churches retain their staffs of the Rev. Arnold F. Runkel, D.D., Harve O. Martin, D.D., and Allen Wittrup, and the Rev. Reginald Becker.

The Rev. Reginald S. Hocking continues at Big Beard and the Rev. Robert P. Ward at Troy churches.

MR. MCNEIL, a recent graduate of Colgate Divinity school in Rochester, N. Y., has served student pastorates in Indiana, Michigan and New York. The Southfield church is his first full time charge, with his first service held Sunday morning.

A conference spokesman said Mr. McNeil, a native Detroit, was given this parish because his main interest lies in rural and semi-rural church work.

The young pastor is married and has two children.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
 ANNOUNCES
ITS SUMMER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
 Beginning Sunday, July 3rd, 1955 and continuing through Sept. 4, 1955 there will be one Worship Service at 10 o'clock. Church School will also have one session at 10 o'clock with classes for two-year-olds through High School age.

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SHARE IN THE SUMMER PROGRAM.



Dean G. E. Riday At Baptist Church

Dean George E. Riday will be guest speaker at the First Baptist church during July.

Head of Alderson-Broadbent college, Phillips, W. Va., he has served as an army chaplain and held pastorates in New Jersey and Detroit. While in Detroit he also served as director of Christian education for Baptist activities in the area.

PRESBYTERIAN The Kirk in the Hills
 1340 West Long Lake Road BLOOMFIELD HILLS
 Dr. Harold C. DeWind Preaching
 Identical Services 9:30 and 11:00 A.M.
 Church School 9:30

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 1152 Benaville Birmingham, Michigan LI 2-0855
 10:30 A.M. Sunday Bible Class
 11:00 A.M. Sunday Worship
 6:00 P.M. Sunday Evening Service
 7:30 P.M. Wednesday Evening Bible Study
 "THE HERALD OF TRUTH"
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FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
 181 N. Chester Street—Birmingham, Michigan
 Sunday Morning Services 9:45 and 11:30
 Sunday School 9:45 and 11:30
 Infants' Room (in Reading Room) 9:30 and 11:15
 Wednesday Evening Testimony Meetings 8:15

READING ROOM
 355 East Maple Ave.
 Open 10:30 to 5:00 p.m. Except Sundays and Holidays.
 Evenings 7:00 to 8:00 Except Wednesdays and Saturdays.

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 3 doors north of 10 Mile

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 1 Block East of Franklin Rd.
 MORNING WORSHIP 9:30 and 10:15
 Robert J. Searls, Minister

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