

One-Sentence Sermonette
 Music washes away from the soul the dust of every-day life.
 —Berthold Auerbach

This Week's Activities in Vicinity Churches

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Baptists Celebrate 85th Anniversary

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Opening with a dinner last night, Birmingham's First Baptist church is, this week, celebrating its 85th anniversary. During the fellowship hour, several older members recalled some of the earlier experiences of the church. A "Memory Lane" of "old time" snapshots was formed to help bring back the spirit of bygone years.

This, with music and the showing of color pictures of former days completed the program. A brief devotion period was led by the Rev. Emil Kuntz, D.D.

Sunday morning Dr. Kuntz will lead the congregation in a special anniversary service.

The First Baptist church is one of the oldest established churches in Birmingham, having been founded in June, 1870. A Baptist Fellowship was organized here prior to that date, but did not continue.

THE FIRST church building was erected in 1873 and greater progress was noted by the struggling group. By the turn of the century it was well established and flourishing.

In 1912 the old edifice was outgrown and an enlargement and improvement program was launched. Twelve years later the need for a new building was cited, with October as the time for serious discussion of building plans.

The present building was completed 20 years ago, and while it has served its constantly growing congregation well, it has undergone several interior changes to meet the needs.



WITH THE OPEN BIBLE and the cross as symbols of God, faith and hope, young people of the Congregational church are completing the work on their Youth Chapel. The area formerly used as a balcony has been refurnished to provide space for Youth Council services and discussion groups. Here Sue Cooper and Dave Lindley pause before the altered altar as final work on the room is done. The job has been under the supervision of Joe Whitney of the youth committee. (Eccentric Photo)

SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

First Methodist
 Speaking at both morning services, the Rev. Allen E. Wittrup has chosen for his topic, "The Way of Discipleship."

First Baptist
 "The Changeless Amidst the Changing" has been selected by the Rev. Emil Kuntz, D.D., for his morning subject. The rites of communion will be observed, and the 85th anniversary of the church noted.

Christian Science
 How the real man of God's creation is divinely protected, maintained and sustained will be brought out in the sermon, "God the Preserver of Man." The text is "And it shall be said, 'When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy one of Israel, thy Saviour.'"

Unitarian
 "Prayer for the religious liberal has a deeper meaning of meditation" is one of the things the Rev. Russell L. Lincoln will bring out when he speaks on "Unitarians at Prayer."

Northminster Presbyterian
 "Of Such Is the Kingdom" has been selected by the Rev. Mac Taylor for his sermon topic. His text is Mark 10:15, "Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein."

Unit Center
 "The Law of Growth" has been chosen by Frank Glabach for his morning service in the Center's reading room, Birmingham theater building.

First Presbyterian
 The Rev. W. Glen Harris, Ph.D., has chosen to speak as "He stretcheth my soul," taking the same words from the 32nd Psalm for his text.

Congregational
 Dr. Edward W. Wilcox, superintendent of the Congregational Association of Detroit, will be the guest minister at the 11 a.m. service June 12. He has chosen to speak on "It's Up to Me." His scripture will be selections from Ezekiel 18. The Rev. Robert D. Dewey, who has been vacationing, will be resuming his work in Birmingham June 18.

Flag Day Service Opens New Session

The June 12 Flag Day service at Christ Church Cranbrook will mark the closing of the church school's spring term. Beginning the following week, family services will continue at 9:45 a.m. Children through the fourth grade will stay in the church for the entire service. The clergy announce that every effort will be made to plan services of interest to them and adults. The pre-three nursery will meet in room 203 of the church school from 9:20 until the close of the service.

B-C Summer School Staff Nears Quota; Plan Joint Session

With the acceptance of 36, the staff of the Baptist Congregational vacation church school is nearly complete. New members include Mrs. Clinton Newman, Mrs. James Moore, Mrs. Fritz Fieselman, Mrs. Frank Green, Mrs. Albert Schumm, Mrs. E. Burns, Mrs. Marvin Woods and Mrs. Hazel Boltwood. A session is planned for June 14 when all members of the staff will meet for final orientation. The meeting at 1:30 p.m. will be directed by the Rev. Emil Kuntz. Refreshments and a special hour will follow.

Prayer Session

Final meeting for the season is to be June 14 for St. Columbian's Sodality of Our Lady. The session at the Birmingham Community House will include plans for a picnic, probably in July.

Missionary Units To Meet June 15

Missionary B of the First Presbyterian church will meet here at 10:30 a.m. June 15, then go to the home of Mrs. J. H. Russo at Mareday lake for the annual picnic, final session of the term. Mrs. Earl Potter will have charge of devotions. Missionary A is meeting at 2 p.m. the same day with Mrs. H. E. Tremper, 1712 Winthrop. Mrs. William Morrison will lead devotions with Mrs. Ralph Beebe presenting the program, "Laborer-Nurse."



RECENTLY ORDAINED to the Lutheran ministry, the Rev. Carl E. Thomas was honored at a brunch at the Birmingham Country club when 70 persons gathered to wish him well. A graduate of Lincoln high school, Ferndale, Mr. Thomas has an AB degree from Wittenburg college and ED from the Hamma school of divinity, Springfield, Ohio. He will serve as chaplain and crew worker in the Lutheran home for children there. Mr. Thomas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Peters, Kirkshire avenue.

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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 10:45 a.m. Church School Nursery through 3rd Grade

MORNING WORSHIP 9:30 and 10:45
 Robert J. Searls, Minister

St. James Church Will Confirm 37

A change has been announced in the St. James Episcopal confirmation rites for June 12. Previously listing the Rt. Rev. Archibald H. Crowley, suffragan bishop of Michigan, as guest speaker, church officials this week said the Rt. Rev. Richard Emrich, bishop of the diocese of Michigan would officiate.

A class of 37 will be received into membership at the 11 a.m. service, being presented by the Rev. Harold E. Towne, rector.

Presbyterian

The Kirk in the Hills
 1340 West Long Lake Road
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 Dr. Harold C. DeWandt
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 9:30 and 11:00 A.M.
 Church School 9:30 & 11

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of the Qualified Electors of School District No. 2, Fractional, Townships of Bloomfield, Troy, West Bloomfield and City of Bloomfield Hills, County of Oakland, Michigan

Notice is hereby given to the qualified Electors of School District No. 2, Fractional, Townships of Bloomfield, Troy, West Bloomfield and City of Bloomfield Hills, that an annual election will be held on Monday, June 13, 1955, in the Vaughan School building, on Vaughan Road, in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

For the election of the following trustees:

Robert H. Hoffman—three year term expiring June, 1958
 Karl E. Scott—three year term expiring June, 1958

The polls for the said election will be open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. and remain open until 8:00 o'clock P.M., eastern standard time, of the same election day.

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