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Choirs Rehearse For 'Messiah'

Rehearsals are now under way for the presentation on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 8, of Handel's noted "Messiah" oratorio, according to William Kesselman, area manager.

The "Messiah" will be presented locally at First Methodist Church of Torrance located at Mantel and El Prado. It will start at 4 p.m. and the public is invited. There will be no charge for admission. A collection will be taken to help defray expenses.

Director Named
 Conducting the rehearsals is Leslie Sommerville, who will also direct the final version of the oratorio Dec. 8. Singers from Torrance area choirs will participate.

The "Messiah" will be presented in approximately 75 different areas simultaneously throughout Southern California, under the direction of Dr. Gordon Bachlund, head of the department of worship and the arts for both the co-sponsoring Church Federation of Los Angeles and Southern California Council of Churches.

The local presentation will be one of the 75, and is expected to be one of the finest

of the large group. Soloists will be those who won in recent auditions in Los Angeles which drew hundreds to try out. "They will be among the very finest singers available," said Kesselman.

Many Rehearsals
 The rehearsals are now being conducted throughout Southern California, with hundreds of soloists and thousands of choir singers taking part.

This year's program marks the 11th annual presentation of the "Messiah" in this vast operation. It also marks the largest presentation of the oratorio since it was started by Dr. Bachlund, with more churches, choirs, and soloists participating than ever before.

Los Crusados Schedules 'White Elephant' Dance

The Los Crusados Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold a "white elephant" dance this Saturday from 8:30 to midnight at the Council Hall.

Casual dress will be in vogue as each couple will bring a "white elephant," wrapped for auctioning at the dance. The proceeds will be used to purchase gifts for the annual Christmas party to be held on Dec. 22.

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Necromancy Denounced in Sunday Topic

The Lesson-Sermon in the Christian Science churches on Sunday contrasts strongly the difference between spiritual healing and spiritual mindedness and all forms of suggestion or hypnotism.

The subject of the Lesson-Sermon is "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Denounced."

The Apostle Luke records that Jesus once healed a man of dumbness. Some who witnessed the healing said, "The casteth out devils through Beelzebub." In refutation Jesus reasoned, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; ... if Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? ... But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you" (11:15, 17, 18, 20).

In a correlative reference Mary Baker Eddy is quoted from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures": "Jesus cast out evil and healed the sick, not only without drugs, but without hypnotism, which is the reverse of ethical and pathological Truth-power" (p. 185).

The Golden Text of the sermon is taken from Paul's letter to the Romans, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (8:31).

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Union Thanksgiving Services at 10 Today

A Union Thanksgiving service, sponsored by the Torrance Ministerial Assn., will be held at 10 a.m. today in the First Baptist Church, 2118 W. Carson St.

The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Morgan Gates, Baptist pastor, and members of the First Baptist Choir, under the direction of Ron Craker, will furnish special music.

The Rev. Milton Sippel, president of the local ministers, is in charge of the service. The Rev. Monrad Bergesen, pastor of Hope Evangelical United Brethren Church, will read the Scripture and give the prayers.

All denominations will join in the annual affair.

Rev. Taylor Will Begin New Series

Rev. John Taylor, pastor of First Methodist Church, will begin a sermon series on the Life of Christ Sunday at the local church, 1551 El Prado.

The title of the series is "On Seeing What Jesus Saw." The series will review the life of Christ from infancy through boyhood, into his ministry, trial, death and resurrection in a 16-week period ending on Easter.

Rev. Taylor, in preparation for this series, spent three weeks in the Holy Land this past summer. Because of this, the discussions of the hills of Nazareth, the river Jordan, Bethlehem, the events connected with Bethany and Jerusalem will come to life in a unique way.

This Sunday's sermon will be an introduction to the series, calling attention to the significance of Jesus' life.

"If we are to appreciate it properly we must see what He saw, not with physical eyes, but by insight," Rev. Taylor said. "Faith in Christ leads us to insights that truly save, and our faith may be increased by knowing what He did for others. It will be seen that documentary evidence is not as important as spiritual comprehension in appreciating the life of Jesus."

'Sinning Saints' Named Topic at Baptist Church

"The Savior's Service for Sinning Saints" is the sermon topic at the 11 a.m. worship service in the South Bay Baptist Church, 4565 Sharynne Lane, according to the pastor, Dr. J. C. Brumfield.

A junior church service is maintained at the same hour while toddler care and a complete modern nursery is also provided. The Savior's Service for Sinning Saints' Part II, is the pastor's message in the evening worship hour at 7:30 p.m. A candlelight Communion service will conclude this worship hour.

Baptist Youth Fellowship groups meet promptly at 6:30 p.m. Interesting and instructive classes for all age groups are offered in the Sunday School meeting at 9:45 a.m. Bus transportation in the area may be obtained by calling the church office.

Church activities for the week include: Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. White Cross Rally in the First Baptist Church, 1609 S. Barrington, Los Angeles. Missionaries from foreign and home fields will be the guest speakers. Ladies are asked to take a sack lunch.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday School Worker's Conference. Educational Unit. Final plans for the Christmas program will be discussed, according to Mr. Ed. Sutterfield, Sunday School Superintendent. All teachers and workers are urged to be present.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting. Devotional in the Chapel Unit. The monthly business of the church includes election of officers for the coming year. The church year and calendar year coincide.

Thursday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. White Cross work day in the Educational Unit. Ladies are asked to bring a sack lunch.

Thursday, 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal preparatory to the Christmas special music. These hours of rehearsal will be maintained through Dec. 19.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD REVIVAL CONTINUES

The revival at the Torrance First Assembly of God Church, 3545 Torrance Blvd., will continue next week except Monday and Saturday, according to the Rev. William T. Holcomb, pastor.

The revival speaker is Evangelist Henry C. Gotcher, speaking at 7:15 p.m. services each night.

Torrance Church Calendar

<p>CENTRAL CHURCH EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN Marcelina & Arlington Rev. Walter M. Stanton FA. 8-3010</p> <p>11:00—Morning Worship 6:30—Youth Fellowship 7:30—Evening Worship Midweek Worship Services 7:00 Wednesday Evening</p> <p>FOUR SQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH Corner Arlington and Sepulveda Tel. DA 6-2072 Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Lowen, Pastors</p> <p>SUNDAY: Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Group Services 6:45 p.m. (Y.P., Cadets, Defenders) Evangelistic 7:30 p.m. MIDWEEK: Wednesday—Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. PUBLIC INVITED</p> <p>THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH El Prado at Mantel Avenue Rev. John L. Taylor, Minister Rev. Don Shelby, Associate</p> <p>Church school for all ages, 9:00 Early Worship—Youth Choir, church school fourth grade and below 10:00 Church School, all ages extended sessions fourth grade and below 11:00 Morning Worship—Adult Choir Infant care from 9:00 to 12 a.m. 6:30 High School Youth Fellowship.</p> <p>ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 1432 Engracia Ave. FA 8-3781 The Rev. Hugh R. Percy, Rector</p> <p>Sunday Services—9:15 and 11 a.m. 1st Sunday—Holy Communion Sunday 2nd Sunday—Morning Prayer 3rd Sunday—11:15, Holy Baptism or Morning Prayer 4th and 5th Sunday—Morning Prayer Holy Communion at 7:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Baby Sitting at 9:15 and 11 a.m. Thursdays—11 a.m., Holy Communion</p> <p>FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF TORRANCE (Disciples of Christ) 2930 El Dorado, Torrance Rev. H. Alton Sippel, Pastor Res. Phone FA 4-4583</p> <p>Two seasons of Church School and Morning Worship, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Nursery provided at both sessions. Christian Youth Fellowship—7 p.m.</p> <p>WALTERIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PARK and NEWTON STS. Rev. L. R. Huston, Pastor Frontier 5-4793</p> <p>Bible School at 9:30 A.M. Morning Worship at 11 A.M. Young People's Service at 8:00 P.M. Inspirational Gospel Hour at 7:00 P.M. Wednesday—7:30 P.M. Bible Exhortation and Prayer. A hearty welcome to all.</p> <p>WALTERIA COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH Newton at Ward St., Walteria Rev. Wendell Hook Phone FR 5-5522</p> <p>Two Church Services 8:45 and 11:00 A.M. Sunday School Services 8:45 & 10 A.M.—6 & 7:30 P.M. Nursery care at 11 A.M. Service Youth Fellowship Junior 8 P.M. High School—8 P.M. Parsonage Phone FR 5-4079</p> <p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GARDENA 1842 Gardena Blvd. DAVIS 4-1064 REV. THOMAS J. KELLEY</p> <p>Church School 11 a.m.—Morning Worship 7 p.m.—Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>WELCOME TO TORRANCE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH at Carson & Mantel St. Torrance, Calif. Phone FA 8-5030</p> <p>Morgan Gates, Pastor Nathan Bond, Asst. Pastor</p> <p>SUNDAY—2 Morning Services 9:30 A.M.—11:00 A.M. Sunday School for all ages 9:30—9:50 A.M. Fellowship Training—6:30 P.M. Evangelistic Message—7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 7:30 P.M. Communion Service and Prayer</p> <p>Nursery provided for all services. Also sound proof mothers' room. ALL WELCOME</p> <p>ST. 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Little, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Youth Groups, 6 p.m. Evening Service, 7 p.m. Midweek Services, Wednesday, 7 p.m.</p> <p>SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST Center of Acadia and Soñoma Rev. Gien L. Goffar, Pastor 11 Glen Rd., Torrance Telephone—FR 5-8731</p> <p>Church Office—FA 8-1540 Sabbath School—9:30 a.m. Church—11:00 a.m. Services Sunday, Wednesday, Friday evenings at Torrance Civic Auditorium</p> <p>LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD Meeting at Anza School 21400 Hillwood Drive Gerald W. Gavril, Pastor 12224 Carlow Rd., Frontier 5-0931</p> <p>Sunday School, 9:30 A.M. Morning Worship, 10:45 A.M.</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES Opening Date—October 15th Valmonte School Rev. Carl Jennings, Pastor Frontier 8-1517</p> <p>Church school 9:30 a.m., pre-prayer 10:45 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., Wednesday prayer meeting to be held in homes of members. Nursery provided at all services. Affiliated with the American Baptist Convention.</p> <p>FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH Carson and Flower Rev. Paul Wenske, Pastor Phone FA 8-5884—Res. FA 8-3249</p> <p>Sunday 7:00—Vespers Service 8:20—Morning Worship 11 a.m.—Sunday School 10:45—Worship Service</p>	<p>HOPE CHURCH EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN 3347 W. 174th St. Rev. Monrad Bergesen PH. DA 9-3277—Res. DA 9-3542</p> <p>9:30 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 6:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship 7:30 p.m.—Young People's Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. Nursery care provided for the morning services</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST 1217 Cravens Avenue, Torrance R. E. Prout, Minister</p> <p>SUNDAY 9:30 a.m.—Worship Service 10:45 a.m.—Worship Service 6:00 p.m.—Young People's Meeting</p> <p>7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.—Ladies Bible Class 7:30 p.m.—Bible Study</p> <p>NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH 1447 Engracia Avenue, Torrance Rev. Patrick McGuinness, Pastor Telephone FAIRfax 8-2778</p> <p>Schedule of Masses and Services Eight Sunday Masses, Seven at Main Church, 1449 Engracia Ave., 11:15 and 12:15. One Mass at Mission Church of St. Joseph's, 2314 W. Du Ania Blvd. at 9:30 A.M. Confessions three times on Saturdays—10:00 to 11:00 A.M., 4:00 to 6:00 P.M., 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. Baptisms Saturdays and Sundays at 9:00 P.M. Infant care from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. Nativity Annex, Torrance</p>
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Thanksgiving Rites Slated

A Thanksgiving worship will be held at 9:30 this morning at the First Lutheran Church, Carson and Flower, with Pastor Paul Wenske preaching the sermon. Music will be furnished by the senior choir, directed by Elmer Winter.

The services opened last night with special rites at the church. Pastor Norman Schnable, student intern, preached and the youth and junior choirs, directed by Mrs. Paul Wenske, furnishing the music.

A large group of young people from the church will attend the Luther League Convention in Westwood, where some 1000 youths will gather for youth and inspirational meetings.

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The steps of the chance of the church will be stacked high with donations given by members of the church in their annual Thanksgiving offering. The food will be taken to the Lutheran Welfare in Los Angeles to be distributed to the poor.

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