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'Why Christmas Anyway?' Series Started by Pastor Robert Wells

Pastor Robert A. Wells of the Narbonne Avenue Baptist Church of Lomita has announced a series of sermons on the subject, "Why Christmas Anyway?"

He will speak this Sunday at the 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. services on the subject "The Creature God Created."

"The series is designed to answer the question on why Christ was born in Bethlehem. God's greatest desire is to help man, this was God's greatest gift, his son," Mr. Wells stated.

This week is the annual week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. It is sponsored by the Women's Missionary Union of the Church. Thursday and Friday the meeting will begin at 9:45 a.m.

DAFFODILS TOGETHER
It's far better to clump a group of Daffodils together than to stretch them out over an extended area. The same goes for planting in pots.

Activities at Local Church Announced

United Presbyterian Women of the First Presbyterian Church of Gardena, 1957 Redondo Beach Blvd., will meet this afternoon at 1 p.m. for a tea and installation of officers. A Christmas pageant will be presented by the ladies. The program is under the leadership of Mrs. Jewel Thomason. All women are invited. Child care is provided.

"The Church and Freedom" will be the sermon topic of Dr. R. Murray Jones on Sunday. Worship service is held every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. with nursery care in the Fireside Room during the service.

Church school is held at 1842 Gardena Blvd. at 8:45 each Sunday morning until the educational plant is completed at the new site. The men of the church are encouraged to keep coming to the work parties every Tuesday and Thursday evenings to build the educational units and administration wing. Much has been accomplished, but a great deal remains to be done.

The men of the church will join other Presbyterian men at the annual meeting of United Presbyterian Men of Southern California at the Long Beach Auditorium, Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10:30 to 5:30 p.m. Any man who wishes to register may contact Ray Scott at DA 4-5440.

Christian Science Sermon Told

"Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." This arousing counsel of Paul to the Ephesians (5:14) is the Golden Text of the Lesson-Sermon on "Adam and Fallen Man" in all Christian Science churches on Sunday. How spiritual enlightenment brings a clearer sense of direction and purpose into daily living will be emphasized.

The Scriptural account of Paul's conversion and regeneration, as given in The Acts, includes this passage (9:17, 18, 20), "And Ananias... said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales; and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. . . . And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God."

In a correlative passage from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" Mary Baker Eddy says, "Saul of Tarsus beheld the way—the Christ, or Truth—only when his uncertain sense of right yielded to a spiritual sense, which is always right. Then the man was changed. Though assumed a nobler outlook, and his life became more spiritual" (p. 326).

A Message to Note

Read Luke 16:13-17
He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth. (Luke 11:23.)

On the Lord's day, I asked, "Friend, are you for God or against Him?" He answered, "I am a church member; I am for God." Then the Holy Spirit seemed to whisper: "But about your inner life and those respectable sins you are cherishing in your heart?"

To another I asked, "Are you for God or against Him?" He answered "I am a leader in the church." The Spirit seemed to ask: "But what about your ambitions, your unforgiving heart, and your domineering spirit in the church?"

The same evening the question was asked to a group of respectable church people. In unison they said they were for God. But an unexpected answer was whispered from above: "Are you sure? Are you not divided among yourselves? Are you at peace with God and with one another?"

In my distress I asked the Lord to show me His people. Surprised, I noticed that the despised and rejected by men were considered great before God. Then humbly I asked the Lord to make me worthy to be counted with the despised.

PRAYER: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Ladies Council Sets Christmas Party Date

The Ladies Council of the Church of Christ, 356 E. 220th St., will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Burke, 1616 W. 222th St., Torrance. Mrs. Ida Baldwin is joint hostess.

The meeting will be a Christmas party with an exchange of gifts.

The men of the Church have recently organized a Council and the party will be for both men and women.

The Reverend T. R. Welch is minister of the church.

Memorial Rite Planned by Elks

Members of the Torrance Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will pay tribute to their departed members in a special Memorial Service at the Elks lodge, 1951 W. Carson St., beginning at 2 p.m., Sunday December 4. It was announced here this week by Exalted Ruler "Ace" Littleton.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend this Memorial Service.

Conducting the services will be the Officers of the Lodge. William M. Everett, Past Exalted Ruler of the Redondo Beach Elks will be guest speaker. Charles Woods will be at the Hammond Organ.

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Handel's "Messiah" will be presented by the Huntington Park Symphony and a 130 voice choir Sunday afternoon, December 4, at 4 p.m., at the Huntington Park High School Auditorium, Randolph and Miles.

Dr. Constantin Bakaleinikoff will direct the symphony and choir in this musical tribute to Christ at the beginning of the Christmas season. Outstanding soloists include Virginia Jaegers, who recently concluded a concert tour in Europe; Joyce Wigginton, soloist with the Schola Cantorium of Long Beach; Dane Stoll, soloist for the recent Bach Festival in Los Angeles; and Robert L. Collins, tenor soloist with the Long Beach Schola Cantorium.

Eighteen churches of the Southeast Community are represented in the combined choir, which has been prepared in rehearsals by Dr. Edwin Jeffers, Director of Choral Music at the Huntington Park High School. The public is invited to this performance of the "Messiah" without charge.

Lambda Chapter Elects Officers

Headed by Donald Hegg as president, new officers have been elected for the Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Eta Rho international aviation fraternity, at the Northrop Institute of Technology in Inglewood, it was announced today by Floyd Smith, director of Student Affairs.

Alpha Eta Rho has planned not only a series of social functions on the campus throughout the year, but has also outlined a program of studies in the field of aeronautical meteorology, navigation and communications.

Other new officers include Vice President Manuel Escalante, Secretary Gerald Dinkard, Treasurer Dick Klein and Historian Wayne Hanula. Faculty advisor is John Hamilton.

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- CHURCH OF CHRIST**—1322 Cravens Ave. in Torrance. Schedule of services: Sunday 9:45 a.m. Bible Study, 10:45 a.m. Worship service. Young People's meeting 5:45 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday Evening Worship 7:30 p.m. Ladies' Bible class 10 a.m. Wednesday at 1532 216th St., Torrance. Preston L. Winchell, Minister. FA 0-1512.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**—Carson at Manuel Rev. Morgan Gates, pastor. Robt. Dahm, assistant minister. Church phone, FA 8-5030; 9:15 and 10:45 morning worship; 7:30 p.m. Nursery through 4th grade; 10:45 Jr. High through Adult Sunday School; 6:30 p.m. Training Unions; 7:30 p.m. Evangelistic services; Wednesday 7:30 p.m. mid-week service. Nursery for every service.
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- FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**—Located on Carson St. and Flower Ave. in Torrance. Wm. J. Rolander, pastor. Residence: 2559 El Dorado. Phone FA 8-2249. Church office: 1725 Flower Ave. FA 8-5884. First church worship 8 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; second morning worship, 10:45 a.m. John Wilker, Intern.
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GARDENA**—1957 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. Davis 4-1065. Rev. R. Murray Jones, minister. 1497 W. 153rd St., Gardena DAVIS 9-1215. Sunday School — 1842 Gardena Blvd., 8:45 a.m. Sunday Worship — 1957 Redondo Beach Blvd., 10:15 a.m. (nursery care provided). Youth Fellowship — 1957 Redondo Beach Blvd. Sunday — 7:30 p.m.
- FOUR SQUARE CHURCH**—Corner of Arlington and Sepulveda. Telephone, DA 6-2972. Rev. and Mrs. James P. Lowen, pastors. Sunday: Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; group services, 6:30 p.m. V. P. Cadets, Defenders Evangelistic, 7:30 p.m. Mid-week, Wednesday, Bible study at 7:30 p.m. Public invited.
- GREEK ORTHODOX**—317 S. Broadway, Redondo Beach. Phone FRonlier 5-8931. Divine Liturgy, 11 a.m. to 12 noon every Sunday. Rev. Naoum Niflitolis. Sunday school classes at 10:30 a.m. Greek school and Bible classes every Tuesday, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
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- JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**, Lomita Congregation. 2303 Arlington Ave., Torrance. Public lecture, 4 p.m. Sun. Watchtower Study, 7:15 p.m. Sunday, 9:30 a.m.; Bible Studies, 8 p.m. Tuesday. Theocratic Ministry School, 7:30 Friday. Service meeting, 4:30 Friday. Congregation Servant, Harold Boyd, TE 5-9456.
- LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**—21100 Victor St., Torrance. Gerald W. Garlid, pastor, phones FR 3-1144 or FR 5-0911. Sunday, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:45 a.m. morning worship; child care during the service. Thursday 8 p.m. Mid-week Bible Study.
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- ST. MARK'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**—245th St. at Woodward Ave., Lomita. (Near Lomita Blvd. & Narbonne Ave.) Church phone: DA 6-0856. Rev. Eldon Durham, Minister. Telephone, DA 6-0139. Sunday services 9:30 and 11 a.m. Church School, 9:30 a.m. Westminster Fellowship Youth groups, 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. This church welcomes people of all races.
- SOUTH BAY CHURCH OF GOD**—17661 Yukon Ave. Phone FA 1-2674. Rev. C. L. Tierney, 17615 Yukon, Torrance. First morning service 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; second morning service, 11:10 a.m.; Sunday night service, 7:30 p.m. Mid-week services, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
- TORRANCE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST**—1610 Acacia Ave. Elder Glenn L. Goffar, pastor. Phone: Residence, FR 5-8731; Church office, FA 8-1540. Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m.; church services, 11 a.m.; Bible study, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; young people's meeting, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

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