

CHURCH

Rev. Lester Kinsolving's
Religion Update

ST. LOUIS The 11.6 million-member Southern Baptist Convention's meeting here was for the most part so uneventful as to be almost boring to the news media.

This annual gathering of America's largest Protestant denomination is usually a reporter's dream of furious forensics, antediluvian resolutions and elected presidents who either transpire questions on contemporary social issues, or are like Dallas' inimitable ultra-conservative, the Rev. Dr. Wallie Amos Criswell.

Dr. Criswell, to be sure, was on hand to deliver a thunderous, 45-minute denunciation of the theory of evolution — with the climax: "Once I was a monkey on a banana tree!"

Now I'm a professor with a Ph.D."

And while the congregation of 13,000 delegates ("messengers") loudly applauded this colorful and charming theological foreshadowing with his glass-shattering voice, Dr. Criswell was decidedly upstaged by his presidential successor, Dr. Carl Bates of Charlotte, North Carolina.

DR. BATES, a tall, gentle man, was completely forthright in revealing his convictions about a number of social issues at the traditional presidential press conference. While upholding capital punishment as Scripturally justified, he took a position that abortion is justified in cases of rape, incest, predictable deformity and threat to health.

The convention subsequently followed this lead, as well as passing a number of eminently sensible resolutions asking for more humane treatment in prisons as well as a reform of the courts as recently called for by Chief Justice Warren Burger.

While there were the traditional pronouncements against the demon ruin, the convention commended President Nixon for withdrawing troops from Vietnam and asked that he continue doing so. The giant assemblage also condemned anti-

100 Youths Will Get Training In Fire-Fighting

The Detroit Fireman Junior Cadet Training Program, an experiment in racial accord which earned national acclaim last year, was renewed on June 23 under the co-sponsorship of the Detroit Fire Department, the Detroit Board of Education In-School Neighborhood Youth (NYC) and the Detroit Catholic Youth Organization.

The nine-week course of instruction and drills will train 100 young men in fire fighting and fire prevention. The trainees, 16 to 18 years of age, will be primarily inner-city youth.

BABY CONTEST
for the
Prettiest Baby
1st prize \$15.00
2nd prize \$10.00
3rd prize \$5.00
Newborn to 3 years old
HURRY! Contest runs thru July only.

Get in on the
Family
SERIES

AUGUST 16-27
9:30 to Noon
SWORD OF THE SPIRIT
LUTHERAN CHURCH
3465 West Seven Mile Rd.
Livonia, Michigan
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Semitism and defeated a motion to censure the United States Supreme Court's ruling on public school prayer.

But on the final morning of this otherwise ironic and commendable convention, the denomination's notorious troglodyte bloc of theological far-right wingers surfaced and was able to stampede the convention straight into the Middle Ages.

THEY VOTED to fire one of Britain's most prestigious Baptist scholars, Dr. G. Henton Davies, from his job of writing a Southern Baptist commentary on the Book of Genesis. Dr. Davies had been so dangerously liberal as to write that God did not really wish Abraham to murder his own son, Isaac.

While this patent suppression of scholarship and assault on academic freedom passed by only 382 votes, its effect has apparently spread terror among some of the agencies of the denomination, such as the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

This enormous and affluent agency recently ordered 15 copies of a new film entitled "Sex Is a Beautiful Thing," produced by Johnson-Huggett Productions of Northridge, Calif.

The film has been warmly praised by the educational departments of such strongly conservative denominations as the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and the North American Baptist Conference, which noted:

"We have had some resistance toward any type of sex education, based on a German-ethnic conservatism. The response to the film was excellent. It was done in very good taste. We were impressed with the contrast that was shown between the plausible-sounding, cynically presented Playboy situation ethics philosophy and Christian principles."

Odell Crowe of the Sunday School Board admitted the truth of a report to this writer that the agency ordered the film with the understanding that the entire appearance of Playboy's affable religion editor, Anson Mount, be cut out.

The sermon will be given by Rev. Eric Hammar, pastor, and refreshments will be served under the direction of Mrs. Donald Ortwin.

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An outdoor altar will be arranged by Mrs. Dorothy Vickland, chairman, of the altar committee, and the instrumental group of the church under the direction of Mrs. Marion Greene will accompany the congregation.

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Sisterhood Elects

Mrs. Richard J. Bayles was installed recently as president of the Sisterhood of the Livonia Jewish Congregation.

The installation was conducted by Mrs. Seymour Ungar, president, of the Hebrew in the LJC's new building at 3180 West Seven Mile, Livonia.

Other officers include Mrs. Sam Siegel, Mrs. Philip Minus and Mrs. Samuel Braunstein.

Camp Set For Deaf

A camp for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing will be held for seven days beginning Aug. 8 at Grass Lake near Jackson.

Persons of all ages can participate in the camp for all seven days or for any part of the week. Children under nine must be accompanied by an adult.

Handicrafts, swimming, baseball, volleyball and Bible classes are among the activities planned for the week.

Though it is sponsored by the Michigan District Council of Assemblies of God, it is open to deaf persons from all denominations.

The total cost for the week is \$25 and children between three and eight years of age pay half price.

A camp banquet will be held on Saturday, Aug. 14.

Information on transportation and reservations can be obtained from the Assemblies of God, 6653 Chase Road, Dearborn.



THE NEW LIFE SINGERS and Forest Hills Orchestra from Forest Hills Missionary Church in Farmington took second and first prizes respectively in a talent competition recently staged by the Michigan Youth Fellowship Inter-

national. Ten members also took individual first place awards and five won second prizes. These 15 winners are now on their way to Estes Park, Colo. to compete with winners from the U.S., Canada and Haiti.

Church Will Hold Outdoor Service

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Talent Winners Are Going West

Fifteen talented youths from the Forest Hills Missionary Church in Farmington are currently traveling west to participate in a talent contest.

The youths were winners in the Michigan Youth Fellowship International Talent quest earlier this year.

In Colorado they will compete with youths from the United States, Canada, and Haiti.

Junior high and high school winners are Mark Beigle and Maurice Clinger, vocal duet; Bill Smiley, instrumental

brass and dramatic recitation; Wendy Burken, dramatic recitation and clarinet; Laurie Smiley, storytelling; and Deb Burken and Judy Zink, instrumental duet.

The Forest Hills orchestra won first place in the orchestra division and the New Life Singers won second place in the choir competition.

MEMBERS OF THE New Life Singers are: Nancy Baker, Mark, Sue and Steve Beigle (director), Debbie Bosio, Maurice Clinger, Nat Durham, Jean and Roberta Rudicks, Pam Hastings, Gail Kufeldt, Glen Ristrun, Pat Santorus, Amy Segar, Laurie Smiley, Diane Starr, and Pam Zink. Mrs. Evelyn Smiley was the pianist for the group.

Members of the orchestra are Scott Beigle, Brenda Bradley, Debbie and Wendy Burken, Larry Murray, Joan Neuwander, Amy Phillips, Bill Smiley, Kathy Vermillion, and Judy Zink. John Hewitt is the director.

Women To Conduct Service

Women's Liberation will come to the pulpit of Temple Kol Ami Friday evening, July 16, when the entire service will be conducted by the women of the temple. Rabbi Ernst Conrad will be on vacation.

The temple services are held in Birmingham Unitarian Church, Lone Pine and Woodward, at 8:30.

Bette Rof of Birmingham will be in charge of the service.

"Times They Are-a-Changing" will be the theme as the men will be relegated to the traditionally female roles of lighting the candles and serving the Oneg Shabbat (the social hour).

The hymn for the evening will be "We Shall Overcome," with guitar accompaniment.

Participating in the service will be Barbara Bergman of Beverly Hills, Carol Freedman of Farmington, Elise Rita and Jennifer Stein of Southfield and Gail Hollander of Oak Park.

CONGREGATIONAL
MT. HOPE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
32330 Schoenfeld Road - 425-7280
Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. Worship and Church School
Pastor: Rev. Richard Campbell
Helen and Jack Trudgen
Directors of Music

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
You are cordially invited to attend Sunday School as listed below. Sunday Schools are conducted by all churches, and care is provided for children of pre-Sunday School age.
Wednesday Testimonial Meetings at 8 p.m.
Hours of Service

FOURTH CHURCH, Detroit 11 a.m.
24400 W. Seven Mile near Telegraph

FIRST CHURCH, Garden City 11 a.m.
33111 Ford Road

FIRST CHURCH, Plymouth 10:30 a.m.
1100 West Ann Arbor Trail

FIRST CHURCH, Farmington 11 a.m.
33815 Grand River at Route

CHURCH DIRECTORY

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Parkdale
Assembly of God
35516 Parkdale
1 Blk. S of Plymouth & Lenox Rd.
Rev. David W. Kroll
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
Youth Service 8:00 p.m.
425-0480 or 422-6000

CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Christian)
MEMORIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
(CHRISTIAN CHURCH)
35475 Five Mile Livonia
BIBLE SCHOOL 9:30 a.m. (Attendance preferred)
MORNING WORSHIP 10 a.m. (Attendance preferred)
7 a.m. Youth meeting and morning prayer
City Hall, Youth Mission Air Conditioned

Rosedale VBS Set

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago, Livonia, will hold its two-week Vacation Bible School from Monday, July 12, through July 22.

Enrollments are being taken at the church office.

Children, kindergarten age through sixth grade, will enjoy Bible stories, music, crafts, movies, worship, recreation and refreshments. This year's theme is "Created by God."

School hours will be from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST

FARMINGTON
33000 Freedom Rd.
Covenant Elem. School
Sunday Worship
11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Bible School 10 a.m.
Wed. 7:30 p.m. Worship
Earl Davis, Minister
525-5278

LIVONIA
15431 Merriman Rd.
Sunday Worship
10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Bible School 9:45 a.m.
Wed. 7:30 p.m. Worship
Ronald White, Minister
427-9743

GARDEN CITY
1657 Middlebelt Rd.
Sunday Worship
11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Bible School 10 a.m.
Wed. 7:30 p.m. Worship
Robert E. Ashby, Minister
422-8650
or 281-1824

PLYMOUTH
9301 Sheldon Rd.
Sunday Worship
10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Bible School 9:45 a.m.
Wed. 7:30 p.m. Worship
J. Paul Brown, Minister
422-1929

PRESBYTERIAN

Village United Presbyterian Church
2130 W. 8 Mile at
(1/2 mile E. of Beech-Daly)
534-7730
Carnegie & Church School
9:30 and 11:30 a.m.
Nursery Provided
Wed. 7:30 p.m. Worship
Sun. 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
Wed. 7:30 p.m. Worship
Sun. 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
Wed. 7:30 p.m. Worship
Sun. 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

First United Presbyterian Church of Plymouth
701 Church Street
453-5464
Rev. Henry J. Welch, D.D.
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Worship 9:30 a.m.
Nursery and Kindergarten care

ST. PAUL'S Presbyterian Church
27475 Five Mile Road
GA-2-1470
Everyone Welcome
Dr. William L. Whitledge
Rev. Arnold S. Dattel
Rev. William A. McCaughy
Ministers
Worship and Church School
9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

WARD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA
Farmington Road and Six Mile Road
422-1150
Worship and Bible School
9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
"God's Great Declaration of Independence"
Rev. Franklin Williams
7 p.m.
"Our New Name"
Rev. Franklin Williams
7 p.m.
Mid-Week Service
Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Nursery provided for all activities
8 a.m. Broadcast
WOMC - FM 104

ST. MARK'S Presbyterian Church
28701 Jay Road
Worship and Church School
10 a.m.
Church Office CR-9340

ST. TIMOTHY
GA-2-1470
18700 Newburg Road
Carl Gunderson, Pastor
10 a.m. Worship and Church School
(Nursery Care)
251-4244 477-0745

ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Hubbard at West Chicago Garfield 2-0484
Worship 8 and 10 a.m. Church School 10 a.m.
Richard C. Dunkelberger, Pastor
Arthur Beumler, Jr. William T. Lovick, Associate Pastors
Vacation Bible School July 12-23

LUTHERAN

WISCONSIN Evangelical Lutheran Churches
WISCONSIN LUTHERAN
RADIO HOUR WORSHIP 9:30 PM
Sunday 11 a.m.

In Livonia
In Livonia
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church
3845 Farmington Road
Pastor: Rev. John A. Root
Worship Services 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

In Redford
In Redford Township
Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Ch.
14700 Lenox
Pastor: Rev. John A. Root
Worship Services 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

In Westland
Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Ch.
3845 Farmington Road
Pastor: Rev. John A. Root
Worship Services 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RISEN CHRIST
48200 Ann Arbor Road
(1/4 mile City of Plymouth
Rev. Kenneth E. Ziehlke
453-5252 452-1099
Mid-Week Church School
every Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Worship Service
every Sunday 9:30 a.m.
(Nursery Provided)

ST. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
(Missouri Synod)
Midbelt at 8 Mile Rd.
474-0875
Rev. F. Rutledge, Pastor
8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
(Nursery Provided)
Sunday School and Bible Classes 9:15 a.m.

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Missouri Synod)
12 Mile at Farmington Rd.
474-0210
Rev. Victor H. Mesenbrink
Worship Service
8 and 9:45 a.m.
(Nursery Provided)
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Missouri Synod)
38020 Five Mile Rd.
between Newburgh and Haggerty Roads
Office Phone 464-0221
The Rev. Fred Balke, Pastor
Sunday Worship Service
9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:30 p.m.

EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH
2431 West Eight Mile Road
474-0210
Rev. Victor H. Mesenbrink
Worship Service
8 and 9:45 a.m.
(Nursery Provided)
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.