

# Arkansas Methodist

89th YEAR

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## North Arkansas Conference Laymen's Assembly, August 8-9

Participants in the North Arkansas Conference Laymen's Assembly at Mount Sequoyah, August 8-9, will include Bishop Paul V. Galloway, Dr. Paul M. Bumpers, Lubbock, Tex., E. H. "Tank" Harrison of Memphis, Tenn., and Pratt C. Remmel of Little Rock.

The theme of the assembly is "Witnessing for Christ." The theme and the program were announced by E. Clay Bumpers of Wabash, Conference Lay Leader.

Dr. Bumpers, a former member of the North Arkansas and Little Rock Annual Conferences, and now pastor of First United Methodist Church in Lubbock, will speak on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Mr. Remmel, a longtime leader in lay activities in the Little Rock Conference, and Mr. Harrison, a member of the Memphis Police Department who has been in great demand as a speaker in Lay Witness Missions, will

lead periods of witnessing on Saturday afternoon and evening and Sunday morning.

Another feature of the Assembly will be a report from delegates to the recent General Conference in St. Louis. These include Dr. John A. Bayliss, Dr. Joel A. Cooper, Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen, I. N. Barnett, Henry Rainwater and E. Clay Bumpers.

Registration for the Assembly will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8, and the opening session will begin at 2:30 p.m. The meeting will adjourn on Sunday following lunch.

The program committee for the Assembly includes: Joe S. Pierce, Searcy, Matt L. Ellis, Conway, Warren Blaylock, Alma, and E. Clay Bumpers.

Those planning to attend should send their room registration to Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, with a \$2.50 room deposit.

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## Author, lecturer to speak for LR Conference Youth Rally

One of the nation's outstanding authors and lecturers to young people in the area of boy-girl relations and preparation for marriage will be the speaker for the Little Rock Conference Youth Rally which will be held at Hall High School, Little Rock, Saturday, August 1, beginning at 10 a.m.

Dr. Evelyn M. Duvall author of many books in her field, will speak to the young people twice on the general theme "Sex and the Single Christian." She will speak once in the morning and once in the afternoon, and there will be a question-and-answer, or "feedback" session following each lecture. Paperback editions of several of her books will be on sale at the rally.

Also appearing on the program will be John, Ginger, and John, a talented

folksinging group that is beginning to make a name for itself in the Little Rock area.

The registration fee for the rally will be \$1.00 per person and registration will begin at 9:15 a.m. All young people entering grades 9 through 12 this fall are urged to avail themselves of this chance to hear Dr. Duvall and the opportunity for fellowship with other youth from across the conference.

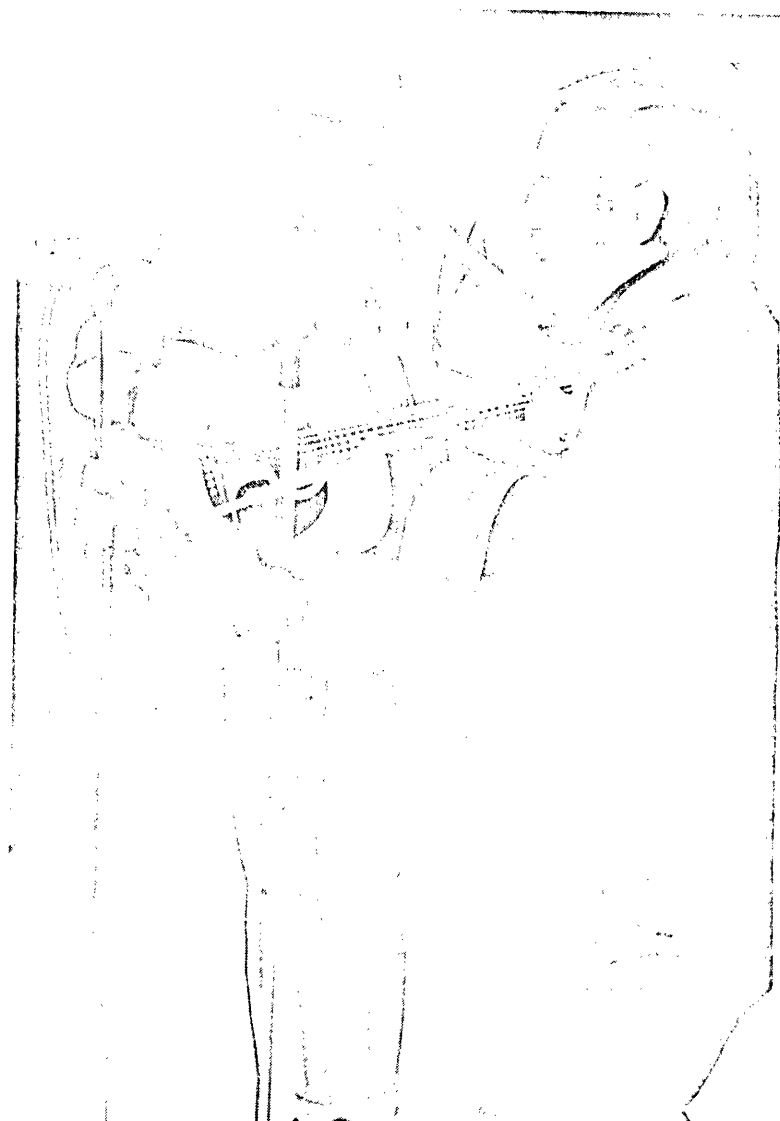
Hall High School is located in "H" Street about four blocks west of University Avenue in Little Rock. It is between McKinley and N. Hughes and is about six blocks northwest of the Park Plaza Shopping Center which is located at the intersection of Markham and University.

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### NOTICE

The film libraries of the Little Rock Conference Trafco and the Area Town and Country Commission will be closed August 1-15. Requests received before that time will be processed as usual.

Bishop Paul V. Galloway ordained the Rev. Jerry Yarbrough an elder on Sunday, July 26 at Winfield Church, Little Rock. He was assisted in the service by Dr. Robert B. Moore, Sr., Dr. J. Edward Dunlap, Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf and Dr. Alfred A. Knox. Mr. Yarbrough is the son-in-law of Dr. and Mrs. Dunlap.



## "Dust and Ashes" folk singers to tour South Arkansas

Dust and Ashes, contemporary folk singing group that is a part of the staff of the General Board of Evangelism, will be visiting churches of the Little Rock Conference in the period Aug. 20-30.

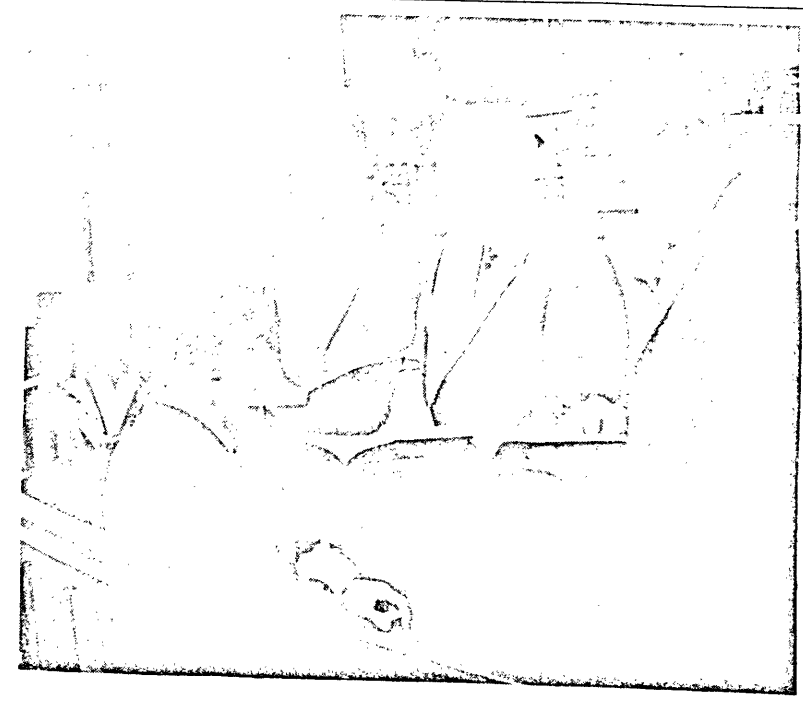
The singers are Jim Moore and Tom Page, 1968 graduates of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, who have devoted themselves to the ministry of song since their graduation. As professional entertainers as well as ministers, they have as their fulltime work a folk-music ministry. Through contemporary language and folk song they

proclaim God's good news in concert and in services of worship.

Jim Moore is a graduate of the University of Puget Sound where he majored in philosophy and minored in music. He is the composer of many of the songs in their repertoire.

Tom Page began singing at the age of five with his father who was a professional entertainer. He graduated from High Point College in North Carolina where he majored in religion and continued his entertaining by or-

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The film library of **Little Rock Conference TRAFCO**, the film library of the **Area Town and Country Commission**, and **The Methodist Foundation of Arkansas** offices are now located at 920 Three Hundred Spring Street Building (formerly Rector Building), Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. Telephone: 374-5027.

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## AUGUST SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES AT ALDERSGATE

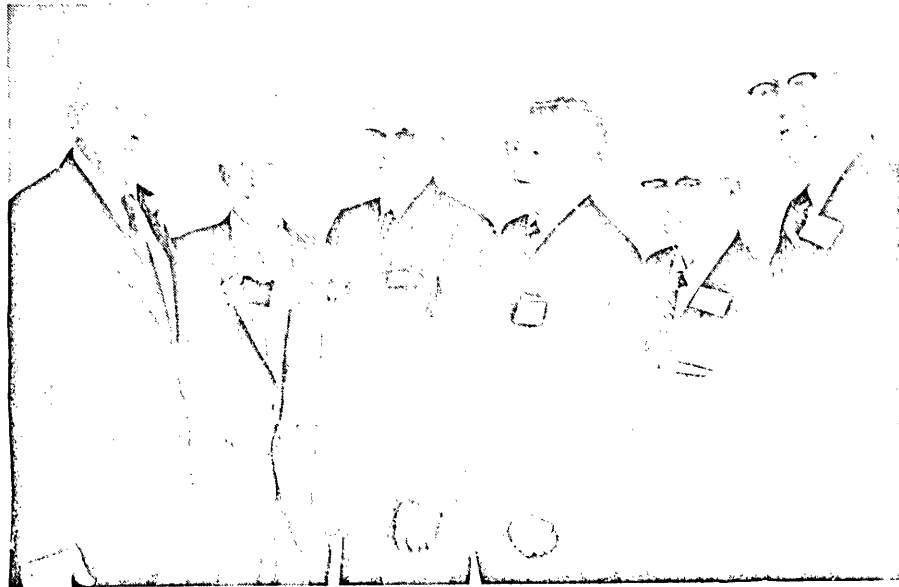
Methodists of the Little Rock area are invited to participate in a series of services to be held each Sunday evening during August at Camp Aldersgate on the western edge of Little Rock. The services, under the sponsorship of St. Andrew United Methodist Church of Little Rock, will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Rev. Don Nolley, St. Andrew's pastor, will present the messages and singing will be under the direction of the Rev. Joe Arnold, associate director of the Little Rock Conference Program Council. The sponsoring congregation hopes these services will encourage Little Rock Methodists to worship together in a spirit of informality and unity, and urges those attending to dress comfortably.

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Some of the members of the Fayetteville District Program Council at July 13 program planning meeting held in the office of Dr. Myers B. Curtis, District superintendent.



Dr. James W. Workman, left, was the guest of honor at a dinner at the Lafayette Hotel, Little Rock, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his being licensed to preach. Participating in the occasion were (from left): Dr. E. T. Wayland, Bishop Paul V. Gallo-way, Dr. Ewing T. Wayland, Dr. Otto W. Teague and Dr. Matt L. Ellis.



This group of persons from the Arkansas Area attended the recent Lab School at Mount Sequoyah. The faculty included Miss Lula Doyle Baird of Morrilton, Mrs. Phil English of Little Rock, the Rev. Wm. Haltom of West Helena and the Rev. Earl Carter of North Little Rock.

## HOSPITAL PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING COURSE

An orientation program of fifteen days in Hospital Pastoral Care and Counseling will be held at Methodist Hospital under the auspices of the

Memphis Institute of Medicine and Religion.

The program will begin Monday, September 14 with a week-long introduction continuing through Friday, September 18, after which weekly sessions will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays through October 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$30.

The program is designed to aid the clergyman in his understanding of the physical, emotional and spiritual factors involved when pastoring the hospitalized person.

Persons who wish to enroll should write: Memphis Institute of Medicine and Religion, 853 Jefferson Ave., Memphis, Tenn. 38103, according to the Rev. Lee C. Waltz, director and chaplain supervisor.

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**DR. EDWARD B. HOLLENBECK**, pastor of First Church in Benton, was among consultants who contributed to the recently published United Methodist Manual for engaged couples, "To Love and to Cherish," and the companion "Pastor's Manual for Premarital Counseling."

## ANNUAL EBENEZER CAMP MEETING

The one hundred thirty-fourth annual Methodist revival at the Ebenezer Campground twelve miles northwest of Nashville, Arkansas will begin Friday night, August 7 and continue through Thursday night, August 13. The camp is located along State Highway #4.

The Rev. J. R. Callicott of Lockesburg will be the evangelist preacher for the 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. daily services. The 3:00 p.m. daily services will feature visiting preachers including: the Rev. Jerry Yarbrough, Nashville; the Rev. Carr Dee Racop Jr., Ash-down; the Rev. Daniel George, Mineral Springs; the Rev. Harold Brent, Murfreesboro; Mr. John Lee of Winfield Church in Little Rock; Mrs. Frankie Carruthers, Malvern. The Rev. Fred L. Arnold, Dumas, is host pastor.

Directors of music for the camp will include the Rev. Joe Arnold, Little Rock, and Ronnie Lee Chessir, Monticello. Miss Kay Howard will be the accompanist. The Mineral Springs choir, the Dierks choir, Mrs. Hutner Hughes, Charles Eudy, and others will provide special music.

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"Dust and Ashes"

ganizing "The Collegians," a folk trio.

Publicity concerning their performances says: "Sensing the need for a form of ministry which can speak authentically to people of today, Dust and Ashes perform without pretense. They speak and sing with prophetic power. Young people, in particular, encounter the Christian message as it is, where they are, when Dust and Ashes bring it to them in today's language. As they share their talents in a professional way, they also share themselves in a personal way. Through their distinctive ministry they aim to discover and proclaim the truths about life and God as they are found in the creative and emotional expressions of man."

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Eber Ferrer, Curitiba, Brazil, general secretary of the Union of Latin American Evangelical Youth since 1968, has been named executive secretary of the International Christian Youth Exchange. The United Methodist Church is one of 11 denominations supporting the program which is moving its headquarters from New York to Geneva, Switzerland, this summer.

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## CAMP TANAKO SCHEDULE

PINE BLUFF/MONTICELLO DIST. JUNIOR HIGH CAMP  
August 10 - 14

For youth entering 7th & 8th grades in public school in the fall. Rev. Sam Jones, Director. Registrations and fees should be sent to him by August 3.

# Editorial

## WHAT IF YOU FIND YOUR CHILDREN ARE ON DRUGS?

We are indebted to the Rev. Jon Guthrie, campus minister at Hendrix College for calling our attention to an excellent article in the Spring issue of The Journal of Perkins School of Theology under the title "What If You Find Your Children Are on Drugs?" The author is Gerald Spalding, executive director of Southwestern Consultants, Inc., a firm which provides family, individual, and group counseling services. The article grew out of a talk made during a panel discussion on drugs at Ministers' Week. We have written for permission to reprint the article, but because of the impact of its message we would like to summarize it here, now.

The author points out first that we are a drug-oriented people in this country with the sale of one tranquilizer product reaching \$5 million in 1967 and 187 million prescriptions being given for some form of sedatives in 1968. "In addition," he says, "if one recalls our excessive use of nicotine, caffeine and alcohol, he gets a pretty clear picture of what a drug-oriented society we have."

Against this background of what is going on in the adult segment of our society, Mr. Spalding says that teenagers are beginning to see drug use as a kind of symbol of their adolescence.

Recalling ways in which he expressed his adolescence as he grew up, he reminds us that in those days, there were neighborhoods in which adults were not inclined to call in the police each time he sought to express his impulses. Now, he says, there are no neighborhoods, and people are more impersonal in the way they regard the minor offenses of other people's children. He says, "We are growing so quickly and there are so few people who know the other people in the society that our rules and laws about how we relate to each other are becoming more rigid, more complicated, and more sophisticated every day." He says that one of the results is society's effort to eliminate arenas of dissent for young people and in its place some teenagers are putting the experience of experimenting with drugs.

In the article, Mr. Spalding becomes very specific concerning suggestions for parents who may suspect that their children are experimenting with drugs. He says

such a parent should not panic and feel he should take his child to the police at the first experience. On the other hand, he says adults should learn more about drugs. The child is often part of the "drug culture" every day and parents should give evidence of knowledge about drugs so that their children will not write off their comments as emotional and uninformed.

Secondly, he says do not accuse your child, but increasingly try to draw nearer to him without establishing a barrier of distrust. Then, when you are convinced that your child is involved in some use of drugs, sit down with him and do your best to communicate what a serious business this is in which he is becoming involved.

He suggests a number of specific points at which the young person should be told of the seriousness of becoming involved in a drug habit. First, one should mention the legal consequences, dealing with the sentences that are being given by courts to young people who have become involved with the marijuana traffic. He points out that convictions can come even when there has been no exchange of funds. The author of the article points out "It requires only that someone who wants someone else to have a fun experience hands him marijuana."

Young people need to know that a felony offense for an experience with drugs can take away their citizenship privileges and close certain vocational doors to them for the rest of their lives.

The second major point which we need to learn to communicate with our young people is that there is no quality control in the preparation and distribution of illegal drugs. This he says makes

the taking of drugs today more risky from a physiological standpoint.

The third risk which needs to be communicated to our young people when we find they are experimenting with drugs is that of emotional addiction. He said that people tend to become addicted emotionally on the basis of how good the drugs make them feel.

As in many of the problems which confront us today, this is one in which we are challenged to be most skillful in communication. Mr. Spalding says: "I would encourage you to listen, listen, listen." Then he adds that if these early efforts have not motivated the member of your family to turn away from his experimentation with drugs, "Set up some kind of program in the household that communicates the seriousness of the issue — some restriction of freedom or some increased contact with you as a parent."

He suggests thirty minutes of family conversation every evening — not just about drugs but about who we are. He says that such a program will do one of two things—it will work or it will blow up in your face. In the latter case, he concludes "then, there's a pretty good possibility that there is something about the family communication pattern, something about the relationship with your child that is getting in the way of communication." In that case, says the writer, "Rather than give you one, two, three, four kinds of things about how you should deal with your child, I'd say, reach out for professional help."

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## the Editor's Corner



### Reaction on the Death of a Friend

This writer's heart has been saddened in the recent days at the death of a ministerial friend in Ohio who was recently killed during a holdup of the rental office of an apartment complex operated by a black Baptist church in Atlanta.

We knew John R. Howard as the chaplain of the Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, O. during the years we spent as Director of Methodist Information for the Ohio Area. He was a devoted and well-beloved staff member of this institution which grew tremendously in physical plant and in the service it rendered during our days in Ohio. John Howard grew with it as chaplain who was very close to all with whom he worked.

In 1968 John and his wife came to Emory University as students and shortly thereafter he became a staff member of Wheat Street Baptist Church, a large Negro congregation which was an important leader in the black community even in the late 30's when I was a student at Candler School of Theology.

Wheat Street built some large apartment units and operated them as low-rent units as a part of its ministry. According to the news stories, John did whatever was needed on the staff, sometimes even sweeping out the apartment houses.

Dr. William Holmes Borders, the pastor of the church, has announced that one of the church sponsored apartment buildings will be named after John Howard. Although he served a number of years as pastor and hospital chaplain in Ohio, John was a native of Nashville, Ga., and he was buried in that small town in South Georgia.

Dr. Borders said of him: "He was a white man who experienced an emotional conversion. He was a gentle man who wanted to help black people."

"You know," the black clergyman said, "in this world there are two kinds of people: those who talk about doing, and those who do. I've never met another man like that boy. Never witnessed such a burning desire to help folks."

"I tell you this, and, mind you, I am a black man — the death of John Howard was as big a national tragedy as the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."

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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

In the most dramatic move of its 50-year history, the Greek Orthodox Church in the Americas approved at its biennial clergy-laity congress in New York the use of vernacular languages in its services. The resolution, with the support of Archbishop Iakovos, the American primate, gave local parish priests, in consultation with bishops, the right to decide on the language question. The overwhelmingly affirmative vote came after lengthy and emotional debate observers said.

Participating in the recent "Honor America Day" celebration in the nation's capitol, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, suggested the erection on the West Coast of a "statue of responsibility" as a parallel to the Statue of Liberty on the East Coast, "to remind everyone that there are no rights in this country without corresponding duties."

Astronaut Frank Borman introduced at the "Honor America Day" observance as the "first man to pray publicly in outer space," included this petition in his prayer that followed: "Give us all the moral courage we need to stand for what is true and right in this time of turbulence and change. Let us not fall victim to the prophecies of doom or the philosophies of despair that so easily promote the need to tear down and destroy . . . Help us make this world a good earth and prevent us from turning it into a moon of desolation."

The 1970 Asian Baptist campaigns have reported that more than 2,311 people have made decisions for Christ during the first few days in the Philippines, Thailand, Hong Kong, Vietnam and Taiwan. The campaigns, sponsored jointly by Southern Baptist missionaries from the U.S. and Asian nationals, have featured evangelists and musicians from the U.S. Thousands of Gospels of John have been distributed.

A committee of noted preachers, professors and theologians have called a conference on biblical prophecy in Jerusalem, for June 15-18, 1971 to "restudy the Bible's pertinent prophecies and to proclaim their message for our time." Dr. W. A. Criswell of Dallas, a co-chairman and past-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said he endorsed the conference because "world events are pointing toward fulfillment of some of the great prophecies in Holy Scripture, especially in connection with Israel and the Holy Land of Palestine." Dr. Carl F. Henry, founding editor of Christianity Today, is chairman of the program committee.

The use of rock music to teach young people was the subject of sharp debate among conservative evangelicals meeting in New York for a symposium sponsored by Trans World Radio, an independent broadcasting organization founded in 1954. Ross Scott, producer of a weekly two-hour show, played excerpts from his show in which he uses rock songs expressing religious ideas, and mixes the vocabulary of contemporary youth with the phraseology of conservative evangelicals. "I came here as a rank conservative opposed to rock music," said one middle-aged man, "but I've been converted and think it can have a place. At the same time, I don't want them to throw out 'The Old Rugged Cross.'" "Before we turn off, a good many of us ought to tune in," said Dr. Walter Martin, moderator of one discussion period.

A Jewish prison inmate in Jerusalem has won the title of Israel's "prison Bible champion." The prisoner, who preferred to remain anonymous, was the winner of a contest on the group of Hebrew Scriptures known as the Five Scrolls (Song of Solomon, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, and Esther). Close competitors included an Arab Christian, a Moslem, and a Druse (member of a Syrian group that is basically Moslem but includes elements of Christianity). The board supervising the contest included interfaith leaders.

Israel has created a Public Council for Soviet Jewry, similar to those established in other nations, and reportedly may soon call a "world conference" aimed at helping Jews in Russia. The new council held its inaugural meeting at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and delegations from England, the U.S., Latin America and other nations took part.

Msgr. Fausto Villainc, the Vatican's first official press officer who became famed for his Vatican II "news briefings," was selected by Pope Paul to be Auxiliary Bishop of the Siena archdiocese in Central Italy. It was the new bishop who organized and presided at daily press briefings for the world's newsmen covering the Vatican Council. Vatican Radio, announcing the promotion, said it was "a positive sign of the Pope's benevolence toward the prelate and of his interest in the work of the Vatican press office."

West Berlin church sources report that 26 representatives of the four Lutheran World Federation member churches in the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) have been granted travel permits to attend the LWF assembly in Evian-Les-Bains, France. However, according to the report, the three representatives of Evangelical Union churches of the Eastern Synod scheduled to attend the assembly as observers "are unlikely to receive such permits," because of their recent refusal to sever ties with the West German organization.

Turkish government officials have barred an American expedition seeking to explore Mount Ararat for evidence of Noah's ark, citing "security reasons" for their action. The 16,946-foot mountain is located in the northeastern region of the country near the Soviet border. Many scholars assert that the modern Ararat is not the same as the area known by that name in biblical times.

In a resolution overwhelmingly approved by the 690 ministerial and lay representatives attending the 1970 Conference of Britain's Methodist Church, the admission of women to the ordained ministry by 1973 became a definite possibility. Before the resolution can be implemented, it must be approved by the ministerial session, which meets privately each year before the public representative session. If the proposal is approved by next year's ministerial session, it will then go to the 34 district synods and if approved by them will be returned for final action by the representative session.

(RNS Photo)



Lutheran leaders confer on the eve of recent Lutheran World Federation assembly at Evian-Les-Bains. Pastor Karl Gottschald, president of the Brazilian Church that was to have served as host, engages in serious conversation with Bishop Hanns Lilje of Hannover, West Germany. The last-minute move of the assembly site from Porto Alegre, Brazil was occasioned by reports of alleged tortures by the Brazilian government which created a situation that would have kept whole delegations away, according to LWF General Secretary Andre Appel.

Milton Hood Ward of New York, a member of the Board of directors of the American Assn. of Fund-Raising Counsel, Inc. has urged religious leaders in America to pay more serious attention to the increasing spiritual resurgence among youth—even though the religious forms are sometimes unorthodox. Commenting on the effects of social change on giving, he observed that "people are still most highly motivated to give through spiritual commitment."

Ceylon's newly-elected United Front coalition proclaimed that while Buddhism is recognized as the majority religion of the people, adherents of all faiths are guaranteed complete freedom of religious worship and practice. While the government is considered leftist, indications are that it will be fair to all groups and religions, observers claim.

Managers of the American Baptist Home Mission Society voted at Valley Forge, Pa. to allocate \$20,000 to a Hispanic Caucus formed in the denomination earlier this year. The Convention has 140 Spanish-speaking churches and missions with about 11,500 members. The Rev. Vahac Mardirosian, director of Spanish work is chairman of the caucus. He said his group had presented the agency with a projected 1971 budget reflecting a "renewed sense of urgency in terms of our ministry to the Hispanic-American community."

The Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk, the largest of the Afrikaans churches, has urged the South African government to abolish its law barring religious discrimination in the country's universities. Known as the "conscience clause" in the regulations of South African universities, the law forbids discrimination on religious grounds in the appointment of staff or in the admission of students. The clause is written at present into the regulations of all except two of the country's universities for white students.

Queen Mother Elizabeth and a large delegation of British leaders — Anglican, Roman Catholic and Nonconformist — heard the Archbishop of Canterbury mark the 300th anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Thomas a Becket by stating that "we are brother Christians and the martyr speaks to us all . . . It speaks to all of us whatever our ecclesiastical allegiance."

New labor legislation proposed by the Ontario government would exempt workmen from paying union dues on religious grounds. However, workers exempted would pay an equal sum to a charity listed by the Ontario Relations Board. The new legislative proposal is an "important break-through that should eventually lead to total abolition of the closed union shop," said Gerald Vandezande, head of the Christian Labor Assn. Less enthusiastic was Dirck Hoogendoorn, who in 1967 won a Canadian Supreme Court decision giving him the right to refuse union dues and give to charity instead. He said the government plan still does not allow complete freedom of conviction. He objects to the list of charities that would benefit from the gifts of "exempted" workmen.



## Little Rock Conference in two-year project of General Board of Education

Little Rock Annual Conference churches which participated in workshops designed for churches of small membership in March have started sending in progress reports to the Conference Board of Education and the Division of the Local Church.

At a planning session in October, 1969, Conference and district staffs and representatives from small local churches in the Conference decided to participate in a two-year project of the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education. They were assisted by Mrs. Marie Tucker, Conference Coordinator of Children's Work, and Miss Jennie Youngblood, Director of Services to Churches of Small Membership, Division of the Local Church.

The purpose of the project is to assist designated leaders in every church

school of less than 100 members in planning and carrying out an educational ministry designed to meet their needs. Areas of concern and need were noted during the March workshops. On the basis of this, specific goals were set.

The district superintendents, in consultation with local and district leaders are now identifying priorities in individual churches and writing statements for action.

The overall objective is that by March, 1972, the designated leaders of small church schools will have had training in developing skills in goal setting and in planning, carrying out and evaluating an educational ministry for their situation. This is being done in cooperation with conference and district staffs.

Several churches have already begun developing programs as a result of the workshops. Some of them have shared their goals with the conference offices and the Division of the Local Church. They are Rushing Memorial Church, Chidester Circuit, Camden District; Manchester Church, Arkadelphia District; and Congo Church, Benton, Little Rock District. The ministers are the Rev. George C. Bailey, Rushing Memorial; the Rev. Harold Rogers, Manchester; and the Rev. Don R. Williams, Congo.

Miss Youngblood has been asked to return March 7-21, 1971, for the same type of work. Follow-up visits are planned for continual support to those who attended the 1970 workshops and for extending the project to others.

### Hendrix student presents organ recital

Keith McNabb of Morrilton, a junior at Hendrix College, gave an organ recital in the Air Force Academy Chapel in Colorado Springs on Sunday, July 19 as a part of the Chapel's Summer Recital Series.

McNabb who has been the accompanist for the Hendrix College Choir for three years is a student of Robert M. McGill at Hendrix.

At Hendrix McNabb is a math major and has been the photographer for the college yearbook. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. V. O. McNabb, Morrilton.

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THE UNITED METHODIST Church of Salem, Fulton County, recently installed a public address system in the sanctuary. The Rev. L. L. Bounds is pastor.

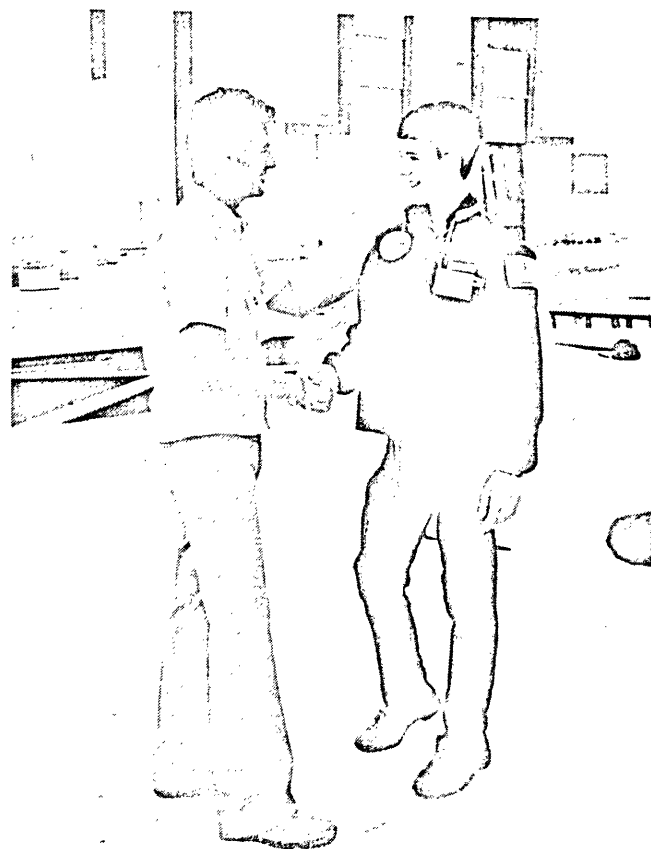
AT RIGHT: Jay S. Steinmetz, right, of Luling is shown with Hugh O'Brian, television star, during the recent Pepsi-Cola/Hugh O'Brian Space Seminar held at Cape Kennedy, Fla. Steinmetz, a leader in the UMYF at Luling, was one of 58 young men from the 50 states and eight foreign countries who was privileged to participate in the Seminar, which was co-sponsored by the Explorer Division of the Boy Scouts of America, the Hugh O'Brian Foundation, NASA, and the Pepsi-Cola Co. Participants were chosen for their outstanding school leadership and community service and on the basis of a 400-word essay on "What Is Man's Future in Space?"

### "Dust & Ashes" itinerary

(Concert hours will be determined by local churches where group appears)

DATE	TIME	PLACE	CONTACT PERSON	PHONE NO.
August 20	Evening	Pine Bluff	Rev. John Lindsey First United Meth Ch 6th & Pine St. Pine Bluff, 71601	535-0935
August 21	Evening	El Dorado	Rev. Alvin Murray 1st. United Meth Ch 201 So. Hill St El Dorado, 71730	862-1341
August 22	O P E N	O P E N		
August 23	2 P.M.	De Queen	Rev. David Wilson Box 488 De Queen, 71832	584-2037
August 23	Evening	Camden	Rev. Ed Dodson 1st United Meth Ch 121 Harrison Street Camden, 71701	836-6871
August 24	O P E N	O P E N		
August 25	Evening	Little Rock	Mrs. W. A. Rice Pulaski Hgts U M C Woodlawn at Monroe Little Rock, 72205	666-5496
August 26	Evening	Magnolia 1st. United Methodist Ch.	Rev. Allen Bonsall Box 1290 Southern St. College Magnolia, 71753	234-3767
August 27	Evening	Arkadelphia	Dr. John Miles First United Meth 113 8th Street Arkadelphia, 71923	246-2493
August 28	Evening	Hot Springs	Rev. Fred Arnold Oaklawn United Meth 2101 7th Street Hot Springs, 71901	623-6911
August 29	Evening	Malvern	Rev. Charles Ashcraft 1st United Meth. Ch. East Page at Ash Street Malvern, 72104	332-5289
August 30	3 P.M.	Monticello	Rev. Sam Jones Post Office Box 178 Star City, 71667	628-4896

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Some of the Arkansas area leaders from Little Rock Conference and North Arkansas Conference who attended recent Planning Enterprise for Age Level and Family Life Coordinators held at Mt. Sequoyah. Classes were held for workers with children, youth and adults, giving help in the use of curriculum and resource materials.

# NEWS and NOTES

**HOMEcoming WAS HELD** at the Smyrna Church on the Delight Charge, Sunday, July 12. Fifty people attended the worship, noon meal and afternoon singing. The Rev. Fred W. Hunter is pastor.

**MISS HELEN WILSON**, a United Methodist missionary who has been engaged in medical and evangelistic work in Bolivia for 17 years, spoke and showed slides of her work in Bolivia at the Amboy United Methodist Church of North Little Rock on Sunday, July 19. The Rev. Dois Kennedy is the Amboy minister.

**CLARENDON UNITED** Methodists welcomed their new pastor and wife, Glenn and Edna Bruner, at a fellowship supper on Sunday evening, July 12. A generous supply of groceries surprised the couple. This was the second such surprise for the Bruners. Shiloh Shrine Church, on the Clarendon Charge, gave them a "pounding" at the close of the service Sunday afternoon June 26.

**THE REV. JESSE L. JOHNSON**, who for the last two years has served as executive director of Wesley Community Center in Houston, Texas, was given a full-time pastoral appointment this past June at the session of the Texas Annual Conference. He was assigned to the Durkee United Methodist Church in the new Houston North District. He and his wife, Kathleen, are living at 11730 Biscayne Way, Houston, Texas 77022. Mr. Johnson is a former member of the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences.

**THE McNEIL UNITED** Methodist Church, Camden District, had a revival the week of June 21-26. Messages were brought by the pastor, the Rev. Jess W. Taylor. Special music ranged from young people of the church to out-of-town guests. These six young people were received into the church on profession of faith: Betty Black, Carolyn Crain, Susan Crain, Becky Merritt, Diane Merritt and Debbie Wood. Larry Riddick joined by transfer.

**THE HOMEcoming FISH-FRY** of the Campshed United Methodist Church will be held at noon Thursday, August 6, on the church grounds near Tichnor. The annual event is sponsored by the combined Sunday School classes and everyone is invited. The week of August 9-14 has been set aside as the week of spiritual renewal and commitment. The Rev. Paul Cassells will be the speaker each evening at 7:30. The Rev. James F. Richardson is pastor at Campshed.

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George Frank Ivey, Jr.

## IVEY ELECTED DIRECTOR SMU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

G. Frank Ivey, Jr., assistant director of admission at Southern Methodist University in Dallas for the past three years, has been elected executive director of the SMU Alumni Association.

Ivey succeeds James H. Stewart, who retired from a SMU vice-presidential position in 1967 and has since served as a consultant to the university's president, Dr. Willis M. Tate.

Frank is well known in Methodist circles of Louisiana and Arkansas. He is the son of Dr. George F. Ivey, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Mrs. Ivey. He graduated from high school in Springdale, Arkansas, while his father was pastor of First United Methodist Church. He earned his B.A. degree in social studies at Florida Southern College in 1963 and his B.D. degree at SMU's Perkins School of Theology in 1966. Following seminary, he was assistant director of admissions at Florida Southern before returning to SMU to take the same position in 1967.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULED IN NEW CHEROKEE VILLAGE CHURCH

The Cherokee Village United Methodist Church will hold the first worship service in the new church facility on Sunday, August 2. Morning worship will be at 11 a.m. and Open House at 2 p.m. A formal consecration service will be held later in the summer with Bishop Paul V. Galloway presiding. The pastor is the Rev. Lawrence Dodgen.

**THE REV. WORTH GIBSON**, pastor of First Church, Jonesboro, was the featured speaker at the third **Arkansas Democrat** Scholarship Award dinner held Friday, July 17 in the Skyway Room of Hotel Lafayette, Little Rock. Mr. Gibson is a former **Democrat** carrier. Award winners, their parents, and management and circulation department personnel of the **Democrat** attended the dinner.

**FORTY BOYS AND GIRLS** were enrolled for the vacation church school at First Church in Mena, July 13 thru 17. The director for the school was Mrs. Ed Stevenson. Teachers included Mrs. Jim Emerson, Mrs. Gene Reeves, Mrs. Raymond Stroud, Mrs. Forrest Ogden, Mrs. Raymond Black, Mrs. R. L. Tillman, Mrs. Bill McChristian and Mrs. Joe Hardegree. The Rev. Osborne White is pastor.

## "GOOD NEWS" PRODUCTION FROM LONOKE AT WINFIELD

The Christian folk musical "Good News", given by 58 young people from Lonoke, will be presented in the sanctuary of Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, Sunday night, August 2 at 8 p.m. There will be no admission charge, and youth groups are especially invited. The interdenominational cast is sponsored by the Lonoke Baptist Church.

## MENA ANNOUNCES LAY WITNESS MISSION

Members of the Mena First United Methodist Church will be involved in a Lay Witness Mission August 7, 8 and 9. Coordinator is Erwin Saye of New Orleans, Louisiana. Local church general co-chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ogden.

Local committee chairmen will include: Mrs. Dick Carver and Mrs. Carl Barham on housing; Mrs. Leon Hall and Mrs. J. B. Stevenson, food; Mrs. Raymond Stroud and Mrs. Edward Watkins, coffees; Mrs. Harry Bell, Forrest Ogden and Don Childers, youth; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Rodgers, follow-up.

The Rev. Osborne White is the pastor at Mena.

## CENTENNIAL OBSERVED AT BETHEL CHURCH

Bethel United Methodist Church near Sheridan observed its centennial when it held the annual homecoming June 28. The Rev. C. B. Monroe, pastor, gave the morning message. A basket dinner was spread at noon.

Appropriately, Norman Clark read the history of the church, for it was his great-grandmother, "Aunt Rett" Wade Bagby, who gave five acres of land in the Cane Creek Community on which to build the first church. His mother wrote the first history of the church in 1930. Another history was written by Mrs. Alma Tabor Shearer in 1942.

Heber Tabor was in charge of the overall activities at the homecoming.

## VANTREASE EMPHASIZES CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The emphasis will be upon children and youth in Vantrease Church of El Dorado next week when vacation church school and Youth Activities Week are observed simultaneously.

Mrs. W. M. Meeks, Jr., superintendent of the Children's Division, will be in charge of vacation school to be held August 3 through 7.

The Rev. David Prothro, associate pastor of First Church, El Dorado, will be the speaker for young people on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

The "Share Singers" from First Church, Camden, will climax the week when they present a folk concert following a Sunday night supper, August 9. A "Hymn Sing" on Sunday night, August 2, directed by Gordon Morgan, will precede the week's activities.

The Rev. Kirvin A. Hale is the Vantrease minister.

## DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

August 2—Sunday	Gen. 1:1-25
August 3	Gen. 1:26-31
August 4	Job 38:1-18
August 5	Psalms 19:1-6
August 6	Psalms 65:1-13
August 7	Psalms 104:1-35
August 8	Isaiah 40:12-24
August 9—Sunday	Psalms 24:1-10

**THE UMYF OF DELIGHT** and Antione treated the congregations to an ice cream dinner on Sunday, July 12. The purpose was to raise money for the new carpet which had been installed in the church. Afterwards, the young people entertained with folk hymns. Pastor of the Delight Charge is the Rev. Fred W. Hunter.

A **COMMUNITY WIDE** vacation school was held at Blevings with the Bell's Chapel Church of the Nazarene and the United Methodist Churches cooperating. Fifty-two children were enrolled. The pastors are the Rev. Wayne Bell, Nazarene, and the Rev. John W. Rushing, Methodist.

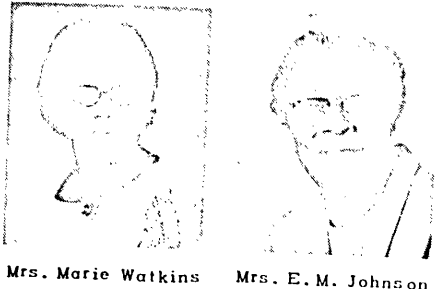
**BRUCE MEMORIAL CHURCH**, Blevins, held a revival recently and received three persons into the fellowship of the church. The Rev. Buddy Jester, pastor of the Bradley United Methodist Church, was evangelist. The Rev. John W. Rushing is pastor of the Blevins Charge.

**REPRESENTATIVES OF AREA** United Methodist Churches filled the sanctuary of the Marmaduke Church Sunday evening, July 12, when Miss Helen B. Wilson was guest speaker. Showing slides and telling of her years as a missionary to Bolivia, she enlightened the people concerning the needs of Bolivian children. The generous offering received in response will be forwarded as an Advance Special gift to assist in constructing and equipping a pediatric wing to the Pfeiffer Memorial Hospital at LaPaz, Bolivia, where she has served as a medical technologist. Her appearance was sponsored by the Marmaduke Women's Society, Mrs. Hayes Triplett, president. The Rev. Charles P. Reed was host pastor.

## P. K. KORNER

**THE MARRIAGE** of Joy Ann Sawyer of Fayetteville to Sgt. Charles Paul Reed Jr. was solemnized in St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Springdale, May 20. The Rev. Charles P. Reed Sr. of Marmaduke, father of the groom, was the officiating clergyman. The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. B. B. Sawyer of Fort Smith. The newlywed couple is residing in Tacoma, Wash., while Sgt. Reed completes his military service at Fort Lewis.

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Mrs. Marie Watkins Mrs. E. M. Johnson

### DISTRICT OFFICERS ATTEND WOMEN'S DIVISION PROJECTS

Mrs. Marie Watkins, president of the Little Rock District Women's Society of Christian Service of the Southwest Conference, attended a Seminar on "World Development for Educators" July 12-18 at the United Nations Plaza in New York. This Seminar included curriculum planning, audio visuals, and lectures.

On July 27-August 2, Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. E. M. Johnson will attend a Mission Seminar at Hinton Rural Life Center in Hayesville, North Carolina. This project is in the Southern Appalachian and includes the Cherokee United Methodist Mission and John C. Campbell School. The Seminar will include field visits, interviews, panels, films, and a common meal.

Upon their return these experiences will be shared with clusters, workshops, and annual meetings.

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### KOINONIA MINISTRIES DIRECTOR TO BE RETREAT LEADER

The Rev. Walter M. Albritton, director of Koinonia Ministries Department of the Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tennessee, will be the leader for the Spiritual Retreat being sponsored by the Conway District Women's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Albritton will also be present at the retreat to be held at Aldersgate Methodist Camp, Little Rock, September 17 and 18.

Mrs. Edwin R. Outlaw, Russellville, who is district chairman of spiritual growth is chairman of the retreat. Mrs. Earl Horton, of Russellville, is president of the Conway District WSCS.

An invitation to attend is extended to both men and women of the North Arkansas, Little Rock and Southwest Conferences.

The spiritual enrichment time is built on the idea of a cumulative experience, so that each person who registers does so with the understanding that he will come at the beginning and remain until the end. Only those who register with this understanding may attend.

The camp fee of \$6.00 covers three meals, lodging and insurance, and must be mailed with the reservation. Lodging is limited to 125 persons and will be assigned as reservations are received. No refunds will be made after September 12.

Registration will be from 9:30 until 11:30, September 17. Persons attending should bring sack lunches. The retreat concludes with the noon meal on the 18th. Reservations and checks should be sent to: Mrs. Ed Davis, 301 Devon Street, North Little Rock, 72116.

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### Interpretative Audiovisuals Released

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — New audiovisuals interpreting the work of

### NEW STATUS FOR CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

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Church Women United was recognized as a related movement to the National Council of Churches by the General Board of the National Council of Churches at its recent meeting in Washington, D.C., and in so doing "recognized Church Women United as the Council's primary channel of relationship with church and secular women's organizations and an agency for cooperation in objectives and programs agreed on."

Church Women United is an incorporated agency with control over its own policies and program and has been an autonomous movement of Christian women since the adoption of bylaws in 1966.

Inasmuch as the Division of Christian Unity of the National Council of Churches through which Church women United has been administratively related was dissolved by the General Board looking toward new functions, it was mutually desirable that the two organizations should develop new relationships.

The National Council of Churches is made up of the official national bodies of thirty-three Protestant and Orthodox churches. Church Women United is made up of a constituency of individual members of Roman Catholic churches as well as Protestant and Orthodox. There are 2,350 units of Church Women United formally organized in local communities in every state and the District of Columbia.

According to Mrs. James M. Dolbey of Cincinnati, national president of CWU, each local and state unit of Church Women United is semi-autonomous and forms its own relationships with other conciliar structures where they exist on local and state levels.

The purpose of this ecumenical lay movement is the development and renewal in every community of a commitment of Christian women to one another across all lines — race, age, education and denomination. It is a channel through which the concerns of committed women in local communities may flow from the churches and their ecumenical agencies and make a transforming impact on the nation and the world.

The officers and the 125 member Board of Managers, on which are members from every state and 36 national denominations, are elected triennially by an Ecumenical Assembly. The next Assembly will take place in Wichita, Kansas, April 22-25, 1971 bringing together approximately 3000 church women from across the nation.

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the United Methodist Church and the National Council of Churches (NCC) have been released by the Program Council's Division of Interpretation here.

"Candidly Speaking" deals with the NCC and is available in both 16mm and Super 8 format. "Where There is Tension" is a new color filmstrip designed to open up discussion in administrative boards and other United Methodist Church groups where decisions have been made to withhold funds from or decrease giving to World Service, the denomination's basic benevolence fund.

### CLUSTER GROUP #6 MET AT FORREST CITY

Cluster group No. 6 met Sunday, July 5, at 3:30 p.m. at Kynette United Methodist Church in Forrest City with three other churches participating — Taylor Chapel of Cotton Plant, Wesley of Brinkley, and Cornerstone of Clarendon.

Worship was led by Mrs. Verlone Tabron, Prayer by Mrs. Willie Mae Love, Welcome by Miss Danise Tabron, and Response by Mrs. Boyce Willis. Reports were given by each local president.

An address "Giving Christian Service in Your Community" was given by Mrs. Annie Key. A reading "The Master Is Coming" was by Mrs. Veni Bond. Mrs. Irene Truetsdal recognized all visitors and ministers. Dates of workshops were given by Mrs. Marie Watkins. The offering was placed in My World Bank. Sermonette and benediction were by the minister, the Rev.

### PARAGOULD DISTRICT PLANS PROMOTION OF STUDIES

Sixteen representatives of Paragould District attending the Arkansas School of Christian Mission in Conway held a luncheon meeting at Hendrix College, July 16, to make plans for presenting mission studies in the district.

The Rev. James Chandler of Poca-hontas, district secretary of missions, presided. Sunday, September 20 was the date selected for district wide training to be given. At that time, in First Church, Poca-hontas, suggestions will be given for teaching in the local church the three recommended studies for 1970-71: **The Psalms; How the Word Gets Around; and The Americas.**

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E. M. Morgan.

Mrs. Odessa Bell is Enabler of the "Cluster."

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Seiwa College for Christian Workers  
Okadayama, Nishinomiya, Japan  
May 1970

Dear Friends:

Today is "Children's Day" in Japan, a national holiday. This year there have been unusual celebrations. For a week there have been special programs at EXPO. Danny Kaye has delighted children and adults as well. Also taking part in the festival is the Bispehaugen School Band from Norway, composed of 56 boys and 39 girls, ranging in age from nine to fifteen. The Australian Marionette Theater, with its 160 puppets, is a very popular attraction. This is a "Children's Day - Children's Week," perhaps I should say - that will be long remembered by thousands of people.

As usual at this time of the year, for several weeks "fish" made of cloth, fastened to long poles set in gardens or attached to roofs, have been seen in cities and in rural areas, in big homes and small homes. As the "fish," sometimes called "balloon carp," are blown by the wind they appear to be swimming in the air. Usually a carp is flown for each son; one (often 15 or more feet long) for the eldest and others comparatively smaller according to the ages of the sons. The carp has the power to fight its way up swift streams and because of its determination to overcome obstacles is thought to be a fitting example for growing boys. It typifies ambition, strength and the will to overcome difficulties. In many cases the celebration of the festival is quite elaborate. The Girls' Festival, usually called the "Doll Festival," has its climax on March 3 but, as in the case of the Boys' Festival, it begins several weeks before, when the dolls are put on display.

Almost every day is children's day at Seiwa, for we have a kindergarten here with 150 children. Even during vacations there are usually some children playing on the campus. On Sundays we have a Sunday school for neighborhood children. Though I am not a kindergarten I enjoy visiting in the kindergarten whenever I have time to do so. The Sunday school is a part of my responsibility. Most of the teachers are Seiwa students. After graduation they will be teaching in kindergartens or working in churches, or doing both. We have a challenging opportunity to serve the community and at the same time to help our students get training for future service in church schools.

You will be interested in hearing, I think, that Miss Michiko Yamakawa, our president and one of the leading educators in Japan, expects to go to the States next week to receive from Pfeiffer College the honorary degree of Doctor of Pedagogy. She has had many years of experience as a kindergarten teacher, as dean of the Kindergarten Teacher Education Department of Seiwa College, and as president of the college for the past twelve years. During her administration Seiwa has grown from a small junior college with about two hundred students to a senior college with over five hundred students. A four-story library and classroom building, a four-room kindergarten building, and a large dormitory have been added to our campus which has been almost doubled in size. Miss Yamakawa is the only woman member of the Board of Education of Nishinomiya City, a member of the Board of the National Association of Christian Kindergartens, a member of the Board of Trustees of Hiroshima College, and a member of various educational and church committees. As president of Seiwa she has responsibility also for the two kindergartens and the social settlement which are connected with the college. Miss Yamakawa was a representative at the Strategy Conference of the Methodist Church, Denver, Colorado, in 1952 and also at the Methodist Consultation in Elizabethville, Congo in 1961. Some of you may have met her when she was in the States in 1965 participating in conferences of the W.S.C.S. We feel that Pfeiffer College has selected one worthy of the honor which they are bestowing on her, and we are very happy about it — happy for her and happy for our college. I wish that all of you could know her. It is a privilege to be one of her co-workers.

The lovely birthday greetings and good wishes which I received from many of you are very much appreciated, as are your letters and other expressions of your interest and your prayers. My responsibilities here do not leave me much time for letter-writing, so please accept this as a personal message to you.

In these days of crisis, in America, in Japan and elsewhere, I am remembering that the Chinese characters for "crisis" mean "dangerous opportunity." May each of us be able to see the opportunities as well as the dangers and have the wisdom and courage to be involved in such ways as will be constructive and effective!

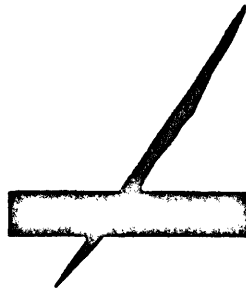
I pray our Heavenly Father's blessings on each of you.

Sincerely,  
Pearle McCain



# The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



## LESSON FOR AUGUST 9: Judgment and Promise

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 6 through 9; Matthew 24:37-39; 2 Peter 2:4-10a.

**MEMORY SELECTION:** By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, took heed and constructed an ark for the saving of his household. (Hebrew 11:7)

**AIM OF THE LESSON:** To help class members face the implications of God's judgment upon evil; to gain knowledge of God's promise of salvation even in ancient times.

The story of Noah and the flood has something to say to us about the evil one finds in the world today. Often one hears the words, "I'm sure that the world has never been as wicked as it is today. Surely, the last days are here, and God will soon destroy the earth."

As one views the whole span of human history he sees that it was just a short time from that moment when God created man and gave him dominion over all the things of the earth and that day when the Genesis writer says, "And the Lord was sorry that he made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart." (Gen. 6:6)

Many people struggle with their faith today as they may see the world filled with heartbreak, suffering and tragedy. There is no easy explanation, but the biblical writer makes clear that such a world as ours was not what God intended. The creation was good. Set in the midst of a perfect environment, man had the two-fold challenge of finding for himself the highest happiness possible and also of becoming God's representative to rule over the world. But man failed miserably. His rebellion plunged the world into disaster. From the Garden of Eden to the judgment of Noah's generation represents a tremendous plunge downward.

But even in the world at its worst God found a righteous man with whom he could start all over again. We are mistaken if we think this is an isolated episode. The rest of the Bible is the story of men who failed to live up to God's expectation and of how God on many occasions used "righteous remnant" with which he could begin all over again. We will have a distorted picture of the story of the flood if we do not balance the story of judgment visualized there with the promise of a new covenant symbolized by the rainbow.

In the earthly religious drama "Green Pastures" Gabriel frequently suggests to "De Lawd" that man is a hopeless animal and that he should give up on him and quit trying to make something out of him. But "De Lawd" insists that if he gives up on man he has no other creature to which he can turn. That play reflects the Biblical drama of God's turning to one man after another beginning with Noah.

### THE STORY OF NOAH AND THE FLOOD

The moral and spiritual depravity of mankind in the days of Noah is described forcefully in the words "every imagination of the thoughts of man's heart was only evil continually." (6:5) Dr. Harold A. Bosley in his book on Genesis says "man was so inwardly corrupt that even God had to face up to the fact that his efforts to create someone who would have fellowship with him was a rank failure."

We can be sure that God did not pass such judgment on man lightly. Dr. Hugh R. Peterson says in Broadman Comments: "So God came to the conclusion that the only effective answer to the terrible wickedness of man was to destroy him, saving only a righteous remnant. It is fair to say that God decided to destroy man because he had, in a very real sense, already destroyed himself by his complete abandonment to sin."

We are told that in the midst of all this depravity one man and his family continued to be committed to God. This man was Noah, the son of Lamech, who was born 126 years after the death of Adam according to the biblical record.

God's first word to Noah was an announcement of his intention to bring "an end of all flesh" because "all the earth is filled with violence." Then he gave him the specifications for the ark — 525 feet long by 87½ feet wide by 52½ feet high. No doubt it was built only with great effort and in the midst of great ridicule from his neighbors.

Finally the day came when Noah rounded up all the animals and placed them in the ark, and then entered it with his family. The great flood came and all remained inside the ark until Noah made certain the waters had subsided. Then the first thing he did was build an altar to worship God for his deliverance. Then God made a covenant with Noah saying "neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood." (Gen. 9:11) And God made the rainbow the sign of his promise.

### THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED TO THE FLOOD

The state of man's relationship to God in the days of Noah was such that there seemed to be no other solution than the one God chose. All of us have been in situations when things moved in such a manner from bad to worse that something had to be done. This was the way God viewed the world.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon says in International Lesson Annual: "Sometimes men take advantage of the fact that God is patient and that judgment seems to be postponed. They construe his mercy as meaning that he will not judge. They can get by as always — so they think. But the day of judgment finally comes. It has to come if life has a purpose, if it means anything at all, and if God has integrity and is responsible."

God created man for goodness, but evil was rampant on the earth. This was the contradiction recognized in the ancient narrative. Dr. Walter Russell Bowie speaks in Interpreter's Bible of the setting for our story: "A world revolting not only against God's ideals but against the most elemental decencies: that has been the fact. And the root of it? One phrase suggests it: 'Every imagination of the thought of his heart was only evil continually.' " Here we are reminded that imagination creates its images and images may become idols that take the place of God. There is something very contemporary in that Genesis description of evil in the time of Noah.

### NOAH AND HIS NEIGHBORS

Dr. Bowie has an excellent section in his interpretation of this story under the heading of "Noah and His Neighbors." We can well imagine the scoff-

ing and ridicule that must have come upon this resident of a dry country as he proceeded with his construction of a boat of the dimensions mentioned above. Jesus made a reference to this attitude in Matthew 24 saying, "In the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage . . . until the flood came and took them all away."

What is being pointed out is that the building of the ark was more than a story. It is an actual modern parable of every occasion when people with spiritual discernment make preparations against future crises which are not apparent. The prophet Amos warned Israel against their coming destruction, but arrogance was the characteristic attitude of most of the people. They could not believe that such an end was actually in store for them. But the flood of Assyrians did come upon them within a generation and none had built an ark against its coming.

Dr. Bowie summarizes this attitude as he says: "So in many times there are men who stare so hard at what they want to see that the critical realities are not seen. They can tell all about the way the winds blow in their little world, but they are oblivious of the forces that may be breaking in to smash their little world to bits."

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### THE FIRST RIGHTEOUS REMNANT

The human race was given one more chance in these ancient days because God was able to place his hand on one man who could be counted righteous. Dr. Peterson says: "Through Noah God preserved the race. Noah performed a function which God's people have always been called upon to perform. He dared to stand for truth and righteousness though he had to stand alone."

One finds here the foretelling of a great theme which comes to light again and again in the pages of the Old Testament — the saving significance of the remnant. The physical flooding and the actual drownings do not recur, but there is a kind of spiritual drowning that occurs again and again. Repeatedly the majority of God's people get caught up in the consequences of evil thinking and living so that they lose their place in God's enduring plans.

In Exodus we read that most of those who started out from Egypt never made it to the Promised Land. In the time of Elijah apostasy was so widespread that the prophet cried out, "I, even I only, am left." (1 Kings 19:10) Eager as Isaiah was to see the whole nation of Israel redeemed, he had to conclude that only a few would remain solid enough to be the seed of the race.

In referring to the position that the church will be preserved as the remnant, William Warburton, Bishop of Gloucester in 18th century England wrote: "The Church, like the ark of Noah, is worth saving; not for the sake of the unclean beasts and vermin that almost filled it, and probably made most noise and clamor in it, but for the little corner of rationality that was as much distressed by the stink within as by the tempest without."

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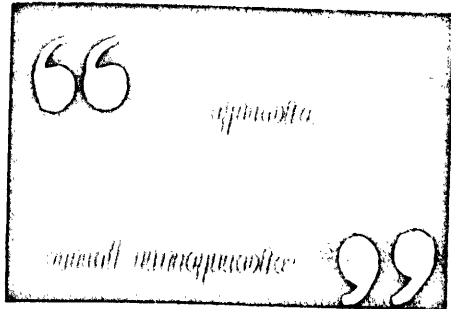
### THE COVENANT AND THE RAINBOW

After the flood was over, God made a solemn covenant with Noah and his family telling them, "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your descendants after you . . . that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood. As the visual sign of this promise God gave man the sign of the rainbow. Everytime that man looks at the rainbow he is reminded of God's promise."

Dr. Halford Luccock says in the Interpreter's Bible, explaining Mark 6:50: "In times of great despair the church has no more urgent task than to open men's hearts and minds to the voice which says, 'Take heart.'"

This story thus dramatizes before our eyes the picture of God's redemption. Through it we come to understand that judgment of God may be necessary, but that it will not remain forever. The bow in the cloud was God's assurance to Noah that the judgment was past. All of this reminds us that the Christian experience begins with a greater realization of a judgment which has passed away. God, through Christ, made provision for our salvation.





Thomas H. Matheny, Conference Lay Leader of Louisiana Conference A, writing in the Christian Advocate on "The Rule of Law and Civil Disobedience": "Every good churchman must examine in good faith his view of civil disobedience as well as his view of law and his view of civil authority. He must reach conclusions that will allow him to function as an individual who lives in an ordered and structured society which has not yet reached a state of unchanging perfection, but which is continually re-evaluating itself."

Milton Hood Ward of New York, a member of the board of directors of the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel, Inc., at the association's recent meeting: "Through the years, philanthropy has been strongest when it has been church-related, religiously inspired. Today many millions do feel this inspiration."

Dr. Herbert Gilmore, pastor of First Baptist Church, Birmingham, which is considering the admission of its first Negro members: "If this church ultimately says it will be a segregated church, the sign of death will be on its door. But if we can be caught up in the grace of God, then this church can mark out a new day for Birmingham, the South, and the nation."

Clyde Bellecourt, executive director of the Minneapolis-based American Indian Movement, told a recent session of the Lutheran Church in America: "You came over with a Bible in your hand and told us to honor our fathers and mothers. Then you built missionary schools and told us to forget them, to ignore our Indian culture. You said, 'Thou shalt not kill,' and proceeded to massacre the native Americans. 'Thou shalt not steal.' Everything you've gotten you've stolen from the Indian people. We are not going to take it lying down anymore."

John E. Procter, newly-named president and publisher of the Methodist Publishing House, speaking to the Board of Publication following his election recently: "I am acutely aware of the need for the creation of a new Methodist Publishing House for a new future, a future demanding the development of the organization and the selection of a staff that is geared to optimum service in an age of rapid and drastic social change."

The Rev. John H. Baumgartner, newly-elected district president in the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, referring to "cross-currents of tension and turmoil presently disturbing that church: 'I will not be party to inquisitions, witch hunts and burnings at the stake.'"

#### BAPTIST KEYNOTE SPEAKER CALLS ON CHRISTIANS TO ADVANCE PEACE CAUSE

TOKYO (RNS) — The keynote speaker at the 12th Baptist World Congress here called upon Christians to advance the cause of "peace with freedom and justice and righteousness."

"We seek in Christ's name to right the wrongs and to wipe out the evils that make us suspicious and keep us apart," said Dr. Theodore F. Adams, a former president of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA), sponsor of the Congress.

Speaking on the Congress theme, "Reconciliation Through Christ," the American clergyman said that Christianity brings together people of different views and races and breaks down barriers separating them.

Dr. Adams now teaches at the Southeastern Baptist Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., following his retirement as pastor of the historic First Baptist church in Richmond, Va.

Prior to the keynote address, representatives of 76 countries participated in a traditional ceremony in which they paraded across the stage accompanied by flag bearers carrying their national flags. Girls from Japanese Baptist school served as flag bearers.

The Rev. Richard Wurmbbrand, a Rumanian Lutheran of Jewish birth, created a minor disruption protesting the appearance of the Russian flag. "The blood of Christians is on that flag," he shouted from the rear of the auditorium.

## Tax deductibles!

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)— A Minnesota wedding has resulted in an unusual gift of \$173 for the National Methodist Foundation for Christian Higher Education here and nearly \$400 for two other humanitarian causes.

When the Rev. Maurice Gordon, director of the Foundation, received a check designated for scholarship assistance to Negro college students, he was intrigued by a note of explanation which said the gifts were from a wedding.

The story unfolded as he visited with the Rev. Richard Collman, associate pastor of the First United Methodist Church, St. Cloud, Minn., and his wife, the former Miss Katherine Kennedy. In bright red, artfully decorated invitations to their wedding June 20, Richard and Katherine said, "If you can share with us in our celebration, let this sharing be your gift to us — the most beautiful of all gifts."

If, however, persons wanted to send or bring gifts the couple suggested that money be given to: Vietnam Rehabilitation Center sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee, the American Cancer Society, or the National Methodist Foundation

for Christian Higher Education to assist Negro college students.

"By giving through us to others who need our constant love and support, you give also to us," the invitation said.

The Collmans said they were "overwhelmed" by the total of \$571 received and the enthusiasm of the persons who gave. When they divided the amount according to their own personal preferences and designations of the donors, \$276 went to the Vietnam Rehabilitation Center, \$173 to the United Methodist Foundation, and \$122 to the American Cancer Society.

"Imagine that. Tax deductible wedding gifts!" quipped Mr. Gordon. Since the foundation began one year ago he said this was the most unusual gift yet received.

The foundation, operating under the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of Higher Education, was chartered in 1965 but officially launched in August, 1969. Major focus of the foundation is on individuals and groups who may wish to give directly to a United Methodist-related college or university of their choice, any combination of institutions, or to all of them.

#### TEMPLE NAMES LITTELL DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

PHILADELPHIA (RNS) — Dr. Franklin H. Littell, professor of religion at Temple University here, has been named the school's Director of Graduate Religious Studies beginning with the 1970-71 academic year.

The United Methodist clergyman joined Temple's faculty in 1969 after serving as president of Iowa Wesleyan College for three-and-a-half years and as professor at Chicago Theological Seminary for seven years.

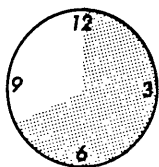
Dr. Littell, internationally known for his writings in church history, has published more than a dozen books and 150 articles in scholarly journals. His major research has been in the areas

of religious liberty, inter-faith dialogue, and the church struggle with extremism.

The new director is staff consultant to the National Conference of Christians and Jews on religion and higher education, and consultant to the Wayne State University project on the History of the Church Struggle and the Holocaust. He also serves on commissions of the United Methodist Church, the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches.

Temple's Department of Religion is noted as a center for the study of world religions. Among its 35 instructors are Buddhist, Hindu, Shinto and Muslim scholars, as well as authorities in Jewish, Catholic and Protestant studies.

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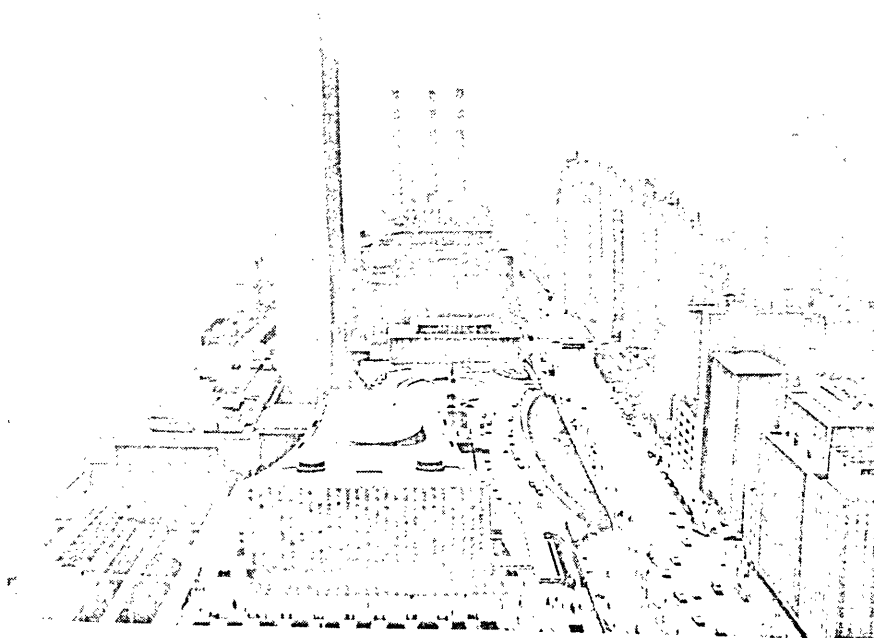
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UNITED NATIONS — The United Nations is celebrating the 25th anniversary of its founding. The U.N. complex on Manhattan's East Side is shown in this view. In the foreground is the General Assembly Building, to the left is the tower of the Secretariat Building and to the right of that is the Security Council Building. The complex is flanked by the East River and First Avenue. (RNS Photo)



## Willson lecturer says society dehumanizes

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (UMI) — The church has got to aid the cause of people who are powerless in the structures of society which dehumanizes them, South Central Jurisdiction leaders were told July 17-18 during the annual Willson lectures at Mount Sequoyah Assembly.

Dr. Tex S. Sample, professor in Sociology of Religion at Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Mo., called for a "theological doctrine of power" and said, "Where there are powerless people they are going to seek people they can trust. If they can't find them in the church then for Jesus Christ's sake where?"

Attending the lectures were more than 125 United Methodist leaders in the area of Christian Social Concerns and 50 in Health and Welfare Ministries.

Dehumanizing takes place when people have no power, Dr. Sample declared. "When you take away a man's power you dehumanize him and that dehumanization turns into violence of some kind. 'The powerless person says, 'I don't have any power left but I still have power to destroy myself.' He is the one who burns, takes drugs, or commits suicide."

Before a discussion on environmental pollution each participant was asked to give the number of children in his family. After some quick arithmetic it was discovered that each family unit had an average of nearly three children.

One man, the father of 11, discovered that instead of the customary "father's day" praise he received a good natured scolding.

The Rev. Rodney Shaw, Washington, D.C., a staff member of the United Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns, reminded the individuals that any family with more than two children is contributing to the world's population problem.

The Rev. Thomas E. Price, Washington, D.C., another Board of Christian Social Concerns staff member, directed a discussion on drugs. What is needed today, he said, are people with open minds not fixed ideas about drugs. "Suddenly everybody is an expert on drugs. The issue is much more complex than that and we may have to do some unlearning and relearning."

Dr. Price said it is easy to focus on the teenage use of marijuana while

ignoring the aspects of adult use of diet pills, pep pills, alcohol and tobacco.

Bishop Paul V. Galloway of the Arkansas Area, president of the General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries, brought the message for the Sunday morning worship service.

Chairman of the South Central Jurisdictional board of Christian Social Concerns is the Rev. C. Ebb Menden, Lincoln, Nebr. Forest De Lozier, Marionville, Mo., is chairman of the jurisdictional Board of Health and Welfare Ministries.

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## Indian Methodist and World Council leader dies

VELLORE, India (RNS) — Dr. Daniel Thambyrajah Niles, a prominent ecumenical leader from Ceylon, died here after a short illness. He was 62 years old.

Known to friends and colleagues throughout the world as "D.T.," he served his own country as a Methodist pastor while serving the world churches one of its most respected spokesmen.

At the Fourth Assembly of the

### DISCIPLES TOLD 'REGULAR' CONTRIBUTIONS TO NATIONAL CHURCH DROPPED HALF-MILLION

ST. LOUIS (RNS) — For the second consecutive year, contributions to regular national programs of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have declined, the denomination's General Board was told during a four-day meeting here.

Dr. Spencer P. Austin of Indianapolis, executive secretary of United Promotion, reported that contributions were down \$520,209 from the previous year. At the same time, contributions to capital fund projects declined by 20 per cent.

Total decline in receipts for the year was about \$1 million, he reported.

On the other hand, Dr. Austin told the 222 members of the General Board, which determines policies of the Church between biennial meetings, that contributions to the denomination's Urban Crisis Fund (Reconciliation) had increased by 72 per cent, to a new high of \$503,794 during the year.

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The Rev. Henry Joyner, new pastor of Atlanta's (Ga.) Calvary Methodist church, is greeted by members of his congregation after preaching his first sermon to the all-white church. Mr. Joyner is the first black minister to take the pulpit of an all-white Southern Parish of the United Methodist Church. (RNS Photo)

VELLORE, INDIA — Dr. Daniel Thambyrajah Niles, a prominent ecumenical leader from Ceylon, died in Vellore, India, after a short illness. He was 62 years old. Dr. Niles, a Methodist, was elected one of the World Council of Churches' six presidents in 1968 and served as president of the East Asia Christian Conference.

(RNS Photo)



World Council of Churches held at Uppsala, Sweden in 1968, Dr. Niles was elected one of the Council's six presidents.

He had been chosen to give the opening address at the assembly replacing the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who had been scheduled to give the address. Dr. Niles also addressed the World Council's founding assembly at Amsterdam in 1948, as well as many other international gatherings.

"The World Council of Churches will miss his forward-looking advice and counsel," said Dr. Eugene Carson

Blake, general secretary, "for although he was one of the older members of its executive committee, he remained to the end of its most progressive and creative minds of the church. We shall sorely miss his leadership."

The Rev. Alan A. Brash was designated to represent the World Council at the funeral in Vellore. Mr. Brash, an associate general secretary of the Council and director of its Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service, served with Dr. Niles in the East Asia Christian Conference (EA CC).

## Poetry Panorama

by Barbara L. Mulkey

*There are hundreds of languages in the world, but love speaks all of them.*

### LOVE

To touch one life and watch it bloom and flower  
To watch it grow in grace, and faith, and love —  
To know that God is here and has the power  
To lift our minds and thankful hearts above —  
To catch a glimpse of something bright, eternal,  
It lifts my heart and starts my soul to sing.  
To touch a heart and bring it close to heaven  
Is truth on earth — and God's eternal spring.

—by Betty Heidelberger

### I WISH YOU EVERY HAPPINESS

I wish you a rose in the spring,  
And shade from summer's sun;  
Some frost-painted hills in the autumn,  
And snowflakes for winter fun.

I hope you have a mockingbird  
To herald each new day  
With song of purest note, and clear,  
To start you on your way.

May the plaintive call of a whip-poor-will  
Announce each coming night,  
While in the west, the sun's red glow  
Gives way to soft moonlight.

I wish you every happiness  
That God and man can give  
To fill your heart with quiet peace  
As long as you may live.

—by Deener W. Wardlow

# Christianity a power

by William M. Wilder

(Sermon by pastor of Marked Tree United Methodist Church)

Acts 19:11-19; Acts 1:8 (Acts 19:8-20, Phillips)

Dr. Theodore Ferris, in his exposition on the Book of Acts in the *Interpreter's Bible*, tells that one of the most dangerous enemies of the early Church was the inclination of early Christians toward magic.

Magic and worship of the supernatural go together. If we were asked if we believed in magic, we would probably say "No." Yet the truth is that our efforts to control the supernatural force of God in our favor is often little short of trying magic. For magic can be defined as an effort to control the supernatural in favor of man, while worship is the control of the supernatural to the glory of God.

Magic is a fascinating subject. It is tempting — as all short-cuts to power are tempting. We would like to have a magical formula for health. Preachers have often wanted a magical formula for the preparation of sermons. They used to put out the notion that they needed little preparation for a sermon because God would tell them what to speak. This works well in lay witnessing, but not so well in preaching week after week to the same congregation. One old preacher used to say that he knew what God would tell him if he went into his pulpit without preparation. He'd say, "Jonas, you've been lazy!"

We have in the 19th chapter of Acts a story of the Church's struggle with magic, and what may happen if one lets the pursuit of power become one's object. Paul resisted this temptation, though of course he could perform miracles through the power of God. A

miracle is always an act of God, not of man. A miracle has no ulterior motive—magic does. Thus we note that Jesus performed miracles, but never did he yield to the temptation to make them magic, and to profit by them.

Actually the study of the life of Christ is a sort of sermon against miracles, if you will. The power of the cross is in terms of suffering love which died and suffered upon it — not in the magical power of some splinter that someone gathered from that cross and claimed that it in itself held some power.

We discover that certain people of Paul's day were quite mixed up about this power which had become available from Jesus. They had learned passwords, magic potions, incantations, and since they heard that the name of Jesus had great power, they added it to their list of magical words. They exhorted the evil spirits to come out of a man in the name of Jesus whom Paul preaches. And to their surprise, the evil spirit said to them, "Jesus, I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"

The availability of power then seems first of all, to be based upon a personal experience of God. Perhaps the key to this is in the definition of power. I do not mean power to rule over others, or the power of money, or power of intellect or ability. But I do mean power that is used of God.

In *The Agony and the Ecstasy*, Irving Stone's story of Michelangelo, one is clearly led to see how Michelangelo is used by God. His talent is from God — clearly given by Him. The Pope of the story forces Michelangelo to do the painting on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. This Pope is more of a military leader than a spiritual one. He is

a crude, sometimes cruel man. But you get the feeling that over-riding all is the sense that God is using both men to get his work done, and that both men catch a glimpse of the greatness of power in God who works through them.

It is our task as individuals and as a Church to look for God in the midst of us. He may be in the midst of an evil man, or a cantankerous woman, or the biggest busy-body in the community. But God is working, and it behooves us to try to allow Him to work through us, and to seek His way.

But if He is to use us well, it would be helpful if we come to know Him so that we may have a better understanding of how we may cooperate with Him. You know, you can scarcely follow a leader that you do not know. You don't know the commands unless you can hear his voice. Jesus expressed it well when he said, "He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

Only as you know him will your work really bear fruit.

Second, Christianity is a power which comes from God, and which changes lives. The charge can be leveled at modern Christianity that it has lost its power. It no longer changes individuals much. Can you tell a Christian from a non-Christian? Are the morals of church members any better than their non-Church member friends? In many instances we would have to say, "No."

Nor does the Church seem to be changing or transforming society. In matters of social change the Church rarely speaks out. Rather than an agent of change and improvement, most church groups seem to want to protect the status quo. The ministry of the church used to lead out, and point the way. All too frequently, however, the modern minister has become a weather-vane pointing which way the wind blows, or he points in a direction that no one is willing to look, much less go.

Yet Christianity is a power that changes lives. And to those who let the Spirit grab them, something happens. They change, and their lives become more loving, cleaner, and better in every way. They become fearless for the truth, and sometimes shock people by their ideas of Jesus and His love. This spreads beyond the individual change as these attitudes and changes affect the group, and so a whole society may be transformed. This is the real church of Jesus Christ at work, and the proof resides in the change which is wrought by the touch and presence of Jesus.

Third, Christianity is a power that enables men to meet the issues of life head on. Paul found immorality in the Church at Corinth, Atheism at Athens; racism at Jerusalem; bigotry at Philippi and Thessalonica. Did he give up? Did he say that Jesus had given him an impossible mission? No, he met the issues head on. He forced the persons involved to see themselves as God must see them. Not all changed, of course, but many of them did.

We are entering the decade of the Seventies. This is no time for the Church to back up. When I was a child, and wrestled with other boys, we would sometimes hold another down until he was willing to say "Calf-rope." Well, it's no time for the Church to cry, "Calf-rope." We must find leaders for our day — leaders with strength and moral purpose.

I believe this to be true outside the Church, as well as within it. We need good leadership and Christian leadership. The people of our nation, and of other nations, are crying out for honest, able, capable, and respected men. They are going to be led by someone — woe betide the nation that sits back and allows men of questionable moral character and integrity to form its leadership and govern its people.

We believe, so we say, that the love of Jesus can solve problems. Well, let's put the love of Jesus to work on them NOW. We need not back up from any situation though love may not seem to be the popular answer. It's time that the Church quit trying to win a popularity contest with people, and started presenting the Gospel of love.

Fourth, Christianity is finally a power, not our own, on whom we can depend. I believe that God is dependable. Oh, he won't pull all my chestnuts out of the fire; he won't let me escape the pain of my errors; he won't keep life from happening to me; he won't wrap me in cotton batting, and protect me from the ills and dangers of living.

But when I get in trouble, He'll be there. He's on my side, holding my hand. Like Paul, He may not heal my illness, but He'll work through it to show His strength is made perfect in my weakness. I'm a good example of this, because in high school, I was a horrible example of what a public speaker should be. What ability I have today is due to Him, not me!

My friends, Christianity is a power — a working power. It's not magic, nor trickery. It's surrender and love — Knowing God, letting Him change you, meeting life head on, knowing that no matter what happens, He is dependable. He'll be there — you can count on Him!

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These boys and girls from the Methodist Children's Home and Pulaski Heights UM Church, comprising the "Summer Singers" group, will assist the Sanctuary Choir with music during the 10:55 a.m. worship hour at the Pulaski Heights church at Woodlawn and Monroe, Little Rock on Sunday, August 2. The singers, who will be in grades three through six when the Fall term begins, have joined in a six-session workshop for the third successive summer, under the direction of Richard Lines and G. Felix Thompson, directors of music at Pulaski Heights and the Children's Home respectively. In addition the group has participated in the Little Rock Conference Children's Choir Festival and Choir Camp the past two years.

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Twenty-seven boys and girls and seven adult workers took part in the vacation church school at Beech Grove in Paragould District. The Rev. J. T. Holland is pastor.



The youth group and counselors at Monticello First Church pause in front of bus for picture before departure for a week in Dallas, Texas. Mrs. Thomas Chapman is the Education assistant; the Rev. William D. Elliott is minister.



Vacation church school group at Concord church. The 51 boys and girls and 18 adult workers collected an offering during the week which was sent to the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home and Children's Hospital—\$25 for each. Thirteen pairs of eye glasses were collected and sent to Children's Hospital. The Rev. T. G. Poss is minister; Mrs. Lee Roy Moore directed the school.

#### BRITISH DEACONESS NAMED PASTOR OF TWO METHODIST CHURCHES

NEW YORK (RNS) — A British deaconess has been appointed pastor of two United Methodist churches in Illinois.

Miss Blanche Baker of Oxford, England, will serve a two-year term as pastor of churches in Medora and Piasa.

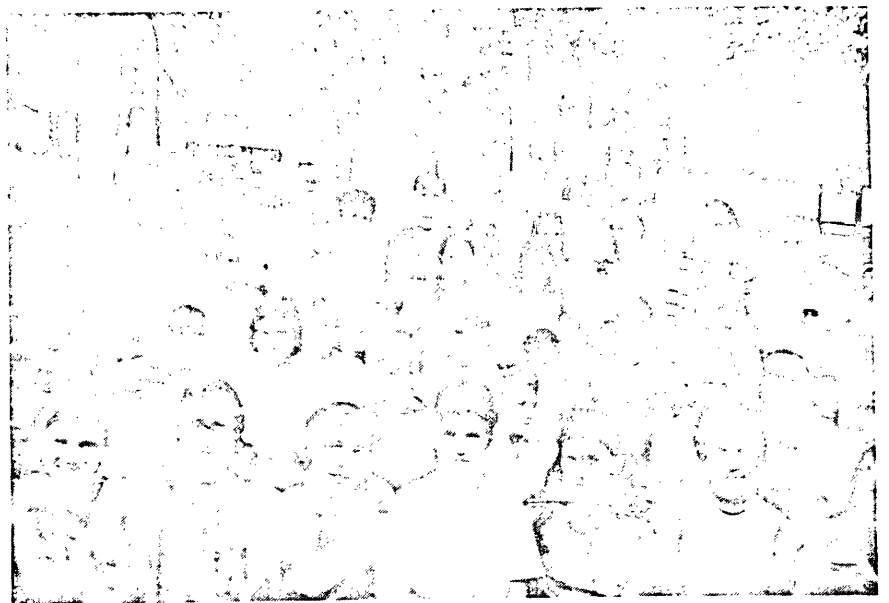
The special appointment was arranged by officials of the United Methodist Board of Missions here, in cooperation with Bishop Lance Webb of the Illinois Area and the Rev. Donald

L. Lowe, district superintendent of the Vandalia District, Southwestern Illinois Conference.

Miss Baker has been pastor of the Methodist church at Kiddlington, England, since 1966. Previously she had served as pastor of other churches, a full-time evangelist in rural areas under British Methodism's Home Mission Department, a full-time youth worker, and a chaplain at a detention center for teen-age boys.

Trained and ordained as a Wesleyan deaconess, she studies psychiatry at Sheffield University and pastoral psychology at Oxford University.

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Twenty-seven 7th and 8th graders from Fayetteville, Fort Smith and Conway Districts attended the July 13-17 Shoal Creek Camp. "Methodist Beliefs" study groups were taught by the Rev. John Chapman, the Rev. Felix Holland, and the Rev. Frank Clemons. Other groups and leaders included: Interest Groups, supervised by Martha Callen; worship, Linda Blair; recreation, Steve Cranford; swimming, Mr. Holland; crafts, Jerry Overton. Other personnel included: the Rev. Clyde Crozier, director, and Mrs. Felix Holland, dean of women.



Little Rock Conference Senior High Camp group at July 13-17 encampment at Tanako. The Rev. Robert Van Hook was director.



Summer morning activities at Methodist Children's Home include baseball practice for this group of boys. Shown here, they have gathered around Mrs. Leo Meyer, new case worker.