

Perkins professor to present Memorial Lectures at Crossett

The 1971 Memorial Lecturer at First United Methodist Church, Crossett, Oct. 17-20, will be Dr. W. J. A. Power, associate professor of Old Testament at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University.

Recognized by both students and faculty for his leadership, Dr. Powers was selected by the Southern Methodist University student body as the 1971 "Outstanding Professor" and featured in the university annual. His fellow faculty members selected him as Jackson Lecturer in 1969.

The lectures will be on the topic: "Encounter: Old Testament." The individual lectures will be: Sunday morning, 10:30—"Let's Talk About Mercy." The evening lectures, 7:30 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday, will be: "Magic Gardens, Talking Snakes, and Murder," "Faithful and Faithless," "Saved by Grace," and "The Law and the Gospel." Noon lectures, Monday through Wednesday, 12:05 p.m.—"Moses," "Elijah," and "Elisha."

The Memorial Lectureship is supported by memorial gifts made by members of the church and friends. It was initiated in 1970 when Dr. Carley Marney was the speaker.

HENDRIX FALL TERM BEGINS WITH 310 FRESHMEN REGISTERED

Classes for the fall term began at Hendrix College on Monday, Sept. 27 with 998 registered.

The entering freshman class numbered 310, 173 men and 137 women, with 90% of them Arkansas residents. A college spokesman said that 93% are from the top one-half of their high school class; 70% are from the top one fourth; and 35% from the top ten percent. Their high school grade point average showed that 56% were over a 3.0 and 83% were above a 2.5.

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North Arkansas agencies to sponsor Premarital counseling Workshops

Three agencies of the North Arkansas Conference are cooperating in a series of one-day Premarital Counseling Workshops to be held, Oct. 18, 19 and 20.

The Rev. DeForrest Wiksten, director of the Methodist Counseling Ministry of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, will direct the workshops which are being sponsored by the Board of Evangelism, the Board of Education and the Board of Ministry of the conference.

The meetings and the districts from which the participants will come are: Oct. 18: Central Church, Fayetteville (Fayetteville and Fort Smith Districts); Oct. 19: First Church, Searcy (Batesville and Conway Districts); and Oct. 20: First Church, Jonesboro (Forrest City, Jonesboro and Paragould Districts). The meeting at Fayetteville will begin with worship at 11:00 a.m., and the other two meetings will begin at 9:45 a.m.

Mr. Wiksten, who has served in his present responsibility since 1966, is a member of the North Texas Conference who was a professional psychiatric social worker prior to entering the ministry. He has served as a part-time consultant in pastoral care and counseling at St. Paul's School of The-



Wiksten

ology, and as a lecturer in marriage and family counseling at Perkins School of Theology. He is a professional psychiatric social worker on the staff of Adams, Newsom, Morrow Psychiatric Clinic in Wichita, Kans., and prior to that was a psychiatric social work officer in the United States Air Force.

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Evangelism "Spots" produced in Hot Springs

Production has recently been completed in Hot Springs on three commercials for television sponsored by the Little Rock Conference Board of Evangelism.

Written and directed by John Wallworth, the commercials, a 60-second, a 30-second and a 20-second spot in color, were filmed by Wallworth/Ault/Rash Films, a newly formed production company based in Hot Springs.

The films are already available to Little Rock television stations.

The 60-second spot is called "Turn-on?" and portrays three types of artificial turn-ons—pills, heroin and alcohol—then a voice-over, "there's a better you through Jesus Christ."

The 30-second, called "Puppets," shows a puppeteer manipulating his puppets. The voice-over is, "they're puppets, you're not."

In the 20-second film, called "Faces of God," a variety of faces, doing a variety of things, is shown as multiple voices say "God is Love."

Developed by Wallworth at the request of the Rev. Ralph E. Hale, Little Rock Conference Secretary of Evangelism. The cinematography was by Larry Ault with editing by both Wallworth and Ault.

Original music for the promotional announcements was written and performed by a Hot Springs High School student, Ravonna Threadgill.

Dr. John P. Miles is Chairman of the Little Rock Conference Board of Evangelism.

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BISHOP GALLOWAY TO ADDRESS NORTHSIDE LAYMEN

Bishop Paul V. Galloway will be the guest speaker for the Oct. 14 meeting of the Northside Methodist Laymen. The dinner meeting will be held at First United Methodist Church, 22nd and Poplar Streets, North Little Rock, at 7 p.m.

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Latin American report before annual Board of Missions meeting

NEW YORK (UMI) — Issues related to the role of the missionary, a Reformation Sunday service based around "people in mission," and Latin America issues are on the agenda for the United Methodist Board of Missions at its 1971 annual meeting Oct. 21-30 at the Hotel Leamington in Minneapolis. About 500 persons are expected to attend.

The Board has about 1,150 missionaries at work in Asia, Africa, Europe, and North and South America. There are more than 2,000 deaconesses, home missionaries and other mission workers in the 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Meeting concurrently with, and before, sessions of the full Board of Missions will be its five major units: Women's Division, National Division, World Division, Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation, Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel.

President of the 145-member Board is Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, episcopal

leader of the United Methodist Church's New York Area. The Rev. Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., New York, is general secretary.

Opening session for the Board — and one to which all United Methodists and the general public in the Twin Cities area are invited—will be Sunday evening, Oct. 24. It will be a Reformation Sunday service starting at 8 p.m. at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church. The service is to be based around the general theme of "people in mission" and is being planned by the Board's missionary personnel staff. Among scheduled features:

A presentation by Bishop Wicke, including a review of the Board's work in the first three years of the 1968-72 quadrennium and an assessment of "where we are now"; a commissioning service for new United Methodist missionaries and deaconesses, led by Bishop Wicke; recognition of various other "people in mission" related to

the Board, such as already-commissioned missionaries and deaconesses, and Twin Cities workers in the United Methodist Voluntary Service program; a "Cantata of Peace," newly composed by Dr. Daniel Moe of the University of Iowa music faculty and featuring statements from Saint Francis of Assisi as well as imprisoned Roman Catholic priests Daniel and Philip Berrigan.

On the business agenda, and for particular consideration by the World Division, say Board leaders, are reports of two major task forces that have been at work for two years. One is the Latin America Task Force report, which is expected to deal comprehensively with U.S.-Latin American issues, secular and church, some currently in the news. The task force comprises not only Board members and executive staff but also Latin American churchmen, Roman Catholic and Protestant, pastors and laymen, and leaders in the Hispanic-American community in the U.S., Board leaders

point out.

The other task force report is on a "Study of the Continuing Involvement of Missionaries Overseas." The report is expected to focus on the role of the missionary today, and it is said to include new data on missionary and national churchmen's attitudes, and depth studies from several parts of the world. The task force is composed of Board members, executive staff, missionaries and overseas church leaders.

Budgets for the Board and its units for 1972 will be major agenda items, and with them determination of program and fiscal priorities for the coming year. Board officials say financial decisions will be made against a background of continued apparent decline in income affecting many church agencies, and Board budgets are expected to be under 1971.

Among other probable agenda items are: reports and possible action on

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Trick-Or-Treat For UNICEF Information

Mrs. James H. Rice, Jr., of Little Rock, State Representative for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), has issued a statement concerning that project:

"The citizens of Arkansas may again this year make Halloween a time to reach out to the underprivileged children of the world. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), since World War II, has brought help and desperately needed medicine and food to the children of 120 countries.

"Three out of four of all the world's children live in the underdeveloped regions of Africa, Latin America, Asia, and the Middle East. Of these 800 million children 600 million fight for survival at or below a bare subsistence level, weakened by malnutrition, plagued by mass diseases.

"There is no greater service that we can render than that of helping these children. UNICEF helps, efficiently and directly, and its help is asked for, and matched, by the country requesting aid. UNICEF does not give 'hand-outs.'

"We may participate in this project this Halloween with the Trick-or-Treat program. It is a significant way in which the children and youth divisions of the churches, and the public schools, can perform a real service to children in need."

All workers with children and youth, public school teachers, and public service groups who wish to participate in the program should write UNICEF, P. O. Box 7403, Forest Park Station, Little Rock, Ark. 72207, stating the number of children who will participate, their ages, and the organization sponsoring the project.

PREACHING OCCASIONS

OCT. 17-19: Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Evanston, Ill., will be speaking in First United Methodist Church, Texarkana, Ark., under the sponsorship of the Religious Emphasis Committee of Texarkana. He will speak on Sunday afternoon, the 17th, and at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 18 and 19.

OCT. 17-21: Dr. Gaston Foote, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., will be the speaker for a Preaching Mission at First United Methodist Church, El Dorado.

OCT. 24-28: Dr. Mack B. Stokes of the faculty of Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Ga., will be the speaker for a Preaching Mission at First United Methodist Church, Fort Smith.

SIXTH ARKANSAS YOUTH UM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Thomas Alfred DeBlack, of Little Rock, is the recipient of a United Methodist Scholarship, according to an announcement received from the Division of Higher Education of the United Methodist Church. DeBlack, a sophomore at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Alfred DeBlack, pastor and wife at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Little Rock.

An earlier announcement from the Division of Higher Education had listed five other young persons from Arkansas who have been awarded similar scholarship grants for undergraduate work.



The Camden District Committee on Confirmation Training in Sept. 27 meeting held at Asbury United Methodist Church in Magnolia to plan for two workshops to be held within the district. Pictured, left to right, are: the Revs. Robert Johnson, John Alston, Don Nolley (host pastor), F. Gladwin Connell (chairman), Darrell Smith, Doyné Graham and George Tanner.

DES ARC CHURCH TO HOLD FIRST SERVICE IN NEW SANCTUARY

The new sanctuary at Des Arc United Methodist Church will open Sunday, Oct. 10 with the observance of Worldwide Communion at the 11:00 a.m. hour. The last service to be held in the old sanctuary was in the form of a communion service also, according to the pastor, the Rev. Bennie G. Ruth.

A Service of Consecration, with Bishop Paul V. Galloway officiating, is planned for Sunday, Oct. 31. Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, Little Rock District superintendent, will be present to assist.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY Jim Guy Tucker was the guest speaker of United Methodist Men of St. Luke Church in Little Rock, September 27. The Rev. Alfred DeBlack is pastor.

BULLETIN

As we go to press we have been advised that the funeral service for the Rev. A. W. Hamilton, retired member of the Little Rock Annual Conference, will be held at Murfreesboro United Methodist Church, Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 10 a.m.

The service will be conducted by the Rev. George W. Martin, the Rev. Harold Brent and the Rev. James Richardson.

J. B. McILROY, lay member of Mabelvale United Methodist Church will be the speaker at Hunter Memorial United Methodist Church, Sunday, Oct. 10 at 10:50 a.m. Mac Chambers, lay leader at Hunter, will preside over the Laymen's Day service. The Rev. George G. Kerr is minister.

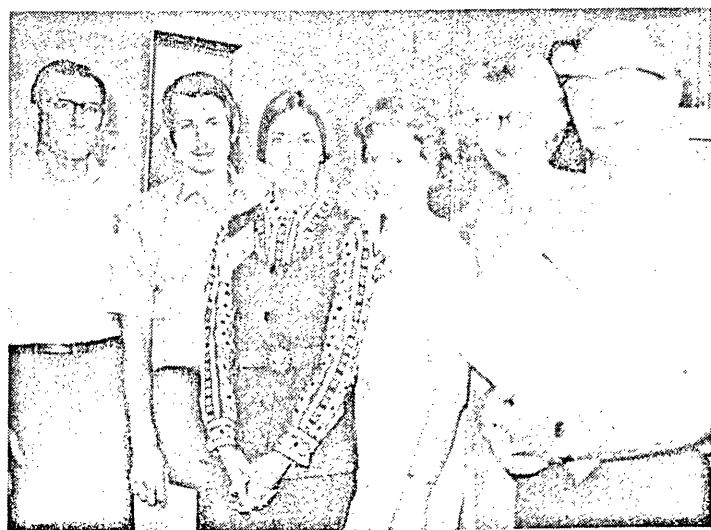
LR District holds Christian Education Training Enterprise

One hundred and thirty persons attended the first Fall Training session of the Little Rock District at Camp Aldersgate on Sunday, Sept. 26 from 3:30-8 p.m. "Helping the Good News Happen in Your Church School," was the theme for the workshop. Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf is superintendent of the Little Rock District.

The Rev. Jim Beal, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Helena, was the keynote speaker. His subject, "Biblical and Theological Foundations for Christian Education in the Local Church," was in keeping with the overall purpose of the workshop—to help prepare local church leaders to return to their own churches better equipped to give leadership within their own constituency.

Other leaders were: the Rev. John Workman, Miss Olive Smith, the Rev. Sam Jones, Miss Madge Franklin and Mrs. Vicki Allen.

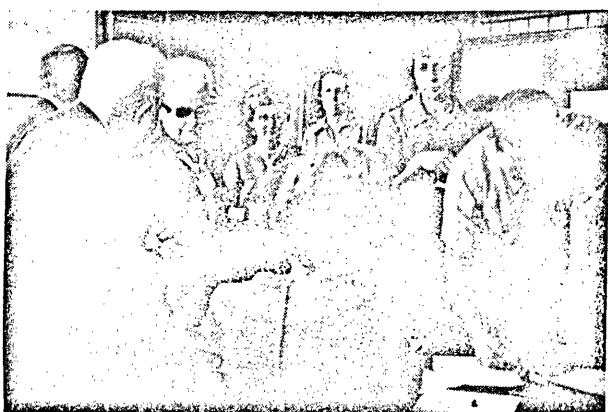
Each local church is urged to plan its own training session so that every worker in the church schools of the district will receive the training they need for a more effective program. Other training plans will be announced by the District Program Council at a later time.



LEFT: Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, Little Rock District superintendent (left) with leaders in Sept. 28 Leadership Training Workshop at Aldersgate. Leaders, left to right, are: the Rev. Sam Jones, Vickie Allen, Madge Franklin, Olive Smith, and the Rev. John Workman.

LOWER LEFT: Registrar Olive Smith signs in group from Asbury Church in Little Rock, headed by Norma Story (with dark glasses).

LOWER RIGHT: Orientation time with the Rev. John Workman presiding. (The Rev. Jim Beal, keynote speaker, in foreground studying manuscript).



GOD, MAN AND EARTH

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CHAPLAINS' OBJECTIVES FOR THE 1970's

In a recent newsletter, Army Chief of Chaplains (Maj.-Gen.) Gerhardt W. Hyatt gives additional evidence that he intends to challenge those who serve with him to understand the wide range of possibilities their ministry affords them.

Chaplain Hyatt pointed out that the objectives he is suggesting are intended to give opportunity for innovation and for variety.

The guidelines cover five areas:

Under "religious activities," the chief of chaplains states he aims to "provide a variety of religious activities designed to encourage individual and social change within the military community in order that people may more fully express their individual identity, achieve group cohesiveness and be a witness to God." Included under this heading are diversity of religious services and worship forms, ecumenical activities and the "professional team" concept under which the commanding officer, the chaplain, medical and social elements may be seen to serve the needs of the "whole man."

Also encouraged are specific programs to encourage lay leadership within congregations, organizations and communities, and ways to increase the scope of the religious education program "to include such things as experimental approaches in religious education schools, the development of creative programs in such areas as coffee house ministries and the use of religious drama, dance, music, etc."

Under the rubric of "Personnel Operations and Manpower," the army chaplains are urged to "enhance the harmonious relationships existing with denominational endorsing agencies, encourage their assistance in placing retirees/resignees in civilian pastoral positions, and invite good will toward the chaplaincy as a ministry."

Chaplain Hyatt also calls on the ministers under him to use imagination in thinking of "greater flexibility in design and construction at chapels."

We continue to be excited about this man's ideas.

At a service club a few days ago the word "ecology" was brought into the conversation and a man at the table said, "I wish someone would define that word for me." We made a bold attempt to define it as "a balance between the forces of nature." That same day we received a new little book from The Upper Room entitled **God, Man and Earth**, and have found it to be the sort of thing we wish we could have had in our pocket to hand to our friend at the service club.

Written by Dr. Norman W. Clemens, pastor of Mount Vernon Place United Methodist Church, Baltimore, this is the first in a new series of publications called "The Jesus Comes Today Series." As it points out, "Ecology has become almost overnight, everybody's issue." Small enough to fit into your shirt pocket, very readable in print style and format, this initial publication of a new series promises to apply the teachings of Jesus to the complex questions of our time and to furnish us with a tool for dealing with the gap which some feel divides Christians today.

May we share with you some of the contents of this first in the "Jesus Comes Today Series?"

"Our marvelous technology has created so many things to be used and thrown away, that pollution of the air, land and water seems inevitable. Former Secretary of the Interior, Stewart Udall, sums up our dilemma: 'America today stands on a pinnacle of wealth and power, yet we live in a land of vanishing beauty, of increasing ugliness, of shrinking open space, and of overall environment that is diminished daily by pollution and noise and blight.'"

The author then raises the question of the relationship between such problems and the Christian faith. He contends that theology has something to say about the solution of the environmental problems. He said: "I see an intimate relationship between ecology and theology. God, man and the earth—these form a trilogy of interrelationship, and the understanding of these relationships is the key to the solution of our current crisis."

The writer affirms that there are four biblical principles which are pertinent to this contemporary issue—stewardship, partnership, interrelationship and citizenship. As Christians "we have a vocation given by God to take care of the earth on which we live . . . It is time that we gave the earth some tender loving care." He tells us that this is where ecology meets theology, because one's belief in God profoundly affects his ethics. "The principle of stewardship, thus applied, means to conserve natural resources, to maintain the balance of life. Man's right to use, to consume, to reproduce must be in balance with the needs of the rest of creation."

The concept of partnership goes beyond stewardship in affirming that man works with God, rather than simply for God. This principle was clearly stated by Paul, "We are laborers together with God." He said, "In our industrial and technological age we have largely lost sight of this principle of partnership, both with God and with nature."

The third principle is that of interrelationship. Ecology is rapidly calling this to our attention. Our very existence depends on how we treat the life of nature around us. "It is all interrelated. Our water supply, without which we cannot live, depends upon the forests high in the watershed. The water that we use for our homes and our industries must later be returned to the rivers, etc." In a most significant statement, Dr. Clemens said: "A broadened interpretation of Christian theology

supports ecology in affirming the principle of interrelationship in dealing with our environment."

Christians have long recognized that responsible citizenship is one of the demands of their faith. "The problems we face are not only ecological problems. They are economic, social, and religious problems as well because they have to do with human attitudes, personal value systems, and public priorities."

Having so clearly established the fact that a consideration of ecological problems is a legitimate concern of contemporary Christians, the author then moves on to tell us what we can do about them. He said, "We must become communicators, motivators and personal participants in the preserving of our environment." We need to acquaint ourselves with some of the steps being taken and motivate decision makers to lead out in those next steps that are most apparent for our own localities.

This book speaks of an important part of our Christian witness. It leads us to presume that we can have a share in helping "Jesus come today."

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

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Presbyterian and Reformed church missionaries in Mexico plan to leave that country by the end of 1972 when the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico becomes autonomous. Following a three-day retreat at Cuernavaca, 25 missionaries notified their sponsoring denominations in New York that the Mexican Church's autonomy, coming at the centennial celebration of the Presbyterian Church in Mexico, would be an "exciting time of new responsibilities and new challenges." "All of us now feel that Christ has established his church in Mexico, and that the Holy Spirit is working through her," said a statement from the missionaries.

In the immediate aftermath of the Attica prison rebellion, the N.Y. State Council of Churches sent a letter to Protestant Church leaders of the state declaring that it would not be "helpful at this point" either to condemn or defend actions of prisoners or state officials. The Rev. Robert T. Cobb, director of institutional ministries, said "We are collecting the evidence on which to base a responsible statement." He went on to say, however, that the events at Attica were "symptomatic of the underlying problems within penal institutions and that the Council was urging New York State to 'push ahead' with penal reforms.

Jewish leaders from throughout the nation gathered in New York last week for a hastily-called one-day conference on religious and political challenges to continued Israeli control of Jerusalem. The Synagogue Council of America which embraces Reform, Conservative and Orthodox congregational and rabbinical bodies, called the conference out of concern over such religious pressures as the Vatican's call for internationalization of Jerusalem, as well as an upcoming meeting of the United Nations Security Council called by Jordan to deal with the city's status. Rabbi Irving Lehrman, president of the Council, announced that he had sent invitations to Protestant, Catholic and Muslim leaders to participate in a conference on the associations of the respective religious groups with Jerusalem.

Anglican worshippers may soon be calling God "You" instead of "Thou" as they have done for centuries. A new Order for Holy Communion has been issued in London in updated language. Released by the Church of England's 22-member Liturgical Commission, the liturgy in which contemporary idioms prevail is scheduled for debate in November at the General Synod. The "Thou form" — a highly intimate mode of address in the 16th Century — has become generally obsolete. In the newest translation the Lord's Prayer would begin: "Our Father in heaven, holy be Your Name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done . . ."

Dr. Thomas C. Campbell, has been named president of the Chicago Theological Seminary, an institution affiliated with the United Church of Christ. Campbell, a UCC clergyman, was a professor of church and community at Yale University before accepting the new post. CTS is said to be the oldest institution of higher education in Chicago. Chartered in 1855, the school which is non-denominational in its curriculum, is located on the campus of what is now the University of Chicago.

"The present trend in America seems to be an overemphasis upon the things that are wrong within the nation," said Dr. Joseph H. Jackson, recently re-elected to the presidency of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., for his 19th term. "It is true that self-criticism up to a point is wholesome for individuals and groups," Jackson continued, and added, "it is also good for a nation. The recognition of the errors and evils of a social order can be beneficial if these negatives are not over-emphasized."

"My Lai merits lengthy coverage in the U.S. press, but the world outside Vietnam seemingly takes little notice of continual and persistent rape of South Vietnam's villages and hamlets by the Communists," Southern Baptist Missionary Rondal D. Merrell, Sr. wrote his mission board in Richmond, Va. The Saigon-based missionary said "newspapers in Vietnam rarely miss a day printing a column listing the murder of civilians attributed to an enemy terrorist activity."

Dr. Cecil Northcott, religion correspondent for the London Daily Telegraph and a well-known Churchman, reported that Methodists, who have already approved union with the Church of England, will study the Anglican-Roman Catholic statement on the meaning of the Eucharist (Holy Communion). (Methodism split off from Anglicanism in the 18th Century; the church of England left the Catholic Church in the 16th Century.) Anglicans of the so-called "Anglo-Catholic" tradition remain close to the Roman Catholic doctrine of the "real presence" of Christ in the sacrament. The Anglican-Methodist scheme of union describes the sacrament as a "sign, and an occasion, and a means, of the saving presence of Jesus Christ with his faithful people . . ."

The Israeli Museum in Jerusalem has obtained a copy of a rare cuneiform record inscribed around the year 700 B.C., telling the story of an attack on Palestine by the Assyrian King Sennacherib. The valuable object, a six-sided prism of clay, was long held by an Armenian collector until its recent sale at an auction in London. Two other copies are known to exist — one in the British Museum and another in the Oriental Institute of Research in Chicago. The text has been available in English since at least 1926. (The Sennacherib story is told in the book of II Kings in the Old Testament).

World leaders of the Salvation Army holding their international Commissioners' Conference in Ocean City, N.J. in a policy document condemned the spread of drug addiction, illicit sex and pornography and said, "Whilst condemning the sin, we must continue to love the sinner and intensify our efforts on behalf of the victims of these evils, bringing them into a saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior." Army leaders proposed an international disaster network with an around-the-world "hotline" to enable quick, efficient response to world crises.

More than two decades ago, the famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright drew up plans for the construction of a chapel on the campus of a proposed Southwest Christian Seminary on an 80-acre tract north of Glendale, Ariz. The project was subsequently scuttled and the plans laid aside. First Christian Church of Phoenix organized in 1952 has decided to use the Wright plans, recently updated by William Wesley Peters, head of Taliesin Associated Architects — and husband of the former Svetlana Alliluyeva, daughter of Josef Stalin. Architecturally, the building plan is said to show a strong Indonesian influence. One of the striking features will be a slender spire with "Sawtooth" sides; another will be the pulpit mounted on a hydraulic lift which as occasion demands can be dropped below the chancel floor level. A turquoise-color carpet will rise as a continuous fabric, from the floor over the pew seat, then up and down its back to the floor of the next pew aisle (eliminating the cost of expensive hardwood for the pews).

Pope Paul has given Duke University (Durham, N.C.) a facsimile copy of the Codex Vaticanus, a Fourth Century Greek manuscript of the Old and New Testaments. The Codex will be kept in the rare book room of the Methodist school's library where it will be available to scholars. The ancient manuscript is one of the most complete copies of the scriptures dating from the early days of Christianity.

Women and girls will be accepted as members of Britain's Young Men's Christian Assn. for the first time in its 127-year history. The conference also reaffirmed the YMCA's role as a Christian movement by rejection of a national commission's recommendation that the association drop the word "Christian" from its title.



IRVING, Texas — Former President Lyndon B. Johnson (left) chats with evangelist Billy Graham on the speakers' platform shortly before the evangelist addressed the Greater Southwest Billy Graham Crusade at Texas Stadium in Irving, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were among dignitaries attending the Crusade. (RNS Photo)

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NEWS and NOTES

THE ALTAR OF TIGERT Memorial United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, was dedicated to the memory of the late Mrs. Dorothy Grace Beasley, wife of the Rev. Robert S. Beasley. A plaque was affixed to the altar, and the brief dedication service was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Robert E. Woody. Mr. Beasley was the pastor of this church from 1951 to 1956.

DR. AND MRS. JAMES W. WORKMAN have retired and are now living in Conway at 920 Mitchell St. Dr. Workman has been serving as pastor of the interdenominational All Souls Church in Scott, Arkansas. He was pastor of First Church, Conway, from 1929-34.

THE JACKSONVILLE CHURCH is sponsoring an eight week course on "Becoming a Better Parent." The Wednesday evening classes are led by Mrs. Joan Carder of the Pulaski County Family Service Agency, with resource speakers. The Rev. Bob Edwards is pastor.

THE CABOT VACATION church school had an average attendance of 75. Held in August, the children brought an offering of \$65.00 which was sent to the Pediatrics Wing of Pfeiffer Hospital in LaPaz, Bolivia. The Rev. W. Brasaka Savage is the Cabot pastor.

A FAMILY SUPPER to which visitors and new residents of the area were invited was held by the London United Methodist Church, Sept. 25, in the Masonic Building. Mrs. Aline Gibson and Mrs. Edna Brandon led the group in musical entertainment. The church voted to hold these fellowship meals the last Saturday evening of each month.

"TECH DAY" was observed by Wesley United Methodist, Russellville, Sunday, Sept. 26. The Rev. Muriel Peters, Director of Wesley Foundation, preached at the 11 a.m. service. The following students assisted in the service: Jane Warren from Morrilton, Kenneth Wade of Little Rock, Don Peters and Jesse Eubanks of Russellville, James Scheible of Moreland, Larry Spears of Paragould and Charles Wineburg from Ft. Smith. A church supper, with students, faculty and staff of Tech invited as special guests, was followed by an audio-visual program. A special called business session by President Don Peters for the Wesley Foundation group, to consider voting emphasis, concluded the day's activities.

A PREACHING MISSION in First United Methodist Church, DeQueen has been set for October 17 and 18. The Rev. George Wayne Martin, Arkadelphia district superintendent, will be the evangelist. The Rev. David B. Wilson is pastor.

JUDGE BEN M. McCRAY was guest speaker at Park View United Methodist Church in Benton, Sunday, August 22. Robert Cabe presided. The Rev. Horace Grogan is pastor.

MRS. GRACE DWYER, church and community worker in the Hot Springs area, attended the Seminar on Ministry with Persons in Leisure at Lake Ozark, Missouri, September 27-30, and a meeting of Church and Community Workers on September 30-October 1.

THE REV. KENNETH E. CARTER, JR. of Carrollton, Tex. will be the evangelist and Bill Kennedy of England, Ark. will be the song leader-soloist for Revival Services at First Church, Searcy, Oct. 8-14. Mr. Carter will preach at all the services Sunday and at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. each day Monday through Thursday. Dr. Charles Richards is the pastor.

IN RECENT PROMOTION DAY activities at the Alpena United Methodist Church, the following were presented pins for perfect attendance in church school: 13 years—Christine Fields, Shirley Wise, Ellis Wise; 11 years—Charles Wise; 10 years—Bobbie Parker; 7 years—Mattie Sparks, Timmy Fields; 1 year—Mae Parker, John Parker, Lois Wise, Bill Bellamy, Gene Ripps and Marguerite Ripps. The Rev. S. Woodrow Woods is pastor.

AUGUSTA MEN CONSIDER ECUMENICAL MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Thirty men from the Augusta Community met to hear the Rev. Elmo Thomason speak September 27 concerning ecumenical work in the community. He pointed out many things that have been done in many communities, such as: Community Revival Services, Thanksgiving and Easter Services, and working to organize day-care centers where they are needed. Mr. Thomason pointed out the great need in all communities to be cooperative in an effort to make life more significant for youth, retired people and those who have been left alone by the loss of a spouse. Mr. Thomason is superintendent of the Paragould District.

Interest of those attending was such that they decided to meet again next month to consider further this matter of cooperative work in the community. The meeting will be in The Grace Baptist Church of Augusta where the Rev. R. V. Gene is pastor.

Those planning for the recent meeting were: Edwin Jimerson, Rae Coleman and Elbert Bind Miller, Methodist laymen.

MRS. ANN CALCOTE has been added to the staff of First Church, Texarkana, as director of Religious Education. She holds her Master's Degree in Religious Education, and has worked in First Church, El Dorado, and First Church, DeRidder, Louisiana. She will be working with Dr. Ralph T. Hillis, pastor.

JIM BENNETT, CHAIRMAN of the work area on education, in First Church, Stuttgart, was in charge of the dinner meeting for all workers in the church school, on Wednesday, September 22. Families were included. The Rev. Robert O. Beck is pastor.

THE REV. LAWRENCE DODGEN was the speaker for the Pilot Club of Booneville when the September 21 dinner meeting was held in fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church. Mrs. Jeane Ross was program chairman. Mrs. Jessie Cook is Pilot Club president.

GRIFFIN MEMORIAL Church bulletin, Paragould, reports receipt of \$7,500.00 from the Mrs. Georgia O. Wright estate. The Rev. Albert Gatlin, pastor, reports that Mrs. Wright was a member of another denomination.

VANTREASE UNITED Methodist Men of El Dorado elected the following officers for the coming year: Hercle Teague, president; R. S. Blackwell, vice-president; Alton Avery, secretary-treasurer. The Rev. Kirvin A. Hale is the Vantrease minister.

ST. CHARLES UNITED Methodist Church held revival services in August with the messages by the new pastor, the Rev. Billy W. A. McLean. Dr. Arthur Terry, Pine Bluff District superintendent was a visitor.

CABOT METHODIST YOUTH were responsible for seven Sunday evening services during the summer. Different ones brought the message each Sunday. The Rev. W. Braska Savage is their pastor.

STEVE VAN CORT is the new part-time youth director in the Bentonville Church. He is a senior at John Brown University, Siloam Springs, and will be working with the Rev. Maurice Lanier.

LONOKE UNITED METHODIST Men held a fish fry at the church on Monday, September 27. Dr. Harold Sadler of the England United Methodist Church was the speaker. Marvin Smith is president of Lonoke Men. The Rev. Mike Clayton is pastor.

MISS HELEN WILSON, missionary to Bolivia, now working on special assignment in New York, was present in her home church, First United Methodist of Hot Springs when "Helen Wilson Day" was observed on Sunday, September 19. Dr. George F. Ivey, pastor, presided over the mission festivities.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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.

Oct. 10—Sunday	Rom. 6:11-18
Oct. 11	Rom. 8:1-10
Oct. 12	I Cor. 9:1-2
Oct. 13	I Cor. 12:7-14
Oct. 14	Eph. 6:1-8
Oct. 15	Gal. 3:27-29
Oct. 16	Col. 3:1-15
Oct. 17—Sunday	John 8:33-42

DR. FRED R. HARRISON of Malvern, retired minister, was guest speaker in the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of Hot Springs, September 12.

FOUR SESSIONS of a church wide mission study are being held in First Church, North Little Rock. "Christian Mission in an Age of Technology" is under the leadership of Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Blackburn, chairmen of the work area of missions. Classes have been held on September 26 during the church school hour, with another on Sunday evening. The Third session was Sunday evening, October 3. A family supper on Wednesday, October 6, concluded the study. The Rev. Lloyd Conyers is pastor.

"YOUNG AT HEART" CLUB ORGANIZED AT HOLLY GROVE

Senior citizens of the Holly Grove area met on Thursday, September 23, in fellowship hall of the Holly Grove United Methodist Church to organize a club for the group. The 20 persons present chose the name "Young at Heart," decided to meet the third Thursday of each month, and elected the following officers:

C. H. Oyler, president; Mrs. Ida Lee Patterson, vice-president; Mrs. Mamie Richardson, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. C. H. Oyler, food chairman; Mrs. Allyene White, attendance chairman; and Mrs. Ruth Powers, program chairman.

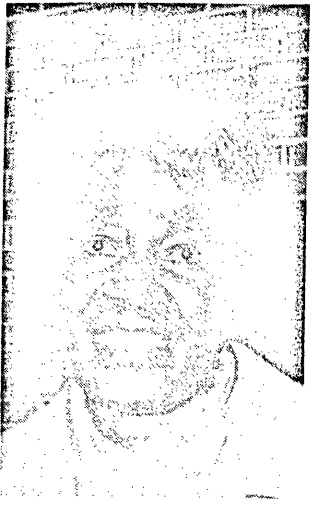
The group enjoyed a time of singing, recreation and fellowship. The Rev. Donald White, pastor of the Holly Grove Presbyterian Church, gave the devotional. The Rev. Charles Nance is pastor of the United Methodist Church in Holly Grove.

P. K. KORNER

PAUL EDWARD GUTHRIE, recent addition to the family of the Rev. and Mrs. Jon Guthrie of Conway, was dedicated in Holy Baptism in First Church, Conway, September 13. Mr. Guthrie is campus minister at Hendrix College.

ROBERT HARRISON CARLLEE was born on September 13 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. CarlLee, Sr., of England. Maternal grandparents are the Rev. and Mrs. David M. Hankins, Jr. of Arkadelphia.

Women's annual meetings in session



Mrs. Preston

Mrs. Alice Preston of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, will preside when women of the Southwest Conference WSCS/WSG convene in Tulsa, Okla. Friday and Saturday, October 15 and 16, at Wesley United Methodist Church. The Rev. C. G. Tillmon is the pastor.



Mrs. Harrington

Mrs. Wayne Harrington, Omaha, Nebraska, who is president of the Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions, will be guest speaker at the Tulsa meeting of Southwest Conference women. She will speak Friday night.



Stephens



Johnson



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Davenport

Presiding at the Annual Meetings of women of the North Arkansas Conference, held in Blytheville this week, were Mrs. Truman Stephens, Fort Smith, WSG chairman, and Mrs. Howard Johnson, Clinton, WSCS president.

The Little Rock Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, in session at Camp Tanako, October 3, was convened by Mrs. Gladys Icenhower. Mrs. E. T. Davenport will preside when the conference WSCS meets next Wednesday, October 13, in Asbury Church at Little Rock.

PROGRAM

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Little Rock Conference

Wednesday, October 13

Asbury United Methodist Church
12th and Schiller, Little Rock

THEME:

Congratulations! What Are You Doing?

Registration: 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Opening Session: 10:00 a.m.

Mrs. E. T. Davenport, presiding

Worship

Business

Memory Moments

—Mrs. Fred L. Arnold

Address: "Experiencing the Present—

Anticipating the Future"

—Miss Betsy K. Ewing

Conversations and Questions

Luncheon (served by

Asbury hostesses—\$1.50)

Afternoon Session: 1:30 p.m.

Worship

Response to Questions—

—Mrs. John D. Christian

—Miss Betsy K. Ewing

State of Conference Message

—Mrs. E. T. Davenport

Pledge Service

—Mrs. Hubert Blakley

Installation—Mrs. M. E. Scott

Adjournment

Program Committee Chairmen:

—Mrs. Jay H. McLarty

—Mrs. D. E. McCoy

Exhibits and book room

are open during registration

9:00-10:00 a.m.

and during lunch

12:00-1:30 p.m.

(Mrs. John F. King and

Markham WSCS members

are in charge of displays.)

MINISTERS' WIVES of the Little Rock District will meet on Thursday, October 14, at "Edswood," suburban retirement home of the Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Galloway, out Kanis Road. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. and pot-luck luncheon will be served. The program will be on ecology and nature. Call Mabel Harris (225-8578) for transportation. Jean Stewart is president of the group.

Church Women United plan for future



Mrs. E. T. Davenport, left, was moderator for these panelists discussing "A Goal in Common": Sister Florence, North Little Rock; Mrs. Lyndon Jackson of Fort Smith; Mrs. Pat Jones, Little Rock; Mrs. Rogenia Alexander, Pine Bluff; Mrs. Frank Brown, Little Rock.

Church Women United In Arkansas held a two-day "Break Thru Workshop" in Little Rock at St. John's Catholic Center, September 15 and 16, seeking ways to work together in shaping social structures, in community service, and in worship.

Mrs. Alta Day of Hot Springs, vice-president, presided during the preliminary executive session, in the absence of Mrs. Hazel Dabney, state president, who was hospitalized by a broken ankle.

The opening session was led by Mrs. John Dozier, Jr., Pine Bluff, who is state chairman of Women in Community Service (WICS). She presented as guest speaker, Miss Shirley Gilmer of Dallas, who revealed the need for volunteers in Arkansas to encourage girls in the Job Corps, both to obtain training and then to find work.

Mrs. Frank Gordon, state legislative chairman, directed three discussion groups concerning citizen action. Subjects were: The Shaping of New Social Structures; Opportunities for Women in Transition; and How to Engage in Peace Building. During the follow-up period, the group voted to promote as the major emphasis for the year, the Shaping of New Social Structures, since it apparently could overlay the others.

The Wednesday evening program was conversational and intimate in style as representatives from all faiths probed the areas of concern which they share in common. Panelists (pictured and named on this page) represented Presbyterian, U. S., Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Disciples, and United Methodist, while all members present joined in the discussions.

Mrs. Martha Nelson was guest speaker at the Thursday morning session. As superintendent of Adult Basic Education, she was able to present suggestions for CWU members to aid the cause, while explaining that the Laubach "Each One, Teach One" method of teaching illiterates (in which many CWU members participate) precedes the work done in Basic Education.

The three yearly celebrations, World Community Day (to be held Friday, November 5), World Day of Prayer, and May Fellowship Day, were presented by Miss Gay Gattis, Mrs. Lannier Stevens and Mrs. Adelia C. Shanks, respectively.

Mrs. Frances Wood, administrative coordinator for the Arkansas Council of Churches, brought the meetings to a close as she revealed "A Look at the Future".

Mrs. Alta Day, center, presided at the Church Women United workshop in the absence of Mrs. Hazel Dabney. Miss Shirley Gilmer, left, of Dallas, was guest speaker when Mrs. John Dozier, Jr., at right, of Pine Bluff led the session on "Women in Community Service."

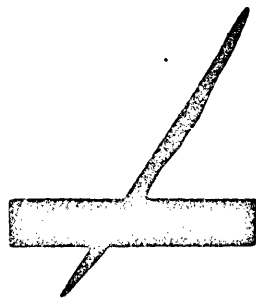


Mrs. Frank Gordon, seated, directed C.W.U. discussion groups on "Citizen Action." Above, she is with the group whose subject concerned "Shaping New Social Structures."



The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR OCTOBER 17: God Responds To Prayer

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 7:7-12; Romans 8:26-27; 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Hebrews 11:6

MEMORY SELECTION: This is the confidence which we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. (1 John 5:14)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To examine our own faith concerning communication with God through prayer; to seek to gain new confidence in prayer as a means of discovering God's will for our lives.

It is difficult to point out one passage of scripture which spells out the manner in which God responds to prayer. Someone has said that the entire Bible serves as a background for a study of prayer. However, our lesson material today speaks from four brief passages to undergird the words from our memory selection: "If we ask anything according to his will he hears us."

Prayer is the logical outgrowth of a consideration of the deity in any religion. Certainly we believe that if God is, and if he does the other things about which we have studied, he will want to keep in touch with his people. He has placed in the man he has created a yearning to reach out toward him in order that he might be in a position to respond.

Phillips Brooks once said, "A prayer in its simplest definition is merely a wish turned heavenward." So frequently prayer is asking. But Henry Ward Beecher once pointed out that prayer includes more than asking. He said: "Prayer covers the whole of man's life. There is no thought, feeling, yearning or desire, however low, trifling, or vulgar we may deem it, which, if it affects our real interest or happiness, we may not lay before God and be sure of sympathy. His nature is such that our persistence does not tire him. The whole burden of the life of every man may be rolled on to God and not weary him, though it has wearied the man."

Although our subject today is prayer, let us not lose sight of the fact that we are still studying about God. We are seeking in this series to learn truths about him as they apply to and change our lives. No truth of the Bible is more important than the one which affirms that God wants his people to pray to him and promises both to hear and to answer. We want to help understand the relationship between God and prayer and so deepen their appreciation of and stimulate their practice of prayer.

Keeping in mind our lesson title, "God Responds to Prayer," we find in the four passages selected for study information on the circumstances under which God responds and the manner of his response. Out of this study should come a great appreciation of the importance of prayer in God's sight and in man's.

THE FIRST STEP IN PRAYER

In Hebrews 11:6 we read: "For he that cometh to God must believe that he is." This is a chapter that both defines faith and shows it in action in the lives of many people. There are two fundamental facts concerning prayer in this verse: you cannot please God without faith, and anyone can draw near to God.

God is within reach of all of us, and he is intimately concerned about all that we do. He wants each of us to know that he can be pleased. Sometimes we seem to believe that we have to do something quite outstanding or dramatic to draw God's

attention to us. Someone has said, "One of the greatest encouragements we have as Christians is the fact that in the everyday work we do and in our family experiences we can bring happiness to God."

The kind of world we live in with its many scientific and technological advances has made it hard for many people to maintain a sense of dependence on God. We cannot assume that everyone believes in a personal God. Many subscribe only to the idea of a blind, impersonal force behind the universe. As Christians we need to communicate to others about us our real confidence in the existence of God as person.

A basic idea in the Book of Hebrews speaks of prayer as coming into God's presence. According to the writer the purpose of any religious system is to make such fellowship between God and man possible. Man must not only believe that God is, but he must also believe he is anxious to respond to those who love him. Dr. Rhoda C. Edmeston has said, "Without such belief prayer would seem a senseless, not to say absurd, practice."

The faith we are talking about is not a blind thing. It is based on our store of knowledge and experience. On these foundations we direct our prayers to a someone out there in whom we believe and have confidence.

JESUS ENCOURAGED PRAYER

If we want to broaden our knowledge of prayer we turn to Jesus who had such deep convictions about the changes that could be brought about by addressing his father. In Matthew 7:7-12 and in a parallel passage in Luke 11:9-13 Jesus speaks of two methods of encouraging his followers to pray.

First, he used three simple words to define prayer — "ask, seek, knock." We do normally seek something when we turn to God in prayer. It is on a higher level that we move into more sophisticated forms of communication with God. We do ask for many things—our daily needs, guidance in finding the answers to the complex problems of life. We ought not to be ashamed to ask God for things—Jesus promised that when we directed such petitions to our heavenly father he would give them serious consideration.

The Sermon on the Mount is one of the greatest collections of teachings about discipleship found anywhere. The verses from Matthew 7 are a part of that collection. We are encouraged by Jesus' words and also his example in prayer.

Then, we find a second encouragement to prayer in the comparison between our earthly father and our heavenly father. Jesus recalled that human fathers are pleased to do what their children ask of them. Praying to our heavenly father can be just like that, but with one important difference. His answer will be so much more than a human father's could ever be. When we lack confidence in our prayers it reflects a mistrust concerning what God is like and what he wants to do for us.

Jesus chose to emphasize God's fatherly nature and to stress our relation to him as children. Here is love, warmth, and care, as well as obedience, respect, and trust. Here is the true basis for prayer.

GOD SOMETIMES SAYS "NO"

Although Jesus implied in the previous passage that there are times when God's answer will be "no," the main emphasis was not on our asking but on God's giving. Paul speaks in 2 Cor. 12:7-9 of his own frustrating experiences in seeking to get rid of

what he called his "thorn in the flesh."

We do not know exactly what Paul's impediment was. It must have been some kind of serious physical ailment—some have suggested eye disease, malaria, or epilepsy. Paul had a very sound philosophy concerning it. He had such great spiritual riches that he saw this limitation as a means of keeping him from becoming too proud. We can be sure from reading this passage that he prayed about it often—and yet it still remained.

What Paul did discover was that God does not answer in bold negatives, but that he speaks of the strength sufficient for the bearing of such loads as the "thorn in the flesh." He told Paul his grace would be sufficient for him in his trying ailment, and his power would be perfected in Paul's weakness.

Paul tells us then that he did not go on begging or arguing with God. He accepted the answer gladly, and decided it was a great thing for him to have such power resting within him. This is the way to take a "no" answer from God. Is this not the ultimate goal of everything in our lives, the strengths as well as the weaknesses, that the Lord Jesus might be seen in us? Great numbers of individuals are rediscovering the power of prayer in their lives today. This could be the greatest "movement" of our time.

PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT

Our fourth passage for today is from Romans 8:26-27. We are told there the Holy Spirit comes into our lives to help and encourage us. These two verses open an area of truth regarding the Christian's prayer life that is not often discussed. The writer said that there are three ways in which the Spirit becomes our ally in this activity.

First, we are helped in our prayer weaknesses. So many of us do not really know what is best for us, even though we try to keep our lives in tune with God's will. In this dilemma we have a divine helper.

Then we are told that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, according to the will of God. This kind of praying is a costly exercise. We are told that the Spirit intercedes "with sighs too deep for words." He moves in to fill the void in our lives so that our wants can be brought more closely in line with what God wants.

Finally, God the Father knows the mind of the Spirit and the hearts of men. Through this helper we are brought closer to God and our limitations are more than compensated for.

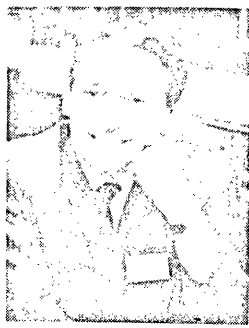
AN ANSWER TO DESPAIR

All of these passages have been trying to tell us that the true incentive, the most powerful drive toward prayer, is found in the character of God. As we said earlier, we pray because it is natural for children to talk to their father about their problems and their needs. Too often, this communication is not taking place between earthly fathers and their children. More frequently it is not taking place on the heavenly level.

As we face this fact we move beyond praying in terms of just making a petition for things. We begin to long for fellowship and crave to draw near to God. We may not even say much more than the name of God as we think of his love and feel his presence.

As we have indicated, there are evidences of a sincere quest for greater understanding of prayer in our complicated world. This is one of the ways we develop spiritual maturity and find a greater confidence in deciding the issues of life.

In this lesson we have progressed from the basic beginnings of spiritual life—belief that God exists and that we can know him—to the deepest assurances that our prayers will be pleasing to God. While we may not be able to explain how the Spirit intercedes for us, we know it is a fact that we can count on. We have seen two fundamental aspects of prayer: asking and receiving, and asking but receiving a different answer than we asked for. It is by this route that we discover a deeper relationship with God.



by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
Director of the
Churches' Television Centre,
British Isles

The Young Men's Christian Association, that world-wide fellowship which reaches into so many places, is in an agonising dilemma. Meeting this week in Britain, the Association had a significant question on its agenda. To keep or not to keep the C. in YWCA? That was the question — and it arose because only seven per cent of the membership claim active and committed membership of the Christian Church.

Is it fair or is it honest to talk about the YMCA or should they just leave it at YM? It is not an uncommon kind of question for people to face, and it brings to light one of the tensions which face the Christian church in the changing society of the day.

There is one sense in which Christianity has become part of the estab-

lishment — so that people who never see the inside of a church still regard their community as Christian. In another sense we are all too aware of the fact that the Christian is a part of a minority movement and always was. The first Christians, by Paul's own description were 'not many mighty' and the most astonishing thing about these insignificant followers of an apparently insignificant carpenter was that they literally changed the face of the Roman Empire in three hundred years.

When Emperor Constantine made Christianity the official religion of his great Empire was he really doing us a large favour? That is a question Christians have often asked since. For it was then that "establishment" Christianity really began to be. The concept of a Christendom which lasted through the Middle Ages and was not finally abandoned until comparatively recently has not always been a very great advantage to Christians.

The links between Church and State in Britain which have always been so valuable are also double-edged in their benefits. And in the New World there are many people who wonder how true to life the faith can be when it is mixed up in the State.

There is always this tension of course. In one sense, we want to be accepted by officialdom. In another we find ourselves over against authority, because authority can be so un-Christian. The relatively easy acceptance of the State as God-given — once so sim-

ple, seemingly to accept—disappeared when men began to question whether in fact the King was divinely ordained. And there is no automatic authority for the Christian — his is always a higher reference-point.

The problem of ordering society is one which the church should share with the legislature, truly, but there is an open danger when the church becomes identified with the legislature. For people to equate secular authority with spiritual authority is to devalue the spiritual authority. And despite this, the Christian is also aware that he needs the support of the State in the sophistications of modern society.

So, when the YM wonders about its Christian content, it is only voicing the problem that many organizations have who claim to have Christian foundations. Honesty would compel many of them to say that they are trying to maintain Christian standards, yet they are having to do with a diminishing number of truly committed people.

Not a new debate, this. Ever since the Reformation and the Renaissance, it has been one of the hottest potatoes both Church and State have had to face. But in the fast-changing face of society as we know it, there is need to try to get the whole thing into perspective.

To give up your establishment standing is a very hard thing to do and may involve genuine sacrifice of very good things. But we cannot forget finally that Christ is the original outsider. He was born outside an inn

"News in Brief"

Bishop Reuben H. Mueller of Indianapolis, Ind., received the Order of Merit from the Federal Republic of Germany Sept. 20 at a dinner in his honor. The award was presented to the bishop for his service to the people and the churches of Germany from 1954 to 1968 when he had episcopal supervision over the work of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church in that country.

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The Rev. Daniel C. Steere, minister of youth at First United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas, has received a national award from the American Legion Auxiliary for producing what the group termed "America's best local program in the interest of youth."

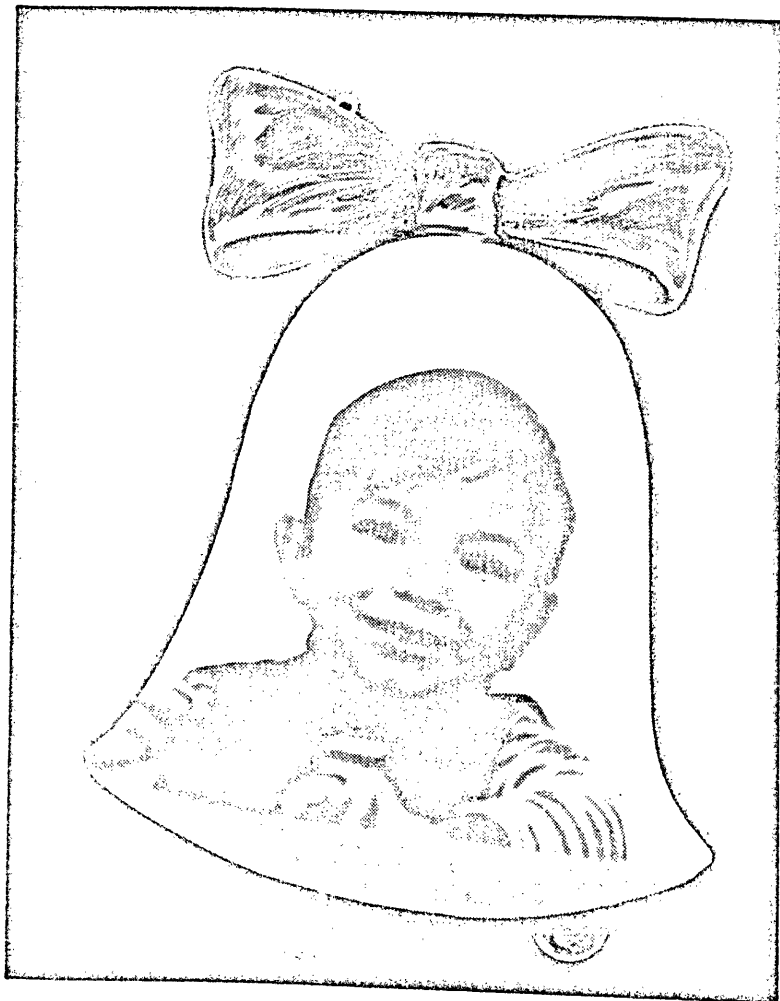
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Indonesia has been chosen as the site for the Fifth Assembly of the World Council of Churches to be held in 1975. Exact dates and place will be announced later.

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and died outside a city wall. He is not contained too easily by the restrictions we put upon Him. And maybe if we trusted His spirit more and our institutions less, we might get nearer to first-Century Christianity in the 20th century than we often dare to hope.

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Challenge of cable TV placed before leaders

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI) — Recognition of the potential of cable television (CATV) and the church's opportunity to cooperate in the best use of this important new means of communications are emphasized in a policy statement adopted here Sept. 22 by a unit of the United Methodist Church.

The statement, adopted by the Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication (TRAFCO) of the Program Council, and later by the whole council, urges that pastors and churches study the granting of franchises for CATV in their communities "in order that each community may realize the greatest potential of this important new means of communications."

The resolution points out that the Federal Communications Commission's "letter of intent" regarding proposed regulations of CATV "seems to embody the most realistic approach to the setting of CATV minimum standards" but authorizes the TRAFCO staff "to continue aggressive research and investigation into the potential of CATV, always keeping in mind the advocacy of the public interest."

"The primary concern of TRAFCO is that the public interest must be served," the policy statement declares.

The statement urges that "pastors and churches also should consider cooperation with cable operators in providing local programming which speaks to the religious, moral and social needs of their communities" and calls upon the TRAFCO board of managers and staff to develop and provide training resources through regional conferences and/or ecumenical agencies.

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton of New Orleans, La., is chairman of TRAFCO, and the Rev. Harry C. Spencer of Nashville, Tenn., is its executive. TRAFCO also maintains offices in New York and Dayton, Ohio.

In an address on CATV, Donald V. Taverner, Washington, D.C., television executive, said that broadcasters "have to throw away a lot of old ideas and face a new era in communications."

Religious broadcasters, the speaker stressed, must work for a stronger place in CATV than they hold in the present open television system.

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MISSIONS BOARD

such centers of world concern as China and Southern Africa; consideration of social and economic development issues; discussion of theological topics such as the "aim of missions"; exploration of relationships and communication processes of the Board with varying constituencies; reports and possible action in regard to Boardwide task forces on Planning, Development, Leadership and Theological Studies; discussion of possible new church structure.

Also scheduled are reports by top officials of the Board including Dr. Jones, Stephen F. Brimigion, general treasurer, and the Rev. Harry B. Gib-

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Convocation for key leaders planned for next year

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI) — Plans for a national convocation for key leaders of the United Methodist Church were announced here Sept. 23 by Bishop R. Marvin Stuart of Denver, Colo.

The convocation, to be held Sept. 19-22, 1972, in Cleveland, Ohio, will bring together about 850 national and regional leaders of the denomination to brief them on plans for the 1972-76 quadrennium.

Bishop Stuart, who is chairman of the denomination's Division of Interpretation of the Program Council, heads a 30-member committee which met here to make plans for the Cleveland meeting.

In contrast to previous convocations which have featured addresses and platform presentations, Bishop Stuart said that the 1972 meeting will have no speeches but will instead concen-

trate on workshop sessions and helps for organizational planning.

The Rev. Frank McRae, Memphis, Tenn., district superintendent, is chairman of a task force to coordinate committee plans for the Cleveland convocation, and Tom Bennett, a Chicago planning consultant, has been engaged to assist in setting up the program.

Bishop Stuart emphasized that all general boards and agencies of the church will have an integral part in the meeting and will be asked to provide "resource centers," to which participants may come for the help they need.

Those who will attend the conference will be the denomination's bishops, district superintendents, annual conference program directors, and representatives of general agencies of the church.

General Program Council meets in Chicago, discusses restructuring

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI) — Discussion on proposed restructuring of the church's general agencies and preparations for the quadrennial General Conference in 1972 dominated the semi-annual meeting of the United Methodist Church's Program Council here September 20-23.

The body also heard major addresses on the importance of support for the denomination's predominantly-black colleges and the potential of cable television.

In a series of discussion groups, many members of the council approved in a general way the direction that the Structure Study Commission is taking in relation to a proposed Council on Ministries, but voiced reservations about the proposed voting membership of 170 persons and another 84 ex officio members.

There was also reported tentative support for the direction the study commission is moving in relation to the rest of the structure, including a separate board of communication for the denomination.

son, Jr., new ombudsman. A special event will be a luncheon October 28 honoring Board members who will be leaving in 1972 under the United Methodist Church's rule limiting tenure on national agencies to 12 years. Meetings of the five major Board units will precede and be interspersed among sessions of the full Board, which will meet October 24-30. The units:

Meeting Oct. 21-24, in advance of the full Board, will be the Women's Division. It is the national policy-making body for the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild, the women's organizations of the United Methodist Church. They have a combined membership of about 1,600,000 in 36,500 local units in the 50 states. President of the Women's Division is Mrs. Wayne W. Harrington, Omaha, Nebr. Miss Theresa Hoover, New York, is associate general secretary. The Women's Division

hears reports and takes actions in such fields as Christian social relations (peace, racial justice, welfare, etc.), leadership development, mission education, spiritual growth, ecumenical relations and finance.

The Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel, which enlists, approves and trains persons for United Methodist missionary and deaconess service, will meet October 24. Bishop J. Gordon Howard, Philadelphia, Pa., is chairman, and the Rev. Dr. John W. Johannaber, New York, is executive secretary.

The Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation, the Board's interpretive and communications arm, will meet October 27. Bishop L. Scott Allen, Knoxville, Tenn., is president, and Dr. Lois C. Miller, New York, is associate general secretary.

The National Division will meet Oct. 25, 26, 28 and 29. It has responsibility

Multi-racial group on evangelistic mission to Chile

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A multi-racial group of 23 United Methodists left the United States Oct. 5 for a month-long evangelistic mission in Chile and brief visits to mission stations in Brazil, Argentina, Peru, and Panama.

The multi-racial composition of the group was a specific request of Chile Bishop Raymond A. Valenzuela who invited the team to "share with our church in proclaiming the good news of salvation in Christ and in calling persons to become His disciples."

The Rev. George Outen, Nashville, Tenn., assistant general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism, is leader of the mission team. In Chile the mission will be under the direction of the autonomous Methodist Church and will be guided by the Rev. Tomas Stevens, Santiago.

Mr. Outen and the Rev. Woodie White, Washington, D.C., executive secretary of the Commission on Religion and Race, will represent the American black community.

Hispanic Americans on the tour will be the Rev. Fines Flores and the Rev. Jose Velazquez, Jr. of Chicago and the Rev. Hector M. Navas, Tampa, Fla.

Three main factors will make the mission a "complicated challenge," according to Mr. Outen: "the internal variety within Chile, the high Protestant affiliation (10 percent), and the dynamics connected with the move to autonomy by the Chilean Methodist Church in 1969." The Church was previously a central conference of the United Methodist Church.

head of the National Cable TV Association, addressed a dinner meeting sponsored by the Program Council's Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication (TRAFCO). Bishop Aubrey G. Walton of New Orleans, La., presided at the dinner meeting and other sessions of TRAFCO. The Rev. Harry C. Spencer of Nashville, Tenn., is associate general secretary in charge of TRAFCO division.

for many types of work in the U.S., including church extension, a fund-raising service for churches, urban mission, anti-poverty programs, town-and-country work, deaconess service, community centers and a variety of mission institutions. Bishop Dwight E. Loder, Detroit, Mich., is president; Miss Betsy K. Ewing, New York, is associate general secretary.

The World Division, unit for overseas mission work, will meet October 25, 26, and 28. It works with United Methodist and United Methodist-related churches in 53 countries. Encompassed in its scope are evangelistic, social, educational, medical, agricultural, industrial, literacy, mass communications, community development and other types of work. The president is Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland, Houston, Texas. The Rev. Dr. John F. Schaefer, New York, is associate general secretary.

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Willena Henry,
deaconness, honored
by Dallas church

Friends from across the United States joined recently with University Park United Methodist Church, Dallas, in honoring Miss Willena Henry on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday.

Miss Henry, who became a deaconness in 1909, served in Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma until her retirement in 1949. However, following her retirement she was requested to return to the work, and gave another five years of full time service. She still is quite active in the University Park Church and in the Dallas community.

Through the Willena Henry Scholarship Fund, established by the WSCS of University Park Church in 1965 and now administered by the Greater Dallas Board of City Missions, many Mexican Americans have received the essential funds to complete their schooling.

She was appointed to Crossett, Ark. from 1910 to 1915, serving that thriving lumbering community and outlying rural areas. She then served in rural work, riding horseback, in the Jonesboro District of the North Arkansas Conference.

The daughter of the Rev. Henry Baskom Henry of the Northwest Texas Conference, she was one of the first graduates of Scarritt Bible and Training School in Kansas City, Mo. She served as a teacher in the Indian Territory, living in a dugout with an Indian family.

During World War I Miss Henry contracted TB, and after recuperating for a year she served an additional two

MRS. BESSIE C. KEITH

Mrs. Bessie Collie Keith, 87, died on Sept. 27 in Malvern. The widow of John H. Keith, she was a native of Hot Springs County and a longtime resident of Malvern.

The funeral service was held Sept. 29 by the Rev. Charles Mashburn and the Rev. O. W. Hoover.

She is survived by three sons, Elwood Keith of Wichita Falls, Tex., the Rev. J. Edwin Keith of Little Rock, superintendent of the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home, and Lewis Keith of Malvern; two daughters, Mrs. Marguerite Shepard and Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, both of Malvern, 18 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Burial was at Rockport Cemetery.

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years nursing other patients.

She later served appointments in San Antonio, San Marcos and Dallas, Tex., and in Nashville, Tenn. Much of her service after 1934 was in Community Centers in San Marcos and in Dallas.

The Rev. J. Frank Warden, Jr., writing about Miss Henry in *The Texas Methodist*, said: "During all these years she gave herself in every way to the poor and deprived, helping them to learn the language, skills, gain an education, and to develop a real faith in God. There are countless lives she has touched through these years, many of whom will never forget the kind of boost and encouragement she gave them."

Miss Henry is still active in the life of her church in Dallas, walking to services each week and enlivening an occasional Administrative Board meeting (of which she is a life member).

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Travel and study among summer
pursuits of Hendrix faculty members

Hendrix College faculty members have engaged in a variety of activities during the summer. The college does not have a summer school and the faculty is free to pursue individual interests. Travel, research, writing, and additional study were the main activities mentioned by the members of the faculty as it gathered for the opening of the 1971-72 academic year.

Dean Francis Christie served as Dean of the Graz Center in Graz, Austria. The center is a program of the Association of Colleges and Universities for International and Intercultural studies, a consortium of 35 American Colleges. In addition, he wrote for publication, a 30,000 word manuscript on the Old Testament and a paper on the future course of Methodist Higher Education.

Dr. Cecil McDermott, professor of mathematics, was the director of a National Science Foundation Institute on mathematics at Tulane University and completed work as the co-author of a high school mathematics text book.

Five faculty members spent the summer doing research and writing on dissertations for Ph.D. degrees. They are, Robert F. Baker, Jr.; assistant professor of economics; Charles M. Chappel, assistant professor of English; Don Cook, assistant professor of economics; Kenneth Gilliam, assistant professor of theatre arts, and Garrett L. McAnish, assistant professor of history.

Dr. John E. Stuckey was engaged in research at the University of Arkansas. Dr. M. Warfield Teague did research at Tufts University in Boston, Mass., and Albert M. Raymond was at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

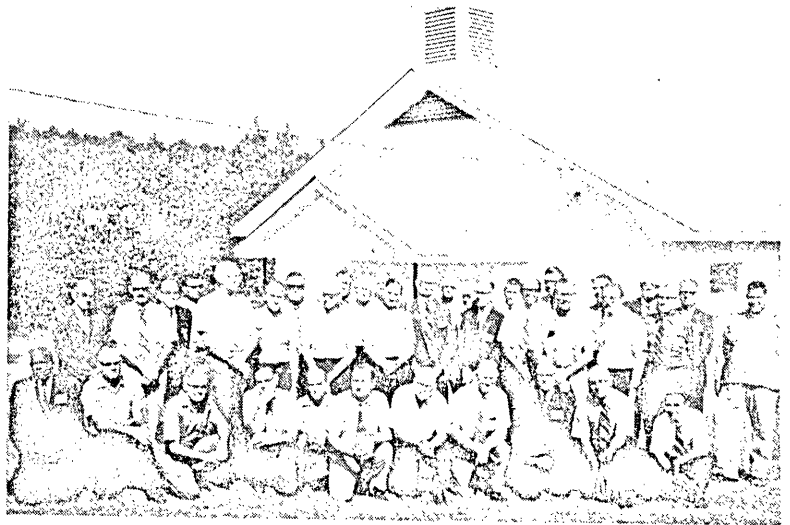
Dr. Robert W. Goodloe, Dr. Hadley Yates, Robert Courtway and Harold Thompson were doing further study in their fields.

In addition to Dr. Christie, four Hendrix faculty members traveled in Europe. Dr. Ashley R. Coffman and Dr. Walter A. Moffatt lead tours while Dr. Margaret E. Fitch and Miss Carolyn Raney traveled Europe. Don Marr traveled in India for seven weeks with a tour conducted by the Association of Colleges and Universities for International and Intercultural Studies.

Hendrix held a "Canada Year" during the 1970-71 academic year. Five Hendrix faculty members, some accompanied by their spouses, traveled in Canada. This group included: Dr. and Mrs. Robert W. Shideler, Dr. Helen Hughes, Miss Frances Nix, Mr. and Mrs. Capp Shanks and Mr. and Mrs. James E. Major.

Others who traveled extensively within the United States included: Dr. and Mrs. Matt L. Ellis; Dr. and Mrs. Temple Fay; Mr. and Mrs. Morton Hutto; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Larson; Robert M. McGill; Dr. and Mrs. George Mulacek; Dr. and Mrs. Joe G. Robbins; and Dr. and Mrs. Richard Yates.

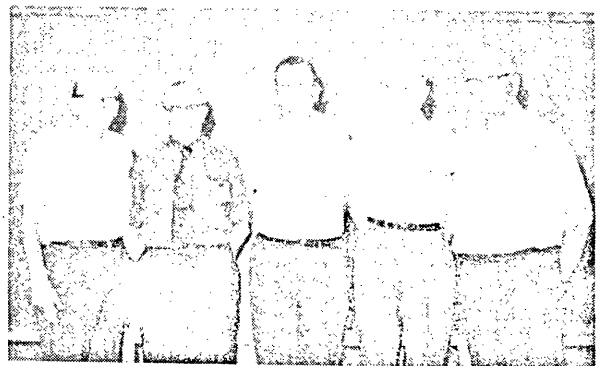
Batesville District Laymen's Retreat



Forty-nine laymen attending the Sept. 11-12 Batesville District Laymen's Retreat held at Kamp Kaetzel.



Participants in Batesville District Laymen's Retreat, left to right: Warren Cadenback of Salem; Oscar Patchell, Heber Springs; Marvin Gaither, Batesville; Howard Johnson, Clinton. Gaither is District lay leader; the other men are associate lay leaders for the district.

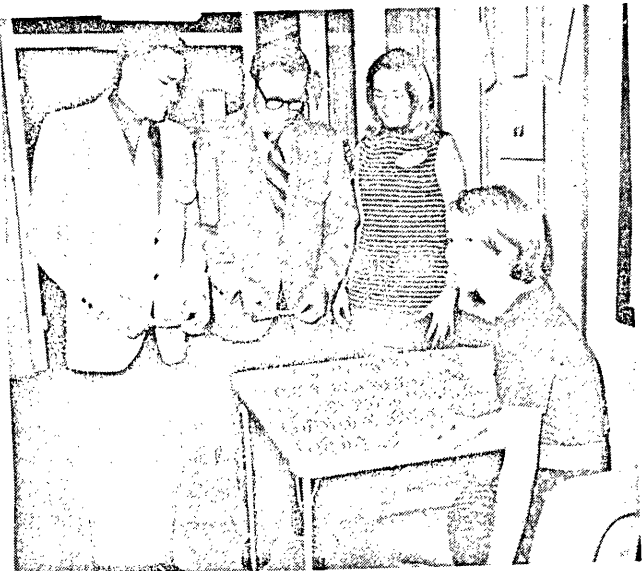


Other participants in the Lay Retreat, left to right: The Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Batesville District superintendent; Clay Bumpers of Wabash, North Arkansas Conference lay leader; (Gaither); Matt Ellis, Conway, and Joe Pierce, Searcy, associate lay leaders from the conference.

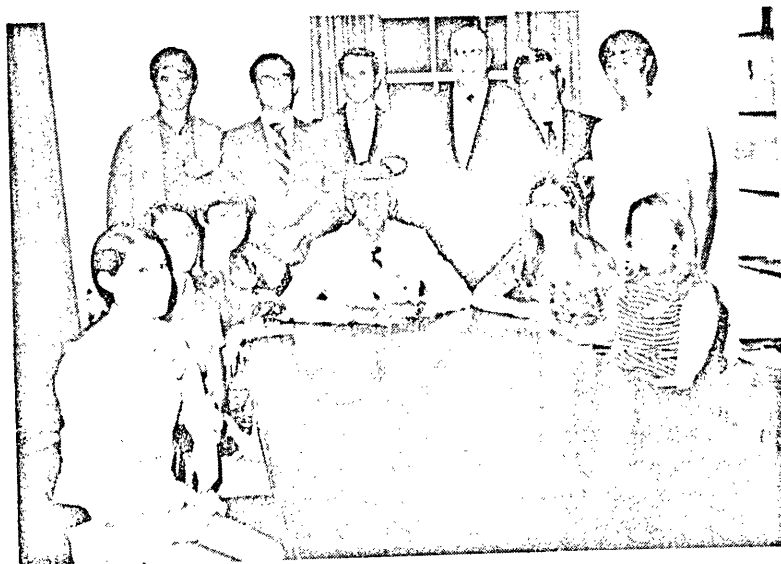


Laymen "just loafing."

Wesley Foundation at Southern State College



LEFT: Paula Bollinger dispenses name tags as guests arrive for annual dinner at the Wesley Foundation, Southern State College. The dinner is co-sponsored by Asbury and First United Methodist Churches of Magnolia. Others, left to right, Tommy Jacks, the Rev. Allen B. Bon-sall, campus minister, and Jan Donihoo.



RIGHT: Wesley Student Council (left to right, seated): Bennie Sue Cameron, Linda Harris, vice president; Andrea Stanley, secretary; Eddie Corbett, president; Pam Howell, Jan Donihoo; (back row): Billy Joe Daugherty, Bon-sall, the Rev. Don Nolley, As-bury pastor; the Rev. Howard Williams, First Church pastor; Ron Sparks and George Baker.



LEFT: The Rev. Howard Williams engages in conversation with a group of the students before the dinner. Fifty students, local pastors and Dr. Roy Bagley Camden District Superintendent, attended.



RIGHT: Linda Harris and Paula Bollinger fill their plates and Bennie Sue Cameron looks for her favorite pieces of chicken.

Poetry Panorama

by Barbara L. Mulkey

"For courage to sing when the world is discordant - For courage to laugh when 'tis easier to sigh - For courage to work when each trial brings failure - For courage to trust when most tempted to doubt - We thank thee, our heavenly Father. Amen.
(Dorothy Wells Peace)

WHY BIRDS SING!

The birds wake every morning
To raise their voices high!
They welcome all God's creatures
And here's the reason why -

They greet each new day borning
With a song of praise
And thanks to their Creator
For one more of His days!

-by Amy T. Oliver

OF SONGS AND SEAS

No song of mine has ever matched the brook
With its mellifluous, enchanting key;
Nor has it ever equalled how the sea
Can chorus shore to shore; a casual look
At love-notes scribbled in a memory book,
Of songs of childhood's bland simplicity -
All these but tend to show the paucity
Of my dull song, despite the hours it took.
But sing I must! The heart that's mute is
dead,
And mine is restless as the tortured mind
Encompassed in a maniac. I sing
Of life and love and of a soul that's fed
On happiness, and in the singing, find
A bit of joy in every living thing!

-by Ercil F. Brown

"Songs to See and Sing" in large print

Music is one of the most meaningful parts of a religious service, church school session or other church group meeting. And friends getting together for an afternoon like to sing.

But the older person often has trouble seeing—and therefore reading—the words and music in song books. Miss Virginia Stafford of the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of the Local Church has recommended **Songs to See & Sing**, a new publication by Broadman Press, which can help remedy this situation. The book was compiled by Adelle Carlson, who for a number of years was a staff member in the Recreation Department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. She gives major attention to the recreation interests of older adults. Miss Stafford, who is Director of Ministries to Older Adults at the Division of the Local Church, assisted in selecting songs for the book.

The book is written in large print, enabling those with failing eyesight to see it better. The songs were chosen especially with the older person's favorites in mind. They include "America the Beautiful", "Holy, Holy, Holy", "Sweet Hour of Prayer", "Hole in the Bucket", "Jingle Bells" and fifty other songs.

The book may be purchased for 85c at both Cokesbury and Baptist Book Stores. Mail orders should include the order number, 4506-04.

—Anne Moskow

GROUP OF UNITED METHODIST LEADERS PETITIONS LAWMAKERS CONCERNING PRISON REFORMS

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — President Nixon, Congress and state governors have been urged by a group of United Methodist leaders meeting here to undertake "immediate, intensive study and action . . . to bring reform in (the) critical area" of prison reform.

The telegram was sent September 15 to the President by three bishops and 88 district superintendents from ten states attending a seminar at Garrett Theological Seminary here. Bishops participating were James Armstrong, Aberdeen, S. D., Lance Webb, Springfield, Ill., and D. Frederick Wertz, Charleston, W. Va.

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The United Methodist ministry of healing includes medical work in twenty-four countries besides the United States. Four medical colleges and 35 hospitals are part of this effort, as well as eighty clinics and dispensaries and eighty-four doctors and nurses.

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"There is certainly nothing wrong with a Christian who is proud of his country and supportive of its laws. But, our allegiance is to a higher law and we must confront persons with the Gospel and not a watered-down folk religion. The pagan must come to know that the Christian faith is not synonymous with any other ideology past or present."—Ronn Kerr, editor, "Street'n Steeple," Board of Evangelism, United Methodist Church.