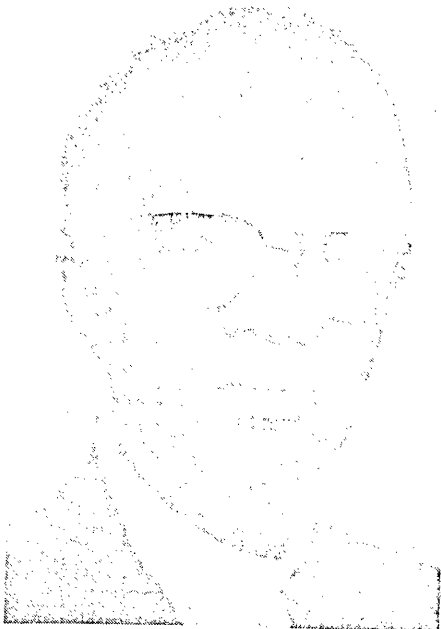


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Bishop Johnson

## Clergy Conference at St. John's opens Jan. 11

Bishop Joseph A. Johnson, Jr., presiding bishop in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in the states of Louisiana and Mississippi, will be the speaker for the Third Arkansas Ecumenical Clergy Conference which will be held Jan. 11-12 at St. John's Catholic Center, 2500 North Tyler, in Little Rock.

Clergymen and laymen from the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths will attend the two-day statewide conference, sponsored by the Arkansas Council of Churches. The theme of the conference will be "Christian Theology and the Black Experience." Individual sessions will be presided over by Dr. Richard B. Hardie, the Rev. C. R. Thompson, Dr. James W. Rainwater and the Rev. Rufus K. Young.

The conference will open at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11. Lectures will be presented at 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on that date, and at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 12. Laymen are invited to participate in any or all of the sessions.

Dr. Johnson has the distinction of being the first Negro to graduate from Vanderbilt University, where he earned a bachelor's degree from the Divinity School in 1955 and a doctorate from the Graduate School in 1958. He also holds both the master's and doctor's degrees in theology from Iliff School of Theology in Denver. He has been the recipient of three honorary degrees. Recently he has served as professor of New Testament, director of Religious Services and as chairman of Graduate Studies at the Interdenominational Theological Center in

### MID-SOUTH LIONS GROUP PRESENTS \$15,000 TO METHODIST HOSPITAL EYE CLINIC

Mid-South Lions Sight Service President, Guy Palmer of Holly Springs, Miss., presented a check for \$15,000 to Jim Brown, Assistant Administrator of Methodist Hospital, during a recent ceremony at the hospital. The check represented the final payment on a \$150,000 commitment by

the Lions to help build an Eye Clinic at Methodist Hospital.

Palmer expressed appreciation to the hospital on behalf of all the people involved with Mid-South for the privilege of using the facility to treat indigent persons with sight problems and for having furnished the Clinic with the finest equipment available anywhere in the world.

Brown stated that every effort was being made to continually upgrade the quality of service and equipment, so

the Clinic would be one of the finest of its kind anywhere.

The Mid-South Lions Sight Service is an organization composed of some 240 Lion Clubs and 8,000 members in Eastern Arkansas, Northern Mississippi, and Western Tennessee. Since the beginning of this service in 1942, over 2,657 surgical patients have been cared for. In addition to these hospitalized cases, the Clinic is treating approximately 800 outpatients annually for Mid-South Lions Sight Service.

## 1972 Circulation Campaign just ahead

United Methodist pastors and churches in Arkansas will be offering their members an opportunity to renew or become new subscribers to the Arkansas Methodist during the week which has been authorized by the annual conference—January 16 to 23.

Promotional materials are being distributed which help tell the story of the valuable service which is being rendered by the weekly church newspaper which is now in its 92nd year.

Bishop Paul V. Galloway has urged the widest possible cooperation of district superintendents, district directors of the Arkansas Methodist and local pastors in placing the paper in an increasing number of homes.

The subscription price for 1972 is \$3.00—with the increase having been approved by the IRS to cover increases in paper costs and the increases in Second Class Postage which are expected during the year. Each church is asked to reach a quota of one subscription for every seven members. A subscription price of \$2.50 is available to those churches sending the paper to every family, that is, reach-

ing a quota of one subscription for every three members.

A special challenge to the 1972 Circulation Campaign will be that of trying to reach an increased number of the homes of members of the South-west Annual Conference.

Editor Alfred A. Knox is especially anxious that Arkansas United Methodists be reminded of the significant events which will be taking place during 1972. Chief among these are the General Conference which meets in Atlanta beginning the last week in April and the South Central Jurisdictional Conference which meets in Houston, Tex. in July. The interpretation of issues before these quadrennial meetings and news coverage from them will occupy a great deal of space during this year.

Beginning with the issue of February 3, five weekly reports on the Circulation Campaign will be published. It is hoped that each local church will send in its initial report by January 27 in order that they may be included in the first report.

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## Perkins schedules Lay Pastors' School

The Courses of Study School for Lay Pastors at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex. will be held July 3-July 28, 1972. This will be the only session this year. The Advanced Studies will be presented at the same time.

Application blanks have been mailed to all students who have attended the school in prior years. They should be

filled out and returned immediately.

These students desiring to enroll for the first time should contact the school using the address found in the first line of this article or your District Superintendent or the Chairman of the Committee on Associate Members and Lay Pastors.

Textbooks and written assignments will be mailed to the students as soon as the registration blank is received by the school. All textbooks will be sent from Perkins. The written assignments must be completed and returned to the school by June 20, 1972. All registrations must be returned to the school by March 1, 1972. Introductory Studies applications will be received through the annual conference

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## North Arkansas Council announces Training Schools

The Program Council office of the North Arkansas Conference has announced the following training schools that will be held in January and during the first week of February:

First United Methodist Church, Harrison, Jan. 10-12—Course, "The New Machines in the New Humanity"; Instructor: Miss Mildred Osment.

First United Methodist Church, Osceola, Jan. 9-Feb. 13—Course, "The Life of Jesus"; Instructor: the Rev. Arvill Brannon.

Poinsett County Area School, First United Methodist Church, Marked Tree, Jan. 23-25—Courses: "Teaching Children," the Rev. Bob Edwards; "Adults Learning in a Changing World," the Rev. Arvill Brannon.

Benton County Area Training School, First United Methodist Church, Bentonville, Feb. 6-8—Courses: "Understanding the Bible," the Rev. Larry Powell; "Christian Beliefs," the Rev. William Cheyne.

A two-day curriculum workshop has been planned for the First United Methodist Church in Springdale for Feb. 5-6. Guidance and assistance will be provided for Church School teachers, the Nursery, Kindergarten, Elementary I-II, Elementary III-IV, Elementary V-VI, Junior High, Senior High, and Adult departments by a group of leaders recruited from across the Conference.

The leaders will meet with the teachers Saturday and an hour before Sunday morning in planning and preparing for the class sessions for Sunday School. The leaders will observe the class sessions on Sunday morning and then meet with the teachers again Sunday afternoon in evaluating their sessions. It is anticipated that the guidance and supervision of trained leaders will enable persons to develop more skills and greater knowledge in the use of curriculum materials for materials for their respective Church School classes.

The Conference Board of Education is willing to work with any group of people in the local church or in a group of churches in planning and designing training enterprises that will meet the needs of local persons involved in the educational ministry. The Christian Education Fund which most churches contribute to enables the Board of Education to provide the cost of honoraria and travel expenses for leaders to visit local churches and work in training schools.

Anyone desiring more information in regard to this program may write or contact the Program Council office, North Arkansas Conference, 715 Center Street, Little Rock, Ark. 72201.

sessions.

Students are not to be expected to be in their pulpits on the Sundays during the school sessions.

Students involved in the Advanced Studies will be contacted directly by the school and will receive specific instructions regarding their individual case.

The registration fee is \$25. The student is expected to pay the fee when he sends his registration.

# Program Directors to Local Churches

## WHAT CAN I DO?

There is merit in asking the question, "What can Christ and the Church do for me? Maybe we should also ask, "What can I do for Christ and the Church?" Recently in reading a sermon of Peter Marshall I noticed he stressed that people need not monetary gifts or even earthly possessions as much as gifts of friendship and love. Here are some gifts which every person can give, and each is far more precious than gold or silver.

1. **Extend a warm welcome** to all whom you meet. People will desire to belong to your church if they are made to feel welcome and wanted. Friendship is the beginning of Christian Fellowship. Try it. Be on the lookout for new families moving into your community. Be among the first to greet them and invite them to come with you to church. Notify your minister. Words fitly spoken are music to the ears of sinners and saints.

Do use the telephone in this work.

2. **Pray Daily.** Our Lord felt the need for communion with God and thoughtful persons will see their need too. Remember those in your church, but also those outside the church. Your best witness may well begin with prayer and Bible study. Exemplify the Christian life by living under the guidance of God's spirit. Your Christian example will strengthen your friends and neighbors.
3. **Seek to witness each day** through your personal relationship, but also through your work. This week a member of our family received a letter from a doctor about her allergies. Toward the close was this statement: "In the past few years I have met Christ personally, and he has given me a purpose and real meaning to life. I now have a joy and peace that I

would not have if it were not for Him. I have a love for my family and others that I could not experience otherwise. Enclosed is a booklet explaining how you can know Christ personally, if you don't already know Him."

Your witness may be all that is needed to start someone on the road to finding Christ and the fulfillment of life.

4. **Remember you are a Christian** —be enthusiastic about Christ and the Church's ministry. Don't hunt for faults, but seek to see the good and strengthen it. Show to the world that it is possible to be a Christian and have a good time.

Last week I learned of "One Plus One", a senior citizen involvement project with the following objectives: (1) To assist and advise aged, retired, and/or incapacitated persons in preparation of medical forms; (2) To give free transportation to and from locations in the city; (3) To offer personal finance consultation and consumer assistance; (4) To provide minor repair and general yard work for those financially and physically unable to perform their own, and (5) To make possible fellowship and entertainment opportunities for those who wish to "get out".

Here were persons engaged in rendering this wonderful service. They were enthusiastic about this ministry

too and wanted the whole world to know of it. Any church could sponsor such a project.

Am I enthusiastic about the ministry of my church? Through programs of medical care, schooling, shelter, and nourishments, United Methodists contribute to the growth and nurture of a million children in thirty-three countries around the world. But what am I doing to help Christ and the church render helpful service to all in need?

How does the Church figure in all this? A recent Bulletin from the Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas provides food for our thought as it asks the question, "Can I be a Christian without attending Church?" with the obvious answer being, "Yes, it is possible, but it is something like being: A student who will not go to school; A citizen who does not pay taxes or vote; A football player without a team. A scientist who does not share his findings. An explorer with no base camp."

What can I do? — Think about it and then act. Make 1972 a great year for you and your church.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Jan. 1-15 A Call to Prayer and Self Denial
- Jan. 6 Epiphany
- Jan. 11-12 Ecumenical Clergy Conference, St. John's Center, Little Rock
- Jan. 11-14 Convocation on Church and Political Views — Washington, D.C.
- Jan. 16-23 Arkansas Methodist Subscription Campaign
- Jan. 18-21 Conference for Ministers and Wives, Lake Murray, Oklahoma
- Jan. 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Jan. 21-23 Conference for Laymen and Wives, Lake Murray, Oklahoma
- Jan. 29-30 North Arkansas Conference Youth Council Planning Retreat, Petit Jean
- March 4 Conference Youth Rally, Hendrix College

EL DORADO'S First United Methodist church plans to have the study concerning Africa on four Sunday nights in January, under the leadership of Col. and Mrs. Claude Haswell. The Rev. Jon Guthrie, minister to students at Hendrix College and former missionary to the Congo will be one of the guest speakers. Dr. Alvin Murray is the pastor.

GRAND AVENUE CHURCH of Stuttgart begins the January School of Christian Missions next Sunday night. The four Sunday evening classes for all ages are on the topic "Christian Mission in an Age of Technology." Mrs. Edna Henderson is the chairman of the Work Area on Missions. Adult teachers will be Jim Gingerich, Mrs. Catherine Linton, Mrs. Sylvia Mills and Fax Robertson. Mrs. Ellen Southall will teach senior highs and Jim Howell has junior highs. The Rev. Louis Mulkey is pastor.

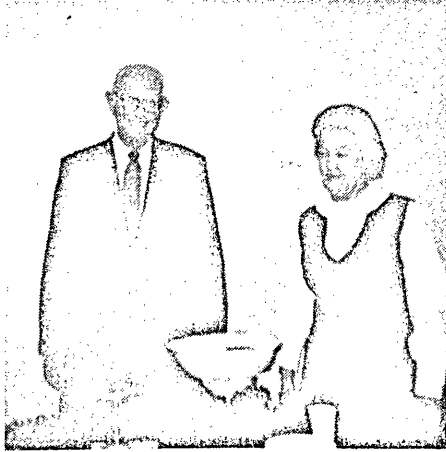
## Christmas party held at new Methodist Headquarters

Personnel at the new United Methodist Headquarters, located at 715 Center Street in Little Rock, observed their first Christmas season in the new facility with a party on Dec. 22.

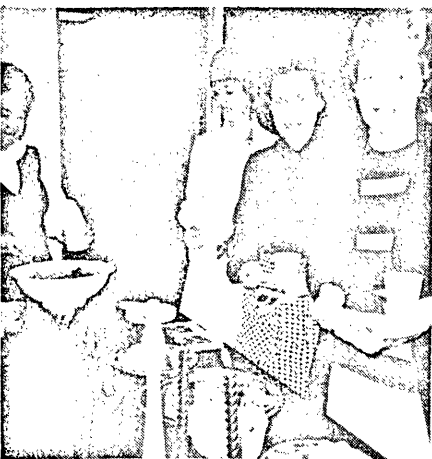
The festive fellowship occasion was hosted by the staffs of the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conference Program Councils, in their reception room. Others in attendance were Bishop Paul V. Galloway and staff members from the Area Treasurer's office, Little Rock District superintendent's office, Southwest Conference office, the Arkansas-Louisiana Methodist, and First United Methodist Church.



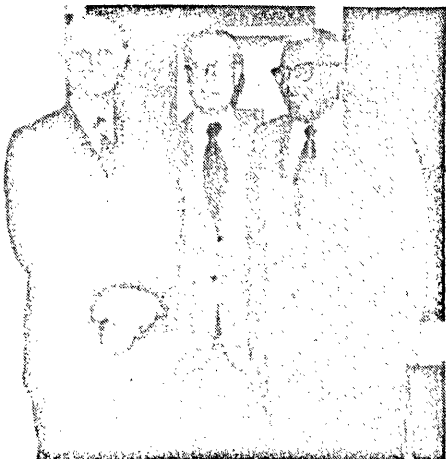
FROM LEFT: Dr. Harold Eggersperger, director of North Arkansas Program Council and Mrs. Eggersperger; the Rev. Earl Carter, associate director, and Mrs. Carter.



The Rev. Alf A. Eason, director of Little Rock Program Council, and Mrs. Eason.



Mrs. Eason presides over the punch bowls as staff members gather at serving table.



FROM LEFT: Dr. R. E. L. Bearden, pastor of First United Methodist Church where Headquarters Building is located; Grafton Thomas, Area Treasurer, and the Rev. J. H. Thompson, Little Rock District superintendent of the Southwest Conference.



Dr. Alfred A. Knox, editor of Arkansas-Louisiana Methodist publications, with Mrs. Knox.

—Photography by Mrs. John L. Tucker

## The Year in Religion — 1971

One of the most thorough analyses of the year in religion is that which we received from the Religious News Service. We have tried each year to boil this summary down to its very essence, hoping that such a statement will be useful in planning ahead for our own participation in the religious events of 1972.

Developments during 1971 brought new evidence of the power religion has repeatedly demonstrated in past centuries of outliving the most far-reaching changes in other areas of life.

Churchmen in all parts of the world sought to reevaluate the attitudes of Communist governments toward religion and to look ahead to possible peaceful coexistence in lands which have been closed to the outreach of the Christian faith. Many churchmen found ways of moving through the slightly open door to Red China and brought back words of some church work still going on there.

Much talk of the year has been centered around the emergence of the so-called Jesus People and the impact of this movement. Many felt that they reflected a continuing religious hunger among many elements of the youth culture that were thought to be most alienated from religion. The style of that culture became a new medium for presenting religious themes in such works of popular entertainment as "Jesus Christ Superstar" and "Godspell."

Though some conservative churchmen were critical, many leaders generally reacted with cautious optimism to the announcement that President Nixon would visit China in 1972.

The ability of Christianity to outlive its enemies was dramatically expressed in the year of Nikita Khrushchev's death when the infant granddaughter of Stalin, the daughter of Mrs. W. W. Peters (Svetlana Alliluyeva) was given Christian baptism by Archbishop Iakovos of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Despite bizarre features, which caused some of them to be called Jesus Freaks, and the disturbing presences of one group charged with estranging children from their parents, the Jesus People were viewed by numerous religious leaders as a fundamentally positive force. Wearing long hair and various forms of youthful

garb, they did not look like the usual picture of wholesome church youth, but they were repudiating the culture of drugs and promiscuous sex and were presenting an aggressive Christian witness on the streets.

Religious groups continued to speak out on issues of war, racism and economic injustice during 1971. Seeking to arouse support for peace moves, a delegation of Protestants and a delegation of Catholics visited Paris to confer with negotiators in the peace talks. Expressing the concern of a number of conservative churchmen, Dr. J.A.O. Preus, head of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, led a group of church officials, including a Catholic bishop, to several European and Asian capitals seeking to get North Vietnamese permission to visit American prisoners, but with no apparent results.

In Northern Ireland conflict continued throughout the year, with the loss of over 100 lives in guerilla attacks and charges of torture against British troops holding suspected terrorists without trial. While many observers said the conflict was not religious, it did put the Catholic minority on one side and the Protestant majority on the other. Church leaders of both sides, in Ireland and elsewhere, expressed anguish about the situation, but most analysts seemed to agree that only a political settlement could bring peace.

Churchmen also appealed for peace in the India-Pakistan War, in which a key factor was the long-standing hostility between Muslims and Hindus. A major focus of church relief work during 1971 was on the human misery resulting from two natural catastrophes in the early part of

the year. When 10 million residents of East Pakistan fled into India it put a tremendous load on that government and caused American church relief agencies to see their needs as the greatest challenge which had ever confronted them.

South Africa continued to be involved in several moves against clergymen critical of its racial policies. The conviction of Anglican Dean Gonville A. French-Beytagh under the Terrorism Act aroused international concern. A number of American churches continued to try to exert economic pressure on that country through some of the corporations in which they held stock. The U.S. Episcopal Church was among the groups trying to get General Motors to withdraw from South Africa, but the proposal was defeated at a stockholders' meeting.

In the sphere of church-state relations the two major news stories concerned a proposed Prayer Amendment to the Constitution and Supreme Court action on tax support of non-public schools. The Prayer Amendment received a majority of votes in the House of Representatives, but lacked the two-thirds majority required for constitutional amendments.

The Supreme Court ruled that Rhode Island and Pennsylvania plans for supplementing teachers' salaries in non-public schools were unconstitutional, but that a federal program for constructing buildings at non-public colleges was acceptable.

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A Very  
Personal Word

Those with whom we have visited in this column week after week know that we have dealt with a multitude of subjects—some of them very personal and many of them quite impersonal.

This week I want to be very personal with you as I discuss a new chapter that has begun in my life. To face it I will need the close guidance of my physician, the latest techniques of radio-therapy, and all your prayers.

The day after Christmas I checked into Arkansas Baptist Medical Center in order that they might discover what was at the bottom of the prostate trouble which had been bothering me for several weeks. I discovered that there is quite an influx of patients into the hospital following the holidays.

Tests began on Monday, and on Tuesday my doctor performed the exploratory procedures necessary to making his decision as to whether surgery was indicated. As you know, it takes a while for the report to come back, but on Thursday morning the word came that there was a malignancy in a limited area outside the prostate gland. The doctor is hopeful that it can be controlled by cobalt treatments and hormones, and so this is the dominant focus of my life in the days immediately ahead.

As I write these words the third cobalt treatment has been administered. I have been told there will be some side-effects of this treatment as it progresses daily. So far, I have not begun to experience any side-effects. I will continue to come to the office daily, since I am receiving the treatments as an out-patient.

Every minister faces this problem many times within his congregations and his family. However, no individual knows exactly how he will confront cancer himself until the experience comes.

Remember me in your prayers.

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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The president of the Lutheran Church in America has appealed to U.S. Christians to expand their world view in 1972 to include more concern for Christians abroad and for world peace. Dr. Marshall said Americans can relate to Churches overseas by helping to meet their needs for trained leaders and facilities, and joining them in "proclaiming the Gospel through radio, television, and Bible distribution, and new preaching outposts." In the denomination's magazine prepared for January 5 publication, he commented that a new year and "new life" do not automatically belong together, "but the church projects hope for both."

**Burgeoning of the Jesus People movement and warming relations between the Churches and Communist nations were the top 1971 news developments chosen by the editorial staff of Religious News Service. Ranking third was the Church-state confrontation in the U.S., highlighted by defeat, with church support, of the proposed Prayer Amendment and refusal of the Supreme Court to allow direct public aid to parochial schools. Other top developments included religious concern for world trouble spots, plight of Soviet Jewry, opposition to apartheid (racial separation) in South Africa, continuing debate over priestly celibacy in Catholicism, and advances for women in the Churches.**

Americans United for Separation of Church and State chose as its top story of the year 1971 the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that direct state aid provided to church-related elementary and public schools under Pennsylvania and Rhode Island statutes was unconstitutional. The defeat in Congress of the so-called prayer amendment to the U.S. Constitution was rated as the second top story.

**Evangelist Billy Graham will become "Ambassador" Billy Graham this month when he represents President Nixon at the inauguration of Dr. William Tolbert as president of Liberia. Graham is a long-time friend of Dr. Tolbert, a Baptist minister and former president of the Baptist World Alliance. Some observers feel that Dr. Tolbert is the emerging leader of black Africa, Graham said. He also noted that black Africa is "turning to Christianity very rapidly" with some predicting that West Africa will be entirely Christian by the year 2,000.**

The Rev. Raymond Oppenheim, an Episcopal Church missionary in Alaska, will succeed the Rev. Earle Sanford, a United Methodist clergyman from N.Y. next month as Protestant chaplain to the English-speaking community in Moscow. The chaplain conducts Sunday services twice monthly at the American ambassador's home and twice monthly at the British Embassy. Weekday worship and activities are held in the chaplain's residence, and the American clergyman works with U.S. students in Moscow, American and British diplomats and other English-speaking persons who are not Soviet citizens. His assignment is normally of two or three years duration.

**Dr. John Dillenberger has resigned as president of the Graduate Theological Union, a consortium of 10 seminaries and graduate school of religions established in Berkeley, Calif. in 1962. The United Church of Christ clergyman who led the theological union as it became the largest and most inclusive cluster of its kind in North America, will return to the teaching of historical theology following a sabbatical leave.**

A new paperback entitled "Jesus Is . . ." is the result of the creative and novel project selected by a Florida State University art history major for a New Testament course. Lenore Johnson was led by her natural interest in children to investigate responses of the very young to God and to Jesus. For seven weeks, Miss Johnson went out into the community and talked to children of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish families, to children in materially wealthy and materially poor homes, to white and black children. Dr. Robert Spivey, professor of Religion at Florida State, was so impressed with the content of the manuscript that he wanted to send it to Harper & Row. He did, and subsequently the student project became a book. Miss Johnson said the children increased her interest in religion and taught her to listen. She heard such responses as "Jesus is the part of God you can see"; "God is love and Jesus is love"; "Jesus is someone who loves you no matter what"; "If Jesus gets lonely, he sits on God's lap."

**Niger, a small agricultural Moslem nation in west-central Africa, has invited Christian missionaries to help it in its development. Oumarou Youssoufou, first secretary of the Niger Embassy, said that not only is his country "open" to missionary service, missionaries are accorded "encouragement." He said Niger President Diori Hamani, "has said over and over again that he admires missionaries, that he has seen the many establishments they have formed in other African countries, and he wants the same establishments in Niger."**

A professor of pastoral psychology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., has concluded that the affliction most prevalent among middle-aged, middle-class men is not heart trouble or high blood pressure or even ulcers. It's "workaholicism." Dr. Wayne E. Oates says "workaholicism" is similar to alcoholism, except that the victim is compulsively addicted to work rather than to liquor. His tentative theory is that today's middle-aged males were conditioned for life by the Depression of the 1930s during their childhood. Their parents taught them, Prof. Oates says, that it was necessary to work hard and long to make a living, and they've never been able to abandon the concept, even in these relatively affluent times.

**A Lutheran Church of America social service specialist has expressed hope that the recent White House Conference on the Aging would give some impetus to new thinking in the Churches on roles for the elderly. Dr. Harold W. Reisch said congregations are still pretty much wrapped up in the "youth mystique." He observed that when it comes to developing roles for the retired individual as a person who can contribute to a society, "the church has shown very little leadership."**

The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention at its annual meeting in Nashville called on members of the denomination and all Christians to overcome racial prejudice. The agency said "our racial prejudices have not been wiped out: complacency threatens to mute our witness, but . . . God is still working to lead us through our fears along the road toward racial justice and Christian brotherhood." Southern Baptists and other Christians were urged "to work faithfully and educate persistently for open hearts, open churches, open housing and equal opportunities for all people."

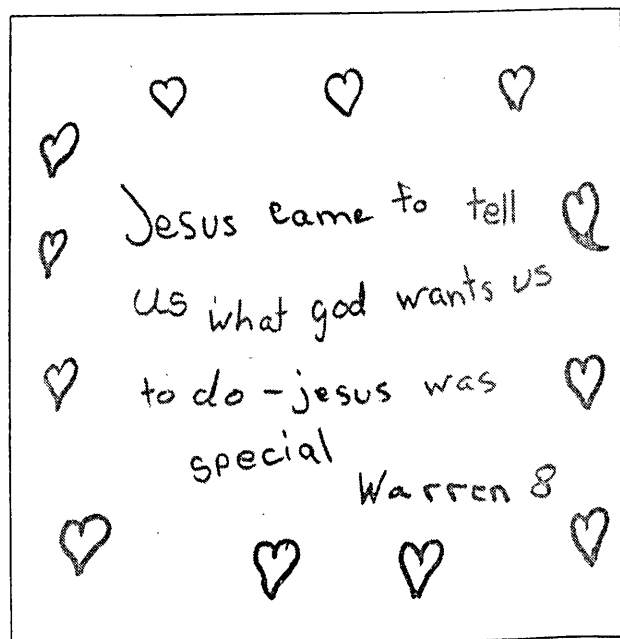
**A vending machine which once dispensed candy and cigarettes in Brussels, Belgium now drops copies of the four Gospels when a Belgian 10-franc coin (about 20 cents) is inserted. Just as it once provided customers with a choice of candies, the converted machine now provides a choice in languages, with books available in French and Dutch. The director of the Belgian Bible Society reports that about 100 Gospels a month are dispensed through the machine.**

**Women and members of minorities will be guaranteed equal employment opportunities in restructured agencies of the United Presbyterian Church if a proposal by that body's restructuring committee gets the approval of the General Assembly. The commission proposed that the Church's constitution be amended to insure fair representation to women, minorities and young people on boards and agencies of the Assembly. The Rev. Robert P. Johnson, head of the New York City Presbytery and a committee member, called it a "tremendous step" in granting equality within the Church.**

The choir of the Crusselle Freeman Church of the Deaf in Atlanta, Ga. does not need "voice" to tell the story of Christmas and sing songs celebrating the birth of Jesus. "Vocalists" are for the benefit of guests who have hearing. For most of those in the audience hearing is a visual thing. The highlight of the 1971 Christmas program at the independent congregation, one of few of its kind in the U.S. for the deaf, was "Silent Night, Holy Night," sung by choir members dressed in black robes and white gloves. A "black light" shut out everything except their moving white gloves. According to Pastor Wilbur C. Huckleba choir members cannot hear the piano but they can feel the vibrations. "The piano adds as much to our church as it does to any other," he said.

**The Israeli Minister for Religious Affairs, Zerah Wahrhaftig, has invited the Archbishop of Canterbury to "come and see for himself" that new construction is "not impairing the character of Jerusalem." Archbishop Ramsey had recently expressed concern that an Israeli building program might "disfigure" Jerusalem. The Israeli official said, "We have cleaned away the silt and grime of centuries. If the Archbishop would come to Jerusalem, he would be able to see a city beautiful in its creation—not in its destruction."**

Official records of a Jewish agency in Jerusalem show that about 12,000 Jews arrived in Israel from the Soviet Union in 1971—three times the number who immigrated from 1967 through 1970. Announcement of the 1971 figure was made by Ayre Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive Bd. Commenting on the announcement, Israeli Radio said that the latest arrivals from the USSR told newsmen there was now "little difficulty" for Jews wishing to emigrate from the Soviet Union to Israel.



NEW YORK — An eight-year-old named Warren penned this thought about Jesus, and it now appears in a new paperback, "Jesus Is . . ." published in New York by Harper & Row. The book, a collection of children's ideas of Jesus, was compiled by Lenore Johnson as a project for a religion course at Florida State University. (RNS Photo)

# NEWS and NOTES

UMSTED MEMORIAL United Methodist Church, Newport held Open House in the recently purchased parsonage, located at 1109 Josephine, December 12, with the Rev. and Mrs. Carl Strayhorn as hosts.

ROY MITCHELL, anchor man for Channel 4 Eyewitness News, told about his recent trip to Russia at the December 20 meeting of Methodist Men in Highland Church, Little Rock. Finis Pierce is president of the men's group. The Rev. Bryan Stephens is their pastor.

OIL TROUGH UNITED Methodist Church recently reorganized United Methodist Men and elected the following as officers: president, Vernie Tarpely; vice-president, James Pankey; treasurer, Hershel Jones; program chairman, Jimmy Wyatt. The Rev. Carl Strayhorn is pastor.

THE CAVANAUGH CHURCH, Fort Smith, suffered storm damage on Tuesday, December 14. A large tree was blown onto the roof of the educational building which created two large holes in the exterior. The rain drain was damaged, the floor of fellowship hall covered with water, the ceiling in the crib nursery damaged and nursery carpet damaged by water. Six large oak trees were uprooted behind the parsonage, but caused no damage to the parsonage where the family of the Rev. Larry Powell resides.

THE REV. AND MRS. NOEL CROSS have moved to their home in El Dorado, Arkansas, after Mr. Cross had to take Disability Retirement. He is improving, and he would appreciate hearing from his Methodist friends at this address: 605 Carol Street, El Dorado, Arkansas, 71730. Prior to his leave from Dermott United Methodist Church, he served as pastor of a number of churches in the Little Rock Conference.

GARY SPEED was presented the Eagle Scout Award in Conway First United Methodist Church during the morning service, Dec. 19. Scoutmaster Roger Mills made the presentation following a Court of Honor ceremony led by Tom Welch, Troop 71 committeeman.

## P. K. KORNER

THE REV. AND MRS. PHARIS J. HOLIFIELD traveled to Lexington, Kentucky, during the Christmas holidays to see their new granddaughter, Julie Rose. She was born on December 14 to their second son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Holifield. Jim is employed by the city of Lexington as a counselor for delinquent boys.

A SPECIAL GUEST visited in Harrison in the home of Miss Edith Martin during the Christmas holidays. She is Miss Yema Alposene Museu from Luluabourg, Democratic Republic of the Congo. Miss Martin gave almost forty years as a Christian Missionary in the Congo and Miss Museu is a Christian today because of the ministry of Miss Martin. She is in the States studying to be a nurse. She will receive her degree and return to her homeland in 1972 to serve her people as a Christian nurse.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT Ministers' Wives will meet on Thursday Jan. 13, in the home of Mrs. Ed Harris, 16 Lyric Lane, Leawood, Little Rock. The meeting will begin at 10:30 and a buffet luncheon will be served at noon.

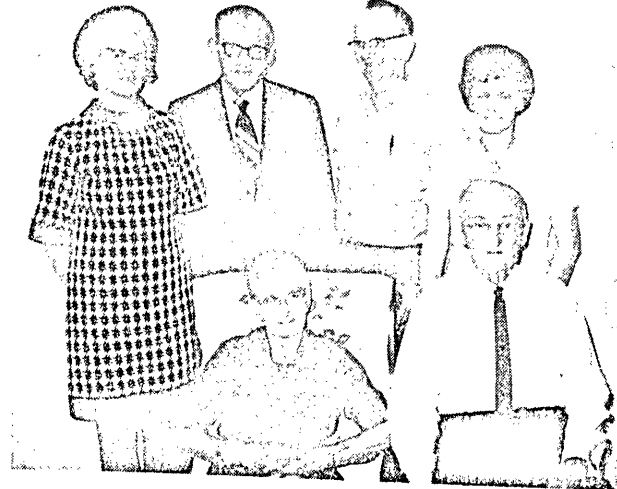
THE MALVERN SUB-DISTRICT UMYF Council sponsored a Watch-night service held in First Church, Malvern. The program included a full-length movie, refreshments, fellowship and worship.

THE MEN'S CHOIR of Keith Memorial United Methodist Church, Malvern went Christmas caroling on Wednesday night before Christmas. The Rev. Charlie V. Mashburn is the pastor.

THE LEVY CHURCH rendition of Protheroe's "King of Kings" featured these soloists: Larry Hatcher, Bill Haley, Mrs. Otis Shelton, Mrs. Don Johnson, Mrs. Frank Yeager, Mrs. Irene Harkle-road, Mrs. Buddie Shrader, Mrs. Jack Elmore and David Wade. Mrs. Guy Russell was director. Mrs. Joe Hall accompanied at the organ, Mrs. Buddie Cook on piano, and Mrs. W. Q. Morrison on violin. The Rev. Gerald Hammett is pastor.

PINE BLUFF FIRST United Methodist Church members heard 55 voices of the children's and youth choirs perform "A Carol Pageant" on Dec. 19 at evening worship. They were under the direction of Mrs. Harry Fite, Jr., with Mrs. Don Stone accompanying. Mrs. Van Simmons directed the drama. Charles Stevenson and Mile Landers played drums. The Rev. John Lindsay is pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff McCurdy of Gentry celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary December 17. Many of their friends and relatives visited during open house Sunday, Dec. 12. Seated, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff McCurdy. Standing left to right, Mrs. J. D. Lawrence, the Rev. J. D. Lawrence, pastor, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCurdy, son and daughter-in-law.



A CONTEMPORARY FOLK musical, "It's the Lord's Thing" directed by Mrs. Jim Henry, was presented in First Church, Forrest City on Sunday evening, Dec. 19. Soloists included Suzanne Sulcer, Mitchell Hughes, Steve Pankey, Suzanne Hughes, Molly Gibbs and Jenny Prewett. Dr. Earl Hughes is the pastor.

ROBERT CHEYNE was narrator when the Adult Choir of Bentonville's First United Methodist Church presented Ringwald's "Song of Christmas," Dec. 19. Mrs. Bill Fulkerson directed the group. Soloists were Euna Clark, Marinell Adair, J. W. Sumner, Linda Nygren and Bill Barker. The Rev. Maurice Lanier is their pastor.

BOB FULLER WAS DIRECTOR when the Chancel Choir of First Church, Jonesboro, presented Saint-Saens "Christmas Oratorio," Dec. 17. Soloists were Mrs. Pat Nash, Mrs. A. C. Modelevsky, Janet Halford, Mrs. Don Chotikasilpa and David Lyttle. Mrs. Al Skoog was organist. The Rev. Worth Gibson is pastor.

"JOY TO ALL PEOPLE" was presented in the Dermott United Methodist Church at 5 p.m., Dec. 19. Mrs. Lewis Hyatt of McGehee directed, and the Rev. Jerry Whigham, Presbyterian minister, was the narrator. Accompanists were Mrs. Christien Dennington Lincoln at the organ, and Dottie Arnn at piano.

THE DUMAS CHANCEL CHOIR presented Handel's "The Messiah" in the sanctuary on Thursday evening, Dec. 16, under the direction of Mrs. David Porter, III. Soloists were Skip Leek, David Walt, Mrs. James Moss, Mrs. David Walt, Mrs. Fritz Hudson, and Mrs. David Porter. Kate Stimson was organist. The Rev. Arnold Simpson is pastor.

SIXTY YOUTHS from First Church, Hope, went Christmas caroling to the homes of shut-in members on Sunday, Dec. 19. The group also visited the City Police Station and sang to local officers. The Rev. Jerry Westmoreland, minister to youth, and five adult counselors accompanied the group.

## 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.

Jan. 9—Sunday	Matt. 5:17-20
Jan. 10	John 6:66-69
Jan. 11	John 15:1-7
Jan. 12	John 17:1-8
Jan. 13	Acts 13:24-33
Jan. 14	Acts 20:23-35
Jan. 15	II Cor. 5:18-21
Jan. 16—Sunday	Gal. 6:1-6

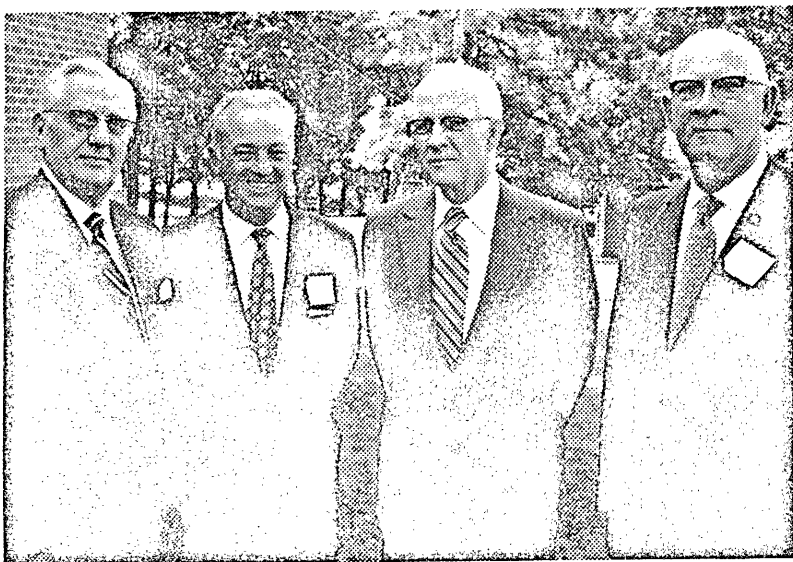
THE CHANCEL CHOIR of Fisher Street United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, presented a Christmas cantata on December 19 entitled "The Miracle of Love" written by James Moffatt. The choir was directed by Lawrence Darouse, assisted by Mrs. James Anderson, with Mrs. Herbert Beck at the organ. Soloists were: Roy Greenwood, Barbara Anderson, and Judy Bennett. Atwood Bell was the narrator. The Rev. Pharis Holifield is pastor.

THE ANTOINE UNITED Methodist Church sponsored 20 youths in visitation of shut-ins and elderly people with carols and bags of fruit prepared by the group. The group was later entertained with a Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Brooks. The Rev. Fred Hunter is pastor of the Antoine church on the Delight Charge.

THE OSCEOLA United Methodist Choir presented Handel's "Messiah" on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 12. The 28 members were joined by six voices from Osceola's Calvary Baptist Church. Soloists included John Dresbach of Wilson, Miss Pat Brewer of Memphis, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hassler. Immediately following, the Women's Society honored the choir with a reception. The Rev. Arvill C. Brannon is pastor.

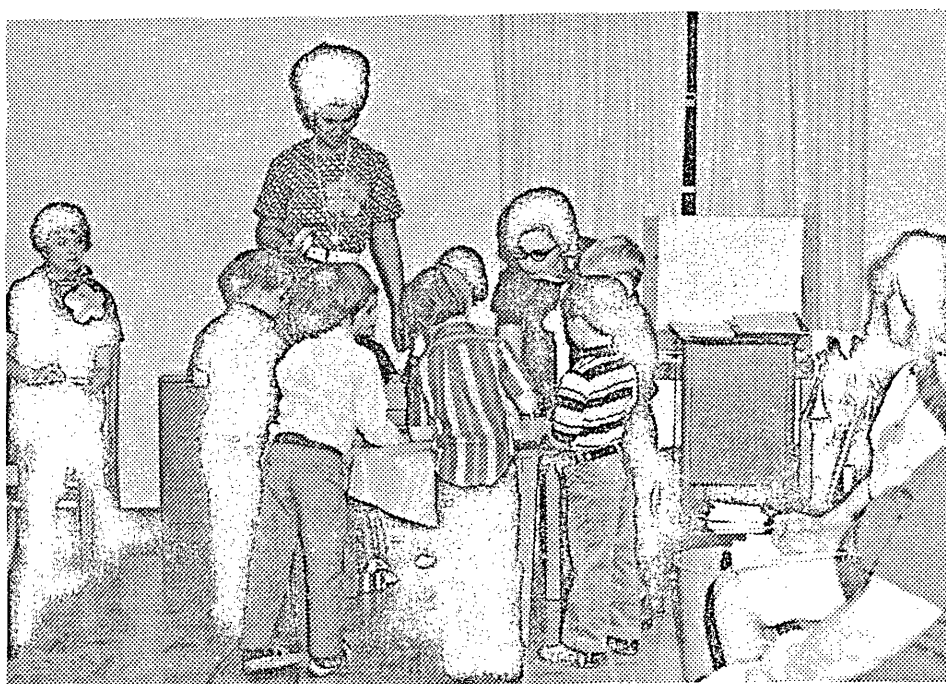
DENNIS SPENCE, ministerial student at Hendrix, spoke in the first United Methodist Church of Paragould where his father serves as pastor, on Dec. 26. The evening service was broadcast over Radio Station KDRS.

FIRST CHURCH, HARRISON, reports a full December, beginning with a Lay Witness Mission Dec. 3-5, at which time 70 witnesses from 18 towns and three states participated. On Sunday night, 35 local people witnessed to a renewal in their lives. The following Sunday, 12 members of a Siloam Springs sharing group visited to share their witness. On Dec. 19, the choir, with Mrs. Jo Gibson as director and Mrs. Frank Riddle as organist presented the cantata "His Natal Day." Family night dinner, Dec. 22, was in honor of all members who joined during 1971. The Rev. John M. McCormack is pastor.

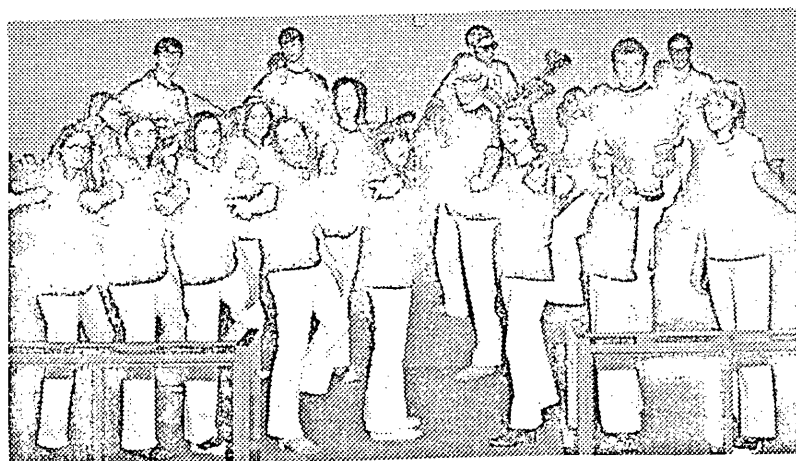


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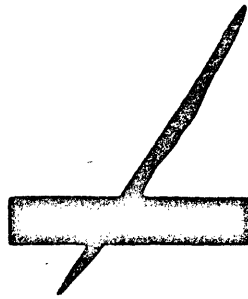
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# The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



## LESSON FOR JANUARY 16: Christ's Love and Man's Brokenness

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Luke 4:31-40; 5:12-26; 8:1-3, 26-56

**MEMORY SELECTION:** Your faith has made you well; go in peace. (Luke 8:48)

**AIM OF THE LESSON:** To gain from the emphasis on the miracles of healing in Luke's Gospel a better understanding of the mission of the church in bringing healing to the broken bodies and minds of people everywhere.

Luke places a great deal of emphasis upon the miracles of healing performed by Jesus. He was a physician and was understandably impressed with the feeling which he expressed for people with diseased minds and bodies. However, it appears that Luke's attention on this ministry was not so much a matter of professional involvement as it was a way of showing the compassion that was in Jesus' heart—the response he made to the tragic plight of men.

One of the major problems in America today is the question of how health services may be delivered to that large segment of the population who find it increasingly difficult to avail themselves of the help they need. The church has been interested in this witness for a long time and continues to attract some of the most outstanding talent to planning and administration in health services. In the United Methodist Church, the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries furnishes outstanding leadership to the many institutions which are reaching out healing hands in our name.

Jesus still lives among men in his church and in us. As we witness in his name we can do much to help all of those who face disease, disaster and death. Because our Lord was concerned with mending every form of brokenness which confronted him, we should also be concerned with helping all men find wholeness for their minds and bodies. Dr. Ellis H. Richards points out in Adult Bible Studies that there is a relationship between the word "health" and the words "hale," "whole," and "holy." All across the land medical leaders and religious leaders are drawing closer together as they realize their mutual responsibilities for dealing with man's brokenness.

As we study the stories of healing recorded by Luke we will be considering them from two directions: first, the motivation that was in the heart of Jesus that compelled him to do all he could to restore wholeness, and, secondly, gain a new conviction concerning what he can do for us and through us in this important realm. The background passages tell of eight individual miracles of healing and two references to collective healings. It would be helpful if you took the time to read all of them in preparation for the lesson. During the reading remind yourself of the ways in which miracles of healing take place in our own time.

### THE CRY OF A DISTRAUGHT FATHER

The Bible material which is at the center of our lesson is Luke 8:40-56. Earlier in this chapter Jesus had sailed with his disciples across the Sea of Galilee to the country of the Gerasenes. (This would be in the vicinity of the Golan Heights which occupy such a strategic place in the Middle East conflict today.) While there he had cured a man who was said to be possessed of demons, and the people had asked him to return to his own country for they were frightened by what he did.

When Jesus returned to Capernaum a large

crowd was waiting for him. They had either heard of what had taken place across the sea or they had some other reason to come and see what mighty action he might perform next. Out of the crowd a distraught father stepped forward and fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house where his daughter was at the point of death. Luke and Matthew tell this same story but do not give the father a name, and Dr. S. MacLean Gilmour suggests in *Interpreter's Bible* that the name Jairus may have been Luke's contribution to the preservation of this story.

Jairus was "a ruler of the synagogue," one who was responsible for the worship procedures and decided who would lead the prayers and read from the Old Testament each day. He was evidently a man of great stature in the Jewish community. When he fell down at the feet of Jesus he gave evidence of the desperation he felt. He had a great burden and he came to Jesus to ask him to help him bear it. His only child, a 12-year-old daughter, was at the point of death and he needed help.

We are reminded of the great number of parents in our own day who call on the church to help them with an undertaking that is too big for them. Almost any parent feels that way at times and most parents feel this desperation increasing as their children come to the teen-age period with all of its new pressures. Jairus' official position did not impress Jesus. It was his status as a distraught parent that caused him to listen seriously to his plea. He hears us as we come to him in our strategic position as parents.

### THE HEALING TOUCH OF FAITH

The second incident of healing interrupts the story of the healing of Jairus' daughter to tell of a desperate woman who drew near to Jesus and in a touch of faith she found the wholeness which she had been seeking. For 12 long years the disease from which she had suffered had been a constant drain on her energy and a continued source of discouragement. Because of her continual hemorrhaging she was counted as ceremonially defiling and was excluded from most of the privileges of normal life. Her lot was little better than that of a leper. One of the commentators points out that Luke gives this story a special tender touch as he causes his readers to realize that while the daughter of Jairus had enjoyed 12 happy years of parental love this woman had endured a similar period of unrelieved misery.

The woman believed that she could be healed if she could just touch Jesus, and, as Luke records it: "And Jesus said, 'Somebody hath touched me; for I perceive that power has gone out from me.'" This story reveals the sensitivity which characterized Jesus—he was aware that power had flowed from him at the moment of her touch of faith.

Jesus knew that if the woman was to be restored to her place in society and with her family, the fact of her healing needed to be made public. For this reason he insisted on an open disclosure of all that had happened and then sealed the woman's joy by saying, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

If we are seeking a modern meaning for this story it is that the secret needs of people do not escape Jesus and his power. Some of the most extreme examples of brokenness in our day are in the places where the population is most crowded together. Others at Capernaum reacted negatively to the jostling of the crowd—Jesus felt the need of every person as an individual. If we would undertake to witness for him in a healing way in this busy

world we must seek to develop the sensitivity which is a part of his nature. Many of the new approaches to the mission of the church are encouraging people to be constantly aware of the needs of individuals and to guard against seeing people just in crowds or as stereotypes.

### THE HEALING OF JAIRUS' DAUGHTER

As we observe the literary style of Luke 8 we see that the healing of the woman came as an interruption. Jesus had been appealed to by a very important man seeking help for his daughter. He had accepted the appeal and was on his way to Jairus' house. Following the healing of the woman, a messenger came from the ruler's house to announce, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more."

Jesus cautioned the father not to be overcome by his fears—not to let the faith which had brought him to Capernaum be weakened. Dr. John Knox, in commenting on this story in *Interpreter's Bible*, says: "Here is the logic of faith; if we trust at all we must trust to the uttermost. Faith in man may properly be partial; faith in God, however shaky it may be on occasions, is by definition all-inclusive. Either we do not trust God and have nothing; or we do trust him and possess all things."

One of the serious problems raised by the miracles, especially those which tell of the dead being brought back to life, makes us sometimes wonder why God allows anyone to die if he has faith. Even Jesus cried out from the cross saying, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34). We have no record that he ever received a satisfactory answer to his question. Dr. Ellis H. Richards points out, "His experience alone should prevent us from insisting that suffering is always a sign of sin or that it is always possible for us to be healed."

### THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF FAITH

I can recall as though it were yesterday the first touring company of a Broadway play that it was my privilege to see. It was *The Barretts of Wimpole Street* starring Basil Rathbone and Katherine Cornell. It told the story of Elizabeth Barrett who was a sickly invalid when Robert Browning first came into her life. She was confined to her bedroom and scarcely ever left it. The two poets fell deeply in love, and the faith engendered by this love worked a miracle in the life of Elizabeth. A bloom came to her cheeks, vitality returned to her body and soon she was taking long walks with Robert. This was just one dramatic example of the fact that human love can exercise healing power.

If human love can exercise such healing power, how much more does the love of Christ and the power of his presence make us whole. There is healing in his touch and one of the great challenges of our Christian witness is to introduce this Jesus to the many persons around us who will not be made whole until they know him.

### HEALING THE MANY SICKNESSES OF OUR TIME

In spite of all the progress that has been made in medicine in recent years, there continue to be many causes of brokenness. On the day that these words are being written President Nixon signed a bill launching a new frontal attack on the dread disease cancer. We ought to be enthusiastic about all of the gains that are made on the health front.

Dr. Locke E. Bowman reminds us, in *International Lesson Annual*, that new methods are being discovered to meet the brokenness in our human condition. He calls attention to the various types of sensitivity training which are helping people to be more open to one another and thereby discover a new sense of wholeness.

Much of illness still remains a mystery, but we can safely say that no other time has known such an honest effort to discover the relationship between faith and wholeness. This is what makes Luke's Gospel such a timely book for these days.



## the British scene



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

A combination of circumstances, including a car accident, from which, fortunately, I escaped with only cuts and bruises, have held up this column, so that I am only belatedly able to offer my Christmas good wishes. This I do, with a warm heart from a Britain which has not only been occupied with the Christmas rush, but also with arguments about our entry on reasonable terms into the European Common Market, and a row in the House of Commons about whether it is right for a Minister of the Crown to arrange for suitable questions to be asked in order either to get certain information across, or block the Opposition.

We have also had a furore in Church circles because the cast of *Hair* a free swinging show which pulls no punches asked that the anniversary of their show should be celebrated by the whole cast attending a service of Holy Communion at St. Paul's Cathedral. The Dean and Chapter invited them, and then the storm broke. It is true that *Hair* does nothing to undergird the established mores of society, and many critics complained bitterly that the Cathedral should be used for such a celebration. The demonstrators outside the Cathedral did not show great marks of charity, and tempers in print grew short. The whole problem high-lighted again the old question of the publicans and sinners, and how much the church can reflect the mind of Christ in the open society. I suspect it is the kind of debate which is going to occupy the minds of churchmen for a long time as the New Year opens.

An interesting point was also raised by the publication in the *Times* of a sociological survey of school violence.

One commentator pointed out that an air of "sociological respectability" was given to the piece by the sentence: "It seems likely that no more than 3 per cent of secondary schoolchildren are involved in acts of violence at some time in their school career, but this is not verifiable by recourse to any official statistics."

Are we to conclude that even if the statistics are not verifiable, it is better to use them than no evidence at all—that is, if you can call this "evidence"? Such was the question asked by *Crux* in the *New Statesman*.

He has a point. The old saw that there are three kinds of statistics and none of them are to be trusted (I put it politely!) emphasises the distrust many of us feel for them. I think it was Stephen Potter who observed something to the effect that the average man in Britain is five foot six tall, lives in the middle of the Bristol Channel, and has two and a half children, and he made a quirky judgement on surveys when he said it.

The real difficulty is that consensus figures and judgements rarely can represent the truth of a situation, and most of us generalise from our prejudices anyway. Which leads me, at least, to think that the new year is a chance for us to look a little more objectively upon the life we have to live. What kind of judgements are we making? We tend to lay ourselves open in the most vulnerable way every time we have a judgement.

"Judge not, lest you also be judged" was a hard saying of Jesus—hard, because it penetrates to the very core of what we are. We give ourselves away by the judgements we make — showing, not so much what other people are like as what we ourselves are like.

In the secularisation of society which is going on we need some pretty clear Christian thinking — based, not so much on the way we feel at our angriest, but what we can value at our most charitable. What is our morality really based on? Is it convention, habit, what the neighbors will think? Or is it on a foundation clear of all those things—the values which are the measure of the Man who outmeasures us all?

As we ask the questions which pose themselves in the darkness of the days of 1972, this may be the most important kind of question.

### DR. E. STANLEY JONES, 87, CONVALESCING AFTER STROKE

OKLAHOMA CITY (RNS) — Dr. E. Stanley Jones, one of the world's most famed evangelists, missionaries and Christian writers, was listed in satisfactory condition here (on Dec. 17) following a stroke. He was 88 on Jan. 3.

He was admitted to the Baptist Memorial Hospital on Dec. 12. Dr. Jones, who lives near Boston, was in Oklahoma City to conduct a "Christian Ashram" at the Center for Christian Renewal.

A long-time missionary in India, the United Methodist clergyman introduced the "ashram"—a Hindu term—into Christian churches 60 years ago. Christian Ashrams are times of prayer, meditation and reflection.

Dr. Jones is one of the most-traveled evangelists of the century. He was a leader in the development of the modern ecumenical movement. He is a United Methodist clergyman and the father-in-law of United Methodist Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston.

### Asbury Centennial booklet available

A 32-page booklet titled *Bishop Francis Asbury in the Making of American Methodism*, by Wallace Guy Smeltzer, a widely recognized Methodist historian, is available to United Methodist churches.

The booklet is a brief summary of the development of American Methodism down to Asbury's death in 1816. In a recent letter to the author Bishop W. Maynard Sparks of the Seattle Area said, "You have done a superb job and given to every reader a wealth of historical material that cannot be found in any other literary instrument of such small dimensions."

The use of this booklet in all United Methodist churches in connection with the bicentennial of Asbury, coming to America as being observed during the 1971-72 church year was approved by the bishops of the United Methodist Church at their recent Council meeting.

The district superintendents have been furnished with sample copies and are sending descriptive sheets with order blanks to all their pastors. A free copy of the booklet is being offered to all pastors who will request it. In sending their requests, pastors are asked to enclose an addressed No. 10 envelope stamped with a 6c stamp to: Dr. W. G. Smeltzer, 700 South Alton Way, Denver, Colo.

### DR. ROBERT T. HENRY

NEW YORK (UMI)—The Rev. Dr. Robert T. Henry, 77, who was associated with the United Methodist Board of Missions and predecessor bodies for 45 years, died December 12 at a hospital in Eustis, Fla.

Dr. Henry, who made his home in Umatilla, Fla., was a missionary to China for 32 years. For 11 years he was business manager of the Board of Missions, supervising many services for the New York office and for missionaries including travel, purchasing and personnel. For a time after retirement in 1964, he was pastor of churches in Florida. He was a member of the Mississippi United Methodist Conference.

On leaving China in 1951, two years after the Communists overran the country, Dr. Henry served with the National Council of Churches in technical assistance programs. Previously he had been director of the Church World Service relief program in China for 10 years. Before World War II, Dr. Henry's ministry had been mainly in Soochow as director of institutional features at Hong Kong Institutional Church. Through its classes, clinics, clubs and other activities, it reached thousands of people.

Retiring Bishop to become  
"Churchman in Residence" at Emory

Bishop John Owen Smith, resident bishop of the United Methodist Church in Georgia, will become the first "Churchman in Residence" at Candler School of Theology at Emory University upon retirement next summer.

The newly-established Churchman in Residence program was created to enable the Candler School of Theology to invite outstanding church leaders to the school for a specified stay for the purpose of offering colloquia, seminars and courses along lines of interest and eminence.

As Churchman in Residence Bishop Smith will work in the field of the church and controversy. Life style, war, race, drug problems and reconciliation will be among the issues considered.

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The author has observed that the coincidence of the Asbury Bicentennial with the 1972 General Conference provides a unique opportunity for the observance of a Methodist Heritage Sunday in every church some Sunday following Easter. Dr. Smeltzer's book is a valuable resource for planning such an observance.

### United Methodists attend seminar on contemporary China

NEW YORK (UMI) — Several United Methodists were among 21 members of American church-related organizations attending a seminar on contemporary China December 2-4 in Ottawa, Canada. They exchanged views with staff members of the embassy of the People's Republic of China.

The group expressed appreciation for what they described as the openness with which they were received and the frankness they encountered in conversation. They said they were unanimous in hope and confidence there will be continuing and increasing opportunities for conversation on "deeper and broader bases, so as to further mutual respect and understanding between the people of China and the United States."

United Methodists in the group included: Robert Davis, missionary on loan to the New York Office of the World Council of Churches as its Studies secretary; Miss Ruth Harris, New York, executive secretary for Quadrennial Emphasis in the World Division, Board of Mission; Mrs. Claire Collins Harvey, Jackson, Miss., president of Church Women United; the Rev. Dr. Pharis J. Harvey, New York, executive secretary for University World in the World Division, Board of Missions; the Rev. Dr. Donald MacInnis, New York, director of the China Program of the National Council of Churches.



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## Unique challenge seen in Key 73

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A United Methodist leader in Key 73 has warned his fellow churchmen against dominating the broadly-interdenominational evangelism movement.

Speaking to a 25-member United Methodist advisory committee, the Rev. Joe Hale, a member of the Key 73 Central Committee, said if the unique ecumenical venture is to work United Methodists must be aware they didn't start Key 73 nor can they control it.

Next to the Southern Baptists, the United Methodists represent the second largest denomination in the Key 73 movement which includes 100 denominations and evangelistic groups.

Key 73 represents the first time that United Methodists have cooperated with such a broad spectrum of religious groups, Mr. Hale said. "Can the United Methodist Church become involved creatively with great integrity in something we don't control?", he asked. "I think so. We have a responsibility ecumenically. We must ask what God is counting on us to do to make this program a meaningful reality."

Mr. Hale and other United Methodist Board of Evangelism staff members were highly optimistic about Key 73 reporting they were "heartened and encouraged" at the mutual cooperation and respect among the representatives of the widely diverse groups. Along with several major denominations who are members of the National Council of Churches, Key 73 includes Southern Baptists, Assemblies of God, Campus Crusade, and the Billy Graham Association.

The Rev. Ronn Kerr, director of communications for the Board of Evangelism and chairman of the task force planning Phase One of the program reported on the project schedule and theme, "Calling Our Continent to Christ." He said highlights of the 1973 plan include prime-time network television specials, continent-wide Bible distribution and study coordinated with mass media, and a variety of "witnessing and proclamation" events ranging from traditional crusades to more innovative meetings.

The over-all theme of the program will be implemented in six major phases: "Calling our Continent — to Repentance and Prayer, to the Resurrection, to New Life, to the Proclamation, and to Commitment."

Dr. Theodore Raedeke, St. Louis, a Missouri-Synod Lutheran, is executive director of Key 73. Each denomination is committed to development of its own program simultaneously and cooperatively with other participants.

### CANADIAN CHURCHMAN GOES TO MAJOR MISSION POST IN SARAWAK

NEW YORK (UMI)—Dr. Robert B. McClure, immediate past moderator of the United Church of Canada, has arrived in Kapit, Sarawak, Malaysia, to begin mission service at Methodist-related Christ Hospital, according to information reaching the United Methodist Board of Missions.

The Canadian church leader is to serve as a doctor at Christ Hospital

## United Methodist Missionary Conference held; nine honored for long service

WESTERVILLE, Ohio (UMI) — Nine missionaries of the United Methodist Church, who have served a total of 264 years, were honored at a Service of Recognition and Communion during the United Methodist Missionary Conference here December 9-14.

The group have engaged in a variety of vocations in the Christian mission in China, Liberia, Korea, Malaysia, Algeria and India. All retire officially in late 1971 or early 1972 after from 21 to 38½ years of service. The missionaries serve under the World Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions.

The service was led by the Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Stockwell, New York, Division assistant general secretary.

Missionaries honored on retirement were: Uniola Adams, Atkinson, Nebraska, 32 years' service as a nurse and nursing educator in China and Liberia; Jean Craig, Richmond, Virginia, 21 years' service in general education and Christian education in China and Korea; the Rev. and Mrs. Eugene O. McGraw, Centerville, Indiana, 34 years' service each in education, evangelism, religious education and music in Malaysia; Sister Helene Manz of Switzerland, 24 years' service in nursing and community work in Algeria; the Rev. and Mrs. Waldo S. Reinoehl, Claremont, California, 38½ years' service each in education, evangelism and pastoral work in Malaysia; Dr. and Mrs. James Stringham, Scarsdale, New York, and formerly of

Canandaigua, New York, 21 years' service each in psychiatry, nursing and social work in China and India.

### MISSIONARY CONFEREES SEE POSSIBLE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN WITNESS IN CHINA

American Christians can learn from the apparent new openness in U.S.-China relations, and what they learn may be crucial to the future of the Christian mission in many places, a missionary conference was told here December 11.

They should realize there may be opportunities for "Christian witness" in the People's Republic, but these undoubtedly may be drastically different from some commonly-held ideas such as "sending our missionaries back in," said the Rev. Donald E. MacInnis, New York. He is director of the China Program of the National Council of Churches.

The former Methodist missionary to Mainland China and Taiwan said that though no one can predict the future, opportunities would appear to involve a chance for real dialogue, Americans with Chinese, on a peer basis. He added that for American Christians who might be involved in such conversations — businessmen, tourists, scholars for example — dialogue would not involve "sharing — translate that, imposing — their version of Christianity, but seeking to

learn what human values and accomplishments may possibly have emerged in the new China. Also, true dialogue would involve speaking with sincerity their own views."

Another opportunity, Dr. MacInnis said, lies in Americans studying what the China experience—including "rejection of Western Christian paternalism — has to say for Christian mission in other places. What does it say to the concept of mission? What are the implications for the struggle for justice? What is involved in missionaries shedding Western cultural baggage when they serve in other countries?"

Addressing the United Methodist Missionary Conference at Otterbein College, the China specialist said there are possible optimistic signs of religious activities again surfacing in China after having been driven underground in the turmoil and persecution of the Red Guard era in 1966.

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## Structure Commission report nears completion

ATLANTA, Ga. (UMI) — A plan described as "a primary step—not the ultimate one" for restructuring United Methodist general boards and agencies received many of its finishing touches in a session closed to newsmen and visitors here December 15-16.

In general, it was reported after the session was adjourned, the denomination's Structure Study Commission adhered to its so-called "Denver plan" first worked out in August and refined at two sessions during the autumn.

Included is a Council on Ministers, a series of three or four "support service" agencies, and program units in Church and Society, Discipleship, Higher Education and Ministries, and Global Ministries. It is expected that the complete plan will be mailed to General Conference delegates in mid-January.

The plan was described to newsmen after the session here as one meeting the church's desire for a model for general agencies with "more visible connection with tradition" than was represented in the study commission's earlier consideration of a Council on Ministries and Administration with clusters of functional work units.

Discussing the plan in the few minutes of open session here, the Rev. Paul F. McCleary, executive secretary of the study group, said the proposals will "set in motion a process to enable the boards of the church to work together to solve overlapping and problems."

After presentation of the model to the commission members, five representatives of Asian, Indian and Women's caucuses and three reporters, the group accepted without discussion or dissenting vote a motion by Robert M. Thorpe, Tacoma, Wash., that the business be conducted in "executive session."

The commission will hold its next meeting February 7-8 in Phoenix, Ariz.

## "New Generations for New Days" theme for college program focus

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Called "grammatically right but psychologically wrong", the theme of a national cooperative United Methodist college program has been changed from "New Men for New Days" to "New Generations for New Days."

The executive committee of the program meeting early in December said the change was made in light of the current sensitivity to women's liberation although "men" in the original theme was used in a sexually neutral sense.

on a volunteer basis for two years. He went out under auspices of the World Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions, which paid travel expenses for him and Mrs. McClure, who will also be engaged in volunteer mission service.

From 1968 through January, 1971, Dr. McClure held the highest office in the 1,050,000-member United Church of Canada, largest Protestant denomination in the country. It was formed in 1925 through union of the Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian Churches. In 1968, at the time of Methodist-Evangelical United Brethren union in the U.S., the Canada Conference of the EUB Church (in Ontario province) entered the United Church of Canada. Dr. McClure is the first layman to serve as moderator.

The 100 colleges and junior colleges related to the United Methodist Church are cooperating in an unprecedented program to 1) refocus the educational mission of church-related schools on the development of human values and societal needs; 2) attract additional students whose aspirations coincide with these new goals for a more human educational experience, and 3) raise \$400 million in new funds over a three to five year period beginning in January, 1973.

The National Association of Schools and Colleges of The United Methodist Church with the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of Higher Education initiated the program. A Baltimore firm specializing in institutional communications is developing the program. Representatives of the firm and Dr. Myron F. Wicke, general secretary of the Division, introduced the proposal in Washington, D.C., last October at which time presidents of the institutions gave their approval.

The executive committee also approved plans for an alumni dinner to be held April 16 in conjunction with the United Methodist General Conference. Twelve hundred alumni from the United Methodist schools are expected at the event. The committee also scheduled four regional workshops for March to orient college personnel to the "New Generations" program.

## Women Plan New Organization

NEW YORK (UMI)—A special 24-member committee, of carefully spelled-out composition, has been named to develop a plan for the United Methodist Church's proposed "one new inclusive women's organization, with a new name."

Creation of such an organization was voted by the national policy-making body for United Methodist women, the Women's Division of the Board of Missions. However, before the new organization can come into being, the denomination's highest legislative body, General Conference, must give approval. It will meet in Atlanta next April.

Affected by the change would be the two present United Methodist women's organizations, the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild (the latter traditionally for employed women). They have a combined membership of about 1,600,000 in 36,000 local units in the 50 states. The proposed plan calls for replacing both the Society and Guild with "one new inclusive women's organization, with a new name," and does not contemplate one organization "absorbing" the other.

So work can start on planning and developing the new organization — pending General Conference approval, the Women's Division authorized appointment of a planning committee, and sought to make it representative of United Methodist women by delineating categories for the 24 members.

The Division stipulated that half the members will be employed women, and half non-employed. The committee is to include persons across age groups and ethnic lines, and said the Division, "it is understood that all who are selected shall be committed to mission." Further, it is provided that eight of the committee will be Wesleyan Service Guild members, eight Women's Society members, and eight United Methodist women who are not members of either organization. The planning committee is scheduled to meet first January 8-9.

Nominations were sought by the Women's Division from a variety of sources, including annual conference Women's Society and Guild leaders and age-group and ethnic caucuses of

women. Almost 300 names were submitted for consideration. The Women's Division Administrative and Wesleyan Service Guild Committees extended invitations to, and these were accepted by, the following women who comprise the planning committee (with Mrs. Wayne W. Harrington, Omaha, Nebraska, Division president, and Miss Charlotte F. Andress, New York, New York, Division Guild Committee chairman, serving ex-officio):

Mrs. Hermon Arbogast, Portland, Oregon; Miss Betty J. Betz, Seattle, Washington; Mrs. Gloria Hullum Bryant, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; Miss Joan Clark, Nashville, Tennessee; Mrs. Lamar S. Clark, Baytown, Texas; Miss Sylvia Covarrubias, Corpus Christi, Texas; Mrs. Donald Crist, Tequesta, Florida; Mrs. James Crosby, Nashville, Michigan; Mrs. B. R. Cummins, Carlyle, Illinois; Mrs. Allen Goebel, Sr., Morris Plains, New Jersey; Mrs. C. Jarrett Gray, Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. William A. Henry, Wilmington, Delaware;

Mrs. Roschen L. Hill, Cape Charles, Virginia; Miss Sachi Kajiwara, Oakland, California; Miss Martha King, Rome, Georgia; Miss Noel Koestline, New York, New York; Mrs. G. W. Leslie, New Orleans, Louisiana; Miss Marjorie Mann, Birmingham, Alabama; Mrs. James Reynolds, Seattle, Washington; Mrs. Norman Self, Long Beach, California; Mrs. Robert Thompson, Decatur, Georgia; Mrs. Alfred Thompson, Silver Spring, Maryland; Mrs. H. Olin Troy, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Mrs. Nadine Van Sant, Wilmette, Illinois.

THE REV. M. J. POLLARD, pastor of the Atkins Church, was installing officer for the Nora Hillis Wesleyan Service Guild. Officers for 1972 are Mrs. James Teal, president; Mrs. Coy Austin, vice-president; Mrs. Dewey Martin, secretary; Mrs. Reba Hooper, treasurer; Mrs. Leonard Stanley, coordinator. Mrs. Elmo Bizzell is the retiring president.

## STUDENT RECOGNITION SERVICES

MARC METZLER conducted the Student Recognition service in First Church, Jonesboro. The three student speakers were Bert Price, Regina McKisson and Sharon Biffle, sharing "What Christ Means to Me at College." College students provided special music. The Rev. Worth Gibson is pastor.

KATHY FADICK was the speaker on Student Recognition Sunday in Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff. She has been serving that church as Minister of Activities since February, was recently licensed to preach, and is entering Perkins School of Theology at SMU in January. The Rev. Ed Matthews is the Lakeside pastor.

AT FIRST CHURCH, HOPE, Student Recognition was observed Sunday morning, Dec. 26. College students taking part were Delia Jordan, Jeanne Pruden, Randy Wright, Kay Hogan and Jackie Townsend. The Rev. Jerry Westmoreland, associate pastor and minister to youth, delivered the sermon. High school students participating were Carol Frazier, Susan Reardon, Mary Young, Sandra McFarland and Beth Gilbert. The Rev. Norris Steele is pastor.

IN THE LEVY CHURCH, Kurt Wulfekuhler, youth director and ministerial student in Hendrix College, preached at Student Recognition Service held on Sunday morning. At the evening service, the Rev. Nick Evans, son-in-law of the Rev. Gerald Hammett, Levy pastor, was guest preacher.

## DALLAS POE RANEY

Dallas Poe Raney, 64, prominent Little Rock businessman, died on Dec. 28 at Johns Hopkins University Medical Center, Baltimore, Md. The funeral service was conducted on Dec. 30 in Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock, by Bishop Paul V. Galloway and Dr. James B. Argue.

A native of Newark, Ark., he was the son of the late Thomas J. and Inez Raney. He received a bachelor's degree from George Peabody College for Teachers and a master's degree from the University of Iowa. He also attended Hendrix College where he played football.

After graduating from college, Mr. Raney taught school and was a high school football coach at Fort Smith.

His father had begun a family business in insurance and stocks and in 1934 Dallas Raney became a partner in T. J. Raney and Sons, with his brother Alton B. Raney. He also served as president of Raney Securities, Inc. and of Raney Investment Company, Inc.

He had served on the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas for some 15 years, including about 10 years as chairman. He was one of the architects of the merger of the U. of A. and Little Rock University. He served on a number of advisory boards under four governors.

In 1966, Mr. Raney was among 35 Arkansans to be listed for the first time in "Who's Who in America."

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen Bradford Raney; a daughter, Mrs. Sharon Raney Pallone of Little Rock; three brothers, Alton B., Clay H., and Robert W. Raney of Little Rock; three sisters, Mrs. James Major of Conway, Mrs. Clarence Bell of Parkin and Mrs. Earl Heath of Little Rock, and two grandchildren.

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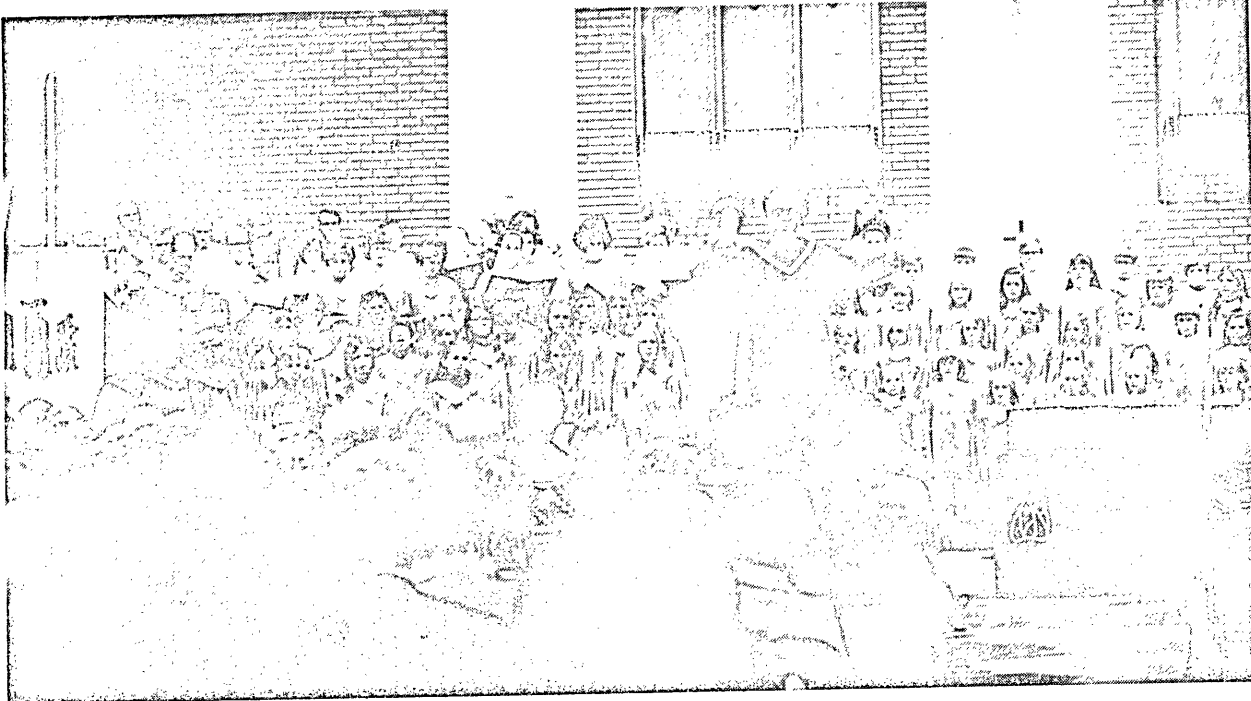
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Shown here are members of the six choirs of the Music Ministry of St. James United Methodist Church of Little Rock who combined their talents to present a program of choral and handbell music on Sunday morning, Dec. 19, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Thompson. The new church, which under the leadership of its pastor, Dr. Joe R. Phillips, received its charter in April of 1969, already has seven choirs with 122 singers and bellringers. Four handbell groups use 56 Whitechapel Bells with a new set of 61 bells scheduled for delivery in the early summer. The bellringers attended the 1971 National Festival of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers in Morehead, Ky.

## POETRY PANORAMA

by barbara mulkey

*In the new novel "Wheels" by Arthur Hailey, the author deals with an idea that, depending on the viewpoint, "ugly is beautiful." In other words, something not so lovely to look at, but with great utility value, can acquire a real beauty. In the book, the example is a car. But by the same measure, a life of usefulness can be the insurance toward a personality of beauty.*

### Life Scape

We are handed a site, ample or small  
On which to landscape a life.  
Be it rugged or flat, in contour and line  
We, alone, develop our plat.

Some strive for the formal, rigid and cold,  
Precise, modern if you please,  
While others are humble, ramshacked and tumbled,  
But abounding in comfort and ease.

Daily we fashion our life scape.  
It is viewed by our friends and foes,  
So take care when planting your acres  
Lest a thistle replace a sweet rose.

Don't waste love's precious labor  
Masking the shape of your site,  
But strive for bloom in every room  
Where faith and love will be bright.

—by Austin Cravens

### God's Requirements

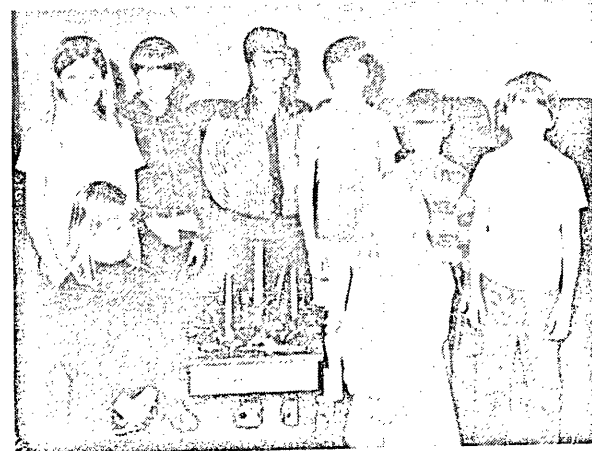
God wants His children to stand up straight  
When they walk with Him on the road.  
He will stay beside them to comfort and guide them,  
And help them carry the load.

God wants His children to be faithful and true  
Doing the things that are right,  
Refusing to compromise each time they are tempted,  
Sustained by His power and might.

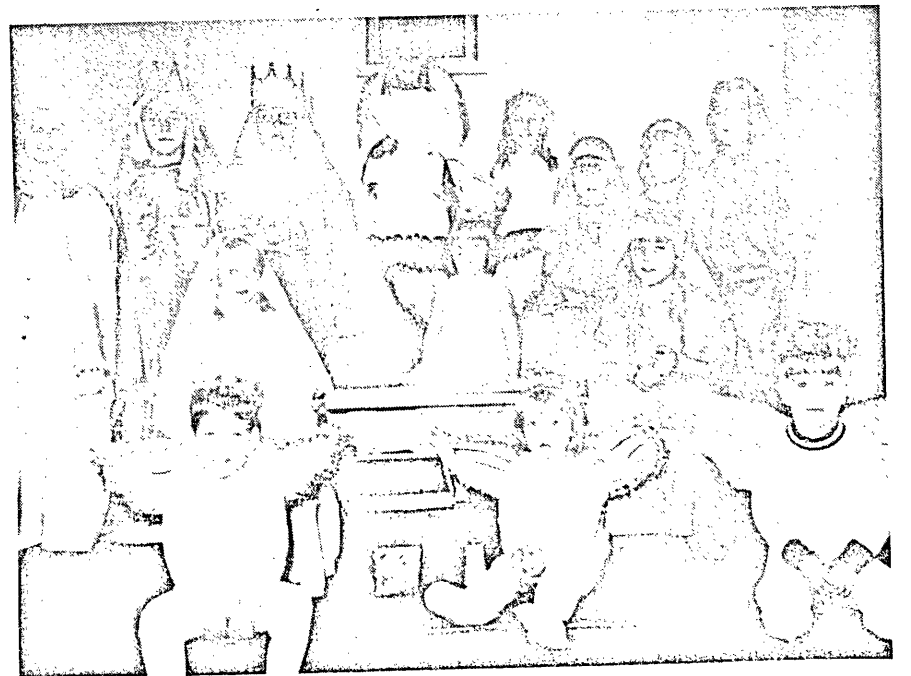
God wants His children to be loving and kind,  
Thoughtful and happy, too.  
Searching and longing His will to know  
Then trying His will to do.

God wants His children to be content  
With the blessings He gives them each day.  
He wants them to have a life well spent,  
When they come to the end of the way.

—by B. Wood



Acolytes at Asbury United Methodist Church, Batesville, who took part in candlelighting ceremonies during the Advent season. The Rev. George R. Cleary is pastor.



ABOVE: Junior UMYs at Asbury Church, Batesville, who presented the pageant, "A Christmas Story," on Dec. 22, under the direction of their sponsors, Mildred Cleary, Allene Reynolds and Marge Keeney.

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### News in Brief

Dr. Thomas J. Kerr, IV, has been installed as the 18th president of United Methodist-related Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio.

A revised MINISTERS' INCOME TAX GUIDE will be available from the Little Rock Conference Program Council and the North Arkansas Conference Program Council about mid-December. This Guide includes revised forms with filled-in examples and information on all tax law changes needed to complete the 1971 return. Send your request and FIFTY CENTS early to the Program Council that serves your Conference, 715 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. The supply is limited.