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Dr. William A. Holmes

## Austin pastor to present Academy of Religion Lectures

Dr. William A. Holmes, pastor of University United Methodist Church, Austin, Tex., will deliver the 1972 Academy of Religion Lectures at Central United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, February 25-27. The lectures are given in connection with the current Academy of Religion study, "The Church Come of Age." There will be three lectures:

- Friday, February 25, 7:30 p.m.—  
"Our Past as Metamorphosis".
- Saturday, February 26, 10 a.m.—  
"Our Present as Provincialism".
- Saturday, February 26, 1:30 p.m.—  
"Our Future as Cosmopolitan".

Dr. Holmes is a native Arkansan who attended public schools in Little Rock and graduated from Hendrix College. He received the bachelor of divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology at S.M.U. and has done postgraduate studies at Union Theological Seminary in New York. Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas, conferred the doctor of divinity degree on Mr. Holmes in 1970.

A widely known author and lecturer, Dr. Holmes has served as associate pastor at Highland Park Methodist, Dallas, as pastor of Northaven United Methodist, Dallas, and First United Methodist Church, Denton, Tex. His articles have appeared in a wide variety of publications. His book, "Tomorrow's Church: A Cosmopolitan Community," will be available during lecture series.

Dr. Holmes will preach for morning services at Central on February 27.



Dr. Marvin T. Judy of Perkins School of Theology, second from left, was the speaker for the Wednesday luncheon during the mid-year meetings of boards and agencies. With him at the luncheon were (l. to r.): the Rev. Braska Savage, the Rev. Clyde Crozier, Dr. Harold O. Eggensperger, Mrs. Paul V. Galloway and Bishop Galloway.

## 1973 Purdue Conference to stress the part of laity in decision-making

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI)—A United Methodist National Conference of the Laity here, is expected to be attended by some 5,000 men, women, young adults and youth, Sidney R. Nichols, associate general secretary of the sponsoring board and head of its Division of Lay Life and Work, said here February 4.

Growing out of past conferences for men held quadrennially, the 1973 ses-

sion is planned to emphasize that the laity of the church includes all persons, regardless of age or sex, according to Mr. Nichols.

"We want this conference to help men, women and youth to be able to say that we are the laity and are equal partners in the decision-making process," he noted in discussing the change in emphasis.

Program details will be announced later, but included will be emphasis on Bible study and changing patterns of work and play.

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■ May 7-11

## Economic Education Conference for Clergy announced

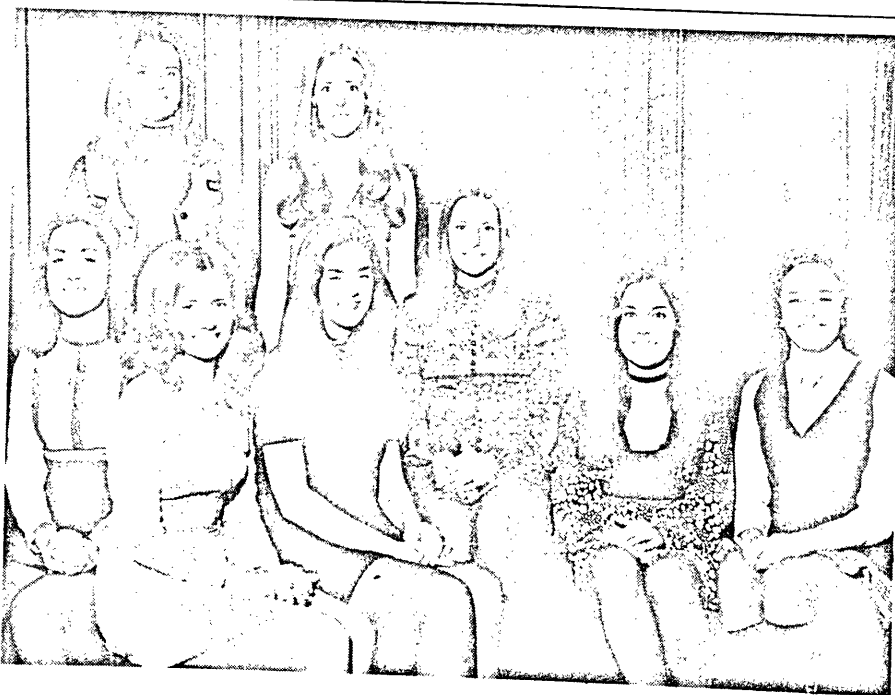
The sixth annual Economic Education Conference for the Clergy will be held at the Avanelle Motel, Hot Springs, May 7-11. Scholarships, covering all costs except travel, will be awarded to clergy representing all denominations in Arkansas whose leadership qualities indicate that they will profit most from the workshop.

The deadline for receiving applications is April 10. The sponsoring committee will select approximately fifty participants from the applicants. C. E. "Doc" Toland, president of Associated Grocers of Ark., Little Rock, is chairman of the committee. Application blanks may be obtained from Dr. Bessie Moore, State Department of Education, Little Rock, or from any member of the advisory committee.

Topics to be discussed will concern vital facets of our economic system including the political and social implications of these matters. Dr. Ray Arensman, dean, School of Business, University of Evansville, and Dr. Ron Wykstra, professor of Economics, Colorado State University, will assist in the conference. They along with economists from Arkansas colleges will lead discussions and encourage questions and debate.

Business, labor and agriculture experts will also participate in the conference and will answer questions concerning their roles in the American economy with particular emphasis upon the problems they now face. Since many of the problems brought to the clergy can be traced to economic matters affecting the home, this conference offers an unusual and unique program that will prove valuable in counseling at the local level.

The conference will be conducted by the Arkansas Council on Economic Education in cooperation with the State Department of Education and the Clergy Economic Education Foundation. The committee assisting Toland includes the Rev. Lawson Anderson, the Rev. L. C. Dade, the Rev. R. H. Dorris, The Most Rev. Albert L. Fletcher, Dr. J. Harold Jackson, Dr. Erwin McDonald, Dr. Mouzon Mann, Dr. Elijah E. Palnick, Dr. Robert Riley, the Rev. Robert M. Van Hook, the Rev. Canon Emery Washington and the Rev. Howard L. Williams.

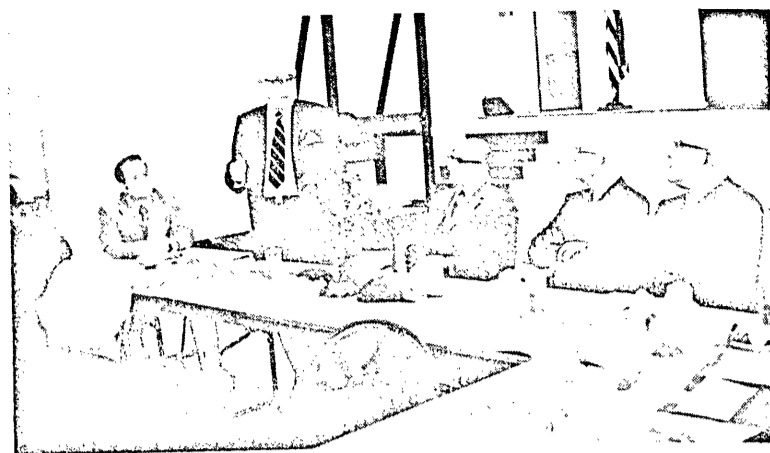


AT RIGHT: Hendrix College celebrated GTAAH weekend (Good Things Are Happening at Hendrix) Feb. 18-21. Pictured here are the GTAAH queen, Barby Lotz of Hot Springs, and her court. From left, seated: Ann Critz of Osceola, freshman maid; Harriet Norris of Batesville, junior maid; Miss Lotz, GTAAH queen; Karen Lewis of Waldo, freshman maid; Lucy Jackson of Monticello, sophomore maid. Standing: Debbie Beck of Stuttgart, senior maid; Karen Hunt of Hot Springs, junior maid.

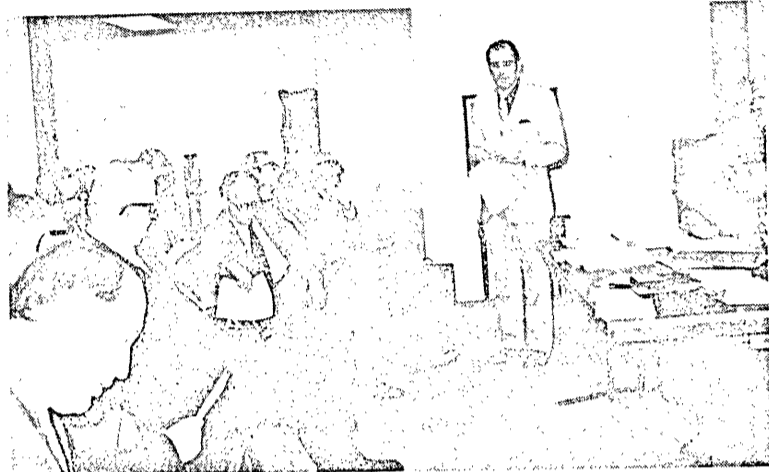
## Mid-year Boards' and Agencies' meetings



Bishop Galloway with Little Rock Conference Board of the Laity



Bishop Galloway at meeting of North Arkansas Board of the Laity

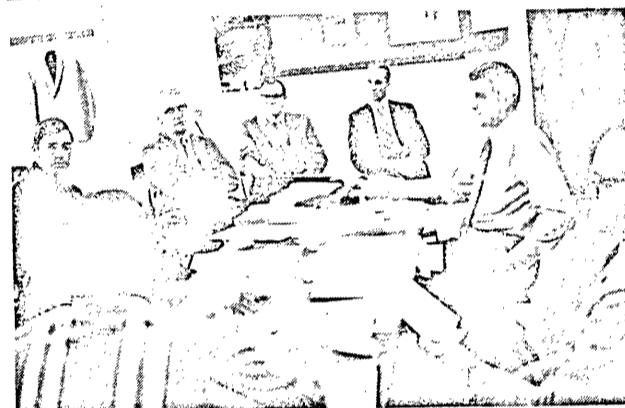
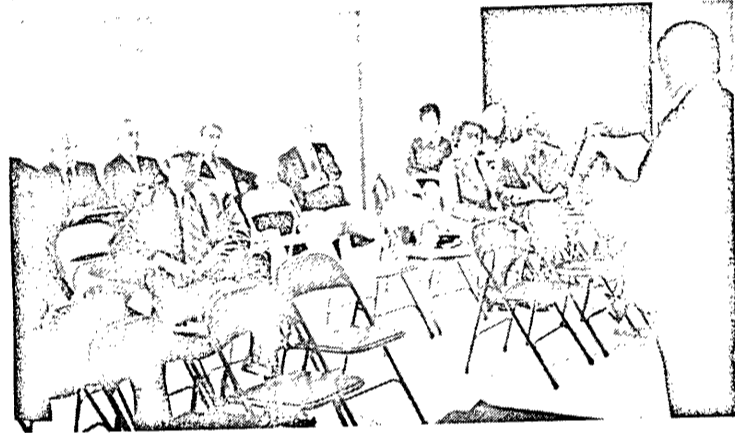


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North Arkansas Conference Board of the Ministry

### FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT LAYMEN'S RALLY HELD

Bella Vista Village was the setting for the Laymen's Rally for the Fayetteville District which was held Feb. 9 under the leadership of Bob Cheyne, district lay leader.

Some 225 laymen, pastors and their wives and about 35 young people from 21 churches of the district attended the meeting.

The group had dinner together and were inspired by the program that included Christian music by The Inner Peace, a group of young people from John Brown University. Three Razorback football players—Jim Hodge and Mark Hollingsworth of Shreveport, La. and Bob Cheyne, Jr. of Bella Vista.

The Rev. Bill Cheyne of San Antonio, Tex., director of the Advance for the Board of Missions in the South Central Jurisdiction, brought a message on the mission work of the church. Dr. Raymond L. Franks, Fayetteville District Superintendent, spoke concerning the progress being made in the work of the church in the district.

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Dr. Hollenbeck

### THE REV. WOODROW SMITH TO PREACH AT FORDYCE

The Rev. Woodrow W. Smith, associate minister at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Houston, Tex., will be the preacher for a four-night series of services to be held at First United Methodist Church, Fordyce, Feb. 27-March 1, according to the Rev. Rufus Sorrells, pastor.

Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin, senior minister of the Houston church, had been originally announced as

the guest preacher, but had to cancel the engagement because of major surgery scheduled for Mrs. Shamblin next Monday.

Bill Kennedy of England, Ark. will be the song leader for the 7 o'clock nightly services.

Prior to going to the staff of St. Luke's Church, Mr. Smith was pastor of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Ark.

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People who have really found God are not sad about it.

### COOPERATIVE PROGRAM IN GREENE COUNTY CHURCHES

The Women's Societies of four Greene County Churches met together on Wednesday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m. for the "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial". The program was planned by a joint committee from the participating churches as follows: Christ United—Mrs. Curtis Fitzgerald; Pruett's Chapel—Mrs. Willie Cozart; Shiloh—Mrs. Anne Scott; Stanford—Mrs. Earl Gramling. Among those attending the service, held in Christ Church, were several men

### District teams to train for leadership in workshops

Dr. Edward B. Hollenbeck, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Benton, will be the inspirational speaker for a dinner meeting at the Little Rock Conference Coaching Conference to be held at First United Methodist Church in Little Rock on March 7-8. Also appearing at the dinner meeting will be the Handbell Choir from St. James United Methodist Church of Little Rock, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Thompson, according to Mrs. John L. Tucker, conference director of Children's Work.

Other participants in the Coaching Conference which will follow the theme, "Teaching the Good News—Summer 1972," will be the Program

Council staff along with district coordinators of Children's Ministry. The various age levels will have as resource persons the following: Nursery, Mrs. Roy I. Bagley, Camden; Kindergarten, Mrs. N. J. Garrett, Crossett; Elementary I-II, Mrs. Kelly Oliver, Arkadelphia; Elementary III-IV, the Rev. Sam Jones, Little Rock; Elementary V-VI, Mrs. Ferris Norton, Crossett.

Dr. Hollenbeck, a native of Pine Bluff, went to the Benton pastorate in 1970 after having served as pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church in Little Rock since 1964. Other pastorates have included Dermott, Park View in Benton, Portland and Rison. He is

presently chairman of the Little Rock Conference Board of Missions, a member of the executive committee of the Conference Program Council, and a member of the Board of Managers of the Arkansas Pastors' School.

Each of the six districts within the Little Rock Conference will be represented by teams to receive leadership training for workshops to follow in their respective districts. District workshops are scheduled as follows: **April 10**, Monticello District; **April 11**, Pine Bluff District; **April 12**, Camden District; **April 13**, Little Rock District; **April 14**, Arkadelphia District; **April 15**, Hope District.

## The Proposed New Council on Ministries

Throughout the years since the Structure Study Commission began its work there have been many rumors about a new body that would be recommended with authority to establish policies and adopt regulations between sessions of the General Conference. The feeling of the commission was that their mandate included the creation of such a body because of rapidly moving events which sometimes have made four years seem like such a long time between official pronouncements.

The report recommends the creation of a General Council on Ministries, the basic membership of which would be elected by the annual conferences. Each annual conference with less than 200,000 members would elect one of its delegates to General Conference as a member of the council, and each conference with 200,000 or more members would elect two such delegates. The thinking behind the provision that these members should be selected from the General Conference delegation is that, since their work between sessions of that body involves possible changes in its legislation, they should be familiar with what that body did.

However, there is a provision that the basic membership of the council shall be composed of one-third laymen, one-third laywomen and one-third elders in full connection. The secretary of the General Conference would determine by a rotating process which one of these categories of members should be chosen by a given annual conference. If this class of election can not be made from the delegation, that annual conference may elect from its reserve delegates or its total membership.

The council would elect members-at-large, who need not be members of the General Conference, to provide the following representation:

a. Five persons under 19 years of age at the time of their election who shall be nominated by jurisdictional youth caucuses and elected by the council.

b. Five persons between the ages of 19 and 30 at the time of their election who shall be nominated by jurisdictional young adult caucuses and elected by the council.

c. Twenty-five persons who

represent ethnic minorities in the church who may be suggested by minority caucuses and other groups and elected by the council. No less than two of each of the following shall be elected representing Asian Americans, blacks, Hispanic Americans and Indian Americans.

The basic and at-large council members shall serve for four years or until their successors in office are elected. In order to provide some continuity in membership, twelve voting members shall be chosen during the last year of each quadrennium to serve a second term as continuing members. Election of continuing members shall not deprive any annual conference from which these members came from electing their basic members for a new quadrennium.

The active members of the Council of Bishops, general secretaries and associate general secretaries of the boards, and presidents of general agencies who are not otherwise members, shall be members of the council with the privilege of voice but not vote.

The council is to meet at least once during each calendar year. It may meet in special session at other times upon the call of the president, the president of the Council of Bishops, or upon the request of one-fifth of its members. The council shall have a president, three vice-presidents and a recording secretary, elected from the membership of the council, and a treasurer. The president of the council shall be its chief executive officer.

They will elect a staff secretary from among the general secretaries of the program boards and such other staff persons as may be needed to perform its duties. No person shall be elected to a staff position for more than eight consecutive years. The staff secretary shall sit with the council and its executive committee with voice but not vote.

The president of the council and staff secretary when so authorized by the Council on Ministries shall call the staff of the councils and boards into regular sessions for coordination and consultation.

The report suggests that there may be a Jurisdictional Council on Ministries, "organized as the jurisdiction shall determine and with the authority to coordinate and make effective the ministries of the boards and agencies of the church."

It is also recommended that there be councils on ministries in annual conferences, provided that these may be organized on an area basis. In this case the designation "Council on Ministries" would be substituted for the present "Program Council."

Next week we will deal with the responsibilities and powers of this proposed new agency.

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Editor's  
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A Pleasant  
Interlude  
In Phoenix

This editor availed himself of a most pleasant opportunity last week when he spent three days attending a consultation of United Methodist communications leaders in Phoenix, Ariz. We were invited by TRAFICO and United Methodist Information, and during our three days together explored many of our common problems.

In addition to taking a look at some of the latest developments concerning issues that will be before the coming General Conference, we shared together the latest trends in journalism and other communications fields.

On Thursday evening we heard a late report from Dr. Richard Cain, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Phoenix, and a member of the Structure Study Commission. He interpreted the thinking behind this report and answered a number of questions concerning it. It was an excellent presentation, and I feel it will help a great deal in the interpretation which I am endeavoring to bring you.

All of Friday afternoon was devoted to a presentation by Nelson Price of the New York office of TRAFICO on cable television. This is a great issue before every community just now, and church leadership is expecting us to serve as interpreters to our communities of all of the implications and opportunities of cable television in our communities.

Other subjects which came up for full airing at Phoenix included "Changing Conference Structures and Their Implications for Communicators," and "General, Regional and Conference Publications."

I stayed over Saturday afternoon to join a group just sight-seeing in the rapidly-expanding region around Phoenix. "The Valley of the Sun" is an exciting place and the temperature reached 85 degrees the last day.

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# NEWS and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Sven Svenson, Baptist editor of "Veckoposten" in Sweden, urged ecumenical action—perhaps through the World Council of Churches—that would ask President Nixon to determine the religious situation in China during his visit in Peking. Noting that little has been known in the West about Christianity in China since the late 1950s Svenson said, "It is urgent that we try in every way to get more precise information on the Christians in China. One would hope that among the 80 American journalists accompanying Nixon there might be one from a religious press service who could give the world information founded on facts about the religious situation in China."

Church officials in Canada, whose organizations are being barred from operating display booths at the Canadian Nat'l. Exhibition, have declared they will continue their fight to have directors of the world's largest fair and exhibition agree to reconsider their policy. Lack of space has caused the CNE not to offer space to church units, according to an exhibit space manager. Canon Maurice Wilkinson, an executive of the Canadian Council of Churches, said he is not satisfied with the CNE's reasoning, since other large fairs across the country provide space for church information booths and recruiting.

Dr. Martin Marty of the University of Chicago Divinity School told a Minnesota State Pastors' Conference that people are engaged in a quest for new meaning, which has been accelerated by the younger generation. Dr. Marty said the church in the 1970s can no longer count on "automatic members" but will have to form pioneering, "intentional communities" in which people are constantly asked for new commitment. He predicted that the decade of the '70s would be a period of "creative formlessness," and said the ministry could look for surprises as people led by the Holy Spirit depart from traditional ways.

Public school courses in religion are considered "as natural as courses in arithmetic or history or geography" in Sweden, according to Archbishop Gunnar Hultgren, retired primate of The Church of Sweden (Lutheran). He explained that Sweden's religion deals with the Bible, church history, and religious practices in other parts of the world, and asked "How can a person be considered 'educated' if he doesn't know these things?"

Congregational life in most parishes of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary displays a "vitality" lacking in Western countries, according to Bishop Zoltan Kaldy, head of the 430,000 member denomination speaking to the triennial National Synod meeting of his Church in Budapest. He said that 85 per cent of the 13-year-olds to 14-year-olds receive confirmation instruction, that attendance at optional religious classes is "good" and that there is a high rate of voluntary giving.

President Nixon has made tentative plans to accept an invitation to address the Southern Baptist Convention at its June meeting, according to the Rev. Lee Porter, chairman of the Convention's committee on order of business. Porter explained that the President's acceptance was tentative because "it is impossible for the President and the White House to give a firm commitment until at least 30 days in advance."

Americans United for Separation of Church and State has filed suit against the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity questioning the constitutionality of a \$123,050 OEO grant to Lutheran Resources Mobilization, an independent corporation operating out of New York City. C. Stanley Lowell, associate director of AUSCS, said, "The announced purpose of this expenditure seems to indicate that government is to redirect the efforts of the church through this program. This may result not in a lift to religion at all but in government interference and entanglement with religion." The Rev. Harold Letts, a Lutheran Church in America spokesman said, the denomination's position on church and state is to work for "institutional separation" while engaging in "functional interaction," and he maintained that the grant did not violate these principles.

Plans to form a network of Christian women across America who would pray for a moral and spiritual awakening were announced in St. Paul (Minn.) by Mrs. William Bright, wife of the founder and president of Campus Crusade International. "The Great Commission Prayer Crusade," to touch off at a rally Feb. 24 at the Los Angeles Sports Arena with Mrs. Billy Graham as speaker, is expected to attract some 16,000 women. Mrs. Bright said that women should pray because women have always held the key to the moral standard of a nation."

A portrait of Frances E. Willard, a founder of the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU), was presented to the Nat'l. Portrait Gallery of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Fred J. Tooze, WCTU president, made the presentation to Marvin Sadik, director of the gallery. Miss Willard died in 1898 after an active career as an opponent of liquor and as a proponent of drug control, child labor laws and women's suffrage. Her statue was placed in the rotunda of the nation's Capitol in 1905.

Eastern Nazarene College, Quincy, Mass., will open an extension in Hackensack, N.J., for the Maranatha Nazarenes—a largely young congregation in the area made up of followers of the Jesus movement. Officials at the college said this is believed to be the first time a liberal arts college in the U.S. has responded to a request by members of the Jesus movement for formal Bible instruction. A New Testament course and a course in Christian theology will constitute the initial offerings. Some 4,000 conversions reportedly have occurred in the Maranatha church, whose name is taken from the early Christian motto, "Our Lord Come" (1 Cor. 16:22).

Take your children along to family funerals, a panel of experts suggested at University of Minnesota Hospitals. "This can be a real growth experience," said Dr. George Williams, associate professor of psychiatry and public health. Dr. John Brantner, professor of clinical psychology, said it is wrong to "exclude children from a situation of grief and loss." Dr. Mulford O. Sibley, political science professor, agreed that children should be included in sad occasions, but Jasper Hopkins, associate professor of philosophy, said the children should be included only if they wish to be included.

Christians living in Rumania "see themselves living there under the sovereignty of God," according to a Protestant clergyman who recently spent six days there delivering illegal gifts of Bibles and medical supplies. The Rev. Donald Hawkinson, Baptist pastor in Rensselaer County, N.Y., said both religion and immorality are frowned upon in the Communist state, and pointed out that the importation of either Bibles or pornography is illegal in Rumania. According to Hawkinson, "In France and West Germany, they have real drug problems, but you don't find that in Eastern Europe."

"Christianity is helping to unite the 122 tribes of Tanzania in east Africa," according to Anglican Archbishop John Sepeku of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Speaking in Suamico, Wis., the bishop said, "Christianity in Tanzania grows very fast indeed, the rate of 6½ per cent a year. This is due to the joint effort of all Christians in the country—Anglicans, Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Moravians and other Christian denominations."

Pope Paul has called upon Rome's officials to rid the city of pornography in time for the observance of the next Holy Year there in 1975. The observances normally bring hundreds of thousands of men, women and children to this fountainhead from which flows universal Roman Catholicism. The pontiff said he expected a "firm guarantee" of ethics in Rome to rid the city of what he termed "a certain pornographic license and debased morals."

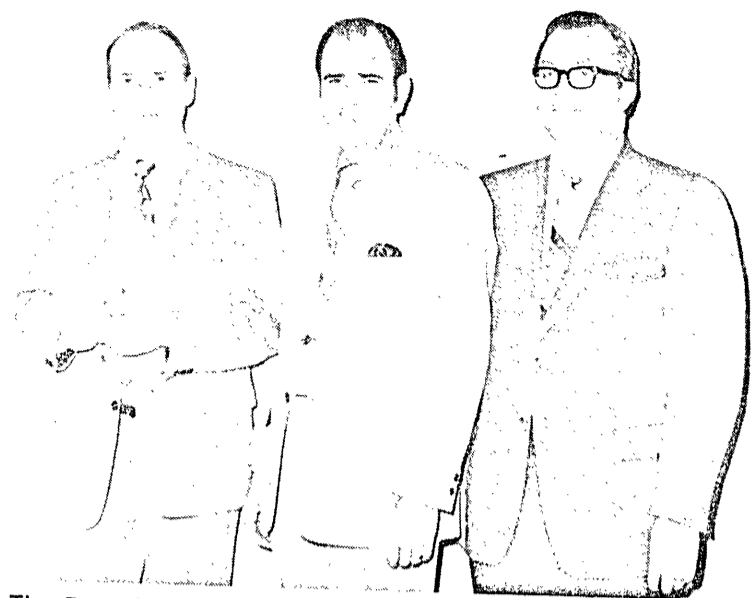
Americans United for the Separation of Church and State said in Washington, D. C. that the "closings of Catholic schools in 1,600 American communities has not brought a disaster to the educational program but has actually resulted in an improvement in many cases. A rapidly declining birth rate has created vacancies in the public schools which are being filled by students from closing Catholic schools," the report says. "This has resulted in a strong unified support for the public schools and a better education for the community's children," Americans United declare.

The Baptist Union of Poland has scheduled 150 evangelistic crusades at churches and mission stations during February. The services are part of World Mission of Reconciliation through Christ, a cooperative program sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance that will continue through 1975. In recent years several new churches have been built in Poland with financial assistance from the Alliance.

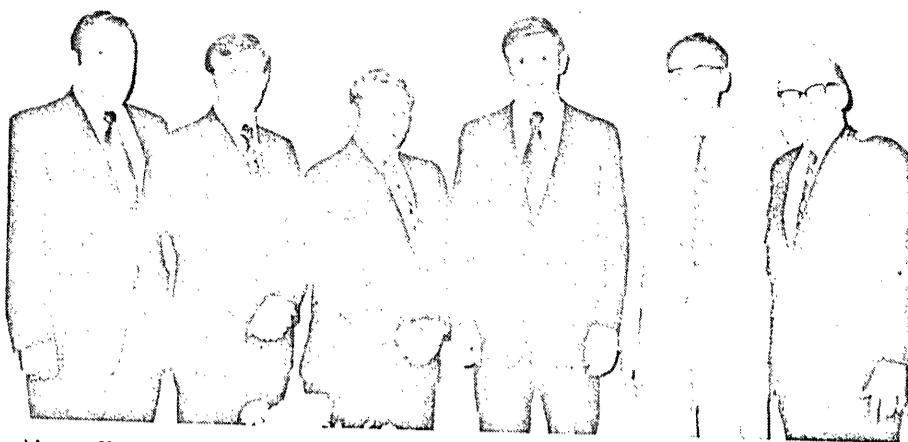
(RNS Photo)



ST. PAUL, Minn. — Mrs. William Bright announces the formation of the Great Commission Prayer Crusade which seeks a network of Christian women across the U.S. to pray for a moral and spiritual awakening for the nation and world. Mrs. Bright, wife of the founder and president of Campus Crusade International, described plans for the crusade in talks at Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.



The Rev. George Wayne Martin (center), Arkadelphia District superintendent, presented the program for a recent ladies' night banquet held at First United Methodist Church in Batesville and sponsored by the Batesville Area United Methodist Men's group. Other participants were Harold Martin (left), retiring president, and the Rev. Dois Kennedy (right), host pastor.



New officers for Batesville Area United Methodist Men who were installed at recent ladies' night banquet. FROM LEFT: Marvin Gaither, district lay leader; Bob Reynolds, information director; Ronald Brown, secretary-treasurer; Neil Wilkins, president; Roscoe Anderson, vice-president; and the Rev. Floyd Villines, Jr., district superintendent and installing officer.

## Faith at Work Conference, March 3-5

The first Arkansas' Faith At Work Conference will be held Mar. 3-5 at the Albert Pike Hotel in Little Rock. Leading the non-denominational conference will be A. T. "Tap" Hanson, a Georgia layman who is vice president in charge of human relations for the W. C. Bradley Co., Columbus, Ga. Hanson's professional, civic, educational and religious activities have included numerous responsibilities in the work of the Methodist Church.

Faith At Work, headquartered in Columbia, Md. provides conferences to bring diverse peoples together in the spirit of Christ; training programs for clergy and laymen, and consultative services for local churches and denominations.

Other leaders for the Little Rock conference will include the Rev. Luther Kramer, pastor of First Presby-

terian Church, Phenix City, Ala.; Mrs. Louise Mohr, regional director for Faith At Work, Columbia, Md., and the Rev. Ernest Mellor, Jr., a native of El Dorado, Ark., who has served as a missionary to Brazil under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church.

The Conference will open with a dinner on Friday, Mar. 3, and will close with lunch on Sunday, Mar. 5. A registration fee of \$18 is being charged. Registrations are being sent to Dr. Dale Cowling, Registrar, 222 East 8th St., Little Rock, Ark.

### WCS EXECUTIVES MET IN JONESBORO

The Executive Committee of the Jonesboro District Women's Society met on Friday, January 14, at the home of Mrs. M. G. Sourlock, 1100 Robin Road, Jonesboro, with Mrs. Roy Weld presiding.

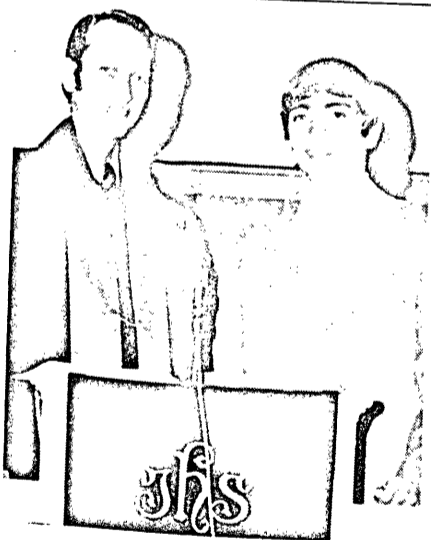
Those present were Mrs. Weld, Mrs. Frank Johnston, Jr., Mrs. George Disinger, Mrs. Rod Thrasher, Mrs. Frank Weatherford, Mrs. Spurlock, Mrs. Ned Darter, Miss Leton Adams, Miss Mildred Osment, Mrs. Russel Massey, Mrs. Bryant Wall, and Mrs. Bill Hester.

A short meditation was given by Mrs. Darter. Plans were completed for the **Spiritual Adventure Day** to be **February 29 at Tyronza**, with the theme, "Father I Stretch My Hands to Thee." The date for the retreat at Wayland Springs was set for Monday, September 18, 1972 at 9:30.

Mrs. Disinger gave a report on the District Guild Meeting and expressed appreciation for those who attended from the Women's Society.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon for a dutch luncheon at Luby's Cafeteria.

Christianity is a religion of the open tomb.—Roy L. Smith



Michael (Mike) Glenn Orr, son of the Rev. Bob Orr (at left in picture) and Mrs. Orr, presented himself for commitment to the ministry during the morning worship hour at Harrisburg United Methodist Church on Jan. 30th. (The family has since moved to Marked Tree.) Mike is 16 years of age and a junior in high school.

## Program Directors to Local Churches

### Visual Aids for the Asking

The first Sunday in Lent was Feb. 20. Throughout this special season of the Church year (many think of it as the most important season), pastors and laymen will be giving recognition to the life of our Lord Jesus Christ and especially the events leading up to his crucifixion and resurrection.

To help in highlighting the life of Jesus several audio-visual aids are available from your Conference film library. Take a good look at these filmstrips:

1. **The Last Supper**—Christ's entry into Jerusalem through the Last Supper.

2. **Gethsemane**—A narrative adapted from the Bible. It starts with the closing of the Last Supper and ends with Judas' kiss and Christ's arrest.

3. **Arrest and Trial**—This too is adapted from the Bible and portrays Christ's seizure and his trial before Pilate.

4. **Judgment and Crucifixion**—These thirty frames take one with Jesus from the trial through the crucifixion.

5. **The Resurrection**—The filmstrip depicts the resurrection and Christ's appearances.

6. **The Easter Dawn**—34 frames, color, approx. 16 min. 33 rpm record. Events of Passion Week, Crucifixion through Pentecost, unfold in rich inspirational paintings and dramatic narrative. Juniors—Adults.

7. **Easter in the Arts**—54 frames, 16 min., 33 rpm record. From Triumphant Entry through Ascension, events of Passion Week are depicted through paintings of 13th-16th century artists. Study Guide offers extensive notes on text, music, artists paintings. Interesting to JUNIORS—ADULTS.

8. **The Easter Donkey and the Easter Witness**—(Recordings to these two separate strips are back to back. They should be scheduled as a set, that is, shown together on the same day). **The Easter Donkey**—56 frame color, 35mm, 16 min., 33 rpm record. Christopher, grandson of the donkey that carried Mary to Bethlehem for Jesus' birth, misses an opportunity to bear riches to a king's palace, choosing rather to be faithful to his grandfather, and is finally chosen to carry Christ into Jerusalem for his Triumphant Entry.

**KINDERGARTEN—JUNIOR. The Easter Witness:** 65 frames, 16 min., 33 rpm record. Lucius, young son of a Roman centurion in Jerusalem, aspires to be an artist whose paintings reveal deep emotions. His observation of Christ during events leading to the Crucifixion result in a painting calling to mind the Centurion's remark, "Truly, this was the Son of God".

9. Additional films, filmstrips and recordings are available from Cokesbury, 1910 Main Street, Dallas, Texas. Early booking is a must at either Cokesbury or your Conference film library.

### 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.

Feb. 27—Sun.	I Cor. 15:12-21
Feb. 28	II Cor. 4:1-7
Feb. 29	II Cor. 4:8-18
March 1	Psalm 118:1-13
March 2	Psalm 118:14-29
March 3	Isaiah 49:5-17
March 4	Isaiah 49:18-26
March 5—Sun.	Exod. 2:23-3:10

1972 Arkansas Methodist Circulation Campaign

New Renew Not Due Total				New Renew Not Due Total				New Renew Not Due Total				
<b>ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT</b>				<b>Hatfield:Lawrence</b>				<b>Parkdale:Wilson</b>				
Amity:Hemund	2	23		25	5	37		42	3	15		18
Arkadelphia-First:Miles	19	62	9	90	13	70		83	1	11		12
St. Andrews:Davis		12	1	13	7	18		25	126	914	4	1044
Bismarck:Dunaway	2	10		12	9	41		50**	<b>PINE BLUFF DISTRICT</b>			
Delight:Hunter	2	19	2	23**	5	24		29	<b>Almyra-DeLuce-Prairie</b>			
GlenwoodCt:Smith	5	36		41	4	33		37	<b>Grove:Perry</b>			
Gurdon:Richardson	6	36		42	13	53		66	<b>Bayou Meto-Lodges:</b>			
Hot Springs-First:Ivy	6	33	2	41	12	78	1	91**	<b>Irvin</b>			
Grand:Hale	11	33	1	45	2	11		13	<b>Alzheimer:Shaddox</b>			
Oaklawn:Arnold	10	37		47	4	8		12	<b>Carthage:Scott</b>			
Pullman Hts:Hoover	2	11		13	5	44	2	51**	<b>DeWitt:Masters</b>			
Okolona:Hankins	7	32		39	<b>Texarkana-College Hill:</b>				<b>England-Keo:Sadler</b>			
Piney Grove:Botteron	2	2		4	<b>Beard</b>				<b>Gillette:Diffie</b>			
Hot Springs:Gardner:					10	27	6	43	<b>Glendale:Ratekin</b>			
Barron	8	10	2	20	10	186	2	198**	<b>Pine Bluff-Good Faith:</b>			
Sparkman: Hudnall		14		14	2	9	1	12	<b>Riggin</b>			
Gum Springs:Aronhalt	1	6		7	<b>Total</b>				<b>Grady-Trinity:Hansford</b>			
Hot Springs:Tigert:Woody	11	4		15	<b>LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT</b>				<b>Humphrey:Barker</b>			
Hot Springs:Fountain Lake:					<b>Austin:Poss</b>				<b>Leola:Clanton</b>			
Hoover	3	5		8	<b>Benton-First:Hollenbeck</b>				<b>Pine Bluff:Carr:Matthew</b>			
Shorewood Hills:McCoy	1	15		16	<b>Parkview:Grogan</b>				<b>First:Lindsay</b>			
Malvern-Keith:Mashburn	3	26		29	<b>New Hope:Diffie</b>				<b>Hawley:Walker</b>			
St. Paul:Nation					<b>Bryant:Elder</b>				<b>Lakeside:Matthews</b>			
First:Ashcraft	26	89	2	117	<b>Carlisle:Martin</b>				<b>St. Luke:Wilson</b>			
Mt. Ida:Bailey	10	20		30	<b>Des Arc:Ruth</b>				<b>Whitehall:Lea</b>			
Murfreesboro:Brent	7	42		49**	<b>Hamilton:Martin</b>				<b>Wesley:Regnier</b>			
Totals	144	577	19	740	<b>Little Rock-Western</b>				<b>Rison:Averitt</b>			
<b>CAMDEN DISTRICT</b>				<b>Hills:Robertson</b>				<b>Roe:Richert</b>				
Bearden:Richardson		34		34	<b>Geyer Spgs:Diffie</b>				<b>Rowell:Brown</b>			
Bradley:Jester	5	19		24	<b>St. James:Phillips</b>				<b>Sheridan:Wilson</b>			
Camden-First:Dotson	20	76	4	100	<b>Asbury:Harris</b>				<b>Sherill:Patton</b>			
Fairview:Tanner		53		53	<b>Capitol View:Goldman</b>				<b>St. Charles:McLean</b>			
Timothy:Graham	11	11		22	<b>First:Bearden</b>				<b>Stuttgart-First:Beck</b>			
St. Mark:Smith	1	4		5	<b>St. Paul:Scott</b>				<b>Grand:Mulkey</b>			
Westside:Miller	5	11	1	17**	<b>Henderson:VanHook</b>				<b>Totals</b>			
Chidester:Bailey	9	24		33	<b>Highland:Stephens</b>				<b>226 1139 5 1370</b>			
Columbia:Justice	5	20	1	26	<b>Hunter:Kerr</b>				<b>BATESVILLE DISTRICT</b>			
El Dorado-First:					<b>Galloway:McCulloch</b>				<b>Batesville-Asbury-Oil</b>			
Murray	52	120		172	<b>Oak Forest:Stewart</b>				<b>Trough:Clea ry</b>			
St. Paul:Connell	5	29	1	35	<b>Pulaski Hts:Argue</b>				<b>Central:Casteel</b>			
Vantrese:Hale	17	89	1	107**	<b>St. Luke:DeBlack</b>				<b>First:Kennedy</b>			
Harmony Grove:Ekberg	4	27		31*	<b>Trinity: Taylor</b>				<b>Antioch:Jones</b>			
Dumas:Green	5	13		18	<b>St. Andrew:Walthall</b>				<b>Bald Knob:Anderson</b>			
Holly Springs:Warren	1	19		20	<b>Winfield:Dunlap</b>				<b>Beebe:Cook</b>			
Huttig:Jackson	1	6	1	8	<b>Markham:Workman</b>				<b>Bradford:Holland</b>			
Junction City:Wagner	6	26	1	33	<b>Hazen:Holland</b>				<b>Cabot:Savage</b>			
Lewisville:Hunter	4	40		44	<b>Lonoke:Clayton</b>				<b>Calico Rock:Southerland</b>			
Magnolia:First:Williams	1	88	4	93	<b>Mabelvale: Hines</b>				<b>Cave City:Martin</b>			
Asbury:Nolley	5	44	2	51	<b>Mt. Pleasant:Bolin</b>				<b>Clinton:Scott</b>			
Greer's:Taylor	8	14	1	23**	<b>Primrose:Kilgore</b>				<b>Quitman:Strayhorn</b>			
Magnolia Ct:Burleson	4	14		18	<b>Pride Valley:Hart</b>				<b>Concord:Woodall</b>			
Marysville:Haustein	5	35		40	<b>Salem:Williams</b>				<b>Denard-Shirley:Shell</b>			
Emerson:Clegg	1	8		9	<b>Sardis:Monroe</b>				<b>Cotter:Edwards</b>			
Norphlet:Robken	2	32	1	35	<b>Traskwood:Lightfoot</b>				<b>Griffithville:Cook</b>			
Pleasant Grove:Mathis	1	22		23	<b>Woodlawn:Eagle</b>				<b>Heber Springs:Womack</b>			
Liberty-Louann:Crain	2	6	1	9	<b>Totals</b>				<b>Judsonia:Hunter</b>			
Stamps:Johnson	2	54		56	<b>MONTICELLO DISTRICT</b>				<b>Holiday Hills:Cowan</b>			
Stephens:Ross	2	28	1	31	<b>Crossett:Norton</b>				<b>Kensett-McRae:Daniel</b>			
Strong:Haire	4	8		12	<b>Dermott:Fair</b>				<b>Moorefield-Southside:Lee</b>			
Taylor:Miller		25		25	<b>Dumas:Simpson</b>				<b>Moorefield A:Wilson</b>			
Village:Roden	5	17		22	<b>Eudora:Wilson</b>				<b>Moorefield B:Thomas</b>			
Waldo:Hamm	5	25		30	<b>Fordyce:Sorrells</b>				<b>Melbourne:Kelly</b>			
Welcome:Yates	4	10		14	<b>Gould:Mitchell</b>				<b>Mt. Home:Carter</b>			
Totals	202	1051	20	1273	<b>Hampton:Ford</b>				<b>Mt. View:Hawkins</b>			
<b>HOPE DISTRICT</b>				<b>Hermitage:Claiborne</b>				<b>Newark:Wilson</b>				
Bingen:Lowery	1	13		14	<b>Lake Village:Swift</b>				<b>Marshall-Leslie:Knapp</b>			
Blevins:Rushing	3	26		29**	<b>McGehee:Garner</b>				<b>Pangburn:Hook</b>			
DeQueen:Wilson	14	39		53	<b>Monticello:Elliot</b>				<b>Salem:McCammom</b>			
Dierks:Bean	7	60	2	69**	<b>Kingsland:Turner</b>				<b>Searcy-First:Richards</b>			
Emmett:Prothro	1	24		25	<b>Portland:Bonds</b>				<b>Grace:Ernest</b>			
Foreman:Poss	12	25		37	<b>Star City:Mitchell</b>				<b>Horseshoe Bend:Ford</b>			
Doddridge:Gantz	2	8		10	<b>Tillar:Williams</b>				<b>Desha:Watts</b>			
					<b>Tilliar:Williams</b>				<b>Totals</b>			
					<b>Warren:Meyer</b>				<b>224 970 21 1215</b>			
					<b>Watson:Arnold</b>				<b>CONWAY DISTRICT</b>			
					<b>Wilmar:Abney</b>				<b>Atkins:Pollard</b>			
									<b>Belleville:Hutto</b>			

**WCS OFFICER TRAINING HELD AT MONTICELLO**

Monticello District Women's Society Officer Training Day was held in First Church, Monticello, January 29, with 81 attending. Mrs. Claude Babin is president, and the Rev. Bill Elliott is pastor of the host group.

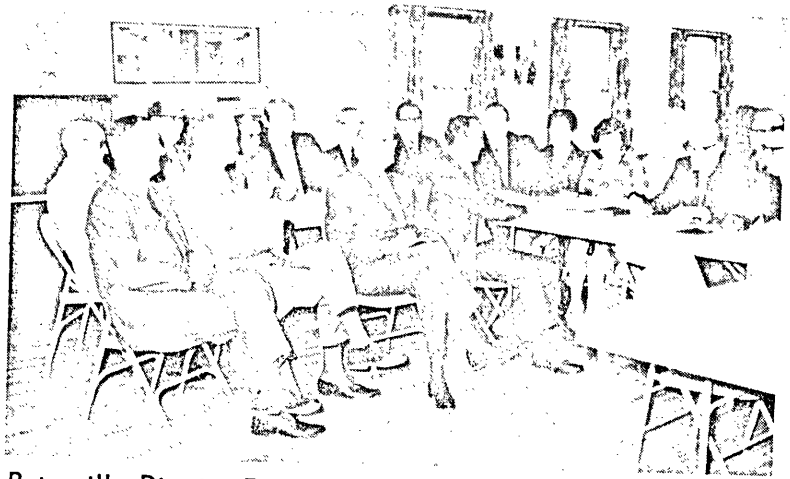
"Introduction to TECHNETHICS" was presented by Mrs. George Meyer and Mrs. L. W. Ederington, both of Warren.

The Youth Choir, led by John Browning, gave a musical program during lunch.

District officers who conducted the training are: President — Mrs. French Wynne; vice-president — Mrs. Benton Newcome; secretary — Mrs.

Wayne Lazenby; treasurer—Mrs. Fred Thornton. Chairmen of program areas are: Program materials—Mrs. Harold McCormack; spiritual growth — Mrs. Percy Grissom; Christian social concerns—Mrs. Ray Pledger; missionary education—Mrs. Hall Gibbs; nominations—Mrs. Fred Arnold. These officers were assisted by Mrs. Barnett Miles, Mrs. J. M. Tharp and Mrs. Mercel Bankston.

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CONNIE NORTON, wife of the Rev. Ferris Norton of Crossett First United Methodist Church, will appear in the title role in the Broadway musical MAME, Feb. 27, 28 and 29. The production is by the Crossett Players.



Batesville District Program Council in Jan. 11 session held at Heber Springs, with the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., District superintendent (second from right, at table) presiding.

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Conway-First:Jordan	6	54	11	71
Wesley:Cordell	3	26		29
Greenbrier:Wingo	7	27		34
Salem:Brumley	2	25	1	28***
Danville:Byram	9	47	4	60**
Dardanelle:Crozier	23	61	2	86**
Jacksonville:Edwards	16	36		52
McArthur:Bridenthal	6	2	1	9*
Mayflower:Soens		5		5
Morrilton:Parsons	14	113	5	132**
Morrilton Ct:Mooney	10	29		39**
No. Little Rock-Amboy:				
Curtis	2	40		42
First:Conyers	13	90	4	107
Gardner:McSpadden	22	110		132
Rose City:Watt	6	25		31
Lakewood:Hays	17	61	1	79
Levy:Hammett	14	32		46
Washington:Renfro		42		42
Indian Hills:Teague	5	16		21
Ola-Plainview:Crossno	11	23	1	35
Perryville:Madison	2	31		33**
Plummerville:Lee	1	18		19
Mallettown:Watson	2	1		3
Russellville:Ramsey	20	57		77
Wesley:McClurkin	1	9		10
Dover:Wright	1	18		19
Bell's Chapel:Peters	1	3		4
Totals	235	1042	31	1308

**FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT**

Bentonville:Lanier	10	49	2	61
Berryville:Stokes	1	24		25
Elkins:Qualls	2	4		6
Decatur:Burrow		23	1	24
Elm Spgs:Fisher	4	19		23
Eureka Spgs:Pettit	6	11		17
Farmington:Ames	10	6		16
Fayetteville-Central:				
Cooper	13	65	2	80
Wiggins	6	19		25
Gentry:Lawrence	3	21		24
Goshen:Good	3	4		7
Gravette:Bruner	5	22	1	28
Green Forest:Woods	8	59	1	68**
Harrison:McCormack	5	55		60
Harrison-St. Paul:Whitfield	5	25	2	32
Lincoln:Hooker	3	19		22
Huntsville:Southwick	3	27	1	31
Jasper:Witta	2	12		14
Omaha:Brown		2		2
Pea Ridge:Yarbrough		1		1
Prairie Grove:Paysinger	8	10	3	21
Rogers-Central:Connell	37	63	3	103
Siloam Spgs:Johnson	8	39	2	49
Springdale:Atchley	23	88	8	119
Wesley:Fiser	10	26		36
St. Joe:Beck	3	2		5
Yellville:Hestwood	2	20		22
Totals	180	715	26	921

**FORREST CITY DISTRICT**

Augusta:Eaton	2	19	2	23
Brinkley:Chapman	29	47	1	77**
Clarendon:Bruner	3	38		41
Cherry Valley:Price	6	51	1	58**
Colt:Davis	1	13		14

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New Renew Not Due Total

Cotton Plant:Logan	7	41		48
Crawfordsville:Smith	1	23		24**
Earle:Wilson	3	24		27
Elaine:Breezeale	1	25		26
Forrest City:Hughes	20	314		334***
Forrest Hills:Robison		9		9
Helena First:Beal	2	33		35
Holly Grove:Nance	1	12		13
Hughes:K. Johnson	5	14		19
Marianna:Byers	10	42		52
Marion:Stallcup	7	109		116***
Marvell:Moyers	12	13	1	26
McCroxy:Brewer		61		61
Parkin:Anderson	2	8	1	11
Tupelo:Couchman	1	5		6
Vanndale:Jump	4	28		32
West Helena:Halton	24	42	1	67
West Memphis:Burleson	39	121		160**
West Memphis-Rosewood:				
Linam	10	8	2	20
Wheatley:Nichols	5	7	1	13
Widener:Reed	5	23	1	29
Wynne:Wilder	7	64	1	72
Totals	207	1184	12	1403

**FORT SMITH DISTRICT**

Altus:Lancaster	1	12		13
Alma:Skelton	1	12	1	14
Booneville:Dodgen	9	19	4	32
Charleston:Hazelwood	10	13		23
Ft. Smith-First		99		99
Goddard:Boyd	19	164		183
Wyatt:Watson	4	26	1	31
Hendrix Hills:Hollis	25	13		38**
Massard:Millard	5	21	1	27
Midland:Cruce	6	37		43
Wesley:Green	3	19		22
Greenwood:Rogers	2	17		19
Hartford:Glover	2	15	2	19
Hartman:Matthews	1	27		28
Lavaca:Chaffin	20	23	1	44
Mansfield:Tackitt	2	15	1	18
Mt. View:Byrd	1	17		18
Mulberry:Blackshear	4	14		18
Van Buren-First:Lawson	8	34		42
City Hts:Lloyd	2	18		20
St. John's:Pulliam	3	14	1	18
Waldron:Clemmons	5	43		48**
Scott Co.Parish:Kleeb	2	18		20
Ft. Smith:St. Paul:				
Douglas	8	35		43
Totals	143	725	12	879

**JONESBORO DISTRICT**

Caraway:West	2	20		22
Blytheville-First:Keeley	16	384	1	401**
Lake Street:Bounds	7	10		17
Dell-Christ:Wilkerson	3	6		9
Bono:Spurlock	4	29		33
Harrisburg:Weir	6	84	1	91**
Hickory Ridge:Barton	6	26		32
Joiner:Feagan	5	37		42
Jonesboro-First:Gibson	71	469		540**
Huntington:Chandler	24	41		65
Fisher:Holifield	14	37		51
Nettleton:Holifield	12	29		41
St. Paul:Canada	3	11		14

New Renew Not Due Total

Lake City:Kirkland	2	8		10
Leachville:Weatherford	3	19		22
Lepanto:VanCleve	2	26		28
Luxora:Dorman	1	17		18
Manilla:Dorman	3	29		32
Marked Tree:Orr	4	69		73
Monette:Hays	6	20	2	28
Osceola:Brannon	31	58		89
Trumann:Thompson	2	22		24
Tyrnza:Yarbrough	2	33		35
Wilson:Linam	3	20		23
Weiner:Waters	3	33		36
Pl. Valley:Randle	1	4		5
Yarbro:Hall	1	11		12
Totals	237	1523	4	1744

**PARAGOULD DISTRICT**

Beech Grove:Darling		14		14
Black Rock:Sellars	2	18	1	21
Boydsville:Penney		24	1	25
Corning:Clark	4	35	1	40
Hurricane:Thompson	2	4		6
Hardy:Hall	5	14	2	21
Hoxie:Gilliam	4	20	1	25
Imboden:Stahl	3	25		28
Eli Lindsey:Hance		3		3
Mammoth Spg:Jackson	2	2	2	6
Marmaduke:Reed		38		38
Maynard:Kemp	3	6		9
Newport:Conyers	7	73	2	82
Umsted:Strayhorn	6	26		32
Paragould:Spence	62	79	6	147**
Griffin:Gatlin	4	38		42
Paragould Parish 3:Craig	2	12		14
Paragould Parish 1:Holland	4	26		30
Paragould Parish 2:Bain		2		2
Pocahontas:McKelvey	23	37	2	62
Piggott:Harris	2	34		36
Ravenden Spgs:Weatherford	5	1		6
Rector:Jarvis	5	27	1	33
Pl. Grove:Southard	2	4		6
Sedgwick:Bruner	3	20		23
St. Francis:Piercy	2	24	2	28
Swifton:Luter	5	36		41**
Tuckerman:LeGrand	6	19		25
Walnut Ridge:Meadors	6	35		41
Cherokee Village:Poyner	3	2		5
Old Walnut Ridge:Hance	1	5	1	7*
Totals	168	707	23	898

\* Reached quota

\*\* Exceeded quota

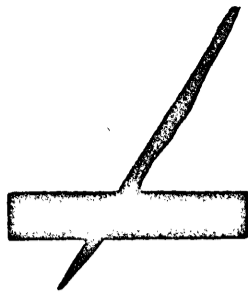
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**RECAPITULATION Report No. 4**

DISTRICT	New	Renew	Not Due	Total	Quota Per	Cent
Monticello	126	914	4	1044	1106	94%
Jonesboro	237	1523	4	1744	1865	93
Pine Bluff	226	1139	5	1370	1711	80
Forrest City	207	1184	12	1403	1763	79
Little Rock	238	2429	19	2686	3658	73
Batesville	224	970	21	1215	1876	65
Hope	141	834	14	989	1563	63
Paragould	168	707	23	898	1465	61
Camden	202	1051	20	1273	2168	58
Conway	235	1042	31	1308	2521	52
Arkadelphia	144	577	19	740	1515	49
Fayetteville	180	715	26	921	1949	47
Fort Smith	143	725	12	879	2441	36
Totals	2471	13810	210	16491	25601	64

# The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



## LESSON FOR MARCH 5: The Foundation of the Church

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Isaiah 28:16; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 16:13-20; Ephesians 2:19-22

**MEMORY SELECTION:** I am laying in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation. (Isaiah 28:16)

**AIM OF THE LESSON:** To help persons understand the place of the Old Testament as a foundation for the Christian church; to introduce a unit of thirteen lessons on the nature and mission of the church.

Today's lesson begins a new unit on the nature and mission of the church. We will devote the next quarter to a quest for a better understanding of the church in order that we might see better the challenge to renew, restructure, and revitalize the organization through which God speaks and in the context of which his mission will be done on this earth.

This study should be of special significance at this time in view of the current challenge to the relevance of the church. It is nothing new for the church to have to defend itself against enemies on the outside and critics on the inside; but there has never been a time in its long history when the attack was so fierce from all directions. Many persons are denying the present concept of the mission of the church, yet others are strongly supporting it.

Dr. Horace R. Weaver has said, "Some consider the contemporary church as a worn-out garment that needs to be laid aside. Others believe that a better metaphor than a garment is an organism—alive and ever-changing according to the needs of every generation. The authority of the Bible, of the clergy, of proclamation by various denominational conferences or boards and agencies is also being questioned."

As we come to this study we should recognize that not all of the attacks are coming from persons who would like to see the church disappear. There is a genuine feeling on the part of many persons of goodwill that the entire concept of the church needs reexamination. Because the origins of the church are rooted in the Bible, we shall be studying it carefully for a better understanding of its origin, nature and mission.

The first unit will deal with the origin of the church: rooted in the Old Testament, built on Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. The second group of lessons will deal with the nature of the church—what it is that makes it a community and how the members are related to one another. Then the final series of lessons will be devoted to the church's mission—its work in evangelism, missions, proclamation, teaching, and ministry to human need. In addition, there will be a lesson related to the church's need for renewal in respect to its mission.

### "THE PEOPLE OF GOD"

From the earliest inception, the divine plan spoke of God's reaching out through a unique group of persons, called out from the rest of the world, and appointed to be "the people of God." The roots go back to Abraham and Moses and many others who felt the divine power move within them. Our background material includes two Old Testament passages (Isa. 28:16 and Jer. 31:31-34) to suggest this continuity of God's purposes in Israel and the church.

One writer has said: "The idea of the church

as a kind of afterthought of God, following Israel's rejection, is repudiated by many passages in both testaments which show the church to have been in the divine intent from the beginning."

The Bible gives us a story of God's accomplishments in spite of human failure and rebellion. Our memory selection for today is from the passage in Isaiah which has real significance in the light of the familiar passage about the church in Matt. 16:18. Isaiah was being rejected by the people to whom he had extended a call to repentance. Indicating to them that their unbelieving defiance disqualified them from continued usefulness to God, the prophet spoke for God in looking to the future as he said, "Look, I am laying a stone in Zion, a block of granite, a precious cornerstone for a firm foundation; he who has faith shall not waver."

In a like manner, Jeremiah contending with rebellious Israel, spoke of a "coming new covenant." We have come to see that God was promising a new relationship not of law but of spirit and based on redemptive forgiveness. God fulfilled the prophet's words in creating the church as his new people—those whom he had chosen to witness for him.

### THE ROCK ON WHICH THE CHURCH WAS BUILT

One of the most familiar passages in scripture concerning Jesus' concept of the church is Matthew 16:13-20. Along the road to Caesarea Philippi, Jesus cross-examined his disciples concerning what people were saying about him. He put a pointed question to them: "Who do men say that the son of man is?" This was a very direct question and Jesus expected a direct answer.

The disciples said that there were a number of rumors going about. They told him that some people were saying that he was John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, and one of the prophets. The people knew that Jesus had a special relation to John. The appearance of Elijah was a current expectation, and there was a current rumor that Jeremiah had appeared to Judas Maccabeus, a famous leader in the second century.

Then Jesus put the question directly to them, "Who do you say that I am?" It was then that Peter spoke up and confessed his belief that Jesus was in reality God's promised Messiah. This meant that he believed that he was "the anointed one" spoken of in the Old Testament. Peter was recognizing Christ's claim to deity, that he had come from God, and that he enjoyed a unique relationship to the living God.

Peter saw beyond Christ's works and his teaching to the essential matter of Christ's person. Many have been captivated by the teachings and the example of Christ, but who have never made the same confession Peter did. Thus they have never been among those who are a part of the foundation of the church. Notice that Jesus did not decline the affirmation of deity, but declared that this was "the rock on which I will build my church."

### PETER—OR PETER'S FAITH?

Through the centuries this passage has been the center of a great theological storm. There has not only been disagreement between scholars, but there is also the long disenchantment between Protestants and Roman Catholics. Even in the position of the latter, one cannot be sure whether "the rock" refers to the person of Peter or to the quality of his confession. Surely most of us can recognize that the disciple's real name was Cephas. Peter was a nickname in the Aramaic language which meant "rock."

Surely we believe that it was Peter's faith, and the faith of millions since his time that constitutes the foundation stones of the church. As Donald Ackland has said in Broadman Commentary, "By his confession of Jesus as Messiah, Peter had acknowledged the action of God in providing a foundation for faith and a hope of salvation." Upon this rock, therefore—not Peter's acknowledgement but the thing Peter acknowledged—Jesus said he would build his church.

An important characteristic of this faith is that it must be personal. Jesus quickly turned the disciples from their echoing of rumors to intimate, personal soul-searching. A man must live by some faith, and it must be his own. Too many people have come into the church without personally knowing what its implications are for their own lives. No "second-hand" faith will do. This was what Jesus was saying to Peter.

Dr. George A. Buttrick says in The Interpreter's Bible: "A man must live by some faith. That he cannot help. Some men live by a merely inherited faith, which is therefore custom rather than faith. Most men echo the vague faith or unfaith of the society in which they find themselves. But choice is given us, and we cannot avoid choice. Jesus still stands over against our world, and in it, asking, 'But who do you say that I am?'"

### THE NATURE OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

In the selection from Ephesians (2:19-22) we are dealing with the characteristics of church membership. The passage begins with the words, "So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God."

There are many varieties of strangers in life. Some people are strangers in crowded cities and are destroyed by their loneliness. Some are strangers within their own families and consequently the members never know true communication. Some are strangers to themselves and never realize their full potentiality and many fall heir to mental illness. Apparently Paul was thinking here of those who have no understanding of the purpose of life. He was saying that a primary purpose of the church is to give meaning and direction to all its members.

A second metaphor used in this passage concerning church membership refers to "citizenship." However, it is referring not to the nation but the long procession of those who come before them to prepare the foundation for the church. Dr. Theodore O. Wedel says in Interpreter's Bible: "'Fellow citizens with the saints' carries Old Testament overtones. The Christian church was new. But it was also old. It was the inheritor of Israel's promises, its peculiar privileges and burdens. . . . Those early Christians, like minority Christian flocks in heathen lands, or like remnant churches in days of totalitarian flood tides, had little enough to nurture their worldly pride. They had only the promises of the chosen people of God."

### IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

As we see that the foundations of the church reach so far back and take in so much we begin to see afresh the meanings for our own relationship to the church. We see that we are marching along with a great company that includes not only the prophets of Israel but also the apostles of Christ. These people witnessed to Christ because they had found him personally and had experienced new life at his hands. Only those who have received new life from Christ are in a position to be his witnesses. This has long been the position of The United Methodist Church and its predecessor denominations.

Those who have experienced Christ cannot keep what they have found within themselves. Dr. Charles Laymon tells an interesting story of the great preacher, Henry Ward Beecher. When asked why his church was so successful. He replied, "I preach on Sunday, but I have 450 members who take up my message on Monday and preach it wherever they go." Our fellowship in the church demands that we bear witness to him in the world.



## One Great Hour of Sharing to help refugees

A typhoon, a tidal wave, political upheaval, cholera, dysentery and flooding rains. Any one of these would be enough to bring tragedy to a people. Lump them together in succession and you have the calamity which has befallen refugees from East Pakistan. Called "the largest migration of people in history", the exodus from the eastern portion of Pakistan now totals more than 8 million persons.

Even in our highly technical and computerized society few can envision what 8 million of anything actually is. Who can really picture 8 million refugees with little more than the clothing on their backs? As illustration, perhaps this figure will take on meaning if we try to imagine the entire population of New York city moving across into New Jersey within a few weeks.

Doctors and nurses are always in short supply in the Far East and when the East Pakistan situation developed the rapid increase in the need for medical attention only accentuated the shortage. Some medical teams have been recruited in India and others flown in, along with massive medical supplies to meet this emergency situa-

tion. Through the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and its affiliation with Church World Service we have been on the scene from the first aftermath of the typhoon. The political situation suggests that these 8 million refugees will be dependent upon outside help for an extended period of time. Our initial shipment of tents, blankets, clothing and medical supplies is being followed with regular shipments of clothing and food.

India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has publicly stated that her country cannot care for these people permanently; neither will she send them back to East Pakistan, from which they have fled. The cost to the Indian government of feeding and maintaining the refugees is \$2 million a day and increasing. Other governments are assisting in the program as are Christian churches around the world.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, March 12, 1972, supports the work of the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. A major portion of this offering will be used to help the East Pakistan refugees.

The 1972 theme for the One Great

Hour of Sharing is "Here's Hope!" Your generous gift will bring meaning to this theme.

### BANGLADESH RELIEF AGENCY SET UP

NEW YORK (UMI)—Aid from the world's churches for the people of Bangladesh is flowing in—some of it via a church airlift, and a Bangladesh Ecumenical Relief and Rehabilitation Service (BERRS) has been organized through the World Council of Churches, according to information received by the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR).

It is through BERRS that funds received in the churchwide Bishops Appeal for Bangladesh (East Pakistani) people is expected to be channeled, said the Rev. J. Harry Haines, UMCOR executive secretary. For the some 6,000,000 still in refugee camps in India, about 4,000,000 have started home, United Methodist funds will still be sent through CASA (ecumenical relief agency in India) and India UMCOR, he added.

## World Day of Prayer observance planned by CWU

The 86th World Day of Prayer will be observed on Friday March 3 by church women across the nation and around the world. Planned and sponsored by Church Women United, the prayer services are held in many more communities than have CWU organizations. Theme of the program this year is "All Joy Be Yours". At the invitation of the International Committee for the World Day of Prayer, women from approximately ten countries of Europe planned and prepared the material which will form the basis for worship around the world.

The offering this year will go to the International Mission Fund—a fund through which the church women across the nation are fulfilling their goals in places where they cannot be—and through persons with language and skills they do not have—and in more significant ways than any one unit could do alone.

### New/World Outlook announces new mission communication service

DALLAS, Tex. (UMI) — A new mission communication service employing the audio-cassette medium was announced at the meeting of the United Methodist Board of Missions here today.

Called "New World Sound," the service will comprise an audio-cassette to be produced and released quarterly, in March, June, September and December. The service is to begin on an experimental basis in 1972 with the first cassette to be released in March, said the Rev. David W. Briddell, director of Audiovisual Resources for the Board. Sponsoring the "New World Sound" service are the Board's Audiovisual Resources unit and **New/World Outlook**, monthly published by the Board and the United Presbyterian Commission on Ecumenical Mission and Relations.

Mr. Briddell said the purpose of the service is "to inform and sensitize persons to missional issues through experiences of listening. The cassette programs are to include arresting, terse statements about mission, giving attention not only to what is said but how it communicates in an auditory way; interviews with persons who have 'live' experiences of mission; music, poetry, dramatic vignettes related to mission issues; mission episodes in a dramatic format."

The audience is intended to include pastors, mission leaders and subscribers to **New/World Outlook**. Content will be planned by Audiovisual Resources and **New/World Outlook** staffs, with production by Audiovisual staff. It is designed to become a self-supporting service.

## the British scene



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

From one point of view the scene is a grim catalogue of dark events. The tension in Northern Ireland is almost unbearable. The recent outbreak of renewed violence has resulted in death for civilians, and charges and counter-charges that make the 1972 picture of that tragic country look like the first years of the Irish revolution all over again.

Intransigent leaders will not talk, and in the meantime men and boys are being killed—the temperament that can allow young children to become dangerously involved with grim war as though it were a game is one which makes people bitter and sad, and there will be no end to it all until there can be political talks. The difficulty is that the deadlock seems to have no key. The prayers of Christians all over the world must be with church leaders who are struggling in a pastoral situation which is a nightmare.

In England the miners who hew the coal are on strike, and there has been one death already in the picket lines. Here again the difficulty is made more profound by the fact that no one doubts that these men ought to be paid better. Said one Methodist minister

this week: "The price of coal is something known only to mining communities. They measure it in terms of death, disease and disfigurement. When I, for the first time in my life, crawled along a coal face five hundred yards underground I realised that I had never before had the right to say anything whatsoever about the coalminer."

But this is an industry which is running down, and the dark danger is that these men—heroes of the community—are pricing themselves out of a job.

British troubles in Rhodesia do not look like being settled so easily by the Pearce Commission, and the Ark Royal and the Grenadier Guards are on the way to Honduras. It is a tale of tension and fear. Such an account of the news scene provokes the question: What can Christians do or say in such situations if they are not merely going to make pious noises?

Perhaps the principal thought is that we cannot ever separate political and social action from our faith. By that I do not mean that we are officially to get involved in party politics as churches—the experience of the Continent of Europe ought to show how disastrous that can be. But what we can do is to show that political action—that is, the way in which we arrange

our day-to-day affairs, must always be inspired in the long term by a Christian view of what we are.

And the basic Christian view of Man is that he is not earthbound, but meant for eternity, not an economic unit but a being with the spirit of God in him, not merely a political animal, but a spiritually created person whose relationship with his fellow men depends ultimately upon his relationship with the God who made him.

And to know what the nature of God is we look at Christ Who was at once the most total idealist and the most down-to-earth practical man the world has ever seen.

Outside the concept of the Kingdom of God, Christ said the facts of life are harsh indeed. "To him that hath it shall be given, and to him that hath not even that which he hath shall be taken away"; that is the law of the jungle that life becomes without the Kingdom of God. But in the kingdom all is different, and men are all equal so that their every need is met. So it is a real and true contribution to pray and work so that we can say with sincerity that it is our life aim that the Kingdom should come on earth as it is in heaven.

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## General Conference agenda completed

ATLANTA, Ga. (UMI) — The agenda for the opening events of the 1972 United Methodist General Conference was completed here Feb. 16-17 by the Commission on Entertainment and Program.

First official event will be the service of Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m. April 16 in the Civic Center. Bishop Thomas M. Pryor of Chicago, Ill., is in charge of the service for the Council of Bishops. Ministers of the Atlanta area will assist in serving the elements.

The first morning devotional hour will begin at 8:30 a.m. April 17 in the Civic Center and the formal organization of the conference will begin at 9 a.m.

After necessary nominations from the Council of Bishops and the report of the Commission on Entertainment and Program, Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Columbus, Ohio, will read the Episcopal Address.

Also on the agenda for the 1,000 delegates on the first morning will be reports from quadrennial study commissions on doctrine and doctrinal standards, and structure of general boards and agencies.

The afternoon of April 17 the 14 standing legislative committees will meet at 2:30 p.m. in St. Mark United Methodist Church to organize, elect officers, and consider the structure report. The committees also will meet Monday evening.

The report of the quadrennial study commission on social principles has been scheduled for 9 a.m. on April 18.

A reception given by the Atlanta Area for the bishops and the Judicial Council, and their wives, is scheduled for 8 p.m. April 15 in the Marriott Motor Hotel.

Other agenda items already sched-

uled include greetings from the mayor of Atlanta and remarks by fraternal delegates to the conference on April 19, and an appearance by the governor of Georgia on April 26.

Plenary sessions of the conference will be open to visitors. There will be about 5,500 seats on a first-come basis, according to the Rev. Norman L. Conard, Evanston, Ill., business manager and director of facilities.

World Methodist Night is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., April 19, and Georgia Night will be observed at 8 p.m. April 22 and 23. Both of these events will be dramatic productions in the Civic Center theater.

Preachers at the morning devotional hours during the conference will be Bishops Lloyd C. Wicke, New York; Ralph T. Alton, Madison, Wisc.; Hermann W. Kaebnick, Harrisburg, Pa.; Charles F. Golden, San Francisco, Calif.; W. Kenneth Pope, Dallas, Texas; Ole Borgen, Stockholm, Sweden; Lance Webb, Springfield, Ill.; Thomas M. Pryor, Chicago, Ill.; and W. Kenneth Goodson, Birmingham, Ala. Alternates will be Bishops Paul W. Milhouse, Oklahoma City, Okla.; and John Wesley Lord, Washington, D. C.

The Rev. J. Otis Young, Evanston, Ill., chairman of the budget committee of the Commission on Entertainment and Program, said the conference will cost about \$858,000. This figure does not include some local expenses such as Georgia Night and the bishops reception.

In another action, the commission agreed to request a change in its name to Commission on the General Conference.



Approximately 50 United Methodist communications leaders attended a consultation, Feb. 17-19, in Phoenix, Ariz., co-sponsored by TRAFCO and United Methodist Information. Visiting during that meeting were (l. to r.): Nelson Price of the New York office of TRAFCO, Cecil Bland, associate program director of Louisiana Annual Conference, Dr. Alfred A. Knox, editor of The Arkansas Methodist and The Louisiana Methodist, and Dr. Arthur I. West, general secretary of United Methodist Information.

## Glide Memorial pastor to speak at General Conference

ATLANTA, Ga. (UMI) — Action here Feb. 16 apparently has cleared the way for a controversial San Francisco, Calif., pastor to speak at one of the afternoon worship services scheduled in conjunction with the 1972

United Methodist General Conference here April 16-30.

With only one negative vote recorded, the conference's Commission on Entertainment and Program reaffirmed the invitations issued a year ago

to seven pastors, including the Rev. A. Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial Church in San Francisco, to preach at the services.

However, because of the objections of the pastor of First United Methodist Church here to having Mr. Williams speak from his pulpit, the entire series has been moved to Trinity United Methodist Church.

The invitation to Mr. Williams has drawn nationwide attention in recent weeks through articles in newspapers and magazines and in pamphlets from a Georgia-based group.

The Rev. Irving L. Smith, Oklahoma City, Okla., a vice-chairman of the Commission on Entertainment and Program and chairman of its program committee, said that because of the objections he had received he wanted the commission to review the invitation.

Dr. Smith reported that since mid-December he had received some two dozen letters protesting Mr. Williams' appearance, including two petitions, and two letters supporting the invitation.

During the discussion, the Rev. Jack M. Tuell, Vancouver, Wash., a commission member, read a number of letters from officials and members of the California-Nevada Annual Conference, of which Mr. Williams is a member, voicing support for the controversial black minister.

Among the letters was one from the Rev. Wilbur W. Y. Choy, Berkeley, Calif., a district superintendent in the conference and secretary of the General and jurisdictional conference delegations. Mr. Choy wrote:

"The delegation of the California-Nevada Annual Conference wholeheartedly supports this invitation (to preach). At the January 30 meeting of the entire delegation . . . it was voted 31-0 that I . . . should write to inform you of this support.

"I have been instructed also to inform you that we would regard the suggestion of withdrawing this invitation to be a violation of Methodism's historic freedom of the pulpit and an affront to our annual conferences."

Dr. Tuell noted that despite all the allegations about Mr. Williams' activities and statements, he is a member in good standing in his conference and no charges have been brought against him through the procedures set up in the United Methodist Book of Discipline.

It was Dr. Tuell who originally had proposed Mr. Williams as a preacher for the afternoon series.

He said he did so because up to the time of his nomination, not a single black person had been suggested as a speaker, and also because he thought it would give balance to the series to have a person from a different style of worship than that represented by the six other nominees.

The only vote recorded against reaffirming the invitation was that of A. G. Jefferson, Lynchburg, Va., chairman of the commission.

There were no votes recorded against moving the series to Trinity Church after it was announced that the Rev. Robert Ozment, pastor of First United Methodist Church, had objected to Mr. Williams preaching there. All the services originally had been scheduled for First Church.

"We felt it desirable to hold all these services in the same location so we accepted the invitation of Trinity," Dr. Smith said.

Trinity's pastor, the Rev. Kenneth Jones, was quoted in the Atlanta Journal on February 17 as saying he had no objections to Mr. Williams preaching from his pulpit. "He is an unusual minister doing valid work," Mr. Jones was quoted.

Trinity Church is about a mile from the Civic Center where plenary sessions of the General Conference will be held. First Church is three blocks away. Trinity's sanctuary is about half the size of First's.

After the invitation to Mr. Williams had been reaffirmed, and the series of preaching hours moved to Trinity, Dr. Ozment issued this statement:

"Since a rather large number of significant and serious allegations have been brought against Cecil Williams and none of them have been satisfactorily answered so far as I am personally concerned, I find it necessary to review my position as pastor of First Methodist Church in hosting the General Conference afternoon preaching series.

"I must in all good conscience reiterate my previous statement that until I know the truth about this man he is not welcome in the pulpit to which I am assigned.

"The Commission on Entertainment and Program met to reconsider the invitation and on the basis of information available to them decided that he should preach. I am confident this commission acted in good faith.

"I have made my decision on the basis of information available to me and the shadows still hang over Williams. I have personally written to him in quest of the truth and have not yet heard from him.

"My decision has come after honest and sincere reflection."



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## NEWS and NOTES

OVER 100 YOUNG PEOPLE participated in the Youth Mission held in First United Methodist Church of Marianna, Jan. 28-30. Ed Smithson was general chairman, and Harbert Thornton, Jr. of Brownsville, Tennessee, coordinated the mission. The visiting team members came from Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee and Arkansas. The Rev. W. Leonard Byers was host pastor.

KNOX TAYLOR resigned as treasurer of the Temperance Hill United Methodist Church after serving in this capacity for 32 years. Members expressed appreciation to him and elected Mrs. Roy Mosely as the new treasurer. The Rev. Rufus Sorrells of Fordyce is pastor of the Temperance Hill Church, one of the oldest in the state.

FIRST CHURCH OF HARRISON now has four sharing groups meeting in homes weekly for Bible study, prayer and sharing. These are the result of the Lay Witness Mission held last December. The Rev. John McCormack, pastor, reports that 73 new members were added to First Church during 1971, and that several have joined on profession of faith and baptism since January 1.

BISHOP AUBREY G. WALTON, presiding bishop of Louisiana, was guest preacher in First Church, Benton, February 13. Dr. Edward B. Hollenbeck was host pastor.

SHILOH AND PRUETT'S Chapel Methodist Men met at Pruett's Chapel in Paragould for their regular dinner meeting Thursday night, Feb. 3. Sheriff James Cox and Dick Pace showed a film on drug abuse following the meal. The Rev. Felix Holland is pastor.

PLEASANT VALLEY United Methodist Church, Route 2, Lake City, has a new form of ministry to the elderly and shut-in members. Under the supervision of Woodrow Coleman, Sunday worship services were taped, with extra gospel singing, and sent to local shut-ins, and to some who are living with relatives out of the state. The Rev. James Randle, Jr., campus minister in Jonesboro, is pastor at Pleasant Valley Church.

ALBERTA LUNGER of Fort Worth, Texas, will be speaking in Little Rock two days next week at First Christian Church, 1500 North Mississippi. She is an ordained minister, wife of a TCU professor, and she frequently leads retreats and lay institutes around the country. On Tuesday, Feb. 29, she will lead a Day Apart service from 10:30-2:30, a youth service at 4, and evening meditation at 7 p.m. A Morning Apart is scheduled for Wednesday, March 1, from 10-12, and an evening service at 7 p.m.

THE REV. AND MRS. W. A. STEWART are recovering, —he from pneumonia and she from major surgery (Feb. 14). He is pastor of Oak Forest Church, Little Rock, and she is president of Little Rock District Ministers' Wives. The Oak Forest pulpit has been filled the past two Sundays by Henry "Buddy" Ratliff, Jr., UALR Junior and Oak Forest member who recently made a decision for the ministry.

THE COTTON PLANT First United Methodist Church held a Lay Witness Mission in January. James E. Fairweather of Little Rock was the coordinator. Twenty-two lay witnesses from Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Arkansas shared in the mission. Billy F. Powell was local general chairman, and Billy Tarpley is follow-up chairman. The Rev. Oliver Logan reports the mission a great success, with 10 added to the church on profession and baptism, and 10 rededications.

THE LAKE CITY United Methodist Youth Fellowship had a banquet at the Masonic Hall, February 5, sponsored by parents. The theme was "Journey into Space," with Brenda Milligan, acting as Commander of the Space Ship, welcoming the group. Kay Griffin read the scripture. The Rev. Bill Kirkland, pastor, brought a message on "Importance of Reaching the Unreached." Entertainment featured a local teenage band with Randy Newton, Bill and Mike Kirkland, Lonnie Wright and Joe Wilimans.

THE JUNIOR UMYF of Brinkley had their first Valentine's banquet Friday night, February 12, at the church. After the meal, which was prepared and served by the women of the church, the senior high youth entertained with a surprise program. Twenty-eight young people attended the banquet along with their leader Mrs. Jean Caldwell, and chaperones, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dye, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Norman, and Mr. and Mrs. John Hampton. The Rev. and Mrs. Chapman also attended. Valentine sweethearts selected were Mike Freeman and Linda Geisler.

A revised **MINISTERS' INCOME TAX GUIDE** is now available from the Little Rock Conference Program Council and the North Arkansas Conference Program Council. 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** to the Program Council that serves your Conference, 715 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. The supply is limited.

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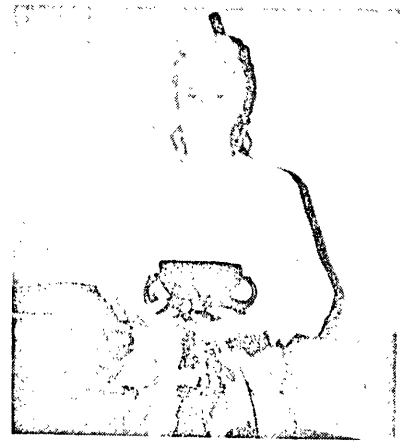
## CONGO MISSIONARY VISITS NORPHLET CHURCH

Miss Norene Robken of Texarkana, retired missionary to the Congo, was guest speaker for the church-wide mission study on Africa at the Norphlet United Methodist Church, Camden District, on Sunday, January 30.

She spoke Sunday morning about her call and 25 years of service as a Methodist missionary. In the evening service she showed pictures and talked about the country, people, churches and schools of Congo.

The Women's Society met at the parsonage on Monday at 7 p.m. and Miss Robken talked and answered questions about the women of Congo.

Miss Robken's nephew, the



Miss Norene Robken is in African dress and showing some African articles during the study held in Norphlet church.

Rev. James E. Robken, is pastor of the Norphlet Church.

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## Arkansas Methodist Children's Home

The following people gave memorial gifts to the Methodist Children's Home in January as a tribute of their love, sympathy, and respect for a loved one or friend. A memorial card has been sent to the family notifying them of this remembrance.

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MRS. R. D. ELLIOTT  
by Mrs. Frances B. Ragland

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## Texas tourist attraction to feature Biblical era scenes

ARLINGTON, Tex. (RNS)—Plans for a structure containing 100,000 square feet of exhibit space depicting the early days of Christianity has been announced here.

"The Way," as the attraction will be known, is expected to cost \$10 million. It is sponsored by a non-profit corporation headed by Mayor Tom Vandergriff.

Planned by theater designer Peter Wolf, the project will join Six Flags Over Texas, the Seven Seas Marine Park and the Texas Rangers baseball team as a tourist allurements in the Dallas-Fort Worth suburb.

According to Mr. Wolf, "The Way" will transport a visitor from the 20th Century to the biblical era. Forty displays, along a route two-thirds of a mile long, will be enlivened with "smells, simulated climates, sounds of birds and other special effects." Clouds will gather and darkness fall.

Hundreds of life-sized figures will be used to depict events in the life of Jesus. Climaxing the tour will be the appearance of a 32-foot tall representation of Christ.

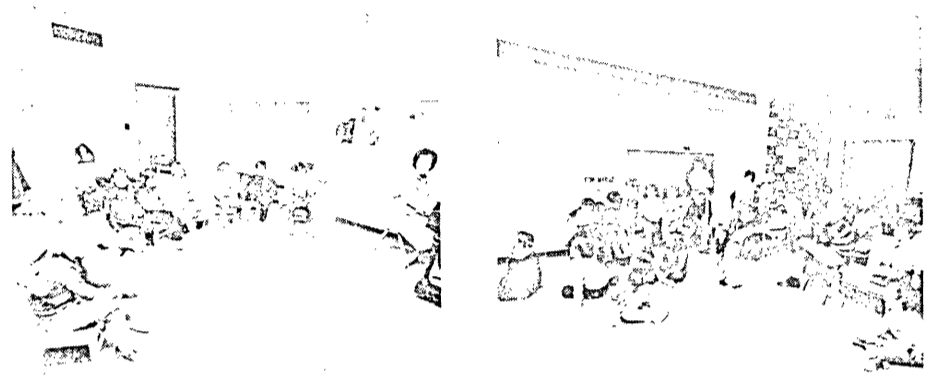
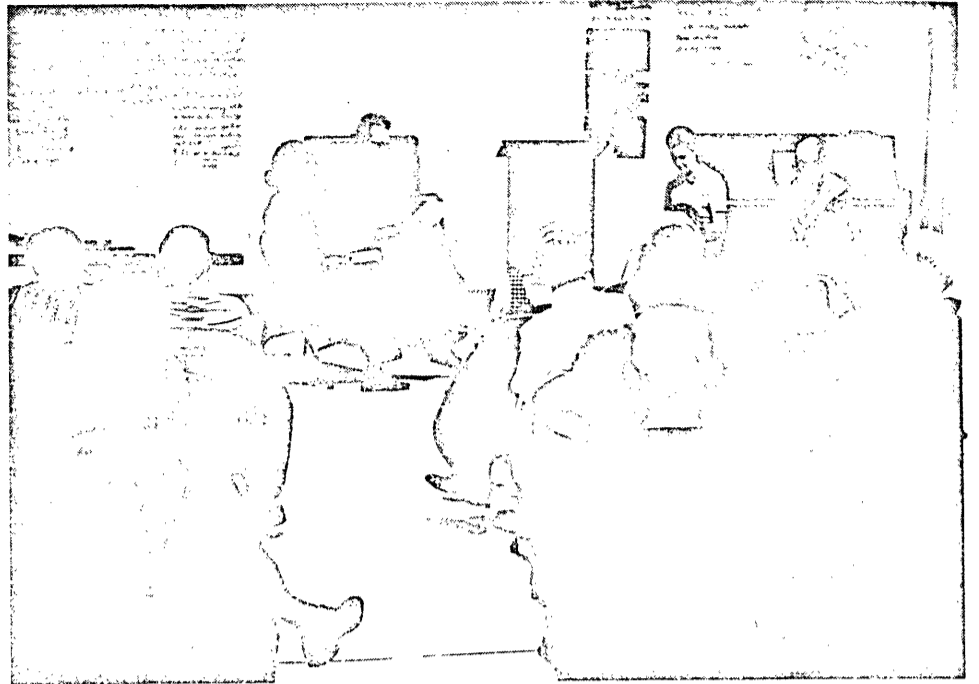
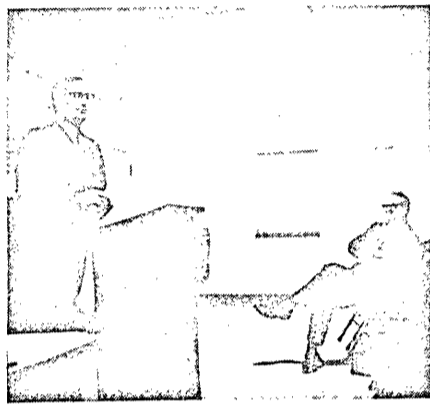
Mr. Wolf said that "The Way" will blend technology, archeology, theology, history and research.

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### News in Brief

THE REV. H. W. JINSKE, retired member of the Little Rock Conference living in Hot Springs, has filled several speaking engagements since the beginning of 1972. They include: Jan. 5, a presentation at Fortnightly Club in Hot Springs on "International Relations"; Jan. 10, the same presentation for a group of senior citizens; Feb. 3, led a Great Decisions discussion at Mountain View Towers; Jan. 25, presented "Thoughts for the New Year" for the XYZ Club at First United Methodist Church in Hot Springs; Feb. 13, preached at Piney Grove Church near Hot Springs.

Shown at right are participants in the recent churchwide mission study on "New Machines and New Humanities," held at First United Methodist Church in Jonesboro. Taking part in skit are Dr. and Mrs. Dave Vosburg and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Atwood. BELOW: The Rev. Bob Young, pastor of Ridgewood Park Church in Dallas, Tex. leads one of the four sessions. Shown seated is Al Kopert, local chairman of the Commission on Missions. Below and at right are two scenes showing Children's Division groups engaged in study. The four sessions averaged 120 in attendance. The Rev. Worth Gibson is pastor.



DR. FRED HARRISON, retired United Methodist minister of Malvern, served as chaplain of the Arkansas House of Representatives during the recent special session. Dr. Harrison was also chaplain for the 68th regular session, held in 1971, appointed by Speaker of the House Ray S. Smith, Jr. of Hot Springs.

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(During 1971 Mr. Jinske delivered 15 sermons at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Hot Springs while the congregation was in search of a pastor.)



John Henry Bishop and Mrs. Cora Vinson were the choices of the XYZ Club at Marysville United Methodist Church for Valentine King and Queen. Sponsored by the Marysville WSCS, the club meets four times each year. A typical valentine motif provided the setting for the fellowship occasion. The Rev. Fred Haustein is minister at Marysville.

## Poetry Panorama by Barbara L. Mulkey

*Be persuaded that, what He has promised, He is able also to perform.  
"All efforts to destroy are vain - God's Holy Word will still remain; So  
hammer on, ye hostile hands, your hammers break, God's anvil stands."  
(Author Unknown)*

### Let Me Be Aware

Let me discern in each disaster  
Opportunity of knowing Thee,  
Of gaining a clearer vision  
Of Thy perfect plan for me.

Let me find in every hindrance  
A ladder rung to nobler things,  
From which my soul shall soar  
Heavenward as it softly sings.

Let me perceive creation in each crisis -  
The rhythm and harmony of Deity;  
So shall I ever work with all  
In perfect love and unity.

Let me see in every sinner  
The object of Thy sacrifice,  
Thy mercy and redeeming love,  
Given freely, without price.

-by Jewell Kirby Fitzhugh

### THOUGH

a nuclear sword of Damocles  
hangs above me  
by the slender thread of unreason,  
I must maintain  
an inner fund of calm,  
an unviolated sanctuary of silence.

-by Robert Hale