

## A message from our Bishop

### A CALL TO VITAL NEED.

Our Ministerial Pension Program in the Little Rock Conference is vital to the security of pastors and their families and to those who will serve in years to come in the Conference.

The present program has no future. If we continue on the present plan, in a very few years the cost of the program will begin to increase beyond anything we can afford, and, the benefits of the program will begin to decline until we will be one of the lowest in Annuity Rate in United Methodism.

An outstanding group of our laity in the Conference not only believe in the pastors who are now serving but are seriously determined that young men entering the ministry in the Conference will benefit from a new program.

Pastors and District Superintendents are declaring their conviction that the new program can and must succeed. The announcement of the pledges to the campaign by Ministerial Conference members is an indication that they are willing to make sacrificial gifts for the program which will not only benefit them but all generations of pastors to come after them.

Our Little Rock Conference really has no alternative to success. But, we have no record of failure. You will not fail your Church or your ministry in this vital need.

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October 1-4 in Magnolia . . .

## Houston pastor to deliver M. E. Peace Lectures



Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr., one of the ministers of First United Methodist Church in Houston, Tex., will be the speaker for the 1973 series of the M. E. Peace Lectures to be held Oct. 1-4 at First Church in Magnolia.

Dr. Biggs, a widely known preacher, evangelist and lecturer, will speak at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, his subjects for those services being "To Begin at the Beginning;" "Is Doing Good Worth the Effort?"; and "Something Bad, but Mostly Good."

The evening lectures will be presented at 7:30 Monday through Thursday. The subjects for these addresses are: "A New Look at Greatness"; "Trying to Decide what Really Matters"; "He Really Wanted Us to Believe"; and "Now Tell Me about Jesus Christ".

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Peace, benefactors of the lectures and members of the Magnolia congregation, extend an invitation to the public to attend.

The Rev. Howard L. Williams is the pastor.

### APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED

Bishop Eugene M. Frank announces the appointment of the Rev. Verlin E. Mikesell as associate pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Little Rock. Mr. Mikesell, an Elder in Full Connection, comes by transfer from the South Indiana Conference from which he has been on appointment as an Air Force Chaplain. The transfer and appointment became effective Sept. 1.

In Little Rock Conference . . .

## New pension program launched

A major new program of funding pensions for retired ministers of the Little Rock Conference has been officially launched. The Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund (MRPF), which was overwhelmingly approved at the 120th session of the Little Rock Annual Conference meeting last May 28-30 in Hot Springs, was officially implemented on Aug. 24 when Bishop Eugene M. Frank and the members of the Little Rock Conference cabinet made their pledges to the Fund. These pledges totaled \$21,200.

The plan was proposed by the Conference Board of Pensions, of which Sidney L. Good of Pine Bluff is chairman. Under the plan, on Jan. 1, 1974, an initial deposit of \$1 million will be transferred from the present pension assets of the Conference to the MRPF. These funds will be applied to pensions for service rendered prior to that date.

### EIGHT YEAR APPORTIONMENT TO CHURCHES

Beginning also on Jan. 1, 1974, an amount of \$285,000 per year will be apportioned to the churches for an eight year period. These funds will be apportioned on the decimal system. An additional amount of \$1 million will be secured from special gifts during the same period. A total of approximately \$4 million will need to be raised over this eight year period.

The plan calls for the current apportionment to the churches of 25% of salaries to be continued, with the possibility that when fully funded, the program could be maintained with a 9% apportionment; but any decision on the amount of future apportionments would be made at that later time, according to information furnished about the program.

The new program culminates many

years of study and research by lay and clerical members of the present and past Board of Pensions and by other interested persons.

### PRESENT PROGRAM INADEQUATE

The present pension program is funded from current income, the most expensive form of paying pensions, according to the Conference Board. The current program pays retired ministers \$61 per year for each service year in the ministry. At this rate a minister retiring after forty years of service would receive a yearly pension of \$2,440.

The Conference has, for the year 1974, an estimated pension responsibility for over 4,000 years of service, and this figure will increase every year for the remainder of this century, the Board reports.

The new MRPF program will provide a secure financial base with the interest earnings on the capital in the fund paying a large portion of the retirement expenditures.

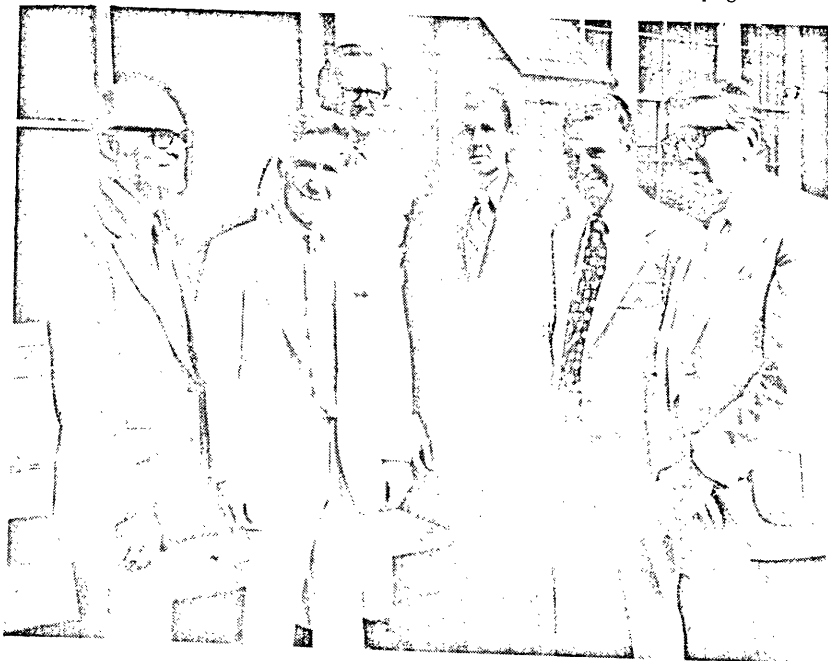
At present, 58 of the seventy-four Annual Conferences in the nation are participating in reserve funding programs and others are considering similar plans. The MRPF is the program encouraged by the General Board of Pensions of The United Methodist Church.

### ANNUITY RATES TO BE INCREASED

The current figure of \$61 per year of service will be increased in January, 1974 to \$62 and will be raised one dollar per year for the next eight years, to \$69 per year of service in 1981.

Under the MRPF full-time lay pastors are also eligible for retirement

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Visiting during Arkansas Pastors' School this week at Hendrix College are (from left) Bishop Eugene M. Frank; Dr. John R. Brokhoff, professor of Homiletics, Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, teacher of "Preaching Today;" Dr. Virgil Sexton, assistant general secretary, General Council on Ministries, teacher of "Process Planning in the Local Church;" the Rev. Jim Beal, Helena, chairman of the school's Board of Managers; the Rev. Dr. Emerson Colaw, pastor of Hyde Park Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, and teacher of the study on "Doctrinal Standards;" and Dr. Francis Christie, academic dean of Hendrix College, teacher of course on "Christian Beginning: Book of Acts."

## North Arkansas Ministries Council meets Sept. 21

The first meeting of the full membership of the Council on Ministries of the North Arkansas Conference will be held on Friday, Sept. 21. Bishop Eugene M. Frank will chair the meeting, which will be held at the Headquarters Building, 715 Center Street, Little Rock, at 1 p.m.

Items on the agenda will be the election of a vice chairman to complete the term of the Rev. Harold Spence, who became ineligible to serve after being appointed as superintendent of the Fayetteville District; the hearing of reports from various boards, committees and commissions concerning accomplishment of program priorities; receiving for consideration a statement of purpose for the Council; and the projecting of plans for program priorities for fall, winter and spring.

Dr. Myers B. Curtis is the director of the Council and associate directors are the Rev. Arvill C. Brannon and the Rev. John H. Thompson.

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THE FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT COUNCIL on Ministries held a luncheon meeting at Town and Country Restaurant in Rogers, Thursday, Aug. 23. Persons attending were: District Superintendent Harold Spence, North Arkansas Conference Council on Ministries Director, Dr. Myers B. Curtis, Mrs. Lloyd McConnell, Miss Vicki Van Poucke, Dr. Russell Riggs, and the Revs. Sam Teague, William Connell, David Moose, Max Whitfield, Maurice Lanier, Clint Atchley, Merle Johnson, Vic Nixon, Larry Dodgen, Bill Williams, and Dr. Joel Cooper.

## W.C.T.U. Convention Sept. 25-26

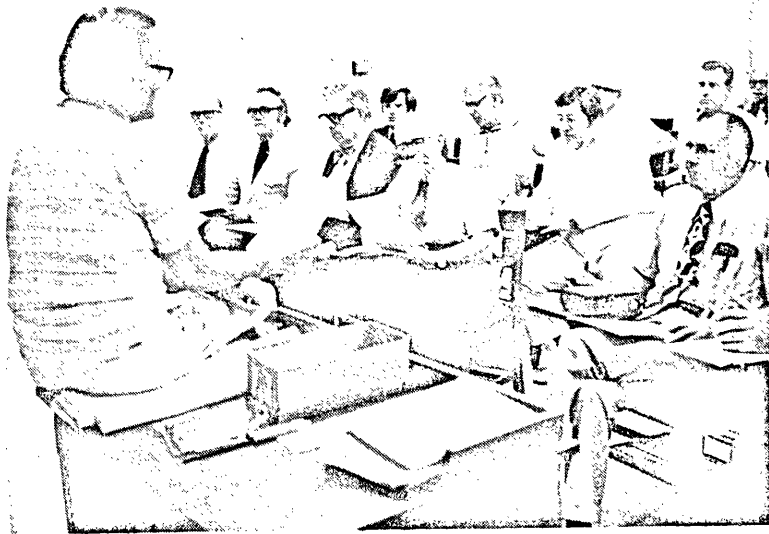
The 94th Annual Convention of the Arkansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held Sept. 25-26 at the First United Methodist Church in Batesville. Mrs. Gladys Nelson of Little Rock, state president, will preside and reports from the state directors will be heard on the first afternoon of the meet.

The Rev. Dois Kennedy, host pastor, will give the devotional message on Tuesday morning. The convention will move to the First Baptist Church for the noon meal and will hear the Rev. Robert Parker, pastor of that congregation, give the message at the noon hour.

Other events will include a Memorial Service, reports from local presidents and other state leaders, a business session and a White Ribbon Recruit Service. The convention will adjourn before noon on Wednesday.

Other officers of the state organization are: Mrs. Ward Harris of Stuttgart, vice president; Miss Glendolyn Ticknor of Pleasant Plains, promotion secretary; Mrs. Mildred Kampbell of Little Rock, treasurer; Miss Minnie Scott of Pleasant Plains, Loyal Temperance Legion secretary; and Mrs. Fred A. Wilson of Humphrey, Youth Temperance Council executive director.

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Dr. Virgil Sexton leads a section of the study on "Process Planning in the Local Church" at the Arkansas Pastors' School on the Hendrix campus in Conway this week.

## Village U.M. Church organized at Hot Springs

On May 27, 1973, the first service was held at the newly organized Village United Methodist Church, located at Hot Springs Village, near Hot Springs, Arkansas. The Rev. James F. Richardson, associate pastor, First United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, led in this service.

The Rev. Joe Fogle, ordained elder from the Louisiana Conference, has been conducting the services and ministering to this group of people, with help from Mr. Richardson.

Dr. George Wayne Martin, Arkadelphia District Superintendent, has met with this group of people several times, not only to preside over business sessions, but also to lead in worship services.

July 29 was set aside as Constituting Church Conference and Membership Sunday, with Dr. Martin presiding. Thirty-one members united with the church on this day.

August 29 a Charge Conference was held and officers were elected and on this day the church was officially named Village United Methodist Church.

Some of the new officers elected are Fred Garritson, chairman of the Administrative Board; John Whelan, vice chairman of the Board; George Barker, treasurer; Mrs. Marie Sarver, chairman of the Council on Ministries; Mrs. Ada Klumb, secretary.

To date the new church has approximately 50 members with an average attendance of seventy. They are now housed in a large assembly room in the future Municipal Building.

At the present time a partial religious survey has been made and prospect list is being compiled.

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## PENSION PROGRAM

benefits. The new program will also provide additional benefits including disability benefits for ministers and provisions for widows and children of retired ministers.

### MINISTERS HAVE PLEDGED

Ministers in each of the six districts have made their pledges at district meetings held Sept. 4 through 7. The results of these pledges will be announced by Bishop Frank after Sept. 14.

### DISTRICT LAY RALLIES

The program will be furthered in each of the six districts in rallies to be held soon. Dates for these events, all in September, are (by districts): Camden, the 18th; Little Rock, the 24th; Pine Bluff, the 25th; Arkadelphia, the 27th, and Monticello, the 28th. The Hope District rally was held Aug. 19 at Ashdown.

In a letter to the ministers of the Conference, Bishop Frank stated that

the program was a "far-sighted (one) for the strengthening of the ministry . . . The plan will lead eventually to a reserve fund pension for every pastor, keep (the) Conference abreast of the church, and encourage the recruitment of the finest youth for the ministry." "We have," said the Bishop, "the support of the finest lay leadership in the church to undertake this campaign. This goal . . . can be reached in the Conference."

The officers of the Board of Pension are Sidney L. Good, chairman; E. B. Matkin, Jr., vice chairman; the Rev. Osborne E. White, secretary; and the Rev. Howard L. Williams, treasurer. Other board members are: Clinton Anderson, the Rev. C. C. Hall, the Rev. John W. Lindsay, the Rev. John W. Walker, the Rev. Osborne E. White, LeRoy Beasley, W. L. Little, Wendell Strong, the Rev. Dr. George F. Ivey, the Rev. James E. Major, the Rev. Arnold Simpson, Dr. Imom E. Bruce, Wayne Russell and Lloyd Smith.

## FORMER AIR FORCE CHAPLAIN ACCEPTS ASSOCIATE PASTORATE AT TRINITY CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK

The Rev. Verlin (Mike) Mikesell, who has served at Little Rock Air Force Base as chaplain for the past two years, assumed the associate pastorate at Trinity United Methodist Church on Sept. 1. The Rev. Joe Taylor is senior minister at Trinity.

Mikesell, who has recently retired from the Air Force chaplaincy is transferring his membership from the South Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church to the Little Rock Annual Conference.

Prior to his service in the Air Force chaplaincy, Mikesell served with the Navy for several years, following six years in civilian pastorates in Indiana and Ohio. He attended the University of Texas, and received his seminary training at United Theological Seminary at Dayton, Ohio. In addition he has studied at Pacific School of Religion, specializing in counseling and human relationships studies. He has attended Air University at Montgomery, Alabama. He had served in Vietnam for two years prior to his assignment to LRAFB.

Mr. Mikesell and his wife, Ruth May, have two children, Mia, eight, and Kevin, 15 years of age.

## Aldersgate calls for help!

Aldersgate Methodist Camp NEEDS YOUR HELP to begin its new camp activities with senior citizens, starting this week, Sept. 11, 12, 13. Already a total of 222 senior citizens have registered for the year-round weekly program which offers an exciting new adventure in this beautiful camp setting.

In addition to Mr. Ray Tribble, executive director of Aldersgate Camp, those working in the new program will be Ms. Kitty Dozhier, project director, Mrs. Susan Muha, Aldersgate program coordinator; Mrs. Mable Harris, program specialist, and Mrs. Tom Richards, field worker.

The program is designed for retirees of low income, 60 years of age and above, who have few opportunities to leave their own residences and enjoy the out-of-doors in fellowship with others in enriching and creative activities. Both indoor and outdoor activities will include arts and crafts, needlework, music, recreation, fishing, helps in health and safety, nutrition and foods, plus field trips to places of interest nearby.

This project is truly a community-wide effort to help meet specific needs

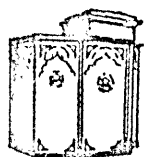
of this age-group. Many hands and hearts from our churches are needed to do this job. **HERE IS HOW** individuals and groups can help:

- through VOLUNTEER SERVICE of talents and skills;
- through TRANSPORTATION, providing cars and drivers for senior citizens not located near central bus pick up stations;
- through EQUIPMENT needed, such as office, lounge furnishings, lawn furniture, card tables, fishing supplies, boats, paddles;
- through MATERIALS needed, for arts and crafts, such as, remnants, flowers, shells, buttons, seeds, candles, baby food jars, etc.;
- through GROUP PROJECTS in making games, window boxes, outdoor planting, beautifying area, paving road to lake.

Aldersgate as a "heart warming experience" continues to meet the challenge of a "JUST FOLKS — and the human hand of God reaching out to them."

Please check through this list and see what you can do to help. For more information call the camp office, 225-1444 or 227-5620.

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## From the Bottom of the Heart.....

### ZION'S WATCHMEN CONFRONT THE CRISIS

'Tis not a cause of small import  
The pastor's care demands;  
But what might fill an angel's heart,  
And filled a Savior's hands.

A Methodist pastor would need to have ice in his veins not to be deeply moved as the hymn "Let Zion's Watchmen All Awake" is sung at the Ordination Service during an annual conference.

And yet, when Zion's watchmen awake to each new day in our time, it is the experience of a considerable number of them that it will be to another twenty-four hours of "crisis in the ministry."

This writer has no desire to perpetuate the debilitating preoccupation with what is a popular topic in both religious and secular journals—"The Crisis in the Ministry"—but neither does he have a desire to let this serious issue go by unattended. And this week before Ministry Sunday is an appropriate time to give attention to at least one element of this "crisis."

#### TO "ENABLE WITHOUT CONTROLLING"

And this element is one that has received far too little attention. It is the set of problems related to our "philosophy of authority in ministry." While there is probably no such thing as an "official Methodist philosophy of authority in ministry," ours has been expressed as one that is designed "to enable without controlling."

This phrase, "to enable without controlling," is a most incisive one and illumines some of the issues which are at the bottom of our current clergy-laity problems, such as the problem of the "gap between the pulpit and the pew."

When a person speaks of "authority in the ministry," he might be suspected of expressing a subtle kind of "clerical bigotry" or of advocating a kind of vendetta wherein preachers are pitted against lay persons. But this is to completely misunderstand the phrase. It is not intended to suggest that the preacher is to be an "authoritarian" figure. The day for the preacher to run a one-man show is, thankfully, long gone. But there is a great need in our day—and it is this to which the phrase relates—to rediscover and fully utilize the role of the ordained minister. If he is one who is set aside (by the "other ministers of the church," the laity) for a specific enabling role, then we should recognize the burden of "authority" which goes with that role and use the benefits from it for the good of the whole church. That "authority" of the ordained minister is the "service" he renders.

The concept of "authority" is inherent in New Testament ministry. The authority of the apostles was the service they rendered. The *episkopos* (bishop, overseer) was given the "authority" of being responsible, of having oversight, of tending and feeding the sheep as a shepherd. Both New Testament Christianity and Wesleyan Methodism have a heritage of a strong "philosophy of authority" in this sense, the purpose of which is to build up the body of Christ and minister to the world.

The authority of the pastor today is inherent in the service he renders. He is equipped by his calling, his training, his ordination and his appointment responsibility to render a unique enabling ministry, and with such goes the burden of "authority."

#### THE PROBLEM OF "DO-IT-YOURSELF RELIGION"

The above has been a rather laborious way of bringing to our attention one area wherein the "authority" issue comes to focus: which is in those problems related to the widespread "do it yourself" approach to spiritual things. To the extent that this approach represents a move away from disbelief and toward faith, we should be grateful. But we should also be very concerned that "do it yourself" religious movements, that have been "enabled without being controlled (nurtured)," have also led to confusion, disillusionment, turmoil and often to division within the church.

The answer is most certainly not in an ordained ministry that is "authoritarian." The answer may possibly lie in the rediscovery by the whole church of the New Testament and Wesleyan concepts of "authority in ministry," which are manifested in service.

When we allow our ordained ministry to become the real enabling and nurturing teachers, servants, feeders of the flock—and when they accept and fulfill this role—then will the church find greater harmony in its fellowship, more soundness in its doctrine, and become better equipped to fulfill its ministry to the world.

J.S.W.

## Off the Top of the Head.....

### A District Superintendent maybe?

The cleaning man was new at his job and the editor was new at his job and therein lay the grist for the following high drama:

**CLEANING MAN** (entering offices): "Oh, Hello . . . (looks around our very comfortable surroundings) . . . I'm the new cleaning man."

**EDITOR** (editing): "Well hello to you! I'm the new . . ." (And before the identification could be completed someone called to Cleaning Man and he had to leave).

Time passes (about two weeks). We pick up the exciting action at the same scene. Roll 'em:

**CLEANING MAN**: "Hello, sir. Nice to see you again."

**EDITOR**: "Well hello to you! (Editors say "Well hello to you!" a lot). How are you doing?"

**CLEANING MAN** (after pause): ". . . Fine, just fine . . ." (Works around office awhile, something obviously on his mind. After a few moments, he speaks: "Excuse me, sir. Would you mind if I ask you a question?")

**EDITOR**: "Shoot." (Editor's use "Shoot" quite a bit).

**CLEANING MAN** (straight on): "Are you a bishop or something?"

Now—we have got to stop the tape a moment, for, as the saying goes, we have got us a situation here. In fact, we have got us what might even be called a testy little situation here.

Consider the diabolical quandry faced by the Editor, whom, we must assume, is a normal green-blooded Methodist preacher. In a moment of time, in the twinkling of an eye, he must sort out, weigh, analyze, enjoy, accept or reject the following options and questions that fill his mind: "How long will this man be in town?" . . . "How much will he tell?" . . . "Does he read the papers or use other legitimate information sources?" . . . "How much difference is there in a cleaned bishop's office and a cleaned editor's office?" . . . "What is the penalty for impersonating a bishop?" . . . "Are there any known cases of imprisonment for such an offense, and if so, are there visiting privileges?" . . . "If convicted and imprisoned for answering 'Yes' to this question, can you still subscribe to THE METHODIST?"

Such are but a few of the myriad of questions which swarmed Editor's head as he fantasized over this question. But—thank heavens—virtue, integrity, honesty, modesty and a healthy dose of fear prevailed in Editor's reply, as you shall momentarily see. For at this point we raise the curtain on the final dramatic scene. We recap for you the pivotal question:

**CLEANING MAN**: "Are you a bishop or something?"

**EDITOR** (pauses once, starts to speak; pauses again . . .; sweats, then resolutely responds): "No." (relaxes a bit) I am the new editor of the paper and my job is to . . . (and he gives his complete and detailed job description).

**CLEANING MAN** (as he unplugs vacuum cleaner and heads down hall): "Oh."

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### Your Snappy Sermon Illustration Service—Item # 1

*Instituting a regular feature, to appear from time to time, to aid the weary pastor in search of a timely last-minute sermon illustration. Today's offering follows:*

On the news the other evening was the report of a man who had been hit by lightning four times and lived to tell about it. On the morning of the day of that report the good gentleman, a forest ranger (possible nickname: "Smokin' Bare"?), went to work, it seems, in a thunder storm. Upon stepping out of his truck he—that's right—got zapped again, for a fifth time, right on top of the head. He was reported to be recovering.

End of illustration.

Now—some of you out there in pulpitland might be wondering "How on earth does that newspaper guy expect me to use that in a sermon?" To which I must reply "That's your problem. We just supply the raw material. The sermonizing is up to you."

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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

About 800 moderates of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, protesting what they called unconstitutional actions on the part of their Church's 1973 convention, held a two-day meeting in Chicago to organize a new "confessional movement" within the denomination. The moderates said: "We are not schismatics and will not be responsible for schism. We shall continue our movement of confession and protest within our Synod." They issued a document which said: "We call our Synod to return to the Word of God as the instrument for facing issues of doctrine and conscience . . . . We stand in the Lutheran heritage firmly convinced that since popes and councils can and do err, such binding impositions must be resisted. Therefore our conscience will not be bound by doctrinal resolutions . . ."

Authorities in the sub-Saharan area of drought-stricken West African nations have expressed the belief that the next 60 days will be critical for those remaining in remote desert areas of the six afflicted countries, as well as those who have fled to countries in the South. They warn that if the relief distribution program is not expedited, millions may die from starvation and its attendant diseases.

Ice Capades star Julie Holmes, who skates to several of today's pop-Gospel songs and a medley from "Superstar" says her faith in God is her most precious possession. "I could never have done it alone," she says of her skating career — which includes U.S., world and Olympic competitions and two years with Ice Capades. With a growing belief that the "joy and power of God working through me" must be shared with others, Miss Holmes is making herself available to more and more church and youth groups as she travels around the country on a 10-month tour.

The Decatur-DeKalb Ministerial Assn. (Georgia), has declared its intention to go to court, if necessary, to stop the levying of fire protection fees on churches and religious institutions. The DeKalb County tax commissioner has ruled that all property is subject to the fire protection fee. Fire tax bills, with one-half due by Sept. 5 were presented in sums from "under \$100" up to \$116,000. The latter bill went to Emory University, a United Methodist School. The university is cooperating with the ministerial association in opposing the fee.

The Rev. Ralph Wilkerson, head of an interdenominational neo-Pentecostal center, described the annual "charismatic clinic" held near Anaheim, Calif. as an attempt to help people become spiritually mature and serve their local churches in a more fruitful way. The week-long clinic drew about 5,000 persons, three times last year's number, to lectures, workshops, seminars and prayer meetings. Wilkerson said some of the 350 clergymen who attended the institute said they had been asked to leave their pastorates when they became involved in the charismatic movement.

A program produced by TRAV, television, radio and audio-visuals agency of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) has been named "the most outstanding special religious radio program of 1973" by Billboard Magazine. Bill Huie, director of radio, won the award for a 30-minute program, "Rock Music: What's It All About?" Part of the weekly series, "What's It All About?", the program took a "historical and defensive look at rock music and its sociological and theological implications."

Archbishop Iakovos, primate of Greek Orthodox Christians in the Western Hemisphere, told the 22nd Annual Conference of the Greek Orthodox Youth of America, that resentments and condemnations of existing practices in political, cultural, family and religious life "can hardly constitute the basis for a true revolution." "To turn a tendency toward rebellion into revolution," he said, "takes moral and spiritual steadfastness as well as courage. Courage you have," he continued, "I wonder if you have the knowledge, the strategy and the moral and spiritual perseverance and the strength you need." Urging the youths to become better acquainted with the Bible, he said there is "no better guidebook for life . . . It is the only book that contains words of eternal value."

The Rev. Douglas H. Vinzant, 35, former pastor of Hinds Independent Methodist Church, Raymond, Miss., who has served as a superintendent of the Concord (Mass.) Reformatory since December, 1972, has been named superintendent of the trouble-laden Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Walpole. Vinzant, who as a white minister in Mississippi was credited with integrating an all-black reform school, took over the leadership of the Concord Reformatory under disturbed conditions similar to those at Walpole.

Delegates to the World Council of Churches Assembly, meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, voted unanimously to accept a proposal for the theme: "Jesus Christ Frees and Unites," for the 1975 Fifth Assembly in Jakarta, Indonesia. The proposal made by the head of the Batak Protestant Christian Church in Indonesia, from the floor, won by a large majority of votes over the recommendation of a committee the theme: "Christ, Freedom, Community."

The World Council of Churches — now celebrating the 25th anniversary of its founding — tends to be "rather a bureaucracy" and is guilty of insufficient consultation with member Churches, Anglican Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury told an interviewer from London's Methodist Recorder — leading independent Methodist weekly. "There are faults on both sides," Dr. Ramsey said, "On the one side so many local churches fail to have a sufficiently worldwide outlook: on the other, the WCC ought to be more in touch with the member Churches."

The World Council of Churches has increased to 1,004 the number of corporations in which it will not invest because the firms are involved in southern Africa. Foreign investments in six countries, the Central Committee, policy-making body, asserts "strengthen the white minority league regimes in their oppression of the majority of the people in Southern Africa." The WCC is selling all holdings — about \$1.5 million — in companies involved in South Africa, Namibia (Southwest Africa), Rhodesia, Mozambique, Angola and Guinea-Bissau.

A \$200,000 trust fund for graduate studies in the field of mental retardation has been established by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus (fraternal and benevolent society of Roman Catholic men). The fund will be named in honor of the society's Supreme Chaplain, retired Bishop Charles P. Greco, who has established a home for the retarded in Shreveport, La., and is constructing another in Alexandria, La.

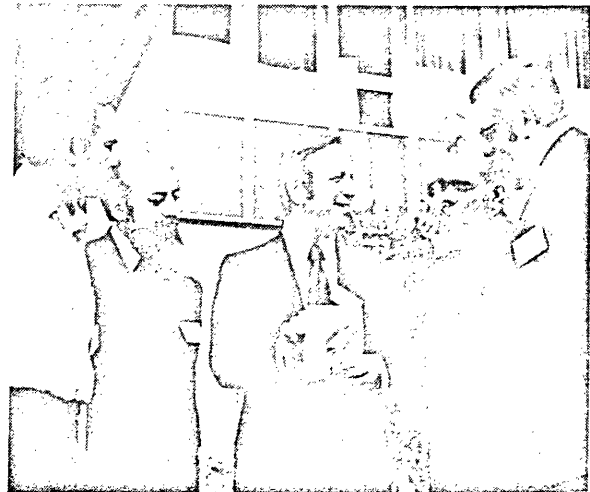
In other actions the Council, meeting in Seattle, adopted resolutions aimed at promoting a sense of patriotism among young people, asked Congress to promote reverence for the U.S. flag, and urged local councils to take "whatever reasonable procedures are necessary" to stop the broadcasting of offensive radio and television programs.

Addressing a pre-convention session of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union in St. Paul, Minn. Mrs. Fred J. Tooze, president of the organization, said with regard to rehabilitation of alcoholics, "Many millions of dollars are spent in research to isolate the germ or virus which causes various diseases, such as cancer. Yet it is common knowledge that alcohol is the cause of alcoholism. The 'germ' is known and the 'disease' identified."

"Almost exclusive emphasis on 'horizontalism' in the cause of salvation may lead many Christians, to whom the sacred traditions of the ancient church are dear, to the opinion that in the ecumenism of today there appears a new temptation of being ashamed to preach Christ crucified and resurrected, God's power and wisdom. . .," said a message from top Russian Church leaders to the World Council of Churches' Central Committee. "When this temptation is joined with a 'fear of appearing not quite up-to-date,' the message from Patriarch Pimen and the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church, warned "the essence of the Gospel may be passed over in silence."

Reacting to the recent Bangkok, Thailand conference on "Salvation Today," the Russian Church leaders said the final documents from the conference lacked emphasis on "the ultimate goal of salvation." Acknowledging the message with gratitude, the committee expressed the conviction that "greater attention should be given to the plenitude of salvation that we anticipate in this life but whose ultimate goal is eternal life in God."

An undergraduate degree program in Judaic studies is being inaugurated at Columbian College of George Washington University this Fall. Dr. Calvin D. Linton, college dean, said the first degree will be granted in 1977. Resource materials that the private, non-sectarian school hopes to use include a bequest of more than 100 pieces of rare Judaic manuscripts and codices. Dr. Linton views the interdisciplinary program as "highly valuable for the increased academic understanding of the interrelation of Judaism, Christianity and classical thought, and of their intermixed influence on Western civilization."



GENEVA — An urgent \$250,000 appeal for flood victims in Pakistan, India and Bangladesh was launched by the World Council of Churches' Central Committee during its meeting in Geneva. Congressman John Brademas of Indiana (center), a United Methodist member of the Committee, who cabled President Nixon urging U.S. aid to the stricken nations, discusses relief efforts with other members of the committee. It has been estimated that 8 million people have been made homeless by the floods, which have inundated 12 million acres in the three countries. (RNS Photo)

## Council Directors to Local Churches

**SEPTEMBER** is an exciting month for all who participate in Christian Education. Our opportunities are numerous. The entire Church seems ready to listen, watch, and become a part of one of the great emphases coming during the year.

**PROMOTION DAY** in the Church School is in reality done in August, but it is preparatory to September. Promotion can be made a very meaningful occasion for the children and young people as they move to their new class, begin the study of the new lesson materials, and follow the guidance of new teachers. Adults have no way of knowing how important Promotion Day is to a child because we have no experience to compare with it. Leaders in Christian Education in the local church have an opportunity on Promotion Day to make the church school come alive to the children and young people by giving this occasion meaning in the church.

**ENROLLMENT DAY** in the Church School is the first Sunday in September. We do not "clear the rolls" and start all over again. We retain those who have been in the classes during the previous year and add the new persons who join the group. Those children and young people who were promoted are removed from the class roll of the previous year and become a part of their new class. In adult classes, we continue the same class roll. Names of persons who have died, moved away, or joined another class are removed; and names of new persons are added as they come. How meaningful it must be for a person to know the class roll contains his or her name. Make sure everyone is enrolled.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY** is the last Sunday in September. The spotlight is on the Church School this day. It is a time when we can "show our colors." The importance of Christian Education may be brought

before the entire church at this time. Special programs, recognition of officers and teachers in the church school, sermons on Christian education, and any other way of giving emphasis to the importance of Christian teaching is acceptable. Each local church needs to find its own way of bringing the importance of Christian education before the congregation. Creativity is a necessity in this area of our work.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK** is the week following Christian Education Sunday. This year is September 30 to October 6. A full week provides occasions when family-night dinners may be served, banquets served in recognition of church school officers and teachers, if this has not been done at some previous time; and many churches hold leadership training events during this week. This is an excellent time for training programs. New teachers who took office in early September have come face-to-face with

problems that training may help solve. Public school is in session, and everyone seems inclined to want to learn. Vacations have ended, and most of us are ready to return to work. It seems wise to make **Christian Education Week** a time of cultivation, working toward a record attendance for the first Sunday in October.

It does not seem to be accidental that World Communion Sunday comes at the end of Christian Education Week. This must be one of the best combinations we have of special days. We have the opportunity of ending a very special week — **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK** — as we gather at the altar of the church, dedicating our lives to Christ in a new and meaningful way, as we receive Holy Communion. The period beginning with the last Sunday and ending with the first Sunday in October has significance for the entire church. Let's make it a meaningful occasion.

## Jurisdictional Cable TV workshop to deal with potentialities

**KANSAS CITY, MO. (UMN)** — Church communicators and cable TV operators will meet in the same arena here for a cable TV workshop designed to "expose participants to the dilemma of cable TV and the exploding world of a communications technology."

A workshop with the designation "All About Cable," for laypersons or ministers who wish to develop or upgrade their production skills, is scheduled to be held in Kansas City, Mo. from Oct. 30 through Nov. 2.

"This will be the third workshop our jurisdictional communication committee has designed to take the churchman out of the theory of cable TV and place him squarely in the midst of cable TV practitioners," said Bob Robertson, committee chairman.

The South Central Jurisdiction's communication committee conducted the first of their three part series in Galveston, Tex. in Dec. of last year at a Teleprompter station. The second was held in Lincoln at the University of Nebraska, Continuing Education Center, in April.

In addition to a face-to-face session with the Midwest Cable Operators, the participants will be introduced to and use portable video-tape recorders (VTR) to discover how VTR can be used in local church and community situations for cable TV programming.

The Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches and the Metropolitan Inter-Church Agency of Kansas City are sharing in the leadership. Seven different denominational agencies are joining in sponsorship. Nelson Price, director of broadcasting for United Methodism, has shared in the funding of all three events.

"This series of Cable TV workshops is fostering an awareness in church leaders that cable TV offers a brand

new medium of communication to the church," said Mr. Robertson.

"Cable TV cannot solve all the problems of communication within the church," said Mr. Robertson. "But, a working knowledge of its potential in local communities can help the church foster understanding across cultural, economic, and racial lines locally."

Persons desiring more information about the Cable TV Workshop should contact Dr. Myers Curtis or the Rev. Alf A. Eason at 715 Center St., Little Rock, Ark. 72201.

## BOOK REVIEW by former Editor

Author: Arthur J. Moore  
Title: "Bishops to All Peoples"  
Abingdon Press, 1973, \$5.95

Arthur J. Moore, senior bishop of the United Methodist Church, has crowded into this little book of just over 100 pages his impressions of one of the most versatile and widespread careers ever experienced by a bishop in our church.

Elected in 1930 following pastorates in two of the great churches of the South as a result of his great evangelistic reputation, Bishop Moore left his greatest impact on the church as he helped shape and lead the new mission program of United Methodism following 1940.

Elected from the pulpit of First Methodist Church, Birmingham, Ala., he was assigned to the Western Area, which included California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. Then, as if there were not enough to keep him busy, he was asked to head the Oklahoma Area when it became vacant.

When he was assigned to California

and went to make his home in San Francisco, Bishop Moore found himself involved in the planning and construction of Glide Memorial Methodist Church, which was at that time one of the strongest centers of fundamentalism on the West Coast.

The building included an apartment house for working girls, the pastor and the bishop. He soon decided that he did not want to bring his children up in that downtown setting and moved his family to San Antonio, where he had served the Travis Park Church, which he considered a good stopping place on the way to his new responsibility in Oklahoma.

If Bishop Moore thought he had ridden a wide circuit during the first quadrennium, he discovered in 1934 what it was like to have the world for his parish. Due to depression conditions, which prompted General Conference not to elect any new bishops, he received assignments which included China, Japan, Korea, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Poland and the Belgian Congo. Being a conscientious man, he determined to divide his year equally among all these places. Travel,

Franklin has been called "the Sage" of the Constitution.

This year's theme for the national organization is "They go from strength to strength, every one of them" (Psalm 84.7). The organization also encourages persons to fly the flag during Constitution Week. The week has been proclaimed by President Nixon as one for official observance. A spokesman for the organization requests that churches call attention to this special week of observance.

which was not easy at best, was complicated by the approach of World War II.

Again the Council of Bishops, thinking Bishop Moore was more than human, called on him mid-way in the quadrennium to administer the Virginia Area, and also called him home from abroad to head the "Bishops' Crusade."

As the Plan of Union was being perfected for the three branches of Methodism in America, Bishop Moore led the successful battle for a revision of the proposal which would have created four Boards of Missions, and led in the shaping of a unified Board of Missions.

With the coming of the new church in 1940, Bishop Moore began a 20-year tenure as head of the Atlanta Area and during the same period of time he served as chairman of the Board of Missions. With the coming of retirement in 1960, he returned to his first love, evangelistic preaching and went up and down America holding meetings as long as his strength would allow.

—Review by Alfred A. Knox

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**THE FIFTH CHARGE** Conference of the Morrilton Parish will be held at the Lanty Church on Sept. 30, at 11 a.m. Dr. Ralph Clayton, Conway District superintendent, will preach in the morning and preside at the business meeting in the afternoon, following a pot-luck luncheon. Churches involved are Solgohachia, Gordon's Chapel, Cleveland and Overcup.

**DR. J. EDWARD DUNLAP**, Little Rock District superintendent, preached at First Church, Des Arc, on Choir Appreciation Day, Sept. 2. "Choir Pins" were presented to choir members on behalf of the Administrative Board and members of the church. A pot-luck dinner followed the service. The Rev. Bennie Ruth is pastor.

**FORREST CITY DISTRICT** Men's Club has elected new officers. They are: Leroy Dangeau of Wynne, president; Gayle Keagly of Brinkley, vice president; W. E. Simmering of Forrest City, secretary-treasurer; and Bob McGinnis of Rondo, lay leader.

**WEST HELENA** United Methodist Men's Breakfast was held Sunday morning, Sept. 9. Leroy Dangeau of Wynne, Forrest City District president, was the guest speaker. The Rev. Brady Cook is pastor.

## P.K. (Preachers' Kids) Korner

**THE ENGLAND** United Methodist Church was the setting for the marriage of Marion Jean Rice and James Buckingham Argue, Jr., on Sept. 1. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rice. He is the son of the Rev. James B. Argue, pastor of Pulaski Heights Church, and Mrs. Argue. Dr. Argue officiated at the ceremony. The couple will live in Little Rock where the groom is associated with Commercial National Bank.

**IN JACKSONVILLE**, Betty Ruth Fuller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon R. Fuller, and Bob Shields Edwards, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Bob S. Edwards, exchanged marriage vows in First United Methodist Church, Aug. 31. The pastor of the church and father of the groom officiated. The couple will reside in Conway.

**MARY FRANCES HENDERSON** and Lewis Arnold Bunch were married in First United Methodist Church at Forrest City, Sept. 1. The Rev. John Carl Bunch of Jonesboro, father of the groom, and the Rev. Marvin E. Henderson, Sr., of Brinkley, grandfather of the bride, solemnized the vows. The couple will live in Sacramento, Cal., where the bridegroom is stationed at Mather Air Force Base.

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**ARKANSAS VALLEY** United Methodist Men met Thursday, Aug. 30, in the fellowship hall of the Atkins Church for a fish supper. Men of the Atkins Church prepared and served the meal. Judge Paul X. Williams of Booneville, who presides over the Western District, was guest speaker. The Rev. M. J. Pollard was host pastor.

**THE COMMISSION** on Evangelism at First United Methodist Church, El Dorado, has begun a unique service for its elderly and handicapped members. The commission members will provide transportation, for those who have no access to a car, to the grocery store of the doctor's office. Dr. Alvin C. Murray is the pastor.

**THE REV. GEORGE MCGHEHEY**, retired and living in Jonesboro, brought the message at morning and evening worship services in Huntington Avenue Church, Jonesboro, on Aug. 26. Charles Rasberry, district and local lay leader, was in charge of the morning worship, and Ralph Schisler, associate lay leader, presided at the evening service. The Rev. James R. Chandler is pastor.

**THE REV. H. W. JINSKE**, retired Methodist minister, spoke to the XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Club of First Church, Hot Springs, recently. He presented a program on the lives and works of Charles and John Wesley. The Rev. James Richardson, associate pastor, gave the invocation. Dr. George Ivey is the senior minister.

**THE REV. EUGENE EFIRD** of Arkansas Guidance Foundation spoke at the evening worship service at Geyer Springs United Methodist Church, Little Rock, Sept. 9. The Rev. Rayford L. Diffie is pastor.

**THE WARD** United Methodist Church held a revival Aug. 12 through Aug. 17, with the pastor, the Rev. Joe Gramling as speaker.

**MT. PISGAH** United Methodist Church held a revival Sept. 2-8. The Rev. Lindsey Harrison was guest evangelist. The Rev. Joe Gramling was host pastor.

**"THE GODSPELL CHOIR"** presented special music at First Church, Helena, Aug. 19, at Lily Peter Auditorium, Sept. 1 and in Oxford, Miss., on Sept. 2. The group is comprised of 30 youth from the First United Methodist Churches of Helena and West Helena, plus some voices from St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches, and the Church of Christ.

**THE NETTLETON CHURCH** held a four-night Youth Revival and Activities Week in August with the Rev. Leon Reich as evangelist. Mr. Reich is a student at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky., where he is preparing for missionary service in Africa. The Rev. Anthony Holifield was host pastor.



The Rev. David L. Driver (in foreground) was honored recently by First Church in Paragould where he has served as associate pastor. He has been appointed to the pastorate of Swifton-Alicia Charge, and assumed his duties there on Sept. 2.

**THE UNITED** Methodist Church of Fordyce gave a reception for their pastor, the Rev. Rufus J. Sorrells, and his bride, the former Mrs. Cozie Thomas, in honor of their recent marriage. The congregation presented the couple with a set of dishes.

**UNITED METHODIST** Women of First Church, Jacksonville, held a "dime-a-dip" dinner Sunday, Sept. 9, after the morning worship service. The Rev. Bob Edwards is pastor.

**THE WOMEN'S CRAFT UNIT** at First Church, Corning, has been at work for several weeks creating Crismons for use on that church's Christmas tree in December. The Crismons are representations of Christian symbols. The Rev. Charles W. Thompson is pastor at Corning.

**THE UNITED METHODIST** Women of First Church, West Memphis, held their annual fashion show, Sept. 6. Mrs. Jack Hogan was chairwoman of the show and Mrs. June Spotts and Mrs. Patti Upton were commentators. The proceeds from the show are going to help furnish the new Memorial Parlor. The Rev. Ben Hines is pastor.

**THE REV. BENNIE RUTH**, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Des Arc, was guest evangelist at Maynard United Methodist Church, Aug. 26-31. The Rev. Leroy Craig is pastor of the Maynard Church.

**THE INTERMEDIATE** Church School Class of the Gravette United Methodist Church held a promotion party, Aug. 12. Ten young people and their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilkerson were present. Mr. Wilkerson is the class teacher. The Rev. Sherman E. Waters is the Gravette minister.

**FIFTEEN YOUTHS** from First United Methodist Church, Trumann, accompanied by Counselors Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Baker and Bill Miller, traveled to Eureka Springs recently to attend the Passion Play. They camped at Beaver Dam and returned to Trumann the following day. The Rev. J. Leon Wilson is pastor.

**THE NEW YOUNG** Adult class in First United Methodist Church, Texarkana, has adopted the name "The Genesis Class." They are under the leadership of Dr. and Mrs. Jack Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. Pat McGee. Dr. Edwin Dodson is their pastor.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW** United Methodist Church, near Alma in the Fort Smith District, held a fish-fry at Lake Fort Smith recently. More than 50 members and guests enjoyed good food and a soft ball game in a worshipful atmosphere. The pastor is the Rev. J. T. Byrd.

**THE WOMEN** of Midland Heights United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, held a rummage sale Sept. 7 and 8. The money made at the sale will go to buy some new tables for the fellowship hall. The Rev. Pryor Cruce is pastor.

**OPEN HOUSE AT HERMITAGE** parsonage (Monticello District) was held to celebrate its recent renovation. The event included a potluck supper, ice cream, and singing. The Rev. Autrey Sirman is pastor.

**THE REV. DAVID HANKINS** of Oak Forest United Methodist Church, Little Rock, and his wife hosted a day of fun and fellowship at their home on Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs on Labor Day. It was an all-day affair with swimming and a cook-out supper.

## 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.

Sept. 16—Sunday	Deut. 8:2-14
Sept. 17	Matt. 6:25-34
Sept. 18	Luke 12:22-34
Sept. 19	2 Cor. 2:14-16
	James 2:5
Sept. 20	2 Cor. 5:14-20
Sept. 21	Phil. 4:10-20
Sept. 22	Ephe. 6:11-18
	James 4:7
Sept. 23—Sun.	Psalms 102:16-28

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**CONTACT WILL BEGIN** a new training session at Lakeside United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m. All persons in the area interested in serving this vital telephone ministry are asked to call Mrs. W. C. Patton, 534-4152, for further information.

**HAWLEY MEMORIAL UNITED** Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, will celebrate its 71st anniversary with a homecoming scheduled for September 23. Retired Bishop William C. Martin, of Little Rock, and Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Camden District superintendent, will be guest preachers.

**CENTRAL UNITED** Methodist Church, Fayetteville, has begun a new church school class. The class consists of young married students from the University of Arkansas and is taught by Mrs. Connell Brown and Mrs. Frank Broyles. Dr. Joel Cooper is their pastor.

**JAN FULTON** is the new director of Christian Education at First United Methodist Church, North Little Rock. She is a graduate of Hendrix College with a degree in Christian Education. For the past two years she has served as a U.S.-2 for the Board of Global Ministries at the Spofford Home in Kansas City, Mo. The Rev. Earl B. Carter is the pastor at First Church.

**MASSARD UMYF**, Fort Smith, at morning worship on Sept. 2 presented to the church a new set of flags for the sanctuary. Towie Swink made the presentation; Norman Norvell, board chairman, accepted; and the Rev. Doyle Millard offered the dedicatory prayer. Sponsors for the young people are Betty Millard, organist, and Charles Thompson, teacher and lay leader.

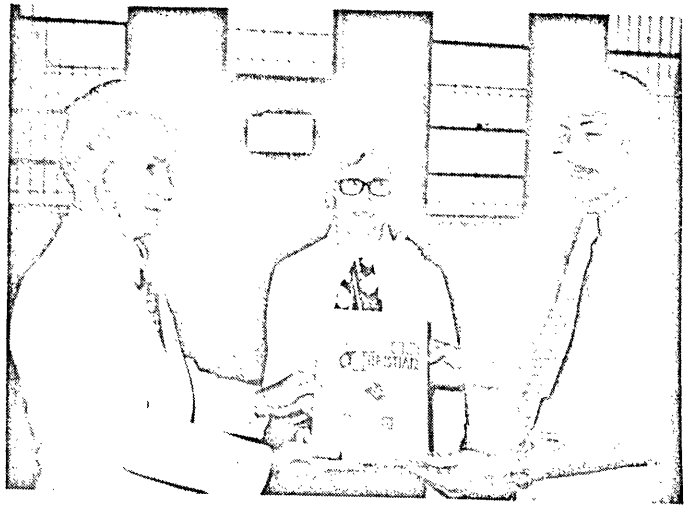
**AT THE ANNUAL** Ministers' family picnic on Mt. Sequoyah, the Fayetteville District Ministers' Wives met and elected officers for the coming year. Mrs. Clint Atchley was elected president, along with Mrs. Merle Johnson as vice-president, and Mrs. John W. Lee as secretary and treasurer. Also welcomed at the meeting was Mrs. Harold Spence, the new district superintendent's wife.

**PARAGOULD DISTRICT** Parsonettes met Sept. 5 for a Progressive Dinner meeting with Mrs. Evelyn Franks, Mrs. Marie Jordon, and Mrs. Corine Linam in Paragould. New officers for the year are Mrs. Barbara Haltom, Walnut Ridge, president; Mrs. Delma Watson, Piggott, vice president; Mrs. Ebba Jarvis, Rector, secretary treasurer; and Mrs. Bernice Thompson, Corning, scrapbook chairman. Plans for the year include a Time Apart, Family Christmas party, Valentine party, and Hobby Sharing time.

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Church school teachers were honored in St. Paul Church, Little Rock, on Sunday, Aug. 26, during morning worship and at the family luncheon following. Guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. Ed Dunlap, district superintendent. He is shown at the luncheon with Mrs. Bob Scott (center), pastor's wife, and Mrs. Dunlap.



For those teachers who had taught the longest in each of the three divisions at St. Paul, a book was placed in the church library in their honor. Mrs. Ken Jones (above), serving the longest in the Primary Division, is shown with St. Paul ministers, the Rev. Bob Scott (at left) and the Rev. Don Eubanks, associate pastor.

**FIRST UNITED** Methodist Church, Lonoke, held a Congregational Family Night dinner Wednesday, Sept. 12. The program featured the Rev. William A. Stewart, minister at Carlisle, as the speaker. The Rev. Michael Clayton is the Lonoke pastor.

**THE REV. JERRY PULLIAM**, pastor of McArthur Drive and Bethel United Methodist Churches in Jacksonville, was guest speaker for a revival held at Rushing Memorial United Methodist Church in Chidester, in the Camden District, Aug. 19-24. The Rev. Larry Martineau is pastor.

**PAUL INZER** is coordinator of Family Life in First Church, Camden, and is in charge of picnic arrangements for the church picnic to be held at the Supervisors' Club on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 16. Recreation beginning at 3:30 will be followed by the evening meal at 5:30, a program of music and a closing devotional. Dr. Clint Burleson is pastor.

### Summer training in Hot Springs area

Vacation church schools were held in seven United Methodist Churches with less than 300 members in and near Hot Springs. This gave many children an opportunity for special Christian education during the summer according to Mrs. Grace Dwyer, Church and Community Worker, who held special training workshops for teachers of kindergarten, grades 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 preceding the schools and teachers of all the churches of the area were encouraged to attend.

In addition to the workshops, special work was done with each individual church in this important venture. Churches having Vacation Church schools and pastors are: Morning Star, Tigert, the Rev. Dorsie Caldwell; Piney Grove, the Rev. Charles Mashburn; Pullman Heights, the Rev. James Robken; New Salem, Gardner, the Rev. Robert E. Woody; Fountain Lake, the Rev. O. W. Hoover. Many teachers and youth assistants helped in this important venture.

**FIRST UNITED** Methodist Church, Nashville, honored three of its teachers recently. Mrs. John Rigsby, Miss Ina V. Jackson, and Mrs. Otis McConnell were presented with Certificates of Appreciation for having taught in the elementary division of the church school for more than 20 years. The Rev. David B. Wilson is their pastor.

**THE OZARK QUARTET**, from Mountain Home United Methodist Church presented a special music service at First Church, Morrilton, Sept. 9. Mr. Palmer Foley, choir director at Mountain Home and manager of the quartet, brought the message. The Rev. Clyde T. Parsons is pastor at Morrilton.

### UNITED METHODIST AND PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF MENA HEAR INDIA PASTOR

On Friday, Aug. 10, the United Methodist Women of First Church, Mena, met in a special "Coffee" session with the women of the First Presbyterian Church to hear the Rev. Joel Peters, a native of Punjab, India who is now pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Crowley, Tex.

Mr. Peters presented the film, "Flame Of India", showing the service of the United Church of India in the city and in the rural areas of that country. A discussion period concluded the meeting.

The Rev. W. Shelton Kilgore is pastor.

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## Churchmen's 1974 India Study Tour

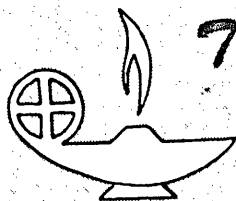
The Division of World Peace of the Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church is the sponsor of a Churchmen's Study Tour to India from Jan. 21 to Feb. 15, 1974. The Tour is a recognition of the importance of India in the history of the Christian Church, in international affairs, and in its commitment as a great power in Asia to religious and political diversity.

The leaders of the Tour will be the Reverend Carl and Mildred Soule from the United States and Bishop and Mrs. A. J. Shaw of India. Dr. Soule was UN representative for the Board of Christian Social Concerns for twelve years (1960 to 1972), has been a leader of eleven study tours to Europe, Latin America, and Asia, and is now a retired member of the Detroit annual conference living in Florida.

The tour will include such staple objects of interest as the Taj Mahal in moonlight and the birthplace of Buddhism at Sarnath. But through lectures, discussions, and visits with persons in all walks of life the emphasis will be upon the life and work of the Christian Church, the contribution of UN specialized agencies (such as World Health, Food and Agriculture, and UNICEF) to the problems of India, the challenge of poverty, illiteracy, and population increase, political relations between the United States and India, the programs of the Congress and other political parties, and how American churchmen may contribute to India's future welfare as church members and citizens.

Bishop A. J. Shaw, recently retired from the Delhi area, will accompany the tour group during its entire time in India. In each city there will be an Indian leader or missionary who will give the group guidance and friendship. Inquiries concerning the Study Tour should be addressed to Dr. Carl Soule, c/o Division of World Peace, 100 Maryland Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C. 20002, or Post Office Box 501, Lady Lake Florida, 32659.

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# The Sunday School Lesson

by the Editor

LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 23:

'Ministers of Reconciliation'

**ORIENTATION:** We are in the first quarter of the 1973-74 church school year. The theme for this quarter (Sept. 2-23) is **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PAUL**. We are in Unit #1 of this quarter. The unit subject is **MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION**. Our lesson for Sept. 23 is the fourth and last in this unit and is entitled "Ministers of Reconciliation."

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** 2 Corinthians 5:11 through 6:10.

**MEMORY SELECTION:** In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.—2 Corinthians 5:19

**PURPOSE OF THE LESSON:** To fuller appreciate the fact that we have been given a "ministry": that of reconciliation; to examine the meaning of reconciliation in the light of today's scripture; to make a decision about our individual responsibility of being ministers of reconciliation.

## WHERE WE ARE

So far in this unit we have seen the church in Corinth divided in allegiance to Paul, Apollos and Peter (lesson one). We reviewed Paul's admonition that only "the folly of the cross," not man's wisdom, was adequate to express and convey the gift of redemption (lesson two). We saw last week (lesson three) the ultimate example of how the sin of division affected even the love feast, the communion table, the very act which should be the symbol and the means of unity in the fellowship of Christ.

Today we conclude this unit by reviewing what is one of the great central functions of the Christian community: extending Christ's ministry of reconciliation. As God in Christ has reconciled man to himself, so the Christian is called to be Christ's ambassador, "God making his (very) appeal through us!"

It is helpful to keep the unity of this quarter's three units of study in mind. For these first four Sundays we have studied the "MINISTRY of Reconciliation." Next Sunday we begin a five-lesson unit on "The MESSAGE of Reconciliation," and following that we conclude the quarter with a four-Sunday study on "The LIFE of Reconciliation."

## "MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION"

Our unit title, "MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION," is carefully chosen. It will be helpful as we conclude this present series of lessons to concentrate a moment on the key word "ministry." As followers of Christ, we are given — "entrusted" with, says Paul — a ministry: the ministry of reconciliation.

Christian ministry derives its nature directly from the person and work of Jesus Christ. All Christian ministries must be extensions of the ministry of Christ. We must begin with the intention and deed of Jesus.

Two words help us to understand these. Jesus often described himself as "sent" upon his mission by the Father (Matt. 15:24, Mark 9:37; Luke 9:48; John 3:17, to mention four instances). In turn, Jesus "sent" forth the twelve apostles and later the seventy. "Sent," then, is one word giving an insight into the ministry of Jesus. Another is "serve." The characteristic of "serving" was strongly emphasized by Jesus in his ministry. "I am among you as one who serves (Luke 22:27). On several occasions in his teachings he points out that greatness in ministry is accounted for, not in any outward rank, but in proportion to service. In today's lesson we discover that we are "sent to serve" by witnessing and proclaiming the Christian ministry of reconciliation.

## MINISTRY: A FUNCTION, NOT AN OFFICE

When Paul refers to the ministries of the church, he is not thinking of an "office" to which individuals are appointed. He has in mind a function, a mission, of the total body of Christ, the church. The work of "apostles, prophets and teachers" (1st Cor. 12:28) is not intended to refer to specific individuals appointed by men to just these tasks. Rather, Paul sees these as the variety of functions and kinds of service which all members of the body contribute to its corporate life and which arise from the diverse operation of the one Spirit within the body.

Furthermore, these ministries are "gifts" ('charismata' in Greek means 'grace-gifts') of Christ through the presence and operation of the Holy Spirit within the church.

Of significance for our purpose, then, is the basic fact that we are given a ministry. We are sent to serve. We are given the 'grace-gift' of fulfilling the role of apostle, prophet and teacher.

## OUR ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY

Although our scripture begins with 2nd Cor. 5:11, we must begin with 5:10: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body." Only when we consider this verse are we ready to continue with 5:11. "Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men . . ."

John Stuart Mill said he could conceive of no higher way of living than that a man should so act that Jesus Christ would approve of his life. But Paul suggests an even more exacting measurement: "the judgment seat of Christ." This phrase becomes for Paul a way of expressing the fact that our lives have meaning because of our responsibility to God.

Paul was always conscious of the certainty of final judgment. This was a very strong element in Christ's teaching, also (the parable of the last judgment in Matt. 25 for example). Without ultimate responsibility to God our lives lose their real purpose. Someone has observed that it is the "final curtain" that gives real meaning to the drama. We are here to fulfill God's purpose, and it is this fact which gives "sense" to our lives. Paul's phrase "the judgment seat of Christ" becomes for him the way of expressing this great truth about man.

## JUDGMENT AND FEAR

What about "judgment" and the "fear of the Lord" of which Paul speaks? God's judgment certainly does not stem from any wish to punish or condemn. It is motivated by his desire that man be aware of his sin and accept God's reconciling grace.

The "fear of the Lord" to which Paul refers is not "terror." It is "the wholesome reverential awe and respect" with which Paul would face the Lord who will judge him (Floyd V. Filson in THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE, pg. 332). This fear is not that which arises because of divine judgment; it is the "awe" that comes from the vision of God's holiness and the inescapable demands of his righteousness.

## PAUL'S DEFENSE

Paul then moves (vs. 12, 13) to persuade his readers of his own sincerity: "We are not commending ourselves . . ." His opponents had cast suspicion on his motives, and though he has no doubt that he is vindicated in the sight of God, he wants to demonstrate his sincerity to his Corinthian friends. If his motives are questioned, he feels, his message will be weakened. William Barclay in THE DAILY STUDY BIBLE (pg. 232) says "A man's message will always be heard in the context of his character. That is why the preacher and the teacher must be beyond suspicion. We have to avoid, not only evil,

but the very appearance of evil lest anything make others think less, not of us, but of the message we bring."

## MOTIVE FOR MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

Verses 14-16 (chap. 5) reveal the source of power, the motivation, for the Christian ministry of reconciliation: "The very spring of our action is the love of Christ. We look at it like this: if one died for all men then, in a sense, they all died, and his purpose in dying for them is that their lives should now be no longer for themselves but for him who died and rose again for them" (J. B. Phillips trans.).

James Reid, in THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE (pg. 334) points out that when Paul speaks of "the love of Christ" (as in v. 14) or "the love of God" he nearly always means Christ's love or God's love, not our own love of Christ or of God. "Our love is at best a response to that of Christ. It is when we forget ourselves in the contemplation of his love for us that love to Christ is born and grows . . ."

## WHAT GOD HAS DONE

Although in our previous lessons we have seen Paul concerned with division among men (as between followers of Peter, Apollos, Paul and at the communion table) and with reconciling those divisions, in today's scripture when Paul speaks of reconciliation he is not thinking primarily about healing the differences that separate persons from one another. He is concerned with the more basic and fundamental reconciliation needed between man and God. It is this reconciliation which enables man to be reconciled to his neighbor and to which the Christian becomes a witness and for which he becomes an ambassador.

## OUR MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION: WE ARE AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST

Verses 16 through 21 of 2nd Cor. 5 contain one of the most significant statements penned by Paul. They form the very heart of today's lesson and are worthy of extended examination and discussion in your class.

"From now on . . ." God's act in Christ creates a new being in which all is changed and made new. "All this is from God . . ." In reconciliation God always takes the initiative. The waiting father runs to welcome the prodigal son home; God is the "hound of heaven" who seeks the lost, ever striving toward reconciliation.

And we are "entrusted" with the message; made ambassadors of it to the world. William Barclay (pgs. 234-36) has an excellent statement comparing the role of civil ambassador with that of the Christian ambassador. You may wish to share this passage with your class.

"We beseech you . . ." The phrase suggests the "style" of the Christian ambassador. "The message of reconciliation is always presented in the spirit of gentleness," states Dr. Semands in the quarterly. What does this say to our style of evangelism and other Christian ministries?

In the concluding portion of today's scripture (6:3-10) Paul illustrates that the Christian minister's life is a "hard but glorious one," to use the phrase with which J. B. Phillips introduces this passage.

It is the Christian's good news that God is the author of a means of restoring the brokenness of man's world. As persons reconciled to God by the death of Jesus Christ and then by his grace to one another, Christians are entrusted with a ministry of reconciliation.

The question is: What shall we do with this gift and with this commission?

**NEXT WEEK: "Good News for Sinners"—beginning new unit on The Message of Reconciliation.**



## Youth Council votes African relief funds; speaks to social issues

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMC) — Concerns with agenda and life-styles yielded to concerns for the plight of other persons and world conditions as the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries met here Aug. 22-27.

During its six-day semi-annual session, the council struggled first with a built-in handicap — 17 of its 32 members are new, and about one-half will be new each year. This required extensive orientation to the task and to the history of why it happened this way, but, with little carry-over from the past to help or hinder, the group began to develop its own community spirit.

Although some members had to miss the start of a school term, age did not appear to be a handicap for a unit that represents the church's 12-18-year-olds.

Major fund commitments made by the council included \$11,000 for a Third World/Young Adult Consultation planned for this fall; \$5,000 to United Methodist Committee on Relief for aid to drought victims in West Africa; \$3,200 to an Illinois group sponsoring a lettuce and grape boycott in support of the United Farm Workers Union; \$3,000 to the Robeson County, N. C., Church and Community Center summer "intensive presence" program for work with all ages toward community change and minority empowerment.

Resolutions approved by the council, with considerable debate but little dissent, included:

- Backing the United Farm Workers Union by boycotting chain stores not selling UFW produce, picketing, and informing others about the farm

workers' plight as "exploited in the most inhumane manner" with conditions of life "unnecessarily hazardous and morally degrading."

- Charging the U.S. with interfering in Southeast Asia affairs "since it succeeded the European powers as an imperialistic, economically exploitive force," and urging withdrawal of American military, economic and political support of military regimes there, "allowing these countries to develop as they decide."

- Urging the church to "be sensitive to the voices of all Asians in the church" and to "think of Asians as real women and men," rather than in racist stereotypes.

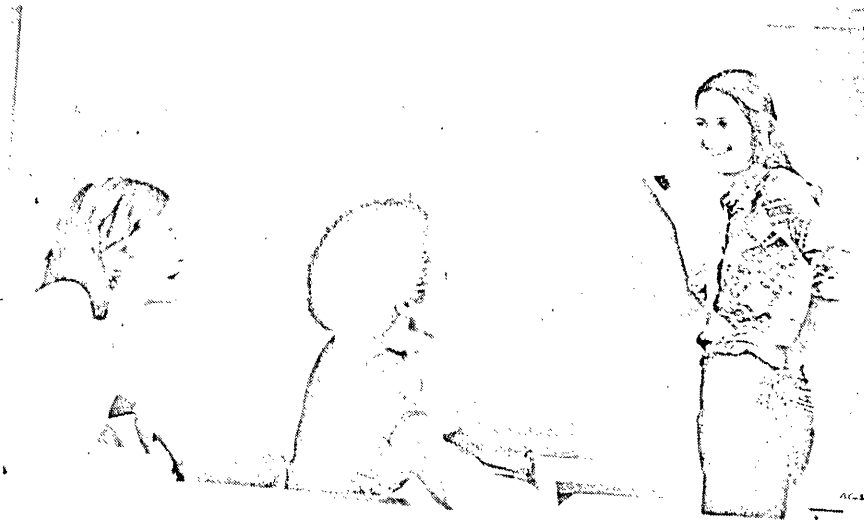
- Because "war is incompatible with the Gospel and spirit of Christ, (we) support those individuals who conscientiously oppose all war, and particularly those persons who have opposed the Indochina war, . . . support unconditional amnesty for all draft and war resisters."

- Rejecting "national policies of enforced military service through the selective service system as incompatible with the Gospel."

- Urging Congress to legislate for even distribution of oil supplies "so that small, independent firms will be able to remain in business."

The council also directed its Nashville and Washington staffs to encourage local church involvement in the study programs of World Population Year 1974 and to gather data on United Methodist investments, particularly in the context of the Third World movement.

Next session of the council was set to begin Dec. 28.



New officers of the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries are briefed by the outgoing chairperson at the council's meeting in Washington, D.C. From left are: Clint Stanovsky of Arlington, Texas, chairperson; Bea Jones of Sumter, S.C., vice chairperson; and Barbe Spies of North Syracuse, N.Y., who led the group during the past year. (RNS Photo)

## 'Youth's Role in the Church and Politics' to be studied

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMC) — The roles of the church, and especially of church youth, in government and politics will be highlighted and studied Sept. 20-23 when some 30 United Methodist 'LAP educators' come here for training.

LAP is the Legislative Affairs Project of the church's Council on Youth Ministries, which for several years has had a year-round team of coordinators in the national capital. The educators are the youth assigned to the project in various annual conferences.

This year's seminar, in John Stewart Memorial UMC Church, will stress issues as well as strategies and methods for dealing with the issues, nationally and regionally. Workshops are sche-

duled on the environmental crisis, governmental reform, national priorities and military spending, foreign policy and "Nixon doctrine," population/ecology, South Africa, Indochina and Latin America. Special presentations will come from movements such as women's liberation, United Farm Workers and consumerism.

Speakers will include David Harvin, Laurinburg, S. C., a former national youth staff member, on "Youth's Role in the Church and Politics," and the Rev. John P. Adams, director of law, justice and community relations for the church's Board of Church and Society here, on "The Role of the Church in Social and Political Affairs."

## From Our Readers

Contributions for this column should be written briefly and bear the signature and address of the writer. What appears here does not necessarily represent the point of view of this publication and the editor reserves the right to withhold, edit for space, or print contributions.

### MORE ON TONGUES

Dear Sir:

I was deeply interested in your editorial of August 2nd regarding tongues-speaking and faith-healing. I came into a hot-bed of this when I was visiting my daughter in Sugarcreek, Ohio, last Christmas. They had an interdenominational Prayer and Praise group of those interested, and were reading and distributing dozens of books regarding it. The authors of the books were from various denominations and they told about the experiences of tongues-speaking and faith-healing by Episcopalians, Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Disciples of Christ, Lutherans, Roman Catholics, as well as Pentecostals.

They called this experience not just tongues-speaking and faith-healing, but "the Baptism of the Spirit." When asked if the Baptism of the Spirit included tongues-speaking, they answer-

ed, "Yes, it is all in the package."

What do they say is the value of tongues-speaking? They say it is a form of prayer. It enables us to praise and adore God when words fail us. It gives us a direct awareness of God. It gives the one who speaks in an unknown tongue, power that he did not have before.

It seems to me personally, that when it happens, as it sometimes does, that when the language is spoken, fluently and correctly, unknown by the speaker, but understood by someone present, who knows that language, it is an amazing miracle, proving that Jesus is still alive, and is baptizing in the Spirit.

Those having this tongues-speaking spiritual baptism, described in these books I have read, include the rich and the poor, the educated and the uneducated. Dr. Van Dusen, at one time president of Union Theological Seminary in New York, was interviewed by John Sherrill, author of one of the books, after Dr. Van Dusen had just completed a trip around the world, visiting leaders of traditional Protestant churches in twenty countries. Dr. Van Dusen said that "the Pentecostal movement with its emphasis upon the

Holy Spirit, is more than just a revival. It is a revolution in our day. It is a revolution comparable in importance with the original Apostolic Church and with the Protestant Reformation" (John E. Sherrill, *They Speak with Other Tongues*).

We should not be reticent about telling about our deep interest in a movement of such importance, nor should we reject the persons who feel it is inspired by the Spirit of God.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Mason E. Mitchell  
Conway, Ark.

### WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER GIFTS?

Dear Editor:

. . . We must face the fact that (the charismatic movement) has made its way into the United Methodist Church . . . (It) has crossed denominational barriers and is doing more to bring Christians together than anything man could devise. (It) is strengthening Christ's church and a revival is taking place that will change the world.

We (as United Methodist Christians) need to be made aware of the total aspect of the charismatic movement . . . of all nine gifts of the Holy Spirit and not waste all our time fretting over the gift of tongues . . . What about the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, faith, heal-

ing, miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirits, and interpretation of tongues; are we ready to accept these? . . . If the charismatic movement is resulting in Christians walking in the Spirit, why not support it and . . . not criticize it or knock it . . .

Many of our more fruitful laymen . . . have been swept into the charismatic movement (and) are misunderstood by other laymen as well as clergy (and) no longer feel welcome in The United Methodist Church and as a result are leaving it. What is going to happen to our (church) if we continue to let this happen? . . . Why can't we accept these people and feed them the spiritual meat within The United Methodist Church?

Yes, there is much more to the charismatic movement than the gift of tongues and I pray that our churches and congregations can come to realize the power of the Holy Spirit and to be open to the ways the Holy Spirit moves.

Louis P. Chrisman  
Wilmore, Ky.

P.S. I have been caught up in the charismatic movement and left my job of 21 years and the security it offered to do God's will and here I am a new student at Asbury Theological Seminary and plan to return to the Louisiana Conference in three years.

## Sept. 16 set aside as 'Ministry Sunday'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — Individuals choose to become ordained Christian ministers because of the examples set by their own pastors and home congregations.

The importance of that fact is the central theme for "Ministry Sunday" to be observed in United Methodist churches across the nation September 16. The Church's Board of Higher Education and Ministry is calling upon all congregations to explore what is required to provide and train ministers to recognize the importance of the local church in the process.

Expectations which local congregations have of their ministers are also highlighted for consideration. Among these is the role of a pastor as one who is in ministry "with," not "for" his parishioners.

In Ministry Sunday material sent to all United Methodist pastors, Dr. F. Thomas Trotter, Board of Higher Education and Ministry general secretary, writes: "It is characteristic of United Methodists that we have the style of doing ministry instead of defining it. We give more attention to the urgencies of the gospel and less to the protocols of tradition than some other confessions."

### CONVOCATION CANCELLED

The minorities convocation scheduled by a South Central Jurisdiction task force for October 10-12 has been cancelled, according to the task force chairman, Bishop Ernest T. Dixon, Jr.

Bishop Dixon, resident bishop of the Kansas Area, reported that the cancellation was due to a time lapse in original purpose. In making the announcement he said that the task force would recommend to the Jurisdictional Council on Ministries the establishment of a new task force to deal with minority problems. The convocation was originally scheduled to be held at Mt. Sequoyah.

### Consultation on Local Church TV Production planned

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — A Consultation on Local Church Television Production which will include a pastor and lay person from up to 10 churches, is being planned for Oct. 23-25.

Sponsored by the South Central and Southeastern Jurisdictional Committees on Communications and the Joint Committee on Communications of the United Methodist Church, the consultation will focus on priorities for television production and how they are decided; equipment needed by the local church; purchased telecast time versus public service; audience analysis; feedback and necessary controls for quality production.

According to the Rev. H. T. Maclin, director of the Joint Committee of the two jurisdictions, the consultation will seek to answer the question: What do you think the United Methodist Church should be doing in television locally, regionally and/or nation-

Theology, he said, is not left up to specialists but is the task of the whole church.

"The Minister is the last generalist in a society that has become so overly specialized that human services and wholeness are difficult to find," he said. "In this sense, the ordained minister may again become the parson in the community not because he is necessarily the most learned as in earlier times but because he is the most whole in his world view."

### LEADERS OPTIMISTIC OVER MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — Reporting significant increases in the church-wide Ministerial Education Fund (MEF), United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry officials here express optimism that the three-year-old fund will more than offset projected drops in support from other church sources.

World Service, the basic benevolence program of the denomination is decreasing its support for ministerial education and the 14 theological schools approximately \$1 million this

year and \$300,000 during each of the next three years. The reductions are in line with the planned development of the new MEF approved by the 1968 General Conference and launched in 1970.

Dr. Harold T. Porter, staff director of the MEF, reports that \$2,396,691 has been received during the first six months of 1973, an increase of \$197,359 over the same period last year. Twenty-five percent of the total is retained for use by annual conferences in their programs of ministerial education.

Since 1973 represents the first and largest annual reduction in World Service money during the 1973-76 quadrennium, Dr. Porter says the increase is extremely significant. "Unless MEF receipts increase more than \$1 million this year the school's of theology will actually receive less money from church sources than they received last year," he said.

Contributions to MEF since it began in 1970 have amounted to more than \$16½ million. The annual goal for the fund is \$9,666,924.

## Centenary College to host Archives and History Symposium, Sept. 15

United Methodists are invited to participate in an Archives and History Symposium at Centenary College, Shreveport, La. on Sept. 15, according to Dr. Walter N. Vernon, chairman, South Central Jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History.

The symposium will be under the direction of Dr. C. George Younkin, chief of the Archives Branch, Federal Records Center, at Fort Worth, Tex. Dr. Younkin is widely known as an expert in his field and has served as resource leader at several United Methodist workshops.

The symposium will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until mid-afternoon. It

will deal with several aspects of archival-historical concerns, including Oral History, Use of Archives for Genealogy, and the Interdisciplinary use of Archives. Dr. John H. Ness, Jr., director of the United Methodist Commission on Archives and History, Lake Junaluska, N. C., will be in attendance as a resource leader on church archives.

There is no charge for those attending, but those who expect to be present are requested to report to Dr. Younkin at 3501 Quail Lane, Arlington, Tex. 76016 to enable the college to provide sufficient food for lunch.

## Regional consultation for Church's academic administrators announced

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — Seven regional consultations will be sponsored this fall by the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry for deans and/or academic administrative officers of United Methodist-related colleges and universities. A consultation for the Southwest Region, which includes Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma, is scheduled to be held in Dallas, Oct. 2-3.

Location for the consultation will probably be New York City. Each local church team will be invited to share with the group at least one video tape production they have made or the detailed plans of projected production.

Persons interested in the consultation may write Mr. Maclin, 159 Forrest Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30303.

homa, is scheduled to be held in Dallas, Oct. 2-3.

Agenda items for the two-day consultations will include: services provided by the Division of Higher Education; new directions for church-related higher education; relationship with the National Association of Schools and Colleges of the United Methodist Church under their cooperative program "New Generations for New Days"; the Association's Distinguished Teacher Award; current emphases of the Division on International-Intercultural Education; and opportunities for professional development.

Leadership for each of the consultations will include Dr. Fred E. Harris, Associate General Secretary for the Division of Higher Education, and Dr. David G. Mobberley, assistant general secretary for the section of schools, colleges and universities.

## Preacher, choirs sought for Protestant Hour

DALLAS, Tex. (UMN) — Auditions for preacher and choirs to be heard on the 1975 United Methodist Series of the Protestant Hour are now being held, according to the chairman of the South Central Jurisdiction's communication committee.

The Rev. Robert L. Robertson, committee chairman, said the body had responsibility for selecting the preacher and the choir for the Sept. 28, 1975-Jan. 4, 1976 series on more than 500 radio stations across the nation.

"We are using cassette tape recordings of both preachers and choirs to make our final selection for the 1975 series," said Mr. Robertson.

Each annual conference council director in the jurisdiction has been asked to secure nominations, audition tapes and biographical data from their respective annual conferences.

"Nominations are not limited to these sources," said Mr. Robertson. "Audition tapes of both preachers and choirs, plus written biographical information, from all responsible United Methodist sources are being considered by the selection committee."

Nominations will close Oct. 1. Mail nominations to: United Methodist Series of the Protestant Hour, 2110 North Akard Street, Dallas, Texas 75201.

## Twenty-eight 'US-2s' commissioned

NEW YORK (UMC) — A 23-year record of service in Christian mission in the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands is being continued in 1973, as 28 young men and women begin this fall their responsibilities as special-term United Methodist home missionaries.

Like their predecessors since 1951, the new workers are known as US-2s, because their term of service will be two years and will be in the field of national missions. They will serve under the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries. The US-2s number one more than last year's group.

Their commissioning in August at the end of a two-week training session at St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Mo., symbolized, in a sense, the beginning of the US-2s' vocation in mission. They left Kansas City to take up their new work in a variety of settings including urban ministries, mission schools, community centers, church-and-community ministries, and campus ministries. Two will serve in the Virgin Islands; the others throughout the U.S.

Most of the group are 1973 college graduates. A few come from a background of professional experience such as school teaching, pastoral ministry, and social or community work. Included are 21 women and seven men. There are two married couples. Most are United Methodists, though other denominations including United Presbyterian are represented. Sixteen states are represented in the group.

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# Methodist Children's Home

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

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MRS. LETA S. ARMSTRONG  
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## NEWS in BRIEF

The United Methodist Church on Cuttyhunk Island, Mass., was featured in a story this summer in the Washington Post which related how it is the only church on the island and serves as a setting for Roman Catholic Mass on Sunday mornings and a Protestant service Sunday evenings which may include hymns from the Methodist hymnal, a psalm from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, and the Apostles Creed recited with the help of the Catholic missal. Both the Rev. John Ward, professor at Boston University School of Theology who serves as United Methodist pastor in the summer, and his wife assist in the Mass.

The World Council of Churches' Central Committee has authorized staff members to prepare recommendations concerning the future of its controversial Program to Combat Racism after the original mandate ends next year.

Miss Miriam Brattain, 46, a staff executive of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, died August 24 in Ridgewood, N. J., after a long illness.

Attending the Martins Chapel vacation church school, Aug. 12-17, were some 30 children and young people, along with teachers and helpers. The Rev. Autrey Sirmon is pastor of Martins Chapel on the Heritage Circuit.

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### IN HONOR:

Mrs. J. W. McKewen  
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## Methodist property escapes recent Mexico earthquake

NEW YORK (UMC) — Little or no damage to Methodist property apparently was sustained in the late August Mexico earthquake and there is no immediate need for emergency assistance from outside the country, according to preliminary reports to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) here.

Bishop Alejandro Ruiz of the autonomous Methodist Church of Mexico told UMCOR in a telephone report that many public buildings, especially schools, were damaged or destroyed and assistance in the form of money or materials may be sought from various agencies to rebuild schools. A UMCOR spokesman said the agency stands ready to respond and is keeping in touch with the bishop.

Parlez-vous francais? The World Methodist Council has an opening for a French-speaking United Methodist pastor in the U.S. to exchange with a pastor in Strasbourg, France, during the summer of 1974.

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The youth shown here with sanding equipment and painting supplies are from St. Andrew's United Methodist Youth Fellowship in Little Rock. They recently completed the project of sanding and painting the floors of Pleasant Hills United Methodist Church near Little Rock. The church had not been used for a number of years, but recently re-opened, and the Rev. David Purkiss is the newly appointed pastor. The Rev. Fred Haustein is pastor of St. Andrew's Church. (The youth donated both materials and service for the project.)

#### MACEDONIA CHURCH HAS SPECIAL DAY

A King and Queen Contest was sponsored by United Methodist Women and the youth of the Macedonia United Methodist Church at Lockesburg on Sunday, Aug. 19 at 2:30 p.m.

The message for the occasion was given by Mrs. Daisy M. Cabean of Wilmington, Del. Mrs. Cabean is a deaconess in the United Methodist Church and works in a "Neighborhood House."

Music was furnished by Junior Choirs from the United Methodist Church at Center Point, and from the New Light C.M.E. Church at Nashville. Beverly Faye Garland was crowned Queen and Robert Taylor Counts was crowned King by Mrs. Mabel Morris.

The Rev. J. H. Oliver, pastor, reports that \$786.10 was raised in the contest.

#### Arkeology

by Gene Herrington



When the sermon gets personal, it's easy to get ruffled feathers.

## Chaplains Retreats scheduled

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMC) — Retreats for United Methodist chaplains this year will begin Oct. 15-19 at Berchtesgaden, Germany. Two are scheduled for overseas and three in the U.S.

The European gathering will include United Methodist laymen also, as in the past, according to the Rev. A. Purnell Bailey, associate general secretary of the sponsoring Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries.

The other retreats will be Oct. 29-Nov. 1 at Kansas City, Mo.; Nov. 12-15 at Lake Junaluska, N. C.; Feb. 11-14 at Asilomar, Calif.; and March 25-29 at Tokyo, Japan. One held for several years at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., has been discontinued because of costs.

Principal speaker for the European retreat will be Bishop Mack B. Stokes of Jackson, Miss. Other leadership will include Glenn Draper, professor of music at University of Chattanooga and director of the Junaluska Singers; J. Fred Rowles, Nashville, of the United Methodist Communications staff; Mrs. Stokes; Dr. and Mrs. Bailey; the Rev. Edwin S. Jones of the division staff and Mrs. Jones.

A group of 14 United Methodists from Alabama-West Florida and Texas annual conferences left Sept. 4 for a nine-day visit to Liberia, West Africa, under the leadership of the Rev. Charles Britt, Auburn, Ala., a former missionary in Liberia.

## Consultation on Ethnic Minority

CLAREMONT, Calif. (UMC) — A "Consultation on Ethnic Minority Ministries" will be held at the School of Theology here Sept. 20-21 involving representatives from the three major non-black ethnic groups in the denomination, selected bishops, and staff members from church agencies which have related concerns.

A similar consultation was held last December by black minority representatives.

Sponsored by the Division of the Ordained Ministry of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the Consultation will offer an opportunity to share and present the needs and opportunities of Asian, Hispanic, and Indian American ministries and their distinctive contributions to the total life of the Church.

The Rev. John F. Norwood, an executive of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries' Health and Welfare Ministries staff, and John W. Kirkman, a stock broker from Minneapolis, Minn., joined the staff of the Council on Finance and Administration in Evanston, Ill., September 1.

The Rev. Walter G. Williams has retired after 30 years as professor of Old Testament at United Methodist's Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colo.

## Poetry Panorama

by barbara mulkey

*In the poem "Heaven Has No Walls", Helen Jefferson wrote . . . "It has no walls for class or creed, and none is deemed a lesser breed. Where living spirits freely roam their Father's unrestricted home."*

### What Is Brotherhood?

Brotherhood is people together —  
Having fun whenever —  
Always remaining together —  
Friendship forever.

Black, white, yellow, or red,  
We all are people who have to be fed.

Reach out and touch somebody's hand,  
In every corner, with every man.  
Hopefully brotherhood will expand,  
To bring peace and happiness to our land.

Brotherhood isn't something to be described;  
Brotherhood is something that should be prescribed.

Don't worry about doing a bunch of good deeds;  
Caring for each other is what we need.  
Even a tree begins from a tiny seed . . .  
And so can brotherhood, yes indeed!

-by Sheryl Sutherland

### He Lives Today

The risen Christ of Calvary  
Still lives in hearts today  
If we His face could only see  
In those along life's way.

We are so prone to only see  
Within our fellow-men  
The things for which we know that we  
Could now their souls condemn.

We often miss the joy that shines  
Upon our brother's face  
By seeing only marks of time  
Which he can not erase.

We proudly pass the poor man's home  
With seemingly no care  
Forgetting that the day may come  
When we his fate might share.

If we, like Christ could only see  
Beneath the beggar's sores  
A sin-stained heart and tell how He  
Its purity can restore.

Could we but pause beside a well  
A lost life to restore . . .  
Would we of living waters tell  
And say "go sin no more".

While on the cross in pain and grief  
His life He freely gave  
He saw within the dying thief  
A soul that He could save.

Lord, heal our poor diverted sight  
And grant, dear Lord, that we  
May lead the lost ones to the light  
And win them, Lord, for Thee.

-by Mrs. Claude H. Mayo