



### Sharing The Harvest

Members of Central Avenue Church, Batesville and Cushman Church recently shared over 200 pounds of fresh garden vegetables with the Methodist Children's Home, Little Rock. Shown receiving the vegetables for the Home are Mr. Buzz Suddeth (left), director of activities, and two young residents (from left) Frank Schnebelin and Bart Lund. Also shown are the Rev. and Mrs. Wayne C. Jarvis and children Pam and Curtis, pastor and family of Central Avenue and Cushman churches. Mr. Jarvis reports that next year church members plan to plant special "Methodist Children's Home plots" in their family gardens.

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## Arkansans to take part in London study tour

Between 35 and 40 United Methodist ministers and lay persons from Arkansas will leave Aug. 3 for London, England to participate in a 15-day study program sponsored by an ad hoc committee of the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church.

Conducted in cooperation with King's College of the University of London, the continuing education program will feature a faculty of 11 internationally renowned theologians, educators and statesmen. Theme of the program is The Ancient Gospel in a World in Revolution.

Bishop Eugene M. Frank, who will be among the participants, said the program is one "the importance and value of which one could not deny." He said "I believe it will be worth every dollar invested for the widening of horizons and the extension of our ministry."

Participants pay their own way and will be joined in the venture by several hundred others from the eight-state South Central Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church. Six hours graduate or undergraduate college credit may be earned in the workshop.

Coordinator of the program in Arkansas is the Rev. Jim Beal, pastor of First United Methodist Church, New-

port. Mr. Beal said that in addition to the seminar program participants would be able to visit in London, the English countryside and in Wales.

Others presently known to be attending from Arkansas are the Rev. and Mrs. William Wilder and Mary Wilder of Wynne, Dr. and Mrs. Ethan Dodgen of Siloam Springs, Mrs. W. L. Welborn of Dell, the Rev. and Mrs. Joe Wilkerson of Tuckerman, the Rev. and Mrs. Waymon Hollis and Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Polk of Corning.

The Rev. and Mrs. Edward Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Livingston and Mary L. Hatch, all of Little Rock, the Rev. and Mrs. Dick Haltom of Walnut Ridge, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carr, Mrs. Jim Beal and Mrs. Doris Rogers of Newport, the Rev. and Mrs. Ben Hines of West Memphis, the Rev. Jerry Canada of Fort Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Davidson, Mr. Francis Taylor, Mr. James Williams and the Rev. and Mrs. Victor Nixon, all of Berryville.

The group will stay at Royal Holloway College, Englefield Green, on the west side of London. They will return Aug. 20.

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## 'Which way United Methodism?'

**A critical look at declines  
A heartening review of our mission  
A prescription for renewal**

by Howard Greenwalt\*

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— the editor

Our United States Bicentennial will be celebrated in 1976. Some communities already are observing this 200th anniversary. During our 200-year history, people from all walks of life and from all kinds of backgrounds have come to the shores of this country. They have spread across its geography, appropriated its resources, and have come together to form what many consider to be the greatest republic, the most economically affluent nation, and one of the most envied people of the earth.

During the expansion days, our denomination appealed to all kinds and conditions of people. No other Protestant denomination spread so wide geographically or appealed so inclusively to all peoples. Out of this background grew a determination to make the church truly inclusive.

Today the United Methodist Church is called pluralistic, fragmented and lacking in a sense of direction by its critics within and without. Whatever the cause, the movement has slowed considerably. Let us examine some of the factors in this slowdown.

### Membership

During the 20th century The Methodist Church grew at approximately the same rate of expansion as our

country; namely, about 5 percent a year. That changed in the 1960s. In 1968 the membership of the United Methodist Church after union with the Evangelical United Brethren reached a zenith of 10,990,720. During the intervening years between 1968 and 1974, the annual membership declined on an average of 154,612 members a year for a total loss of 927,674 people. The total membership of our denomination in 1974 was 10,063,046.

Also related to the matter of declining membership is the matter of weekly attendance. In 1968 it stood at 3,867,219 and in 1974 was reported to be 3,612,480 persons — a decline of about 254,739.

Another grave factor in the matter of declining membership is the rapidly increasing age level of both our laity and clergy. In 1971 it was discovered that among Methodists 68 percent of all the lay membership was above the age of 40, and that 77 percent of the clergy was above that age. The average age level of the general population is decreasing significantly and is now reported to approximate 35 years.

Closely related to membership is that of the declining church school. In 1968 church school membership was 6,852,335 with an average attendance of 3,503,146. The 1974 figures place membership at 4,930,475 with an average attendance of 2,523,213.

Interest in church school has dropped twice as fast as actual membership in the church with 1,921,860 fewer persons in our church school program.

One of John Wesley's greatest fears was that the Methodist movement might become a dead sect... In the six years between 1968 and 1974, we have merged or closed 2,871 churches. This is an average loss of 478 churches a year.

In 1968 when the Evangelical United Brethren and

Methodists united, the EUBs brought 747,000 members and 3,998 churches to the new church. Since that thrilling event in Dallas, we have lost 927,674 members (180,674 more than the former EUB membership) and we have closed or merged out of existence 2,871 churches. To put it another way, our merged United Methodist Church membership is back to what The Methodist Church had in 1967.

### Finance

The people called Methodists seem to have prospered. In 1968 our properties were valued at \$4,942,622,442. In that same year the almost 11 million members gave \$701,569,815 for the work of the denomination.

Since 1968, our giving grew at almost a 10 percent a year rate so that in 1974 the net worth of all properties was \$7,055,282,323 or a net increase of more than 2 billion dollars. A much smaller membership (less by 927,674) in 1974 gave \$935,723,000 for the work of the church — an increase of more than \$234 million over 1968.

Giving is still increasing. At the same time, fewer members are giving larger sums. This is not to say that the present membership is coming any place near tithing since the current annual per capita giving approximates \$93. This giving to the United Methodist Church by its members is, of course, not a complete picture of their charitable contributions.

### Outreach In Mission

The United Methodist Church has at its elbow a host

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## Lydia Patterson Institute

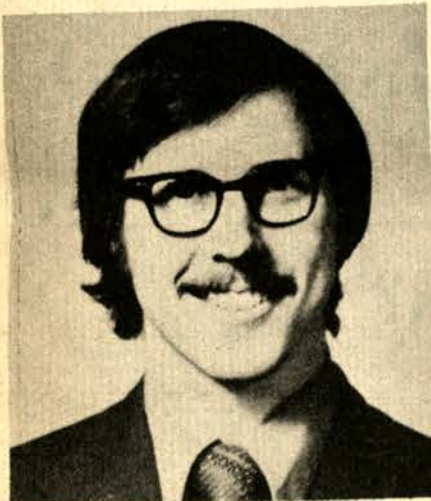
The purpose of Lydia Patterson Institute is of course to educate — but the Lydia Patterson approach to education is one which provides for the spiritual and emotional as well as the academic needs of each student. The teaching of English as a second language and the refinement of Spanish speaking skills offer a logical foundation for further studies, yet Lydia Patterson is one of the few institutions that provides such a curriculum.

Students leave Lydia Patterson with a firm grasp of their own identity, a rounded and practical education, and a solid belief in the Christian ideals and principles on which the institution is based.

Owned and operated by the South Central Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church, Lydia Patterson is fully accredited by the Texas Education Agency and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

### Your Help Is Needed Here!

There are many United Methodists who believe that "missions" relate to only those people "far away." But while they are looking "far away" to give their offerings, a real mission opportunity is at



Mr. Calvert Johnson

## El Dorado First Church names music director

Mr. Calvert Johnson of Chicago and Denver has been named Minister of Music at First United Methodist Church, El Dorado. The announcement was made by the church's Music Committee, Dr. Paul G. Henley, chairperson.

Mr. Johnson holds the Bachelor of Music degree from Kalamazoo College, of which he is a Magna Cum Laude graduate and the Master of Music degree from Northwestern University, from which institution he is to receive the Doctor of Music degree this month. He has just returned from a year of study at the Toulouse Conservatoire in Toulouse, France and has also studied at the Instituto Americano in Madrid, Spain.

Mr. Johnson has held positions as organist and director of music in churches in Wilmette and Chicago, Ill., Battle Creek and Kalamazoo, Mich., and Denver, Colo. He was the 1974 featured recitalist at the International Organ Festival of Morelia, Mexico. He will begin his work at El Dorado in August.

the front doorstep of every annual conference of the South Central Jurisdiction. That mission opportunity is Lydia Patterson Institute, El Paso, Texas.

The "far away look" and the increased costs of operating the school, have left Lydia Patterson Institute in a financial crisis. To be in "mission" can be a personal thing by seeing the very real needs of this school and responding to them.

Think what could happen to a Sunday school class that would assume the full tuition of a student at Lydia Patterson at \$324 per year! How meaningful it would be to correspond personally with a student — to bring that student to the class and local church for a weekend visit!

A District Council on Ministries might find a "spark" that would unite its efforts for ministries by assuming the salary of a teacher at the cost of \$6400 a year. Every local church of the district — large and small — could have a part in this personal project.

An individual could know the real meaning of being in "mission" by contributing \$12 to the school lunch fund or \$25 for athletic equipment.

Your help certainly is needed "far away" — but a real opportunity for mission is at your front doorstep — Lydia Patterson Institute. Communicate with the president: Dr. Noe E. Gonzales, P. O. Box 11, El Paso, Tex. 79940, if you would like to take advantage of this "near at home" opportunity of being in mission.

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## Ebenezer Camp Meeting set for Aug. 8-13

The Rev. R. T. Jarrell, pastor of St. Andrews United Methodist Church, Arkadelphia, will be the evangelist for this year's camp meeting at Ebenezer Campground near Center Point, Ark. He will preach at 11:00 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily. The first camp meeting was held in 1837.

Speakers for daily services, scheduled for 3 p.m., will include Frankie Caruthers of Malvern, John Lee of Little Rock, the Rev. J. R. Callicott of Lockesburg, the Rev. Robert E. Woody of Mineral Springs, the Rev. David Wilson of Nashville, and the Rev. Darrell Bone of Texarkana. Singing will be under the direction of the Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Bell of Craig, Mo., with Patricia Dildy serving as pianist.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday. The annual fellowship supper will be held that evening at 6 p.m.

The encampment, which ends Thursday evening, Aug. 14th, is open to all who wish to attend.

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## Energy institute held at Hendrix College

Hendrix College was host to a mini-institute on energy, held July 21-25 for school principals. Funded by the United States Energy Research and Development Agency, formerly the Atomic Energy Commission, the meeting concerned resources and use rate, energy

prospects, quality of life, energy economics, energy policy of development and governmental responses.

Don S. Smith, a member of the Federal Power Commission and a former member of the Arkansas Public Service Commission, spoke to the conferees.

Smith is the son of Mrs. Helon Yates of Conway.

The mini-institute is one of a series of four held during July at selected colleges and universities in the south. Approximately 25 school principals from Arkansas and adjacent states participated.

## Salem Camp Meeting to convene for 121st session

The Salem Camp Ground meeting will be held Aug. 1-10 at the campground site near Benton. The meet, the 121st, will include a homecoming and a memorial service.

Dr. Clint Burleson, pastor of Lake-wood United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, will be the preacher for the evening services. The Rev. Claude Davison, assistant pastor and minister of music at Trinity United Methodist Church, Arlington, Tex., will be the song leader. Worship services will be at 7:30 p.m. daily.

Dr. J. Edward Dunlap, superintendent of the Little Rock District, will preach for the 11 a.m. homecoming service on Aug. 3. A potluck dinner will follow, with singing scheduled at 2 o'clock.

The annual memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10 with the Rev. Rayford L. Diffie, pastor of Parkview United Methodist Church, Benton, as preacher.

Other features of the camp meeting include a Bible school Aug. 4-8 with Ms. Carolyn Hoggard as leader and a youth program at 6 o'clock each evening.

Salem Camp Meeting is believed to have been established in the 1930s. It has met each year in August since 1853, with the exception of one year during World War II. The Salem Camp Ground is located approximately one mile east of the Congo Road on the Salem Road (Saline County). Pastor of the Salem-Congo Charge is the Rev. Loyd A. Perry.

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## Little Rock church school cited for excellence

The church school of First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, selected as one of "12 excellent Sunday Schools" in United Methodism will be the subject of an article scheduled for publication in the December issue of United Methodism's *Church School* magazine.

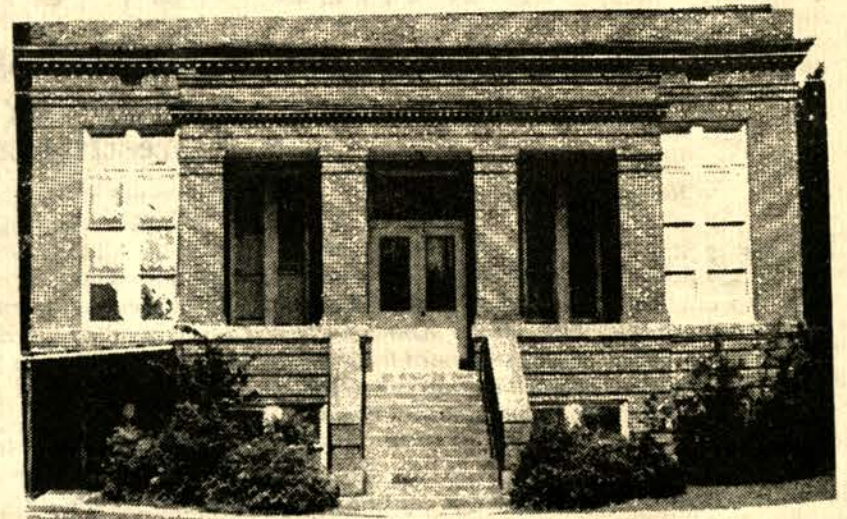
In the city to observe the First Church school on a recent weekend and to prepare the article accordingly, was the Rev. Richard L. Cookson, an expert in the field representing the *Church School* magazine staff in Nashville, Tenn.

First Church, one of 700 church schools nominated for the honor, was selected — not because it is the largest — but because of its location in the city, the use it is making of its opportunities and its generally excellent program.

Giving voice to some of his impressions, Mr. Cookson cited the attractive appearance of the church plant — particularly "the bright look of the educational space and the cheerfulness of the halls," and the friendliness and enthusiasm of the people. He praised the strong leadership in developing and maintaining the downtown ministries in areas such as retirement complexes, the Day Care Center, Contact, The First Offenders Program, the bus ministry and others.

Mr. Cookson noted that the church is growing, that younger people are coming into it, and that because of the commitment of the constituency it is not just a "Sunday" institution.

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## Foreman Congregation To Rebuild

United Methodists at Foreman experienced a bit of nostalgia as they worshipped on Sunday, July 20th, for the last time in the above building — erected in 1917. The Rev. Alf Eason, director of the Little Rock Conference Council on Ministries and nephew of the church's former pastor, the Rev. H. H. McGuyer, presented the sermon of the morning. Replacing the present structure, scheduled for demolition beginning Aug. 4th, will be a church plant which will cost an estimated \$100,000. The new brick building will include 12 classrooms and will be totally air-conditioned. The Rev. Guy Downing is pastor.

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# The Editor's Pulpit

## From the Bottom of the Heart

### Police shootings — a community concern

There has got to be a better policy governing the use of firearms by police officers than one which imposes upon them the terrible burden of requiring that they act in a manner which in effect makes them judge, jury and executioner. Tragic is indeed the word for the recent incident in Little Rock in which a 17-year-old youth was killed when he, his brother and another youth fled the scene of an alleged attempted break-in of a beer-filled boxcar. Reports of the incident say that the youths failed to stop after repeated commands from the officers that they halt.

Our question is with an official policy which, as we understand it, does not allow officers to fire warning shots in such — or any felonious — situations. Why is that? All of the surely reasoned explanations to the contrary, there seems something basically wrong with a policy which does not give officers such discretion.

Not only does such a policy not allow for any distinction in severity of felony crimes, it seems imminently unfair to the officer who would use his weapon as a deterrent — rather than as an instrument for a judgment which should be reserved to courts and judges and juries. Such a policy places an unfair — and we would think unbearable — burden upon an officer and affords questionable protection to him and to society.

With the crime rate being a problem of the first order, the proportions of a national disgrace, and with the problem of deterring criminal activity becoming a more difficult and dangerous task almost daily, it is vitally important that a community's police agencies have the support of its citizens. To help insure that desired goal the policies of a police agency (and every community agency, for that matter) should reflect the highest and keenest sense of morality — of law and justice (and we would add mercy) — of which a people are capable.

We are not sure that the old adage "let the punishment fit the crime" is the most worthy guideline for a system which should be oriented toward rehabilitation. But we are sure that it can serve to remind us that a boy who tries to steal beer should not have to pay for that crime with his life.

We believe that policies such as "no warning shots" need open review. And review not just by law enforcement people. For lay as well as professional viewpoints are especially valid and vital in such matters. For at issue are not just details of a department's policies, conceivably administrative functions. At stake are matters of civil and human rights — moral issues. And those must remain the concern, and the burden, of all citizens.

### On letting God do the worrying

Attention is called to the article beginning on page one of this issue in which Dr. Howard Greenwalt of United Methodist Communications makes a perceptive analysis of where United Methodism is today. The picture he paints is sometimes sobering, other times inspiring, at all times challenging. The facts presented are worthy of careful reading, study and reflection.

But — if we may be understood — those facts should not be the subject of "too much" reading, study and reflection.

By that we mean that while it is absolutely vital that we know where we are in the church today, it is a part of our problem that we agonize too much over our own woes. It is a danger of institutions that they become so wrapped up with their internal problems that they give less and less attention to the tasks before them. The result is a vicious circle, perpetuating those very problems themselves. We can study ourselves so much that we neglect our very reason for being.

Just one observation at this point. It seems that in the past, when we have sought to respond to problems facing the church, the cry has been that we become "more relevant" to society. Our slogan has been that "the world sets the church's agenda" — that is, the needs of persons must determine our priorities.

As admirable as that slogan is, it contains a basic flaw; it reflects a vital omission. **The gospel — not the world — must set the church's agenda.**

To say that is in no way to turn a deaf ear to the needs of the world. Quite the contrary. It is to turn a more perceptive ear, a more sensitive, hearing ear, to the priority needs of persons. It is to understand that the real needs of persons are best addressed when we are most faithful to the gospel and most responsive to the claims it lays upon us.

This is God's church. While it could be a cop-out to let him worry about its problems while we get on with its primary mission, such a stance could also be a most legitimate expression of faith. We suggest we give it more of a try.

## Off the Top of the Head

### Late great snake stake makes editor quake

'Nuff said

It's probably been such a short time ago that you killed seven copperhead snakes on one night that you're not particularly interested in hearing about my experience like that. So I won't tell it to you — about how our youngest son and I did that the other evening, all within a period of about 20 minutes. But believe me, you're missing a dandy adventure story.

But really, the whole experience makes pretty poor reading for this kind of page — and even less enjoyable writing. So let's just forget about it. Okay?

And besides, I've already lost one night's sleep over it and if I had to actually write the whole wild thing down, my eyes would probably be propped so wide open that I'd be up for the rest of the week.

Maybe some other year.

### Trick or treat

For the benefit of all my neighbors who have just dropped their paper and fallen all over themselves to get to the telephone to ask me if those seven copperhead snakes in the untold story above were residents of our neighborhood, the answer is:

"Guess."

(Tee, hee, hee — I just did that for fun.) Actually, the answer is "No, they were not." And that's the truth.

### Gummin' it

If those copperhead snakes had have been in our back yard, I can tell you one thing for sure: our dog wouldn't be the only one in this family chewing through our cedar stockade fence!

### Theory of relativity

Why is it that 20 minutes spent looking for copperhead snakes in the dark seems a bit different from 20 minutes spent doing almost anything else?

### Cross My Heart

There once was a man who inton'd:  
"I'll never write another pom!"  
To which a friend (who knew) respon'd:  
"I'll believe that  
when it's writ on his tom'."

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**MRS. JAMES NIX** of Lonoke, president of United Methodist Women of Little Rock Conference, introduces other officers of the organization.



**THE BICENTENNIAL THEME** was depicted in the large banner which hung in Hulen Lounge. Miss Mary Catherine Gould of Little Rock was its creator.



**REGISTERING** (left to right) are Mrs. J. H. Stroud, the Rev. Virgil C. Bell and Ken Pearson, all of McGehee. (Second row): Mrs. Jamie Bledsoe and Mrs. Henrietta Douglas, both of Marks Chapel Church, Little Rock. Mrs. Wayne Clark presides at registration table.



**ENROLLMENTS** for the Three Day School numbered approximately 240 and for the Weekend School 135.



**MRS. MARIE WATKINS** leads group in study of "A Nation Under God."



**SCHOOL OF MISSIONS FACULTY** (from left, standing): Mrs. J. J. Johnson, Mrs. Clifford Cummings, Mrs. H. V. Anderson, Mrs. H. Olin Troy and Mrs. Marie Watkins. (Kneeling, from left): the Rev. Frank Jones, Dr. Myers B. Curtis, the Rev. William A. Cheyne, Dr. Charles H. Germany, Dr. Marvin Harper and Dr. E. Edwin LeMaster.

## Arkansas School of Christian Mission



**SEATED**, left to right, are planning committee members Mrs. Ed Davis, dean, the Rev. Thomas A. Abney, associate dean, and Mrs. Harold Flowers, secretary, shown with other members of the committee representing the two conferences.



**SOME OF THE YOUTH PARTICIPANTS** who attended regular class sessions and other meetings. Their leader was the Rev. F. Gladwin Connell, pastor of St. Paul Church, El Dorado.



**DR. E. EDWIN LEMASTER** leads session on "A Nation Under God."



**MRS. HAROLD WOMACK**, North Arkansas Conference UMW president, introduces other conference officers during the school held at Hendrix College.



**OPERATORS** of visual equipment for the classes were Matt Hagenlocker (left) and Randy Shock. Both are members of Conway's First Church and representatives on the Conference Council on Youth Ministries.



**THE LITERATURE ROOM** was a popular spot at the school. (From left) the Rev. Keith Goza of Kensett, Mr. H. H. Fulbright (partially seen) of Searcy, Bonnie Mabry, Delma Camp and Mrs. James Chandler — all of Jonesboro, and Mrs. Deana Lloyd of North Little Rock.



**YOUTH** in class session with the Rev. F. Gladwin Connell (clockwise) are Darlene Mattmiller and Sissy Menard of Gillett, Connie White of Beebe, and Cindy Finley of Helena.



**DR. CHARLES H. GERMANY** (right) in class on "South-east Asia: Christian Presence."

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# NEWS and opinion

summary by Doris Woolard



Lincoln, Nebraska is the site for the first officially organized Vietnamese church in the U.S. The congregation of some 45 refugees was chartered under the name Vietnamese Alliance Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance of Lincoln, Neb. Most of the refugees have been sponsored by members of Rosemont Alliance Church in that city.

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, founding editor of Christianity Today, writing as a guest columnist for the national Catholic journal Commonweal, has suggested the possibility "of an evangelical awakening which will shake to its roots not only Roman Catholicism and neo-Protestantism, but the so-called evangelical Protestant establishment as well." The article is the first in a series to be published in Commonweal under the title "What I Think About the Roman Catholic Church."

Dr. Donald W. Shriver Jr., a minister of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) and currently professor of Ethics and Society at Emory University, Atlanta, has been elected president of Union Theological Seminary in New York. He succeeds Dr. J. Brooke Mosley, who became president of Union in 1970 and resigned last Summer.

George Purvis, chief of information and education for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission who appears on weekly television and radio programs with a conservation message, told Baptist Press, "We get a lot of flack from some environmentalists," because some do not understand the necessity of harvesting game, trees and other products of nature "to ensure a natural balance and reproduction on a satisfactory level." The Southern Baptist deacon, Sunday school teacher and choir member addresses nearly 100 groups of young people and adults annually on the subject of stewardship.



## Chaplains Produce Moral Leadership Program

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MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — Four U.S. Air Force Reserve chaplains prepare new material for the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) moral leadership program, "Values for Living." This year's edition will be based on the Air Force Chaplain's theme for the Bicentennial year, "We, the People," and includes such topics as Patriotism, World Community, The Family, Equal Rights and Responsibilities, and Who Is Your God? The moral leadership program, issued from CAP headquarters at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., is intended to get CAP cadets involved in lively and interesting discussions. Civil Air Patrol is a non-profit benevolent organization and the volunteer civilian auxiliary of the Air Force. One of its primary missions is the development of youth into aerospace leaders. The cadet program is open to boys and girls, 13-17.

The Rev. Dean M. Kelly, author of a book "Why Conservative Churches Are Growing," told an evangelism seminar group at Perkins School of Theology that The United Methodist Church must begin to require more from its members if it is to quit losing membership. "Once we make church membership mean something again," said Kelly, "our churches will start to grow again. Until religion costs each member what it should, he will never have a stake in it."

Dr. Ted Ward, Michigan State University professor of curriculum research, predicts in a plenary paper to be presented at the Continental Congress on the Family, to be held in St. Louis Oct. 13-17 that "in a rather short time we can expect to see Christians put in decision dilemmas in which their scriptural beliefs run strongly counter to the general will of the people." Dr. Ward believes that the increasing confrontation between the church and secular society in the coming decades will cause the church to "gain strength, respect, stature and influence."

A Hong Kong layman, David Y. K. Wong, has been elected as the new president of the Baptist World Alliance. An architect and engineer, Mr. Wong has been serving as chairman of the BWA Men's Department and as chairman of the Asian Baptist Fellowship. His election came as 9,000 representatives of the 106 churches in the 70-year-old organization met in Stockholm for the 13th Baptist World Congress.

Father James Milota, a Roman Catholic pastor of a church on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, attributes part of the current strife there to a long-standing conflict between full-blooded Indians and mixed-blood Indians. Father Milota reported that mixed-blood Indians have been able to adapt more readily to white society and have better education, better jobs, and better homes than full-blooded Indians.

Each week the Lutheran television program "Davey and Goliath," is viewed by some 300,000 students in Roman Catholic parochial schools as part of their instruction on moral and spiritual values, according to a spokesman for the Lutheran Church of America's Office for Communications.



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## Novelist Warns Of Danger

NEW YORK — Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the Nobel Prize-winning novelist who was exiled from the Soviet Union last year, reflects a moment before delivering a fiery speech against U.S.-Soviet detente to an AFL-CIO luncheon in New York. "If you (Americans) were born free, why do you help our slave owners?" he asked. "When you bury us (Soviet dissidents) alive, please do not send them shovels." The writer declared that the Cold War is "still on," warned that Soviet leaders are not trustworthy, and called on Americans to recognize the "world-wide danger" that Soviet power poses on their own freedom and security.

A Christian Action Council has been formed by a group of prominent Protestants, most of them evangelicals, to stress non-Roman Catholic opposition to abortion. Two basic goals of the council are: To remind non-Roman Catholic Christians that "virtually all Christians from the beginning have been against permissive abortion and for the protection of all human life," and "to make clear to lawmakers that abortion and related problems are not merely sectarian or 'doctrinal' issues but of fundamental importance to the whole of Western civilization."

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is taking steps to counteract the loss of 52,000 members during 1973 by authorizing an intensive training program in evangelism for its professional workers and for congregational leaders. Each local church has been urged to take steps to maintain contact with any person or family which is leaving a parish (considered a high dropout period) until those involved transfer to another Lutheran congregation.

Pope Paul told a group of some 3,000 Ukrainian Rite Catholic pilgrims attending his midweekly general audience at the Vatican that he was well aware of how "heroically" they have borne and are still bearing "their share of the Cross of Christ." Ukrainian Catholic leaders in the West have recently criticized sharply what they called the failure of the Vatican to speak out against the repression of Catholics in the Soviet Ukraine.

The U.S. Census Bureau reports that students attending private (including church-related) universities and colleges full-time paid approximately four times more for their education than full-time students in public junior colleges during the 1973-74 academic year.



# News from the churches

**THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH Youth** of the Dumas Church report a busy schedule of summer activities under the leadership of youth director Margaret Bridwell, with an average attendance of 35 at a number of events. Activities include social events, a Wednesday night prayer meeting, a Children's Craft Day each Monday, and recreational events including swimming, camping, bowling and tennis. Recently elected as new officers were Tammy Ollie, president; Lorrie Teeter, vice president; Cindy Adcock, secretary, and Karyn Brown, reporter.

**DR. JOSEPH TAYLOR**, a former pastor at First Church, Osceola — now pastor at First Church, Springdale — recently returned as guest speaker for a church fellowship event sponsored by Methodist Men of the Osceola congregation.

**THE ASHDOWN** First Church congregation sponsored a Home Mission Project in the form of "Sunday Dinner at the Church," following a recent morning worship service. Persons attending were invited to make donations for the purpose of furnishing the pastor's study at neighboring Hall Memorial United Methodist Church in Texarkana. The small congregation is using pews, pulpit desk, and communion table from their old building in their recently completed new church, but lacked funds to furnish their pastor's study.

**A JUNIOR HIGH LOCK-IN** was held at Indian Hills Church, North Little Rock, recently. The youth elected officers, planned future events and cooked pizza. The lock-in ended early the next morning.

**THE MEMBERSHIP** of Okolona United Methodist Circuit gathered at Okolona Church on a recent Sunday to celebrate the completion of that church's renovation project, and to hear a worship message presented by Dr. George W. Martin, Arkadelphia District superintendent. What began as a reroofing project grew into a complete renovation of the church plant including a new ceiling, complete paint job, paneling, refinishing of pews and chairs, carpeting of entire sanctuary and other improvements throughout the building. Much of the work, under the leadership of Pastor Robert Trieschmann, was accomplished by volunteer labor, and the venture is all paid for.

**THE REV. CLAYTON HARRISON**, a member of the North Mississippi Conference, has recently been named director of Rehabilitation Services of Arkansas. Mr. Harrison lived at Helena at the time of his appointment.

## Daily Bible Readings

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

Aug. 3—Sunday . . . . . John 6:24-27  
Aug. 4 . . . . . Luke 12:13-15  
Aug. 5 . . . . . Luke 12:16-21  
Aug. 6 . . . . . Eph. 4:17-24  
Aug. 7 . . . . . Jer. 26:2-6  
Aug. 8 . . . . . Gen. 32:24-28  
Aug. 9 . . . . . Psalm 15:1-5  
Aug. 10—Sunday . . . . . I Kings 19:4-6

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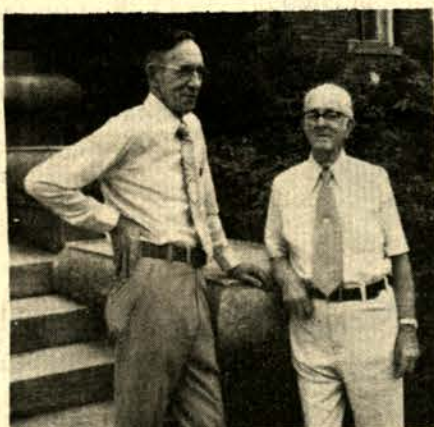
**GUEST MINISTERS** at First Church, Walnut Ridge, during the month of August will be: Aug. 10, Dr. Francis Christie, dean of Hendrix College; Aug. 17, Dr. Myers Curtis, North Arkansas Conference Council on Ministries director; Aug. 24, the Rev. Ben Jordan, Paragould District superintendent, and Aug. 31, the Rev. Arvill Brannon, associate director of the North Arkansas Conference Council on Ministries. The Rev. and Mrs. Richard Haltom, pastor and wife, will be in London, England for a study seminar.

**FIRST CHURCH**, Newport, sponsored an unusual family night recently. The meal, prepared and served by the Senior High UMY, offered a subsistence diet consisting of two small millet cakes, a boiled potato, a serving of unpolished rice, and a cup of water. The program on hunger featured the film "H-H Factor." Money raised at the event will go to Heifer Project International and the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

**FIRST UNITED METHODISTS** of Imboden were spiritually blessed by a recent Galilean Service on the Spring River, reports the Rev. Cyril Wilson, pastor. The Rev. Jim Beal, Newport pastor, presented the message for the service sponsored by senior youth.

**GARDNER MEMORIAL CHURCH**, North Little Rock, has announced plans for its churchwide annual picnic which will follow the theme, "The Bicentennial." The event will be held at Aldersgate Camp on Sunday, Aug. 17th beginning at 1:30 p.m., and following the meal each church school class will have a part in the program relating to the theme. Mrs. R. J. Lackie Jr. will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies. Mrs. E. H. Herrod and Mrs. W. H. Kuonen are co-chairpersons for the event, with Mrs. Ruth Qualls in charge of publicity.

**THE CONGREGATIONS** of the United Methodist and Presbyterian Churches in Lonoke held a joint service in the Lonoke City Park recently. The outdoor service was conducted by the Rev. Richard Miller and the Rev. Mike Clayton, First United Methodist Church pastor. A potluck meal was followed by a period of visitation among members of the two congregations.



**CO-CHAIRPERSONS** for a refurbishing campaign at First Church, Forrest City are, left to right, Virgil Vandiver and John Sikes. The project calls for extensive renovation of the parsonage, and church repairs will include the redecorating of offices, a complete paint job for interior and exterior, installation of a new public address system, and a new church sign. The Rev. Merle A. Johnson is pastor.

## HOMEcoming AT PRIMROSE

The Rev. Clint Atchley, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Benton, will present the sermon for the Aug. 3rd homecoming service at Primrose United Methodist Church. A fellowship meal will follow morning worship and an afternoon program has been planned. All former members and friends of the church are invited to share in the occasion.

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**FORTY ADULT WORKERS**, under the supervision of Mrs. Karen Whitley and Mrs. Linda Carter, provided leadership for the July 14-18 Vacation Bible School at First Church, Camden. The school, attended by 102 boys and girls, preschool through grade six, was rounded out with a picnic in the park on the final day.

**THE YOUTH** of First Church, Walnut Ridge, traveled to Little Rock, recently to visit several Methodist institutions including Aldersgate Camp, the Council on Ministries Offices, and the Methodist Children's Home. The youth spent the night at First Church, North Little Rock. Jim Tilley is the youth director.

**METHODIST MEN** of Winfield Church, Little Rock, recently sponsored a July Family Night at Aldersgate Camp.

**THE REV. IRL BRIDENTHAL**, retired minister in the North Arkansas Conference, preached at Martindale and Mountain View United Methodist Churches on Sunday, July 13th, in the absence of the Rev. Sam Jones, pastor.

**THE REV. T. NICHOLS EVANS**, pastor of Hunter Church, Little Rock, was a recent speaker at Central Church, Rogers, where his father-in-law, the Rev. Gerald Hammett, is pastor.

## Personalia

**ANNETTA JEAN PETTIT** arrived on July 5th at St. Bernard's Hospital in Jonesboro, to make her residence with the Rev. and Mrs. DuBois M. Pettit, at Salem, Arkansas. The young lady weighed eight pounds plus three ounces.

**THE REV. AND MRS. Arvill Brannon** are the proud grandparents of Robert Waymond Wadeking who arrived July 2nd to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Wadeking, 5343 Newberry Avenue, Memphis. The young man weighed in at seven pounds and three ounces. Grandfather Brannon is associate director of the North Arkansas Council on Ministries.

## SOUTH AMERICAN SOJOURN

Arkansas Methodist's Associate Editor Doris Woolard and husband, Dr. Harold Woolard, dean of the Humanities Division at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, have returned from Venezuela where they spent two weeks visiting their son Lynn, his wife Pam, and grandchildren Phil and Rebecca.

Capt. Woolard, of the U.S. Air Force, is on a two-and-one-half year assignment to give guidance in the development of the curriculum for the new technical school at the Venezuelan Air Force Academy in Maracay. The younger Woolard family is active in the Community Church in that city. There is no organized Methodist work in Venezuela.

En route to and from Venezuela Dr. and Mrs. Woolard spent a week visiting in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, in the Cartagena area of Colombia, and at Panama City. Their visit in Venezuela was highlighted by a trip, by auto, over the Andes mountains.



**MRS. ETTA CALDWELL** (center), who has attended the Salem Church in Batesville District for 71 years, was accorded special honor when that congregation met to observe its 101st anniversary on Sunday, July 13th. Dr. Myers B. Curtis (left), presented the morning message. Pastor DuBois Pettit is shown at right.

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## GARDNER YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK

Youth Activities Week at Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 3 through Thursday, Aug. 7, will follow the theme, "Who Am I?" Dr. Myers B. Curtis, director of the North Arkansas Council on Ministries, will be the featured speaker at 7 p.m., following the 5:30 meal on Sunday evening. Dr. Charles Casteel, pastor, and other adults, will coordinate the week's activities.

Evening activities, Monday through Thursday will begin with a 6:30 p.m. meal.

On Monday evening a film strip entitled, Yourself and Your Family, will be shown. On Tuesday evening skits on Yourself, Your Friends and Your Community will be presented. The Wednesday evening program will be presented by a panel composed of adults and youth dealing with the subject, Yourself and Patriotism. The concluding session on Thursday will be a summarization focusing on the subject, Myself and God, and closing with a communion service.

Miss Joy Watson is UMY president.

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**THE REV. GERALD FINCHER**, pastor of Mabelvale United Methodist Church, was a recent revival speaker at Mt. Tabor Church on the Austin Circuit. Mr. Herb Pekar, recently recommended for a License to Preach, was the pulpit guest in the Mabelvale church in Mr. Fincher's absence.

## SOME UNITED METHODISTS DO ATTEND CHURCH ON SUNDAY EVENING

The First United Methodist Church in Paragould had 332 people in attendance for regular Sunday evening worship services on Sunday, July 13.

This was brought about by a few people saying "Let's surprise the preacher and see how many people we can have in Sunday night services." From there it became a simple matter of each person asking someone to come and bring another.

The amazing thing is that it works! To get someone to attend church you only have to ask them. Of course, it is necessary that you go yourself.

Let's all regain the habit of regular church attendance — and let's ask someone to go with us.

—submitted by a member of First UMC, Paragould



## ELBERTA SUBDISTRICT UMY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Thirty youth attended the July 20th organizational meeting of the Elberta Subdistrict UMY of Arkadelphia District. Represented were Amity, Glenwood, Mount Ida and Murfreesboro churches.

Elected to serve as officers for the year at the meeting hosted by the Murfreesboro youth were Mandy Nutt of Glenwood, president; Greg Featherston of Mount Ida, vice president, and Kim Harris of Murfreesboro, secretary. Following the business session the young folk went to Lake Greeson for swimming, skiing and refreshments.

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## FORMER MEMBERS OF SAIGON SYMPHONY PERFORM IN VAN BUREN CHURCH

Quan Pham, 17-year-old cellist, and his brother, Quan Viet Pham, a 16-year-old violinist, provided music from Bach's Concerto in A Minor for Violin and Cello at First Church, Van Buren on Sunday, July 20th. In addition, Quan and Quan Viet, who have been in the states for nearly a month, accompanied Organist Maetta L. Jacobs in the rendition of the hymns, "How Great Thou Art," and "Amazing Grace." Both young men are former members of the Saigon Symphony Orchestra.

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## BRIGADIER GENERAL KELTON MERRILL FARRIS

Brig. Gen. Kelton Merrill Farris (USAF, ret.) of Conway, an associate in the Farris Insurance Agency there, died July 10 at Largo, Fla. He was 52. General Farris was on a family vacation when he suffered a fatal attack of illness.

A member of First United Methodist Church, Gen. Farris was a grandson of the Rev. Pierce Merrill, a member in the late 1880-90s of the North Arkansas Conference. He was a graduate of Conway High School, Hendrix College and the United States Military Academy. He was a member of the Conway Rotary Club.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Shirley Osburn Farris; a son, Kelton Farris Jr. of Conway; a daughter, Miss Jana Farris of Conway; his mother, Mrs. Mildred Merrill Farris of Conway, and three brothers, Norman Farris and Dr. Guy R. Farris Jr., both of Little Rock and William J. Farris of Conway.

The funeral service was held July 14 at First United Methodist Church with Dr. Harold O. Eggenberger and Dr. James W. Workman officiating. Burial was at Crestlawn Memorial Park.

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## Conference UMW President Addresses Fort Smith Women

Mrs. Harold Womack (left), North Arkansas Conference UMW president, was the featured speaker at a recent dinner meeting of United Methodist Women of First Church, Fort Smith. Shown with her are Mrs. Paul Bumpers, pastor's wife, and Mrs. Aaron Barling, associate minister's wife. Discussing the purpose of UMW, the speaker challenged the women to move out of their own backyards into the global ministry of the Church.



Thursday, July 31, 1975

## 'Love Fast' dramatizes world hunger problem

### Raises money to fight hunger

Youth of First United Methodist Church of Walnut Ridge, recently concluding that since most of their fund raising projects are for their own activities and programs, decided to sponsor a "Love Fast" and send the proceeds to the church's world hunger agency.

The youth sold tickets to the Wednesday noon lunch at \$2 each. The lunch was unique in that everyone was served a bowl of rice and a glass of water except for a privileged few, who, because of numbers they drew, sat at a special table loaded with chicken, corn on the cob, and other fresh garden vegetables.

The purpose of this exercise was to demonstrate to everyone how most of the world has very little to eat, and to give participants an opportunity to sense the feeling of having plenty while others have available only a subsistence level of food.

United Methodists over the nation are being challenged to immediately provide emergency food aid to the half-billion people suffering from severe malnutrition or starvation, and to deny themselves one meal each week and send the money they would pay for that meal to alleviate world hunger. Already hundreds of thousands of dollars are being contributed by United Methodists to feed hungry people all over the world.

Youth of First United Methodist Church of Walnut Ridge will send \$100 to alleviate world hunger as a result of this "Love Fast."

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### MRS. MARGARET KINARD

Mrs. Margaret Kinard, 54, of El Dorado, died July 13. A member of First United Methodist Church, she had been Union County treasurer for the past 11 years.

She was a member of the Administrative Board of First Church and a former Church School teacher. She was a member of the El Dorado Service League and the Arkansas County Treasurers Association. She was a charter member of the Pierian Club.

She is survived by her husband, Mr. Kenneth Kinard; a son, the Rev. Kent W. Kinard, pastor of the Bearden-Thornton Charge of the United Methodist Church; her mother, Mrs. Bessie Dennis Wood of Forrest City, and three brothers, William Wood of Tennessee, John Wood of Texas and James Wood of Florida.

The funeral service was July 16 at First United Methodist Church with Dr. Roy I. Bagley and the Rev. Ralph S. Mann officiating. Burial was in Arlington Cemetery, El Dorado.

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They had a bowl of rice and a glass of water for lunch.



In contrast, this privileged threesome was served a complete dinner.

## Financial Statement

### United Methodist Women

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE  
[March 31, 1975 to June 30, 1975]

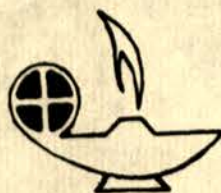
#### RECEIPTS:

Pledge to Missions	\$26,210.87
Special Memberships	295.00
In Remembrance	47.00
World Thank Offering	141.46
Total credit on Pledge	26,694.33
Call to Prayer and Self-Denial	1,328.70
Supplementary Gifts	1,114.43
Elizabeth Thornburg Workman Fund for youth	218.50
Total Receipts from Districts	29,255.96
Registration for Christian Personhood Retreat	303.00
Refunds from West Gulf Regional School	246.20
Total Receipts	29,805.16
Bal. in Savings and Checking	18,403.60
accounts March 31, 1975	
Total to Account for	48,208.76

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

Pledge to Missions	\$22,017.13
Special Memberships	300.00
In Remembrance	47.00
World Thank Offering	141.46
Total credit on Pledge	22,505.59
Call to Prayer and Self-Denial	1,328.70
Supplementary Gifts	1,014.43
Total sent to Women's Division	24,848.72
Operational Expense	263.82
Connectional Work	46.95
Arkansas School of Christian Mission	1,950.00
Conference and Committee Meetings (includes Christian Personhood weekend)	734.78
Contingency	253.97
Elizabeth Thornburg Workman Fund for Youth	1,000.00
West Gulf Regional School	864.20
Total Disbursements	29,962.44
Bal. in Savings and Checking Accounts June 30, 1975	18,250.82
Total Accounted for	\$48,213.26





# Facing Tension

by WAYNE S. WHITE

**ORIENTATION:** It is human and universal to face tensions. The person who accepts himself, with his innate tendencies for spiritual growth, with weaknesses and other tendencies which are negative, will come to understand the tension times that call for confrontation and changes in ways of doing things, and changes in attitudes.

**SCRIPTURE:** Romans 12:1, 2; Ephesians 6:10-20; James 1.

**PURPOSE OF THE LESSON:** Extreme tension, which is more properly called anxiety, may be harmful and lead to serious forms of emotional and physical illnesses. But a life without any tension comes close to being peaceful like the cemetery. If we cannot face choices we need help.

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## What Is Tension?

The dictionary definition of tension, an interval of uneasy suspense, may accompany every decision we make. Perhaps it is a very brief moment of uneasy suspense, or it may last longer. We face an action problem, or decisions on what is the Christian thing to do or say, and we are eager to be right. We review the Christian principles as we know them, perhaps we read again the Sermon on the Mount, or other teachings of Jesus. We spend time in silent prayer, and then in spoken prayer. At last we feel clear about it. Our mind is easy. We know what for us is the Christian and right thing to do, and of course we will do it. (God helping us!) We have had some uneasy suspense, but why not? The very freedom to make the decision is awesome, and the far-reaching effect of the action or attitude may have great results.

## Is There a Choice: Tension? or No Tension?

If we want to be people of self-knowledge, making free and good decisions, and growing toward authentic, real people, we will have times of tension. No human being has the absolute truth, nor can be absolutely sure that he is right. And there is no way to select someone else to make absolutely right decisions for us; we've seen enough of the corruptible dictators.

So, some tension is necessary in growing up, and we have an authority for such in Ralph Waldo Emerson:

God offers to every mind its choice between truth and repose. Take whichever you please — you can never have both. Between these, as a pendulum, man oscillates. He in whom the love of repose predominates will accept the first creed, the first philosophy, the first political party he meets — most likely his father's. He gets rest, commodity and reputation, but he shuts the door of truth.

He in whom the love of truth predominates will keep himself aloof from all moorings, and afloat. He will abstain from dogmatism, and recognize all the opposite

negations between which, as walls, his being is swung. He submits to the inconvenience of suspense and imperfect opinion, but he is a candidate for truth, as the other is not, and respects the highest law of his being.

It would be well to hear again in this 200th anniversary of the United States founding a voice that rang as clearly as Emerson's in favor of democracy. He was willing to pay the price, too, of rigorous, honest thought. We have no choice if we wish to grow in Christian stature: we must think; we must make decisions; we must take responsibility. So we will have some tension. We will be afloat: which for seaside folk is the way to ride our storms; stay away from land until the calm comes again.

The psychologist Maslow says that we have an inner, intrinsic nature which is working toward our health and self-fulfillment. This he calls the "intrinsic conscience" which "is based upon the conscious and preconscious perception of our own nature, of our own destiny, or our own capacities, of our own 'call' in life. It insists that we be true to our inner nature."

People who live beneath their possibilities are doing wrong to themselves; they are punishing themselves. This may bring on either emotional difficulties or equally well "renewed courage, righteous indignation, increased self-respect, because of thereafter doing the right thing; in a word, growth and improvement can come through pain and conflict" (TOWARD A PSYCHOLOGY OF BEING, Maslow p. 7).

When wrongs are being committed against this health urge within us, it is sick to be well-adjusted. Personality problems then are symptoms that our true inner nature is protesting against the cruel treatment we are undergoing. Not to protest is illness. To adjust to exploitation, neglect, domination or contempt is running counter to the basic truth of the self.

Signs of tension may be hopeful indications that the personality is growing toward health. If he is showing irritation at malnutrition of the spirit, he will eagerly seize every opportunity to show gratitude, experience beauty or love, and give himself in reverence to a worship project, or observe the Creator's handiwork in nature.

Self understanding, though the truth about oneself may cause tension at first, will enable one to diagnose the tensions that, if used rightly, can lead to growth.

## Tension, Not Anxiety

Let us think of tension now as the pull of what ought to be, over against what is. It is necessary. The sharper the contrast and opposition between the two, the more likely is the feeling of tension in the person deciding between them to be strong and moving. Against a clean white sheet of paper the very black print stands out glaringly.

Tension is normal and desirable. Sometimes even grief, turmoil, pain and sorrow are necessary to some extent. They may lead to the growth of a person and produce other useful good results.

In his excellent little book, RELIGION AS CREATIVE INSECURITY, Dr. Peter Bertocci says risk, or tension, is necessary to maturity in

religion. (He is Borden Parker Bowne Professor of Philosophy at Boston University.) On page 43 he writes: "To achieve maturity in religion we must achieve maturity in our thinking and feeling and action in the other phases of our lives. Creativity must take risks. God did, as he expressed his love for humanity by endowing us with the capacity to recreate his own nature as we are able."

## Holy Tension

The gospel calls us to loyalty to the Kingdom that is not of this world. We are to leave family, houses, etc. and "seek first the Kingdom." Living in two worlds sets up tension, inevitably. The Christian may give to Caesar what is his, but to God what is his. This might work for uneasiness or worry, but the Christian knows what and whom he is trusting. The ultimate power and the last word are with God. So the things of God are in good hands. To love God with the whole mind, heart, soul and strength is to resolve most of the tension and free the Christian on the higher level of dedication.

Tension usually goes in cycles. There is concern or motion in one direction which seems to set up a counter-motion, which then swings back. It moves like the dialectical idealism of the last century philosopher, Hegel. The thesis produces the antithesis, which results in something new and different, a synthesis.

When you think of Biblical "worldliness" you honestly wonder just how a man can be "in the world, yet not of the world." And how do you shun "worldliness" when you and your family need to eat?

Bishop Robinson discusses this with great insight, pleading for a form of "holy worldliness." For the word holy as used in the Bible means "with a difference." So holy worldliness means not particularly pious, but being in the world up to the hilt, yet with a difference. It's a mysterious kind of citizenship, of belonging yet not belonging. It means being wholly involved in the world yet not deriving one's accreditation from it. Being bound to it yet not bound by it . . . as the true vocation of the laymen of tomorrow is precisely to live with this tension, of being in the world, but not of it. As a bit of salt when kept in a nice salt cellar may keep its flavor, for a while, but unless it is brought into contact with food does not give a flavor to anything. So with yeast, as Jesus said.

(See Robinson, THE DIFFERENCE IN BEING A CHRISTIAN TODAY.)

## God's Concern Our Concern

When we pray for God's peace to be ours do we suppose that God has no tense anxiety about us and the way we do things: When he turned us loose with flammables and explosives don't you suppose he saw the risk he was taking? His love like the father of the Prodigal son paces the floor and goes to the window, so he can run to meet the returning wayward children.

An Egyptian proverb says the arrow reacheth the target partly by pulling and partly by letting go; the boatsman reacheth the landing, partly by pulling and partly by letting go. So with tension: there's a time to pull, a time to trust.



# Can — or should — church colleges survive?

## National Commission to make major study

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The National Commission on United Methodist Higher Education ended its organizing meeting here by announcing plans for a major study of the largest Protestant system of higher education in America. The study will be one of the most comprehensive looks at independent higher education ever undertaken.

The 16-member blue ribbon panel headed by Dr. Paul Hardin III, president of Drew University, will review the purposes, educational programs, and finances of the campus ministries and colleges and universities. The Commission is also interested in determining what changes are taking place in our society and economy that affect campuses. Among Commission members is Dr. Roy B. Shilling Jr., president of Hendrix College.

Questions to be addressed will include,

how will the predicted declines in traditional college-age populations affect independent college enrollments, is a college degree now or anticipated to be as important to people as it has been and what particular effects do inflation and recession have on college finances? Perhaps most important is whether an independent or a church-related system of higher education can or should continue in face of massive state systems with much lower tuition rates?

Central to the investigation, according to Dr. Hardin, will be the question of pluralism. "If appropriate action is not taken, we could have an almost totally secular educational system," he said. "This Commission, The United Methodist Church, and ultimately our society will have to decide if an independent sector in higher education matters — if there is real value in pluralism."

The Commission was established by the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry earlier this year amid a growing crisis which threatens to close large numbers of private institutions. The findings of the Commission are expected to provide the basis for policy for the denomination for its involvement in higher education through the remainder of the century.

Dr. T. Michael Elliott, executive director of the Commission, stated, "It's not overly dramatic to suggest that the Commission may be considering a future which includes substantially fewer independent institutions. But those institutions which do survive will be much strengthened if the work of the National Commission is successful."

The former assistant provost of Purdue University added that he be-

lieves the survival of an independent sector of higher education is critically related to the survival of other independent sectors of the economy and society.

The 108 institutions presently related to The United Methodist Church enroll about 185,000 students with a faculty of 13,000. In addition to the institutional affiliations, there are 498 campus ministry units in operation on public and independent campuses throughout the country which have an affiliation with The United Methodist Church. Elliott said the Commission will search for new ways to develop the full potential of the total institutional and campus ministry system as well as ways in which the system should adapt to new roles in the future.

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### LATE AWAKENING TO THE GREAT AWAKENING?

To the Editor:

Ordinarily I would not bother you about any particular article in your very fine Methodist paper. However, this last week you had an article by Mrs. Helen Lewis Jackson on the front page, and I could not help noticing the statement, "Between the years 1797 and 1805 there came the Great Awakening, a revival that started among the Presbyterians, swept throughout the west and brought into being the historic old camp meetings."

I am sure that you are familiar with the classic, John Telford's "Life of John Wesley," and that chapter 8 is a whole chapter entitled, "The Beginning Of The Great Awakening." These are on pages 114 through page 130.

As you know, we Methodists are proud of the fact that John Wesley and his Aldersgate experience are responsible in great part for the Great Awakening, which occurred in 1738, and not in 1797. It may be that the Presbyterians just heard about it in 1797! But, it is respectfully suggested that the way the article reads one might think that the Presbyterians were responsible for the Great Awakening.

It is true that Jonathan Edwards here in America and George Whitfield helped this movement a great deal, but Wesley has been acclaimed as saving England from the same result that occurred in France with the French Revolution, due in large part to this Great Awakening movement that Wesley started.

Just wanted you to know that we were reading your paper, and enjoying it!

Franklin Wilder  
Attorney at Law  
Suite 715,  
First National Bank Bldg.  
Fort Smith, Ark. 72901

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### PREACHERS SILENT ON 'BOOZE'?

To the Editor:

Why is the Methodist clergy so SILENT on the subject of BOOZE?

The booze pushers make me sick Sunday mornings, while the preachers pat them on the back!

Annie Perkins DuBuque  
Moab, Ark.

P.S. My grandfather was a Methodist minister years ago; he was a Christian!

Thursday, July 31, 1975

## From Our Readers

### Good Things Happening At Sheridan

To the Editor:

One of the greatest needs we have today is persons who are willing to serve Jesus Christ. We must always remember who we are — that we are children of God and that we have been called to witness to that fact.

Also, churches are called by God to be the churches of Jesus Christ. This call ultimately leads to service to others and a realization that love is a basket with five loaves and two fishes — it's never enough until you start to give it away.

Several things have happened within Sheridan First United Methodist Church this past year that are a result of a deepened faith and a personal desire among its members to serve others.

The Jack Williams Sunday School Class has become interested in Heifer Project International and through one effort, a fellowship supper and an auction, has raised \$458 toward a \$500 goal to purchase a farm animal to benefit needy persons.

A fund entitled the "Matthew 25:40

Fund" has been started to help those either within the Sheridan area or those passing through the area who might be in need of monetary assistance. Sometimes this help is given through the purchase of a meal, a gift of gasoline, or a room in which to spend the night.

The Ray Douglass family has extended themselves to a family of Vietnamese refugees who will be living and working on their farm. Here again is evidence of committed persons who believe that loving means leaving oneself to go toward others.

Six young people and their pastor, the Rev. Don Nolley, served last week as volunteer workers at Aldersgate Camp helping its regular staff members to minister to underprivileged children.

As we continue to answer the question of who we are we must always seek ways of serving Jesus Christ and to stand ready to serve when those ways present themselves to us.

A member,  
First United Methodist Church  
Sheridan, Arkansas 72150

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thirty minutes or so before the lightning gets bad.

Second, you can bring the dog in the house, or the carport. It has been my experience that all the dog wants is the security of having you, or one of yours, around. Being as it is easier to bring the dog into your house than to go to the dog in her house, I recommend taking the dog to the house.

One further possibility: Rig up a water sprinkling system, utilizing the necessary length of hose, a water intake valve from a dishwasher or clothes washer, and a water hydrant. Connect a short piece of hose to hydrant. To that hose, attach the intake valve. To the intake valve, attach a length of hose to the dog pen. Aim hose, or secure a sprinkling hose over the pen. Now, wire the intake valve, run an extension cord past your pillow. When the dog shows signs of going berserk, plug in the cord — the dog is automatically squirted and should retreat to the doghouse, provided one is available.

This works very well for normal barking dogs. On "problem dogs" I am

not so sure. But, you might give it a try. Oh, by the way, "Sugar" spends each evening chained in the carport. She likes it, the storms don't scare her there, and I don't have to repair the fence the next morning.

Oh yes, if you should run across a sure-fire cure other than those listed above, please let me know. We could market the thing and make enough money to fund the Arkansas Methodist. Good luck.

John T. Dill

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### IN WHICH SUSIE SEEKS TO SLIP SUSIO INSIDE

To the Editor:

I am writing in reference to your creative effort which was so aptly named "Lightning Bugged" (issue of July 24).

First, I would like to comment upon the poor dog's name. Because of my relationship to this particular animal, I happen to know that she was named Susio because her mistress THOUGHT (at that time) that Susio meant "stupid" in Spanish. The mistake is really quite understandable, for the dog's mistress has an older brother who is quite adept in his use of the Spanish language. It seems that he had been heard (on occasion) to call his beloved sister "Susio" because its pronunciation is close to that of her own name (i.e., "Susie").

Naturally, the young lady came to assume that Susio meant "stupid."

It came to pass that the girl acquired a dog, realized that the dog was pretty stupid, and so named her Susio. However, she eventually learned that Susio is Spanish for "dirty." Since this also fit the dog, the girl saw no reason to change the name (which the dog had already grown accustomed to) . . .

Now please allow me to come to the point of this letter: I have a solution to Susio's problem. If she were allowed into the house whenever the weather looked threatening, I'll bet she'd never chew the fence again. Also, if the editor would quit drawing attention to her mental instability, she might regain some of her self-confidence.

Susie Workman  
7923 Briarwood Dr.  
Little Rock, Ark.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Nice try, Susie, but the answer is still "No — the dog can't come into the house!"



## Northwest Conferences prepare for youth participation in 1976

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — The national United Methodist Council on Youth Ministry (UMCYM) and the youth ministry councils of the Oregon-Idaho and Pacific Northwest Conferences are cooperating to involve youth in the denomination's 1976 General Conference.

Names of youth delegates and youth

visitors who plan to attend the 12-day conference in Portland next April are being collected by the UMCYM office in Nashville. According to UMCYM staff member Charito Saldana, a large number of youth visit the conference held every four years.

Mr. Saldana said plans are being made to offer low-cost housing and meals for

youth visitors who are interested.

The youth who send their names to the Nashville office will also receive several packets of material prior to the General Conference. Mr. Saldana said these will include advance reports and material, explanations of church structure and General Conference procedures, and legislation or issues related

to youth. Plans are also being made for meetings of the youth during the conference for discussion of concerns and legislation.

Youth planning to attend the General Conference may write to UMCYM, P.O. Box 840, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

## 'When we return to the fundamentals Methodism will again be on the march'

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of allies and friends whose common interest in ministry is frequently overlooked.

For example, the Wesleyan interest in education has spawned the largest and most effective system of private higher educational institutions in our country. That network includes 8 universities, 13 seminaries, 82 four-year colleges, 19 two-year colleges, 14 secondary schools and 3 other schools. In these 139 schools there are 15,000 faculty members and 250,000 students. These institutions have physical plants worth more than \$2 billion.

In another area, we have created one of the largest and finest networks of health-care institutions in our country. Three hundred-eighty agencies and institutions are deeply involved on a daily basis with the health and welfare of persons in need. This network consists of 78 hospitals, 43 schools of nursing, 179 homes and services for the aging, 65 homes and services for youth and 15 residence facilities . . .

It is difficult to get any kind of summation of the net worth of our church's health and welfare facilities. An estimate would be around \$500 million.

There also has been an intense interest in the missionary program of the denomination. The network of friends has come to circle the globe itself through common interest in Christ and proclamation of his Kingdom.

From the same source and with the same interest, missions have been developed all across our own land. Probably no single incentive in the church has been stronger in motivating giving. When United Methodists are made aware of a need anywhere — a need directly related to the welfare of people — they respond through World Service, Advance Specials and other benevolences.

Our World Division of the Board of Global Ministries, working in cooperation with our sister denominations, reaches out to 62 countries beyond our shores. Curiously enough, this mission program itself has become a controversial matter. In 1968 the Evangelical United Brethren and the Methodist overseas missionaries totaled 1,430. In 1974, the number had declined to 841.

The Board of Global Ministries works with institutions overseas as well as with our missionaries. There are mission schools at all levels which have been the forerunners of the public schooling programs in many countries. The value of these schools (both property and influence) is beyond estimation and is unquestionably part of our response to "make disciples of all men." At least half a billion dollars in property must be involved.

In retrospect, the Methodist movement in America has been powerfully persuasive! It has amassed wealth and property of approximately \$10 billion, a network of health-care institutions, a system of higher educational institutions, churches and parsonages in all 50 states and of all sizes and varieties. More than 20 million people have declared their faith in God through membership or as constituents in our denomination. What a vast storehouse of resources both material and personal our church has!

### Some Disturbing Trends

The United Methodist Church, along with all the other institutional churches, has had a steadily declining influence upon society. A Gallup Poll showed the church ranking last among 19 pace-setting guidance groups in society.

Another disturbing trend is an anti-institutional feeling toward our general agencies which were created

as an extension of the local church and brought into being to serve that local church in a collective way.

Another cause for anxiety among church leaders — at least in the Annual Conferences — is the whole matter of providing clergy with an adequate pension program. Annual Conference planning must provide for an increasingly heavy burden to underwrite the conference's obligation to its clergy.

Across the past 10 years caucuses and special interest groups with strident insistence have demanded that their concerns be heard and served. The denomination has been willing not only to listen but also to respond to these groups in our church. Frequently this has been disturbing to the middle-class members.

More recently there has emerged a new type of caucus — that of the homosexual who demands to be treated as a human being in the midst of those termed "straight."

Another matter of growing concern within the church is that of special and secular appointments by the bishop. With an oversupply of ministers available to the church, it was almost inevitable that the appointment matter would become crucial. Added to this dilemma is the decreasing number of churches available for appointments . . .

Changing cultural conditions pose yet another problem for the church today. This church finds itself in a society that is suffering from such rapid change — such "future shock" — that most of the standards, mores and community guidelines are being obliterated. The pace of life is accelerating and the expectations of individuals are diminishing. Hunger, depersonalization, unemployment and numerous other problems confronting humankind could be cited here.

Individuals are being robbed of their humanness. Their own evaluation of themselves is deteriorating. Manipulators are substituting clever priorities and objectives for the goals that we would choose if we were left to our own self-determination and judgment, or to the New Testament standards of Christ . . .

### At The Crossroads — A 'Return to Basics'

Let's summarize our contemporary United Methodist situation:

- Closing 478 churches annually!
- Annual membership rate loss of 154,612.
- Growing concern about the mission of the church.
- Decreasing amount of money and personnel available for church programming.
- Fragmentation of the church in response to special interests.
- Erosion of human values and increasing acceptance of deceit in all areas of life.
- Increasing reality of the effects of rapid change in all areas of life as detailed in Alvin Toffler's *Future Shock*.

The average individual seems to be in greater need of moral and spiritual verities than ever before. There is no doubt but what the church has the greatest opportunity that it has had in several generations. No one ought to be preoccupied with the numbers game, but it is difficult to gainsay the fact that we are lacking in contagion these days based on the evidence. The fact remains that our churches are serving fewer and fewer people as time elapses.

All of our bishops have a deep concern and a great longing to see us, as a Christian fellowship, become more effective. This is a real possibility!

Somehow, we must zero in on the "how to." The answer is not to be found in a quadrennial program or in

great mass meetings. The answer can be discovered in a return to the basics. Just as John Wesley fumbled around with his own life until the Aldersgate experience, each of us must return to, renew or establish such an experience in his or her life.

The reality of a personal God must become our guide. This was personified in Christ who became God among us. Once this conviction comes upon us, there follows with inevitable reality a sense of responsibility for all of God's children . . .

### Where Look For Leadership?

Where should United Methodists look for guidance and leadership on moral issues? The logical choice would seem to be our bishops.

Specifically, it seems it would be possible to give United Methodism a new sense of purpose through the individual effort of our episcopal leaders. Each bishop, in his own way, could lead his pastors and lay people into a new sense of purpose. A bishop could begin by:

- Asking each pastor and each congregation to define "a successful ministry."
- Sharing, as chief pastor, what his definition of "successful ministry" is.

From this could come some common guidelines for "success." "The Fire We Can Light" would burn on the basic foundation of the unshakable verities proclaimed by Christ.

If this idea were fully and firmly pursued, the spirit of God could take hold and send us in the direction we ought to move. It would not require any national consultations of General Conference action, but it certainly would require great spiritual searching and commitment.

This response would mean people coming to our fellowship in increasing numbers, bringing their treasure so that our ministry and mission could be expanded.

It would mean a healthy new depth of conviction as well as a feeling that something would be expected to happen on Sunday morning — and it would! There would be in our midst a healthy skepticism about anything phony whether it be in society, in an individual or in the church.

I am proud to be a United Methodist! In retrospect, our church has been a tremendous asset to our nation. We have helped "to reform the continent and to spread scriptural holiness across these lands."

(At the same time there have been "sins" of omission and commission.) During these 200 years our Methodist preachers have humbly asserted that they had word from God, and that they were ready to proclaim that word from tree stump, tavern, house, hall or church edifice. Our pastors have been evangelists telling the Good News. They have been prophets calling persons to righteousness. They have been heralds proclaiming a message from the King. That message has changed my life. I covet this experience for others.

All of this puts a disproportionate burden upon the episcopacy, but these men are in a unique position to assume the kind of leadership that is necessary and expected. Our bishops, in turn, should rightly expect every one of us to become involved in such a return to the fundamentals and basics of our Master's faith. When we do, Methodism again will be on the march.

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Arkansas Methodist





Ummmmmy Yummmmy!

Youth at St. Luke United Methodist Church, Little Rock, attest to the goodness of the cookies they baked for the Red Cross Blood Center. Upon completion of the project they went for a dip in the Western Hills United Methodist Church swimming pool.

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## Poetry Panorama

By BARBARA MULKEY

*In a prayer in verse, Adelaide A. Proctor has caught the spirit of the season . . . "My God, I thank Thee who hast made the earth so bright; So full of splendor and of joy, beauty and light; So many glorious things are here, noble and right! Amen."*

### Pastoral Song

Oh, do you hear that pastoral song  
Of brown-birds in the trees,  
And do you know the face of God  
Is melodious as these?  
Although I've never seen Him,  
I can't deny He's there  
When summer glows  
And songbirds sing  
His love song in the air.

—by Steve Collins  
Jacksonville, Ark.

### The Sea Gull

I saw a sea gull gliding  
Beside our ship at sea,  
And as it flew by smoothly  
This thought occurred to me.

God made some creatures wing-ed  
Some swift, of every kind,  
But earth-bound man was richly blest  
With a creative mind!

—by Amy T. Oliver  
Fordyce, Ark.

NOTE: Poems used in Poetry Panorama must be original, previously unpublished and submitted by the author. Those to be used will not be returned. The poems not selected for the column will be returned ONLY if accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope.





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Served for nine years as Bishop of the Kansas-Nebraska Area and for 16 years as episcopal leader of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area of United Methodism. Now retired and residing in Little Rock.



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Song evangelist of Dallas, Tex. Has sung for four presidents, two prime ministers, the Queen of England, and in more than 2500 Methodist Churches.

## LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE Lay Men's Assembly

August 16-17, 1975

Camp Tanako

### SATURDAY

- 1:00 P.M. **REGISTRATION** — cottage assignment — Frank Mackey, Little Rock and Committee.
- 2:00 P.M. **OPENING SESSION** — W. M. Shepherd, Conference Lay Leader, presiding.  
**Methodist Hymn Sing** led by Bill Mann, Dallas, Texas;  
Charles Watson, Little Rock, Accompanist  
**Scripture**, Gene Cobb, Ashdown.  
**Prayer**, G. James Washington, Little Rock.  
**Welcome and Announcements**  
**Message** from Bishop Eugene Frank  
**Message** — The Characteristics of Jesus, Part I, by Dr. Lindsey P. Pherigo — St. Paul Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri — Professor of New Testament and Early Church History.  
**Benediction**, Raymond Hillis, Malvern.
- 3:30 P.M. **INTERMISSION**
- 3:50 P.M. **SECOND SESSION** — Richard Meredith, Crossett, presiding.  
**Hymn Sing** — Bill Mann  
**Scripture** — Homer Winstead, Little Rock.  
**Prayer** — W. A. Geddie, Camden.  
**Message** — Bishop William C. Martin.  
**Hymn** — Bill Mann  
**Benediction** — Roland Shelton, Little Rock.
- 6:00 P.M. **SUPPER** — Invocation, T. A. Prewitt, Tillar.
- 7:15 P.M. **EVENING SESSION** — Frank Thompson, El Dorado, presiding.  
**Hymn Sing** — Bill Mann  
**Scripture** — Luther Miller, Texarkana.  
**Prayer** — Ted Nichols, Star City.  
**Message** — The Characteristics of Jesus, Part II, Dr. Pherigo.  
**Benediction** — Pratt Rammel, Little Rock.

Theme:

## Characteristics of Jesus

### REGISTERING EARLY HELPS US PLAN PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Dear B.F.:

I plan to be at the Lay Men's Assembly, AUGUST 16-17, 1975, at Camp Tanako. Please make my reservation.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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(Do not send money — pay at camp)

### SUNDAY MORNING

- 5:30 A.M. **MORNING WATCH** — Those who wish may go quietly to the chapel for individual meditation and prayer. Please remain silent through the watch period and the communion service to follow.
- 6:00 A.M. **COMMUNION SERVICE** — Minister — Rev. Carr Dee Racop, Jr.  
Laymen — E. C. Cobb and committee.
- 7:15 A.M. **BREAKFAST** — Invocation
- 8:30 A.M. **GENERAL SESSION** — Dale Booth, Little Rock, presiding.  
**HYMN SING** — Bill Mann  
**SCRIPTURE** — Dale Booth  
**PRAYER** — B. F. Albright, Little Rock.  
**MESSAGE** — The Characteristics of Jesus, Part III, Dr. Pherigo.  
**HYMN** —  
**BENEDICTION** — Don Martin, Little Rock.
- 9:45 A.M. **INTERMISSION** —
- 10:45 A.M. **WORSHIP SERVICE** — Dr. John Trieschmann, Hot Springs, presiding.  
**HYMN SING** — Bill Mann.  
**SCRIPTURE** — Willard Burks, Jr., Pine Bluff  
**PRAYER** — Tom P. Williams, Little Rock.  
**MESSAGE** — Pluralism in the Methodist Church, George Martin, District Superintendent, Arkadelphia District, Arkadelphia.  
**HYMN** —  
**BENEDICTION** —
- 12:00 NOON **LUNCHEON** — Invocation, B. Frank Mackey
- 12:45 P.M. **DISMISSAL** —

W. M. (Bill) Shepherd, Little Rock  
Conference Lay Leader