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### Life Membership in WSCS Given for Loyal Work

The program for the general meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service on April 22 was prepared and presented by Mrs. A. B. Martin and Mrs. Sam Murrow.

During this meeting in Trinity Hall Mrs. W. H. Covington was presented a life membership in the Woman's Society of Christian Service by the Society. Circle number twelve gave life memberships to two of its members, Mrs. T. George Walker and Mrs. C. B. Quinn. Miss Jennie Child was similarly honored by circle six, and Mrs. W. B. Wright by Circle nine.

Baby memberships were presented to Martha Lois Swygert by the Society; Lane Fontaine Goode by her grandmother, Mrs. Wm. Goode; Debra Lynn Dunaway by her grandmother, Mrs. E. P. Dunaway; and Diane Elizabeth Bevis, by circle number four.

# Loyalty in Serving and in Giving to Be Theme During Month of May

### Choir Plans for May 19

The Chancel choir has found this season a particularly rewarding and inspiring one, with Easter and the preceding weeks of thought provoking Lenten messages in words and music.

Perhaps the most fulfilling experience was singing the Brahms Requiem with such a large group of dedicated and inspired people. The more it was sung, the more beautiful it became, so that now we are sorry to be finished with its performances.

The evening service on May 19 will be a special musical service, including anthems and solos by the choirs.

The Melody choir and the Wesleyan Singers will be planning their parties this month. The dates will be announced to each organization later. This year "Loyalty Sunday" will be May 19. Plans are to conduct the campaign with a different emphasis on Loyalty Sunday. Instead of urging all members to pledge on the one day, the workers in the campaign will seek to have members pledge immediately after receiving pledge cards through the mail.

Many members of Trinity pay regularly according to pledge and will continue to do so. Every member will be invited to specify the amount of his pledge for the new Conference Year, which begins June 1. If every member responds immediately, the financial campaign will come to a quick and successful end.

A member already pledging and paying regularly may wish to make no change. The financial secretary has been asked to record his pledge as one continuing into the new Conference Year if he does not, within a week after receiving the letter to the membership, notify the church office of a change.

By making the assumption that any member wishing to change his pledge will declare his intention, the workers in the campaign can limit the visits to those that need most to be made. It will be their purpose to call on all who may join the ranks of those who are pledging and supporting the church's program.

The emphasis then on Loyalty Sunday need not be so largely on finances, but may be a more balanced one on "Loyalty in serving, giving, and worshiping."

### Pastoral Calling on Members of Trinity Family

It is the desire of your pastors to be helpful in every possible way.

One of the well known tasks of a pastor is known as "Calling from door to door." It is obviously impossible to cover the entire membership of our Trinity Family in a specified time. So many will feel that they are entirely left out. For that we are truly sorry, but certain calls are given top priority by your pastors.

We especially aim to call on all who are sick either at home or in the hospital. We greatly appreciate a phone call to the church office giving such information.

It is also our desire to invite our members to make special requests for a call in time of need, or for some unusual event in the home.

Your patience and forbearance is greatly appreciated.

### Light From The Pastors Study

It is truly wonderful what can be accomplished by people who bind themselves together in a common cause. Foes of every kind can be defeated. Bridges can be built over geographical gulfs and gorges. They can be built also over gulfs and gorges that separate men and nations. All this we have seen in the unfolding of that which we call civilization.

But when people bind themselves together in the highest of all endeavors, serving the Kingdom of God, it is amazing what can be accomplished. With the state or nation, the bridge building is made possible under the stern insistence of the tax collector. That is a type of loyalty.

When that committed group is a Christian Church, the bridge building is made possible under the tender compulsion of the Love of Chirst which constrains us. The members of such a group know that there is nothing that needs to be done that cannot be done, nothing at all. The committed group, guided by the Love and Wisdom of God shall accomplish great things, not because they must but because they are so privileged. God is not in a failing enterprise.

We who are members of the Trinity Methodist Church Family have bound ourselves together to learn to know and to love and to do the Will of God. It can be said of us, "There is nothing that Trinity needs to do that cannot be done, absolutely nothing." This ideal is not new for we have been working together in such a manner for years. It can be called "Loyalty" to the Church we call "Our Home."

A very busy year is rapidly coming to a close. The month of May marks it completion. Because of your Loyalty, Trinity will send a good report to conference in June.

Let us now be mindful of the call to continued Loyalty to the Church. May is our Loyalty Month, and Sunday the 19 is our Loyalty Day. Again I ask you to follow the direction of

your leaders that Loyalty Month might see the 1957-58 Church Budget fully subscribed.

Each one of us has said, "I will be faithful to the Methodist Church, and will uphold it by my prayers, my presence, my gifts and my service." This has been done well by so many. It has made victory possible. The Lord calls us to continue our response. He has need of our ability to give.

In the Easter Season did you note a strange little incident in the New Testament record? It had to do with a man who owned a donkey. I should like to have known that man. The Lord was sure of him, for he said to his followers, "Go get the donkey, and if anyone questions you, just tell them that the Lord has need of him." There was no argument, for that man was a committed man. He withheld nothing from the Master.

In this call for your participation and loyalty, what is your response? God has need of your time. Do you meet that need with an argument? God has need of your talents. Do you meet that need with selfish disdain? God has need of your money. Do you meet that need with the easy reply, "I need it too, and there is not enough to cover what I want?"

Together we shall acknowledge His claim. He does have need of all that we can do. We shall not fail to respond as Loyal Disciples. Some use the tithing method of stewardship. Others use the truly sacrificial method of giving which is in fair proportion to their income. Let each member make response to His call, and every need shall be met, and we shall not fail to do any task that needs to be done by us who are members of Trinity Methodist Church.

The Commission on membership and evangelism wishes to thank everyone who participated in our recent visitation program. Those of you who were present at the Palm Sunday services were thrilled by the

### Wesley Foundation Plans Full Program

Overall theme of the Wesley Foundation council at FSU is that "Chrimay become a living reality on the campus." For particular emphasithis year the theme was specified the four words, "To make a difference."

At 9:30 each Sunday mornin classes, taught by faculty member and guided by text books loaned by the Foundation, cover six subjects—Old Testament, Teaching of Jesus Paul, Christian Beliefs, Methodism and Comparative Religions. Between 100 and 125 students participate in this program.

Other activities revolve around community worship which begins a 10:55 with the sound of the church bell rolling out across the campus. A student leader, a well-practiced choic and Rev. Austin Hollady lead the congregation in worship. Attendance at these services averages 250.

Sunday evening the students return to the Foundation for a Fellow ship Supper served at 5:15 at a cos of 35c. This fellowship hour is climaxed by a Forum Hour when student or faculty leaders handle the discussion of pertinent topics.

During the week, on Monday Wednesday, and Friday, at 7:30 in the morning, students gather for Matins, morning devotions. Wednesday evening at 7:30 eight or ten student express their sincere opinions in discussions called Fireside Chats.

Eight senators and 23 representatives in the present Florida legislature are Methodists, according to records in the Sheriff's Handbook.

Dr. and Mrs. Ellis, MYF counselors, and Joan Glenn, program chairman, picked some very good and well presented lessons for us in April We studied the events leading up to Easter and Holy Week. We enjoyed slides of the Easter Story, given by our projectionist, Richard Menendez.

soul stirring sight of the 82 adult and 39 children who went forward to unite with our Trinity family.

# Trinity Boy Scouts Will Show Skills at May Camporee

Trinity's Troop 107 has big plans of doing its best at the Spring Camporee for the Suwannee River Council to be held May 3, 4, and 5 at St. Georges Island.

Each patrol will compete for top rating and we are hoping to repeat last year's record take of two top blue ribbons. The score will be based on camping skills, patrol and troop leadership, demonstration of many different types and the important area of Scouting skills.

Being able to put up four tents in perfect form in five minutes, signaling with the morse code, making tent pegs, and many other events will fill each boys time with many happy and exciting memories.

During the past month, four new boys have joined our troop. This leaves just a few vacancies for any other Trinity family that has a boy between 11-14 years of age to join our churches troop. If you would like your son to become a part of this great outdoor program, either call the church office or Scoutmaster Robert Pope, 2-1162.

### Trinity Members Hear Chaires Aid Praise

Twenty-three members of the Trinity family went to the Chaires Methodist church, Palm Sunday, to help them celebrate their homecoming.

District Superintendent Dr. Shuler Peele, who presided, praised Trinity for its help to the smaller churches in the Tallahassee district.

Our own Sara Lou Hammond was installed as president of American Childhood Education International at their annual meeting held in Los Angeles, California April 17-20. We salute her for this well-deserved honor.

### MYF Family Night May 5

Members of The Methodist Youth Fellowship invite their families to a covered-dish supper on the first night of National Family Week, May 5. Following the supper and a fellowship period there will be worship in the church sanctuary, 7:30 o'clock planned especially for the families.

Vacation Church School Planned July 8-19

Recently a letter was mailed to every parent who has children eligible to attend Vacation Church School. Parents were asked to vote on the dates for the school, and as a result of the returned cards the Commission on Education has set the dates, July 8-19. Details of the school will be included in the June issue.

The MYF enjoyed a coast trip to Mike White's cottage, April 27.

The young married couples class of the Trinity church school — it meets in Trinity Chapel each Sunday morning—has changed its name to "The Gleaners."

# Seek New Information on Christian Vocations

Many young people of Trinity Methodist church are devoting their lives in full-time Christian service as ministers, missionaries, directors of Christian education, and in other fields of work. The committee on Christian vocations is attempting to compile a list of all such persons.

If some one in your family, or in the family of a friend, is in the service of the church, please complete the questionnaire below and mail it to: Mrs. James D. Plant, 2028 East Forest Drive.

# MYF Young Folks Meet on Sundays to Eat and Study

Our MYF is a group of young people who meet every Sunday night at 6:00 p.m. for a snack supper. At 6:30 o'clock we have our program.

Gerald Grow is president; Joan Glenn, vice president; Sue Ellen Edwards, secretary; John Tait, treasurer; Patty Stubbs, MY Fund treasurer; Rabon Hood, recreation; Mary Hellen Pope, *Democrat* reporter; Buck Menendez, church paper reporter.

We studied Southeast Asia, during January, and the mission work being done by our church over there. Dr. David Stubbs and Patty talked to us on Japan. Dr. Stubbs and Patty lived in Japan about 5 years ago. Mr. James, our choir leader, gave us a program on hymn singing.

During February we studied "What's Funny", a study of humor, and learned that some jokes are funny to some people but not to others. We studied right and wrong kinds of jokes. We had one Sunday of recreation, and another Sunday made a list of what we wanted our future programs to be about.

In March we have had programs on "Meaning of the Church, membership, and the Methodist Church." We took up an offering during the Lenten season for our MY Fund. We have sent \$105 to the MY Fund since September.

We bought a three-way picture of Christ for our worship table, with money from our treasury.

NAME	
Type of Service	
Schools Attended	
Date service began	
Positions held, dates, locations	
Present position and address	

# F-S Class Studies Life of Jesus; Plans for May

The Felkel-Steinmeyer class has had an interesting and successful study this year on The Life and Teachings of Jesus.

Dr. Mary Witt, our able teacher, put quite a bit of time on study and research and gave us most interesting lectures on an old but ever new subject. Attendance was from 40 to 49 and varied because some of our members are teachers or substitutes in the Trinity Hall departments.

The class has been divided into four groups, with active and inactive members placed equally among them. Each group has a leader who is responsible for activities during one quarter of the year. Leaders are: first quarter, Mrs. Georgia Philips; second quarter, Mrs. M. L. Miers; third quarter, Mrs. E. P. Dunaway; fourth quarter, Mrs. J. F. Bennett.

In this way each member has an opportunity to serve and we are able to keep in touch more closely with any who may be ill or inactive. Members are responsible for flowers for the assembly room and our own class room each Sunday. Members are also responsible for one social event each quarter.

Mrs. Philips had the first tea in October. Then in February, Mrs. Miers group had a lovely Valentine tea at the home of Mrs. J. Edwin Larsen on Hillcrest. Both were well attended and brought much fellowship to members. The affairs gave us the opportunity to know each other better.

All members are looking forward to the Mother's Day luncheon at Trinity Hall in May.

At present our class, with other adult divisions, is enjoying a study taught by the Rev. Wm. Swygert on "The Life of Paul,"

Mrs. E. P. Ford is our assistant teacher and will have classes after Rev. Swygert closes his lectures until June when Dr. Witt will return to teach us.

# Cuba Special Pledges Help Build Infirmary at Industrial School as Mission Work

The total amount pledged for the Cuba Special in 1956-57 has been collected and paid. Of the \$3,000, \$2,400 goes toward the salary of our missionary, Rev. Richard Milk, and \$600 takes care of two Scholarships to the Industrial School at Preston, Oriente, Cuba.

The second story of the school infirmary will be ready for dedication late this Spring. This infirmary has been built with the money we have raised through our Cuba Special project for the past 6 years. We are hoping someone from Trinity will be able to be present at the dedication ceremonies later in the spring and bring back to us first-hand information on the work that is being done because of the dedicated service of Rev. Milk toward the building of this Industrial School for the young boys and girls of Cuba.

The church-wide study on "Paul" is being carried on through the individual adult Sunday-school classes. Rev. Swygert is giving a series of six lessons on "Paul" at this time to the three adult Sunday-school classes which meet in the basement of the sanctuary. Prior to this, the Wesley Fellowship Class had this inspiring study presented to them.

Two new projects approved by the commission, to be accepted by the congregation are as follows:

1. In response to a request from

Rev. Spottswood, the flying missionary of the Philippines, we hope Triniy will take the initiative to see the proper funds are raised to have his airplane crated and made ready for shipping back to the Philippines. It is hoped that all the Tallahassee Methodist churches will cooperate with us in this project. Any additional funds raised would be applied to the expenses of shipping charges.

2. It is hoped the laymen of Trinity, either through the individual adult Sunday School classes or the Men's club will accept the responsibility of bringing a christian message to the County Road Camp on the Miccosukee Road at 2:00 P.M. Sunday afternoons.

Miss Gayle Norman, a member of the Trinity Methodist church, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Norman, was elected state parliamentarian of the Florida Future Homemakers of America at the annual session in Clearwater, recently. As a state officer, she spoke at the annual mother-daughter banquet in Macclenney, will be a counselor at FHA camp, and will be Florida's candidate for national president of the FHA at the national convention al Purdue university.

Mrs. T. Aubrey Morse has been reelected president of the Anna Jackson chapter of the U.D.C.

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