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Plan Choir Festival at Trinity April 20 for Area Churches

The Trinity Methodist church choir will be host at the first annual Church Choir Festival, Sunday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m., according to Walter James, Jr., our director.

Choirs from Perry, Madison, Monticello, and Tallahassee have been invited to take part in the festival of religious music.

"We hope to establish a tradition with this first presentation," said Director James, "and that the festival will grow into a yearly affair which will be held in various cities in this area."

The choirs will gather at Trinity for rehearsal at 3 o'clock the afternoon of April 20. At 6 o'clock members will enjoy a fellowship supper prior to the concert at 7:30.

Each choir will present one or two special numbers, said Director James, and then the massed choir of more than a hundred voices will sing three special selections.

Music lovers throughout the Big Bend area will find this festival one of the outstanding musical highlights of the year. Tell your friends of the outstanding program being prepared for this event, then make joint plans to attend.

Two Trinity women will serve on the executive committee of the United Church Women of Tallahassee. Mrs. John Sewell as secretary, and Mrs. Glenn James as treasurer.

Three Loyalty Dinners During May to Provide Explanation of Budget

April Meeting of WSCS to Feature Special Skit

The April meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held Monday afternoon, April 28, at 3 o'clock in Trinity Hall.

At this meeting the special memberships, adult and baby, will be presented. There will also be a skit, "Whom Shall I Send?," presented by Mrs. Fred Carroll, Jr., Mrs. Ben Willis, Mrs. Ed. Hill, and Mrs. G. E. Tully.

The purpose of the skit will be to focus attention on the urgent need for well-qualified, dedicated young people to answer the call to full time Christian service; to present some of the qualifications and requirements for such service; and to challenge each church member to accept her responsibility for recruitment.

A social hour will precede the meeting. The nursery will be open.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS TO HOLD PARTY APRIL 11

A special party is planned for the boys and girls of the Church Membership Training classes. The date is April 11 in Trinity Hall and the hour is 7:30. This is for the boys and girls who joined the Church on Palm Sunday.

You will not want your child to miss this evening of fun, games, and refreshments. Each will be served a "Black Cow". We hope to see you all.

April is an important month for our Church in that preparation is to be made for the Loyalty Dinners in May. Our Board desires to give full explanation of the new budget at a series of Sunday evening pot-luck suppers for the entire membership.

We plan to meet at 5:30 for the supper. Following that, classes for the adults and the regular MYF groups will be held. Arrangements will be made as well for the smaller members in our Trinity families. At 7:30 we meet in the Sanctuary for a thirty minute devotional, and dismissal will be 8:00 o'clock.

This will be another occasion when our new members can be given a special welcome. The plan is to have one third of the new group of members as guests each evening. Of course, all are welcome for the three meetings, but the group is divided this way so all can be given a warm and special welcome on one of the nights.

The adult program will be both interesting and instructive. Set your calendar now for Sunday evening, April 13, April 20, and April 27. Let us learn about our Church, and let us have fellowship together as a big family on these evenings.

A warm welcome has been extended Miss Patsy Sammons and Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Jones, new workers in Kindergarten or the children's division.

Light From The Pastor's Study

WHAT THE MASTER REQUIRES.

At this period of the Christian Year, our minds are full of the words and the teachings of Jesus. For instance, we are glad that once he said, "If any man will come after me let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me."

We are also encouraged to note that our New Testament leads us into some strict disciplines. Life is not to be an aimless journey for us, but one filled with purpose and devotion. It is for us to see now that "The love of Christ constraineth us." We are not free to be anything but the best. Jesus of Nazareth has a right to require much of us.

Purposeful living has never been easy. Shiftless, careless living may seem easy, yet it too has its own kind of a cross, but never a crown at all. That is life's tragedy. It seems that life always has a stern way of reminding us that there are laws, rules to be observed; that there are so many things required of us along the way.

Sorrow is one of the stern requirements of life. Suffering in another. We all face the fact of loneliness too, and many times. So it need not seem strange if our religion, Christianity, has some stern requirements also. We believe that our religion shows life on the highest level, and the best never comes easy, nor is it cheap.

The Old Testament is the story of the development of moral and spiritual religion among men. So many rules and so many laws grew up. But it was the old Prophet Micah who said: "What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God?"

The New Testament is the story of the Man of Galilee. His Spirit is loose in our world. Men may hedge it about with cumbersome creeds, dismal dogmas, limitless laws, but Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me."

Is this religion to be coldly formal or fervently spiritual? Not what we do, but what we become is important. If doing aids becoming, well and good. If doing is an end in itself, religion is vain.

First of all, we can say that The Master requires a definite denial of self. Indeed, the spirit will discipline the body, or else the body will dominate the spirit of man. The Master represents the best, and He would have us to become obedient to the highest. That, of course, means discipline; and, for the most part, we do not like to come under constraint.

Men may say, "We will not conform". Yet, they are busy doing just that day by day. The Master does not require us to conform, he urges us to "be transformed", to become new creatures. A man wrapped up in self is selfish; and selfishness is a great tyrant. Jesus requires us to be victorious over self.

"Look at one other requirement. He says, "Take up your cross." He surely knew us for what we are, but he also believed in our potential best. He knows that I can carry my own cross, and that I must learn to do so.

The highest within me must triumph over the lowest within me. The cross means dying to evil and sin. It means self-giving in love, in service to God and to others. My cross may be many things, but surely it must be the cause to which I commit myself in life.

It was that for Jesus. Here is a fine quotation from Leslie Weatherhead about Jesus: "The words of Jesus about his suffering and death reveal that he willingly committed himself to some mighty task, costly to him beyond our imagining, but effecting for all men a deliverance beyond their own power to achieve, and that in doing so he knew himself to be utterly and completely one with God the Father."

As we remember Him, let us accept His plain requirements for the Christian.

YATES NEW SECRETARY OF TRINITY MEN'S CLUB; COMMITTEE POSTS FILLED

Harold Yates has been elected secretary of Trinity Men's Club, succeeding C. W. Olive. Yates was named in a special election when it was learned that retiring Secretary Olive would be unable to continue service. Other new officers are Gifford Hale, president; Lyman Gray, vice president. Orlis Causseaux was re-elected treasurer.

Hale thus far has filled chairmen-ships of the following committee posts: Ed Whittlesey, program; Frank Wollschlager, membership; Ernie Webb, reception and fellowship; Lester Lewis, publicity; H. O. Pemberton, devotions; Frank Shuler and Jim Henderson, co-chairman of the house committee.

Members attending last meeting enjoyed a presentation of slides illustrating the Passion Play, conducted by Aubrey Morse.

PLAN DUTCH TREAT DINNER FOR OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING

Dr. Griffith T. Pugh, chairman of the Official Board, announces that the April meeting of the group will be guest night with a 'dutch treat' dinner scheduled for April 8 starting at 7 o'clock in Trinity Hall.

This is the only dinner meeting of this board, and Dr. Pugh urges members to attend and bring a guest. The cost will be \$1.00 per plate. Following the social period, the official business of the Church will be considered with the major item on the agenda being a consideration of the 1958-59 budget as will be submitted by the Finance Commission with Godfrey Smith as chairman.

The WSCS meeting at Lake City, Thursday, March 27, was attended by Mrs. E. H. Stockton, president of Trinity, Mrs. M. G. Zeigler, promotion secretary; Mrs. John T. Sewell, secretary; Mrs. Myron R. Blee, Mrs. Glenn C. James, Mrs. T. Aubrey Morse.



DR. GLENN JAMES DISCUSSES Methodist church doctrine with members of the combined 1958 training groups. Many of these young people joined Trinity Methodist church on Palm Sunday.

Intermediates Get Recreation Leader From Coral Gables

Miss De Ann Head, a recreation major at FSU, will head recreation on Sunday nights and on special partys held by the intermediates and seniors. She is a five-foot-five blond from Miami.

April 25 the Intermediates are having a party which will consist of folk games and folk dances. This party is open to Intermediates and their dates if they wish to bring one. The party will be from 7:30 to 10:00 Friday night. There will be plenty of refreshments so you boys get a date and we will see you there Friday night, April 25.

Lately the attendance at recreation has been decreasing. Now that we have a new recreation leader, let's all come down after church on the Sunday night and join the fun you've been missing.—Buck Menendez, M.Y.F. Reporter.

Mrs. Louis Hill has been named president, and Mrs. Godfrey Smith vice-president, of the Service League.

Mrs. Frances Pemberton will take over her duties as president of the Altrusa club, July 1.

Institute for Workers in Vacation School to Be Held April 11

It is time to plan for Vacation Church School again. An institute to train workers for the Tallahassee district will be held at Trinity on April 11 from 4 to 8:30 p.m. The schedule follows:

4:00 - 4:30 Worship in Trinity Hall
4:30 - 6:15 Department Meetings:

Kindergarten, "Children Learn About Jesus" . . . Mrs. DuPriest, Lake City; *Primary*, "Jesus Went about Doing Good" . . . Mrs. Norman Duncan, Greensboro; *Junior*, "Jesus is His Name" . . . Miss Madeline Wilson, Tallahassee; *Administrative* . . . Mrs. G. E. Larkin, Greensboro.

6:15 - 7:00 Sandwich Supper (workers bring sandwiches)

7:00 - 8:30 Department Meetings (same as above)

The institute is open to all workers in the Vacation Church School or the regular Sunday School.

Miss Madeline Wilson, director of our Vacation Church School, is interested in obtaining names of prospective workers as early as possible in order that Trinity workers will be well represented at the institute.

M.Y.F. Fund \$100 Short

Attention Intermediates! We are short of our \$250 fund goal. Let's all get to work and pay up our pledges. The treasury reports we have received \$149.

Individual letters, to be sent out this month to all members, will contain figures on how much was pledged and how much has been paid. The deadline for meeting pledges is April 27.

Plan 5-year Old Kindergarten

Plans are going ahead for the opening of a five-year old, week-day kindergarten in September of this year. At its last meeting the Official Board recommended that the Commission on Education continue its planning and that a certified kindergarten teacher be hired. Dr. Sarah Lou Hammond is chairman of this planning committee.

May Fellowship Luncheon

The first Friday in May marks the date for the annual May Fellowship Luncheon of the United Church Women of Tallahassee. Working on this luncheon scheduled for Trinity Hall are: Mrs. Jeff D. Lewis, Mrs. Harold Snow and Mrs. M. F. Nimkoff.

Former Trinity Girl Writes of Church Work

Mrs. J. M. Plant, a member of our Church Vocations' Committee, has located and received letters from 11 people who were reared in Trinity Methodist Church. The letters are very interesting, and we should like to share them with you in the future issues of this paper.

We shall take them alphabetically: Mrs. Marshall Campbell (Joan Newman). Husband's name—Rev. Marshall Campbell. (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Newman, who have moved.) Schools attended: Leon High, F.S.U., and Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill. Address: P. O. Box 424, Irofino, Idaho.

Dear Mrs. Plant,

It was so good to have your letter. I don't have very much contact with Tallahassee anymore, and I wonder so often about the people there, the church, and the town. Especially at graduation time this year I was wondering about my ex-fourth graders who should have graduated from high school.

You were correct that my preparation was in the field of religious education, and it's a good background for being a minister's wife. This is our fourth year at Irofino, which is the county seat in the midst of logging country in the Idaho panhandle. Our church at Irofino has a membership of 250, and we have another church in Cavendish, which is a farming community, seventeen miles up on top of a mountain. (We are in a river valley.)

In a sense this part of the country is about as close to the frontier as anywhere in the United States, for some of the first settlers are still alive and remember the Indian Wars and pioneer travel. It's beautiful country, and we like it very much. "We" include two little boys, David, who will be four in September, and John Paul, who was two last Sunday.

Your committee knows the wide scope of church vocations. I love being a minister's wife. Aside from the particular minister I like being close to the work of the church—both locally and in the conference. Beside the actual training I got in seminary one of the biggest joys is the world-wide contact; it's quite a

thrill to read about the work around the world being done by people I went to school with.

If any of the present-day Trinity youth are considering a church vocation I think one of the best preparations is through the youth program beyond the local church—camps, caravans, work camps, etc.

Sincerely, Joan

WSG DISTRICT MEETING TO BE HELD HERE APRIL 27

The last district meeting for the Wesleyan Service Guild in the 1957-58 year will be held in Tallahassee, April 27, with the Trinity Guild acting as hostess.

After the 11 o'clock church service, a luncheon and meeting will be held in Trinity hall. New district officers to be installed include: Miss Mozelle Silas, Lake City, district secretary; Miss Josephine Ezell, Tallahassee, recording secretary; Mrs. W. M. Ives, Lake City, WSCS representative. Miss Gladys McFarlin is the retiring district secretary.

Dr. James read the marriage ceremony Mrs. Ioma King Jackson and Charles Dudley Stephens, Feb. 23, in Trinity sanctuary.

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PLIGHT OF MIGRANTS BRINGS GENEROUS RESPONSE IN STATE

Mrs. Glenn C. James attended a meeting of the Florida Christian Ministry to Migrants held at Avon Park, March 19-20. Mrs. James will continue to serve as first vice-president.

It was reported at the Avon Park meeting that the response to the plea for financial emergency aid was most gratifying. The entire southeast contributed most generously; the confidence that was exhibited is indeed gratifying to those serving on the Migrant Board.

Wives of the staff workers of the Christian Ministry were delighted with the eight layettes made by the young matrons of the Gleaners class.

TRINITY MEMBER IS CITED AS ONE OF TOP TEACHERS

Mrs. Edna Saunders Tait, a loyal worker in Trinity church and a former counselor of the senior MYF, was honored as one of the ten top teachers of the year by McCall's magazine in the March issue.

These teachers are honored, said the article, "for their significant contributions to the improvement of national teaching standards."

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