

Choir Needs Members to Lead Congregation in Worship Services

The letter quoted below is taken from *Trinity Chimes*, June, 1959, Trinity Church, Methodist, Youngstown, Ohio. It points up the common volunteer church choir problem, that of recruitment. Youngstown's Trinity's problem is identical with that of Tallahassee's Trinity's.

Dear Friends:

I want you to consider seriously an important matter. Our adult choir, Trinity Choir, needs more members.

... we need your help. In order to continue to lead the congregation of Trinity in worship, we need a large, well trained volunteer choir. Right now, here is how Trinity Choir's average attendance looks: 9 sopranos, 8 altos, 2 tenors, and 5 basses, for a total of 24.

This represents only about one percent of the total membership. Our church should have at least two or three percent of the adult membership in the adult choir. We would like to have an average Sunday Choir like this: 18 sopranos, 15 altos, 10 tenors, 12 basses for a total of 55 members.

In this day of "H" bombs and T-V's, mechanized work and play, the value of individuals singing praise to their Creator cannot be measured. This is an important and high calling. Will you respond?

Philip R. Dietterich

Amen, Mr. Dietterich! We too operate on about a 50% basis. It isn't that we don't have the singers. But so many are timid and prefer to hide their light under a bushel. Others lack that sense of spiritual dedication which would help them to make the personal sacrifices required of choir singers. However, like you, we have high hopes for our choir membership campaign this fall. We believe that

Trinity Delegation Plans for Laymen's Conference at Leesburg Youth Camp

The Laymen's Conference, to be held at Leesburg Youth Camp on the first two weekends in October, will be attended by 20 laymen from our church. This is an annual event which brings together laymen from all over the Conference for a spiritual retreat. It will be their privilege to hear some of the outstanding ministers and laymen of our church.

Those attending on the first weekend in October: Hiram L. Jones, Lyman Gray, Al Thomasson, Orlis Causseaux, Ed Walker, C. R. Sharkey.

The following men will attend the Lay Conference on the second weekend in October: Fred B. Tyler, John Crotty, Sam Teague, Jr., Ben Willis, Wade Hopping, Gifford Hale, Stanley Marshall, Ray Schultz, Owen Sellers, Griffith T. Pugh, Spencer Burress, Walter James, Myron R. Blee, Lester Lewis.

This is the largest number of laymen ever to attend the Lay Conference from our church.

the Holy Spirit will give new courage to the timid and excuseless enthusiasm to those lacking in dedication. We believe that this is the year that we are going to overflow the choir loft. In this, we believe, God would be well pleased.

Two choir dates to remember:

Oct. 7: Chancel Choir dinner at the Bellingers.

Oct. 18: Choir Dedication service at the Evening Worship Service. Each of the choirs will participate.

Plan Prayer Vigil at Trinity Oct. 3 Sunrise to Sunset

The membership of Trinity, as it approaches the great task of building a new Sanctuary and Chapel, plans a prayer vigil for Saturday, October 3, from sunrise to sunset.

All are urged to join in this prayer for the success of the coming campaign, for strength and guidance in meeting the needs that the great task demands. The Executive Committee for the building program will initiate the vigil in the sanctuary at sunrise, and the chain of supplicants will be unbroken until sunset.

The schedule for the different classes and organizations of Trinity is as follows:

6:31— 7:00	Executive Committee
7:00— 9:00	Official Board
9:00—10:30	Woman's Society of Christian Service
10:30—12:00	Gleaners and Young Adult Fellowship
12:00— 1:30	Men's Brotherhood and Youth
1:30— 3:30	Wesley Fellowship and Methodist Men's Club
3:30— 5:00	Wesleyan Service Guild
5:00— 6:20	Felkel-Steinmeyer and Business Women

Every member of Trinity is invited to enter the sanctuary at any time during the vigil, whether he is a member of the participating group or not—and to stay as long as he will. Each who comes to pray may sit quietly in the pew or kneel at the altar.

Light From The Pastor's Study

The Great Challenge

Each fall we observe "Rally Day" in the Church School. This year, Trinity has a truly Great Challenge that puts all the members and friends of our Church and congregation under the call to "Really Rally" to our ambitious program.

Trinity Church was organized in this city in 1824. There is a record of continuous service by our Church over that entire period. There have been several different buildings. The present Sanctuary is about seventy years old. It is greatly loved by many who have worshipped here for much of that period. It is, however, necessary for us to plan greater things for the future.

A fine committee made up of Trinity members is working on this program. Mr. Payne Midyette, Sr., Mr. Frank D. Moor, Mr. Godfrey Smith and Mrs. J. Kenneth Ballinger are serving as co-chairmen in the total task. Many sub-committees are also chosen and will accept specially assigned tasks as the program moves ahead.

The financial campaign, which gets under way October 4, will be directed by the Wells Organization. They have a fine record of success in this sort of work, and we are glad to have their expert guidance and direction.

The architect chosen for the project is Mr. A. Hensel Fink of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mr. Fink has been the consulting architect for The Methodist Church for many years. We are sure he is the best architect we could employ for the task we have before us. He works exclusively on churches and has over a thousand worthy Sanctuaries to his credit in this country. Many of the finest are here in our Southland.

A challenge like this comes but once in a life time of a Church member. A "New Trinity" will be built to serve our city and community for those great years that will reach far into the next century.

As the present Pastor of Trinity, I am deeply moved by the devotion of our people as we together move out to meet this Great Challenge. Each one of us has a call from God to measure up to the challenge placed before us. When we do our full share, and undergird the total program with sincere prayer, I am sure that God will bless us and give us the victory in our plans for the future.

It is time for us at Trinity to hear the call. It is time for us to close ranks and move forward like a "Mighty Army." Let us "Really Rally" this year to give the Church we love the very best as she moves out into another hundred years of service in Tallahassee.—G.C.J.

Collection of 12 Sermons on Sale in Church Office

A collection of 12 sermons has been compiled by the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation of The Methodist Church and is entitled: CHRISTIAN STRATEGY FOR A STRUGGLING WORLD. Such outstanding ministers as Ralph W. Sockman, Robert J. McCracken and several bishops have sermons included. Get your copy at the Church office for one dollar.

The Week of Prayer Program Announced by Mrs. E. V. Fisher

Mrs. E. V. Fisher, Spiritual Life Chairman of the Woman's Society, is in charge of Trinity's observance of The Week of Prayer. Each morning of that week members of the Woman's Society are asked to pause for a moment of prayer at 9 A.M.

Monday, October 26 at the General Meeting, the program will center on the Importance of the Week of Prayer. This program is scheduled for 3 o'clock in Trinity Hall with a nursery provided. On Wednesday morning, October 28 at 9 o'clock a Prayer Service will be held at Killearn Gardens.

To the members of Trinity:

Several months ago, a layman known only to our Pastor, handed Dr. James a check for \$500 for the purpose of hiring a student from a Methodist seminary to come to Trinity to serve for the summer. Dr. James invited me to come, and fortunately for myself, I was able to accept.

It has been a great summer of many worthwhile activities and experiences which will be of invaluable aid to me in my future pastoral life which begins next June. Of course, as Student Pastor, ninety per cent of my work was involved with the youth of our church. Other activities included a number of preaching engagements, and visitation of prospective members.

However, the part of my work which I will always cherish the most is that of the various opportunities I've had in working with our teenagers. We've shared many things together—an officers' retreat, seven "Christian Beliefs" discussion sessions, the printing of a Senior MYF directory, the publishing of an MYF newspaper, the construction of a portable MYF pulpit, Sunday evening programs, open houses after Church, and "Youth Week".

In addition to these have been those other "special" moments—when a young teen-ager told me of his decision for the ministry, and another shared with me her dating problem, and another revealed to me her trouble at home. These experiences along with many others have gone to make this summer a great one in my training for my first pastorate.

I would like to thank Dr. James, Rev. Danny Morris, Mrs. Myron R. Blee, Miss Madeline Wilson, Mr. Roy Berry and the "James' Clan" for their personal aid, counsel and advice in various matters. But, most of all, I would like to thank the "unknown layman" who donated the funds which made it possible for me to have this wonderful experience. Thank you all.

In Christian Love,
Bobby Temple

Many New Workers Are Welcomed by Trinity Family

Mr. and Mrs. James Bailey: The Baileys recently moved to Tallahassee from Gainesville. Mr. Bailey is with the Board of Control Office at FSU, and taught a series of lessons during August for our young adults: "Christian Beliefs". This was such a popular series that he has been invited back for the month of October to teach "Major World Religions".

Mrs. Bailey served as Director of Christian Education at First Church in Gainesville, and is now teaching one of the fifth grades in the Junior Department and singing in our choir.

Mrs. Robert Binger: Mrs. Binger comes back to Trinity after living for several years in Gulf Breeze, Florida. She served as Counselor for the Intermediates previously, but is now teaching one of the fourth grades in the Junior Department.

Wendell Gunn: Wendell moves in to assist his wife, the former Roberta Ashmore, with one of the fifth grades in the Junior Department. It's good to have this young couple of our church carrying this responsibility.

Miss Jane Chapman: Jane is another of the active workers who was reared at Trinity. She was an outstanding worker in the MYF here at Trinity, the Wesley Foundation at FSU, and has just returned to Tallahassee after two years service at our Methodist Social Settlement House in East St. Louis, Missouri. We are grateful to have Jane serve as Program Advisor to the Senior MYF.

Miss Sandra Gaddy: Sandra is enrolled at FSU and comes from Tampa. It's good to have our Methodist college students at work in the Church School. Sandra is assisting in one of the Five-Year-Old Kindergartens. We also greatly appreciate the work of her sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Sanchez in the Intermediate Department—see Intermediate article.

Miss Nancy Schwenk: Nancy is another FSU student who has volunteered her services while she is enrolled at FSU. She's serving in a very necessary position, pianist for one of the Four-Year-Old Kindergartens. We still can use 2 other pianists in the Kindergarten Department. If you can assist call Mrs. Ray Schultz (2-4192) or Miss Wilson at the office.

We welcome back two workers in the Primary Department after a year's leave, Mrs. Richard Darling in one of the second grades and Mrs. Robert Lawton, lead teacher in the third grade.

With Our Intermediates

The Intermediate MYF group of Trinity Methodist Church has given \$25 to the Methodist Youth Fund. We have also given \$25 to the Displaced Persons family. This family originally came from Indonesia. They moved to Holland and lived there about 3 years. They are now living in Monticello.

We would like to welcome our new youth counselors, Mr. and Mrs. John Sanchez, from Tampa. Mrs. Sanchez teaches the first grade at Ruediger. Mr. Sanchez is doing graduate work at the University and was a Junior High School teacher in Tampa.

The Intermediate M.Y.F. sponsored a party Friday, September 18. Mary Lee Draper, our recreation chairman, was in charge of it and she did a wonderful job. It was a Bongo Party from 7:30-10:30 at the Lafayette Park Community Center. The admission was 35c and the proceeds went to the Denmark Fund. We would like to thank everyone who helped make this party such a success.

Miss Virginia Dumas from Florida State University will lead the Intermediates in their after-church recreation program scheduled for Trinity Hall on October 11 from 8:30 to 9:30 P.M.—Dee Taggart.

MYF Announces Spaghetti Supper

Attention! Friday October 9 the Senior M.Y.F. will hold their annual Spaghetti supper. Come one, come all, it's in Trinity Hall from 6-8 p.m. Tickets are \$1.00 for adults and 50c for children and students through college. The tickets can be purchased from any Senior M.Y.F. member.—Sandra Scheck.

Commission Meetings

Commission on Membership and Evangelism, Monday, October 5 Church Office 7:30 P.M.

Commission on Missions, Monday October 12 Church Office 7:30 P.M.

Commission on Education, Wednesday, October 21 Church Office 7:30 P.M.

First Quarterly Conference of New Church Year Oct. 13

Dr. Shuler Peele, District Superintendent, announces the First Quarterly Conference for this church year for Trinity on October 13, 1959 starting at 7:30 P.M. Prior to this business session, coffee will be served in Trinity Hall starting at 7:00 o'clock.

Dr. Peele requests that all members of the Quarterly Conference be present at this important business session. He asks that oral reports be given by all Commission Chairmen and other church officials.

Following the session of the Quarterly Conference, the October Official Board Meeting will be held.

The Cabinet of the Methodist Men's Club will meet on Thursday, October 8, 1959 at the home of Myron R. Blee, 1447 Marion Avenue. Lyman Gray, president, requests cabinet members to attend and to be prepared to make plans for a Fish Fry in the not-to-distant future. The meeting will start at 7:30 P. M.

Wesleyan Service Guild Study Book of Luke October 14, 15, 19 and 22

The nineteen members of the Wesleyan Service Guild who attended the district Mission Study Seminar in Live Oak, Sept. 20, heard Dr. Mary Witt, chairman of Missionary Education of Trinity's Guild, present her study of Africa. They joined in the meditation conducted by Alice Cromartie, district spiritual life chairman.

Dr. Witt and her committee are making plans for an interesting study course for the year.

Members will study the gospel of Luke, under the direction of the Rev. Danny E. Morris, at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 14, 15, 19 and 22.

Mrs. Doris McDonald, spiritual life chairman, is making plans for the group to observe the Week of Prayer, Oct. 26-31.

The district Spiritual Life Retreat will be held at Wakulla Springs Lodge the first week-end in November. Miss Alice Cromartie and her committee will be in charge.

Operation Seminole Suppers to Start in October

Trinity's highly successful Operation Seminole will be resumed with the arrival of October.

Members of the church who "adopted" FSU students last year will be expected to carry on again. New families eager to join in the fun and fellowship that comes from "adoption" will be furnished cards so that they may enroll in the project.

Godfrey Smith was elected president of the Trinity Church Trustees when the group met Sept. 9 following a meeting of the Official Board. Judge Ben Willis was named vice-president and J. Edwin White, secretary. Other trustees are: Frank D. Moor, Payne Midyette, Sr., Ralph Proctor, Sr., Robert Parker, Sr., Tom I. Brown, Jr., and H. C. Roland.

World Wide Communion Services Planned Oct. 4

Trinity will join in World Wide Communion services Sunday, Oct. 4. Holy Communion will be served at the 8:45 and 11:00 services.

The special offering to be made that day will be divided into four parts. One-half will go to the "Fellowship of Suffering and Service" under the direction of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief; one-fourth to the Commission on Chaplains, and one-fourth to the Commission on Camp Activities.

World Community Day to Be Held in City

A World Community Day program, built around the theme, "Full Partners for Peace," will be held in Tallahassee Nov. 6 under the sponsorship of the United Church Women. The site for the meeting will be the First Presbyterian Church.

Gifts desired include layettes, clothes for tiny tots and children in refugee camps, material for sewing such as thread, needles, and tape-measures; wool yarn and knitting needles; and other things to help mother's of children in the camps.

An offering will be received during the November program. Everyone is urged to make plans to attend. Mrs. T. Aubrey Morse is Trinity's representative working on this project.

Newcomers to Be Welcomed at Fellowship Supper

The warmth of Trinity social fellowship will be extended to newcomers to the Trinity Family at a covered dish supper to be held Thursday evening, Oct. 15, from 6:30 to 8, according to Dr. John Tait, chairman of the recreation division.

A short program, to end at 8 o'clock, will follow the typical Trinity supper. The October meeting has been designed to allow newcomers and Trinity members to enjoy "family fellowship" under the best of circumstances.

Woman's Society of Trinity to Study Role of UN in World Affairs Today

Mrs. Emerson Tully, Secretary of Missionary Education, has announced that the Mission Study for the Woman's Society of Trinity will be: "The Role of the United Nations in World Affairs."

The first Session will be on Monday, November 16 beginning with a social period at 2:30. The program lasting from 3 to 4:30. The remaining sessions will be held on November 17, 18 and 19 starting each morning at 10 o'clock and ending at 11:30.

Trinity's delegation to Lakeland this summer for the Annual School of Missions was the largest in recent years. The ladies who attended have been busy this fall helping conduct seminars in the Tallahassee District and sharing their knowledge with societies in this area. Those serving are: Mrs. R. Spencer Burress; Mrs. E. V. Fisher; Mrs. Emerson Tully; Mrs. Gifford Hale; Mrs. D. L. Hood; Mrs. J. C. Smith and Mrs. Shuler Peele.

Miss Madeline Wilson will teach "Guiding Intermediates" in the Tampa Christian Workers' School to be held at The Hyde Park Methodist Church, October 25-29.

A NURSERY for small children will be in operation during the Sunday evening worship services from now until the end of the year.

Trinity Hall will be the scene of a special gathering, Oct. 10, when the Alpha Delta Kappa sorority, an honorary teachers' group, entertain the students at FSU who live in the Southern Scholarship Homes, (formerly known as cooperative housing), at a pot-luck supper. Mrs. Melvin Pope, Sr., is president of the local association.

Carol Tyler, a Trinity MYF worker, has been named secretary-treasurer of the state unit of the Florida conference MYF. Congratulations, Carol.

Registration of Church Attendance to Provide More Personal Ministry

The Commission on Membership and Evangelism is charged with the responsibility of reaching and cultivating both prospective and regular members of the church. In a church the size of Trinity, this task is enormous. After a thorough study by the Commission, it was found that many churches, both larger and smaller than Trinity, are using to good advantage the registration of attendance at the Sunday Worship Services.

A few simple words of introduction to the idea of attendance registration will suggest its simplicity and purpose.

Attendance is registered at both morning services. The registration is a part of the regular ritual and will take place at the beginning of the "Pastor's Personal Words". Cards will be placed in the pews and every family (or representative of a family), both members and visitors, are encouraged to register their attendance and check the pertinent information on the card. The ushers will come forward and collect the cards before the time for the morning offering. Perhaps it will be possible for us to complete the registration of the entire congregation in less than two minutes.

The Commission suggests several reasons for Registration of Church Attendance:

I. TOTAL ENLISTMENT —

American Methodism is emphasizing the necessity to enlist the total membership of the local church. It is difficult to know who needs to be visited and cultivated unless we have some method of determining a person's interest—which sometimes, is indicated by his attendance at worship services. The registration of attendance at the worship services is *one* way to help the church know who might need a more personal ministry.

II. VISITORS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS—We have numerous visitors in our church. Unfortunately, many of them come and go and we never know about their presence. The total registration of attendance would encourage our visitors to register their presence, thereby helping the Commission and the Pastors contact them immediately to encourage their interest and loyalty to the church.

III. ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER CHANGES—The job is always with us of keeping up with change of addresses and phone numbers of our church members. On the registration of attendance card, there will be a place to check if your address or phone number has changed. Each week, we can quickly discover by the check marks, which cards list new addresses and new phone numbers. Such knowledge would greatly facilitate efficient and personal service to the Trinity Family and Friends by the church staff.

The Commission carried the recommendation for the Registration of Church Attendance to the Official Board. The Board authorized the Commission to proceed with the program. Your participation and co-operation as a church member and friend of Trinity will go a long way to make it possible for Trinity to better serve you.

Boy Scout troop 107 has made plans for many excellent camping trips during the coming month, according to Scout Jimmy Van Gasbeck, reporter. Each program will be well planned and directed to the special interests of the boys in Trinity's 107.

Men's Club Plans Big Fish Dinner

A fish dinner, carefully contrived to fill the needs of young and old, has been planned as Trinity Methodist Men's club project for early November. Tickets will go on sale shortly at \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children. Watch for details.

In addition to fine food, Trinityites will enjoy the good fellowship of one another at this affair, either outside or in, depending on the weather. Watch Trinity Tidings and your Church Bulletin for more details.

Wesley Foundation Opens New Program for Year With Special Events

The new-year activities at the Wesley Foundation began last Saturday night after the football game with an Open House honoring the new students. Punch and cookies were served.

With Sunday came a special welcome for all new students. Sunday Seminar-time was filled with a general meeting where each council member was introduced and asked to tell something of how his particular area functioned.

At the eleven o'clock church hour, Rev. Hollady's sermon, "O'er the Roar of the Waves," was directed especially to the new members of the congregation. At five o'clock, five buses were loaded and a tour was made of all the Tallahassee Methodist churches.

A dinner at Leon High school planned by all the churches, followed by a union service at Trinity brought a wonderfully fitting close to the day. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of the Tallahassee Methodist churches for the time and effort spent preparing the delightful meal and for the continuing support of the Wesley Foundation program. Thank you!

Major Frank R. Jackson has been transferred to Labrador.. We are sorry to learn the family will be leaving Tallahassee in November.

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