

Trinity Votes a Christmas Gift to Future Generations

Sunday night, November 20, 1960 was an historic occasion at Trinity Methodist Church. Being Thanksgiving Sunday, our choirs brought us great messages in music. Then came the event that makes history.

This was called "The Church Conference" and all members were invited to be present. The attendance was good. Mr. Payne Midyette, Sr., our leader in the total building plan, and Mr. Ernest Menendez, chairman of the Plans and Construction Committee, explained to us the dream for the future. Color slides of the architect's conception of the new Sanctuary and Chapel were shown. All present seemed to be pleased with the story as it unfolded.

Naturally, the cost of such a structure has to be considered. This was explained by Mr. Midyette. The outside figure for the entire and complete project stands in excess of \$900,000.

This Church Conference voted unanimously in favor of a resolution that stated our willingness to begin work when we have in hand the sum of \$275,000, and with the understanding that we would borrow an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

We now have on hand about \$150,000. It is the plan to begin work during the summer of 1961. Thus, between now and June 30th, we are to bring in the payments to our pledges to insure the minimum goal of \$275,000 on hand. Let us Pray and Work together for Victory.

Trinity Challenged to Aid Students At University

Trinity has received a challenge to provide a special service to the hundreds of Methodist young people who attend Florida State University.

The challenge was presented in a request that we provide a Sunday evening fellowship for the students, a fellowship similar to the current Methodist Youth Program for our junior and senior high youth.

A letter and questionnaire have been mailed to students to see if there would be a sufficient number interested to justify a program.

The plan has been presented to the Commission on Education and enthusiastically endorsed. The program would consist of worship, discussions, fellowship and forums on youth interests.

There are over 2,000 Methodist students at F.S.U. and this presents an opportunity for Trinity to cooperate with the Wesley Foundation in serving as many of our Methodist young people as possible.

Further announcement will be made following the return of the questionnaires.

The following building fund report was presented:

Monies on hand at beginning	
of building fund drive	\$ 13,113.96
Collected on Building fund	91,624.27
Transferred from Budget	20,500.00
Securities on hand for building fund application (estimated)	15,000.00
Real Estate for building fund	4,000.00
Total to Date	\$144,238.23

Methodists Give Generously To Chile Relief

On September 19 according to available records, Methodists had given \$724,325.56 to Chile and Pacific Basin relief. When all the remittances are in, it is expected the offering, which was taken in Methodist churches on June 26, will go over \$750,000.

One half of the gifts will be used to repair and rebuild the churches and parsonages of The Methodist Church in Chile destroyed or damaged during the recent earthquakes and floods. Part of the balance has already gone to pay for the food, clothing, medicine and temporary shelter provided for the victims of this far-reaching disaster.

Methodists can be proud of the fact that their representatives, both denominational and interdenominational, were among the first to reach the scenes of devastation. It seems providential that the organized relief committee of the evangelical churches of Chile had on hand, despite recent damages, considerable stocks of surplus food commodities and clothing which could be made available immediately.

In the long months of rebuilding lives and property that lie ahead, Methodists gifts will provide the loans and extra funds that will be so badly needed by members, workers and institutions. Our Methodist Church in Chile is able to face the arduous task of the immediate future thanks to the gifts and prayers of their brethren from overseas.

Light From The Pastor's Study

Christmas Gift

December is a great month; made so by the Birthday of Jesus. This event has come to be, among us, the occasion for the exchange of Gifts. All is well if we do not lose the proper perspective, and thus allow selfishness to creep in.

The real emphasis and meaning of a Gift is that one is privileged to give. Too often we see it the other way—"What do I get?"

It is the aim of our Church that Christ shall loom large this year in all our emphasis on the celebration of His Birth. We might read the word of the Poet Lowell:

"Not what we give but what we share

For the gift without the giver is bare;

Who gives himself with his alms feeds three.—

Himself, his hungering neighbor and Me."

Surely, any gift you give is of little value unless it is warmly wrapped in your Christian Love. It must be "more blessed to give than to receive." This, however, is not an easy lesson to learn.

By the same token, God's Gift of His Son will be of small value to us unless we live close to Him, the Giver of all good Gifts. This should help us to retain the right motive in all our giving and enable us to keep Christ in Christmas.

May the Great Giver of the Supreme Gift be fully known among us this year. May He be present in every home, the Highest Light, the Fervent Flame that warms the hearts of young and old.

G.C.J.

CHOIR NEWS

Every evening service in December will be different. We feel sure the members of the congregation will want to participate, and join in the simple, beautiful celebration of Christmas in church and home.

Dec. 4th at 7:30 the congregation will be the participants in a carol service of Christmas joy and music.

Dec. 11th at the morning services, both at 8:45 A.M. and 11 A.M., the Chancel Choir will present a short cantata of selected portions of *Hodie* by Vaughan Williams. Majel Barrett will be the soloist.

The evening services Dec. 11th will be at 7:30 P.M., with a play to be presented by the Wesley Players of the Wesley Foundation. The play is called *The Long Christmas Dinner*.

The evening service on Dec. 18 will begin at 6:30 P.M., with a pageant by our own young people and music by the Melody and Boys Choirs and the Wesleyan Singers.

On Christmas Day, the congregation is invited to come as families for a special candlelight service at 5:30 P.M. Come and make this a very special part of your Christmas celebration!

Rehearsal schedule for December will be as follows:

Thursday, Dec. 1st Melody Choir
Sunday, Dec. 4th Wesleyan, Boys, Chapel as usual

Thursday, Dec. 8th Melody Choir
Sunday, Dec. 11th Boys Choir. Come at 5:30 P.M. for supper. Rehearsal at 6 Wesleyan and Chapel Choirs.

Thursday, Dec. 15th Melody Choir—last rehearsal until Jan. 5th.

Sunday, Dec. 18th Boys Choir. Come at 5:00 for rehearsal Wesleyan and Chapel check with Mr. James on rehearsal changes. Last Rehearsal for all three groups until Jan. 8th.

Chancel choir will hold rehearsal each Wednesday during the holidays.

The Boys Choir will soon have reached its first goal—repaying its original debt to the candy company. They have sold \$156 worth of candy, and need to sell only \$35 more to complete their contract. Then the rest of the candy sales, \$100, will belong to the Swiss Bell fund.

DID YOU KNOW - - -

- that Ernest Menendez is the new president of the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce? Congratulations to one of Trinity's many top workers.

- that the cut of the architect's drawing of the new Trinity church was provided free of charge by the Tallahassee Democrat? Thank you, Mr. Johnson.

- that the newest Methodist church in the District is at Lake City with a membership of 72? It is called Wesley Memorial and makes the second one of that name in the district. There are two Grace churches and two Bethels in the district as of this date.

- that Col. Albert Leduc has been ordered to Europe for a special tour of active duty with the Air Force? He will report to Washington, Dec. 1, and fly to Paris, France. He will return to Tallahassee by Dec. 25.

- that when Miss Annie B. Conyers retired that she was decorated with the little flag of Florida by Governor LeRoy Collins? It was presented for her thirty-three (33) years of service to the state.

SUNDAY EVENINGS AT TRINITY IN DECEMBER

December 4—7:30 P.M., Congregational Carol Service.

December 11—7:30 P. M., Wesley Players from Wesley Foundation.

December 18—6:30 P.M., Young People will present an evening of Christmas drama; the children's choirs will present Christmas music.

Following the service, our youth will go caroling and end the evening with parties in the homes of some of the young people.

December 25—Family Candlelight Service at 5:30 P.M.

Morning Services during December as usual. Communion on Dec. 4 at 8:45 and 11.

Official Board — December 13, 1960. 7 P.M. Coffee and Social Period. 7:30 P. M. Board meeting.

SENIOR MYF PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS STORY PRESENTATION

Members of the Senior MYF will present the Christmas story from the Bible to Trinity's Congregation on Sunday, December 18, 6:30 P.M. This will be done through song, choral reading, and tableaux.

Mary Kay Burress, Vice President, will be in charge of the program with the following assistants:

Music—Mr. Bill Mears

Choral Reading—Mary Ann Plant

Tableaux—Mrs. Frank Barrett

Make Up—Judy Tait

This will be an opportunity for families of Trinity to enjoy the Christmas story together.

CHURCH SCHOOL WORKERS TO MEET FOR CONFERENCE

Missions will be highlighted at the Church School Workers' Conference to be held December 7, 6:30 P.M. Miss Gayle Norman, 6th grade Junior teacher, will give the devotion: "The World That Needed and Needs Jesus". This is the current 6th grade unit of study for December.

Plans will be made for the church school's participation in the January Church-Wide Mission Study. For the Children and Youth the theme will be "Into All the World Together".

Caroling to Shut-Ins

Following the Christmas drama and Choir presentations on Sunday, December 18, the Juniors, Junior High and Senior High Youth will carol to the shut-in members of Trinity.

Chartered buses will be available to take these groups to the shut-in members' homes, and to take them to homes for fellowship following the caroling. The schedule for the evening is as follows:

6:00—Snack Supper—Trinity Hall

6:30-7:30—Choirs and Senior Drama

7:30-8:30—Caroling

8:30-9:00—Fellowship for Carolers in Trinity homes.

WSCS MAKES PLANS FOR SPECIAL SERVICE ON DECEMBER 6

The general meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held Dec. 6, at 10:30 a.m. in Trinity Hall. A special Christmas program, "Emmanuel—God With Us" will be presented.

Mrs. Pearce Barrett, Jr., who will have charge of carol singing, will be assisted by Mrs. Bob Storey, Mrs. James Bailey, Mrs. Zack Skokos, Mrs. John Crotty.

Both old and new carols will be sung, according to Mrs. Barrett, and each carol will be introduced by "our own Carol", namely, Caryl James Collum, or Mrs. Bill Collum.

Mrs. E. V. Fisher is in charge of the devotional which will introduce the program. Mrs. Tom Jones will accompany at the piano.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service has received its shipment of plates with the picture of the church on the front. You may call the church office or Mrs. M. G. Zeigler, (2-1606) if you would like one of these plates saved. The price is \$2.25 per plate.

MISSION WORKSHOP TALLAHASSEE AREA PLANNED FOR DEC. 6

Miss Allene Ford, secretary of youth work of the WSCS, of the Methodist Church, will be in the Tallahassee District the first week of December for a series of mission workshops.

The one for the Tallahassee Area will be held at Trinity on Tuesday, December 6, 6:30-9:00 P.M. This will begin with a sandwich supper, and the group will divide for work by interest:

Christian Outreach Program Area
Chairman—Judy Loucks

MYF President—Buck Menendez

WSCS Secretary of Student Work
—Mrs. J. T. Kelley

All Older Youth Officers

All Adult Counselors and Teachers with Youth.

WSG Invites All to Hear of India at Dec. 8 Meeting

The members of Trinity's Wesleyan Service Guild invite everyone to hear Dr. Maria Selvanayagam, of India, tell of her work in that country at a 7:30 meeting to be held in Trinity Hall, Thursday, Dec. 8.

"Dr. Maria," as she is known throughout the world, will show slides as she tells of her work in the Fales Health Center, Devarshighalli, India. The slides, along with her comments, will provide an insight into the life of people in India with whom she works.

Tallahassee friends will remember Dr. Vela Cleveland, a former member of our Trinity Methodist Church, now a medical missionary in India. She is a pediatrician, on the staff of our Methodist Hospital, the *Ellen Thorburn Cowan Memorial Hospital*, in Kolar, India.

Vela is a friend of Dr. Maria Selvanayagam, who will speak in Trinity Hall, Thursday, December 8. "Dr. Maria", director of the health center, and Vela Cleveland have worked together on occasion, such as a "mass tonsillectomy operation performed in the Girls' Hostel for Sherman Primary School in Belgaum," to quote from a letter from Vela.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD GROUP MEETINGS DEC. 13

Our group meetings for December will be moved up one week, to the 2nd Monday night, Dec. 13. Each group will have a special Christmas program. Our special Christmas project this year will be a gift to Wesley Foundation, an Altar Cloth—as a memorial to Alpharetta Leeper. Some groups are also planning to fix a Christmas box for some family that otherwise would not have much Christmas.

Our next District meeting will be in Perry, Sunday, Jan. 15, 1961. So remember the date and start making plans now. More about this later.

WESLEY PLAYERS TO GIVE PLAY ON DECEMBER 11

The Wesley Players of the Wesley Foundation at Florida State University will present Thornton Wilder's, "The Long Christmas Dinner," at Trinity Methodist church Sunday evening, Dec. 11, at 7:30 o'clock.

Presentation of the play is in keeping with the desire of the national church leaders to enlarge the work of Methodist university students. The FSU group has initiated a full and varied program in accordance with the objective.

It is planned to give "The Long Christmas Dinner" at Quincy and Perry as well as Tallahassee.

Annual Migrant Tea At Trinity Dec. 2

The annual Migrant Tea will be held from 3 to 5, December 2, at Trinity Hall. Hostesses will be: Trinity Methodist, Faith Presbyterian, and Southside Methodist churches.

Guests are requested to bring unwrapped gifts for children with gift-wrapping material.

The annual affair is sponsored by the United Church Women of Tallahassee. Mrs. Cornelia Kelly is Trinity's coordinator.

Senior MYF News

For Trinity Senior, this month will be filled with Christmas plans and preparations. They will be rehearsing a Christmas drama to be given December 15 at Sub-District Meeting. It will also be presented twice on December 18: at the Federal Correctional Institution and as the Evening Worship Service in Trinity Sanctuary at 6:30 o'clock.

The Seniors will conclude this month's activities by taking part in all of the services planned for Christmas Day itself—Sunday, December 25, 1960.

Let's remember the real meaning of Christmas as we go about our busy ways.—Carol Roberts, reporter.

TRINITY GIVES FOR CUBA WORK

Members of Trinity give evidence of their support of mission work in Cuba at the morning service Nov. 20.

The report of the progress in obtaining the total of \$3400, follows:

On hand prior to	
Nov. 20, 1960.....	\$191.20
Collected Sunday, Nov. 20.....	900.88
Total.....	\$1,092.08

There is still much work to be done to attain our goal.

JUNIOR-HI MYF PLANS FOR DECEMBER

In December the Junior High M. Y. F. is planning a caroling trip for shut-ins. It will take place on the 18th of this month. If you know of any shut-ins who would like a group of "hoarse teenagers" to come and carol to them, please call Carol Bandlow, 4-2924. We're really not very good so you call at your own risk.

The group will go to the home of the Randy Ways for their fellowship and refreshments.

Last month the Jr. Hi M. Y. F. group made \$25. from our skating party at the Armory. We sent this to M. C. O. R.

Next month we will publish the slate of officers elected on Nov. 27.

Remember to come to M. Y. F. every Sunday.—Carol Ann Bandlow.

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Welcome to New Workers

The following people were approved at the last meeting of the Commission on Education for work in our Church School:

Mrs. Frank Barrett—Supt. of the Junior Department

Mrs. W. H. Wilson—Assistant in Four-Year Kindergarten

Mr. Robert Sanders—8th grade Junior High Teacher

Dr. Willard Nelson—Junior High Substitute.

Aid to Boys' Democratic Town

Junior High and Senior High Youth have recently sent \$100.00 to MCOR (Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief) to be used in helping to relocate the Methodist Democratic Boys Town. This was formerly located on an island off Pusan, and housed 250 orphan boys; however, it was destroyed last summer by a typhoon and is being relocated at the present time.

CALL YOUR PASTOR

AS YOU WOULD

CALL YOUR DOCTOR

We will be happy to send copies of the Bulletin and Trinity Tidings to our young people away from Tallahassee—either at college or employed in other cities. Just notify the office of the correct address.

Have you moved recently? Please notify the Church Office of your new address.

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