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Training Class Joins Trinity Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday at Trinity was especially bright as 29 Trinity Church School Juniors in the Pastor's Membership Training Class will join the Church at the 11:00 Worship Service

The young people who have studied with Dr. James are: Richard Bandlow, Bobby Brewer, Susan Brown, David Conn, Nancy Cook, Cathy Dalrymple, Peggy Ann Dean, Debbie Elmann, Virginia Gerber, Debbie Haskell, Jackson Hayward III, Joneen James, Tommy Langford, Bob Lawton, Dave Marshall.

Also Bill Mattice, Ben Nelson, Bobby Palmer, Janet Kay Parish, Joe Parish, Tom Peterson, Virginia Riser, Lanette Scherdin, Ivy Jo Smith, Nancy Toothman, Beverly Vaughan, Susan Whitehead, Arthur Wimberley and Mike Zeigler.

Leesburg Camp Blanks

Registrations for all MYF camps and Assemblies are available through the director's office.

To date the registrations are 29 girls (limit 30); 14 boys (limit 30). If the camp is not full by April 15 registrations will be opened to 7th graders of our Junior High MYF.

Stationery will be available on April 1 for some of the campers who want to earn part of their camp fee.

Trinity's Judy Revell was named May Queen for 1961 at Leon High school. Judy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton P. Revell, is one of the MYF of whom we are so proud. Congratulations, Judy!

Every Member Drive to Begin April 9

The Trinity Every Member Canvass to provide funds for the operational budget will swing into action April 9th, according to Dr. Edward K. Walker, Chairman.

Solicitations will be made by workers beginning Sunday afternoon, April 9th, and extending through April 23 if necessary. A short school of instruction will be held at 3:00 P. M., Sunday, 9th, in the Sanctuary prior to the beginning of the actual canvass.

Church school lessons throughout Trinity were coordinated March 12th for group discussion of the church budget and the reasons for having an Every Member Canvass this year.

Dr. Walker has requested that Colonels, Majors, Captains, and Lieutenants leading the canvass teams recheck their working list of team members in order to have a full working force available for this vital task.

Miss Wilson to Attend Directors Conference April 3

Miss Madeline Wilson will attend the Florida Conference Workshop for directors Monday, April 3, through Wednesday, April 5. The workshop will deal with the new Junior High literature which will be available next fall.

Mrs. Bob Clark, from Memphis, Tennessee, who is one of the outstanding Junior High teachers in Methodism, will lead the workshop. Junior High teachers will recall the lab school she taught here two years ago.

Still a few copies of the new *Methodist Discipline* on sale in the church office. \$1.75 each.

"Infancy of Christ" and Choir Festival April Music Events

Two events of musical interest to church members will take place during April. The Fourth annual Adult Choir Festival on April 23rd, and the presentation by our Oratorio choir on April 30th.

The Choir Festival will be held at St. Paul's Methodist church in Tallahassee this year. The massed rehearsal beginning at 5:00 PM on Sunday, April 23rd, and the Festival Service, over 200 singers from 12 choirs participating beginning at 7:30 PM. It is a wonderful thing to hear so many fine Methodists lifting their voices in song, together! There will not be a service at Trinity that night in order that our people may go to hear this service which brings choirs from as far as 100 miles from Tallahassee.

This year the INFANCY OF CHRIST by Berlioz will be presented by the Oratorio Choir. We wish to remind the members of the congregation that any person interested in singing with this choir, even if they are not regular members of a choir, are encouraged to come to rehearse on Wednesdays at 8:45 in the choir room.

Reserve May 3

Mark your calendar now so that May 3 is reserved for the annual Trinity Methodist Men's Chicken fry. The event, to be held under the direction of Arthur McCarthy, will be held at the Legion Hall. All proceeds will be placed in the Men's club scholarship fund. More facts about the interesting fellowship meeting will appear in the next issue of *Tiding* and in the Trinity Church Bulletin.

Light From The Pastor's Study

Go Forward

One of the greatest stories to be found in the Old Testament is the one that tells how Moses led the Hebrews out of bondage. Long they had been slaves in Egypt. Now after four hundred years, God raised up a leader to show the way out of slavery and into freedom—out of a prison into a Promised Land. Of course, the way was long and dangerous and costly.

The Word of God came as a command, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." They did move forward across the Red Sea, through the Wilderness, through rebellion, indifference, cowardice and sin. After many years—they found The Promised Land.

In the very same way God has guided His people through other Seas, across other deserts and into other lands of Promise. It is, however, always in obedience to His command to "Go Forward."

Perhaps as never before, there lies before us of The Trinity Family a high and worthy goal. God would have us to see a Land of Promise. The time to "Go Forward" is now. This year, indeed these days now upon us, show us a time of decision. Our leaders are chosen. In loyalty, they speak to us to "Go Forward" in the task of our church, a task so well known to us all. Great dreams for a new Sanctuary, and the present demand for the current budget are now before us.

The "Every-member Canvass," once postponed, is now scheduled for April 9-24. Faithful men and women will be working on plans and calling on our people. Give them your welcome, give them your pledge, give your church your vote of confidence. God will bless our effors.—G.C.J.

Did you know that the Woman's Society of Christian Service has a picture plate of our present Sanctuary for sale? It makes a splendid gift for one leaving Tallahassee, a birthday remembrance, or just a special gift. Cost: \$2.25.

The Goodness We Need

We must not forget that the goodness of Christ involved that a man will not try to play safe when in the name of God he ought to speak out. Jesus himself did not go about looking for trouble, but neither did he make the avoidance of trouble a major concern. He cried out against cant and sham and hypocrisy, against all bigotry, cruelty, and exploitation.

Just how far a man should go in opposition to outrageous evil is for his own conscience to decide. Here, no doubt, we ought to abstain from passing judgment upon one another, as also when it comes to ways and means of opposing evil.

Nothing will do but goodness and no other goodness will do but Christ's. We must ask God to give us the strength to dedicate ourselves to Him and His service, that we may achieve the goodness we need.

—The Editor.

Dates to Remember

April 3, 4, 5—General meeting of the WSCS, 10:30-11:45.

April 6—Lambuth Fellowship, 3 p.m., Room 100.

April 9—Every Member Canvass begins.

April 10—Committee on Missions, 7:30 p.m.

April 11—Meeting of the Official Board. Coffee at 7 p. m., meeting at 7:30.

April 19—Committee on Education, 7:30 p.m.

April 20—Pienic at Killearn Gardens,

April 21—Vacation Church School Institute, Tallahassee district, 4 to 8 p.m.

April 26—Worker's Conference.

April 30—Music Festival at St. Paul's Methodist church.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT FLORIDA HIGH FIELD TO START AT 6:15

Don't forget the Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 2 at 6:15 A.M. This service is sponsored by The Tallahassee Ministerial Association and will be held this year at the Florida High School Athletic Field on West Call Street.

The Rev. R. Davis Thomas, chairman of the City-Wide Events Committee of the Ministerial Association, will preside. The Easter message, to be presented by the Rev. Walter Styles, Faith Presbyterian Church, is entitled: HE IS RISEN.

The Boy Scouts of the Suwannee District will be ushers. Singing will be led by Mr. Harold Chapman of the Leon High School. Special musical numbers will be furnished by the Florida High School Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Forestine Holt. The Leon High School Chorus, directed by Harold Chapman, will present a special offertory anthem.

If the hour is too early for you, attend the service via the airlanes through the courtesy of Radio Station W.T.A.L The service will be available to those who are at home on Easter morning.

Conference Year Closes May 31

The Conference Year is rapidly drawing to a close. June will soon be upon us. The Conference session will be called to order by Bishop James W. Henley on June 5th in Lakeland and will close on Friday, June 9th.

Much remains to be done during this brief period. Our 'Every Member Canvass' is, of course, of the highest importance. Each will give his loyal support and his vote of confidence to our Church. We have had a good year, and real advancement has been registered.

Let it be the purpose of all to love and serve God through the Church, as we express it in our fellowship as "The Trinity Family."

TRINITY'S ANNUAL VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL SET FOR JULY 10-21; TRAINING INSTITUTE APRIL 21

July 10-21 have been set as dates for Trinity's 1961 Vacation Church School. This will be a two weeks school, Monday through Friday, 9:00-11:30 A.M. It will be held for children who are four years of age through the sixth grades:

Kindergarten, ages, 4, 5, and some 6—Pre-school children.

Primary Department, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades.

Junior Department, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades.

VCS Training Institutes

Help for workers throughout the Tallahassee District will be available at the institutes. The one for the Tallahassee District will be held here at Trinity, April 21, 4:00-8:00 P.M.:

4:00-4:25 Worship and Announcements, Trinity Hall.

4:30-6:00 Department Groups:

Kindergarten—"My Family and My Friends"—Dr. Sarah Lou Hammond — Week-Day Kindergarten Room.

Primary—"Love One Another"— Mrs. Wesley Vordenberg — Room 304.

Junior — "Living and Working Together as Christians" — Room 103 — Miss Madeline Wilson.

Junior High — "Making Our Group Christian" — Room 100 —Rev. John Davenport, Perry. Administration — Mrs. Ernestine Larkin, Greensboro (Library).

6:00-6:25 Sandwich Supper, Trinity Hall.

6:30-8:00 Department Groups, same as listed above.

Other Trinity members assisting in the other two district institutes will be as follows:

Carrabelle, April 27, 4:00-8:00 P.M. Mrs. George Warren, Kindergarten; Mrs. D. L. Hood, Primary.

Madison, April 29, 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.—Mrs. Bill Mears, Kindergarten.

A nursery will be provided. Our two college students who assist in week-day kindergarten will be in charge: Maxine Schramm and Carolyn Webber.

Twenty-Seven Teenagers Welcomed to Trinity at Evening Service

Sunday night, March 19th, was a most significant evening service for Trinity church. Twenty-seven teenagers joined our Trinity membership as a group. These young people attended six classes in preparation for membership. Miss Madeline Wilson and T. Aubrey Morse taught the classes. Dr. James prepared a special message for the class and baptized twelve.

The members of the class were: Donna Albright, Emila Brown, Judy Courson, Edwin Dugger, Mary Eason, Brenda Ketchum, Bobbie Lee King, Marie Jean King, Carole Laing, Kay Laing, Fenton Langston, Dorothy Jean Lett, Judy Linton, Linda McCants, Jill McKittrick, Patsy Moore, Joe Plant, Jinny Raker, Elizabeth Rogers, Harry Snowden, Walter Solburg, William Solburg, Gail Stiles, Jimbo Stiles, Tanaya Strickland, Mary Kay Thayer, and Chip Vason.

WORLD FEDERATION PROGRAM APRIL 4

A program on "World Federation of Methodist Women" will be presented by Mrs. Glenn C. James at the general meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service on Tuesday morning, April 4, at 10:30.

At the meeting, baby memberships and adult memberships will be given.

The children from the weekday kindergarten will provide special music, under the direction of Mrs. Wilfred Mears, kindergarten director. The nursery will be open.

The Executive Committee of the Women's Society will meet at 9:30 a.m. on the 4th.

Have you moved recently? If the answer is yes, be sure the church office has that new street number. Our family is large; we do want to keep up with you help us.

GIFTS FROM TRINITY AS ADVANCE SPECIAL HAVE HELPED CUBA

Advance Specials are personal, voluntary, and designated gifts to the mission program of the church. For the past several years, the Agricultural and Industrial School in Oriente Province, Cuba, and the Milk family have been Trinity's responsibility.

A two-story infirmary, completely equipped was paid for by Trinity.

At present, our gifts provide two scholarships of \$400 each, and \$3000 toward Dr. Milk's salary.

We have become personally interested in Rev. Milk and his family through contacts such as their visits to our church, Christmas gifts from Sunday School classes to the different members of the family, and their letters which have kept us up to date on the conditions in Cuba.

Dr. Milk writes that Methodism is going forward in Cuba even though there has been a loss of more than thirty missionaries and fifteen Cuban workers.

The Agricultural and Industrial School is one phase of property in Cuba which belongs to the Methodist Church. In case this or other Methodist property is seized by the Cuban government, Methodist support would be immediately suspended. Since the Cuban government considers any failure to meet commitments by an institution as grounds for confiscation, it is imperative that we meet our financial responsibility for this work.

Another opportunity will be provided Trinity members to contribute to our Advance Special.

Staff for the Junior Camp to be held at Pine Mountain, Georgia, June 7-12, has been secured: Director, Madeline Wilson; Nurse, Mrs. Sam Murrow; Counselors, Dr. and Mrs. Wesley Vordenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. John Whidden, Kenneth Clemons, Martha Sue Menendez, Gayle Norman, and Madra Nelson; Helpers, Frank Barrett, Jr., and Ben Tyler; Cooks, Mrs. Addie Allen and Mrs. Mildren Miles.

Elections, Meetings Highlight Wesleyan Service Guild News

Nine members of the Wesleyan Service Guild attended the Florida Conference Annual Guild Weekend at the Leesburg Youth Camp March 17-19. Representing Tallahassee were Gladys McFarlin, Juanita Forbes, Josephine Ezell, Bobbie Landrum, Susie Mickler, Elsie Green, Elsie Moss and America Russell. Gladys McFarlin is Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations, and was in charge of one of the workshops on Saturday afternoon.

Guild officers have been elected for 1961/62, and will be installed at the joint meeting on May 15. Elected were: Mrs. Robert Ford, President; Mrs. M. L. Slacks, Vice President; Miss Josephine Ezell, Secretary; Miss Lois Young, Treasurer; and Mrs. Felix Blalock, Secretary of Promotion.

The next district meeting will be held Sunday, April 30, in Havana. Make your plans now and let's have a fine attendance.

TRINITY FAMILY PICNIC AT KILLEARN GARDENS PLANNED ON APRIL 20

Plan to attend the Trinity Family picnic at Killearn Gardens, Thursday, April 20, 1961, starting at 6:30 o'clock. Dr. William Tait, chairman of the Recreation Committee of the Commission on Education, announces that members having joined Trinity Church since February 19 will be special guests.

Families who had children or youth join on either Palm Sunday or the Sunday before are asked to make a special effort to attend since the picnic will also be in honor of these younger members.

Yes, it is a covered dish affair—bring several dishes just to be sure—and plan to have a big evening of outdoor fun and fellowship with others of the Trinity Family.

WESLEY FOUNDATION MEMBERS RAISE TOTAL OF \$380 TO SEND TO STARVING CHILDREN IN CONGO

Dr. Mack Stokes, famous theologian, author and professor at Candler School of Theology, headlined Spring events at the Wesley Foundation as guest speaker of the annual Spring Retreat, March 24th-25th, F. S. U. Reservation. Methodist faculty members, Foundations Board Members as well as students heard Dr. Stokes' addresses on the subject: "We Believe." The themes were Methodist beliefs about the Bible. Experiences, and The Church and Christian life.

Under the leadership of a Methodist freshman girl, Terry Tucker, \$380.00 has been raised to send to the starving children of the Congo. Terry, moved by a February article in Life magazine depicting the disease and suffering of Congolese, went to the Methodist Student Movement Conference in Leesburg in February, raising \$201.00 for the Congo and came back to F.S.U. collecting here an additional \$185.00. The money is being sent to UNICEF.

Special Easter observances at the Foundation included the Choir's beautiful Palm Sunday presentation of "The Seven Last Words." The annual keeping of the Last Supper was also observed Tuesday, March 28th. It is a most inspiring ceremony with the quiet reverence of a candle-lit Passover table, the Innkeeper, the students sitting in the Disciples places, the empty chair where Christ sits in spirit and the lighted cross—outside in the darkness beyond His chair—a symbol of His love.

Many students at F. S. U. give their devotion, time, and talent to the work

of the campus church—the Methodist Student Center. We seek here to build a growing fellowship in Christ whereby not only are students trained for churchmanship but are strengthened for and encouraged to enter a full life as members of a college campus with a true dedication to their opportunities as students.

Little Talks With Big Thoughts

I gave our three dogs each a bone. One tooks hers and held it closely, guarding it with ferocious growls. Another tooks hers, put her paws on top of it and watched the first one, wanting to eat her own, but not daring for fear she might lose a chance to steal the others. The third took hers, sat down comfortably, paid no attention to the others, but ate every bit of her own. Then, she came back to me wagging her tail in thanks.

I thought, how like the behavior of human beings. The Almighty has endowed us with equal gifts of intelligence, brains and ability. Some, instead of using these opportunities, surround themselves with fears. Others will be too selfish to use what they have, but would prefer to steal or use someone else's.

How few there are who accept them and return to thank their God for His gifts.

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