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### PRE-EASTER WORSHIP

The annual custom of worship and breakfast each morning of Holy Week, Monday through Friday, will be continued this year April 16-20:

7:00-7:25 Worship Church Sanctuary

Monday—"Day of Authority"— Dr. Sarah Lou Hammond, speaker

Dr. Myron R. Blee, leader

Tuesday—"Day of Controversy"— Rev. James Colvert, speaker Miss Madeline Wilson, leader

Wednesday—"Day of Retirement" Mrs. Spencer Burress, speaker Dr. Ed Walker, leader

Thursday—"Day of Fellowship"— Mr. Ernest Menendez, speaker Mr. Bob Brewer, leader

Friday—"Day of Long Suffering" Rev. John Carey, speaker Dr. Emerson Tully, leader

Music: Mr. M. M. Ferguson, song leader

Mrs. Tom Jones, pianist

7:30-8:00 Breakfast: Mrs. Frank Jackson, hostess

Monday—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tyler, chairmen

Tuesday—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Godfrey, chairmen

Wednesday—Mr. Gillette Chapman, kitchen chairman Miss Carol Bandlow, chairman of servers, Jr. Hi MYF

Thursday—Mr. H. O. Pemberton, kitchen chairman Donald Loucks, chairman of servers, Sr. Hi MYF

Friday—Mr. G. C. Norman, kitchen chairman Mrs. Rex Toothman, chairman of servers

### Palm Sunday Church Membership Reception

The three classes of children and youth who are in the classes of Mr. T. Aubrey Morse and Miss Madeline Wilson will be received into church membership on Palm Sunday, April 15, at the 11:00 o'clock morning worship. A special service of baptism will be held in the Sanctuary at 10:00 o'clock on the same morning for the members who have not been baptized. Dr. Ed Hartz will both baptize and receive the children and youth into church membership.

### IN THE PULPIT .....

April 1st, Holy Communion

**April 8th,** Dr. J. H. Daniel, (Manager of Properties for the Preacher's Relief Fund of the Florida Conference *and* a former Trinity Pastor).

April 15th, Dr. Ed Hartz

**April 19th,** Maundy Thursday, (Holy Communion will be served at 7:30 P.M. in the Trinity Sanctuary).

**April 22nd,** Dr. Claud M. Haynes, (Secretary of the Methodist Church Extension, Atlanta, Georgia and a former Trinity Pastor).

(There will be no regular Church activities—Youth, Choirs, etc. on Easter Sunday afternoon and no Evening Worship Service.)

### Special Palm Sunday and Easter Music and Schedule

The Palm Sunday and Easter music will be the last special musical services in Trinity Sanctuary before the new construction begins.

The Chancel Choir will present their special Palm Sunday Evening Service on April 15th. They will sing the Cantata #21 "I Suffered With Great Heaviness" by J. S. Bach. This is one of the most often sung of all of Bach's cantatas and it is the first time Trinity Chancel Choir has presented this one.

The soloists' will be: Charlotte Reinke, soprano; Nash Noble, alto; Walter James, tenor; and Richard Collins, bass. Charlotte Reinke and Richard Collins are voice faculty members at the School of Music, FSU; Nash Noble, mezzo soprano, is a student at the School of Music. The Cantata will be directed by Walter James and Rachel James will be organist.

The **Melody Choir** will sing at the 8:45 and 11:00 A.M. Worship Services on Palm Sunday. They will remain for all of the 8:45 Service and leave immediately after singing at the 11:00 A.M. Service.

The **Boys Choir** will sing at the 8:45 Service on Palm Sunday.

The Wesleyan Singers will sing at both morning services (8:45 and 11:00 A.M.) on Easter Sunday, remaining for all of the 8:45 A.M. Service and leaving immediately after singing at the 11:00 A.M. Service.

### Light From The Pastor's Study

#### CARRYING A CROSS

April is the month in which Easter falls this year. During the period of Lent, we study the life and work of Jesus. We try to live with Him through the experiences of His last weeks on earth. During Holy Week we gradually come to the day called Good Friday. On that day, He was sent to the cross, and to death. All through the Christian centuries His followers have tried to learn the full meaning of that cross.

During the first World War there was a story widely told which may or may not have been actual fact. However, the spirit it reveals in the hearts of many of the men of that era was true.

An officers training camp was asked to send a certain number of men to France. The colonel knew all the men were eager for overseas duty, so he hesitated to give the privilege to some and deny it to the others. He prepared as many slips of paper as there were men and marked part of them with a cross. A hat was passed down the line of soldiers; each took a slip, and if it bore a cross the coveted chance was his.

That night one of the men wrote to his family: "If I ever prayed in my life, I prayed that I might draw a cross."

What do we ask for when we pray? Do we pray that God might shield us from trial or hardship and give us a bed of roses, or do we pray that we might understand what it means to "take up that cross and follow? It is so easy for us to call some task "a cross" when really it is not that at all. Surely, we are carrying a cross, not when we are enduring a hardship we cannot escape, but when we willingly assure some heavy load to help a person in need or to assist some worthy cause.

Each disciple of Christ in our modern day can find some person to help, or some cause to champion. Whatever it is, the motive must be positive and truly in harmony with the spirit of Christ. His cross is to be carried in the heart of each of us, not merely worn as an ornament.

The cross for the most part means a load, a heavy burden. It can mean now as it did with Jesus, suffering and even death. Christians have found that always the load or burden placed upon them is shared by Him who first carried the cross for God and for His plan of salvation for the whole human family. The Master does not leave one to struggle alone, he never forsakes His own. It is true that He stands by the side of the one who eagerly seeks to do the will of God, and to crown the tasks of life with the Spirit of Christ.

This year, we who are members of Trinity Methodist Church have so many opportunities to hear and obey our Lord. It is not easy to count the cost, see the dangers ahead, and perhaps it may not always be easy to believe that He is with us to keep us in all our ways. Let Holy Week this year show us the Noble way to live, and the joyous way to serve in fellowship with all others who would hear the Master say, "Take up the cross daily and follow me." —CCJ.

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#### SENIOR HIGH MYF

The Senior MYF worked during March trying to bring back inactive members. By contacting over fifty inactive MYF'ers, hopes are high for better attendance throughout the rest of the year.

The Senior MYF has decided to contribute some of the Spaghetti Supper money to help the home missionaries in Florida.

The first two weeks in April will be spent with discussing gambling and the view of the Church on this topic.

During Holy Week, the annual Easter breakfasts will be served. As in the past, the Seniors will assist one morning with the serving (April 19).

Looking ahead . . . . . MYF elections are to be held on May 13th; on May 20 is the annual MYF coast party; and on May 27 is the MYF Recognition Dinner for Graduating Seniors.

-Louise Leduc, Reporter

#### W.S.C.S. NEWS

W. S. C. S. Executive Committee scheduled to meet Tuesday, April 3rd at 9:00 A.M. in Trinity Chapel. Mrs. John Sewell, president of the Woman's Society, requests that all officers and circle chairmen be present for this planning meeting.

## General Meeting of Woman's Society of Christian Service

Time: 10:30 A.M. . . . . Trinity Hall . . . . April 3rd., 1962 Theme: THE HOLY SPIRIT

Program announced by Mrs. Wesley Vordenberg indicates that Honorary Memberships will be presented in the following areas:

Babies, Youth and Adult Life Memberships. A brief memorial service will also be conducted.

### Other Dates of Interest To W.S.C.S. Members

March 26 . . . . District W.S.C.S. Meeting, Live Oak. All members are welcome and urged to attend. Mrs. Lyon Crosby, Greensboro, Florida, and President of the Tallahassee District W.S.C.S., will preside.

### Annual Conference of the Florida W.S.C.S., St. Petersburg, April 24-26th

Several of our ladies will undoubtedly plan to attend. If interested call the president. A new feature of this year's program announced Mrs. C. D. Johnson, of Quincy, Florida, first vice-president of the Conference W.S.C.S., will be discussion groups. One of the group leaders will be Mrs. Myron R. Blee, a member of Trinity's Society.

THE GLORY OF
EVERY MORNING
IS THAT IT OFFERS
US A CHANCE TO
BEGIN AGAIN.

### IN MEMORIAM GLENN C. JAMES 1894 — 1962

The Official Board of Trinity Methodist Church of Tallahassee, Florida, pauses in reverent retrospect to express those sentiments which are spontaneously created in the contemplation of the true Christian greatness of a dedicated pastor, who has so recently passed away.

Trinity boards and Trinity people have served with many pastors in their long history. Traditionally there has been attachment and deep affection between the pastor and the congregation. And it was into such a background that Glenn C. James came to assume the pastorate of Trinity in 1953. He brought with him a charming wife and two lovely daughters, each of whom has made a splendid contribution toward achieving the goals of the Church. This wholesome, attractive, and energetic family group immediately won the hearts of the church membership.

In his first sermon Dr. James revealed what would be repeatedly manifest in succeeding sermons. He possessed a brilliant intellect, was a profound Bible student, and possessed a most eloquent power to deliver a great message. Messages that challenged and moved, messages that comforted, and messages that brought understanding came forth from his pulpit. Yet his great intellect and eloquence never for a moment obscured a true humility and a profoundly deep spiritual fellowship with his Savior. His characteristic dignity would be frequently enlivened by refreshing wit, which aided in delivering his message, but he was never flippant or in poor taste.

Not only was the congregation inspired by his sermons, so beautifully spoken, and his prayers, so earnestly made, but it was soon apparent that in that great field of pastoral service Glenn James was indefatigable. The weather was never too inclement or the night too dark that he would not respond to the duties of the shepherd of his flock, bringing to saint and sinner the wonderful message of Christ's love and God's mercy.

The community was soon to know the man and feel the benefit of his community service. Not only was he a good pastor but a splendid citizen, courageously and valiantly working for the attainment and maintenance of the highest of standards of a God fearing and God loving community. His love for country had been abundantly established in the manner he bore the physical handicaps he had received in the service of his country. He loved, respected and served the United States, was devoted to its ideals, which he practiced and lived by every day. In every way he was a red blooded American.

Day by day, week by week, and year by year Glenn James went about his tasks. He visited the sick, counseled with those seeking spiritual guidance, baptized, performed marriage ceremonies, spoke the great words of comfort to the bereaved, and sought the advancement of God's realm. Toiling with his people, rejoicing in their triumphs, sharing their sorrows he gave himself to his fellow man. His brotherhood knew no bounds. His horizons were wide, and his field of service broad. He marched with a firm zeal but with tolerance, gaining his goals without ostentation and never sacrificing principle for expediency. His Church grew. Its horizons expanded. He inspired evangelical objections which the Church embraced. Its participation in world service increased under his urgings, and a great building program was undertaken. Praying, counseling and planning, as onward he would and did lead his people, this familiar figure to a proud church looked eagerly, excitedly and expectantly to the realization of a magnificent church plant to serve and bless many generations of Trinity Methodists. But higher duties and greater service of Glenn James were required by his Lord and Master and in the Sabbath stillness of February 25 in the year of Our Lord 1962 he was given the Divine Summons to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Those mortals whom he has left, in obedience to the will of God, feel a loneliness in the absence of his face and form, but there is rejoicing in the contemplation of the magnificent inspiration which he gave to his church and its people and there is thanksgiving in the hearts of those who knew him for his presence and his teachings. We share the sorrow of his family, we pity ourselves, but we need feel no anxiety for Glenn James, who stands straight and tall in the presence of his Savior and his God to receive Their commendation and the rich reward he has earned.

In the reflections which the earthly passing of a great and good man would arouse in those who knew and worked with him, it is fitting that there be recorded the sentiments which the flood of cherished memories would create.

So let these sentiments and reflections expressed as best they could be in the preceding sentences be made a part of the minutes of the Official Board of Trinity Methodist Church and a suitable copy duly attested be prepared and presented to Mrs. Glenn C. James, to whom and to her daughters there is extended deepest sympathy in their sorrow.

Published and approved by unanimous vote of the Official Board this 5th day of March, A. D. 1962.

### Commitment Sunday April 8th

April 8th has been designated as Commitment Sunday. The people of Trinity will be completing all the work leading up to this most important event in the life of their church. All persons will have their commitment cards and they are requested to bring them to one of the morning services. If it is impossible to attend church on that day, they are requested to mail their commitment cards into the church office before April 8th. It is hoped that a card will be received from every member that will indicate a phase of proportionate giving.

Trinity's congratulations go to Dr. Robert O. Lawton and his many coworkers who have done an excellent job of planning and executing this most important program. They have spent many hours of work contacting each member of the church to explain the plan for proportionate giving.

### Reserve May 10th . . . . .

The Commission on Membership and Evangelism has set May 10th as the date for our next *family night* picnic to meet and honor our new members. If the weather permits, it will be an out-of-doors program.

Put this on your calendar and plan to be with us. Help us get our new members acquainted and active in our Trinity Program.

#### **BUDGET PLANNING FOR 1962-63**

Dr. Griffith T. Pugh, Chairman, Commission on Stewardship and Finance has announced the planning for next year's budget will begin April 12, 1962. All persons or groups who are planning allocations for next year's operation should bring their requests to this important meeting that will be held in Trinity Hall. All requests should be submitted in writing and in duplicate.

## Church School Workers'

There will not be a meeting during the month of April; however, a most important meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 6:30 P.M. At this time annual reports will be given, and by this time all new MYF officers and teachers and officers of adult classes should be elected. Detailed plans for the summer will be made. It will be necessary to make several changes in rooms on the first Sunday in June to accommodate the three classes which meet in the church, and provide for a new Nursery.

#### **Commission on Education**

Both the April and the May meetings of the Commission on Education will be changed to meet on the second Wednesday night: April 11 and May 9. The meetings will be held in the Church office as usual.

#### Vacation Church School

Vacation Church School for Trinity has been set for the last two weeks of June: 18-29. Those persons who can help are urged to call Miss Wilson in the church office. If at all possible it would be good for each person planning to assist in the school to attend the institute for the Tallahassee Area which will be held at Trinity on Thursday, May 3, 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

10:00-10:25—Assembly and Worship Trinity Hall

10:30-12:00—Class:

Kindergarten—Room 202 — Mrs. Ray Schultz

"My Book About the Bible" Primary—Room 103—Mrs. Wesley Vordenberg

"Our Bible"

Junior—Room 100—Miss Madeline Wilson

"Men Who Dared in Bible Times" 12:05-12:25—Sandwich Lunch— Trinity Hall

12:30 2:00—Class (same as listed above)

Books for the school are on hand, and those planning to help may get them from the office.

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