

# Trinity Methodist Church

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## A TIME OF PREPARATION

Perhaps at no other season in the Christian Year is there as much joy, happiness, and enthusiasm, as there is at the Advent and Christmas Seasons. The air rustles with brightly colored packages, children hurry to the evening *Democrat* to see how many shopping days still remain, the smell of fur and pine titilate the nostrils, the appetites swell with the preparation of delicious dishes; the season creates an atmosphere of cheerfulness and goodwill so that one feels he could love anyone—at this special time of the year.

This is what Advent points to: the love of God given to us in a babe who was born The King. It is a time when the Christian renews his understanding of God's revelation of himself in Jesus the Christ. It is a time when we are made more aware of that healing force of Love which can give to man's life a new center, a new reference point.

In a society that sometimes seems to have no reference point at all on which to judge its works, this should be a time of preparation in which we find again in Bethlehem the birth of our answer. For to us New Life is given; to us a reference point is born. Jesus Christ comes to show us God—the God who stands over all the creation and the created. And what he shows us of God is His Love; a Love that can accept and forgive and heal and set a man on his feet again, and direct him in the way he ought to go.

Now he revealed this to us for a reason, and that reason was that we could know ourselves loved by God and therein find the Love that would cause us to go and be likewise. This Love is the "Medicine of Immortality," that which can bind up the wounds of mankind and heal a diseased people. But to be able to love as God has loved us requires, for most of us, preparation, to be able to receive and to give. Advent is our season of preparation. It is the time when through Scripture and prayer, and carols and brightly colored packages, and smiles and tinsel and manger scenes, we are prepared to receive God's love; to treat it as a child in the home of our hearts, nurture it and let it grow, so that our own lives can become enriched and full and whole.

This Sunday we feast on that Love in the elements of bread and wine, that through Christ's presence to our faith we may be strengthened to receive the full impact of Christmas. Truly, this is a time of preparation. *Maranatha*—Come Lord Jesus!

J. P. Floyd, Jr.

Second Sunday in Advent

Hely Communion—Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

\*Congregation Stands

\*\*\*Worshippers May Be Seated

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP.

Let us prepare ourselves for The Lord's Supper through this prayer for the presence

of Christ by Thomas Tiplady:

"Reveal thy presence now, O Lord, As in the upper room of old;

Break thou our bread, grace thou our board, And keep our hearts from growing cold.

The People in Devout Meditation "Peace Be With You"—Edmundson PRELUDE.

CHORAL INTROIT.

\*HYMN NO. 83. "O Come, O Come Immanuel"

THE ORDER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ...... Page 523

Lighting of the Advent Candle.

Offertory Anthem. 8:00 A.M. "Lift Up Your Heads"

-arr. Bitgood ...... Wesleyan Choir

11:00 A.M. "Hosanna, Blessed Is He That Comes" -Margetson ...... Chancel Choir

Communion Meditation. "THE REAL PRESENCE" ................... Mr. J. P. Floyd, Jr.

Scripture Lesson. John 6:41-59

HYMN NO. 409. "The King of Heaven, His Table Spreads"

THE HOLY COMMUNION.

HYMN NO. 412. "For the Bread Which Thou Hast Broken"

BENEDICTION, SILENT PRAYER AND CHORAL AMEN. Congregation Seated

POSTLUDE. "Benedictus"—Edmundson

The Flowers in the Sancutary today are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Byrd and Mary Evelyn Byrd, parents and sister of F. C. Byrd, Jr., and Mrs. B. F. Whitner, Jr.

## FROM THE QUIET OF THE STUDY

As I was leaving town about the middle of October someone directed my attention to a book that bore the title None Dare Call It Treason. I was told that the book was being widely circulated. The National Committee for Civic Responsibility made a thorough study of the book's charges and concludes its twenty-two page report with the following: "In summary the subject book is, at best, an incredibly poor job of research and documentation, and at its worst a deliberate hoax and a fraud."

In Chapter VII entitled "Subverting Our Religious Heritage," the author attacks a unit of study in the Adult Student (September, 1962) which deals with "Christianity and Communism." He says in his analysis of this lesson series, "Further, Marx is equated with Jesus as a revolutionary" and then he quotes what is supposed to be a sentence from the Adult Student as follows: "Thus Marx and Christ were revolutionary leaders." But Stormer stopped his quotation in the middle of a sentence. What the Adult Student really said was, "Thus Christ and Marx were revolutionary leaders, but their methods and goals lay far apart. Jesus sought to change the minds and souls of men in a transformation or conversion. Marx, on the other hand, resolved to impose new political and economic patterns on society, molds into which men's minds would then be forced to fit." Does any student of history really challenge these statements?

Treatments of Stormer's book may be secured from the Literature Tables in the Fellowship Hall. These include copies of editorials from *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Orlando Sentinel*, and reprints from *The Congressional Record*. *The Florida Methodist* carried an answer by Dr. Henry M. Bullock, editor of Methodist Church School Literature, in the October 15 issue, and this may be borrowed from my office.

The fact that such books could be published is deplorable, but even worse is the fact that good people accept their presentations as gospel truth without checking the facts. It is time for us to live up to our responsibility as rational human beings to think clearly and reason rightly. Be an intelligent and informed Methodist by keeping your mind open toward God, and by reading your church's literature for yourself. You can subscribe to *The Florida Metholist in the literature for yourself*. You can subscribe to *The Florida Metholist* is the fact. odist for \$1.50 and to Together for \$2.52.

Melton Ware

## FIVE O'CLOCK VESPERS

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING. Led by Walter James, Accompanied by Rachel James VESPER MEDITATION. "PATHETIC DREAM AND HISTORIC FACT" \_\_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Melton Ware
Text: Isaiah 35

PRAYER ALTAR.

## **NEW BOOKS**

The Strange Tactics of Extremism is a timely and important new book by Harry and Bonaro Overstreet. They have written widely praised studies of contemporary Communism and they now turn their attention to the other end of the spectrum: the extreme right.

The Overstreet's thesis is that extremism —whether of the left or the right—because of the methods employed, threatens both the security and the integrity of our nation. The first part of the book presents a detailed analysis of the John Birch Society. The second part examines other groups of similar persuasion. Chapters on Carl McIntire, Dan Smoot, and Billy James Hargis are included. The final part suggests methods of combating extremism—whether of the left or the right—that are appropriate to a free people.

Danger on the Right by Arnold Foster and Benjamin Epstein, is another recent book that deals effectively with the same issues. These books are in the church library. It is recommended that you give both a thoughtful reading.

### **NEW LIBRARY BOOK**

We are happy to have a very fine addition to our Church Library in a book on the religions of the world. This book by John B. Noss is entitled *Man's Religions*. It has been given in memory of Mrs. O. O. Mickler by Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Hempstead of Thomaston, Georgia. We are most appreciative of this fine gift in honor of this dear lady.

## TOGETHER AS A CHRISTIAN **CHRISTMAS GIFT**

For you who seek an appropriate, yet inexpensive, Christmas gift for relatives and close friends; consider our Methodist family magazine: Together. Together is a welcome gift in libraries, hospitals, mission stations at home and abroad. Your gift subscriptions may be sent through the church for \$2.52 each. You may also begin or renew your subscription at this same rate. Order forms are available in the Fellowship Hall. This offer expires on December 7. Together will send gift cards to your friends.

## TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The ninety-ninth consecutive meeting of the Tallahassee District Conference will be held here at Trinity Methodist on Wednesday, December 9. The Conference will open at 9 a.m. with an address on "Our Quadrennial Emphasis," by Bishop James W. Henley. During the morning the work of the church will be presented by statements from church will be presented by statements from such persons as Dr. Charles L. Thrift, President of Florida Southern College; Mrs. W. Clyde Dempsey, District President of the W.S.C.S.; and Mr. William B. Smith, District Lay Leader.

The "Adventure in Missions" will be presented at 11 a.m. This hour is always one of the high moments of the District Con-

of the high moments of the District Conference. Featured on this program will be Dr. Victor Rankin, Missionary to Argentina; Dr. Henry W. Blackburn, Conference Executive Secretary of Church Extension; and the Rev. Al Hedburg, the Conference Missionary Secretary.

At 12:30 p.m. lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to purchase luncheon tickets when you first arrive as only 200 tickets will be available.

Reports and program presentations will continue at 1:30 p.m. The Conference will

adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

The Conference is open to all interested persons and we hope you will attend in large numbers.

## THANK YOU

The Commission on Missions wishes to thank everyone who has indicated their support of the Richard Milk family with contributions and pledges. \$2,169.81 in cash has been received and we have an additional \$927.00 in pledges to be paid by Easter. Grateful as we are for this support we must have wide and more generous backing if we are to continue claiming the Milks as our Missionary representatives. If you have not had a part in the Milk Fund it is not too late. If you desire a more worthy participation you are invited to indicate your enlarged support.

## "WHAT'S OUR LINE?"

"To Tell the Truth," it's pine cones. You'll love them for Christmas wreaths because they come in four sizes. Gigantic six inches at least, large-five inches, medium large—three inches, and tiny—one inch. GET THEM NOW. You don't have any pine trees? Call an MYF member today.

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Our Circle of Concern: (Known to be in TMH)

Donald Allen Miss Esther Wilfong Mrs. H. N. Kirkman Miss Iuanita Forbes Mr. and Mrs. Charles Varner

## **Record of Our Faithfulness Last Sunday:**

Church Attendance: 8:30 A.M. 216 11:00 A.M. 7:30 P.M. 466 104 677 Church School Attendance Methodist Children's Homes 306.73 Receipts on Pledges 769.38 Missionary Special 609.50

## Congratulations!

Justice Campbell Thomal has been named vice-chairman of the Florida Southern College Board of Trustees. He succeeds Dr. Edward Pendergrass, who was elected to the Episcopacy in July. Dr. Melton Ware has been named a member of the Board of Trustees of Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia. Wesleyan is the oldest women's college in America. Dr. Myron Blee is a member of the Board of Trustees of Bethune Cookman College in Daytona Beach. Trinity is proud to have members serving on the Boards of the three church related colleges supported by our Florida Conference.



# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

## Monday, December 7

Circle 2—10:00 A.M. Mrs. Glenn Goerke, 2115 Great Oak Drive Circle 5—3:00 P.M.

Mrs. David Lang, 1475 Crestview Circle 7—8:00 P.M. Mrs. Wilbur C. Haire, 1455 Mitchell Ave. Co-hostess: Mrs. Willard Nelson

Tuesday, December 8 Circle 8—10:00 A.M.

Mrs. William Macklin, 1107 Terrace

Circle 9—10:00 A.M.
Mrs. Howell Wadsworth, 519 E. 6th Ave. Co-hostess: Mrs. Michael Zeigler

Circle 10-10:00 A.M. Mrs. Henry Horne, 2074 Thomasville Rd.

Circle 11—10:00 A.M. Mrs. Lester Lewis, 1017 Thomasville Road

Co-hostess: Mrs. J. E. Hooks Circle 12—10:00 A.M.

Mrs. Mitchell Ferguson, 1316 Dillard Circle 13—8:00 P.M.

Mrs. L. H. Paul, 2223 Pontiac Drive Circle 14-10:00 A.M.

Mrs. James Smith and Mrs. Dick England Church Parlor

## **OUR CHURCH CALENDAR**

	Sunday
8:30 A.M.	Early Morning Worship
9:00 A.M.	Radio Broadcast, WTNT
9:45 A.M.	Church School for all ages
9:45 A.M.	Advance Studies Group, Par-
	lor, Membership Class, Pastor's
	Office
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11:00 A.M.	Morning Worship
4:00-5:00	Altar Choir and Elementary
	Bell Choir Rehearsal
5.00 D M	Vecners

Wesleyan Girls and Wesleyan 6:00 P.M. 6:15-7:15 Boys Choir Rehearsals

6:15 P.M. Bible Study, Library MYF Group Meetings "Amahl" Chorus Rehearsal 6:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M.

Study Group, Recreation Hall Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 A.M. 7:30 P.M. with Church Staff, Room 212 Tuesday

7:00 P.M. Commission on Missions Commission on Stewardship and Finance Commission on Evangelism

8:00 P.M. Official Board 9:00 P.M. Commission on Worship Wednesday

9:00 A.M. Tallahassee District Conference 10:00 A.M. Communion, Chapel 10:00 A.M. Adult Bible Study,

Conference Room 212 6:30 P.M. Choir Supper

Communion, Chapel W.S.G. Board, Room 212 7:00 P.M. 7:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30 P.M. Adult Bible Study, Room 210 Bible Study, Conference Room Study Group, Room 330

Thursday MYF Study Group 7:00 A.M. Kindergarten Carol Choir Melody and Tower Choir 2:45 P.M. 3:30-4:45 Refreshments and Rehearsal 5:00 P.M. W.S.G. Prayer Groups

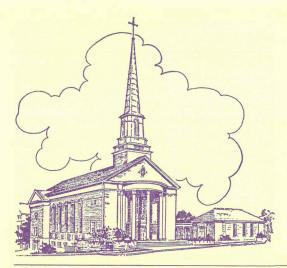
Friday Study Group on Book of Mark 9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M. Prayer Group, Room 212

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The first half of our financial year was completed on November 30. The treasurer's report for the first six months shows that a total of \$84,535 has been received from all sources. This is \$900 less than we received for this period last year. For your information a report of your contributions will be mailed you this week. We are anxious to keep our records accurate. If we have made an error in posting your gifts, please notify the financial secretary, Mrs. Ed Northcutt, or business manager, Mr. Roy Berry (222-1120), so that we may correct our record. Thanks for your interest and support.

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## A CHRISTMAS STORY

"And there were in the same country children keeping watch over their stockings by the fireplace. And lo, Santa Claus said unto them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good Tidings of great joy which shall be to all people who can afford them. For unto you will be given tomorrow, great feasts of turkey, dressing, and cake; and many presents; and this shall be a sign unto you, we shall find the presents wrapped in bright paper, lying beneath a tree adorned with tinsel, colored balls and lights.' And suddenly there will be with you, a multitude of relatives and friends, praising you and saying, 'Thank you so much, it was just what I wanted.' And it shall come to pass as the friends and relatives have gone away into their own homes, the parents shall say one to another, 'What a mess to clean up.'—'I'm dead tired, let us go to bed and pick up tomorrow.'—
'Thank goodness Christmas only comes once a year!' . . . And they go with haste to their cold bed and find their desired rest."

Is someone missing? No, I think you can see Him, back in the shadows, not that He matters. Or does He? This is Christmas, but why shouldn't we change it to Familymas or Giftday, instead of Christ's Day? We were too busy to attend church this morning. Are we too busy? Too busy to seek rest from this war-tired world? Can we continue to exist when God is not the center of our existence? Are we just superintelligent animals or men with Eternal souls? Wherever we turn, "Hell Bombs," "Germ Warfare," "Third World War."

Let us put Christ in front this Christmas. Let us hear again an angel's voice, "For unto you is born this day, A Saviour, which is Chirst the Lord."

-Wiley Kim Rogers

FIVE O'CLOCK VESPERS — "AMAHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS"

A CONCERT PERFORMANCE OF THE CHRISTMAS OPERA

Third Sunday in Advent

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

\*Congregation Stands

\*\*\*Worshipers May Be Seated

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP.

Let us prepare ourselves for worship by these words of Richard Wilbur:

"A Stable-lamp is lighted whose glow shall wake the sky; the stars shall blend their voices, and every stone shall cry . . . and every stone shall cry in praises of the child by whose descent among us the worlds are reconciled."

PRELUDE. The People in Devout Meditation "Oh, Come Emmanuel"—Held

CHORAL INTROIT.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 12. "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

\*INVOCATION. The Minister

PRAYER OF CONFESSION. To Be Offered by Minister and People

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who didst cause light to shine out of darkness in the advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to take away the sins of the world; we humbly confess our transgressions and implore Thy forgiveness. We are ashamed of that within us which maketh neither for peace on earth nor good will toward men. We confess to Thee our broken vows, our duties left undone, and our proud imaginations. We pray Thee to loose us from the yoke of our sins, to pardon our guilt and to clease our thoughts, that the Spirit of Christ may be born anew within us. We pray in His name. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION. Moments for Personal Confession

WORDS OF SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE. The Minister

PRAYER FOR PARDON. The Minister

THE LORD'S PRAYER. The Minister and People

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE.

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CANTATA. "Cantata for the Nativity"—Hannahs
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THE SCRIPTURE LESSON. Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, 28-31
THE PASTORAL PRAYER. The Minister
THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP. Notices and Registration of Attendance
OFFERTORY. "Shepherds"—Held
*THE DOXOLOGY.
*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION. The Congregation will remain standing for the Hymn
*HYMN NO. 76. There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
THE SERMON. "GOD WITH US"
*RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 90. "As With Gladness Men of Old"
BENEDICTION, SILENT PRAYER AND CHORAL AMEN. The Congregation Seated
POSTLUDE. "Joy to the World"—Held

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are from the wedding of Miss Carole Laing to Mr. Joe Terry, December 19.

H. Melton Ware, Pastor
J. P. Floyd, Jr., Pastor
Jack Anderson, Pastoral Counselor

Walter James, Director of Music Rachel James, Organist Richard G. Milk, Missionary in Mexico

## FIVE O'CLOCK VESPERS

Fellowship Hall

INVOCATION.

NATIVITY HYMN NO. 102. "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

SCRIPTURE LESSON.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS.

THE CHRISTMAS OPERA. Concert Performance 'AMAHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS"

Words and Music by Gian-Carlo Menotti

Director: Walter James
Assistant Director: Patricia Crotty

Pianist: Rachel James

Chorus Director: Warren May

Narrator: J. P. Floyd, Jr.

Cast of Characters:

of Official actors.	
*Amahl	Eddie Barnes
His Mother	Charlotte Reinke
King Kaspar	Walter James
King Melchoir	Richard Collins
King Balthazar	Lynn Stradley
The Page	James Mau
Shepherds and Villagers	Trinitu's Choirs
*Stevie James has rehearsed as a stand-in for Eddie Barnes, as	nd will
sing the "Don't Cry Mother Dear" aria.	

BENEDICTION.

## NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED

New members will be received at the eleven o'clock worship service on December 27. If you do not have a church af-filiation in Tallahassee, we cordially invite you to join the fellowship of Trinity. If you will indicate your interest on the Attendance registration card, or by calling Mrs. Lisa Miley in the church office, 222-1120, a call will be made to your home to make the necessary arrangements with you.

## CHILDREN'S HOMES

Christmas is a time when our attention is fixed upon children in a very special way. In addition to the fifth Sunday offerings, our Sunday School and Church plate offerings on the Sunday before Christmas go to support our Florida Methodist Children's Homes. This Sunday is December 20 this

Some of you may be interested in Christmas gifts for the children. A list of acceptable gifts is posted on the bulletin board to the west side of the Fellowship Hall. As the Home is able to purchase most things at prices below those available to us, it is usually best to send checks.

## PICTURE POST CARDS

Post Cards featuring a picture of our new church in color may be secured from any of the Literature Tables. The price is  $5\phi$  each or 3 for 10¢.

## ATTENTION!

Because of the Holiday schedule of the Printers, all notices for Trinity Tidings of DECEMBER 27 must be in the church office by Tuesday, DECEMBER 15. Notices for the issue of JANUARY 3 must be in the church office by Tuesday, DECEMBER 22. The church office will close on Christmas Eve at noon through Saturday, December 26, and New Years Eve at noon through Saturday, January 2.

## LAYMAN'S CONVOCATION

The Conference Board of Lay Activities has planned a Layman's Convocation to be held in Lakeland at the Branscomb Memorial Auditorium on Saturday, January 9, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Bishop James W. Henley, Justice Campbell Thornal, Dr. James W. Sells, Dr. G. Ross Freeman, and Dr. George Foster will be among the speakers. The Convocation is a state-wide meeting of Methodist Men. The aim is to launch a great Stewardship Movement in Florida Methodism. We have the numbers, the talents, the means to do whatever God wants us to do. It is a matter of dedication and vision. The Laymen who are leaders in our Conference are offering us an enlarged vision and calling us to a new dedication. It is hoped that a goodly number of Trinity men will attend this Convocation. Those interested should contact Justice Campbell Thornal, our Lay Leader, or Dr. Edward Walker, our Secretary of Stewardship.

## MILK FUND

Have you noticed the Milk Bottles on several of our bulletin boards - and the amount of milk in them? This represents the level of our giving to the Richard Milk Fund. There is still a long way to go to "fill the Milk Bottle." If you have not contributed or pledged, won't you help to raise the level to the top!

### FOR THE CHAPEL

We would like to secure fifty Pew Bibles and fifty copies of the new Book of Worship for use in the chapel. They will cost \$200 or \$2 each. Anyone interested in giving the Bibles or Books of Worship as a gift or a memorial are requested to contact one of the ministers.

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Our Circle of Concern:** 

(Known to be in TMH) Mrs. O. E. Proctor Mr. Charles Varner Miss Juanita Forbes Mrs. Terrell Yon Mrs. Esther Wilfong Mrs. Allen Stiles

Record of Our Faithfulness Last Sunday:

Church Attendance:

8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 560 5:00 P.M. 104 712 Church School Attendance 193.96 Church School Offering Richard G. Milk Fund 355.00 8,183.24 Receipts on Pledges Plate Offering 95.41

Invitation:

Members of Trinity are cordially invited to attend the wedding of Miss Carole Laing to Mr. Joe Terry on Saturday, December 19, at 5:30 P.M., in the Sanctuary.

Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Mr. Lee Everhart on the death of his father, E. D. Everhart, of High Point, North Carolina.

Mrs. Ivor Howard on the death of her father, in Louisville, Kentucky.

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Carter and grandmother, Mrs. Grace Carter, on the birth of their daughter, Martha Frances, Jr., December 3, 1964.

W.S.G. GROUPS TO MEET

The W.S.G. of Trinity will meet on December 14, at 7:30 P.M. Groups 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 were unreported. Group 5 will meet in Room 212.



# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Monday, December 14

Circle 1—10:00 A.M. Mrs. Miley Miers, 614 Short Street Circle 2-10:00 A.M.

Mrs. Glenn Goerke, 2115 Great Oak Drive Circle 3-10:00 A.M.

Mrs. Melton Ware, 610 North Adams Circle 4-3:00 P.M.

Mrs. T. J. Hawes, 1105 East 6th Avenue Circle 6—3:30 P.M.

Mrs. A. H. Bryson, 1320 Dillard

DON'T FORGET

On Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. the Service of Holy Communion in the Chapel. Please give one of the ministers the names of persons to be remembered in the intercessory prayers.

**ACOLYTES** 

8:30 A.M.—Bryan Carter, Roy Lett 11:00 A.M.—Bobby Palmer, Chuck Hinson.

## **OUR CHURCH CALENDAR**

## Sunday

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8:30 A.M. Early Morning Worship					
9:00 A.M.					
9:45 A.M.					
9:45 A.M.					
3.40 A.M.	lor, Membership Class, Pastor's				
	or, Membership Class, Pastor's				
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11:00 A.M.	Morning Worship "Amahl" Rehearsal				
3:00 P.M.	"Amahl" Rehearsal				
4:00-5:00	Altar Choir and Elementary				
	Bell Choir Rehearsal				
5:00 P.M.	"Amahl" Concert Performance				
6:00 P.M.	Refreshments for everyone				
6:15-7:15	Wesleyan Girls and Wesleyan				
Boys Choir Rehearsals					
6:15 P.M.	Bible Study, Library				
6:30 P.M.	MYF Group Meetings				
0.00 1.11.	Monday				
7:00 A.M.					
1.00 A.M.	Study Group, Recreation Hall				
	Wednesday				
10:00 A.M.	Adult Bible Study,				
	Conference Room 212				
10:00 A.M.	Communion, Chapel				
7:00 P.M.	Communion, Chapel				
7:30 P.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal				
7:30 P.M.	Adult Bible Study, Room 210				
	Bible Study, Conference Room				
Study Group, Room 330					
Thursday					
7.00 4 14					
7:00 A.M.	MYF Study Group				
2:45 P.M.	Kindergarten Carol Choir				
3:30-4:45	Melody and Tower Choir				
F 00 D M	Refreshments and Rehearsal				

5:00 P.M. W.S.G. Prayer Groups 6:30 P.M. Methodist Men's Club

Friday

Study Group on Book of Mark 9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M. Prayer Group, Room 212

## METHODIST MEN

The Men's Club program this month is a ladies' night and will be held at 6:30 P.M., on Thursday, December 17, in the Fellow-ship Hall. An inspiring Christmas program is planned, featuring The Melodears from Leon High School and a reading by Mrs. Pauline B. Yoe.

Methodist Men's ladies will be special guests on this evening and we sincerely urge each of you to make plans to enjoy the oc-casion. The nursery will be available for small children.

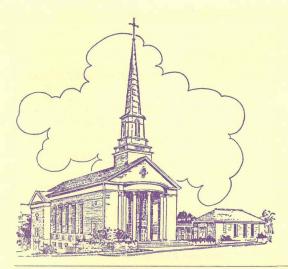
## USHERS FOR DECEMBER

8:30 A.M.—Charles Stephens, Captain; Bill Peebles, Emory Somerset, Harry Eppestine, Samuel Betounes, C. R. Yates, Gillette Chapman, Sam Langford.

11:00 A.M.—John Stead, Captain; F. G. Byrd, Wesley Carter, David Kerns, Clifford Ketchum, G. S. Roberts, Jr., Robert White, John Olson, Jack Sumner, Allison White.

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## THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

Are you willing to forget what you have done for others and to remember what others have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you and to think what you owe the world; to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children; to remember the weakness of those no longer young; to stop asking how much your friends love you and ask yourself whether you love them enough—are you willing to do these things, even for a day? If so, then you can keep Christmas. And if you keep it for a day, why not always?

-Henry Van Dyke

## VESPER CAROL SERVICE AT FIVE O'CLOCK TODAY

UNION CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK P.M. ON DECEMBER 24. The service will feature a prelude of instrumental music (organ, cello, flute, violin) which will begin at 10:45 P.M., the singing of carols, an anthem by the choir, a solo, and a sermon by Dr. Davis Thomas, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. This service will be televised on Channel 6 at 11:15 P.M. and will be heard on WTNT Radio at 11:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL ON DECEMBER 25 AT TEN O'CLOCK A.M. For those who could not attend Christmas Eve or who like the traditional service of Holy Communion at Christmas.

YOUR TRINITY CHURCH STAFF WISHES EACH OF YOU A
HOLY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Congregation Stands

\*\*\* Worshipers May Be Seated

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP.

Let us prepare ourselves for worship on these words about Jesus Christ written by Charles Kingsley:

"Who taught mankind on that first Christmas Day What 'twas to be a man: to give, not take; To serve, not rule; to nourish, not devour; To help, not crush; if need, to die, not live!"

PRELUDE. The Poople in Devout Meditation "Behold I Bring You"—Clokey

CHORAL INTROIT.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 92. "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

\*INVOCATION. The Minister

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION. To Be Offered by Minister and People

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who has brought us again to the glad season when we celebrate the birth of Thy Son, Jesus, we confess to Thee that we have not been faithful to the light which He brought us, nor have we responded to His grace as we should. We have worshipped His manger and His star, but we have not obeyed Him. We have been selfish in the presence of the world's need and sorrow. We have not taken His light to them that sit in darkness, nor have we allowed Him to guide our feet into the way of peace. Wherefore we pray Thee to cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION. Moments for Personal Confession

WORDS OF SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE. The Minister

PRAYER FOR PARDON. The Minister

THE LORD'S PRAYER. The Minister and People

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE.

\*THE RESPONSIVE READING, Page 621. "The Benedictus"

\*GLORIA PATRI. Sung in Unison

\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, No. 1, Page 512. "The Apostles' Creed"

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON. Luke 2:1-14, Matthew 2:13-20

THE PASTORAL PRAYER. The Minister

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP. Notices and Registration of Attendance

OFFERTORY. "In Silent Night"—Edmundson

\*THE DOXOLOGY.

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION.

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 100. "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

BENEDICTION, SILENT PRAYER AND CHORAL AMEN. The Congregation Seated

POSTLUDE. "Awake, Awake"—Clokey

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are from the wedding of Miss Carole Laing to Mr. Joe Terry, on December the nineteenth.

H. Melton Ware, Pastor J. P. Floyd, Jr., Pastor Jack Anderson, Pastoral Counselor Walter James, Director of Music Rachel James, Organist Richard G. Milk, Missionary in Mexico

# CHRISTMAS VESPERS, 1964

A Service of Carols and Scripture

ORGAN PRELUDE AND CHOIR PROCESSIONAL. "Unto Us a Boy Is Born—Warner
INVOCATION.
CONGREGATIONAL CAROL NO. 108. "Hearken, All! What Holy Singing"—French Carol MEDITATION ON CAROLS Mr. J. P. Floyd, Jr.
THE SERVICES OF CAROLS AND SCRIPTURE.
The Annunciation
Luke 1:26-34, 38
"Patiently, Have I Waited for the Lord"—Saint-Saens
The Crowded Inn
Luke 2:1-6
"Take Heart, the Journey's Ended"—15th Century French
The Shepherds in the Field  Luke 2:8-14
"Winds Through the Olive Trees"
"Rise Up, Shepherds, and Foller"—American Spiritual Altar Choir
"Shepherds! Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep"—Besancon Carol
The Holy Family at the Manger Luke 2:6, 7
"Rocking Carol"—Czech. Carol
"Jesu, Jesu, Little Child"—Day
The Shepherds at the Manger
Luke 2:15-18
"What Child Is This?"—English Carol
"The Friendly Beasts"
The Kings at the Manger  Matthew 2:1, 11
"Who Were the Shepherds"—Basque Carol Wesleyan Choir
"If Christ Were Born in My Town"—Leah
Finale
"On Christmas Night"—Sussex Carol
"Bell Carol"—Thiman
CONGREGATIONAL CAROL NO. 106. "Silent Night, Holy Night"—Grueber BENEDICTION.
ORGAN POSTLUDE.
"How Far Is It to Bethlehem"—Warner

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

## Our Circle of Concern: (Known to be in TMH)

Mrs. Esther Wilfong Mrs. O. E. Proctor Miss Juanita Forbes Mr. Charles Varner Mrs. Eleanor Smith

Medical Center, Gainesville, Fla.

Mr. James D. Graham

## Record of Our Faithfulness Last Sunday: Church Attendance:

8:30 A.M.	209
11:00 A.M.	347
5:00 P.M.	451
Church School Attendance	584
Church School Offering	119.94
Richard G. Milk Fund Total	2,700.00
Receipts on Pledges	135.78
Plate Offering	2,013.50

## **Christian Love and Sympathy to:**

Mrs. Cecil Bowers and her family on the recent death of her mother, Mrs. Fred Norton of Thomasville, Georgia.

## WELCOME TO OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

We are happy to have our college students with us at Christmas time. The Sunday School class for this group meets at 9:45 A.M. in Room 405. Dr. Miley Miers is the teacher. The College Age Youth Fellowship meets in the Conference Room at 6:30 on Sunday evenings for discussion on contemporary topics.

All our College Age young people are invited to the Ware's parsonage for a Fellowship Hour at 7:30 P.M., on Sunday, De-

cember 27.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The youth and children of Trinity will be caroling to our sick, shut-ins, and older mem-bers this evening following Vespers. The groups will meet in the Recreation Room at 6:00 P.M. for refreshments before leaving. Parents should plan to arrange for the following groups to be picked up:

Elementary III (3rd grades) Mrs. Robert Lawton, 1403 W. Randolph Circle, 8:00 P.M.
Elementary IV-VI (4th-6th grades)
Church, 8:30 P.M.
Junior Hi MYF (7th-9th grades)

Chris Miley, 1106 Alachua, 9:30 P.M. Senior Hi MYF (10th-12th grades)

Church, 10:00 P.M.

A TIME FOR CATCHING UP

Generous provisions for the deduction of gifts to churches has been provided in the income tax laws. As the year end approaches you are urged to examine your giving and see if you do not want to make an additional contribution to your church. If you are behind in your support you will want to catch up now.

HAVE YOU SEEN "QUESTION 7"? IT'S COMING TO TRINITY, DECEMBER

31st!

## OUR CHURCH CALENDAR Sunday

8:30 A.M. Early Morning Worship 9:00 A.M. Radio Broadcast, WTNT 9:45 A.M. Church School for all ages

11:00 A.M. Morning Worship

Altar and Wesleyan Choirs 3:30 P.M. Elementary Bell Choir

5:00 P.M. Vesper Carol Service 6:00 P.M. Refreshments for Carolers

6:30 P.M. Caroling by youth Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Communion in Chapel 7:00 P.M. Communion Chapel 7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 11:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Union Worship Service

Friday

10:00 A.M. Christmas Day Communion, Chapel

FROM THE QUIET OF THE STUDY

Last Sunday evening your minister went home tired but happy. It was a memorable day at the church. The beautiful Cantata which the Chancel Choir sang at both morning worship services was rendered in a very inspiring manner. Many of you mentioned this to me and I have tried to express your appreciation to the choir. Our new organ, which is now tuned and voiced, was heard in its full beauty of expression for the first time. Mrs. James did a marvelous job of playing the new instrument. Then it warmed all our hearts to have so many of you out on such a disagreeable day. Your loyalty was a source of inspiration to both minister and choir.

However, the performance of "Amahl and the Night Visitors," at the Vesper Service will surely remain in our memories as an hour of great blessing. I have never in my experience as a minister had a musical service that was so effective or so well received. I am sure that all of us hope that this can become an annual service. Our sincere thanks to all of those who made it possible.

It is my prayer that this may be the finest Christmas ever for you and for Trinity Church.

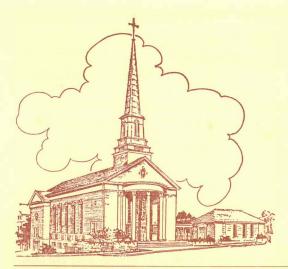
—Melton Ware

MINISTERS-BY-PROXY

New ministers for Methodist pulpits are critically needed. We need 2,699 new ministers annually and at present are supplying only half that many. Donors can help by providing tuition scholarships for qualified ministerial students at Candler School of Theology. Each person who donates one or more full scholarships will be given a framed certificate recognizing him as a "Minister-by-Proxy," signifying his special role in helping place a new minister in a Methodist will ing place a new minister in a Methodist pulpit. It takes \$675 to provide a full scholar-ship for one year of ministerial training. Donors of \$100 will receive reserved seats in the "Amen Corner." Persons interested in either program should contact the minister.

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## A JOURNEY TO THE MANGER

Long ago the Magi found the stable in Bethlehem and there they gave their most precious gifts to a "babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." Here was a mystery they could not quite understand, yet they knew that here was the power of God come to live with them in their own world and in their own flesh.

This is the season, when we too by some mysterious means, find ourselves robed in the garments of the magi and journeying toward that place upon which the star in the East shines. We have heard the angelic voices praising God and singing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased." And now we find ourselves in search of the One, born a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord—the good news of the greatest joy.

But in the present we would murmur to ourselves, "With whom is God pleased?" And our journey becomes long and hard, too far to journey through time back to Bethlehem again. We curse as we lose sight again and again of the star that would guide us. We experience despair amid the hosts, some angelic, others demonic, whose shouting voices only confuse us. Where do we journey? What are we looking for? Who and what is our guide? The answer seems so very very long ago, so distant and vague.

And yet, though the advent of Christ is a historical event that happened in a manger in Bethlehem long ago, it is, at the same time, an eternal event which occurs in our hearts again and again today. Jesus Christ can be the object of our searching and He can also be that Light that helps us to know the way. But He also defines our journey for us. We journey to a manger made of wood from the Cross. We must die in order that Christ might be born in us. We must forget our own little selves, our own hates, fears, and prejudices. We must concentrate on the destination of our journey—the manger and Christ.

God has taken the initiative. He has made the first move. But His second move depends on our response to the first. What He can do in our feeble lives depends on our acceptance of his gift of Jesus Christ—and this includes His birth and His death. Paradoxically, our acceptance of God's gift is also our gift to Him. It is ourselves. Instead of always complaining that the church is not what it should be or that your life is filled with doubt and fear and confusion, why not just have faith enough to give it to Christ and say, "Here you take it and make something of it—I can't;" and in giving we will receive. This could be the greatest gift Christmas could hold as we journey to the manger.

J. P. Floyd, Jr.

First Sunday After Christmas Day

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Congregation Stands

••• Worshipers May Be Seated

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP.

Let us prepare ourselves for worship by these words of Paul Scherer:

"I have found in and through (Christ) all the God I want. Nothing less than that. All that I know of God, I do not say that I have learned it from him; I say that I have seen it in him. And when I celebrate the day of his birth, I celebrate the day when God made himself so manifest that men have not been able to get away from him."

PRELUDE. The People in Devout Meditation "Bell Prelude"—Clokey

CHORAL INTROIT.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 85. "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

\*INVOCATION. The Minister

PRAYER OF CONFESSION. To Be Offered by Minister and People

Almighty and Eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, giver of every good and perfect gift; we bow our hearts before Thy presence in humble penitence and confession. We realize how lightly we accept the continuing joy of the Christmas Spirit; how quickly we forget all but the presents visible to our eyes. Forgive us, O God, for not seeing Thy star shining over our own homes. Have mercy on us, O God, for not preparing Thee a place. Pardon us for giving gifts to everyone and failing to give ourselves to Thee. Help us, we pray Thee throughout all of the year, to be led by the light of Thy star; to hear anew each day the angel's proclamation of Messiah's birth; and to know that Thy Love now dwells among us all our days in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION. Moments for Personal Confession WORDS OF SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE. The Minister

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 A.M.).

ANTHEM. 8:30 A.M. "Now Burn the Stars Unchanging"—Lockwood ........ Chancel Quartet
Judy James, Soloist
11:00 A.M. "Now Burn the Stars Unchanging"—Lockwood ...... Chancel Ensemble

\*THE RESPONSIVE READING, Page 620. "The Magnificat"

\*GLORIA PATRI. Sung in Unison

\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, No. 1, Page 512. "The Apostles' Creed"

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON. Hebrews 1:1-12

THE PASTORAL PRAYER. The Minister

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP. Notices and Registration of Attendance

OFFERTORY. "Offertory"—Lang

\*THE DOXOLOGY.

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION. The Congregation will remain standing for the Hymn

\*HYMN NO. 107. "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child, Lowly in a Manger"

THE SERMON. "THE CONTINUING PRESENCE

OF SOMETHING PAST" ...... Mr. J. P. Floyd, Jr.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00 A.M.).

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 89. "Joy to the World"

BENEDICTION, SILENT PRAYER AND CHORAL AMEN. The Congregation Seated

POSTLUDE. "Carillon-Sortie"-Mulet

H. Melton Ware, Pastor J. P. Floyd, Jr., Pastor Jack Anderson, Pastoral Counselor Walter James, Director of Music Rachel James, Organist Richard G. Milk, Missionary in Mexico

## FIVE O'CLOCK VESPERS

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

## Congratulations and a Rose to:

Dr. and Mrs. J. Orson Smith, 1007 Lucy Street, on the birth of a daughter, Laura Estes, December 15.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Norman on the birth of a grandson, Thomas Norman Williams, September 23, in St. Louis.

## FILM FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

On December 31, New Year's Eve, we will be showing the film, "Question 7," in our Fellowship Hall at 8:45 P.M. This frank and probing movie has won 22 international film awards. Here is the story of youth behind the Berlin Wall and the struggle with conscience to be true and loyal to one's faith and principles. Though the story takes place in East Germany, you often think of the very street where you live. It's a film experience you'll long remember.

There are places where to be a Christian is convenient, comfortable, and sometimes profitable. Simple stated, "Question 7" is an authentic description of life in a land where to be a Christian is inconvenient, uncomfortable, and always unprofitable.

Life magazine said, "It's a hit." We urge everyone to see it, not as just an award-winning film but as the very real story of a boy who learned that there is no middle ground between what is easy and expedient and what is right and honorable.

After the movie we will have refreshments at 10:30 P.M. and worship at 11:00 P.M. Plan now to come!

### HELP

Several times recently we have discovered that members had been in the hospital and gone home without us knowing of their illness. The ministers visit in the hospital six days each week and would like to call on any of our members who are there. However, they must depend on your letting them know when members are confined in the hospital. When a member of your family or a Trinity neighbor goes to the hospital, please notify the church office.

## OUR CHURCH CALENDAR

## Sunday

8:30 A.M.	Early Morning Worship
9:00 A.M.	Radio Broadcast, WTNT

9:45	A.M.	Church	School	for	all	ages
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11:00 A.M.	Morning	Worship
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## Thursday

8:45 P.M. Film, "Question 7"

10:30 P.M. Refreshments

11:00 P.M. Watch Night Service

## Friday

10:00 A.M. New Year's Communion, Chapel

## THE BISHOP'S PLAYERS

The November issues of *Together* and *Reader's Digest* both have articles on a dramatic group known as The Bishop's Players. This Company has revived the medieval tradition of church drama and brought a novel source of inspiration back to the church. The Bishop's Players are scheduled to present George Bernard Shaw's *Saint Joan* at Trinity on Tuesday, January 26.

## CHURCH WIDE SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

Our annual Church-wide School of Missions will be held during January. On next Sunday The Reverend and Mrs. James Hankins, missionaries from Liberia, will be with us all day. Mr. Hankins will preach at both morning services and both Mr. and Mrs. Hankins will participate in the School of Missions that night. The evening schedule will be:

5:00 P.M. Vespers

5:45 P.M. Covered Dish Supper

6:30 P.M. Classes for all ages

## METHODIST STUDENT DAY

Today Trinity is honoring her college students and remembering them in her prayers. A Church such as this can be proud of its fine young people who are seeking to further their education and their contribution to their church and their society. We hope that the church, and this Trinity Church, will always stand as the center of meaning and purpose that will give guidance and direction to your life.

After our eleven o'clock worship this morning you are all invited to a coffee and fellowship time in our Fellowship Hall where some of our Trinity folks will want to greet you.

During the Recessional Hymn we ask that all college students go to the Fellowship Hall where you will receive name tags that old memories might be revived in a glance.

Also after our Evening Vespers and study from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. our Pastor, Melton and Mrs. Ware have invited all College Students to a social hour in their home at 610 North Adams St. All College students, whether your name is listed or not, are invited,

## ENROLLED AT FSU (Does not include affiliate members nor graduate students)

Alderson, Molly Ashmore, Becky Ashmore, Toni Barnes, Charlie Berry, Eddie Bradford, Susanne Burress, Mary Kay Chapman, Lora Clark, June Collins, Marvin, III Cordell, Joe Daniel, Jane Dawirs, Carol Ann Dean, Jackie Draper, Mary Lee
Draper, Samuel D., Jr.
Duggar, Edwin
Fair, Nancy
Fletcher, David Glenn, Bill Glenn, Sharon Greene, Harold Hale, Susan Harbin, Margaret Harper, Frances Harrell, Hugh, Jr. Harrell, Kathy

Harvin, Kay Heisler, Tut James, Judy Jones, Reci Kerns, David Ketchum, Kay King, Bobbie Lee Labat, Joe Laing, Carole Leap, Bill Long, Daniel Loucks, Don Loucks, Judy McCain, Kent McDonald, Melissa McKinnon, Betsy McKinnon, Len McMillan, Walter Melvin, Ora Mingledorff, Ed Moon, Linda Moon, Stephen Nelson, Madra Palmer, Linda Poag, Lewis Pugh, Clelia Ramsey, Cynthia

Ramm, Ramon Rivers, Brenda Roberts, Carol Roberts, Sandra Roche, Jimmy Sampey, Al Satterfield, William Sears, Marghuerite Sorensen, Eric Stapleton, Sarah Strickland, Edward Sumner, Gordon Taggart, Dee Tait, Judy Tempest, Robin Teston, Kay Tipton, Ray Todd, Wayne Van Gasbeck, Jimmy Waddill, Patricia Wheeler, Huel Williamson, Jeannie Williamson, Paul Williams, Shirley Ann Wood, Bill Yancey, Patty Zeigler, Penny

## ENROLLED AT OTHER COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Beasley, Barbara Blee, Kathy Chalker, Becky Edwards, Mary Ferguson, Carol Harvey, Billy Hill, Louis Jackson, Bonnie Jenkins, Edith Ketchum, Brenda Lewis, Katherine Maynard, Jean Maynard, Zollie, Jr.

Menendez, Buck
Menendez, Richard
Miles, Duke
Mills, Duke
Mills, Marie
Moorer, Andy
Parham, Jimmy
Morris, Neil
Norton, Donna
Nunn, Phyllis
Olive, Marijane
Peterson, Ronnie
Plant, Mary Ann
Revell, Judy
Riser, Rosalind

Roberts, Shirley Shuler, Barbara Sistrunk, Al Stiles, Bo Still, Tom Tait, John Vason, Chip Weatherly, Jimmy White, Mike Whittle, Jimmy Whitehead, Mary Williams, Bud Willis, Lee

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