



The Tidings of Trinity Methodist Church

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No. 5

Sermon Preview

COMMUNION MEDITATION "COMMUNION EXTENDED"

"So if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

Matthew 5:23-24

In this verse from the Sermon on the Mount our Lord is following the prophets and the best in Hebrew religion when he makes our worship and our human relations inseparable in the fabric of life. There is an old and strong tendency in us to rend the fabric and wholly separate the two. We like our religion more of the priestly sort and are not usually hospitable to the prophetic disturber of our consciences.

We are fortunate if our devotional sensitivity is such that we can experience the divine presence at Communion. It could be, however, that this very sensitivity depends deeply upon the ethical level of our general life. Prayer at Church and our practices in life are meant to be of a piece. This is more than a mutuality or a feed-back from one area of life to the other. The search for goodness and the search for God come together in us. The search for meaning and the search for the soul seem to be the same search. We come to Communion in this enclosed Sanctuary, but also in the larger Sanctuary of Life.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

° Congregation Stands

*** Ushers Seat Worshipers

PRELUDE "Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord"—*Warner*
"O Bread of Life From Heaven"—*Bender*

CALL TO WORSHIP Choral Introit

* **HYMN NO. 326**, "Hear, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

* **INVOCATION** *The Minister*
Open Hymnals at No. 830-3 and Follow Order of Holy Communion

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY *To Be Offered by Minister and People*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Minister and People* No. 830-4

* "GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH," 830-4 *The Choir and People*

* **THE INVITATION**

THE PRAYER OF GENERAL CONFESSION, NO. 830-6 *The Minister and People*

THE PRAYER FOR PARDON *The Minister*

SCRIPTURAL WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYER FOR THE WHOLE STATE OF CHRIST'S CHURCH, NO. 830-7

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

8:30 A.M. "Let Us Break Bread Together"—

American Folk Hymn *Altar and Chapel Choirs*

11:00 A.M. "Beloved, Let Us Love One Another"—*Schroth* *Chancel Choir*

Beloved, let us love one another for love is of God.

And everyone that loveth is begotten of God,
and knoweth God.

* **THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE COMMUNION MEDITATION,

"COMMUNION EXTENDED" *Dr. George A. Foster*

COMMUNION HYMN NO. 328, "How Happy Are Thy Servants, Lord"

PREFACE AND SANCTUS, NO. 830-8

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION, NO. 830-9

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS, NO. 830-9

"O LAMB OF GOD," NO. 830-10 *The Choir and People*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION, NO. 830-11 *The Minister and People*

THE BENEDICTION *Choral Amen*

POSTLUDE "Jesus Christ Our Blessed Savior"—*Bender*

CHAPEL WORSHIP

8:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

PRELUDE "Prelude"—*Peeters*

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN NO. 401, "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

INVOCATION

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Colossians 1:15-20

HYMN NO. 192, "In Christ There Is No East or West"

SPECIAL MUSIC

MEDITATION

"CHRISTIAN TRUTH AND
OTHER RELIGIONS"

..... Reverend Walter D. Edwards

ALTAR PRAYER TIME

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Cantique"—*Peeters*

Those who wish to make an offering at this Service may
do so by placing it in the plates in the Chapel Narthex.

MEMORIAL BOOK FOR SUNDAY

This Sunday The Memorial Book in the Church Narthex, which contains the Memorials and Gifts given to the glory of God and in honor and in memory of loved ones and friends, is open to a *Church Chancel Window*.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES GET UNDERWAY

Approximately fifty young people and boys and girls are enrolled in our Confirmation Classes, three of which began their ten-week course last Sunday. Additional members may enroll this Sunday.

INQUIRER'S GROUP TO BE FORMED

A Membership Study Group for Adults will be formed as need arises. In addition each pastor is available for conferences with individuals who are interested in Church membership or in increasing their understanding of Christian faith and life.

EVER TRIED TITHING?

Our Conference Board of Lay Activities invites all of us to join in a trial run on tithing during the period from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost. We have many tithers in our Church. But we need more. How about you?

LOYALTY DINNERS

Our Commission on Stewardship and Finance and our Official Board plan four Loyalty Dinners for Budget promotion on March 25, 26, 27, and 28. All our people will be invited to attend one of these Dinners. Mr. Thomas D. Bailey is general chairman. Dinner Chairmen are Mr. Spencer Burress, Mr. Ernest Menendez, Mr. J. D. Williamson, and Dr. Griffith Pugh.

MEMBERS RECEIVED NEXT SUNDAY

We plan to receive new members into the Church next Sunday at the Eleven O'Clock Service. Our next Membership Sunday will be Palm Sunday, April 11th.

BAPTISMS ARRANGED

We encourage the baptism of infants. The service of baptism may be done at any Service except Morning Services on Communion Sunday. We also arrange for private Chapel services to suit the convenience of families.

ST. PAUL'S OCCUPIES NEW SANCTUARY

We congratulate St. Paul's Methodist Church upon the completion and use of its magnificent new Sanctuary. The formal opening and Consecration Service will be held on Sunday, February 18th, with Bishop Henley preaching.

MISSION STUDY — "BEYOND RELIGION . . ."

The Chapter of our Mission Study to be considered tonight is entitled, *Beyond Religion — God in Christ*. The distinction between religion and faith which is mentioned throughout the book is here given emphasis as a possible solution of the problem of reconciling different religions, and transcending the faults of Christianity when it is seen against the perfection of Jesus Christ. The presentation will be made by Reverend Walter D. Edwards.

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

Mrs. Cody H. Allen
Mr. Robert F. Jackson
Mr. H. William Tyler
Mrs. Betty Sewell
Mrs. Ruth Parramore

Record of our Faithfulness last Sunday:

Church School Attendance	590
Church School Offering	\$135.06
Receipts on Pledges	\$561.55
Plate Offering	\$114.11

SECOND NOTICE!!!

Rehearsals of Handel's *Messiah* will be held each Wednesday evening in the Choir Room from 8:30-9:00 P.M.

Members of the congregation who are not regular singers in the Choir are invited to join with the Chancel Choir in its preparation for this special service. Contact Mr. or Mrs. Walter James or Mrs. Novie Greene about singing, or, simply come to the Wednesday rehearsal.

OPEN COMMUNION

Our Service of Holy Communion is open to all who wish to receive Communion. We always welcome visitors to all our Services, including this one.

FLORENCE CLEMONS CLASS

The Florence Clemons Class is giving a tea this Sunday at 3:30 P.M., in the Church Parlor. All business women, active and retired, are invited.

WESLEYAN SINGERS TO REHEARSE TODAY

The Wesleyan Singers will rehearse each Sunday at 7 P.M. starting today. All 5th and 6th grade boys and girls are invited.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday

8:30 A.M. Early Morning Worship
9:00 A.M. Church Broadcast (1270)
9:45 A.M. Church School for all ages
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
5:30 P.M. Youth Center opens
6:00 P.M. Confirmation Classes
6th Grade—Room 212
Jr. High—Room 210
6:00 P.M. Altar and Chapel Choirs
7:00 P.M. Wesleyan Singers
(5th and 6th Grades)
7:00 P.M. Jr. High MYF
7th—Room 330
8th—Room 332
9th—Room 334
7:00 P.M. Sr. Hi MYF, Room 212
7:00 P.M. Church-wide Mission Study,
Fellowship Hall
8:00 P.M. Chapel Worship

Tuesday

10:00 A.M. WSCS General Meeting
3:30-4:20 P.M. Tower Handbell
4:30-5:20 P.M. Trinity Handbell
7:00 P.M. Commission on Education

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer Service
10:30 A.M. Study Group, Room 334
2:00 P.M. Music Activities Group
3:30-4:15 P.M. Carol Choir
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:30 P.M. "Messiah" Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

2:00 P.M. Music Activities Group
3:30-4:20 P.M. Tower Choir
5:00 P.M. Prayer Group
5:15 P.M. Board of Trustees Meeting,
Room 212

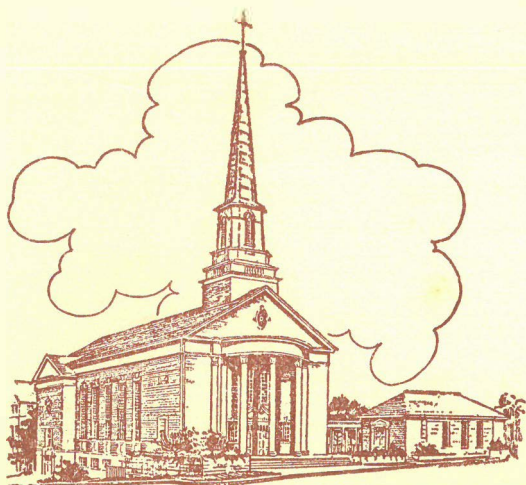
WSCS GENERAL MEETING

The monthly meeting of WSCS will be held on Tuesday, February 6th, in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served at 10:00 A.M. A panel discussion on "Churches of Tallahassee" will begin at 10:30 A.M.

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Sermon Preview

"WHEN GOD IS ENEMY"

One of the great thinkers of our century has taught us that personal religious development moves up through three stages: God the Void; God the Enemy; God the Companion. But when we achieve the third stage there are times when one of the others is still with us. Even the mystics have their times of spiritual emptiness or dryness. And it is obvious that no human being ever reaches the place where he is beyond the judgment of God.

This sermon is about the prophetic judgment of God upon all of us, individuals, nations, churches, every institution and every human relation. Several episodes of prophetic encounter from the Old Testament will be the basis for the development of the sermon. One of these is between the prophet Nathan and King David; two are between the prophet Elijah and King Ahab. The different responses of the two kings will be noted.

It is natural that we be inhospitable to judgment of any sort. It is understandable that we delay its coming or seek to avoid it altogether. We succeed in this about as well as the ancient Hebrews. We seek to individualize and sentimentalize the authentic message of the Bible and thereby pull its teeth. We pull the Church under into our culture, immersing it and muting its voice.

The sermon will attempt to show that judgment and redemption go together, and that those who avoid judgment cannot know redemption.

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°Congregation Stands

***Worshippers May Be Seated

PRELUDE "Prelude Modal"—*Langlais*

CALL TO WORSHIP Choral Introit

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 91, "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

*INVOCATION *The Minister*

CALL TO CONFESSION *The Minister*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *To be offered by Minister and People*

O God, who cometh with righteousness to judge the world, and all the people with thy truth: We bow before thee confessing our sins and submitting ourselves to thy judgment. Thou hast shown us a plain path and we have chosen devious ways. Thou hast shown us the high road and we have chosen the low. Thou hast bidden us to follow the narrow way and we have sought the wide gate. Thou hast offered to walk with us and we have chosen to walk alone. In thy mercy forgive, we pray, and by thy grace restore and strengthen us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL WORDS OF ASSURANCE *The Minister*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Minister and People*

*THE RESPONSIVE READING, NO. 607, "O Come, Let Us Sing"

*GLORIA PATRI

*~~THE~~ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, NO. 738, "The Apostles' Creed"

ANTHEM

8:30 A.M. "Come Christians, Join to Sing"—*Spanish Hymn Tower Handbell Ringers*
11:00 A.M. "Christian! Dost Thou See Them?"—*Pfautsch Chancel Choir*
(For text, see Hymn No. 238)

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES II Samuel 12:1-10

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

"Salve Regina"—*Langlais*

*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN NO. 143, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

PRAYER FOR DELIVERY AND RECEPTION OF SERMON

Minister: Let the words of my mouth,

People: And the meditation of our hearts,

All: Be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

SERMON

"WHEN GOD IS ENEMY" Dr. George A. Foster

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

*RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 195, "Lord, Speak to Me"

BENEDICTION Choral Amen

POSTLUDE "Ricercare"—*Langlais*

Receive Nelsons

CHAPEL WORSHIP

8:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

PRELUDE "Prelude"—*Scheidt*

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN NO. 293, "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

INVOCATION

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES John 14:1-11

HYMN NO. 278, "Jesus, Thine All Victorious Love"

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Now All the Woods Are Sleeping"—*Bach* *Trinity Handbell Ringers*

MEDITATION

"CHRISTIAN MISSION AND

RELIGIONS: PLURALISM" *Rev. Walter D. Edwards*

(Sixth in Mission Bible Study Series)

ALTAR PRAYER TIME

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Postlude"—*Scheidt*

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FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS: CONCLUDING MISSION STUDY SESSION

This evening's session will be led by a panel of Trinity members discussing the practical implications for our church and community of the facts we have considered in the study of *The Encounter of the Faiths*.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED TODAY

We are happy to receive a number of new members into our Church this Sunday at the Eleven O'Clock Service. Following the Service there will be a brief reception in Fellowship Hall honoring these new members.

OUR NEXT MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY

Although we will arrange to receive members individually or by families at any regular Service, our next large group will be received on Palm Sunday, April 7th. Those now in our Confirmation Classes will be received into full membership on that day at a special Evening Service.

THE METHODIST CHURCH AND THE NEGRO

A paper under this title, first delivered by Dr. Foster at the Tallahassee District Conference, has been mimeographed and is available in limited quantities without cost. Every member of our Church should inform himself of developments at Annual, Jurisdictional, and General Conference levels. This paper is an introduction to these developments.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The monthly Board meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild will be held on Wednesday, February 14th, at 7:30 P.M., in the Conference Room.

BE OUR GUEST!

All members of Trinity are invited to dinner. And you have the choice of four evenings, March 25, 26, 27, and 28. You will get a letter inviting you. And later a visit or telephone call. You simply can't decline. Plan now!

NEW NAME FOR TITHING!

Christian Stewardship often stumbles on tithing, which has been traditionally and rigidly fixed at 10%. Somebody with a bright mind and flexible spirit has now come up with the idea of "percentage giving" as the vital principle. You choose a percentage more or less than 10%, and then let your giving go up and down with your income. Seems like a good idea. We invite you to try it with us.

SERMON NEXT SUNDAY — "IS THIS TRIP NECESSARY?"

The sermon for next Sunday, February 18, originally had the title, "Where Do You Get Your Ecstasy?" This one has now been escalated to sub-title and now the sermon is headed, "Is This Trip Necessary?" It will still be about ecstasy and where you get it. Also about how much you need.

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Mr. Roy Woods Mrs. Myrtle Simpson
Mrs. Ruth Parramore Mr. Edward Hafner

Record of our Faithfulness last Sunday:

Church School Attendance 641
Church School Offering \$123.91
Receipts on Pledges \$8,191.41
Plate Offering \$125.98

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Monday, February 12, 1968

Circle 1—10:00 A.M.
Mrs. Charles Mann, 1416 Lee Avenue
Circle 2—10:00 A.M.
Mrs. J. Orson Smith, 1007 Lucy Street
Mrs. Gerald Bryant, Jr., Co-hostess
Circle 3—3:00 P.M.
Mrs. J. Kenneth Ballinger, 1037 Betton Rd.
Circle 4—3:00 P.M.
Mrs. Julian C. Smith, 1520 Marion Ave.
Mrs. R. M. Hemphill, Co-hostess
Circle 5—8:00 P.M.
Mrs. Mary Jane Martin-Vegue, 1318 High Road;
Mrs. Tom Denmark, Co-hostess

Tuesday, February 13, 1968

Circle 6—10:00 A.M.
Mrs. Robert Bussard, 1319 Lemond
Circle 7—10:00 A.M.
Mrs. John Humphress, 1503 Hickory
Mrs. B. B. Boone, Co-hostess
Circle 8—10:00 A.M.
Mrs. Theo Proctor, Jr., 1320 Piedmont
Circle 9—10:00 A.M.
Mrs. E. H. Stockton, 814 Governors Drive
Circle 10—10:00 A.M.
Mrs. Howell Wadsworth, 519 E. 6th Ave.
Mrs. W. N. Weisert, Co-hostess
Circle 11—10:00 A.M.
Mrs. Robert Newman, Church Parlor
Mrs. Chris Jensen, Co-hostess

SR. HI MYF PINEVIEW PROJECT

Each Monday afternoon some 30 youth and 10 adults from Trinity go to Pineview School for an enrichment and study program with over 200 of the children, first through sixth grades. The activities include music, art, recreation, story-telling, and homework assistance. They also maintain a clothing closet for the teachers to distribute to children who need them. Clothing for children of these ages could be brought to the Church Office.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday

8:30 A.M. Early Morning Worship
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9th—Room 334
7:00 P.M. Sr. Hi MYF, Room 212
7:00 P.M. Church-wide Mission Study,
Fellowship Hall
8:00 P.M. Chapel Worship

Monday

7:30 P.M. Commission on Missions,
Room 212

Tuesday

3:30-4:20 P.M. Tower Handbell
4:30-5:20 P.M. Trinity Handbell
7:00 P.M. Commission on Worship,
Room 210
7:30 P.M. Commission on Stewardship
and Finance, Room 212
8:00 P.M. Official Board, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday

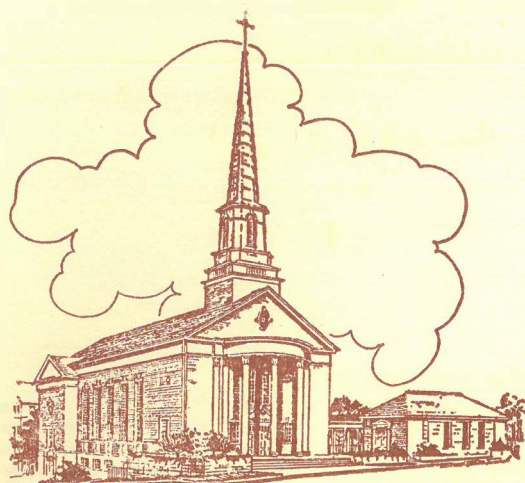
10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer Service
10:30 A.M. Study Group, Room 334
2:00 P.M. Music Activities Group
3:30-4:15 P.M. Carol Choir
6:30 P.M. Choir Supper
7:30 P.M. WSG Board Meeting,
Conference Room
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:30 P.M. "Messiah" Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

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5:00 P.M. Prayer Group
5:15 P.M. Board of Trustees Meeting,
Room 212

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Sermon Preview

"IS THIS TRIP NECESSARY?"

"I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven — Whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows."

II Corinthians 12:2

This sermon is to be about ecstasy in human experience. Its original title was, "Where Do You Get Your Ecstasy?" It will seek to relate the present growing practice of inducing ecstasy through various drugs to the general human experience of ecstatic experiences.

The Bible, both Old and New Testament, knows much about unusual mental and emotional experiences, of visions, of speaking in tongues, and of other abnormal manifestations. These phenomena have continued in Church history, especially in Camp Meetings and among holiness groups. Some of us have descended from "shouting Methodists," and are proud of it.

Why are so many people, especially students and other younger persons, resorting to drugs for mind expansion, euphoria and forms of excitement? Some students of this problem suggest "metaphysical emptiness," a loss of life meaning, or a break down of values.

The sermon will contend that normal living with active religious faith, good family relations, friends, satisfying work, all these yield a sense of well-being, even euphoria, to the full level of our needs.

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*Congregation Stands

***Worshippers May Be Seated

PRELUDE "Sweet Rivers of Redeeming Love"—*Groom*

CALL TO WORSHIP Choral Introit

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 1, "O For a Thousand Tongues"

*INVOCATION *The Minister*

CALL TO CONFESSION *The Minister*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *To be offered by Minister and People*

O God, who hast made us for joy and gladness, and hast put praise of thee in our hearts and a song upon our lips: Forgive us, we pray, that we have walked in shadows rather than in thy sunlight. Remember no more against us, we beseech thee, that we have failed in gratitude and have not spoken our thankfulness to thee. Deliver us, we humbly ask, from being so often a part of the problem rather than a part of the solution. In thy mercy forgive us, we beseech thee, and by thy grace increase in us all goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL WORDS OF ASSURANCE *The Minister*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Minister and People*

*THE RESPONSIVE READING, NO. 634, "The Desert Shall Rejoice"

*GLORIA PATRI

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, NO. 738, "The Apostles' Creed"

ANTHEM

8:30 A.M. "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"—*Spanish Hymn ... Tower Handbell Ringers*
11:00 A.M. "Woe Unto Them"—*Randall Thompson Chancel Choir*
Text of Anthem from Isaiah 5:8, 11, 12, 18, 20-22; Isaiah 17:12

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES II Corinthians 12:1-10

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

"Contemplation"—*McKay*

*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN NO. 278, "Jesus, Thine All Victorious Love"

PRAYER FOR DELIVERY AND RECEPTION OF SERMON

Minister: Let the words of my mouth,

People: And the meditation of our hearts,

All: Be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

SERMON

"IS THIS TRIP NECESSARY?" *Dr. George A. Foster*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 279, "I Want a Principle Within"

BENEDICTION *Choral Amen*

POSTLUDE "In His Law Doth He Meditate"—*Groom*

CHAPEL WORSHIP

8:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

PRELUDE "Prelude"—*Benoit*

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN NO. 492, "We Lift Our Hearts to Thee"

INVOCATION

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Romans 10:14-17

HYMN NO. 401, "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

SPECIAL MUSIC

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" *Mrs. Julian Smith, Soloist*

MEDITATION

"METHODS AND FORMS OF THE

CHRISTIAN MISSION" *The Reverend Walter D. Edwards*

(Seventh in Mission Bible Study Series, concludes the Series)

ALTAR PRAYER TIME

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Postlude"—*Benoit*

Those who wish to make an offering at this Service may do so by placing it in the plates in the Chapel Narthex.

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ADULT FORUM: THAT THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE

One of the outstanding Methodist leaders in the field of Ecumenical thought and work for many years is Dr. Albert Outler of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. In addition to his work in American Ecumenical circles, Dr. Outler was one of the Methodist Delegates to Vatican II. Now in the Book, *That the World May Believe*, he has written for Methodists on the vital subject of the Ecumenical movement. This book, for Methodists, by a Methodist, about the Methodist concern for Ecumenism, will be the subject of our adult forum tonight, led by Mr. Edwards.

JURISDICTIONAL W.S.C.S. IN BIRMINGHAM

The Annual Meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Southeastern Jurisdiction will meet in Birmingham February 21-23. It is expected that 500 women from Methodist Churches of nine states will attend. Outstanding speakers will address the gathering under the theme, "Blow, Winds of God." Attending the meeting from Trinity will be Mrs. M. M. Ferguson, Mrs. E. V. Fisher, and Mrs. John T. Sewell, Sr.

METHODIST MEN — LADIES' NIGHT

Attend Trinity Methodist Men's Fellowship on Thursday, February 22nd, at 6:30 P.M., in the Fellowship Hall. It will be Ladies' Night. Dr. John E. Champion will be the speaker.

TOYS FOR KINDERGARTENS

If there are families who have partial sets of either tinker toys or Lincoln logs or if your children have outgrown them, the leaders of our Kindergartens would like to have them to add to our supply.

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

The Lenten Study Book, *From Life to Life* by John W. McKelvey, prepared and presented by the General Board of Evangelism will be the basis of the meditations at our weekly prayer services starting this Wednesday. All who can are urged to participate in this service of devotion and intercession.

Copies of the Study Book are available in the Chapel Narthex at 65¢ each.

WEDNESDAY NOON SERVICES IN LENT

Expanding the Holy Week Noon services of last year which were so well received, we will have a brief devotional service each Wednesday in Lent, in the Glenn James Memorial Chapel. Services will be led by our own Pastors and other Methodist Minister of Tallahassee.

To accommodate those who wish to come during lunch hour from downtown offices, our service will begin promptly at 12:15 P.M. and end at 12:45 P.M.

ANNUAL TEN-IN-ONE OFFERING

In order to avoid running into conflict with our Loyalty Dinners in March, we are asking for our Ten-in-One Offering this week. This offering always comes easily and quickly. Please continue your generous cooperation.

COVENANT CLASS

The Covenant Class is looking for new members. If interested in a middle aged married couples class, contact Tom or Julie Campbell in Room 312 any Sunday morning.

ADDITIONAL COPIES AVAILABLE

Additional copies of "The Methodist Church and the Negro" are available in the Sanctuary or at the Church Office.

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Mr. Craig Puckett
Mr. Robert Churchill
Mr. Roy Woods
Mrs. Ruth Parramore
Mrs. Ina Hartsfield
Mr. Allan Jackson

Record of our Faithfulness last Sunday:

Church School Attendance	640
Church School Offering	\$134.57
Receipts on Pledges	\$1,906.54
Plate Offering	\$147.46

IN MEMORIAM

"I am the resurrection and the life."

Mr. Robert H. Mickler, Sr.
February 11, 1968

Mrs. A. E. Cooper
January 30, 1968

Mrs. B. A. Wilkinson
January 29, 1968

Congratulations and a Rose to:

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cogswell, Jr., on the birth of a son, Charles Everett, on February 9, 1968.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Stillman on the birth of a son, Eugene Everett, on November 18, 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Sawyer on the birth of a son, Charles Danon, on January 26, 1968.

Welcome New Members:

Miss Linda Reinbolt, 250 Woodward Avenue
Mrs. T. A. Ferguson and Miss Allie E. Ferguson, 3018 Brookmont

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Henry, Craig and Grant Henry, 2105 Woodstock Lane

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Moore, Terry Moore, 3515 Limerick Drive

Dr. and Mrs. Walter Moore, 228 Westridge Drive

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm F. Mick, 3320 Thomasville Road

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Peebles, Sr., 312 Putnam Drive

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Strickland, 3509 Kilkenny Street

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene P. Wilson, 524 W. Tharpe Street, Apt. 43

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nelson, 2306 Domingo Dr.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday

8:30 A.M.	Early Morning Worship
9:00 A.M.	Church Broadcast (1270)
9:45 A.M.	Church School for all ages
11:00 A.M.	Morning Worship
5:00 P.M.	Youth Center opens
6:00 P.M.	Confirmation Classes 6th Grade—Room 212 Jr. High—Room 210
6:00 P.M.	Altar and Chapel Choirs
7:00 P.M.	Wesleyan Singers (5th and 6th Grades)
7:00 P.M.	Jr. High MYF 7th—Room 330 8th—Room 332 9th—Room 334
7:00 P.M.	Sr. Hi MYF, Room 212
7:00 P.M.	Adult Forum
8:00 P.M.	Fellowship Hall Chapel Worship

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3:30-4:20 P.M. Tower Handbell
4:30-5:20 P.M. Trinity Handbell

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2:00 P.M. Music Activities Group
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6:30 P.M. Church School Workers
Conference Supper,
Fellowship Hall
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:30 P.M. "Messiah" Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

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3:30-4:20 P.M. Tower Choir
5:00 P.M. Prayer Group
6:30 P.M. Methodist Men's Fellowship,
Ladies' Night, Fellowship Hall

Friday

7:30-10:30 P.M. 8th Grade MYF Dance,
Youth Center

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Circle 1 will meet with Mrs. S. M. Douglas, 1228 North Duval Street, on February 19th, at 7:30 P.M.

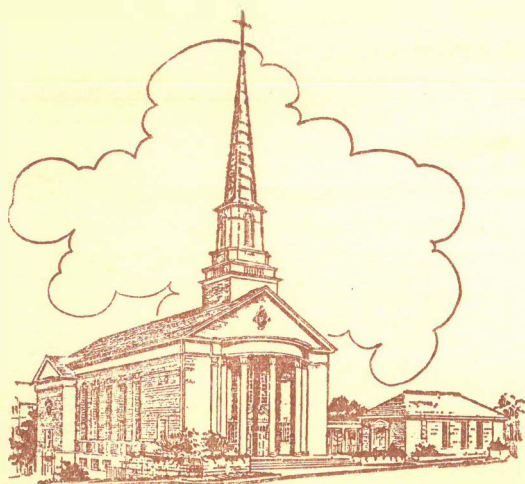
Circle 2 will meet with Mrs. Arthur McCarthy, 722 West Tharpe Street, on February 19th, at 7:30 P.M.

Circle 3 will meet with Mrs. R. W. Ashmore, Jr., 1526 South Meridian Street, on February 19th, at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Julian Alford will be the speaker.

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Sermon Preview

"I MOVE THE PREVIOUS QUESTION"

"... but first they gave themselves to the Lord."

II Corinthians 8:5

The Apostle is preparing the Corinthians for a collection he is about to take. Like many another pastor he is encouraging them to generosity by pointing out what is being done in neighboring parishes, in this case, some of the Churches of Macedonia. In his statement he gives, wittingly or unwittingly, the basic requisite for giving to the Church, "*... but first they gave themselves to the Lord.*"

Indeed this is the basic requirement for all genuinely Christian action. It is a false alternative to place a personal gospel over against a social gospel. Christianity goes to seed in a pure individualism and loses its distinctiveness in the shallows of an over-emphasis on social matters. The most effective of prophetic reformers are men and women of deep personal commitment.

So it is in order to move the previous question, which is whether or not anyone has first given himself to the Lord. In all questions of stewardship and service, this is the previous question. In all questions of churchmanship, ministry, mission, this is the first question we must ask, of ourselves and of others.

George A. Foster

James W. Henley, *Bishop*
William W. Roughton, *Dist. Supt.*
Richard G. Milk, *Missionary*

George A. Foster, *Pastor*
Walter D. Edwards, *Pastor*
A. D. Houglin, *Pastor*

Jack Anderson, *Pastoral Counselor*

NURSERIES IN TRINITY HALL ARE OPEN DURING ALL SERVICES

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

° Congregation Stands

*** Worshippers May Be Seated

PRELUDE "Prelude, Fugue, and Variation"—*Franck*

CALL TO WORSHIP Choral Introit

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 41**, "O How Glorious, Full of Wonder"

*** INVOCATION** *The Minister*

CALL TO CONFESSION *The Minister*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *To be offered by Minister and People*

O God, whose bounty to us is exceeded only by thy mercy: Condescend to us, we pray, as we make our confessions to thee. Thou hast made us for thyself and we have chosen to live for ourselves. Thou hast given us laws and we have preferred our own rules. Thou hast shown us the more excellent way and we have walked in lower paths. Thou hast bidden us seek first thy kingdom and we have sought a less demanding kingdom. Be thou merciful to us, we beseech thee, and by thy grace restore us to thy favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL WORDS OF ASSURANCE *The Minister*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Minister and People*

*** THE RESPONSIVE READING, NO. 572**, "God's Steadfast Love"

*** GLORIA PATRI**

*** THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, NO. 738**, "The Apostles' Creed"

ANTHEM

8:30 A.M. "David and Goliath"—*Pfautsch* *Tower and Wesleyan Choirs*
11:00 A.M. "O Hear Me When I Call on Thee"—*Schubert* *Chancel Choir*
(From Psalm 5 and 25)

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES II Corinthians 8:1-15

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

"Meditation"—*Widor*

*** THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN NO. 234, "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

PRAYER FOR DELIVERY AND RECEPTION OF SERMON

Minister: Let the words of my mouth,

People: And the meditation of our hearts,

All: Be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

SERMON

"I MOVE THE PREVIOUS QUESTION" *Dr. George A. Foster*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*** RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 250**, "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"

BENEDICTION *Choral Amen*

POSTLUDE "Carillon-Sortie"—*Franck*

CHAPEL WORSHIP

8:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

PRELUDE "Prelude"—*Peeters*

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN NO. 409, "Ye Servants of God"

INVOCATION

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

HYMN NO. 407, "O Master of the Waking World"

SPECIAL MUSIC

MEDITATION

"CREATIVE WITNESSING" *The Reverend Walter D. Edwards*

ALTAR PRAYER TIME

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Postlude"—*Peeters*

Those who wish to make an offering at this Service may do so by placing it in the plates in the Chapel Narthex.

MEMORIAL BOOK FOR SUNDAY

This Sunday The Memorial Book in the Church Narthex, which contains the Memorials and Gifts given to the glory of God and in honor and in memory of loved ones and friends, is open to the *Church Bible Stand* and the *Church Altar Bible*.

WEDNESDAY NOON SERVICES IN LENT

This Wednesday, Dr. George A. Foster, will give the first of six meditations in our Lenten series of noonday services. To accommodate those who wish to attend these services during their lunch hour, they will begin promptly at 12:15 P.M., and end at 12:45 P.M.

ADULT FORUM

The Adult Forum this evening and for several Sundays will consider matters relating to General Conference. The particular topic for this Sunday will be proposals from the General Board of Christian Social Concerns going to General Conference. You are invited to help us give grass roots to big doings at high levels.

YOU'RE GOING TO BE INVITED!

Yes, you're going to be invited to dinner and you will have a choice of four dates, March 25, 26, 27, 28. These will be our annual Loyalty Dinners. Save a date now, circle it on your calendar.

DR FOSTER TO ATTEND GENERAL BOARD

Dr. Foster will attend the annual meeting of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns in San Antonio, Texas, for four days of this week. In his absence Mr. Edwards and Mr. Houghlin will take care of all pastoral matters.

TEN-IN-ONE OFFERING

We are calling for our annual Ten-in-One Offering in February rather than March in order to avoid conflict with our Loyalty Dinners. Members of the Church have received a letter with envelope and envelopes are placed in the Bulletins at our Services today. Our people are accustomed to responding promptly and generously to this appeal.

TITHING TRIAL

Our Conference Board of Lay Activities invites you to try tithing from now until Pentecost. Why not? Many have tried it and have become convinced and committed. All we ask is a trial—plus thinking about it and praying about it.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The annual World Day of Prayer, sponsored by Church Women United, will be held on Friday, March 1st, at St. Paul's Methodist Church. The theme for this year's observance is "Bear Ye One Another's Burdens" (Gal. 6:2). Offerings will go to several worthy projects, including a national literacy program in the U. S., a training program for the all Africa Conference of Churches, special ministries to migrants in the U. S., and other worthy projects. Mrs. Taber Hamilton of St. John's Episcopal Church is in charge of the program.

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Mrs. Myrtie Simpson

Record of our Faithfulness Last Sunday:

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Church School Offering	\$114.39
Receipts on Pledges	\$1,373.15
Plate Offering	\$119.82

Our Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Hooten on the death of his mother, Mrs. J. C. Hooten, Sr., on February 15, 1968, in Bainbridge, Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McBride on the death of her father, Mr. W. G. Wills, on February 12, 1968.

Mrs. H. C. Dean on the death of her sister, Miss Gertrude Rountree, on February 17, 1968, in Malone, Florida.

SERMON ON TAPE

The sermon of last Sunday is not available in manuscript form, but is available on tape for any group which might like to hear it or any portion.

TOWER HANDBELL RINGERS

We now have places for 2 or 3 boys in the Tower Handbell Ringers. Rehearsal time is each Tuesday at 3:30 P.M. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Greene.

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT!

Sometimes you can see one of the pastors by just dropping in, but it is far better to come by appointment. Sometimes "dropping in" may find him very busy and unable to give the time and attention you may need.

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GOT TO START THINKING!

We've got to start thinking about next Conference Year, especially about Quarterly Conference and elections. The Committee on Nominations will soon be meeting. Got any suggestions? We rotate, and this means new leadership in many positions. We're listening.

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