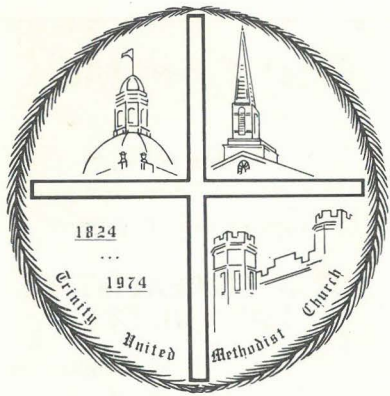




Monthly Tidings

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • TALLAHASSEE, FLA. • VOL. 2, NO. 1 • JANUARY, 1975

Evangelism Work Area Plans Television Services

The words of Christ's Great Commission are the driving force behind a bold new program launched this month by Trinity's Work Area on Evangelism.

Six major new activities are planned to carry out the Great Commission and enrich the spiritual life of each church member during 1975.

Plans for telecasting the 8:30 a.m. worship service over Channel 13, providing bus transportation to seek out young, elderly and others needing it to attend this 8:30 service and church school, developing a one-to-one "caring ministry" for new members, cottage prayer meetings, an evangelistic Sunday evening service, and other special forms of worship will be outlined to the membership of Trinity by the Evangelism Work Area dur-

The Great Commission

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Matthew 28:18-20

ing all three morning services on January 12.

Subcommittees to implement each program have been appointed and will report their progress at a meeting of the work area on January 8. Sam Teague is chairman of the work area and will oversee the work of the six subcommittees.

Subcommittees charged with implementing the program are:

1. Television Broadcast. The 8:30 a.m. service will be broadcast live on WDTB-TV, Channel 13, Panama City, beginning in April. A subcommittee, chaired by Palmer Williams, is working to complete arrangements with Channel 13 and to develop and produce a suitable format for a mass appeal, evangelistic broadcast. Other committee members are Fred Drake,

Jr., Wayne Hodges, Anna Jane Macklin, Larry Watts, Walter Funderburk, Delano Fenn and John Olson.

2. Transportation. Theo Proctor, Jr., is chairman of a subcommittee on transportation which will seek out the young, the elderly, and all others who desire Christian fellowship in worship but lack transportation. Arrangements are expected to be made with TalTran for chartering special buses while the cost and economic feasibility of the Church purchasing buses is studied. Other committee members are Bob White, Richard Bandlow, Hollis Pemberton, Jr., and Bill Bell.

3. "We Care." Chairman Ruth McInvale will lead committee members Barbara (Babs) Wilkerson, Paul Williamson and Jim Nash in developing a "caring ministry" of Trinity members to meet the needs of others. Primary responsibilities are to assign each new Trinity member to a family who will "care" for them for three months and to get newcomers placed in the correct church school classes.

4. Cottage Prayer Meetings. Establishing prayer centers in each major residential area of Tallahassee, training prayer group leaders and carrying out a 30-day "Wanted: Ten Brave Christians" program are the major responsibilities of a subcommittee composed of L. V. (Len) McKennon, Jim Weatherly and Dr. Gene Davidson.

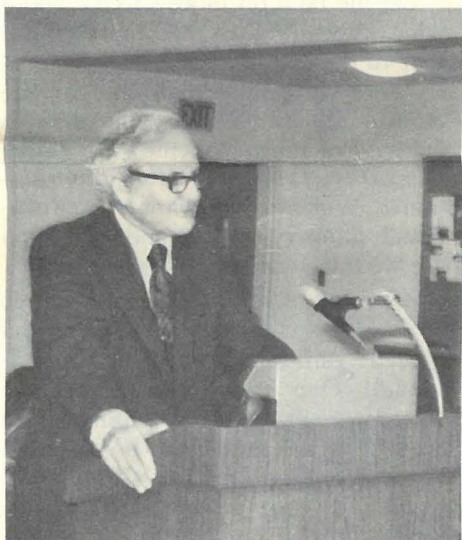
5. Discipleship Celebration. A Discipleship Celebration in May, designed to deepen and enrich the spiritual life of each Church member, will be planned by Ralph Proctor, Jr., Joe Hughes, Charlene Causseaux, Alberta Ashmore and David Moon.

6. Sunday Night Service. An evening praise service centering on the Power of the Holy Spirit will be designed by Esther Wilfong, Mary Keen, Nelson Waters, Gene Morse, Dorothy Sauls and Elaine Smith, chairman. Specific responsibilities are to develop an evangelistic musical program using sacred hymns, develop a praise service format with an evangelistic theme, incorporate an altar service at the close of each program and to encourage those in attendance to take part in the service through prayer, sharing and experience, praising God for His love.

"This (Evangelism) work area is of supreme importance to this Church," the Rev. Ed Norman told work area members at an initial meeting December 12. "It is because of your commitment that we will be able to have an effective ministry—for this Church to be what it is intended to be by God."

"Christianity is a layman's religion," Chairman Teague told work area members. "It started with one layman telling another what God had done for him."

He said that simple approach best describes the manner in which Trinity's Work Area on Evangelism will proceed in carrying out the Great Commission of Jesus.



Sam Teague, chairman of the Evangelism Work Area, outlines plans for 1975 to work area members.

Trinity Profile on Giving

Many members of Trinity has been asking questions during our Loyalty Sunday and follow-up effort for obtaining pledges of Trinity members to support the 1975 program. The questions for the most part have focused on the giving profile of Trinity.

In order to answer your questions as fully and clearly as possible at this time we have prepared the following statistical statements:

1. 684 out of 1200 families in Trinity have given pledges of their support so far.
2. The total pledged to date breaks down into an average annual gift per family of \$166 per year—less than \$12 per month, if we include the families who have not offered any support.
3. 24 families give \$100 or more per month.
4. A study of Trinity pledges shows that many families are giving the same amount for 1975 that they were giving five or more years ago. Most people are receiving income from vocations which have given generous increases in salaries during those years.

What do these statistics mean for the Trinity program for 1975?

We needed a 12% increase in our giving to meet the program needs projected for 1975. That increase amounts to \$28,000. (In 1974 we increased our giving by \$33,000, but that was the first significant increase in the budget at Trinity for about ten years.)

As the picture now looks, Trinity will have no increase at all in income for 1975. This means drastic cuts will have to be made in the 1975 program. A high percentage of the budget is frozen so that it cannot be reduced—such as debt payments, apportionments, utilities, building maintenance, etc.

In order to operate with fiscal responsibility, the Finance Committee, Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, and Council on Ministries will meet early in January to make necessary cuts in staff and program in order to effect a balanced budget for 1975.

Evenings at Trinity Termed a Success; Continue in Spring

"It is a pleasure to report a great success in our Evenings at Trinity," Education Minister Joe Mills said. An average of 65 attended each of the three evenings. The Gospel of St. John had the largest attendance, followed by United Methodist Beliefs and Personal Growth.

All of the evaluations from participants indicated a strong interest in continuing this program on a quarterly basis. Most recommended topics related to the Bible. Other suggestions were Prayer, Church & Social Issues, Works of Great Theologians, Church History, a study of the Holy Spirit. The original courses were also requested to be repeated.

Evenings at Trinity will continue in the spring, Rev. Mills said. Initially the sessions will be one and one-half hours each with each study lasting four weeks. Further announcements will be reported in the *Tidings*.

COMMENT:

MORE ON
EVANGELISM

Elsewhere in this issue of the *Tidings* you will find details of the evangelism program which is underway at Trinity.

As we begin a year of emphasis upon evangelism I feel a need to say in large letters for all to read that EVANGELISM IS NOT THE RAH RAH RAH OF HUMAN ACTIVITY. Evangelism is NOT bringing a great spiritual awakening by singing gospel songs or preaching gospel messages or whipping up enthusiasm in crowds of people. EVANGELISM IS NOT SOMETHING WE CONCOCT AND DO; IT IS SOMETHING THAT GOD DOES. It is something that God does in us and through us when we are ready to make ourselves available to Him.

He may use gospel songs and gospel preaching. He has done this in times past. He may do it again. But we need to know that we do not control His Spirit by using any of the paraphernalia of worship. We do not control His Spirit, period. The wind of the Spirit blows where *He* wills and not where *we* decide. Our main task is to be where the wind of His Spirit is blowing and to be willing to be blown where He wills. We can come spiritually alive anytime we are willing to meet His conditions. It never is a case of whether or not God is able or willing for us to come alive. It is a case of our response to the question: "Do you want to be made whole?"

Really evangelistic success is more the result of a healthy church where Christian people are worshipping together and serving together in the world in the name of Christ than it is the result of specific evangelistic programs. A genuine concern for persons must characterize the membership of any church that seeks effectively to touch the lives of others.

Having said this, I can go on and say that an evangelistic plan and program can play a significant role in helping persons to be open to the Holy Spirit and in helping them to express meaningfully their genuine concern for each other and for others.

Your Work Area on Evangelism here at Trinity is developing a program that will help to make all of this possible. A major part of the program will zero in on the 8:30 a.m. Sunday worship services. During the next months we will be developing a format of worship which will seek to meet the needs of a large segment of our present membership and new persons who will be entering our fellowship.

The 11 a.m. services will continue to offer a type of form and beauty that appeals to an even larger segment of our membership. Also we will continue to offer a most informal service for an increasing number of persons who worship with us at 9:45 a.m.

As you see by the program printed elsewhere in this issue of *Tidings* we are aiming for a TV sharing of our 8:30 service each Sunday beginning in April. This will not affect the continuation of the 8:30 broadcast each Sunday.

ED W. NORMAN

MY RESOLUTIONS FOR BEING A BETTER CHRISTIAN
IN 1975

Love God with ALL my life, not just my heart on Sunday morning.

Love God with all my soul, controlling what comes out as well as what goes into the development of my spiritual life:

Read the Bible more systematically than once or twice now and then;

Pray at every opportunity to be open to God's Spirit moving into and through all my motives and actions;

Concentrate on my input instead of "their" output at church.

See that our youth have alternative values to today's culture by volunteering to teach regularly in church school.

Quit allowing the church to have to nag me to fulfill my pledge or to make reservations for church gatherings where meals are to be served.

Support what the ministers and others preach, say and sing by creatively responding to Sunday morning worship offerings in the services.

Change church machinery to be even more sensitive to the human need and hurts right around me and throughout the world.

Consciously seek first God's kingdom and His will for my life, not running through each day without any contact with Him, then praying myself out of the fixes I get myself into.

Quit just talking about Christianity and my beautiful relationship with God through Jesus Christ and do more living day to day of all I feel in faith.

In other words, take seriously all I have decided to DO in 1975 for Him!

Basketball: Men's League Now Forming

Begins January 14, 1975

"SLOW BREAK"

Games on Tuesday and Thursday

Call Bob White or Joe Mills

JANUARY
BIBLE READINGS

- 1 I John 1:1-4
- 2 I John 1:5-7
- 3 I John 2:9-12
- 4 I John 18:21
- 5 Matthew 2:16-17
- 6 II Thessalonians 2:13-17
- 7 Isaiah 42:1-4
- 8 Mark 9:2-8
- 9 Psalm 65:4-8
- 10 Zechariah 8:1-5
- 11 I Peter 1:1-5
- 12 Matthew 3:13-17
- 13 Matthew 18:1-6
- 14 Ephesians 2:1-7
- 15 John 1:35-39
- 16 Proverbs 3:1-8
- 17 Ephesians 4:1-6
- 18 Psalm 26:8-12
- 19 Acts 10:34-41
- 20 Exodus 34:27-31
- 21 John 3:14-18
- 22 Ephesians 5:1-5
- 23 Proverbs 8:14-18
- 24 Philippians 1:8-11
- 25 John 4:46-50
- 26 Mark 1:14-20
- 27 Philippians 1:27-30
- 28 John 4:35-42
- 29 Ezekiel 33:10-13
- 30 John 4:13-15
- 31 Philippians 3:10-14

Twelve New Members
Take Membership Vows

Trinity has gained 12 new members during the past month. Their names, addresses and telephone numbers are listed below so that others may welcome them into the Trinity family:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Kramer (Loretta), Box 5, FCI Village, 878-4575. Transferred from Beaver Memorial U.M.C., Lewisburg, Pa. Their two daughters are married and living away.

Mrs. Don Kribbs (Harriet), 275 John Knox Road, Apt. HH203, transferred from Douglas Chapel U.M.C., Gallatin, Tenn. Her husband, the Rev. Don Kribbs, will also be attending Trinity. He is with the Division of Mental Health.

Mrs. Helen Jo Dunham and Mrs. Martha J. Pittman (daughter and mother, respectively), 1818 Dawsey St., 385-2916. They have attended Trinity regularly for several years and are now transferring their membership from Forest Manor U.M.C., Indianapolis, Ind.

Dr. and Mrs. Steven Smartt (Susan), 2412 Hays Mill Road, 878-3338. Their membership was moved from the Vine Street Christian Church, Nashville, Tenn. He is with the Dept. of Education. They have a daughter, Stephanie Jane, born in December.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Day (Dorothy), 3751 Shamrock West, 385-8989. They come by transfer from Woodside U.M.C., Silver Spring, Md. He is a legislative analyst for the Ways and Means Committee of the Florida Senate. They have two married daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Knox, Sr., Michael Ernest and Edward Kenneth Knox, 2105 West Randolph Circle, 386-1426. Transferring from Wynn-ton U.M.C., Columbus, Ga. Mr. Knox is a masonry contractor; they have two sons, Ross, Jr., and Larry.

Forrest M. Kelley, III, 2636 Mission Road. He is transferring from Immanuel Baptist to worship with his wife, already a Trinity member.

Members who have recently left Tallahassee include: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cole, who are now living in Plantation, Florida; Louis Zanelli, who recently moved to Ormond Beach; and Mrs. Jos. M. Plant, Sr., who is now living in Foley, Alabama.

Grist From Mills

By Joe Mills,
Minister of Education and
Program Development

IDEALIST-REALIST OR
POSSIBILIST?

George Orwell wrote about "1984" and frightened some of us by what he said would be taking place in our world. Charles Reich spoke of a revolution coming in *The Greening of America*. Don Shula spoke of wanting the Miami Dolphins to control their own destiny toward the Super Bowl.

Often in my earlier ministry I thought of myself as an idealist — one whose dreams and visions were placed before practical considerations and solutions could be worked out. I rationalized this position by saying that Jesus too was a dreamer and that I had a good example.

Let's be thankful for growth and maturity. I have grown to realize that Jesus was not really a dreamer, nor was he an idealist; rather, he was a *possibilist*. A *possibilist* is one who sees life as a possibility, realizable through hope and organized, planned human activity.

As I look at the Christian education ministry here at Trinity I realize that we need to be *possibilists*, not idle dreamers. We need to develop a *long range*, comprehensive plan of ministry for the *total* life of our people.

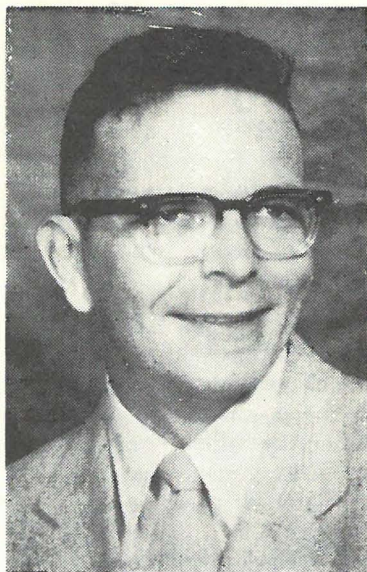
Let me be a bit more specific about what I mean: First, we must realize that to develop an educational ministry here we cannot plan only by the month. We cannot go from crisis to crisis. We *must* look into the future five to ten years, answering the question: "What do we want our educational ministry to be, and to whom are we ministering?"

Secondly, it means developing such a plan for Christian education that extends through the life of the individual. Our literature is developed for the growth and development of a person from the time he is born through his adult growth.

We can then say to adults that we have an education ministry that, with their help, will be aimed at helping their child develop in the faith throughout his life and not just through certain "strong" areas of curriculum. Thirdly, and perhaps most importantly, this means renewed interest in the training of those who volunteer in our own education ministry. It means a renewed dedication by the workers to update their knowledge of Christian education both in theory and in methodology. It means taking risks, breaking old patterns to bring creative and open change to the church school and education ministry of the church.

And finally, all this means that we look at each person in our church as a unique child of God. It means that we intentionally approach each person so he will *experience* God's love, *experience* God's caring, and *experience* God's acceptance *through us* as he comes to Church.

Idealistic? No — Possible!!! Possible because we have the dedicated persons to plan for 1984 and not be afraid. Possible because we have the persons and the resources to take the steps necessary to build in 1975 for 1984. It is *possible* because we have the persons committed to help shape our destiny. Possible because many years ago a man came to this earth and assured us that through Him all things are possible. 1984: Watch out, here we come.



Ministerial Scholarship Started in Memory of Ralph Jones

A ministerial scholarship fund has been started at Trinity in memory of Rev. Ralph Jones, who died suddenly last month in Homestead where he was serving as pastor of Silver Palm United Methodist Church.

He was in his forties and his death was a shock to Trinity members among whom he grew up in Tallahassee. "Trinity has been the home church to me across the years," he wrote in a letter to Frank D. Moor in 1962 when he was serving one of his first pastorates in Englewood, Florida. "Wherever we go and then return it is always to Trinity."

"Somehow across the years the gospel of good news, the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ got across to us," he wrote about himself and his early Trinity Sunday school classmates, "and I thank God for these teachers and others."

The memorial scholarship fund will be used to provide money for young men and women from Trinity entering the ministry of the United Methodist Church. The first recipient of the scholarship will be Timothy Jones, son of Ralph and Jacqueline Sauls Jones.

After that the scholarship will continue to be used for the support of others entering the full-time ministry of the church.

UMW Luncheon, Circle Meetings Are Announced

"To Be Alive in Mission" will be the program theme for the luncheon meeting of United Methodist Women on Tuesday, January 7.

Women of the church will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a fellowship period at 11:30 a.m., followed by the luncheon at 12 noon.

The program will be presented by Mrs. Robert Peirce, chairperson of Christian Personhood, and Mrs. Wallis Walker, UMW treasurer.

A nursery will be provided. Reservations for the luncheon should be made with circle chairpersons by noon January 6.

United Methodist Women circles will have the following meeting schedule this month:

Circle 1, January 13, 10 a.m., with Mrs. J. M. Morse, 504 Plantation Road. Mrs. Agnes Gregory and Mrs. Royal Mattice will be cohostesses.

Circle 2, January 13, at 2:30 p.m., at home of Mrs. Fannie Mae Denmark, 513 Martin Street. Mrs. Nella Thompson and Mrs. Jessie Smith will be cohostesses. Mrs. Harold Yates will lead a devotional followed by a pledging dedication service.

Board, Committees Begin New Year

When the Administrative Board meets for the first time in 1975 on January 14, officers will be the same as for the past year but a large new group of Board members will be in attendance.

The new class of 1977 (eligible for three years, elected for one year) will join Classes of 1975 and 1976 who were reappointed to complete one and two-year terms.

Board members, work area chairmen, trustees, and committees were elected at a Charge Conference in November. Jack Mowell was re-elected chairman of the Administrative Board; Dr. Marshall Hamilton, vice chairman; and Susan Ridge, secretary.

Named as work area chairmen were Mrs. Jack Mowell, Education; Don Creedman, Missions; Sam Teague,

Membership and Evangelism; Mrs. Lucy Hadi, Worship; Dr. Marshall Hamilton, Church and Society; David Kerns, Sr., Finance.

Trustees will be Dr. Coyle Moore, Payne Midyette, Sr., Frank D. Moor, Garland Heisler, F. E. Steinmeyer, III, Godfrey Smith, C. Hux Coulter, Vernon Parramore and Robert Parker, Jr.

Robert V. Peirce was renamed chairman of the Council of Ministries, which includes the ministers, the minister of Christian education, director of music, financial secretary, chairman of the Administrative Board, the lay leader, president of UMW, superintendent of the study program, representatives of UMM and UMY and all work area chairmen.

The following were named to serve on the Administrative Board in the following three classes:

Class of 1975 (Eligible for one year — Elected for one year)

Causseaux, Orlis
Coulter, Clinton
Ferguson, Miss Allie
Fisher, E. V.
Funderburk, Walter, Jr.
Green, Ray E., Sr.
Grow, William A., Jr.
Hamilton, Dr. Marshall
Hawkins, Rebecca Bowles

Heisler, J. Garland
Henderson, James
Hodges, Wayne
Maynard, Zollie, Sr.
Moncrief, William, Jr.
Mullikin, Harry, Jr.
Olson, John
Proctor, Ralph, Sr.
Sellers, Owen
Smith, Mrs. Julian V.

Smoyer, Howard
Slater, Mallie
Sprouse, Carl
Wadsworth, Murray
Wilfong, Esther
Willis, Ben, Jr.
Williamson, J. D.
Williamson, Paul
Wilkison, Barbara

Class of 1976 (Eligible for two years — Elected for one year)

Aho, U. A.
Andrews, Mrs. Claude
Armstrong, Dr. Earl
Ashmore, Mrs. R. W., Jr.
Ballinger, Kenneth
Beck, Dr. Otis
Berry, Mrs. Roy
Bevis, W. Bradley
Blalock, T. J.
Blee, Mrs. Myron
Blount, H. H.
Carraway, Howard
Cogswell, Wilson
Collins, Marvin, Jr.
Crotty, John
Daniel, Hight
Fairley, Lynn
Flanagan, Mrs. Thelma

Gallagher, Mrs. Harvey
Godby, Amos P.
Hall, Lewis
Halley, C. E.
Harter, Wesley
Hood, Mrs. D. L.
Howe, Mrs. Bobby
Hulet, Dr. Richard
Jackson, Mrs. Allan
James, Mrs. Bertha
King, James P.
Lawton, Mrs. Robert
Leduc, Dr. Albert
McKinnon, Len
Mickler, William
Miley, Harry
Moffitt, J. D.
Morse, T. Aubrey

Morse, Gene
Moser, Gertrude
Mowell, John
Munson, Miss Frances
Nunn, Reid
Oakley, Mrs. Karl
Pope, Mrs. Melvin
Rehwinkel, Mrs. Jennings
Roesch, Karl
Rhodes, Carlton
Sewell, Mrs. John
Shipp, John
Shuler, Mrs. G. C.
Smith, Dr. Orson
Watts, Larry
White, Robert
Yancey, Earl
Yates, Harold

Class of 1977 (Eligible for three years — Elected for one year)

Bell, John E.
Bransford, Thomas
Braswell, Ron
Brown, Dr. Ledley N.
Bryson, Robert
Burkhalter, Dr. Alva
Butterworth, C. A., Jr.
Campbell, James T.
Cawthon, Tommy
Coley, Paul
Cook, Murray
Cook, Paul M.
Crew, Jeff
Cureton, Mrs. Dick
Davidson, Mitchell
Davis, Dr. Eugene
Draper, Sam D.
Duncan, Richard, Sr.
Ferguson, Mitchell

Hale, Mrs. Gifford
Hamilton, Julian W.
Harter, Bruce
Helton, Hubert
Hill, Dr. Don
Hinson, Robert
Hughes, Dr. Joe
Lawton, Dr. Robert
Leathers, Albert
Lewis, Halley B., Jr.
McKinnon, Jack
Mohler, Frank
Parmenter, Mrs. W. G.
Parramore, Mrs. Vernon
Phifer, Mrs. Gregg
Poag, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth
Ricks, Ralph
Ridge, George
Roberts, Tommy

Rogers, Sam
Scherdin, Robert
Shiell, Bernard
Sinclair, Bill R.
Spencer, J. Ray
Stacker, Ed
Stevens, Robert P.
Tully, Pete
Walker, Dr. Ed
Walker, Wallis
Walters, Nelson
Warren, George
Waugh, Harry
White, Mrs. Allison
Whiting, Julian
Williams, Palmer
Willshire, Robert
Yates, Linda

Circle 3, January 14, at 10 a.m., with Mrs. Ed Norman, 610 North Adams Street. The circle will start a new study on the Book of Jonah, "Rather Die Than Live," by William Pickard.

Circle 4, January 14, at 10 a.m., in Room 210 of the church. The group will continue a study on "Our Faith in the Midst of Pluralism."

Circle 5 meets January 14, at 10 a.m., with Mrs. Jonathan Bliss, 502 Glenview Drive. Mrs. E. K. Oakley will present excerpts from writings by Dr. Leslie Weatherhead.

Circle 6 meets January 14, at 10 a.m., with Mrs. E. P. Dunaway, 908 Pine Street.

Circle 7, January 14, at 10 a.m., with Mrs. Allison White, 649 E. College Avenue. Mrs. Eaton Burr will read "The Other Wiseman" by Henry Van Dyke.

Circle 8, January 14, 9:30 a.m., with Mrs. Palmer Williams and Mrs. Keith Phelps, hostesses, in the Church Parlor. Don Rapp will be the speaker.

Circle 9, January 14, at 10 a.m., with Mrs. Robert Peirce, 2608 Lotus Drive. The group plans to visit nursing homes.

Circle 11, January 9, at 7:30 p.m., with Mrs. Martin Cook, 407 Berkshire Drive. The program will be a discussion on communication, using the material, "To Meet, to Touch, to Know."

Circle 13, January 14, 8 p.m., with Mrs. J. P. Love, 921 Maplewood Avenue. Louise Leathers will present a program on problems of the handicapped.

Committee on Pastor - Parish Relations — Godfrey Smith, Chairman; Dr. Griffith Pugh, Mrs. Jim Blackburn, Fred Tyler, J. D. Williamson, Frank Moor, Dr. Coyle Moore, Walter Funderburk, Palmer Williams, Lay members of Annual Conference.

Lay Members of Annual Conference — *Owen Sellers, *Wayne Hodges, *Mrs. R. W. Ashmore, Jr. (*Ex officio member of Administrative Board). **Alternates** — Ken Ballinger, L. V. McKinnon, Mrs. James D. Sauls.

Parsonage Committee — Mrs. J. D. Williamson, Mrs. Fred Drake, Sr., Mrs. Louis Hill, Mrs. F. E. Steinmeyer, Jr., and two Trustees appointed by the Board of Trustees.

Lay Leader — Dr. Griffith Pugh.

Committee on Finance (includes Stewardship Work Area) — Chairman, David Kerns, Sr.; Pastor, Ed W. Norman; Chairman of Administrative Board, Jack Mowell; Chairman of Council on Ministries, Dr. Robert V. Peirce; Church Treasurer, Spencer Burrell; Chairman of Stewardship Work Area; one Trustee, to be elected by Trustees; the lay leader, Dr. Griffith Pugh; and Len McKinnon, Lynn Fairley, Wayne Hodges, Karl Oakley, Carlton Rhodes, Madeline Rolland, Robert White, Palmer Williams, Bernard Shiell, John Olson.

Committee on Nominations — 1975: Vernon Parramore, Mrs. Spencer Burrell, Jack Mowell; 1976: Mrs. Robert Taylor, Fred Tyler.

Age Level Coordinators — Family Ministry, Robert White; Younger Children, Mrs. James Blackburn; Children, Mrs. C. A. Butterworth, Mrs. Nelson Walters; Youth, (not filled); Adults, Dr. Harvel N. Dawirs.

Commissions and Committees:

Education Work Area — Mrs. Jack Mowell (chairperson), Richard Bandlow, Mrs. J. A. Bliss, Mrs. J. O. Blackburn, Jr., Mrs. Nelson Walters, Mrs. Orlis Causseaux, Mrs. Wilda Clowers, Miss Carolyn Hart, Mrs. Nancy Kerce, Miss Mary Schornherst, Mr. Burke Scisson, Mrs. Owen Sellers, Mrs. George Warren, Mrs. Rose Howe, Judge Ben C. Willis, Mrs. Robert Willshire, Mr. Jerry Williamson, Mrs. A. P. Wimberly, Mrs. Ruth McInvale, Mrs. Murray Cook, Mr. Robert White, Mrs. C. A. Butterworth, Jr., Dr. Harvel N. Dawirs, Mrs. Bradley Busacco and church school class representatives.

Membership and Evangelism — Mr. Sam Teague (chairperson), Mr. Walter C. Funderburk, Jr., Mr. Robert White, Mr. Larry C. Watts, Dr. Joe Hughes, Mr. Nelson Walters, Mr. John Olson, Mr. Palmer Williams, Mr. Wayne Hodges, Mr. Hollis O. Pemberton, Jr., Mrs. Dorothy Sauls, Mrs. Barbara Wilkison, Mrs. Orlis Causseaux, Mrs. Ruth McInvale, Mrs. Alberta Ashmore, Mrs. Anna Jane Macklin, Mrs. Clara B. Larson, Mrs. Mary Keen, Mrs. Jennings Rehwinkel, Miss Esther Wilfong, Mr. Gene Morse, Mr. David Moon, Mr. Bill Bell, Mr. Richard Almarode, Mr. Richard Bandlow, Dr. Gene Davidson, Mr. Len McKinnon, Mrs. Julian Smith, Mr. James Weatherly.

Worship Work Area — Mrs. Lucy Hadi (chairperson), Mr. Mitchell Ferguson, Mr. S. Gordon Rogers, Mr. George Ridge, Mr. Walter Funderburk (Usher Committee), Mrs. W. N. Weisert (Altar Flowers Committee), Mr. Jim Blackburn, Mrs. Suzanne Skipper (Acolyte Coordinator), Mr. and Mrs. Walter James, Mrs. Harry Miley, Mrs. Dorothy Sauls (Communion Steward), Mr. Robert Parker, Jr.

Church and Society Work Area — Dr. Marshall Hamilton (chairperson), Mrs. Marshall Hamilton, Mrs. Carol Anderson, Miss Diane Bevis, Mrs. Peggy Busacco, Miss Inez Downer, Dr. Gregg Phifer, Miss Margaret Kassouny, Mrs. Lucy Hadi, Mr. Orlis Causseaux, Mrs. Lavinia Short, Mrs. Rebecca Hawkins, Mrs. Violet Pearce, Mr. Tom Ingle, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mickler, Mrs. Melvin Pope, Mrs. Frances Pemberton, Mrs. George Burns.

Commission on Missions — Mr. Don Creedman (chairperson), Miss Martha Chapman, Barbara Ainsworth, Dr. Harvel N. Dawirs, Owen Sellers, Howard Smoyer, Romulus Thompson, Mrs. Eugene Borda.

Ecumenical Affairs — (not filled).

Nursing Home Visitation — Jessie Moon, Miss Mary Schornherst.

Newspaper — Linda Yates, Gene Morse, Wayne Hodges, Dr. Harvel Dawirs, John Crotty, Jim Nash.

Senior High Boys: Basketball: Sign Up Now!!!

Games on Saturdays, Begins January

Age: 16-18

Contact: Jeb Blackburn/Bill James

Stewardship Is More Than Giving Money

"God wants man to give his whole self, not just 10 percent," Miss Tricia Patterson of the United Methodist Church Board of Discipleship, Nashville, told the Senior High church school class on December 15.

"Stewardship is more than giving money; it is being a steward of the life God has given you, developing yourself so that you can reach out to others," Miss Patterson said.

Still a teenager herself, she has been working in the area of youth stewardship for four months and is traveling across the country to find out what young people are doing in that area. Her findings will be a guide in developing a stewardship program for United Methodist youth.

"Young people are less involved in social movements than they were five years ago. The economy has made them more job conscious and they are training themselves in areas where jobs will be available," she reported.

The Senior High class discussed with her the problems of a polluted environment and the need for educating people to become more aware of the problem and recognizing their responsibility to human kind.

"Stewardship is revealed as the life style of a Christian," she told the group. "Life is a free gift; we have a responsibility to be a full partner with God."

The Trinity class is currently involved in a study, "You Are an Environment."

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
Give me a Light that I may tread safely into the unknown!
And he replied: Go out into the darkness and put thine hand into the hand of God. That shall be to thee better than light and safer than a known way.

Appeal Made for Adult Foster Homes

The State Division of Family Services is seeking foster homes for adults. Caretakers who provide foster home care are entitled to receive \$200 per month from people who receive the foster home services.

The Adult Foster Home Care Program serves people who are unable to live alone in their community. These adults need and desire the support and security which family life provides. Arrangements are made only when the adult needing care and the prospective family can mutually benefit from the relationship.

For more information regarding Adult Foster Homes, contact the Division of Family Services at 488-7839.

You Could Help Fill This Space

Is there a program or activity at Trinity that you feel needs greater attention? The *Monthly Tidings* wishes to communicate all things that will help the Church and her members work more effectively for God.

Each member can help by submitting information or sources of information to the editorial staff or to the Church office. Each month's deadline is printed below adjacent to the mailing label.

Reviews of inspirational books, original poems and devotions are also desired. The editorial staff would like to begin a member-written devotional message each month. Please submit those you would like to share to the Church office.

NOT JUST THEIR PROBLEM

Often little children are faced with towering problems of health, learning, and home care . . . and not enough to go around.

Through the United Methodist Child Support program, more than a million children around the world are receiving the basic, individualized assistance they need.

Here are examples of where this support is directed:

In West Africa, famine is causing a desperate situation for hundreds of thousands of people, including children.

In Appalachia, Red Bird Mission and Henderson Settlement provide child care programs that ease the pain of isolation and poverty.

In South India, a Sheltered Workshop pilot program offers special education for mentally-handicapped children.



Here is an opportunity to give through a channel where every dollar given goes for the care of the child. Administrative and promotional overhead is covered by World Service and One Great Hour of Sharing contributions.

Choose how your gift will be transformed into love and hope by filling out the form below:

Please send your gift through Trinity or direct to:

United Methodist Child Support Program
475 Riverside Drive, Room 1439
New York, N. Y. 10027

Here is my gift of \$ _____

Please send my gift through the Division checked below:

WORLD DIVISION

- ☐ South India; mentally handicapped children

NATIONAL DIVISION

- ☐ Red Bird Mission
☐ Henderson Settlement

UMCOR

- ☐ Child Victims of the West African Famine

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church _____

The United Methodist Child Support Program is an official program of the General Board of Global Ministries with all child care institutions approved as General Advance Specials.

Members Decline, Giving Increases

Newscope, national weekly newsletter for United Methodists, reported in its December 6, 1974, issue that membership in the United Methodist Church in the U. S. is going down, but giving is increasing.

Total membership nationwide is 10,063,046, down 129,219 from a year ago. At the same time, giving increased 4.5% to an adjusted total of \$131,782,000 for all benevolent causes.

The publication reported that average attendance is 3,612,480 at the principal weekly worship service in 39,195 local churches, down 18,781. Church school membership fell 236,208 to 4,930,475.

Monthly Tidings

Vol. 2, No. 1, January, 1975
Published Monthly by
Trinity United Methodist Church
Park and Duval
P. O. Box 1086
Tallahassee, Florida 32302

Ed W. Norman, Minister
Harold B. Brown, Jr.,
Joe A. Mills,
Associate Ministers
Editorial Staff
Linda H. Yates, Cathi Peirce,
Gene Morse, Jim Nash,
February Deadline: Jan. 20

Second Class Postage Paid
at Tallahassee, Florida

Mr. & Mrs. James D. Plant
2008 E. Forest Dr.
Tallahassee, Fla. 32303