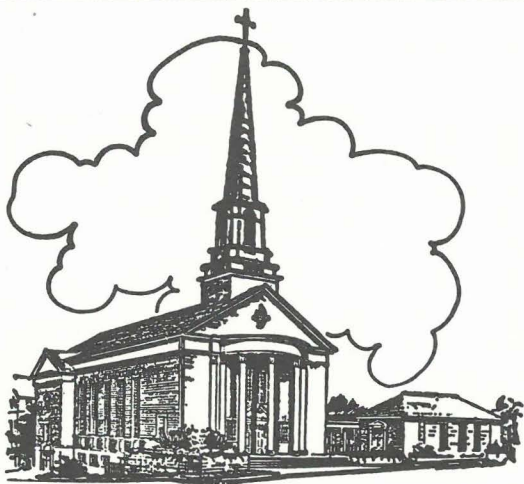




Monthly Tidings

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Charge Conference Votes Approval for Licensing

Peggy Busacco was approved by a special charge conference at Trinity on February 11 to be licensed to preach.

It was the first formal step toward the ministry of the United Methodist Church for the 22-year-old, who in high school, "realized that the Church is the most important part of my life; if I do anything to make the lives of people better, I knew it would have to be through the Church."

She spoke of this strong commitment to the Charge Conference, which voted approval 75 to one. She is now taking a special correspondence course through the United Methodist Church in Nashville to prepare for the next step: formal approval and licensing by the District Board of Ministry and the Florida Conference and appointment as a lay pastor.

Peggy is following this procedure because although she hopes to go to seminary someday she isn't able to now. She was graduated from FSU in December summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in religion, and her husband, Bradley, expects to complete work in premedicine at FSU soon. He will then enter medical school, probably at the University of Florida. With a license to preach, Peggy could be appointed to any job in the church except administering sacraments.

Working in churches has occupied a great deal of Peggy's time since a teenager in her hometown of Harrisburg, Pa. She worked with children and youth groups and even preached at the Darry Street Methodist Church there. She played the piano and sang as soloist with the choir.

At Trinity she works with the nursery and teaches the sixth grade with her husband and Jack and Pam McKinnon. Last month their church school class presented "Everyman" at a churchwide covered dish supper.

Although they have been attending Trinity since they came to Tallahassee in December 1972, Peggy and Brad Basacco became members of Trinity in January.

Peggy says she has found support and encouragement from just about everyone she has met and appreciates the democratic attitude of the United Methodist Church. Its Discipline states that women are not to be excluded from any jobs in the church. In a recent survey, the United Methodist Church was one of the leading denominations with women serving as ministers.

Peggy thinks that she might like to be a chaplain in a hospital someday since her husband will be in the medical profession. Right now she would be content with any type job as long as she is able to use her talents and share herself with others.



Peggy Busacco

Trinity Financial Picture Brightens

When the members of Trinity became aware of the need they responded, Financial Committee Chairman David Kerns said. Pledges were increased, new pledges were made, and more pledges and gifts are still arriving in the church office. Trinity will be able to carry out its full proposed program for 1975.

The financial picture, as presented to the Administrative Board on February 11, is as follows:

*Cash Carry Over from 1974 ...	\$ 25,645.60
Pledges	218,000.00
Plate Offering estimate	6,500.00
Kitchen & Food Services	2,500.00
Miscellaneous & Special gifts ...	13,350.40
TOTAL	\$266,000.00

*A large carry-over is customary at Trinity because of a large number of big gifts received in December each year.

Also reported at the Administrative Board meeting was a detailed description of income and expenditures for the month of January:

Received:	
On pledges	\$18,712.21
Plate Offering	563.85
Kitchen-Food	145.68
Misc.-Special	3,682.66
Non Budgetary	1,058.00

TOTAL Received in Jan.\$24,162.40

Disbursements:	
Benevolences	\$ 4,331.00
Ministerial Support	3,512.50
Lay Salaries	4,463.45
Promotion/Program	1,090.53
Office	1,075.07
Property	5,620.02
Miscellaneous	73.05
Non Budgetary	389.30

TOTAL Disbursements in Jan.\$20,554.92

TOTAL Funds on Hand Jan. 31\$29,253.08

EVENINGS AT TRINITY

SPRING 1975

FIVE MONDAY NIGHTS

March 3 - March 31, 1975

7:30 - 9:00 P.M.

Courses Offered:

BIBLE: LUKE-ACTS
Rev. David Brazelton, leader
Pastor, Killearn UMC

THE HOLY SPIRIT
Peter Butzin, leader
Director,
United Ministries Center

MAJOR CHRISTIAN BELIEFS
Rev. Harold Brown, leader
Associate Pastor, Trinity UMC

Evenings at Trinity, Spring 1975, will be here at Trinity. Courses offered in conjunction with the Tallahassee District School of Christian Studies.

Traditional Holy Week Breakfasts Are Scheduled for March 24-27

Trinity's traditional Holy Week breakfasts will be Monday through Thursday, March 24-27, according to Jerry Williamson, Jr., and Lisa Miley, chairpersons.

Singing and an inspirational message will begin each day at 7 a.m. in the sanctuary. Breakfast will follow at 7:15 in Fellowship Hall. Persons will be able to leave for work or school by 7:45, Williamson said.

Choraliers' Spring Tour Stops at Trinity

The Candler Choraliers of Emory University's Candler School of Theology will be in concert in the Trinity Sanctuary Friday evening, March 14, at 8 p.m.

Their concert will be a balance of sacred and secular music. The program will last slightly more than an hour with a short intermission. This is the first stop of their annual spring tour. Following their concert here they will travel to Mississippi and Alabama.

The Choraliers are composed of students currently enrolled in the Theology School. Although the group has been basically male this year there is the possibility of two or three female members coming on tour. All are working toward degrees in various fields of ministerial service.

One of Trinity's responsibilities to this group is for housing following their concert Friday evening. If you would like to offer your home for two persons, please contact one of the pastors.

Worship Work Area Plans 'Metamorphosis'

The Worship work area at Trinity is sponsoring "Metamorphosis, 1975," in March.

Metamorphosis in Sound will be the choir's performance of the Schubert *Mass in G* at 11 a.m., March 16, in the sanctuary.

That Sunday afternoon, arts and crafts exhibits will be set up in the Fellowship Hall, and that evening Metamorphosis Sharing will be a contemporary worship celebration of the arts.

Metamorphosis Sensitivity will be Monday evening, March 17, with literary readings focusing on the human condition.

Metamorphosis Syncopation will be Tuesday evening, March 18, when Tommy Wright will present the complete "American in Paris." A reception will follow this event in the Fellowship Hall.

Metamorphosis Sight will feature slides of God's creation, flowers, trees, hills, birds, mountains, chamber music on Wednesday evening, March 19.

Persons wishing to help in planning this spring celebration should call Lucy Hadi, Worship area chairperson, at 877-1971, or Harold Brown, at 222-1120.

Food will be prepared by adult church school classes and served by the youth of the church. Cooks for each morning and the speakers will be announced in a later edition of the weekly *Tidings*.

Hollis Pemberton, Sr., has agreed to demonstrate his biscuit-cooking expertise one morning, Williamson said. If other members of Trinity have a breakfast "specialty" that lends itself to feeding a crowd, they may volunteer themselves as a cook one morning by telephoning Mrs. Miley at the church office.

Holy Week devotionals began at Trinity in the 1920's by the Epworth League, predecessor to Methodist Youth Fellowship. In 1936, the early morning services had already become a tradition and were held in a classroom in the basement of the church.

In the middle 40's several people decided to add breakfast on Good Friday, and met at the Tallahassee Cafe (on Adams Street opposite the Baptist Church). Later they met at the old Busy Bee. Before long they added doughnuts and coffee after each service at the church and later expanded to the present full breakfast.

If the Holy Week breakfasts are well attended, Williamson said similar breakfasts may be planned for the week preceding Christmas.

Chancel Choir Will Present Mass in G

On Passion Sunday, March 16, the Chancel Choir and soloists will present Franz Schubert's *Mass in G* at the 11 a.m. worship service.

In Schubert's brief lifetime (1797-1828) he composed six settings of the mass, with the *Mass in G* being the simplest and most lyric. It reveals the great gift of song (he composed more than 650 solo songs) and the joyful faith of the composer who was only 18 years old at the time of its composition.

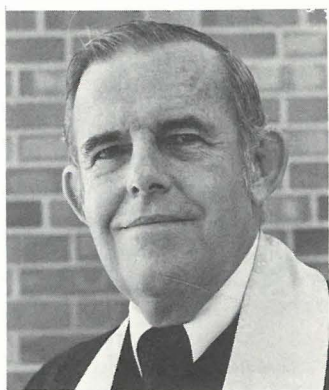
Rachel James will provide accompaniment at the organ and Mary Ann McNinch, at the piano. Soloists, all members of the Chancel Choir, will be Delano Fenn, Carole Dalton, James Thomas, Cathy Foster, Paul Brafford, Frank Kelley and Bill Foster.

The Chancel Choir will also participate in the Maundy Thursday Communion Service, and will combine with the New Life Singers to present special music at each of the morning Easter services.

The Chancel Choir officers and members are interested in learning if Trinity members would like to purchase a recording of the service music of the choir, including anthems and extended works. If interested, contact one of the choir members or call the church office. The cost would be approximately \$5 per record.

COMMENT:

ON CHRISTIAN BELIEFS



Why I Believe in God

(Second in a Series)

By Edward W. Norman

Imagine that we are playing a game. "Answers and Questions." You play it just opposite to the way you play "Questions and Answers." In the "Questions and Answers" game I ask the questions and you come back with the answers. But in the "Answers and Questions" game I give the answers and you come back with the questions. For example, if I were to say to you, "Four!" you might come back, "What are three and one?" or "What do you get when you multiply two times two?" Suppose I were to say to you, "Tallahassee!" and you responded with the question, "What's the capital of Alabama?" I would have to say to you, "The question 'What's the capital of Alabama?' is not answered in the word 'Tallahassee!'"

Sometimes this is the way we approach the Bible. That is, we ask the Bible questions it does not answer. I would be foolish to go to the Bible asking, "What makes my automobile engine skip the way it does?" Or suppose I were to ask the Bible the question, "What is the composition of water?" or "What is it like walking around on the moon?" I would be asking the Bible questions which it is not designed to answer. Sometimes we go to the Bible asking the question: "What are the evidences to prove the existence of God?" The Bible was not designed to answer that question.

Does it surprise you to learn that the Bible does not deal with what you might consider such a basic religious question as that? Why doesn't the Bible deal with such a question? Because such a question would have been irrelevant to the people by whom and for whom the Bible was written. Those people already accepted the existence of God. The Bible was written with the presupposition that God is.

We are looking at a question in this article: Why do I believe in God? In order to be honest with you I have to begin by saying, "I don't know! I don't know why I believe in God." And I suspect that if you are honest with me when I ask you that same question: "Why do you believe in God?" you will have to answer, "I really don't know."

We are in a situation similar to one described in some material I received from a publisher trying to encourage me to buy a certain book. A man is described who is faced with the question: What is time? He thought for a moment and then replied, "You know, if you had not asked me that question, I could have told you. But now that you have asked me, I guess I'll just have to say, I don't know what time is." If you had not asked me, I would have known why I believe in God. But now that you have asked me, I have to start out (I won't finish with this) by saying, "I don't know."

Conditioned to Believe

I suppose that underlying my belief in God is the fact that my parents believed. I am sure that this fact has helped to condition me in my own believing. I have been reared as you have in a culture that just takes God for granted. And I suspect that is a part of what has conditioned us as God believers. Furthermore, down through the years I have met a large number of people whom I have respected, trusted, and loved; and they have acted as though they believed in God, and have informed me that they have believed in God. I realize that all of this experience has contributed to my own subconscious reason for believing in God. I also feel that underneath it all (this does not explain it, by any means) is the fact expressed in the Scripture where God says through Jesus, "I will come and dwell with you. I will take up my abode in your life." And because He has revealed Himself to me in the depths of my existence, I have responded to His presence, and therefore, I believe.

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew
He moved my soul to seek him,
seeking me;
It was not I that found, O Savior true;
No, I was found of thee.

Anonymous

Somehow God has taken the initiative to act in the depths of my existence, and though I cannot explain it, He has made Himself known to me. I am convinced that God is. But if you ask me, "Why do you believe?" I would have to begin by saying, "I don't know!" It's a mystery to me.

By all of this I am saying that my believing in God is the result of something more than the fact that I have been confronted by a plethora of evidence to "prove" the existence of God; it's the result of something more than that. I recognize that all of this evidence and all of these arguments tend to support my believing in God; but these together do not constitute my reason for believing.

In addition to all of this, I have had experiences and continue to have experiences which I am convinced to be experiences of God. I can say with the poet Wordsworth, "I have felt a presence that disturbs me with the joy of elevated thoughts . . ." Yet even this experience when added to all of the evidence and arguments for God, and all of the conditioning I have received through my home and friends and culture; all of this added up does not sum up the answer to the question: Why do I believe in God?

To ask me, "Why do you believe in God?" is similar to asking me, "Why do you love your wife?" To be honest with you, I would have to say, "I don't know. I really don't know why I love my wife." Now after I have said that, I could reach down into my mind and pull out some reasons and some evidence; but when I finished I would have to return to my beginning statement and say, "I really do not know why I love my wife." A popular

song puts it this way concerning love and the attempt to explain it: "Fools give you reasons; but wise men never try." There's another song that comes out at the same place as it asks, "Why is it that I love you like I do? I don't know; I just do." Why do I believe in God? Underneath it all I am compelled to say, "I don't know; I just do." But having made this basic declaration, I can go on and say that just as I can give you some reasons why I love my wife, so too, I can give you some reasons for my belief in God. But I must say this: If you do not already believe in God, then all of these reasons I can give to you will not convince you. But if already you do believe in God, then these evidences will substantiate what you already believe.

In the Beginning, God

1. You may not have used the term "cosmological argument" but I am certain that many times you have used the cosmological argument for the existence of God. Here is a universe. It does not explain itself. How did it all get here?

Put down in more personal terms it's the experience of the little girl who asks, "Mommy, where did I come from?" And Mommy responds, "You came from me!" "But, Mommy, where did you come from?" "I came from my mother!" "But, Mommy, where did she . . ." And the mother is face to face with the ultimate question and she has to say, "In the beginning God . . ." Here's a visible universe . . . a cosmos. It all had to have a beginning, and it all had to have a Beginner. And we call that Beginner, God.

We hear a lot of talk these days about something called "The Second Law of Thermodynamics." It is based upon the fact that heat flows from a hot body to a cooler one, and that while energy can be transformed from one form to another, it cannot be destroyed. Energy is constantly changing from an available form to a less available form. This theory says that everything will end in entropy, with all of the energy of the universe distributed equally throughout space and therefore completely unavailable. This concept is sometimes expressed in the words, "The universe is running down." But the cosmological argument in this sort of setting declares, "If the universe is running down, there must have been a time when it was wound up; and if the universe was wound up there must have been in the beginning a Winder - upper whom we call God."

Order of the Universe

2. Then there is the evidence of order in the universe. If we get down below the microscopic into the sub-microscopic there is that which you might classify as disorder. But when we get up to this level where we live out our lives, there is order. If it be true that at the submicroscopic we deal with probabilities and not with order (and I admit I'm getting in over my head here) then isn't it wonderful that on these upper levels where we live out our lives there is an observable and measurable orderliness and dependability? In the Naval Air Corps I took a course in celestial navigation. I was given a book which provided the information about the location of certain stars for years to come. This is just one of countless illustrations of the dependability of the order of the universe. When you plant potatoes you don't get beans. Women produce babies, not puppies. There is order. And if there is order then, so far as I am concerned, there must be an Orderer. And I call that Orderer, God.

Design and Purpose

3. And then too, I see design in the world. I see purpose. Sometimes this is called the "teleological argument" for the existence of God. I see birds designed with rapid digestive and eliminative systems, and hollow bones to make it possible for them to fly with a light load. The spinning world that gives night and day and the tilt of the earth which gives us our seasons — all of this makes it possible for twice as much of the earth to be inhabitable than would be the case otherwise. The blanket of atmosphere which offers protection from meteors and dangerous rays and at the same time provides us with gases so essential to our existence also becomes the means for transporting cargoes of moisture for our sustenance. And, speaking of moisture, to think that the combination of hydrogen and oxygen in this case produces water, but in other combinations would be poisonous to the human system. I see design all around me. And if there is design, then there must be a Designer. I call that Designer, God.

A Moral Mind

4. Another bit of evidence comes from the experience that when you hate you get into trouble and your hatred can make you physically sick. When you love, however, you feel good and you make others feel good . . . feel good not only emotionally, but physically. Someone has said that to harbor hate is like burning down a house to get rid of a rat. When a person insists on hanging on to his hate and resentments he burns down the house of his own life. It is apparent that we have been created in such a way and the universe has been created in such a way that we must love or perish. It's like sliding down a board; if you go against the grain of the wood you end up with splinters. The universe is designed in such a way that when you go against the grain you end up with the splinters of judgment. Someone said that you don't break the laws of nature; you only break yourself upon them. Therefore, there must be One with a Mind . . . even a Moral Mind behind it all, responsible for it all.

Well, I said in the beginning that all of these arguments would not convince a single person of God's existence who already was not convinced that God is. But for those of us who already believe, these arguments and bits of evidence simply substantiate what we already know to be true.

Of course, I have left out the most significant fact of all. I have left out to this point in this presentation, the fact of God's expression in the life of a man in such a way that people down across the centuries have been confronted and have come to believe not only that God is, but that God loves, that God cares for each one of us. *And all of the other arguments that I have used will never bring you to this kind of a conclusion.* That's why we don't use them any more than we do. As you already know, you can believe that there is a great Beginner behind the universe, and that there is order and an Orderer, purpose and a Purposer; you can believe all of this without knowing that the One behind it all really has a concern for you. *There is no gospel in all that I have presented* in the arguments above. The Gospel brings us face to face with this essential and basic reality of the expression of God Himself in the Person, Jesus Christ.

And next month I will deal with this basic reality when I share with you what I believe about Jesus Christ.

March Meetings Set by Circles

Circle meetings of United Methodist Women have been announced for March.

Circle 1 meets March 10, 10 a.m., with Mrs. J. L. Graham, 1163 Old Fort Drive. Mrs. J. F. Weatherly will be cohostess. The circle will continue study of mission fields.

Circle 2 meets March 10, 2:30 p.m., with Mrs. P. F. Russell, 809 Buena Vista St. Mrs. Jennings Rehwinkel will give the program.

Circle 3 meets March 11, 10 a.m., with Mrs. H. E. Gallagher, 1342 Terrace St., and will continue study of "Rather Die Than Live."

Circle 4 at 10 a.m., March 11 in Room 210 will continue studying "Our Faith in the Midst of Pluralism."

Circle 5 meets March 11, 10 a.m., with Mrs. L. D. Fain, 1526 Golf Terrace, with Mrs. Bernice Armstrong in charge of the program.

Circle 6 at 10 a.m., March 11, will meet with Mrs. Robert Parker, 1432 Country Club Drive, and Mrs. Cecil Bowers as cohostess.

Circle 7 meets March 11, at 10 a.m., with Mrs. Ledley Brown, 1407 Randolph Circle, and Mrs. Dave Lang and Mrs. Carolyn Brown as cohostesses. Mrs. C. W. Ketchum and Sam Hand, landscape architect, will discuss the beauty of nature, especially as applying to the development of the Cascades.

Circle 8 will meet March 11 at 9:30 a.m. with Mrs. Ed Norman, 610 North Adams Street. A nursery will be available at the church. Human relationships will be discussed.

Circle 9 meets March 11 at 10 a.m. with Mrs. Emerson Tully, 716 Golf Terrace. The circle will continue to visit nursing homes and will begin a new program series, Rediscovering Christ Through the Arts.

Circle 11 meets March 6 at 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. Tommy Taylor, 3711 Shamrock West, Apt. 221 F. It will continue a study on the book, "To Meet, to Touch, to Know."

Circle 13 meets March 11 at 8 p.m. with Mrs. Madeline Rolland, 215 S. Bronough. Joe Mills will be the speaker.

Senior High Calendar

March 2, 9, 23—United Methodist Beliefs
March 16—Multimedia Presentation
March 30—Special Easter worship service.
April 6, 13, 20—Bible Study: Jeremiah
—John Green, leader



Senior Class church school officers are, from left, Doug Smith, treasurer; Lynn Goerke, secretary; Sharon Walters, president; Billy James, room steward; and (standing) Catherine Causseaux, vice president. Not pictured is Susan Quinly, room steward.

Senior Highs Polled, Programs Planned

Do you wonder what concerns Trinity's youth, what their problems are, and what programs they believe will contribute to their Christian growth?

As newly appointed youth coordinators, working with the senior high church school class, Susan Ridge and Linda Yates sought to learn answers to these questions. A questionnaire was prepared and mailed to some 140 young people in grades nine through twelve.

Twenty were filled out—these by the youth who form the nucleus of regular church school attendance. No questionnaires were returned by mail from more than 120 Trinity youth who seldom attend church school.

Positive features of the senior high church school listed by those responding included the fellowship of having all high school classes together, small group discussions about subjects related to the Bible, an open atmosphere where all were free to talk and their own selection of topics.

They cited among dislikes a lack of class organization, the apathy of classmates, continuing lectures by teachers Sunday after Sunday and boring subjects.

The 20 were ready with recommendations for guaranteeing their regular attendance: Put some excitement in the class, discuss things related to the church and its stands on issues; more variety to get everyone involved and different programs with new methods of approach.

Among personal problems they would like to find solutions for were communicating with parents, boy/girl relationships, finding and keeping friends, difficulties with school work, bad personal habits, a tendency to follow the crowd and keeping their faith. Ten said they had tried to solve these problems by trying to follow

Christian principles, four by talking with school counselors, four by talking with ministers, 13 by talking with friends and seven by reading books and articles on the subject.

Nearly all said they attended church and church school out of a sincere desire to grow in their Christian faith. This desire paralleled their choices for future class discussions: How to solve our problems; how to become a Christian; different religions and their stands on issues like abortion; the everyday life of a minister; Methodist beliefs; things in everyday life we have to face as Christians; God's purpose for my life; and Bible study.

"We want these young people to develop leadership so we are bringing them into the planning, selecting and implementing of class programs," Coordinator Susan Ridge said. Class officers were elected and handle opening ceremonies for each class session. The officers have met with Mrs. Ridge and Mrs. Yates to study the questionnaire responses and plan topics and speakers for several months.

Multimedia Presentation

At 9:45, Sunday, March 16, the Senior High church school class will preview a multimedia presentation produced by half of the group. "I Am a Christian!" will include a color movie made by four of the students, taped messages, music and color slides telling what it means to be a Christian.

The group worked on the project for the past three months while the other half of the class studied the stewardship of hunting.

All senior high youth and other interested persons are invited to the presentation in the northeast corner of the fourth floor, Education Building.

Questionnaire: 'Worship on Upswing'

By Harold Brown

Thirty-three questionnaires were returned from last month's questionnaire requesting your opinions on worship at Trinity Church. There was a mixed response of ages, with most returns from so-called middle aged persons. A good balance was noted among married and single respondents. Most were currently active in one or two activities at Trinity.

Only one person checked frequent attendance; only one, occasional attendance at worship. Twenty-five checks were counted for 11 a.m. service attendance; eight checks for 8:30 a.m. and eight for 7:30 p.m.; three checks for the 9:45 a.m. worship service.

Twenty-five responded that the service they attended was the most convenient; 15 said that they liked the formality of the service (all these checked the 11:00 service); 15 said they enjoyed the choir; 11 felt they chose their service because it was more comfortable for them; ten liked the hymns in the service they attended; and five preferred the informal service of worship (all these checked services other than the 11:00 service).

Some of the comments: "I would like to go back to the type of services that we had previously." Another comment: "We are quite satisfied with the worship service (at 11:00)." Someone else responded: "I have a warm and sacred feeling in our worship." Another: "We like the dignity and formality of 'high' worship."

Another said: "I like the former 8:30 service with the formality and less persons in attendance." One person suggested that "all was going well at Trinity." Another remarked on the questionnaire: "I find that I am very bored with the routine of the service (checked 11:00)."

One person offered, "Worship services are on the upswing at Trinity!" Another said: "There is very little feeling of 'warmth' in the church; there needs to be an equal number of women and men on the Board." One respondent missed the participation by the young persons' contemporary music; another said that communion was important, that it was good we had Holy Communion each first Sunday or special days of the Christian year.

One person seemed to sum others' feelings: "I like the idea of three differing services of worship to meet various needs which the congregation expresses in its pluralism; I find the quality of these services is getting better all the time!"

'We Care' Committee Welcomes New Members with Coffee

Trinity welcomes 14 new members who have joined the church during the past month. They and others who became members in recent months were honored with a coffee in the church parlor at 9:30 a.m., February 23.

The coffee was planned by the "We Care" Committee of the Evangelism work area.

New members include:

Mrs. Helen Price, 711½ E. 6th St., telephone 222-3666. She transferred from 1st UMC, St. Augustine.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark (Duane), Fred, David and Amy, 1440 Oldfield Dr., telephone 385-8227. They come by transfer from 1st UMC, Gainesville. He is with McKemie Chevrolet and she is employed by the State Dept. of Education.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Lindeman (Janet), 1913 Doomar Drive, telephone 878-1882. They have a daughter,

Julie, age 3, and are transferring from Trinity UMC, DeLand. Mr. Lindeman is with the Dept. of Transportation.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Mitchell, Jr. (Beth), 1836 Portland St., telephone 385-2709. They have two daughters, Kathy (5) and Laura (3). They transferred from Gadsden St. UMC, Pensacola. He is working on a Ph.D. at FSU and working with the Board of Regents.

Mrs. Wayne Todd (Ann), 2105 Mission Road, telephone 575-1954. Mrs. Todd's husband is a Trinity member and she is transferring from Pasadena Presbyterian in St. Petersburg.

Mrs. Thomas J. Duggar, Jr. (Margaret Lynn), 711 East 6th Ave., telephone 222-3666. Mrs. Duggar is the daughter of Mrs. Helen Price, another new member. She operates the Meals on Wheels program in Tallahassee

and is being reinstated as a Trinity member after a brief absence.

Mr. E. Paul Moore, 2060 Continental Ave., Apt. 108, telephone 576-4514. Mr. Moore is transferring his membership from St. Paul's UMC here in Tallahassee.

Senior Minister Ed Norman greets new members at coffee in church parlor.





Rachel James at the organ.

Trinity's Sanctuary Organ Adds to Religious Experience

Practically every Sunday of the year, Church Organist Rachel James spends at least five hours at the keys and pedals of Trinity's magnificent sanctuary organ.

"It is very rewarding to play this organ," Mrs. James said. "It's a great experience."

Built in 1964 by the Austin Organ Company of Hartford, Connecticut, the \$58,000 instrument has a digital clock that counts off the seconds, a series of flashing lights to indicate loudness, rear view mirrors, a telephone and a lighting control panel used mainly to signal entrance of the choir or wedding parties. The organ's Serial Number is 2409.

"People consider it one of the finest organs in Tallahassee," Mrs. James added.

Sounds expressing the full range of religious experience—praise, triumph, joy, deep reverence—pour sonorously from its 2682 wood and metal pipes.

Volume can range from a delicate musical whisper to a rich, full and stirring sound that vibrates the church to its foundations.

The age range of melodies played runs from over 600 years to, with New Life Singers selections, often six years or less.

The organ console bears a striking resemblance to the pilot's instrument panel in a modern jet airliner.

"Most people have no idea how much is involved in playing this organ," Mrs. James added, caressing the keys affectionately. "I have occasionally given lessons here and after only one or two hours they develop a healthy respect for the organist."

Plans Underway for Discipleship Celebration

The Evangelism Work Area is selecting 14 committees to plan the Discipleship Celebration in late April, which will include participation in the Ten Brave Christians experiment and a Discipleship Celebration weekend.

Dr. Gene Davidson and Bill Mickler are coordinating the work of the two programs.

The Ten Brave Christians experiment will follow guidelines in the book, "A Life That Really Matters," written by the Rev. Danny Morris with an introduction by Sam Teague. The book will soon be in circulation in the work area and throughout the church. It explains the essence of the spiritual basis for the total Discipleship Celebration, and recounts an experiment of the John Wesley Methodist Church in 1965.

The Rev. Morris, a former associate pastor of Trinity and now on the Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church in Nashville, will personally serve as coordinator of the Discipleship weekend.

The Rev. Donald Kribbs Ministers Through Community Treatment Programs

By Cathi Peirce

Not all the ministers at Trinity wear robes and stand behind pulpits. And not all are recognizable as ministers.

Donald Kribbs, who regularly attends Trinity, works for the Department of Mental Health as coordinator of Community Treatment Programs. He is also an ordained minister.

The Rev. Kribbs was a member of the Florida Conference from 1952 to 1958. He served at Macclenny Methodist church and at Livingston Memorial in Jacksonville. He left Florida and transferred to the Tennessee Conference.

When he moved from Tennessee to Cleveland, Ohio, he stopped preaching and turned to another way of helping people through the Department of Public Health and Welfare as chief of the alcohol and drug abuse section.

From Cleveland, the Kribbses went to Hartford, Connecticut, where he served as director of the Greater Hartford Council on Alcoholism and the Capital Region Drug Center. His wife, Harriet, worked in the Northeast Regional Office of the YMCA.

A year ago Rev. Kribbs became coordinator of Community Treatment Programs for the Florida Bureau of Alcoholic Rehabilitation, Division of Mental Health. He has a staff of four who are trying to strengthen the capabilities of local alcoholic treatment programs throughout the state. In 23 districts in Florida there are local boards which set up treatment programs.

The Division of Mental Health must work through these boards and has no direct responsibility for the programs other than helping the boards improve their capabilities. The initiative lies with the individual communities and with the boards, but Rev. Kribbs' staff helps develop programs to reach minorities and assists courts

Register Now for Laymen's Retreat

There may still be time to register for one of the weekend retreats for United Methodist men in Leesburg next fall.

Started 20 years ago, the weekend retreats have become so popular among Methodist men throughout Florida that they have been expanded to five with a total of 2500 persons participating.

Several Trinity men have already registered for the weekend of October 17-19, when speakers will be Dr. James Buskick of Emory University School of Theology; the Rev. Maurice King, Upper Room chaplain, Nashville; William Swartz, author of "God Is in Business"; Doug Coe of Fellowship House, Washington, D. C.; the Rev. Danny Morris of Board of Discipleship staff in Nashville, and Cecil Day of Atlanta, founder of Day's Inn motel chain.

The cost is \$23 for persons wishing to stay at the Leesburg Youth Camp. Call the church office for registration details.

Good Samaritans Wanted by Choir

Wanted: Third, fourth or fifth graders to perform in the musical, "Sam." Mrs. Walter James, choir director of the Wesleyan Singers, needs additional children to sing in the musical that tells the story of the Good Samaritan.

Rehearsal time is 3 p.m. each Sunday in the choir room.

and law enforcement agencies in handling alcoholics.

Florida law now requires that police take public drunks to rehabilitation centers rather than to jails. Florida is leading the nation in taking a modern approach to the problem of alcoholism, Rev. Kribbs says. The new law requires that care be provided for alcoholics. Rev. Kribbs and his staff are coordinating the setting up of these programs for rehabilitation throughout the state.

Seminar Set on Drug, Alcohol Concerns

On April 8, 15 and 22 from 10:30 a.m. until noon, Don Kribbs, coordinator of the Division of Alcohol Services, will lead a seminar on alcohol and drug concerns for local ministers and interested persons at the community room of the Leon Federal West Tennessee St. branch.

The latest educational information of value on the problem, sensitivity to the various needs involved and activation of our response are topics for the three session series. Rev. Kribbs is a former United Methodist minister.

Dr. George Foster, cochairperson of the Florida Conference Task Group on Alcohol and Drug Concerns, and other specialists will also participate.

There are more than nine million alcoholics in this country, and 50 percent of all persons use alcohol in some form, a total of 100-110 million people. Some 250,000 people yearly are dying from its effects.

The seminar will deal with drug abuse problems and tell what is available in the way of help.

Money Saved by Fasting Will Help Feed Hungry

On Easter Sunday a number of Trinity members will place a special offering in the collection plate to feed the hungry of the world.

The money will result from their having gone hungry themselves for one meal a week during Lent. The Evangelism work area proposed fasting for one meal a week to the congregation during worship services and in the weekly *Tidings* to show Christian concern for the world's hungry and starving people.

All money collected will be directed to this great need through the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief. None will be used for administrative costs as by other charities.

Steinmeyer Is Chairman

Ted Steinmeyer has been named for the third year to serve as chairman of the Board of Trustees, the body that oversees and maintains all property of Trinity. Bob Parker, Jr., is vice chairman and Godfrey Smith is secretary.

Grist From Mills

By Joe Mills
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Did You Know That . . .

Diann Conlin is now working with the five-year-olds on Sunday mornings.

Our resource room for the Council on Ministries, the Administrative Board, Church school workers and members of Trinity is shaping up in room 303.

Our average attendance for Church school of all ages is 328 for the first seven Sundays of 1975.

Parents and the home are the most important ingredient available to Christian education.

We owe a large thanks to Brad & Peggy Busacco and Jack and Pam McKinnon for their outstanding leadership of our sixth grade class.

That we have three Roberts working in our elementary division. Thanks to Robert Hinson, Robert Willshire, and Robert Yates.

We still need more men in our church school classes. Why not you?

Leslie Williams and Barbie Williamson are now our Younger Children's coordinators.

Life is like an onion. You peel off one layer at a time and sometimes you weep (Carl Sandburg)

That Jesus said: "Love one another, even as I have loved you."

That Evenings at Trinity this spring will be held on Mondays so we can participate in the Tallahassee District School of Christian Studies.

The courses are: LUKE-ACTS, Rev. Dave Brazelton, leader; THE HOLY SPIRIT, Peter Butzin, leader; MAJOR CHRISTIAN RELIEFS, Rev. Harold Brown, leader.

The courses begin Monday, March 3, and each Monday for five weeks. Come at 7:30 p.m.

The *Candler Choraliers* of the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, will be in concert here Friday, March 14, at 8 p.m.

Our resource room has books for you and your children. See room 303.

Linda Yates and Susan Ridge are now the Youth coordinators for Sunday morning youth studies. Let's welcome them to their task by offering them our total support.

Board Votes to Have Homecoming Each Oct.

Homecoming will be an annual event at Trinity from now on. The Administrative Board at its February 11 meeting voted to continue the successful homecoming and dinner on the ground Trinity had last October in connection with the sesquicentennial celebration.

Mrs. Warren Anderson, who proposed the idea to the board, recommended that it be held in October. She said committees will soon be appointed to make this year's plans.

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