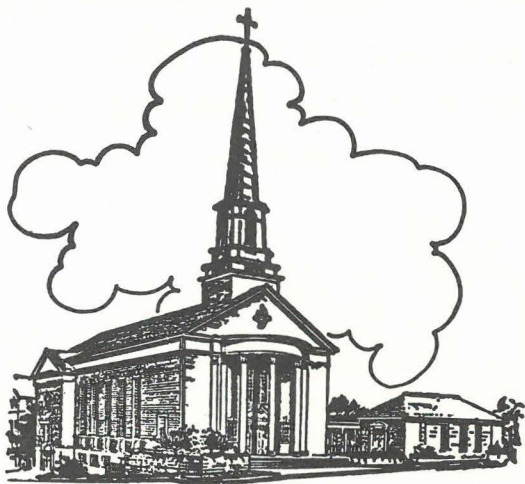




Monthly Tidings

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New Minister Comes, Reception Planned

With the arrival of the Rev. Phil Roughton as associate minister on September 1, Trinity is making plans to formally welcome its two new associate ministers at a reception at 7 p.m., Sunday, September 21.

During the summer Rev. Roughton completed work for an additional master's degree in pastoral counseling at Asbury College in Kentucky. He and Mrs. Roughton (Mica) have moved into the Lawson Road parsonage.

They and the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Clark and their children will be welcomed during the reception to be arranged by United Methodist Women.

Senior Minister Ed Norman said that Rev. Roughton's major responsibility will be to work with youths and young adults. His special training in counseling will be used in developing a small group ministry in which special needs of Trinity members will be addressed.

Room 211 has been furnished to serve as Rev. Roughton's office.

Since the Lawson Road parsonage had not been furnished (Rev. Joe Mills had furniture of his own), the Parsonage Committee, chaired by Mrs. J. D. Williamson and assisted by Walli Beall and Peggy Hughes, has selected furniture to meet the needs of the Roughtons. A few items of furniture have also been purchased recently to provide additional needs of the Clark family in the Spence Street parsonage.

Seminole Sunday Welcomes Students

All Methodist students attending Florida State University will be invited to Trinity on Seminole Sunday, September 28.

A program beginning with a covered dish supper at 6 p.m. is being planned to welcome interested college students as members of the Trinity family.

FSU President Stanley Marshall will welcome the Seminoles and the Rev. Ed Norman will tell the students about opportunities offered by Trinity for Christian growth and fellowship and for service.

Peggy Busacco, education coordinator, said invitations to Seminole Sunday will be posted around the campus and an announcement will be carried in the *Flambeau*. Transportation to the church will be provided.

Following the covered dish supper, members of the congregation will have an opportunity to register their desire to serve as a family away from home for a student, and the students will be surveyed to learn if they would like to be assigned to a Trinity family.

The evening will conclude with worship services at 7:30.

Members of the college age church school class led by George Ridge and Cindy Taylor will be hosts for the event.

Dates to Remember

Sept. 7—Church School Promotion Day
Sept. 7—Council on Ministries Meets
Sept. 9—UMW General Luncheon
Sept. 9—Administrative Board Meets
Sept. 14—Enrichment Workshop
Sept. 21—Reception for Ministers
Sept. 28—Seminole Sunday

Council on Ministries Plans Programs, Budget

A lengthy planning meeting to review proposed programs for 1976 has been scheduled by the Council on Ministries from 4 to 8:30 p.m., Sunday, September 7, at the church.

Chairman Bob Peirce will call for proposed programs and budgets from representatives of each work area and committee. The Finance Committee will also participate in the meeting so that the church's budget may be developed from the recommendations of each work area.

The completed budget is expected to be presented to the Administrative Board for adoption in October.

It's Time to Sing Along With Choirs

Choir rehearsals will resume the week of September 7. Newcomers are invited to join the appropriate age group listed below by coming to the rehearsal at the listed time:

Carol Choir (K, 1, 2), 11:30 a.m., Sunday, 3:30 p.m., Monday.

Wesleyan Singers (3, 4, 5), 3 p.m., Sunday.

Chapel Choir (6, 7, 8), 5 p.m., Sunday.

New Life Singers (9-12), 6:30 p.m., Sunday.

Bell Choirs

Sanctuary Bells (Adult), 6:30 p.m., Wednesday.

Trinity Bells, 4 p.m., Sunday.

Melody Bells (3, 4, 5), 4 p.m., Monday.

Harmony Bells (Youth), 4 p.m., Thursday.

Tower Bells (Youth), 2:30 p.m., Wednesday.

Time changes will be announced in the weekly Tidings when they occur.

Enrichment Workshop Set for Education Workers, Others Who Want to Teach

An enrichment workshop for Christian education workers will be held at Trinity from 2 to 6 p.m., Sunday, September 14.

The Rev. Robert Clark has planned the workshop to provide counselors, teachers and class officers with new resources and ideas. He hopes that persons interested in working in Christian education will attend the workshop so that Trinity will have a supply of prospective teachers and counselors to call upon whenever vacancies occur in the education program.

Dick Wills, youth coordinator for the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church, Lakeland, will

Walter and Rae James End Music Service; Appreciation Day Set

Choir director and organist Walter and Rae James ended 28 years of providing music for Trinity on Sunday, August 17.

The James' told the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee of their desire to retire from the positions several months ago. The Rev. Ed Norman, in announcing their retirement to the congregation on July 20, said that Trinity was very pleased with the work the James' had done but understood their desire to retire.

He announced that a James' appreciation day will be held at a time

Rev. Temple Will Be Homecoming Speaker

The Rev. Robert M. Temple, Jr., will be guest speaker for Trinity's second annual homecoming on Sunday, October 12.

Now pastor of the Clearview United Methodist Church in St. Petersburg, Rev. Temple grew up in Tallahassee and Trinity. His mother, Mrs. R. M. Temple, Sr., is a member of Trinity.

Rev. Temple is a graduate of Candler School of Theology, Emory University, and has served churches previously in Bartow, Sanford, Gainesville and Branford.

He will preach at 9:00 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. A covered dish "dinner on the grounds" will follow.

Mrs. Warren Anderson, homecoming chairperson, urges all members to invite relatives and friends to return to Trinity for this event.

Administrative Board Meets September 9

Trinity's Administrative Board will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 8 p.m., Tuesday, September 9. It will be the first meeting of the Board since June.

Chairman Jack Mowell will call on work areas and committees for reports of work done during the summer and planned for the fall.

to be announced in October. Mrs. Pierce Barrett (Majel) has been appointed chairperson of the event.

Dr. Griffith Pugh, a member of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee and church lay leader, is chairing a special Music Committee charged with determining the objectives and goals Trinity seeks in a music program and with recommending persons to serve as organist and director of choirs.

The Music Committee has met weekly during the summer to carry out its assignment. Its members include Lucy Hadi, Worship Work Area chairperson; Bill Foster, Chancel Choir president; Roberta Smith, children's choir director; Rubie Butterworth, director of children's work; Evangelism Committee and Chancel Choir representatives Delano Fenn, Cathy Foster, Suzanne Mikelson and Tommy Wright; Owen Sellers, member at large from the congregation; and Sharon Walters, youth representative.

A subcommittee on program chaired by Bill Foster is determining where music fits into the life of the church, and where Trinity wishes to go with its music program. A personnel subcommittee chaired by Lucy Hadi and Roberta Smith is developing job descriptions and salary recommendations in accordance with the program subcommittee's assessment.

Interim persons have been selected by the Music Committee to carry on the music program. During September Bob Antley will serve as organist. Delano Fenn will direct the adult choir during September and Roberta Smith will continue to serve as Carol Choir director. Suzanne Mikelsen is working with the New Life Singers youth choir and the Junior High group.

As soon as the committee completes its work, it will make recommendations to the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee for permanent personnel.

Second Series of Discipleship Options Begins This Month

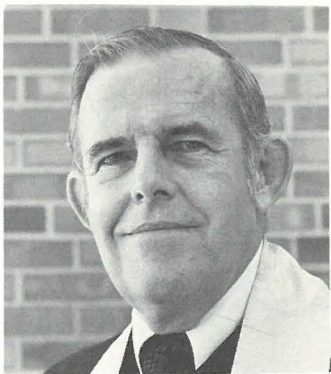
A new series of Discipleship Options will begin later this month at times to be announced.

Four small group settings will be offered to continue Christian growth and personal witness that received new emphasis with the Discipleship Weekend last May. The first series of options was participated in by several dozen people for six weeks beginning in June. These same people and others may participate in the ongoing program by selecting a different option during the second six-week period.

The options include "Personal Commitment — the Great Experiment," "The Workbook of Living Prayer," "Outreach — the Intensive Care Unit," and "How to Tell a Church."

COMMENT:

Be Thankful for Little Things



As a preacher I'm thankful that the phrase "Lead us not into temptation" comes near the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer. For me that is the toughest section of the Lord's Prayer to deal with. Do those words mean what they say? Do they say what they mean? I just simply cannot picture the God of Jesus, who knows my every weakness, out laying traps for me. Whenever I find something in the Scripture that does not fit what I already know, I have certain alternatives: (1) I can re-examine what I "know" to see if there needs to be some changing done. (2) I can look at what does not "fit" to see if there is some nuance I have missed, or to see if I have misinterpreted it. (3) Blame the translator. (4) Skip it. As I think of my reaction to those words "lead us not into temptation" and what I have done with them in the past I see that I have dealt with them at great length in small group Bible studies. But as far as I can remember I do not believe I ever have preached on them—not in any depth anyway. But I am going out on a limb right now and promising that I will deal to the best of my ability with that phrase in a sermon this fall. And that's why I am thankful that the phrase "Lead us not into temptation" comes late in the Lord's Prayer: I am going to spend most of the fall season preaching on that prayer, phrase by phrase, and by that particular phrase coming near the conclusion, I am going to have the time to do a lot of preparation. By the way, what do those words say to you? How about sharing your thoughts with me.

I feel there will be real value for all of us (me especially) in taking a long look at this great prayer used by so many and understood by so few. Notice that when the disciples asked Jesus to "teach us how to pray" that Jesus did not give them a manual on the techniques of prayer. But he did give them a model which helps us to understand the content and direction of Christian praying.

We will be looking at this prayer not as an isolated statement by some unknown saint, but we will be looking at this prayer in the context of all that Jesus said, did, was, and is.

The first sermon in this series is scheduled for September 14 and right now it's titled "The Prayer That Became a Creed." I believe that the Lord's Prayer contains a vital statement of belief for Christians. Anyone who wants to avoid creeds had better not pray the Lord's Prayer—unless he makes it nothing more than a string of empty phrases.

I am planning to speak for two weeks on the introductory phrase "Our Father": (1) "The Universe Is Not an Empty House," (2) "It's Hard to Pray 'Our Father' and Mean It."

"Hallowed Be Thy Name" brings to mind the theme, "Take the Name of the Lord—But Not in Vain!" "The Dynamic Kingdom" and "How Do We Know the Will of God?" will lead us further into the Lord's Prayer and then we come to "Fat or Thin We Pray 'Give Us Bread!'"

"Yes! You Can Pray 'Forgive Us!' and Mean It!" is a possible title for the next passage. And after that I hope, with God's help (and yours), to be ready for a sermon that might bear a title like: "God Does Not Teach Us the ABC of 'Always Be Careful!'"

The Scriptures conclude the Prayer with "Deliver Us From Evil (or from the Evil One)" and that's the point at which I probably will conclude the series.

One of the requests made some time ago by the group who helped to develop goals for the Work Area on Evangelism here at Trinity was that I let you know in advance what my preaching plans are. This is a step in that direction.

I WANT TO CONCLUDE my column with a brief statement which I will be amplifying on a special day of tribute which we will be having in October when we celebrate "James' Day." I have known all sorts of choir directors in my ministry. For the most part they have been committed Christians investing their talents in the cause of Christ expressed through music. For the most part they have been unrecognized and unappreciated.

The James' have been here at Trinity as the leaders in music for nearly 30 years. You have told me, and I have tried to relay to them as often as possible, your appreciation for what the James' have meant to you through these years.

It would be easy for me to say things here that would enable you to say "That preacher is laying it on thick, isn't he?" Only thing is, what I said would be true. Irma has sung in the choir since we have been here at Trinity. So I have gotten a good glimpse of Walt through the eyes of a choir member "who tells it like it is." As a result, my respect and appreciation for Walt has been multiplied many times during the past three years.

I have heard people speak of the choir as "The War Department" of the Church. That certainly does not apply here at Trinity. That speaks highly not only of the choir, but of the genuine Christian witness of the choir's director.

Sometimes when a professor who has served in ways that no simple words or gifts at retirement could possibly match the required expressions of appreciation, the professor is called "professor emeritus." If ever a music director deserved the title of "emeritus," Walt James does.

— EDWARD W. NORMAN

United Methodist Women Invite All to General Luncheon, Circle Meetings

For many, September rather than January is a time of beginnings. Now that the children are back in school, Mrs. W. G. (Broun) Parmenter hopes all women of the church will join United Methodist Women for its general luncheon meeting Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 11:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

As program chairman, Mrs. Parmenter has invited Peggy Busacco to tell of her work with youth of the church during the summer. "We will also look back—not in anger but in pride—to see what the youth did during their Appalachian Service Project in Mobile in July," she said.

Pat Crotty will lead group singing, accompanied by her autoharp.

Visitors are welcome and a nursery is provided for preschool children. Reservations should be made by calling the church office.

Bible Study Schedule Resumes September 8

"I wish I knew more about the Bible," is the often expressed desire of many church members.

Trinity members are offered opportunities for in-depth study in weekly small group sessions led by the Rev. Ed Norman.

Beginning September 8, he will continue study of the Sermon on the Mount and Mark that were interrupted during the summer vacation period.

A new study of Ephesians will be offered at two times each week, and a third group will begin a five-week study of Revelation in October.

Interested persons may begin the new series on Ephesians by attending the first sessions. The complete schedule is as follows:

6:45 a.m., Mondays, beginning September 8—Sermon on the Mount.

6:45 a.m., Tuesdays, beginning September 9—Ephesians (women's group).

7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, beginning September 16—Ephesians (mixed group).

10 a.m., Thursday, beginning September 11—Mark continuation.

A Wednesday evening Bible study for youth will continue at 7 p.m. weekly, and another study for women is held at 10 a.m. on Mondays.

Circles Announce Meetings

United Methodist Women circles will start their fall meetings on September 15. The schedule of meetings is as follows:

Circle 1—September 15, 10 a.m., with Mrs. J. Edwin White, 609 Plantation Road.

Circle 2—September 15 at 2:30 p.m., in the church parlor with Mrs. T. E. Woods, Mrs. George Beasley and Mrs. H. J. Allen, hostesses.

Circle 3—September 16 at 10 a.m., with Mrs. Charles Butterworth, 2803 Woodside Drive. The study of the book, "Rather Die Than Live," will continue.

Circle 4—September 16 at 10 a.m., in Room 210.

Circle 5—September 16 at 10 a.m., with Mrs. Ed Norman, 610 North Adams Street.

Circle 6—September 16 at 10 a.m., place to be announced.

Circle 7—September 16 at 10 a.m., with Mrs. Marvin Collins, 730 Duparc Circle. Mrs. L. N. Brown will tell the circle about the Vietnam family Trinity is sponsoring.

Circle 8—September 16 at 9:30 a.m., in the church parlor. (A nursery is provided.)

Circle 9—September 16 at 10 a.m., place to be announced.

Circle 11—Members will be notified of time and place.

Circle 13—September 16 at 8 p.m., in the church parlor. Mrs. H. N. Dawirs, Mrs. Betty Hinson and Mrs. J. P. Love, Jr., will be hostesses.

Family Life, Small Group Leaders Named

Coordinators have been appointed to serve two areas of Trinity's programs, Peggy Busacco, education coordinator, announced.

Mrs. Walter Funderburk (Kitty) is serving as family life coordinator to develop opportunities for intergenerational study, worship and fellowship activities involving families.

Clinton and Malinda Coulter are coordinators of small groups. Their responsibility will be to coordinate small study groups already in existence, initiate new ones and learn from the congregation their needs for special studies.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH			
Treasurer's Report			
July 31, 1975			
Cash Balance			\$24,606.04
Plus July Receipts:			
On Pledges	\$18,943.56		
Plate Offering	422.70		
Kitchen—Food	40.50		
Miscellaneous—Special	512.39		
Non Budgetary	436.05	20,355.20	
Total Funds for Month			\$44,961.24
Less Disbursements During Month			\$25,293.55
Total Funds July 31, 1975			*\$19,667.69
*\$15,000.00 of this amount deposited in 90-day certificates.			
Disbursements			
Budgetary:			
Benevolences	\$4,331.00		
Ministerial Support	2,529.00		
Lay Salaries	4,501.07		
Promotion/Program	1,288.61		
Office	1,352.21		
Property	9,518.65		
Miscellaneous	26.60	\$23,547.14	
Non Budgetary			1,480.97
Total Disbursements for July 1975			\$25,028.11
Monthly Receipts & Disbursements			
	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Cash Carry Over			\$25,645.60
January	\$24,162.40	\$20,554.92	29,253.08
February	20,192.53	21,849.90	27,596.61
March	23,805.99	23,942.15	27,460.45
April	23,226.55	23,208.82	27,478.18
May	23,705.92	24,580.70	26,603.40
June	22,453.95	24,451.31	24,606.04
July	20,355.20	25,293.55	19,667.69

Trinity Welcomes 11 New Members

Trinity welcomed 11 new members to the congregation during the summer. Their names and addresses are listed below so that all may welcome them into fellowship:

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sadler (Dorothy), 1406 Hayes St., Apt. 7, 877-1047. The Sadlers, who are retired, came to Trinity from Pasadena Presbyterian Church in St. Petersburg. Their daughter, Mrs. Wayne (Ann) Todd, is a Trinity member.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Philips (Florence), 2005 Queenswood Dr., 385-4302, came by transfer of their letter from the Monroe United Methodist Church in Monroe, Ga. Their children, Emily Philips Pemble and Tommy Philips, who are married and living way from home, have also transferred their memberships to Trinity.

Mrs. Kehinde Akinyemi, who lives in Apt. 305-2, Polkinghorne Village, 224-8617. She came from a church in Nigeria, and has two children, Bami and Tunde.

Mrs. Ronald Joyner (Paula), 1533 Rankin Ave., 576-5589, comes from 1st U.M.C. in Chipley. She is in elementary education.

Miss Sandra Boucher, 925 E. Magnolia, Apt. N-2, 877-6505, also comes from 1st U.M.C. in Chipley. She teaches D.C.T. at Rickards High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil G. Worth (Carol), 815 East Carolina St., 575-7943. They transferred from Park Temple U.M.C. in Ft. Lauderdale. Mr. Worth is employed at the Dept. of Transportation.

Three other families have moved from Tallahassee and Trinity:

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Fairley (Marge), Jayne and Scott have moved to Southern Pines, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Avinash Joshi are now living in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barnes (Carol) are now located in Orlando.

Estate Planning Committee to Meet

J. Lewis Hall has called a meeting of Trinity's Estate Planning Committee for 7:30 p.m., September 18, in Room 212.

The committee is studying ways to provide for long range financing of Trinity's programs so that it will continue as a vibrant downtown church.

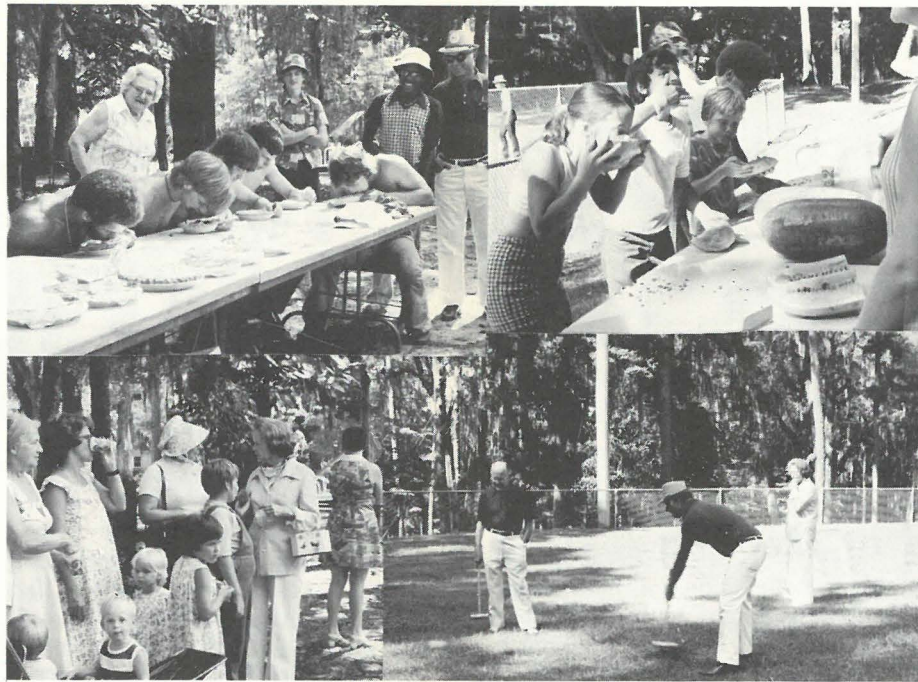
Members of the committee also include Frank D. Moor, F. E. Steinmeyer, III, Robert Parker, Jr., David V. Kerns, Rebecca B. Hawkins, Peggy Hughes, Linda Yates and Clelia Pugh.

Hien Family Begins Americanization With Trinity's Friendship, Support

You are told you have ten hours to leave your homeland. Your ancestors have lived there hundreds of years. Someday when you have lived out your life you would be buried along side them, you and your children and your children's children.

Now you are told to pack only one handbag each. You must leave your home, your management position in a corporation. Leave everything behind—take your wife and children and get out.

This was the plight of Chinh Dang Hien when South Vietnam fell to the Communists a few months ago. He had not been sympathetic to the Communist cause and was forced to leave with his family. They became part of the thousands of Vietnamese refugees who were flown first to Guam and then to Eglin Air Force Base by the United States.



Pie-eating and watermelon-eating contests offered lively competition at Trinity's Old Fashioned Day in Myers Park August 23. Others just watched in the shade, refreshed by Trinity's return to the 5¢ Coke. Bob Peirce soon became "poison" to the Griffith Pughs in a game of croquet. The youth sponsored the event for fun and funds—the latter for the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

Youth Bible Study Is Each Wednesday

During the summer, the young people became involved in a weekly Bible study. The intensive talk group which functioned in the spring evolved into the summer's Wednesday night Bible study.

Leadership of the group has been shared by individuals who volunteered to spend a week preparing for the next weekly session. Diane Bevis, Billy James, Lynn Goerke, Kelly Jones and Sharon Walters all have devoted some of their summer hours to provide leadership for the group.

Each week the study was held in one of the homes of the members. The study will continue into the fall. Youth interested in participating should contact either of these leaders.

The subject of the study has been "Jesus: God's Man for Others." The text has been the Bible, and a student guide book has helped provide insight for the understanding of the Biblical material. The group members have grown in their ability to read, interpret, and use the Bible, Youth Leadership Team Member Mary Soka said. The creativity of the leaders stimulated discussion that deepened the group's faith and dependence on Jesus as Lord, she said.

Following the study session, each meeting closes with conversational prayer. This time served to draw the members closer to God and to each other. The study has been a blessing to those who have shared in it, Mary said.

Callers Obtain Data on Members

Thirty-four Trinity volunteers have each telephoned from 10 to 40 members of the church during the past month to gather information for a talent bank.

Information about members' talents and special training, and their willingness to use their skills in Christian service through the church, was sought to provide Trinity with a ready list of persons to call upon.

The Education Work Area is developing the bank to learn abilities and interests available in needed areas and to give as many people as possible an opportunity to feel more a part of the church through actively working in its programs.

As soon as telephoning is completed, a card file will be created including each member's information.

Youth for Understanding

Jane Norman, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Ed Norman, was scheduled to return home at the end of August after spending the summer with a family in Greece. She participated in the "Youth for Understanding" program sponsored by the State Department.

On August 22, Lea Maria Corti arrived from Tampico, Mexico, to spend the school year with the Normans for the exchange program. Lea will attend Leon High School and Jane plans to begin her freshman year at Florida State University.

Youth "Locked-in" Center for Night

By Billy James

The lock-in, held on August 15 at the Baptist Christian Life Center, was an experience I and many others will never forget. The night started with everybody meeting at the Ark. About 35 kids came in from every section of town to go and have a night full of excitement and fun.

After meeting at the Ark and getting organized, we made our way to the First Baptist Church to meet the youth groups from Killearn, John Wesley and St. Paul's Methodist churches. After a rough and long walk of at least a block we arrived at the Christian Life Center.

Being the last group to arrive, we waited for the groups ahead of us to file in. Then we made our way into the great building of fun. Going up what seemed to be a million steps, we finally got to the gym where we received our instructions. Rev. Harris of the center introduced us to the facilities and ended with prayer.

Then the night began; people shot off in all directions, hoping to be the first to play this or play that. One of the good things about the center was that there was something for everyone. No matter what kind of games you like to play, or what kind of food you like to eat, or just whatever you do when you're away from home at night, it was available. The night was fun-filled for everyone, but I'm sure by the look on everybody's faces in the morning, they were ready to hit the sack. After a delicious breakfast of hot chocolate and donuts, everybody went home.

We're glad so many people took advantage of the lock-in. Especially were we happy to see new faces and some visitors. We hope to see you at one of the activities at Trinity, for it's people like you who make our youth group the best and most spiritually filled group in all of Tallahassee.

College Class "In the Swing"

Trinity has reactivated its long lost College Class and current plans make it look like it will be the best ever. Coordinators of the class, George Ridge and Cindy Taylor, are already discussing plans for a weekend retreat in the next month or so and class members are excited about the prospects of other day activities and outings.

The class meets on Sunday mornings at Room 406 of the education wing at 9:45 a.m.

providing transportation for medical care and in search of jobs, and providing friendship.

"They are so grateful for what Trinity is doing. They understand about housing and employment shortages and patiently hope that soon they will be employed and self-supporting," Mrs. Brown said.

Mrs. Robert Short and Mrs. Gifford Hale are coordinating persons volunteering transportation to the family. Walli and Louis Beall are working with placement agencies and individuals to find employment for the father, oldest son and daughter. The father has had experience in personnel management and labor relations and the son is a jet mechanic. The latter is now working as a bus boy at Lucy Ho's.

Clothing and household supplies donated by Trinity members have

met the family's needs, Mrs. Brown said. The mother has altered the clothing to fit the family on a sewing machine loaned to her by Mrs. Brown. She and the daughter are available for such sewing jobs as letting down hems and other alterations.

Trinity members have generously contributed financial support for rent, utilities and food, the church office reports. Continuing contributions are needed, since these expenses require from \$350 to \$400 each month.

Mrs. Robert Lawton and Mrs. Greg Phifer are heading another committee to find better housing for the family.

"Housing, transportation and employment are our greatest needs for the Hien's right now," Mrs. Brown said. She requested that any member of the congregation able to help in these areas please telephone the persons heading the various committees.



New Life

Publication of the YOUTH COUNCIL

Youth Council Structured at Meeting

Structure of youth ministry at Trinity was discussed at a special open meeting of the Youth Council on Tuesday, August 19.

Relying on *The Book of Discipline* and a book from the Board of Education of the United Methodist Church, *Organizing for Youth Ministry*, and considering the number of youth activities at Trinity, the following structure was recommended:

The Youth Council is to be a coordinating body consisting of a youth representative and adult advisor from each youth activity or committee: Junior and Senior High MYFs, Junior and Senior High church school, the Ark, Youth in Trinity, and Youth in Missions committees and the choir.

In charge of the council are four youth officers, president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, the vice

president being a junior high representative. Working with the officers would be a lay adult youth coordinator and a ministerial or staff person.

The council is to be a clearinghouse of program ideas, a channel of communication between groups and a coordinating body. All details for specific programs within the varying youth settings will be drawn up in committees and groups represented on the council or in special *ad hoc* groups.

Bylaws reflecting this structure will be drafted in consultation with Peggy Busacco. The recommended structure will not be approved until the complete ministerial staff has been consulted.

Bicentennial Picnic Set

Set aside July 4, 1976, for a giant 200th birthday picnic for the United States of America!

Trinity is making plans to observe the country's bicentennial with a picnic in the park fronting the church in cooperation with the neighboring First Baptist, First Presbyterian and St. James A.M.E. churches.

Revelation from Below

The last months have seen much growth and change in the youth program of Trinity and I think that everyone, either directly or indirectly involved with the program, will have to agree. You, the youth, are maturing and growing both spiritually and emotionally at a fantastic rate. The faith, the perseverance, and the dedication which you are now showing to both Trinity and to your own group is overwhelming. You are now approaching the mountaintop.

Many have thought in the past that Trinity's youth program was stagnant, but you are proving otherwise and with a little more time and patience you will indeed prove that you are a responsible group which deserves the recognition of congregation and individual both. Just as the sun begins in darkness and then with ever steadfast and ever increasing intensity begins to brighten the day about us, so too are you growing in your Christian walk.

Now, as I leave the staff of Trinity and look back upon my association with you, I know that I am the better for it. You have taught me many things during the course of our association and I hope that possibly I will leave something with you. Nonetheless, I want you to remember one thing more than any other now. You, the youth program, and Trinity itself are just what you make it and nothing else. It is only through your hard work and determination that you will be successful. No one can give you success, you have to work for it. So keep on smiling and never forget the promises of the Christ. You can be successful, but only if YOU want to be. God bless. Shalom.

—TIM MUMMAW

Youth Leadership Team

Notes from Mary

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. — I Corinthians 12:12-13.

This summer, I have seen the Lord strengthen the unity of His body present in Trinity. I first felt this unity when the adults of Trinity so strongly supported the youth by contributing to and participating in our Buy Your Lunch fund-raiser for the Appalachia Service Project.

I have seen the development of a loving community of young people. From the experience of those who worked in Mobile on the Appalachia Service Project, all of us gained a new concern for making our love visible. The Appalachia work teams returned with a desire to bring the service project back to Tallahassee, to serve within our own city. Through the Youth in Missions committee, the young people did actively serve in many volunteer programs in Tallahassee this summer.

Just as important as our growing concern for service is our growing awareness that we can help the other members of our "community" to reach spiritual maturity. We have learned that our words have the power to either spiritually cripple or heal our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Lord has blessed us with three important desires: the desire to serve Him by putting our love into action, the desire to help each other grow closer to Him, and the desire to bring His love to those who do not yet know it. This third desire is seen in the "vision" that our young people have for outreach. They have worked this summer building a loving community and are now anxious to bring others into this community.

I am thankful that I have been welcomed into this community and was given the opportunity to help build it. If you love someone, tell them. People of Trinity, I love you!

—MARY ETHELDA SOKA

Youth Leadership Team



Trinity's youth team for the Appalachia Service Project was packed and overalled, ready to leave for Mobile where from July 13-19 they worked with other Methodist youth and leaders improving houses of economically depressed people. Accompanying the youth as leaders were the Rev. Bob Clark and Suzanne Mikelson. First row, above, left to right, are Lauri Denmark, Linda and Margie Phifer, Dana and Dawn Clark; standing are Billy James, Peggy Lewis, Gene Phillips, Darryl Clark, Jeb Blackburn and Rev. Clark.

Summer Reflections

By Peg Busacco

Many pleasant or at least interesting memories were created these past few months, as Trinity's youth developed one of their busiest summers yet. As we look back over some of these events, see if some of these mental pictures aren't familiar.

You Junior Highs should certainly recall the trips to Silver Lake, with Tim driving at warp speed and Mary and I following along in the dust. Do you still have your castings that you made? Can you remember those picnic lunches and the cool lake on those hot days? I heard that your "camp-out" in Fellowship Hall was interesting, too. I hope you all got a good night's rest. And how about that pool party at the Ekwalls' home—have you all recovered from your "shipwreck shenanigans"?

For those early birds this summer there were plenty of "shenanigans" in the kitchen of Morning Over Breakfast on Mondays and Wednesdays. Except for that last batch of pancakes, and a few squabbles over cooking ability, I think our youth chefs handled the kitchen fare very well. Certainly we received an education from our speakers—from diets to curb hypertension to the requirements of a Greek Orthodox priest.

When we weren't visiting places of worship after breakfast, our young people were involved in service projects, such as at the Salvation Army or the Tallahassee Convalescent Home. We also had an opportunity to serve the poor of Alabama, as our young people raised funds through a car wash and a church luncheon, and as ten of our youth, led by Suzanne Mikelsen and Bob Clark, dedicated their time and services for a week to improve housing conditions in Mobile.

Tuesdays and Thursdays were fun days, the mornings being taken up with arts and crafts and the afternoons devoted to recreation. Peggy Harter, the instructor for arts and crafts, discovered quite a few talented plaque-makers and decoupage artists in our group. Billy James had lined

up many good recreation events. Too bad that the end-of-summer weather didn't always cooperate. And when's the next tennis tournament, Billy?

We had some special events this summer, too. I think we had as good a time making the ice cream for "On the Light Side #2" as the audience did eating it. We also discovered who owned the bottomless stomachs in the group, if we hadn't already known that from the breakfasts. Those of us who emerged bleary-eyed on Saturday morning from spending all night recreating in the Christian Life Center will certainly never forget that, especially those recreators who found time for a little interpersonal-relationship building on the side.

It seems that in addition to Sunday School, MYF and the Ark, we've kept ourselves fairly active this summer and we've gotten to know each other better and to make new friendships. We have a good base on which to build our fall program. I only hope that after we finish Old Fashioned Day and the Senior High Banquet, we'll have some strength left for our fall program.

Welcomes and Farewells

The youth of Trinity extend their warmest welcome to Phil and Mica Rughton. We look forward to working with them at Trinity, and hope that their days here will be pleasant and full of friendships.

The youth would also like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to Mary Soka and Tim Mumma—two very special people who have given us many successful programs this summer and much happiness. Thanks, Tim and Mary.

"Fabulous Fall '75"

On September 7 the fall program of the Junior High MYF will begin with Phil Rughton conducting the programs on the 7th and 14th. On the 21st Tim Mumma will be back and plans will continue for the November trip through Central Florida.

During the four-day trip the group will visit sights along the way as well as other youth groups and churches.

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