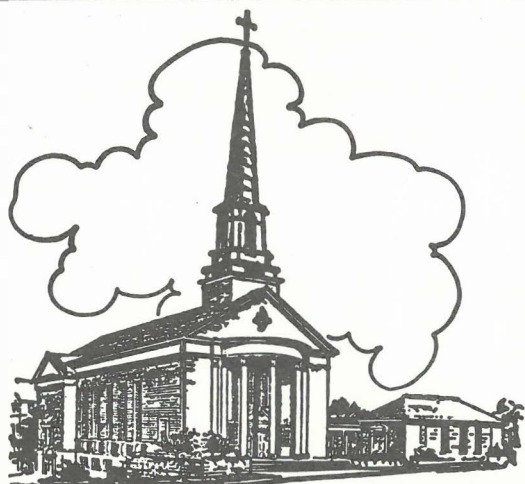




Monthly Tidings

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Wesley Bell Ringers

Salt Lake City Wesley Bell Ringers Will Give Concert Here June 15

"Artistry and Rhythm XII" will be presented Wednesday, June 15, by The Wesley Bell Ringers of Christ United Methodist Church, Salt Lake City, Utah at Trinity. The concert will begin at 8 p.m., following a covered dish supper at 6:30.

Starting with nine high school students and 25 handbells, this organization was begun in 1963 by Edwin J. Duncan. Since that time, Duncan has increased the membership to 20 and has encouraged the group to purchase

a total of 104 precision tuned bells—a total of 5 octaves. An extra octave is added by the Boom-A-Gong, an instrument unique in its sound and percussive effect.

The Ringers raise most of the money used to buy and repair their equipment and to finance their concert tours. The sale of "Hoagies," a kind of giant sandwich, has become synonymous with the name Wesley Bell Ringers. It is through these sales that much of the money is raised each year. The choir does not charge for its concert, but a free-will offering will be taken to help with tour expenses.

This handbell choir has been featured in newspapers and magazines, has played on radio and television and has produced five record albums. They have been honored as the demonstration choir at five different handbell conventions. And, the group has continued to play an average of 60 concerts per year in Salt Lake City and vicinity.

Choir to Present Handel Cantata

Trinity's Chancel Choir will present an extended choral work at the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 5. The choir will provide a festive and jubilant ending to the academic year.

O Praise the Lord with One Consent is the ninth in a series of sacred cantatas by Handel known as *The Chandos Anthems*. They were composed during the period from about 1717 to 1720 when Handel was something like a composer-in-residence for James Brydges, the first Duke of Chandos. The text used in this anthem of praise and thanksgiving is taken from the "New Version of the Psalms" in metrical setting by Tate and Brady, published in 1696.

Rachel James will accompany the work at the organ. Soloists are: Suzanne Gifford, Lucy Hadi, Jim Davis, and Duncan Hoehn.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 9 a.m. service on June 5.

Trustees Plan Ark Renovation; Rename It Clyde Gregory Room

The Board of Trustees has authorized spending \$4,000 of the \$14,003.97 willed to Trinity in the estate of the late Clyde W. Gregory toward refurbishing, renovating and redecorating the basement room in Trinity Hall recently known as "The Ark."

The \$4,000 will be added to other funds resulting from recent church activities, including the Springtime Tallahassee fish fry and the sale of used and outmoded furniture. Plans call for constructing a new ceiling,

providing new lighting, partial carpeting, furniture for lounge or conference area and construction of an enclosure for air conditioning unit and storage.

The refurbished room will be known as the Clyde W. Gregory Room, as a memorial for the long-time Trinity member who will be remembered for his service in the educational program and as a Sunday School teacher.

The will, which bequeathed 40% of the estate to Trinity, specified that it is left "to the discretion of the Trustees of said Church, it being understood and requested that some worthwhile and permanent memorial will be chosen." Trustees on May 9 voted unanimously that the room be renovated and named in Gregory's honor. Chairman Robert C. Parker, Jr., said, "It is hoped that the renovations and redecorating will open the room up to use by a wider range of groups needing a medium-size facility, including the various youth groups that have been making use of the room in the past."

The \$10,000 not immediately authorized for expenditure will be placed in the Trinity Methodist Church Trust, with the annual income set aside for maintaining and continually improving the old Ark facilities and adjacent kitchen area. The Trustees will record the gift in the perpetual book of memorials of the church.

A committee of Trustees Vernon Parramore and Ordis Causseaux, working with Phil Roughton and Lisa Miley, with professional services contributed by architects Bob Yates and Darrel Ellison, will oversee renovation and redecorating.

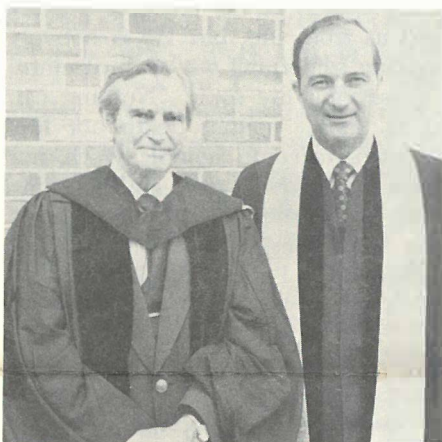
Parker said that additional contributions specifically for the Gregory Room are welcome.

Phil Roughton Is Ordained an Elder

The Rev. Phil Roughton, associate minister of Trinity, was ordained an Elder during a Service of Ordination on Tuesday, May 24, at the Florida Annual Conference in Lakeland.

One of 21 probationary members of the Conference to be ordained Elder, the Rev. Roughton advanced to full connection with the Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Candidates for Elder must have completed at least two years as probationary members, serving full-time under episcopal appointment; been previously ordained Deacons; met educational requirements; satisfied the Board of Ministry regarding physical, mental and emotional health; prepared at least one written sermon and responded to a written or oral doctrinal examination.



J. Lewis Hall and Florida Southern President Dr. Robert Davis after degree ceremony May 22.

Florida Southern Awards Hall Degree

Trinity member J. Lewis Hall was awarded the honorary doctor of laws degree by Florida Southern College, Lakeland, during commencement there on May 1.

On May 22, Florida Southern President Dr. Robert Davis reenacted the presentation during morning worship at Trinity.

The honorary degree was given in recognition of Hall's long years of service as president of the Legal Advisory Council of the Florida Annual Conference, United Methodist Church, as Grand Master of Masons of Florida in 1958 and for his work with the Florida Methodist Foundation in its wills and gifts program.

As Legal Council president, Hall wrote a handbook on Church and Civil Law as a guide for all Methodist pastors in Florida who become involved in law when their churches buy and sell property and execute trusts and wills. The handbook is now a model for other Methodist jurisdictions which have a similar need.

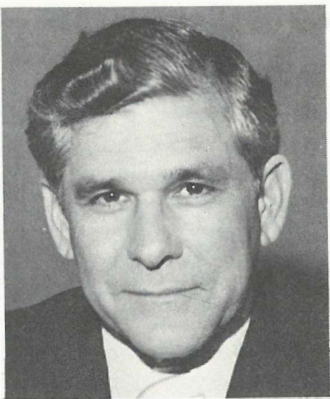
As a director of the Florida Methodist Foundation, Hall wrote a pamphlet, "Are You Ready to Live," explaining why persons should make wills. Some 150,000 copies of the pamphlet have been distributed.

Hall was president of The Florida Bar in 1959 and is currently a member of Trinity's Wills and Gifts Committee.

COMMENT:

God's Providence

by GENE ZIMMERMAN



Last Sunday's sermon got a lot of response at the door and some in the mail. As I thought about why, it occurred to me that the subject matter, not style, brilliance, oratory, etc., was the reason.

The topic was "God's Providence" and rather than explain it, I struggled with it for 20 minutes. I think a lot of people were interested because this subject can be found under the heading of "things people wonder about."

In the sermon I mentioned some of the things we wonder about when we think of the providence of God.

Providence is defined as "the foreseeing care and guardianship of God over his creatures" and "the all knowing direction of the universe and the affairs of man with wise benevolence." But when we think of God being all knowing and caring along with power to do all things, then we immediately ask "why?" Why do parents die young? Why does tragedy befall the same person over and over? Why is a madman allowed to maim and kill not one, but sometimes millions? If God is all knowing, all loving, all powerful, then why? It's difficult to believe in a providential God in the face of these questions.

I said in the sermon that I seldom see God's providence in the area of personal protection. As much as I would like God to take special care of me and mine, I see for the most part that I am subject to the same ills, tragedies, accidents that can and do befall others.

Where I find this ever-present, all loving God is at the place of picking up the pieces. God does not seem to shield us from life, but He is actively engaged in restoring and redeeming life; making something out of our painful predicaments and, as the Psalmist said, "preserving my soul." "Nothing can separate us from the love of God!" cried St. Paul, "neither death nor life, angels or principalities, powers, things present or to come, height, depth, nor any other thing in all creation." This is where God's loving care and presence is to be found, at the point of our need with the assurance that these things will not ultimately destroy us or separate us from Him.

In "The Meaning of Providence" the theologian Paul Tillich wrote: Faith in divine Providence is the faith that nothing can prevent us from fulfilling the ultimate meaning of our existence. Providence does not mean a divine planning by which everything is predetermined. . . . Rather, providence means that there is a creative and saving possibility implied in every situation, which cannot be destroyed by any event. Providence means that the demonic and destructive forces within ourselves and our world can never have an unbreakable grasp upon us, and that the bond which connects us with the fulfilling love (of God) can never be disrupted.

When I am most serious and realistic about my life and faith, I can then say that it is better to have a providential God standing with you seeing you through than one who stands in front of you, never allowing the real world to touch you.

Christian Education Comments

The Family: New Breed, Old Breed Or The Same?

By John H. Green

Time magazine, May 2, 1977, reports on a new study concerning the raising of children in America. The study, "The American Family Report: Raising Children in a Changing Society," was based on over twelve hundred families with one or more children under the age of 13.

The results showed that 43% of the parents belong to a group designated as the "New Breed." The study indicated that the New Breed parents have certain values that they believe but an overwhelming number set aside their own beliefs when teaching their children. The New Breed parents, 69% according to the study, are teaching their children "Old Breed" (Traditionalists) beliefs!

The report reads: "The children of the New Breed are being taught patriotism, the importance of saving, the need for hard work, respect for authority and that sex outside of marriage is morally wrong, all of which their parents no longer believe themselves." This must produce a tremendous strain and cause a terrific struggle when parents feel one value and teach another. Of course the question occurs, do the New Breed parents really feel that certain about their new values? Obviously not!

What does the study show concerning the Old Breed? It shows strains and struggles too. The Old Breed philosophy includes the belief: "We will sacrifice for you and be repaid by your success and sense of obligation." But the study reports that the Traditionalists are less willing to make the sacrifices than their parents were. And, another contradiction, the Old Breed agrees with the New, majority wise, that unhappy parents should not remain married simply for the sake of the children. It appears that the strains and struggles of the American families come partly from the "tug of the old values" and the "pull of the new values."

The American families are feeling the struggles and strains because of many other factors tugging and pulling at the structure of the home besides the conflict of values mentioned in the report. The structure of the modern home is changing. The functions of the American home have been taken away much like the peeling of a banana one side at a time. It is unrealistic to talk about returning to the days when every Christian family met at the family altar and prayer and the Bible were a must before starting the day. It is not honest to talk of it either because most families have no intention of returning to those days. Our society has moved from the good old days. Families begin their days in different directions. The problems of the American families are much too complex to say that the solution is to return to family worship in the home. It is not a bad idea but it is not a realistic one either. A lot of parents have guilt feelings because they would like to reinstate family worship but never find the time. If we are to make progress we must do away with the nostalgia and forget the guilt. Every era has its degrees of struggles and strains and the truth is the New Breeds and the Old Breeds come out very similar. Both are searching.

It is in the searching that the church needs to give its best and most in aiding the American family. How can the church reach forth to ease the struggles and strains? What is the responsibility of the church to the home in our changing society? It is evident the answers will not fall like manna

from heaven. The answers will evolve from the struggles and strains themselves and they may not always be the answers we would like to see or hear. The church must be involved in these struggles and strains. The church must teach and preach a set of beliefs for people to stand on. The solidarity of the family in its Christian faith depends on a firm foundation of faith. The church must do more teaching and preaching in beliefs and doctrines. This teaching and preaching should not be coercive indoctrination but rather should encourage the family to think for themselves. The church should offer something to think about. As a church we are not infallible but it is our responsibility to educate and nourish the Christian family as honestly as we can through the beliefs and doctrines of our church and to also express that our beliefs are not always sufficient for all families and that they must, with their own resources—minds, hearts, and strength—come to a statement of beliefs for themselves. The church's responsibility is to give a foundation to build on. This can be accomplished with teaching and preaching beliefs that have sustained the church and Christian families in past years.

A second major responsibility of the church in meeting the needs of modern American families is to expect more from the parents as Christians. The parent who has been baptised into the Christian faith is a minister! It is almost impossible for any member of a family to hide what he believes. And it is a mistake to think that a parent who does not talk about Christ to the child has no religious influence on the child. Beliefs express themselves in actions until a picture is drawn of what lies beneath the masks. It is almost impossible for a child not to notice what parents respect most in life. Therefore, the faith of the parent is more powerful than any other influence in determining what direction the child's life should take. The direction the child takes in life often decides the course of the family structure. Parents should not abandon the essential functions of creating a Christian life. Has the church given notice that it expects parents to be more aware of its educational responsibility? A recovery of the Christian order in the home will depend a lot on awakening parents to Christian education responsibilities in the home. It is when we teach that we realize how little we know. Much of what we take for granted or use as second-handed religion from our own parents must be re-examined. The church must make it known that it expects an adult education movement. Answers will evolve more easily for the Christian family in the strains and struggles when the parents lay hold on their problems with a dedication to Christian education.

The church has the final responsibility of offering the opportunities for the Christian education and expectations to take place. Guidance and support from the church depend on how much we have our hands on the pulse of the people. Right now people are hungry for leadership. They await anxiously to be led in directions that will provide aid for the struggles of today. The feelings of families cry out for the church to provide the opportunities that will help them in the search for answers that will heal broken hearts, ease daily frustrations and create values to live by. The church is in the midst of a tremendous challenge. We are in an evolution and the church is responsible for helping the process to be meaningful as possible.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Treasurer's Report
April 30, 1977

Cash Balance	\$13,874.32
Plus April Receipts	
On Pledges	\$18,525.35
Plate Offering	818.11
Kitchen - Food	238.95
Miscellaneous - Special	819.06
Non Budgetary	6,735.92
	\$27,137.39

Total Funds for Month	\$41,011.71
Less Disbursements During Month	\$35,368.67

Total Funds April 30, 1977	\$ 5,643.04
* \$8,000.00 deposited in savings certificates	

DISBURSEMENTS

Budgetary	
Benevolences	\$ 5,528.00
Ministerial Support	3,866.66
Lay Salaries	5,527.03
Promotion and Program	1,446.60
Office	1,172.96
Property	5,888.52
Miscellaneous	364.00
	\$23,793.77

Non Budgetary	\$11,574.90
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Total Disbursements for April 1977	\$35,368.67
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MONTHLY RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Cash Carry Over			\$15,254.21
January	\$25,947.86	\$23,469.02	\$17,733.05
February	\$24,503.89	\$24,360.55	\$17,876.39
March	\$23,385.33	\$27,387.40	\$13,874.32
April	\$27,137.39	\$35,368.67	* \$ 5,643.04

* \$8,000.00 in Certificates of Deposit

UMW Plan Luncheon

The monthly general luncheon meeting of United Methodist Women will be at noon in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, June 7. "Going Around in Circles" will be the theme as each circle will have an opportunity to share its projects and programs.

The July meeting of UMW will be the evening of July 5 and will be an ice cream social including families

Council on Ministries Meets

Chairman Sandra Mowell has called a meeting of the Council on Ministries for Tuesday, June 7. "It is important that we meet on a regular basis to give continuity to the church's program," Mrs. Mowell said.

At the meeting, chairmen of the church's various work areas, committees, and affiliated groups will begin preliminary planning for the fall with special emphasis on budget planning.

WILLS: Questions/Answers

Will you please summarize the reasons for making a will?

Only by making a will can you designate the particular individuals whom you desire to receive particular items of real estate and/or personal property that you leave at your death. This is important not only as a means of making sure that your own personal desires are carried out but also as a method of achieving estate tax benefits for your estate and, under the new "carryover" basis of valuing inherited real property for capital-gain purposes prescribed by the 1976 Tax Reform Act, income tax benefits for your beneficiaries.

Only by making a will can you designate your church or other religious or charitable institution as a beneficiary of your estate at your death.

Only by making a will containing appropriate provisions can you avoid certain administration expenses and expedite the distribution of bequests to your beneficiaries.

What is the "marital deduction," and how can a will help to provide maximum tax benefits from use of the marital deduction?

The "marital deduction" is an exemption from the federal estate tax of property passing to decedent's surviving spouse at his or her death. Prior to 1977, the maximum estate tax marital deduction was 50 percent of the decedent's adjusted gross estate. Under the new 1976 Tax Reform Act, this maximum was increased to the greater of \$250,000 or 50 percent of the adjusted gross estate of the decedent. Thus, a person whose estate may be less than \$500,000 and whose will presently provides for a marital deduction of one-half of the adjusted gross estate may wish to revise the will to take advantage of the increase in the authorized marital deduction by specifying that at least \$250,000 shall go to the surviving spouse.

Under the old tax law, estates of \$60,000 or less were exempt from the federal estate tax. Has this exemption been increased under the 1976 Tax Reform Act?

The \$60,000 exemption provision has been repealed, and there is no "exemption," as such, under the 1976 law. Instead, a so-called "unified gift and estate tax credit" has replaced the former \$60,000 estate tax exemption, as well as the former \$30,000 lifetime gift tax exemption. The unified tax credit begins at \$30,000 for estates of persons dying in 1977 and gradually increases to \$47,000 for estates of persons dying in 1981 and thereafter. The application of the tax credit to the tax that would otherwise be payable operates, in effect, to "exempt" estates of \$120,667 or less of persons dying in 1977; of \$134,000 in 1978; of \$147,333 in 1979; of \$161,563 in 1980. In 1981 and thereafter, estates of \$175,625 or less are "exempt" from the federal estate tax.

It should be noted that, while the 1976 law retains the annual gift tax exclusion permitting tax-free gifts to each donee of \$3,000 per year (\$6,000 for married couples splitting gifts), gifts in excess of this amount are taxable at the same rate as property passing at death; and to the extent that all or part of the allowable tax credit is used to reduce a donor's gift taxes, it is not available to reduce his estate taxes.

Do you have a question about wills you would like answered? Trinity's Wills and Gifts Committee will provide an answer in next month's Tidings. Write the Committee c/o Trinity United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 1086, Tallahassee.

Dr. Steve Woolard Is Sunday School Superintendent

The Work Area on Education is proud to announce that Dr. Steve Woolard will assume the responsibilities of Sunday school superintendent beginning in June, the Rev. John Green, minister of education, said.

His title officially, in order to broaden the scope of the responsibility and to give more involvement in the overall aspect of the church school programs, will be church school coordinator.

Dr. Woolard and his wife Barbara have been very active in the Christian education work of the church this past year. Barbara is coordinator of Grades 1 through 3 in the elementary level of the Sunday school and has been very influential in the planning of the Vacation Church School program for this year. Dr. Woolard has been teaching the Senior High Sunday School the past few weeks and has given a lot of time to evaluating and planning the future of our preschool nursery that operates on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

A Report from Trinity's Wills and Gifts Committee

By E. M. Menendez, Chairman

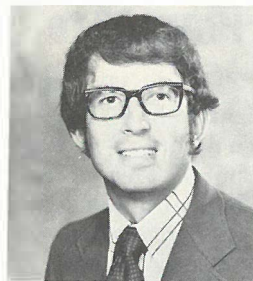
Trinity United Methodist Church is rich in the history and heritage of Florida Methodism. The Florida Conference was born here. There are hundreds of families and individuals who love this old church because of all it has meant to them, and it occupies a prominent place in the memories of days past.

A study conducted in 1975 by the Wills and Gifts Committee, headed by J. Lewis Hall, concluded that Trinity should continue to occupy a place of leadership not only in the United Methodist congregations but also in the overall Christian community of Tallahassee; but, being a "downtown" church and with the ever increasing and growing "perimeter" churches and their attraction to newcomers to Tallahassee, there is a real danger of a decline in the financial strength of Trinity so vital to its continuing ability to serve where it is needed. The present Wills and Gifts Committee was established to develop and implement a wills and gifts program which will help insure continuation of the work and mission of this great church.

The committee has conducted two workshops, one in the fall of 1976 and one in the spring of 1977. One of the main objectives of these workshops was to alert the membership as to the importance of everyone having a will to direct how his estate should be distributed after his passing. These workshops were well attended and, based on the response, were quite helpful. The other main objective is to interest and inspire members to include Trinity as a beneficiary of their wills.

The Wills and Gifts Committee suggests that each member of Trinity give consideration to the comfort and satisfaction to be derived by knowing that after we have passed on the contribution we made during our lifetime will continue to support this grand old church by leaving to Trinity the same percentage of what is left over (our estate) as we were contributing from our income during our active membership. There are several ways we can do this and several factors to be considered in order to select a plan best suited to the interest of the individual. Future reports in the *Tidings* will discuss some of these ways. Anyone interested in this program can obtain additional information by contacting any member of the Wills and Gifts Committee through the church office.

Woolard



Applicants May Register For Fall Nursery School

By Melinda Coulter

Trinity's nursery school will be finishing up another fun year at the end of May. Claire Nash and Mary Blackburn have guided each of their young students through much spiritual and intellectual growth this past year. Ask one of the students and be ready to hear anything from warm fuzzies to cold pricklies!!

A new committee headed by Mary Warren has been formed to discuss and plan policies for both the Mothers' Morning Out Program and the Nursery School. Others working with Mary are Kay Ellison, Peggy Harter and Melinda Coulter. These women welcome any suggestions or questions about either program.

Applications for next year's nursery school are being accepted now. A \$20 nonrefundable fee is charged to cover the year's materials and applications may be picked up in the church office or from Mary Blackburn or Claire Nash. Classes will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9 to 12 beginning in September and running through May. If sufficient 4-year-olds enroll, there will be a 5-day program offered for them. The prices are bargains: \$25 a month for 3 days a week and (proposed) \$40 a month for 5 days a week. This program is for 3- and 4-year-olds.

Please pass the word about Trinity's nursery program and help us maintain this fantastic opportunity for our children.

Mothers' Morning Out continues to run beautifully under the direction of Mrs. Marie Touchton and able help of Mrs. Flora Hodges. They plan to maintain their services over the summer offering baby-sitting from 9 to 12 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for infants through four-year-olds.

New Life Singers Present "Jubilation"

The rock musical "Jubilation" by Lani Smith will be presented by the New Life Singers at Trinity Sunday night, June 5. The work, which will follow a covered dish supper, is based on the theme of Christ's resurrection.

Soloists and an instrumental ensemble will be featured in the musical. The following weekend, the group will travel to Marietta, Georgia, to perform at First United Methodist Church. All Trinity members and friends are invited to hear this presentation June 5.

Youth choir leader Suzanne Gifford will direct the performance.

UMW Circles Plan June Meetings

Circle 2 will meet on Monday, June 13, at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. E. E. Somerset, 2926 Shearer Road.

Circle 3 will not meet in June.

Circle 4 will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 14, in Room 210 at the church.

Circle 5 will meet at the Maclay Gardens for a picnic at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 14.

Circle 6 will meet at the church at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 14, to go to Marguerite Steinmeyer's cottage at Lake Talquin.

Circle 7 will not meet in June.

Circle 8 will hold an all-day family outing at the summer home of Mrs. Ed Walker at Lake Talquin on Saturday, June 25.

Circle 9 will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 14, at the home of Mrs. James Ball, 702 North Ride.

Circle 13 will hold a pot-luck supper at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, at the home of Mrs. H. E. Helton, 1143 Circle Drive. Mrs. Bion Leathers will be co-hostess.

Circle 14 will meet for lunch at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, June 13, at the Spartan Restaurant.

Youth, Adult Workers Plan Rally/Workshop

Sunday, June 19, a combination rally/workshop will be held at Trinity for youth and adult workers with youth from 2:30-9:00 p.m. Planned by members of the District Youth Committee, the event will include seminars on Group Building, Summer Camp, Youth Weeks, Work Projects, Recreation, Drama, and Worship.

Also included will be special entertainment and a meal served at the church. The cost for the rally/workshop will be \$1.50 per person and advance reservations will be necessary. Call the church office if you would like to participate.

Time to Register For Vacation Church School

This summer, vacation church school will be held June 20-24 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon for children two years old by December 31, 1976, through third grade.

Children will be given registration forms for VCS at Sunday school. They may either preregister or register the first day of the school, Leslie Williams, Education Work Area chairman, said.

The curriculum for this year's VCS was written by a group of Trinity members using Methodist literature. One member of the "writing team" not pictured in last month's *Tidings* is Emily Ann Zimmerman. This writing was done so that the curriculum would revolve around the main theme, "God Is Love." Puppet shows, films, art and music activities, and lessons all correlate with each day's theme.

If you have any questions concerning VCS, call Mrs. Robert (Ann) Lumsden at 386-3224 or Mrs. Steven (Barbara) Woolard at 386-6000.

Some of the vacation church school workers are pictured here: first row from left: Mary Warren, Leslie Williams, Barbara Woolard, Ann Lumsden, Jan James. Back row: Sandra Mowell, Judy Walker, Kay Ellison, Dianne Ruff, Peggy Harter, Tricia Willis, Gail Harris, Brenda Dyer, and Emily Ann Zimmerman. Others not present when photo was made were listed in last month's *Tidings*.



Summer Youth Program Plans Are Announced

Along with Associate Minister Phil Roughton and Youth Counselor Bruce Harter, Summer Youth Worker Wayne Wiatt recently projected plans for the summer youth program.

A choir trip to Atlanta on June 10 will kick off the summer program. Tentative plans for several other day trips spread over the course of the summer include a trip floating down the Ichetucknee River, a retreat at the beach, water skiing at Lake Talquin, a day at Wakulla Springs and a picnic bike hike. Four or five Saturday outings will be scheduled.

Tuesday nights at 7:30 will be set aside for senior high Bible study. Singing, intense study, and light refreshment is the projected format for the study sessions.

Wednesday will be mission day which will begin with an early morning prayer breakfast. Meals-On-Wheels has indicated a need for young people to deliver meals to the elderly and shut-in. They're also backlogged with requests for yard work and house repairs. This work will provide the youth their mission outreach in the community.

An evening for recreation is slated for Thursdays. Putt-putt golf, progressive dinners, a coffee house, swimming, and bowling rank high among the possibilities.

Afterglows will be held on Sunday evenings of weekends with no Saturday outing. This after-MYF program is primarily for followship and will be held generally at the home of one of the youths.

A visitation program designed to build up the attendance in both the junior and senior high groups is also slated for the summer. Wiatt hopes to organize a committee of youths to visit the inactive youth members of the church.

On July 15, Trinity youth will participate in a "Lock In" along with the youth from St. Paul's Methodist Church. They will all be locked in the Christian Life Center one evening and will remain there until unlocked the following morning. Swimming, skating and bowling are only a few of the activities that will be available. "Everyone likes this," exclaims Wiatt. "I keep telling myself it will be fun."

If the interest is there, Wiatt plans to organize a folk-singing group to travel around the Tallahassee area and sing for special events. He also hopes to have some time for drama written and performed by the Trinity youth.

The summer program will be climaxed with Youth Week, August 14-19. "Every night the kids will come to the church for programs," says Wiatt.

Wayne Wiatt Returns as Summer Youth Worker

Beginning June 10, Wayne Wiatt, summer youth worker, returns for another active summer of fun and growth with the junior and senior high youth of Trinity.

This junior from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, speaks excitedly of his decision to work with church youth. "Not only will it help me in and out of school, but I just love to do it. And really enjoying my work matters to me." Wayne says his father has always stressed that it's not how much money you make but how much you enjoy your work. "I'm definitely not going into the ministry for the money," said Wayne, "but I just feel like that's what I was meant to do."

As a sacred music major, Wayne is very active in the musical life of his school. Not only is he a member of the concert choir, but he is also a

Special entertainment, recreation and dinner all geared to a specific theme will be planned for each evening. A keynote speaker will also be tapped for the special occasion.

The youth of the church will be able to keep up with the schedule through the weekly newsletter, *The Grapevine*. Published every Thursday, this newsletter will detail the calendar of events scheduled. It will be mailed to every Trinity youth, active or inactive.

Spiritual development is Wiatt's primary goal for the summer junior and senior high youth program. "We want to attract them with the activities, but if they don't grow spiritually, the summer is a waste. I want them to grow as a group, to become a close-bonded group with Christ as the center," he states.

member of a musical group that tours under the auspices of the Christian Service Council, an association at Oral Roberts University organized to give students an opportunity for voluntary mission work. Just this year, Wayne has performed in two operas and a musical production of "My Fair Lady."

After he completes his undergraduate degree, Wayne plans to attend seminary. A career as a minister of music and a youth worker is what he envisions for his future. "I think there is a great demand for people to work with youth in drama and music."

After a brief visit with his parents at their Lake Talquin home, Wayne will take up residence with a Trinity church member for the summer. Four nights a week he will be available for dinner with any Trinity family that extends the invitation. Wayne is eagerly looking forward to Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. "It's like having Sunday dinner every day," he exclaims. "And it's a great opportunity to get to know the people of the church."

Wayne says his last year's stint as summer youth worker at Trinity has provided him with a more solid foundation from which to work.

Junior Highs Will Bus to Leesburg

The week designated for Jr. Highs in the Tallahassee District to attend a week of summer camp at the United Methodist Youth Camp in Leesburg is June 27-July 2.

In order to allow as many people as possible to attend, a special arrangement has been made with St. Paul's United Methodist Church to use their bus for transportation to and from the camp. Space on the bus will be available to any Jr. High youth in the Tallahassee District on a first-come-first-serve basis, and the round trip cost will be \$5 per person.

Rev. Phil Roughton, who will be teaching at the camp during that week, will also be the driver of the bus. To reserve a place, call Phil Roughton at 222-1120.

Youth Learn Mission Needs Are Here Too

By Donna McGinley

"The first time I saw the site where we would be working, I wanted to vomit," said Nancy Glisson, a Florida High School junior speaking of last year's Appalachian Service Project in Oneida, Kentucky. "I never knew what poor really was and that there were people who lived like that."

Trinity's youth group arrived in Oneida on a Sunday afternoon. After settling in at the local high school dormitory, they split into two teams. Each team went to meet the family they would be working with.

"They live in a completely different lifestyle," says Wayne Wiatt, one of last year's team leaders. "Garbage everywhere, all over the floors, the walls and the yard. We tried to show them simple things like digging a hole for the garbage."

One of the houses last year's team worked on was just a shell. They had to put in windows and doors and re-roof it to make it livable. The family had put cardboard down for insulation. "There was so much needed," said Wayne, "we just did what we could."

Year before last Lauri Denmark, a Florida High School junior, worked with the project in Mobile, Alabama. "The houses were shacks," she recalls. "By doing such things as stopping leaks in the roof and putting screening on windows, we repaired two houses the week we were there."

Getting their homes repaired was a big event for the families involved. "We showed them how to work together," says Nancy. "They wanted to help and maybe we didn't let them help enough. We would sing while we worked and they would watch."

"This work experience really taught us a lesson in Christian love," says Wayne, "to love people for what they are. Overcoming the differences because of life styles was hard, but we got to know each other."

"There is such a need for mission work here in the United States," he continued. "I think we get caught up in our middle class environment and forget about the poor." Wayne feels the Appalachian Service Project is a step toward answering this need. Even though everyone in a church community cannot go do the actual labor, there is a way that all can participate—by providing money for supplies. "They have a shortage of materials and we just had to do the best with what we had. Oftentimes we would have to put off work until needed supplies arrived," states Wayne. "It's very important for our congregation to support this project."

This year the Trinity youth group is making plans to participate in the Appalachian Service Project by working in Madisonville, Tennessee.

Meeting the people in a poverty-stricken area, perceiving their problems, understanding their relationship to their surroundings, overcoming middle class values and loving people for what they are, and working together to make someone a home are all part of the Appalachian Service Project.

ROUGHTON'S RAPPINGS

In conjunction with a revival of the play "Rip Van Winkle" last year, the Annenberg Center sponsored an essay contest for high school students with the assigned topic, "What I might find if I woke up in 1996, after a 20-year sleep." They got some interesting responses. In the words of one of the judges, "Most students were scared . . . of ozone, of skin cancer, of an annihilating war, of a shortage of natural resources which forced governments to take charge of people's lives. The few who were positive were utopian, not realistic."

Some of the judges were surprised. I'm not. The students' responses seem to fit rather naturally into the scheme of things in a world like ours where very often our responses are either fearful or unrealistic. All sorts of data are fed into our human and mechanical computers from every direction and we often come up with more confusion and questions than answers and hope in relation to the future.

So what does all this have to do with anything? Well I started out thinking about June and graduation and all of that—and that always makes me think about the future. And then I started wondering how it would look to be graduating from high school this year, and what I'd want. Thinking back, I know much better now what I'd want if I were getting ready to "face the world." While information, skills, plans about specific vocational direction would be necessary, much more important would be something I noticed Wayne Wiatt has as a priority for the summer youth program—"spiritual understanding."

That's a very broad term for me and it includes everything that helps me somehow understand better who God is, who I am in relation to God, and what the ultimate meaning of life is for me and everyone else. You see I've already learned that you can't prepare for cancer, or tragic death—nor I suppose for annihilating war or world famine. In those moments there simply are no easy answers; logic doesn't fit. It's in those moments that we stretch out beyond ourselves, seeking for understanding—or maybe strength and comfort. It's in those moments that our vision broadens beyond the routine of our daily existence.

So if I had my choice, I'd want to be a better "stretcher"—a better seeker—a person who had resources beyond material and temporal security. Unfortunately there's no high school course called "Beginning Stretching"—so you have to learn it—or experience it someplace else. One of those places is the church. Though it slips sometimes, the church pretty consistently deals with the questions of real importance.

If you're a young person who would like to look for direction and answers this summer, we invite you to be a part of our summer youth program. We won't come up with all the answers, but we'll all give it our best shot—and we're bound to hit a few!

Peace,
PHIL

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