



Monthly Tidings

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New members Agatha Cannon, Jerri Lynn Russell, and Dr. and Mrs. Sam Meyers (left to right) participated in an orientation in the church parlor prior to joining the church.

UMW Circles Schedule May Meetings

Circle I will meet on Monday, May 8, at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Edward D. Trembly, 2310 Ellicott Drive, phone 385-3107. The cohostess will be Mrs. Brock Wilharm.

Circle 2 will meet on Monday, May 8, at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Harold Yates, 1218 Camellia Drive, phone 877-3225. Cohostesses will be Mrs. A. H. Bryson and Mrs. T. R. Lewis. The program will be presented by Mrs. Gene Zimmerman on the book, "The Healing Fountain."

Circle 3 will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 9, at the home of Mrs. E. T. Bell, 557 East Georgia Street, phone 222-0012. The circle will be continuing study of "Women In the Bible" with Mrs. Martha Hall.

Circle 5 will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 9, at the home of Mrs. H. H. Hawes, 725 North Gadsden Street, phone 222-3588.

Circle 4 plans to meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 9, in room 210 at the church.

Circle 6 will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 9, with Mrs. W. S. Anderson, 919 Brookwood Drive, phone 877-5989. Cohostesses will be

Mrs. T. M. Crawford and Mrs. R. M. Yent.

Circle 7 has made plans to meet on Tuesday, May 9, at the coast home of Mrs. H. S. Oliver. They plan to meet at the church at 9 a.m. and drive together.

Circle 8 is planning a covered dish luncheon at 12 noon, May 9, at the home of Mrs. Ronald Braswell, 721 Rebecca Drive, phone 385-6556. Beverage and dessert will be provided. A free nursery at the church will be available.

Circle 9 will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 9, at the home of Mrs. Don Hay, 1105 Lasswade, phone 385-4221. The program will be a book review.

Circle 13 will meet on Tuesday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. John D. McDonald, 2 Franklin Court, phone 222-3729. Mrs. Louise Fitzgerald will be the cohostess. Mrs. J. L. Graham will give a talk on "Modern Maturity."

Circle 14 will meet at 12:15 p.m. on Monday, May 8, at Howard Johnson's on Apalachee Parkway.

Vacation Church School Teachers, Assistants Named for June 19 - 23 Session

Vacation church school preparations are in full swing. The dates are June 19-23. Sessions will begin at 9 a.m. and end at noon each day.

Children aged 2-5 and first, second and third graders will be included in the program. Theme is "God is Love."

The following teachers, helpers, and specialists have agreed to assist:

2 yr. olds:

Lead Teacher—Sharon White

3 yr. olds:

Lead Teacher—Liz Dameran
Helpers—Dianne Ruff, Charlotte Stevens

4 yr. olds:

Lead Teacher—Barbie Williamson
Helpers—Brenda Dyer

5 yr. olds:

Lead Teachers—Leslie Williams & Carol Woolverton
Helper—Billy Teague

1st grade:

Lead Teacher—Rochelle Davis
Helpers—Judy Walker, Alice Weatherly

2nd grade:

Lead Teacher—Gail McGlothlin

3rd grade:

Lead Teachers—Mary Warren & Peggy Harter

Food—Elaine Green

Registration—Kay Ellison

Music—Suzanne Gifford

Puppets—Mary Ann Hensarling, Sara Ann Mowell, Nancy Steinmeyer

Physical Education—Nancy Kerce

Films—Mary Ann Hensarling, Jimbo Weatherly

If you can help during this week, call Ann Lumsden, 386-3224, or Barbara Woolard, 386-6000.

Five Join Trinity Church During April

Mrs. Frank Cannon (Agatha Monk), 2636 Mission Road (04), phone 576-3231, joins Trinity by profession of faith and baptism.

Benjamin J. Fox (Ben), Rt. 12, Box 316, (04) phone 877-0320, comes to us from Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Tallahassee. Ben is employed at the Mental Health Unit, TMH, and is engaged to Peggy Lewis.

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Meyer, 2501 Napoleon Bonaparte Drive, (08), phone 878-3073, transferred their membership from the First United Methodist Church in Ada, Ohio.

Ms. Jerri Lynn Russell, 2612 West Tennessee, Apt. 37, (04), phone 575-2720, comes from the First United Methodist Church in West Palm Beach. Jerri Lynn is employed at Putnam Jewelers.

Fish Fry Proceeds Aid Youth Mission

Approximately \$1,000 profit was made from the Springtime Tallahassee Fish Fry, cosponsored by Trinity youth and the Wesley Brotherhood Sunday School Class. Half of the profit will go to help pay for the youth mission trip to the Bahamas and the other half will go to the new Life Enrichment Center at Leesburg.

Bob Walker as the general chairman did a great job of coordinating the event as well as cooking a lot of fish, the Rev. Phil Roughton said. In addition to Bob, a large group of people of all ages pitched in and didn't quit until the job was done.

Another large group participated by donating every imaginable kind of dessert for sale which contributed significantly to the total profit, he reported. Bette Jackson still can't get over the number of people who responded to her appeal for cakes, pies, and cookies! She'll be careful before she asks Trinity people for help again!

All in all, the event was a real success, a lot of fun, and all who participated are due a hearty "thanks," Phil Roughton said.

News Briefs

Ministers, Delegates Go To Annual Conference

Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church convenes in Lakeland on May 30 and will continue through April 2.

All three of Trinity's ministers plan to attend. The church's three delegates, Bruce Harter, Mary Blackburn and Doug Smith, will also participate.

Trinity's Pastor-Parish Relations Committee wrote Bishop Joel McDavid requesting that Trinity be permitted to keep all three of its ministers for another year. Bishop McDavid responded that he had no plans to move them.

The 136th session of the Florida Annual Conference will draw 1800 delegates representing 700 churches with 323,000 members. Ministries of the church for 1979 will be voted on.

Vacation Church School District Workshop Held

A District Methodist Vacation Church School Workshop was held at Trinity on Sunday afternoon, April 9. Leading the workshop were Rev. John Green and Trinity V.C.S. coordinators and workers: Ann Lumsden, Barbara Woolard, Kay Ellison, Mary Ann Hensarling, and Leslie Williams. Participants in the workshop were given folders filled with information and entitled, "Here's Help for Your Vacation Church School."

Church School Promotion

Church school students from fifth grade through senior high school will be promoted on the second Sunday in June. All other church school students will be promoted in September.

Appreciation Dinner

On Monday, April 24, Trinity church school workers were honored at an appreciation dinner. District Superintendent Al Vaught was the after dinner speaker. As a token of appreciation the church school workers were presented Trinity bookmarks and booklets entitled, "The Greatest of These."

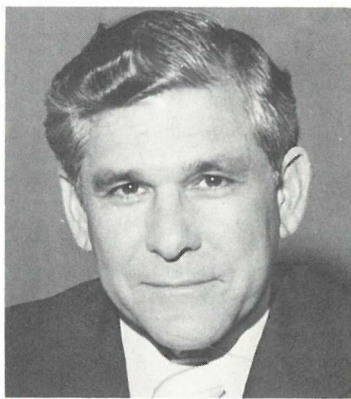


Florida Southern College President Robert Davis (right) and the Rev. Gene Zimmerman place academic stole on the Rev. Al Vaught signifying the awarding of an honorary doctor of divinity degree. Dr. Davis reenacted the presentation from Florida Southern College during worship service at Trinity April 16. District Superintendent Vaught preached the morning sermon.

COMMENT:

Fulfillment Society

By Gene Zimmerman



I read an interesting brochure some time ago. It was published by the Florida Southern Railroad Company in 1883 and circulated in an effort to get people to settle along its line from Jacksonville to Punta Gorda. The company offered five acres of free land if anyone would settle within three miles of the road and additional land could be purchased from one to five dollars an acre.

They told of Florida in glowing terms and how easily a man could make a living at most anything from raising cattle to selling tropical fruits. It was the closing sentence, however, that interested me most. It said, "The Floridians are intelligent, Sabbath-keeping people and the institutions of religion are everywhere respected and maintained."

Do you suppose it was true, or just a lot of ballyhoo to sell real estate? As proud as I am of my forefathers and as much as I would like to believe it, I think they overstated the case a bit, just as they did when they said you could make a fortune selling guavas. It sounds good, but it just isn't so.

But if that statement can't be made of Floridians in general, perhaps it could be said of some in particular. We could start a movement and call it the Floridian Fulfillment Society; the stated purpose of which would be, "That it can *truthfully* be said, 'Floridians are intelligent, Sabbath-keeping people and the institutions of religion are everywhere respected and maintained.'" We'll hold the first meeting at church next Sunday.

Spiritual Ills of Old Age are Uselessness, Boredom, and Loneliness

The Rev. Jack Ahlers of the United Ministries Center presented a series of lessons on aging to the Advanced Studies Sunday School Class during the past month.

He pointed out that all persons start the aging process at birth and that the life-long process governs the life style of senior years. The basic spiritual ills of old age were described in a paper the Rev. Ahlers provided the class from the minutes of the 1961 White House Conference on Aging. It is being printed in full below:

To Grow In Wisdom By Abraham J. Heschel

The Sense of Inner Emptiness and Boredom

Old age is an age of anguish and boredom. The only answer to such anguish is a *sense of significant being*.

The sense of significant being is a thing of the spirit. Stunts, buffers, games, hobbies, slogans are all evasions. What is necessary is an approach, a getting close to the sources of the spirit. Not the suppression of the sense of futility, but its solution; not reading material to while away one's time, but learning to exalt one's faculties is the answer; not entertainment but celebration.

To attain a sense of significant being we must learn to be involved in thoughts that are ahead of what we already comprehend, to be involved in deeds that will generate higher motivations.

There is a level of existence where one cannot think anymore in terms of self-centered needs and satisfactions, where the problem that cannot be silenced is: Who needs me? Who needs mankind? How does one relate himself to a source of ultimate meaning? The cry for such relatedness which gains intensity with old age is a cry for a referent that transcends personal existence. It is not experienced as a need from within but as a situation of being exposed to a demand from without.

Significant being is not measured by the amount of needs that agitate a person but by the intensity and depth of the response to a wisdom in relation to which my mind is an afterthought, by the discovery that the moment to come is an anticipation, expectation, waiting to receive my existence. Significant being means ex-

periencing moments of time as a comprehension which embraces me.

What a person lives by is not only a sense of belonging but also a *sense of indebtedness*. The need to be needed corresponds to a fact: *something is asked of man, of every man*. Advancing in years must not be taken to mean a process of suspending the requirements and commitments under which a person lives. To be is to obey. A person must never cease to be.

Our work for the advanced in years is handicapped by our clinging to the dogmatic beliefs in the *unchangeability of man*. We conceive of his inner life as a closed system, as an automatic, unilinear, irreversible process which cannot be altered, and of old age as a *stage of stagnation* into which a person enters with his habits, follies, and prejudices. To be good to the old is to cater to their prejudices and eccentricities.

May I suggest that man's potential for change and growth is much greater than we are willing to admit and that old age be regarded not as the age of stagnation but as *the age of opportunities for inner growth*?

The years of old age may enable us to attain the high values we failed to sense, the insights we have missed, the wisdom we ignored. They are indeed formative years, rich in possibilities to unlearn the follies of a lifetime, to see through inbred self-deceptions, to deepen understanding and compassion, to widen the horizon of honesty, to refine the sense of fairness.

One ought to enter old age the way one enters the senior year at a university, in exciting anticipation of consummation. Rich in perspective, experienced in failure, the person advanced in years is capable of shedding prejudices and the fever of vested interests. He does not see anymore in every fellow man a person who stands in his way, and competitiveness may cease to be his way of thinking.

At every home for the aged there is a director of recreation in charge of physical activities; there ought to be also a director of learning in charge of intellectual activities. We insist upon minimum standards for physical well being, what about minimum standards for intellectual well being?

Christian Education Comments

By John H. Green

"The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church: The Political Community"

The United Methodist Church acknowledges the necessary function of government for law and order in a society. At the same time the allegiance of the Church to God takes priority over our allegiance to any government. The United Methodist Church is responsible to God for political life, therefore the following is a partial declaration relative to governments:

A. Governments are responsible for the protection of the rights of people: speech, religion, assembly, right to privacy, and rights to communication media. The punishment of political opponents violates fundamental human rights.

B. National security must not be extended to *justify* or keep secret maladministration, or illegal and unconscionable activities directed against persons or groups by their own government or by other governments. We believe in freedom of information.

C. We believe in the separation of church and state.

D. We believe responsibility for education of the young rests with the

family, the church and the government.

E. Governments and laws should be servants of God and of human beings.

F. We believe it is the duty of governments to establish police forces, courts and facilities for rehabilitation of offenders to protect citizens from encroachment upon their personal and property rights.

G. Though coercion, violence and war are presently the ultimate sanctions in international relations, we reject them as incompatible with the Gospel and spirit of Christ.

These brief thoughts express an attitude of The United Methodist Church which provides us the criteria by which we can measure our beliefs in the political community. The state does a great deal in influencing our lives but that influence must have its limits when it threatens the rights and lives of people. Unjust laws should be challenged and these laws are unjust if they seek to destroy the disagreeing minority or if they take away the dignity and natural needs of goods, shelter, and clothing. Civil disobedience has a place in these types of unjust laws. We should be proud of a Church that supports principles as cited in the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church.

What the nation needs is senior universities, universities for the advanced in years where wise men should teach the potentially wise, where the purpose of learning is learning itself.

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For thousands of years human existence was not simply confined to the satisfaction of trivial needs. Through prayer and ritual man was able to remain open to the wonder and mystery of existence, to lend a tinge of glory to daily deeds.

Modern man has discarded ritual, failed to learn the art of prayer, but found a substitute for both in occupational routine. He severed relations to God, to the cosmos, or even to his people, but became engrossed in the search for success. The excitement of success took the place of inspiration. Upon his retirement from labor or business, games and hobbies, the country club or golf take the place of church, synagogue, ritual, and prayer. This, then, is the fact: *hobbies* have become a *substitute* for ritual, not only for work. Should we not clearly distinguish between recreation as a substitution and recreation as a solution?

Authentic human existence includes both work and worship, utilization and celebration. *We have a right to consume because we have the power to celebrate*. The man of our time is losing the power to celebrate; instead of participating in spiritual celebration, he seeks to be amused or entertained. It is upon reaching the summit of his years, that man discovers that entertainment is no substitute for celebration.

What are the basic spiritual ills of old age?

- 1) The sense of being useless to, and rejected by, family and society;
- 2) The sense of inner emptiness and boredom;
- 3) Loneliness and the fear of time.

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The Sense of Significant Being

It is NOT necessary for man to submit to the constant corrosion of his finest sensibilities and to accept as inevitable the liquidation of the inner man. It is within the power of man

to save the secret substance that holds the world of man together. There is no human being who does not carry a treasure in his soul; a moment of insight, a memory of love, a dream of excellence, a call to worship.

We must seek ways to overcome the traumatic fear of being old, prejudice, discrimination against those advanced in years. All men are created equal, including those advanced in years. Being old is not necessarily the same as being stale. The effort to restore the dignity of old age will depend upon our ability to revive the equation of old age and wisdom. Wisdom is the substance upon which the inner security of the old will forever depend. But the attainment of wisdom is the work of a life time.

Old men need a vision, not only recreation.

Old men need a dream, not only a memory.

It takes three things to attain a sense of significant being:

God
A Soul
And a Moment.

And the three are always here.

Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy!

Letters to Trinity

The Chapel Singers, their adult sponsors, and we wish to thank you and your people for the gracious hospitality extended us during Holy Week of 1978. The warm response of your church to our performance of CELEBRATE LIFE was greatly appreciated. From our viewpoint, this trip was the "best ever," and much of the credit lay in the wonderful way in which you played the role of host.

It was exciting for us to catch a glimpse of the vitality present in your congregation. May God bless you as you continue to serve in Christ's name. And please know that our doors are open to you, should you ever wish to send a youth group or choir our way.
Carol Connell,
Director, Chapel Singers
Dick Fleming,
Minister of Music
First United Methodist
Church, Richardson, TX

Advanced Studies Class Pledges To Continue as Living Testimonial To Class Leader Betty F. Phifer

The Advanced Studies Sunday School Class on April 30 pledged to continue the class as a living testimonial for the class's founder and long-time leader, Betty F. Phifer.

Mrs. Phifer died April 26 after a long bout with cancer. During that time she continued to plan the class's study series and arrange for guest speakers from throughout the academic and professional community. Until a month ago, she introduced the speaker by tape recording to the class and with courage, optimism and cheerfulness kept class members informed about her condition.

On April 30 lesson plans and invited speakers for the coming spring and fall months were distributed, as outlined by Mrs. Phifer during the last weeks of her illness.

In 1974, Betty Phifer presented a series of lessons to the Sunday school class on "Death and Dying," containing much of the same material she provided her classes in the Florida State University Department of Religion. Though she taught people how to die, her emphasis, students say, was on living. John Carey, head of the Religion Department, said she talked frankly about her condition in class, but showed only cheerfulness and optimism. "She really wanted to go out in a life-affirming way," he said.

"There was no dissolution or defeat at the end," class member and friend Becky Hollady reported. "She walked with God in spiritual healing; there could be no defeat."

True to her teaching, Betty Phifer planned her own memorial service, which was held at Trinity United Methodist Church, at 2 p.m., April 30. Coworkers in the Department of Religion and friends read her favorite scripture and passages from theologians she selected as significant in affirming the meaning of life and the resurrection.

Mrs. Phifer was known for speaking out and supporting unpopular social causes. She organized the Tallahassee Chapter of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Donations may be made in her memory to Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, 1213 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

The FSU Religion Department has established the "Betty Phifer Memorial Fund" that will be awarded each year to an outstanding undergraduate in the school. Contributions can be made through the FSU Foundation.

Mrs. Phifer is survived by her husband, Dr. Gregg Phifer, three daughters, Margie, Linda and Dorrie, her parents, one brother and five sisters.

SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING

a definition

Spiritual Well-Being is the affirmation of life in a relationship with God, self, community and environment that nurtures and celebrates wholeness.

Commentary

Spiritual Well-Being Is the Affirmation of Life . . .

The Spiritual is not one dimension among many in life; rather, it permeates and gives meaning to all life. The term Spiritual Well-Being, therefore, indicates wholeness in contrast to fragmentation and isolation. "Spiritual connotes our dependence on the source of life, God the Creator.

What, then, is Spiritual Well-Being? We cannot regard well-being as equated solely with physical, psychological, or social good health. Rather, it is an affirmation of life. It is to say "Yes" to life in spite of negative circumstances. This is not merely optimism which denies some of life's realities; rather, it is the acknowledgement of the destiny of life. In the light of that destiny it is the love of one's own life and of the lives of others, together with concern for one's community, society, and the whole of creation, which is the dynamic of Spiritual Well-Being.

A person's affirmation of life is rooted in participating in a community of faith. In such a community one grows to accept the past, to be aware and live in the present, and to live in hope of fulfillment.

A Relationship With God, Self, Community, and Environment . . .

Affirmation of life occurs within the context of one's relationship with God, self, community, and environment. God is seen as "Supreme Being," "Creator" of life, the Source and Power that wills well-being. All people are called upon to respond to God in love and obedience. Realizing we are God's children, we grow toward wholeness as individuals, and we are led to affirm our kinship with others in the community of faith as well as the entire human family. Under God and as members of the community of faith, we are responsible for relating the resources of the environment to the well-being of all humanity.

. . . That Nurtures and Celebrates Wholeness

Human wholeness is never fully attained. Throughout life it is a possibility in process of becoming. In the Judeo-Christian tradition(s) life derives its significance through its relationship with God. This relationship awakens and nourishes the process of growth toward wholeness in self, crowns moments of life with meaning, and extols the spiritual fulfillment and unity of the person.

—BY REV. JACK AHLERS



Mrs. Myrtle Metz holds the citation naming her to the Second Wind Hall of Fame presented her at the April general meeting of United Methodist Women. Her sponsors, Mrs. Myrtle Ferguson (left) and Dr. Minna Jewell (right) offer congratulations.

Myrtle Metz Is Named to Second Wind Hall of Fame for Voluntary Service

Mrs. Myrtle Metz, who has made a "second career" with more than 17 years of voluntary assistance to community welfare, was named to the Second Wind Hall of Fame last month.

Trinity's United Methodist Women nominated her for the honor in recognition of her many years of service as chairman of their Community Welfare Committee. So well has she fulfilled her responsibilities in meeting needs of people who are sick, out of work, without food and clothing, that other organizations in the city channel their welfare contributions through her. Agencies and others to whom a need becomes known likewise turn to Mrs. Metz for they know she will find a way to meet it.

The Second Wind Hall of Fame was established by Phil Kelly following publication of his book, "Second Wind, Handbook for Happy Retirement," in which he told heart-warming stories of numerous retirees who were having second careers, often in the areas of volunteer community service.

Topics Announced For Advanced Studies

Lyndon B. Phifer, 85-year-old retired editor of church school publications for The Methodist Church and now associate editor of *Parliamentary Journal*, will discuss his 20 years of retirement before the Advanced Studies Sunday School Class on May 7.

His talk is part of a series of lessons the class has had during the past month about the elderly.

On May 14, Sanford Gottlieb of New Directions, will talk to the class about Nuclear Energy and World Peace.

June Dugger, HRS Program Office on Aging and Adult Services, will discuss her office's work on May 21.

Plans for May 28 are for a talk by Dr. Richard L. Rubenstein, professor of religion and distinguished professor at FSU, on the message of his book, *The Cunning of History*.

Class member Dr. Gifford Hale will report on his brother's book, *The Unchurched*, on June 4. The book was recently reviewed in *Time* magazine.

The class meets at 10 a.m. each Sunday in Room 212. Newcomers are welcome.

A nonprofit corporation managed and staffed by volunteers was set up in Hendersonville, N.C., to record the names and stories of nominees to the Second Wind Hall of Fame. Its objectives are two-fold: to recognize retirees who have caught their "second winds" while serving their fellowmen, and to encourage other retirees to take a more active part in community affairs.

Mrs. Myrtle Ferguson and Dr. Minna Jewell submitted Mrs. Metz's name in nomination. Dr. Jewell was also named to the Second Wind Hall of Fame about two years ago.



Mrs. Bessie Jones is embraced by the Rev. John Green during the Education Work Areas' recent appreciation night for church school teachers and helpers. Even though in her 80's, Mrs. Jones plays the piano each Sunday morning for the fourth graders.

A WILL

- Will make sure your estate goes to the people you love.
 - Will appoint your children's guardian.
 - Will contribute to causes you believe in
 - Will help your church
- Where there's a will, there's a way . . .**
- to avoid having the state distribute what you've spent a lifetime building.
 - to eliminate worry, delay, financial hardship for your heirs.
 - and a way of saying "Thanks" to God.



Youth Complete Plans for Bahamas Mission Trip July 6-16

Confirmation of an invitation to send a youth team to the Bahamas this summer has been received from the Rev. Ivan McElhinney, pastor of four congregations on the island of North Eleuthera. Correspondence concerning the possibility of such a trip began the first of the year and some details remain to be worked out.

The plan as it now stands is to take a team of 12 youth and four adults to North Eleuthera to conduct a week-long vacation Bible school at various places around the northern end of the island. The group will be divided into two smaller teams in order to serve as many children and youth as possible. Each team will be prepared to conduct a full Bible school program for children and youth from pre school age to graduating seniors. They will take with them from Trinity all the required resource materials and equipment. In addition, each team will work together to provide musical programs for the churches.

The Bible school programs will be conducted during the morning hours and the afternoons will be free for team members to prepare, relax, and enjoy the islands. In the evenings, Rev. McElhinney has scheduled a special preaching series and has invited the Rev. Gene Zimmerman to be the guest preacher. The youth teams will provide special music for the evening services and assist in worship.

July 6 is the planned departure date when the group will travel by van to Miami. Friday morning, July 7, they will fly from Miami to North Eleuthera where they will have the rest of the day and Saturday to settle in, meet church people, and make final preparation for teaching.

Sunday Rev. Zimmerman and Rev. Phil Roughton will preach in two of

the four churches on the circuit, and Monday morning the first Bible school sessions will begin. The following Friday afternoon the teams will pack up, say goodbyes and fly to Nassau to spend Saturday sightseeing and shopping. After attending worship at Trinity Church, Nassau, the group will fly back to Miami, load the van and head for Tallahassee.

Money for the trip is coming from three sources. Each person going will pay one third of the cost, the church has budgeted one third of the cost, and the youth are working to raise the final third through projects such as the recent fish fry. They are planning another fund raising meal in June.

Upon returning to Tallahassee, team members will be available as resource persons to groups within the church who wish to hear more about the mission trip.

Wayne Returns as Summer Youth Worker

Coming back for what has to be a record third year, Wayne Wiatt has been hired as Trinity's summer youth worker. Wayne currently lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he is a music major at Oral Roberts University. He will be arriving in Tallahassee in mid-May and will be officially on the job June 12.

Wayne has done an outstanding job in the last two summers planning a summer program which even energetic youth have trouble keeping pace with, the Rev. Phil Roughton said. "He is a person of genuine faith who gives freely of himself to others. Trinity is fortunate to have Wayne on the team again. Welcome back, Wayne!"

ROUGHTON'S RAPPINGS

Here's number two (or maybe three) in a very occasional series of Roughton's relatively ridiculous reflections on remotely revealing or redemptive clichés. Today's cliché: "Home is where the heart is." Since Mother's Day, National Family Week, and the Festival of the Christian Home all occur in May, what could be more appropriate? If you're a high school senior, you're saying, "Graduation, for one!" and I respond to you, "Flunk out and hang around another year—(you could probably use the experience)—maybe next year's May column will be on graduation. This year I'm writing on the home!"

After Mica and I married, our first home was a trailer that would just about fit in our present garage. Not quite, but it sure seems small by comparison. It was supported by concrete blocks and would shake like crazy every time we chased each other (chasing is a common early marriage activity) down the hall that was so narrow you got splinters from the paneling in both shoulders at the same time. The natural gas service man made a slight mistake, connected the gas line to the water hook-up, the water line to the gas hook-up and proceeded to fill our furnace with water! The furnace never did work great, but it didn't work at all those first six fall and winter Kentucky months—which probably explains why our chasing was considerably above the national average. To make things even more romantic and delightful, we also had no sewer hook-up the first four months. As aggravating as it was to walk a half block in the middle of the cold night, First United Methodist Church in that little town will never know how much their 24-hour open-door policy meant to us!

With all our problems, we remember those days with fondness (this clichéish thought slipped in by accident and should not be confused with the main cliché of the article). Those were the days when our "home" was being established, a home which had little to do with a trailer in Kentucky. It wasn't always wonderful and easy. Some days there wasn't even any chasing! But working together we discovered that two (or more) people could learn to live and love in such a way as to meet each other's needs and generally make life richer and a lot more fun!

Someone recently defined a homemaker as "anyone who contributes to the bonds of love in human relationships." That's a good definition for two reasons. First, it means you don't have to be a married person, or have children, or have parents to be a homemaker. Any person, any age who helps create a place or atmosphere where people feel comfortable, loved, accepted, "at home" can be a homemaker.

Second, it helps free people from the need to fulfill certain stereotyped role expectations. To "contribute to the bonds of love" for example, might mean John cooking the evening meal in order that Mary can go with Susie to little league baseball practice.

People related to God through Christ are in good position to be homemakers. The love and acceptance they experience from God sets them free to love and give to people around them and they create "homes" wherever they go. For them, home is truly where the heart—and love—is.

Peace, Phil

12 Youth Selected for Bahamas Trip

A special committee composed of Cheri Lewis, youth coordinator, Ben Fox and Peggy Lewis, youth counselors, Suzanne Gifford, children's and youth choir director, and Phil Roughton, associate minister, recently announced their selection of the following youth to be participants in the summer mission trip to the Bahamas: Catherine Causseaux, Lauri Denmark, Leslie Drake, Bill Ekwall, Nanci Glisson, Robin Holmes, Jeff James, Joel Jarrett, Edith Quinly, Susan Quinly, Doug Smith and Penny Walker.

Members of the selection committee based their decisions on several criteria including age, level of participation in the youth program, emotional and spiritual maturity, and specific talents or abilities (teaching, musical talent, etc.)

Rev. Roughton explained, "It was a very difficult job since all the applicants were highly qualified and would do an excellent job. We feel the team selected will represent the Christian faith and Trinity church well."

The Character of a Methodist

by John Wesley

(Continued from April issue of *Monthly Tidings*)

Whosoever is what I preach (let him be called what he will, for names change not the nature of things), he is a Christian, not in name only, but in heart and in life. He is inwardly and outwardly conformed to the will of God, as revealed in the written word. He thinks, speaks, and lives, according to the method laid down in the revelation of Jesus Christ. His soul is renewed after the image of God, in righteousness and in all true holiness. And having the mind that was in Christ, he so walks as Christ also walked.

By these marks, by these fruits of a living faith, do we labour to distinguish ourselves from the unbelieving world, from all those whose minds or lives are not according to the Gospel of Christ. But from real Christians, of whatsoever denomination they be, we earnestly desire not to be distinguished at all; not from any who sincerely follow after what they know they have not yet attained. No: "Whosoever doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." And I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that we be in no wise divided among ourselves. Is thy heart right, as my heart is with thine? I ask no further questions. If it be, give thy hand. For opinions, or terms, let us not destroy the work of God. Dost thou love and serve God? it is enough. I give thee the right hand of fellowship. If there be any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies; let us strive together for the faith of the Gospel; walking worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called; with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering,

May U.M.Y.F Evening Program Schedule

- May 7—Jr. High—No UMYF—Group at Six Flags Over Georgia
- Sr. High—Worship: What Is It?
- May 14—Jr. High—"Fishbowl"—a Serendipity Game
- Sr. High—Worship Through Creative Dance
- May 21—Jr. High—Recreation—Elections
- Sr. High—Recreation—Elections
- Afterglow—Susan Wollschlager's
- May 28—Jr. High—Pool Party—Cheri Lewis
- Sr. High—To Be a Woman

Sunday, May 21, during the regular UMYF hours, elections for officers of the Council on Youth Ministries will be held. The council is responsible for planning and coordinating all youth events in the church. Any youth interested in running for office should contact Phil Roughton by May 14.

forbearing one another in love, endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace; remembering, there is one body, and one Spirit, even as we are called with one hope of our calling; "one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

THE END

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