



# Monthly Tidings

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA • VOL. 12, No. 5 • MAY, 1985

## Church Hopes to Be Debt Free in 1990

### Size of Trinity Hall Mortgage Depends on Pledge Extensions

Letters will be mailed May 8 asking members of Trinity to pledge for the first time or extend their present pledges another 36 months to provide funds to complete renovation of Trinity Hall.

The Administrative Board on April 23 approved a recommendation of the Finance Committee that an appeal be made to raise as much money as possible to reduce the construction mortgage, buy at least \$50,000 worth

of furnishings, and construct a recreation pavilion.

When the first renovation fund drive was planned three years ago, it was announced that additional funds would be needed to complete the project. Approximately \$555,000 was pledged, of which about \$532,000 is expected to be collected by May 1986.

The cost of renovation, including the pavilion and furniture, is now estimated to total \$1,050,000. Of this

amount \$795,000 will be for construction, \$75,000 for architects' fees, \$35,000 for cost overrun, \$75,000 for the pavilion, and \$50,000 for furniture and fixtures. \$27,000 has already been given for the pavilion.

Church treasurer Bill Smith told the Finance Committee during a meeting April 16 unless a substantial amount of new money is raised, a much larger mortgage than the church

will be able to serve will be necessary.

An original goal of \$175,000 was set by an ad hoc planning committee last month, based on an 18-month extension of current pledges. Smith estimated this amount would leave a mortgage of \$370,000 to \$400,000 in January 1988. The cost of debt service to Trinity's operating budget will be \$30,000 in 1985, \$37,000 in 1986, \$45,000 in 1987, and \$53,000 in 1988.

### Church Treasurer, Finance Committee Chairman Watch Over Budget

By Jim Nash

Bill Mattice, chairman of the Finance Committee, and Bill Smith, church treasurer, are on opposite ends of Trinity's financial spectrum—one is the first to see the money as it comes in and the other is the last to see it as it is paid out.

The function of Mattice's committee is to compile the budget and to plan the revenue side based on needs of the various work areas of the church. His committee also reviews the operation of the church, looking for "significant variances," such as dramatic utility cost increases or unanticipated maintenance needs.

These "significant variances" can signal a need for mid-year budget adjustments, a change in priorities or a special effort to raise additional money.

"You take it from someplace else or you go back to the well," Mattice said.

"We don't try to tell trustees they need to spend money for specific things," Mattice said, but he pointed out that most of the budget is composed of "demand items"—utilities, salaries, needed repairs—in which there is no choice but to spend the money.

His own function as chairman for



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the past three years is to formulate ideas to present to the committee. This is where his personal philosophy comes into play in discouraging "pie-in-the-sky" budgets or financial plans.

"I don't mind seeing us stretch when we have to," he said, "but we want a realistically attainable project or budget."

Bill Smith echoes that conservative sentiment when it comes time to write the check: "We should have it before we spend it," he said.

Smith, who is serving as treasurer for the fourth year, describes himself as "keeper of the church's money." Working closely with Mattice, he helps keep the budget balanced. His credo is: "Handle the money prudently as if it is your own."

But the job of church treasurer is more than signing the checks. He

often works in an advisory capacity to church leaders.

"We have a complicated and intricate process of getting things approved and I walk people through that maze, showing what we can and cannot do," Smith said.

Smith and Mattice, like their counterparts in most other United Methodist churches, are banking professionals. Smith is president of City National Bank and Mattice is executive vice president of Andrew Jackson Savings and Loan Association.

Bankers are known for their fiscal conservatism, and Trinity members should take great comfort in this fact. Smith was asked what is the opposite of being a fiscal conservative. He thought a moment and said with a laugh, "Stupid, I guess."

Both grew up in Trinity and their on-going service to the church carries on family traditions. Bill Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Smith. He and his wife Paula and their two sons represent a third generation of Smiths at Trinity that began with Bill's grandparents.

Bill Mattice is the son of Mrs. Royal Mattice. He and his wife Alison have three young children. She coordinates the Pre-School Division of the Sunday School.

Smith said this appears to be obtainable goals although it will require a concerted effort to hold other budget items to reasonable increases unless a substantial rise in annual pledges for the operating budget occurs.

In an effort to reduce the debt service's impact on the operating budget in future years and be debt free by 1990, the Finance Committee voted to ask for the 36-month extension. Members expressed the hope that enough would be pledged to make it possible to reduce the size of the mortgage; thus making the annual debt service more manageable.

Persons who have joined Trinity since the first fund drive will be asked to begin four-year pledges immediately.

### UMW Luncheon May 7 To Feature Book Fair

Trinity's United Methodist Women will meet Tuesday, May 7, at 12:00. The program will be a Book Fair with Frances McAdams and Wilma Dickey in charge. The Executive Committee will meet at 10:30 a.m., in the Conference Room. A nursery will be provided for both the Executive Committee meeting and the luncheon meeting.



### Good friends, good neighbors

Sunday school officials, teachers and children met between their two churches March 31 to say thank you and farewell. For 11 months First Presbyterian Church hosted Trinity's children's classes while Trinity Hall was being renovated. To say thanks for the hospi-

talities and joint learning experience, Trinity presented the neighbors with a videocassette recorder and television set to use in their Christian education program.



## Pentecost Emphasis on Hunger

We read and hear of hunger and malnutrition throughout the world; of people trapped by geography, political climates and their own illiteracy. The effects of hunger on the human mind and body can be easily identified. Malnutrition is not as dramatically visible. Most malnutrition is unobtrusive. But the day-in, day-out erosion of health it causes is reaching epidemic proportions. It causes otherwise minor diseases to become killers. Malnutrition has been identified as the world's number one health problem.

"In Brazil children under 5 years of age constitute less than 1/5 of the population, but account for 4/5 of all deaths. Deaths are measurable. The toll among survivors is less dramatic and less visible. Yet, more than 2/3 of the 800 million children now growing up in developing countries are expected to "encounter sickness or disability diseases either brought on or aggravated by protein-calorie malnutrition. Studies indicate malnutrition inhibits a child's ability to cope with the requirements of daily existence. A malnourished child is listless, lacking in curiosity and unresponsive to maternal and other stimulation. Even if this were not so, the maternal stimulation he requires is frequently unavailable; the mother herself is often a victim of nutritionally induced lethargy.

"Malnutrition adversely affects mental development, physical development, productivity, the span of working years—all of which significantly influence the economic potential of man. Man is subject to the laws of thermodynamics; he must absorb energy to produce energy. Men living on 1,800 calories a day have been shown to lose 30% of their muscle strength and 15% of their precision of movement. Speed, coordination and many behavioral characteristics also have been altered.

"Unless the current levels of malnutrition are dramatically checked, they may be significantly detrimental to the performance, appearance, physical well-being, and perhaps even the mental capability of much of the world's population.

"The token efforts of the past are an inadequate and thus unacceptable response. It is no longer sufficient to think of nutrition in terms of projects that are doing something good or useful; they must be aimed at doing something of consequence."

During Pentecost our focus is directed toward nutrition and health education in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. As the first Pentecost re-directed the early believers to "go into the world . . ." let Pentecost at Trinity help us to "come to a fuller understanding that the gospel is concerned with two kinds of bread: bread for the soul and bread for the body. To deny hungry people either of these is to distort the truth of the Christian message". The magnitude of the problem is such that Pentecost 1985 should begin our commitment to the world's hungry people.

Edited from "The Nutrition Factor" by Alan Berg

"What Do You Say To a Hungry World" by Stanley Mooneyham



Jim Weir (far right) was one of the speakers for the Holy Week Breakfasts. A long tradition at Trinity, the breakfasts provide a special emphasis on the days leading up to Easter.

## Holy Week Breakfasts Started Day With Good Food, Fellowship, Inspiration

By Liz Smith

The "early birds" who set their alarms and made it to the 7 a.m. Holy Week breakfasts were more than rewarded for their faithfulness and dedication. They were greeted each morning with the wonderful aroma of bacon or Bradley sausage, hot coffee, the sight of a table groaning under the weight of fresh fruit, eggs, grits and hashbrowns, sweetrolls and hot biscuits. Not to mention the joy of having such pleasant companionship for breakfast!

Members of the various adult Sunday school classes were in the kitchen by 6 a.m. preparing the food under the able direction of Dick Almarode and his wife, Betty, and of course our own Julia Rowell. Others were busy setting tables and afterwards, elbow deep in dish water, were assisting with the clean-up chores. If you

have not participated before you've truly missed out on an experience that is fun and rewarding. Whenever we join in and work together on such a project it always provides new friends and a lot of fun too.

Following the meal, Kitty Funderburk and Ollie Reese Whittle led the singing of old and familiar hymns, and then each morning one of our speakers closed the brief time together with a timely and inspiring message. Everyone was so grateful to Jim Weir, Jean Vaught, Myron Blee and Woody Kerce for sharing their faith with us. The last morning the series was appropriately and beautifully concluded by Delano Fenn, singing several of the special hymns of Easter.

If you missed the breakfasts this year, start now planning not to be left out next year . . . it's simply too good to miss.

## Christian Faith and Disarmament

Adopted by the 1984 General Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The prophecy of Isaiah to Ahaz, King of Judah, declared that security cannot be gained in foreign alliances, intensified hatreds, or strengthened defenses. Isaiah's action program was for the king to "Take heed, be quiet, do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint" (Isaiah 7:4).

Isaiah had named his son, "A remnant shall return" which offered God's hope for those who remained faithful, a foretelling of the failure of those who rely on force of arms to survive (Is. 7, II Kings 17, II Chronicles 28).

We affirm Isaiah's words as a standard for today. They are consistent with our denominational history and our contemporary stance. We remember who said in 1816, "War and the shedding of blood are incompatible with the teachings and example of Christ." Thus we place ourselves with those who reject planning for war as a path to peace.

We also affirm Isaiah's words of hope. We are not called to despair. The landmark study, "The Christian Faith and War in the Nuclear Age," directed by the 1960 General Conference of The Methodist Church and given to the church in 1963, said: "The Christian Church and the individual must accept responsibility for the creation of a climate of opinion in which creative changes can occur." It called work for these creative alternatives, "Our mission field as we live as disciples of the Prince of Peace" (p. 105, *The Christian Faith and War in the Nuclear Age*).

We recognize the current situation which is described as a "nuclear dilemma," presents the possibility that, referring to Isaiah's prophecy of a faithful remnant, there may not be a remnant left.

But we also recognize our own responsibility to act, on the basis of our faith, to establish alternatives to war as outlined in the Social Principles and "The United Methodist Church and Peace."

In that mission, we recognize certain events and rejoice in the work that is being done:

—We stand with and affirm our bishops as they lead us through their ministry for peace, especially as it was represented by their Pastoral Letter of April 1982. We rejoice in their challenge to all United Methodists to join together in seeking an end to the arms race and dedicate ourselves to accept their challenge to be peace-makers.

—We praise the American Conference of Catholic Bishops for their Pastoral Letter, *The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response*. We are strengthened in our understanding and actions through their studied biblical/theological analysis as well as by their analysis of our global situation.

—We rejoice that a challenge to the escalating nuclear arms race has been developed by the National Movement for a Nuclear Freeze in the United States, and has been affirmed internationally in the United Nations. We commend and encourage our congregations and members who are leaders in that movement at all levels. We support a mutually verifiable freeze of nuclear weapons as a politically viable first step toward achieving our goal of the elimination of the production, possession, or use of nuclear weapons.

—We also rejoice that many United-Methodists throughout the world participate in various other movements designed to seek alternatives to armaments. In these actions, they are joining together corporately to fulfill the

request of the 1963 study which says the Christian must act and must "not sit on the sidelines while momentous decisions are being made" (pp. 100-101, *The Christian Faith* . . .).

In order to fulfill our obligations to witness to God's hope for the future we pledge ourselves to these actions:

—We, as United Methodist Christians, must build the conditions for peace through development of confidence and trust between peoples and governments. We stand unalterably opposed to those who would instill hate for one people and nation in the people of another nation. As a worldwide church, we recognize in Christ the unity of all humanity. There must be no hatred between sisters and brothers. We will seek out and struggle against any attempt to instill hatred of any, whether a country, people, or national symbol.

—United Methodists and other Christians must recognize that conflict can be alleviated by accepting the validity of political and economic systems in other countries, and by pledging to work to eliminate attempts to impose systems developed in countries other than their own. That recognition is a necessary first step toward stopping the threat to one system by the government of the other.

—Our goal of world disarmament must be achieved through intermediate steps of arms reduction. We reject deterrence as a permanent basis for the securing and maintenance of peace. It can only be tolerated as a temporary expedient and while real measures of disarmament are set in motion. We affirm measures, particularly between the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. which develop trust in negotiating postures, and deplore words and actions of one or the other of the major nuclear powers designed to

threaten the other.

—We seek to include "no first-strike" pledge in disarmament agreements. We oppose development of weapons systems which lead to automated, hair-trigger responses or preemptive strikes. Such systems radically shorten time available for rational response to presumed nuclear attack.

—We continue to urge ratification by all nations of international treaties designed to curb the spread of all types of weapons, both on earth and in outer space. We pledge ourselves to aid in the development of situations where non-nuclear countries do not feel compelled to seek nuclear weapons. We ask governments to structure appropriate political and economic relations with such countries that will encourage them in their non-nuclear path.

—We encourage our local churches and members to also engage in other actions that lead to a disarmed world, including prayer services, vigils, petition drives, and contacts with public officials. To these ends we support those Christians who feel called upon by God to participate in acts of non-violent civil disobedience.

—Disarmament and peace depend upon all nations discovering a prophetic vision of justice and tranquility, as well as the intentions of the Preamble of the United States Constitution. We, therefore, call upon The United Methodist Church to establish justice ministries committed to spreading scriptural holiness and reforming the land. Justice requires the end of racism, poverty and violence, and the emergence everywhere of reconciliation. For that reason we reaffirm the program emphasis of Peace With Justice.

This information is provided by Commission on Church and Society, Gwen Roberts, chairperson.



## Trinity's Elementary Division: Committed To The Challenge

By Lora Chapman

*Coordinator, Elementary Division*

This month the *Tidings* recognizes the elementary teaching teams. These dedicated people appear faithfully every Sunday morning with bags full of props, ready to teach those scrubbed little faces with those energetic little bodies. They deserve great praise.

First Grade—Leslie Williams, Dean Bunch, and substitute Debbie Donk

Second & Third Grade—Rosie Wright, Rose Howe, and Helen Sellers

Fourth & Fifth Grade—Janie Kalaf, Ann Lumsden, and Bettye Roberts

Rosie Wright laughs as she describes the ploys she has used to get the boys and girls to sit together—like putting name tags on the chairs, to find only too quickly that the chairs have been moved, and, once again, all the boys are on one side of the room and all the girls are on the other.

Rosie's husband, Tommie, joins the second and third grade team when his schedule permits. He teaches the class new songs and accompanies them on the piano. While all this is going on, Rose Howe is counting heads to see how many of those she has called and sent cards are present. Then it's time for Helen Sellers to mesmerize the class with her stories. These are the stories that they will retain and will offer examples throughout their lifetime.

Coordination is the key to the success in the fourth and fifth grade class. With a preponderance of boys,

### State Lottery Not In Keeping With UM Social Principles

A bill is being considered in this session of the Florida Legislature to approve a constitutional amendment establishing a Florida lottery.

Some legislators are looking at the proposed lottery as an easy solution to finding revenue to support education and other state services.

United Methodists see a lottery in another light, the Rev. Jim Reeher, speaking for the Florida Conference Work Area on Church and Society, said in a recent article in the United Methodist Reporter.

"We as Christians are called to see it from a different angle. Christ calls us to count the cost (Luke 14:28) of a quick fix, easy way out, voluntary tax in terms of what it means to human lives."

He said lotteries depend upon an appeal to greed. "We the people would be teaching society the principle of getting it without earning it, through this gambling approach."

He urged United Methodists to let their legislators hear from them. "It is time to stand up for what we say we believe Christ calls us to affirm and to oppose in our society," he said.

The names, addresses and telephone of Tallahassee area legislators are set out below for your convenience in contacting:

#### Senators:

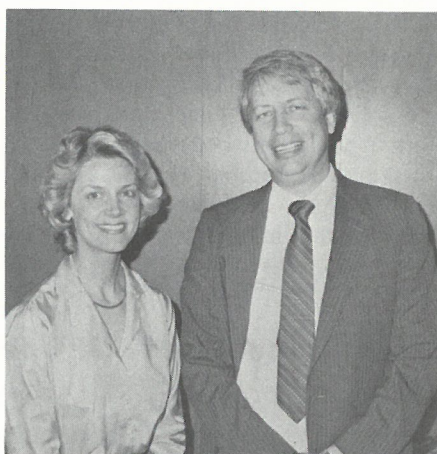
Pat Thomas, Room 222, Senate Office Building, Tallahassee 32301, telephone 487-5004

Bill Grant, Room 224, Senate Office Building, Tallahassee 32301, telephone 487-5017

#### Representatives:

Alfred Lawson, Jr., Room 311, House Office Building, Tallahassee, 32301, telephone 488-1798

Herbert F. Morgan, Room 417, Capitol, Tallahassee 32301, telephone 488-0965



Leslie Williams, Dean Bunch



Helen Sellers, Rose Howe



Janie Kalaf, Ann Lumsden



Rosie Wright

Janie Kalaf, Ann Lumsden and Bettye Roberts have found that it's often good strategy to divide and conquer. They like to have a variety of activities and separate work groups to discuss different aspects of the lesson. Finally they come together to share their insights and ideas.

At this level, the students begin to relate what they're learning in Sunday school with their everyday life. They begin to understand religious symbols and abstractions of the faith. For instance, you might have noticed one Sunday recently, 4th and 5th graders running from air vent to air vent, flying miniature kites. What you might not realize, as the cool air was switched on from room to room, is that these children were reinforcing their newly acquired understanding of kites as a symbol of the ascension of Christ and the crossed supports as the symbol of our faith.

It is fun to conclude with the youngest group, the first grade. Their honesty in explaining why they missed last week has been known to cause

considerable embarrassment for their parents.

As Tommie Wright tunes up in the next room, their ears listen through the wall as the music flows and the 2nd and 3rd grade voices rise. However, their attention is soon recaptured, as Dean Bunch tells a story or Leslie Williams puts on a tape which she recorded the night before. Leslie and Dean have found that first graders like to act out their lesson. This will undoubtedly help them remember the characters and messages (not to mention possibly spark an acting career). They are in an atmosphere that is nurturing a positive relationship with the church and with their peers. They will leave first grade with the feeling that Sunday school is a good place to be.

In all the classes, the children are responding to each teacher's commitment. They are reacting positively to the interest that is shown to them personally. They are becoming Christian people, which is each teacher's reward.

## Adult Fellowship Has Big Plans For May

A picnic at Trout Pond will be the featured activity of Trinity's Adult Fellowship meeting for May 17.

Located on Springhill Road, the U.S. Forestry Park is designed to accommodate older adults and handicapped persons on specially adapted nature trails. For those wishing to try their luck at fishing a pier is available on the lake.

A fried chicken picnic lunch for \$2.50 per plate will be provided. Reservations by Wednesday afternoon, May 15, will be necessary in order to plan properly for this occasion.

Transportation will be provided from the church beginning at 10:30 a.m. or persons may make their plans to drive individually to the park. Those needing transportation should indicate this when they make reservations.

A second meeting of the Adult Fellowship will be held at the church on May 31. At that time, Mark Bryars, travel agent from Waycross, Georgia, will be here to show a film of New England and make plans for future trips. This will be the last meeting for the Adult Fellowship until fall.

## Social Principles of the United Methodist Church

### Gambling

Gambling is a menace to society, deadly to the best interests of moral, social, economic and spiritual life, and destructive of good government. As an act of faith and love, Christians should abstain from gambling, and should strive to minister to those victimized by the practice. Where gambling has become addictive, the Church will encourage such individuals to receive therapeutic assistance

so that the individual's energies may be redirected into positive and constructive ends. Community standards and personal life styles should be such as would make unnecessary and undesirable the resort to commercial gambling, including public lotteries, as a recreation, as an escape, or as a means of producing public revenue or funds for support of charities or government."

## UMW Circles Announce Meetings

*Circle #1* will meet Monday, May 13, at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Sora Coulter, 412 Ingleside Ave. Kitty May Taylor will be co-hostess.

*Circle #2* will meet Monday, May 13, at 12:30, for a picnic at the home of Mary Lee Hurt, 2102 Old Fort Drive. Eloise Berry will be program leader.

*Circle #3* will meet Tuesday, May 14, at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Mrs. Herschel Blount, 942 Delores Drive.

*Circle #4* will meet Tuesday, May 14, at 9:15 a.m., in the church parking lot. Cars will leave at 9:30 for Alice Wadsworth's cottage at the coast.

*Circle #5* will meet Tuesday, May 14, at 10:00 a.m., in the Adult Congregate Room (Room 305) on the third floor of Trinity Hall.

*Circle #6* will meet Tuesday, May 14, at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Margaret Moorner, 523 E. Eighth Ave. Mary Eleanor Daniel will be co-hostess. Gayle Jordan will present the program.

*Circle #7* will meet Tuesday, May 14, at 9:30 a.m., to go to St. Theresa.

*Circle #8* will meet Tuesday, May 14, at 12:30 p.m., for a luncheon at the home of Sue Humphress, 1736 Highland Place. The nursery will open at 12:00 at the church.

*Circle #9* will meet Tuesday, May 14, at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Helen Price, 711 E. Sixth Ave.

*Circle #10* will meet Monday, May 13, at 3:30 p.m., at the Tallahassee Convalescent Home.

*Circle #11* will meet Thursday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Nancy Duncan, 1415 Claude Pichard Drive.

*Circle #12* will meet Thursday, May 16, at 2:30 p.m., in the Chapel.

*Circle #13* will meet Tuesday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Lois Fletcher, 412 Hillcrest Avenue.

## Memorial Gifts

Gifts were given to the church in memory of Elizabeth Taylor by Emilie Blackburn, Julia Sutton and Margaret D. Harper.

In memory of Anna Jane Macklin by Florence M. Scherdin, Blanche N. Stockton, Judge and Mrs. Ben C. Willis, Mrs. Lester Lewis and Mildred R. Lees.

## Jaws

are not enough.

Don't just talk about donating blood—please do it.

Now. We're open  
7:30 a.m. till 7:00 p.m.  
Mon.-Thurs.;  
7:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m.  
Fri.

Leon County  
Blood Bank, Inc.  
(904) 877-7181  
1240 Hodges Drive



When donating blood, remember to Credit it to the account of Trinity United Methodist Church.





Confirmation Class 1985 received into the church on Palm Sunday. Left to right-front row: Ruth Ann Parramore, Dorothy Dinah Jackson, Elizabeth Mason Harris, Karen Diana Levy, Ann Desiree Eberly. Second row: Christina Teresa McKenzie, Sarah Jane Betts, Elizabeth Florence Butterworth, Stacy Lynn Nations, James Noel Nash III, Glen Howard Laird. Third row: Daniel Alan Devousges, Michael Cornelius Dalton, Garrett Dale Merlau, Jeffrey Lawrence Young, Dr. Walter Kalaf.

## UMYF Sponsors Haitian Children

Both the Senior and Junior High United Methodist Youth Fellowship groups will be sponsoring overseas children as a result of their month-long compassion series in March. During this program, Trinity's youth received indepth education on the nature and causes of poverty. The UMYF also learned about the biblical answers to the problem.

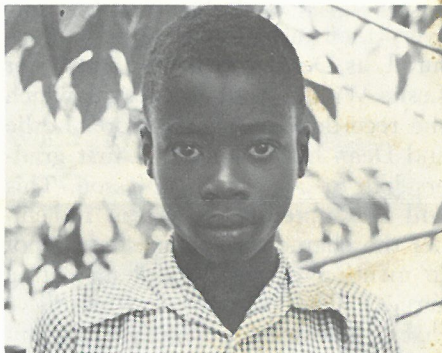
It was a fun series, but the seriousness and urgency of poverty gave the youth a deep sense of Christian responsibility. On the last evening of the series, each youth group agreed to sponsor a child through Compassion International.

The Junior Highs will sponsor Maxi Tanis, 8, who attends the Riviere Salee School in Haiti. Maxi is a regular at church and Sunday school and enjoys playing with marbles. His duties at home include carrying water and gathering firewood.

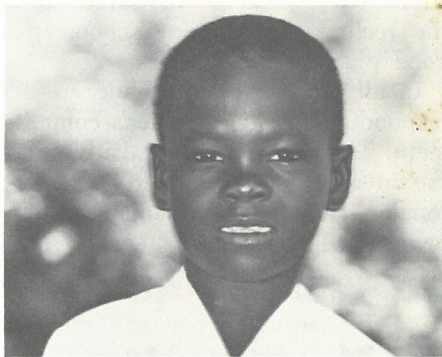
The Senior High UMYF is spon-

soring 15-year-old Smick Milcent who attends the Desarmes School. Smick is also a regular at church and loves hide and seek and soccer. Both of these boys will receive physical nurture and spiritual training. Compassion International is a Christ centered program which not only provides food and education, but which shares the good news of Jesus as well.

The financial obligation of \$21 a month for each youth group is a small price to pay for the opportunity to serve Christ. For members of Trinity's UMYF this is a chance to see their faith made practical and the Kingdom of God a little bit closer.



Smick Milcent



Maxi Tanis

## A Prayer For All Seasons

### Of Time

Dear God, You have been so good to us.  
Older now, we recall our ascending years,  
Discerning your providence,  
Blessings manifold, great and small.  
Your own love for us, made real in wondrous ways,  
Our love for each other, blessed gift of heaven.  
Our descending years are upon us, and time seems swifter than before;  
The days go speeding by; the seasons return so soon.  
Sometimes we wish for Joshua to slow things down a bit.  
But by thought and faith we know that all our years, ascending and descending, belong to You, and that You were with us in our coming in, so in our going out.

### And Eternity

We know that earth cannot grasp heaven, nor the finite discern the infinite, nor time comprehend the eternal.  
But You have given us glimpses of the larger life to be, foretastes of glory, hopes for final fulfillment.  
So, sight failing, we walk by faith, our pathway marked by signs un-failing, faith, hope and love, these three.

### The Time that Remains

Take, our Father, the days left to us, bless them and keep for us a little place in Church and Kingdom, some words to witness, some work to do.

### And at Last

Let us hear the blessed words, "Well done." This is all we ask. Amen.

—George and Aultie Foster

## Annual Conference Is May 26-30 in Lakeland

Lay and clergy delegates will convene at Florida Southern College in Lakeland May 26-30 for the Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

In welcoming delegates to the annual meeting, Florida Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., wrote, "Annual Conference is a time when we come together as Christians to try to make our Church even better than it is and to transact its business and plan its programs with a sense of deep gratitude and magnificent challenge."

Bishop Hunt will deliver a sermon on Monday evening, May 27, and will confirm and establish pastoral appointments on May 30.

Among other speakers will be Bishop Walter Lee Underwood of the Louisiana Area and Dr. John K. Bergland, executive vice president of the Methodist Foundation, Raleigh, N.C.

Among those attending from Trinity will be ministers Dr. Walter Kalaf and the Rev. John Quigley, Diaconal minister Gayle Jordan, and lay delegates Allie Ferguson and Linda Yates.

## Vacation Church School for Preschool Children

"The Bible In Our World" is the theme for Vacation Church School program for preschool children who currently attend three-year-old Sunday school class. That is, those who were three between September 1, 1983, and September 1, 1984. Another class will be held for children currently attending four-year-old Sunday school class. That is, those who

were four between September 1, 1983, and September 1, 1984.

These two classes will meet on the pre-school floor of the new Trinity Hall at the same time as Marketplace 29 A.D. A very creative, more traditional program is being planned. The leadership will include Mary Blackburn, Mary Ann Hensarling and Nancy Duncan.

## Marketplace 29 A.D. Special Week for K-5th Grade

There is an air of excitement this morning as the women fill their water jugs and exchange news and gossip by the well. Today is market day and craftsman shops are clustered around the well. Everyone hopes to visit the storyteller (Mrs. Helen Sellers) who is sojourning with a caravan at the edge of town. The clang of the moneymaker's hammer (Dolores Jack-

son) and the rasp of the carpenter's saw (Dr. George Foster) are sounds that penetrate above the chatter of the women and the noisy play of children. Across the way the baker (Gail Harris) is busy kneading and shaping loaves, while the potter brings out his clay to take advantage of the fine weather. The Marketplace is coming alive . . .

## Registration Information Deadline Is June 9

Registration for church families begins May 5th. Any vacancies may be filled by children from the community beginning May 26th. Registration deadline is June 9th. Please complete the form below and return to the church office right away to assure a space for your children and grandchildren.

### THE BIBLE IN OUR WORLD

Trinity United Methodist Church

June 24 - 27, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Class (please check)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 3 year old class—those who were 3 between September 1, 1983 and September 1, 1984  
\_\_\_\_\_ 4 year old class—those who were 4 between September 1, 1983 and September 1, 1984.

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Boy \_\_\_\_\_ Girl \_\_\_\_\_

Registration/supply fee enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ (\$3.00 per child)

Special Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Deadlines  
Church families-May 5-June 9  
Community-May 26-June 9

Parents/Guardians Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### MARKETPLACE 29 A.D.

Trinity United Methodist Church

June 24 - 27, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Ages: Completed kindergarten through fifth grade

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Boy \_\_\_\_\_ Girl \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Registration/supply fee enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ (\$3.00 per child)

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Parents/Guardians Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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