

MBBC ENTERS NEW WORSHIP CENTER THIS SUNDAY

—For Thoughtful Reading—

WHY CHRISTMAS—Marvin Glass, Chicago toy designer, has made huge sums of money dreaming up best-seller ideas for trimmings and toys. He knows his market well. Occasionally, however, he miscalculates a product's appeal.

Such was the case when little plastic stained glass windows with religious symbols were designed to sell as Christmas tree ornaments. Convinced they would be a hit, Glass invested several hundred thousand dollars in production and promotion. Yet in spite of aggressive nation-wide advertising only a trickle of orders were received. Why?

Glass explained it this way: "Christmas isn't a religious observance any more. It's a time for fun and stained glass windows aren't fun." Is he right? Is this America's concept of Christmas?—The Methodist Story

A CHRISTMAS WISH—A lovely legend of Mexico tells how God, hoping to make happy some poor children who had little enough that year to make them happy at Christmastime, sent to earth the Christ Child who came surrounded by the most beautiful stars in the heavens. After Christmas, when the Christ Child had departed, these stars remained, in the form of beautiful red star-like flowers, as a constant message of God's good will toward the people and especially the little children of Mexico.

These stars which God shared with man are known today as the poinsettia flower — a growing bit of loveliness and beauty that has come to share Christmas in America with the traditional holly.—Watchman Examiner

—The Lighter Side of Life—

BE THANKFUL—Six-year-old Tommy came into the house covered with mud after finishing a rough day at play.

"Mom!" he shouted at the top of his voice, "If I fell out of a tree would you rather I broke a leg or tore my pants?"

"What a silly question," his mother answered from the next room. "I'd rather you tore your pants."

"Well, I got good news for you then," the boy replied triumphantly. "That's exactly what happened."—Cheer

EXPERIENCED—Two co-workers were discussing the fact that they both had youngsters who were away at college.

"What does your boy plan to be when he graduates?" asked one of the men.

"I'm not really sure," replied the other, "but judging from the letters he writes home, I'd say he was going to be a professional fund raiser."—Arkansas Baptist

RELATIVES—Asked to write an essay, one little girl submitted the following:

"My subject is Ants. Ants is two kinds, insects and lady uncles. Sometimes they live in holes and sometimes they crawl into the sugar bowl, and sometimes they live with their married sisters. That is all I know about ants."—The Link

SHOW BIZ—Asked how things went on his farm last summer, a New Englander replied thoughtfully, "Waal, the gasoline pump and the hot-dog stand didn't pay for the seed the way they used to. I had one consolation though. 'South Pacific' was held over for two weeks in my barn."—Cheer

—Post Script—

Time is opportunity in disguise, and to kill time is to murder opportunity. — William A. Ward

PASTOR'S CORNER



This Sunday we will hold the first services in our new Worship Center. We've waited for a year and at last the time has arrived. You'll want to be present for the combined morning worship at 10:55; we're praying that God will grant us a greatly blessed service. Invite your friends and neighbors, be praying earnestly for the service. I don't know of a better way to dedicate this new building to God than seeing lost souls receive Christ next Sunday at the close of the service.

Sunday evening we will observe the ordinance of baptism. This building provides exceptional baptismal facilities and we're extremely proud of that.

Since its beginning 11 years ago, our church has been dedicated to evangelism; a spirit of evangelism has permeated our services. More than ever, I pray that God will make us that kind of church, that this new Worship Center will be used of God to reach our community for Christ.

Don't miss this Sunday! It is going to be a great day.

MORE ABOUT WHITE CHRISTMAS AND THE

I hope you're getting as excited as I am about our World Missions Offering (goal: \$5,000.) and our White Christmas Service, December 15. On December 15 at the morning worship service, you will be asked to make your offering to World Missions. Remember: you have until the last of March to turn your total offering in. You may pay it anyway you like — a little a week, or in a lump sum at the end of our campaign. The important thing is this: let us know December 15 what your total World Missions Offering will be. It will be one of the greatest experiences of our church if we can announce next Sunday that our people have pledged \$5,000 to World Missions. Do the best you can.

HERE'S THE PROCEDURE FOR THE WHITE CHRISTMAS SERVICE:

This is the special service, emphasizing and demonstrating our concern for World Missions. The W.M.S. will decorate the front of the church in white and prepare two white Christmas trees.

Each person is asked to bring a sacrificial monetary gift in an envelope and another gift to be given to local needs such as socks, hose, small toys, books, crayons, clothing, toilet articles, etc. The gifts will be wrapped in white, labeled or described. The monetary gift will be placed under one tree and the Christmas gift under the other.

At the close of the sermon, the congregation will file down the aisle and deposit the gifts under the trees.

This can be the greatest mission service our church has ever experienced. Pray that it will be so.

AT THE DECEMBER DEACONS MEETING

I would like for each deacon to bring his visitation notebook to be turned in to the pastor.

Ronald Dunn

Christmas is a time of Giving

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OFFERING: — \$2,347.67

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(Letter)

52. Mrs. W. M. Bailey, Adult 4
53. Mary Lynn Bailey, Junior Hi Dept.,
54. Melinda Bailey, Senior Dept.,
3208 Kathy Lane, BL 4-7620
55. James King, Adult 2 Dept.,
327 Rogers

(Baptism)

56. Frank Werle, Y.P. Dept.,
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MUSIC MINISTRY

CHRISTMAS MUSIC AHEAD!

At the time you receive this paper the Adult Choir will have two regular rehearsals remaining and the Youth Choir two also. It is upon us so I suggest that everyone who plans to sing BE at the next rehearsals. (Graded Choirs have three).

DON'T FORGET

December 18—Youth Choir Cantata
December 22—Adult Cantata and Graded Choir Program

This is a very busy time of the year but let's not forget the importance of the message and the One for Whom we sing.

DON'T FORGET

January 10-11—Junior Choir Retreat (Mt. Lebanon)
January 25—Hymn Playing Festival (here)
January 27—Adult Choir Clinic (Grace Temple)
February 1—Vocal and Ensemble Festival (Beverly Hills)
February 22—Youth Choir Festival (FBC, Irving)

Many of our folks should take part in these music opportunities. For more information please contact me SOON!

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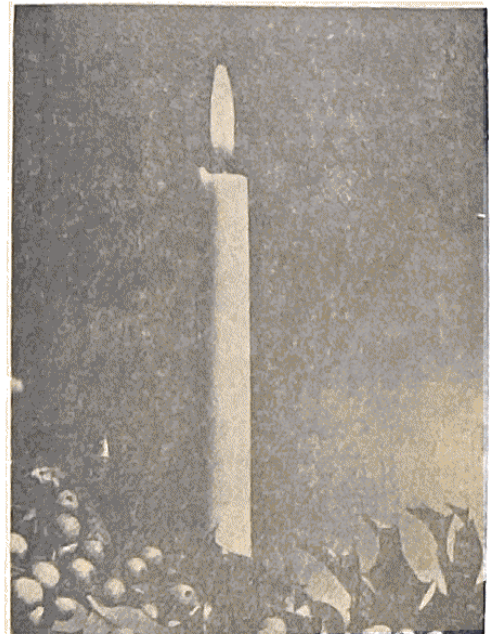
To be present in your places Sunday as we have a great day in the Lord and in our new building. See you Sunday with a song in my heart.

Terry

E.S.P.

is coming to
MBBC

Burn, Candle, Burn



Burn, candle, burn

Across the Christmas night,
Say to a darkened world
That there is light.
Shine through the gloom
Where trembling figures grope,
Say to each burdened heart
That there is Hope.

—Helen Frazee-Bower, War Cry

—What Others Say—

THE FUTURE is something everyone reaches at the rate of 60 minutes an hour, whatever he does, whoever he is.—C.S. Lewis

YOU MAY BE DECEIVED if you trust too much, but you will live in torment if you do not trust enough.—Frank Crane

PRAYER IS THE ENJOYMENT of things present and the substance of things to come. — St. Gregory of Nyssa

THE MORAL LIFE of any people rises or falls with the vitality or decay of its religious life.—John S. Bonnell

IF WE ATTEMPT to build a nation with no reference to religion, then Plymouth Rock may yet become a memorial to the light that failed. — Joseph R. Sizoo

TO KNOW CHRIST is not to speculate about the mode of His incarnation, but to know His saving benefits. — Philip Melancthon

GRACE AT THE TABLE is an old-fashioned discipline that could fittingly be re-established this Thanksgiving in many an American home. — Ray F. Magnuson

A THANKFUL HEART is found as often among those who have little as among those who have much. — Bob Stoddard

—A Little Bit of Wit—

The driver who burns up the road often ends up in the cooler. — The Christian

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