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—For Thoughtful Reading—

AT CHRISTMAS—Peace and joy, sharing and blessedness are the high qualities of the soul at Christmas God at the heart of the universe, loving with unlimited, immeasurable love; loving every creature in the world, tenderly concerned with every individual everywhere. God loved so much that he gave. And those who love him, love so much that they give. For God not only sustains our lives; but good men forever keep God's presence green and fresh, vital and real. We love because he first loved us.—World Call

CHRISTMAS COSTS — A recent year American people spent fifty million dollars for Christmas trees and more than ninety million more for Christmas tree decorations. This is more than all the people of America contribute to foreign missions in a year.

Christmas cost God an empty throne. It cost Christ His glory, the glory He had with the Father before the world was. On His way to Golgotha the God-man began at birth to plumb the depth of a self-chosen humiliation. Behold the stable, the straw, the poverty! Today behold the tinsel and the toys and all the trappings.—The New Illustrator

—The Lighter Side of Life—

LATE NEWS—The young man approached his lady love's brother in a dither of excitement. "Guess what, Jimmy," he exclaimed, "your sister and I are going to be married!" "Huh!" said the youngster, unimpressed. "You just finding that out?"—Arkansas Baptist

MINI — "So you're lost, little man," said the lady. "Why didn't you hang onto your mother's skirt?" Answered the youngster: "Couldn't reach it."—The Link

FAIR PLAY — Mother was lecturing her six-year-old son on the Golden Rule. She concluded, "Now remember, we are put in this world to help others."

Sonny mulled this over in his mind a bit and then asked: "Well, what are the others here for?" — The Christian

PARENTAL ADVICE — Daughter: "Why do I have to eat my vegetables?"

Father: "So you will grow up to be strong enough to make your kids eat their vegetables." — The Christian

UPSTANDING—"Good luck, sir," said the strap-hanger to another subway rider, who had just given his seat to a lady. "I've been traveling on this line for three years and I've never yet offered a lady my seat."

"Then you have no manners, sir," was the curt response.

"Oh, no, it isn't that," returned the other. "You see, I've never had a seat."—Christian Observer

—Post Script—

There is little chance for people to get together as long as most of us want to be in front of the bus, back of the church and middle of the road. — Quote.

PASTOR'S CORNER



MBBC BROKE ALL MISSION RECORDS last Sunday at the White Christmas Service by giving to World Missions over \$5,700. We went over the goal by \$700.00! To God be the glory for this great demonstration of missionary concern on the part of our church. This is twice as much as our church has ever given to its mission offering. I wish you could have looked over our shoulders as we tallied the gifts and pledges and could have seen the sacrificial offerings made by many of our people. Ordinary giving would never have reached our goal, much less broken it. This great victory is the result of extraordinary giving, and I'm proud to be a part of such a fellowship. I think this was a giant step forward in the spiritual growth of MBBC.

WHITE CHRISTMAS WAS A SUCCESS not only because the music gave, but also because of the splendid music presented by our adult choir during the mission march. And to our ushers goes a giant "Thank You" for their excellent work during the processional. With their help it took only eight minutes for every member of the congregation to place their gifts beneath one of the two Christmas Trees. To tell the truth, I've heard as many comments about the excellent work our ushers are doing as about our new building.

THE WMS WAS RESPONSIBLE for decorating the auditorium for our service and they did a magnificent job, and we are in their debt.

GREAT THINGS ARE STILL AHEAD: for instance, ESP is coming January 12. You may already have it, if not you can get it, and it's the best thing you, as a Christian, can possess. Be ready, January 12. OUR BIBLE CONFERENCE is another great event coming to MBBC, January 19-22. Our speaker will be DR. JOHN HUNTER from England—I can't find adequate words to describe Dr. Hunter's fabulous ministry. You just have to hear him for yourself. He is the author of a number of best-selling religious books and is in wide demand as a youth speaker and Bible teacher. You don't know how difficult it was to get him booked for our church. He is in such great demand that churches are having to slip weeks in order for him to fill every invitation before returning to England. Dr. Hunter will be in our church Sunday through Wednesday only, so plan to attend every service.

My family and I want to take this opportunity to wish you the best of all possible Christmases. It's been a great joy to serve as your pastor this year, and may God give us many more together.

Ronald Dunn

Classified:

WANTED—Department secretaries to serve in various Sunday School departments. If you are willing to serve, call Jack Schoeppey, BL 5-7795 or Jim Allen, BL 5-1369 before Sunday morning.

-World Religious News Roundup-

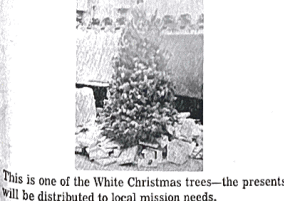
★ NEW LEADERS CHOSEN
NEW YORK — United Methodists in the Philippines have chosen the Rev. Cornelio M. Ferrer and the Rev. Paul L. A. Granados as their new leaders.

★ CENTRALIZED OPERATIONS STUDIED
EVANSTON — A study will begin early in 1969 on the feasibility of centralized computer utilization and/or centralized accounting for the national boards and agencies of The United Methodist Church.

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This is one of the White Christmas trees—the presents will be distributed to local mission needs.

MUSIC MINISTRY

CHURCH CHOIR PRESENTS CANTATA this Sunday night following the GRADED CHOIR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. Plan to attend this annual special worship service. Some of your favorite Christmas carols will be sung along with some beautiful, not so familiar ones. That's Sunday evening, 6:30, December 22nd.

A NOTE TO PARENTS—please have your children here on time this Sunday at 5:30 p.m. This will be our very last chance to rehearse. Also be sure to find out what they are supposed to wear. Each choir will dress differently.

I HOPE WE NEVER have to write an article such as the one I saw in a friend's church paper recently. It was titled "Due to lack of interest, children's choirs have been cancelled." There is no lack on the children's part. But there is a let down in enthusiasm on the workers and parents part. PARENTS, YOU ARE MOST VITAL in our children's choir program. The little ones have to be brought to choir by you. We desperately need directors and a graded choir coordinator to have an effective program. Are you interested? PARENTS, HELP US by enthusiastically encouraging your children to participate fully in the choirs.

Thank you, Terry

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Peace on Earth



Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. — Luke 2:14

—What Others Say—

THE NIGHTS are wholesome; then no planets strike, no fairy tales, nor witch hath power to charm so hallow'd and so gracious is the time.—William Shakespeare

THIS IS THE MARVEL to mortals revealed, when the silver trumpets of Christmas have pealed, that mankind are the children of God.—Phillips Brooks

CHRISTMAS IS NEVER our achievement. Christmas is always the coming of God to men.—Arthur O. Arnold

CANDLELIGHT, scripture, prayer and Christmas music all blend together to give meaning to the mystery and miracle of the birth of Christ.

CHRISTMAS IS a song, triumphant and ecstatic, pouring from a million worshipping throats the world over, in a swelling crescendo of faith reborn, of love in all its power and splendor, and of the eternal message of abiding goodwill.—Marjorie Bruce

ALL THE GIFTS we give are in remembrance of the greatest gift—Jesus Christ. — Cherokee Baptist, Memphis

CHRISTMAS IS the remembrance of the day when the love of God became known in a peculiar sense at the birth of his son.—Marshall R. Reed

CHRISTMAS IS THE SWEET joy of families united by someone . . . and that you have someone to love.

—A Little Bit of Wit—

Pins are real crazy; they are pointed in one direction and headed in the other.—The Link

Ermary Christmas

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