

## BUILDING PROGRAM

The date of the church meeting to see final presentation of the Building Plans from the architect before submitting the plans to contractors for bids will be on Sunday Aug. 13. The meeting of the church will be held following worship service.

If the congregation approves, the Building Committee will work with the architect in approving the best bid. Financing must then be secured, and the final approval of the congregation will enable actual construction to start.

We have not said too much about the handicap to our programming during the coming year, but we will undoubtedly face some times when we cannot use our building. We do not know until we talk to the contractor how much of our space will be available for church school and worship. We may have to seek the use of other buildings. It could be that we will worship in the afternoon during this period to time. We could merge our church school for a period with another church or seek to hold church school in one home. We mention these items to alert you to the possibilities of problems which we will be facing during the coming days.

We are already using the parsonage as the church office space, and it is quite likely that we will not be using the the church as office space very much this coming year with the construction around. The reason that it is best to contact the minister at the parsonage now is that the air conditioner in the church office is inadequate during hot weather. If you wish to contact the pastor, please call GL 3-1800.

Mrs. Towery will take a message if the pastor is not at home.

These next few months will be an exciting time for all of us. It will mean that we will be unable to do some of the things that we normally do, but it will mean a handicap for some eight to ten months that will enable us to work much more effectively than in the past for many years to come.

### FINANCES

The Trustees will be meeting on the first Monday of the month, Aug. 7th instead of the normal second Monday of Aug. 13. Mrs. Marie Clark will host the meeting at 2800 Robbs Run. The main item of business will be the discussion of the coming Enlistment Campaign this fall. We hope all Trustees will be present.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

	1966	1967
Pledges	\$4,701.34	\$5,431.43
OCM	937.72	1,044.45
Loose Plate	331.65	245.94

The Building Fund contained \$70,520.32 as of the first part of July. One problem for us is that we are about three-fourths through the campaign period and only about half of the money pledged has been turned in. About ten of our pledges of major amounts are seriously in arrears. The more money that we have on hand, the less money that we will have to borrow.

We lack a report on Capitol Funds gifts. Did you remember to give?

## Our Church and Wills

Our church would be completely unable to undertake any kind of a building program, if some of our members had not given to us in their wills or have had gifts made in their memory.

Mr. E. J. Krohn's wife, Mary left us the Lavaca St. property which eventually netted us around \$50,000. This money will be of major importance in our building and renewal project. Mrs. Krohn was bothered with arthritis which made steps difficult for her, and she gave the money to build a new street level sanctuary. Mr. Krohn removed the restriction in his will. We rejoice in the fact that our planning will enable anyone to enter the sanctuary climbing only two steps which will accomplish the purpose of easy entrance by handicapped persons.

A gift in memory of the Rev. Dr. R. J. Briggs in the amount of \$1,000.00 will also assist us in our present improvement program. Dr. Briggs was the first minister of this church, and it would not have come into being without him. It is good to know that money given in his memory will help us in developing prophetic programs in the future even as he did in the past.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Kuehne gave a lot on which a parsonage was built at 902 Houston St. We are still receiving \$65.00 a month from the sale of that property. The money helps us pay for our present parsonage and enables us to use other money for programming.

Many of our members have had gifts made in their memory to the Memorial Fund. The present attractiveness of the Fellowship Room was made possible through these gifts. It is quite likely that the \$1,400.00 now in the fund will be used to purchase new furniture for the sanctuary after the remodeling is completed.

Very likely some of our members would have remembered the church in their will if it had come to their attention. Our church will be located in a place where a very challenging ministry can be conducted. It could be easier to do many things if we had funds from legacies. It would also be possible to do many things which we ought to be doing but lack necessary funds to do. We wonder if you have thought about continuing to minister through our church by a gift named in your will.

We would also suggest that members who need income but would like to help the ministry of the Larger Church can make a gift to the Board of Homeland Ministries or the Board of World Ministries and receive a better return than normal interest rates. Such gifts enable our influence to continue indefinitely in many ways.

If you would like to know more about naming the church either local, Conference, or national in your will, why not ask the minister about the matter or discuss it with him?

#### SERMON TOPICS

- Aug. 6 "I Am What I Am"
- Aug. 13 "Ministers of a New Covenant"
- Aug. 20 "Promises That Do Not Fail"
- Aug. 27 "The Fruit of the Spirit"

We hope to resume our program of having a professor speak with a talk-back session once a month in September.



# Mid-East Relief

AUGUST

PERSONAL

On June 27, 1967 the Rev. Ben Herbst, President of the United Church of Christ wrote the following appeal to our churches from the General Synod meeting in Cincinnati.

"On Monday," the letter said, "the Synod authorized an appeal to the United Church of Christ to enable the Board for World Ministries to respond favorably to an appeal from Church World Service to join with other communions in this country and abroad in a mighty effort to aid war victims in the Middle East.

"As you know the Arab-Israeli war was short but devastating. In a few days thousands of people of many nationalities and religions were terribly hurt to the point that they are now helpless. They must receive food, water, medicine, clothing, shelter NOW if they are to survive..."

"We count on your cooperation to help make our response to this appeal a bountiful measure of our Christian compassion."

In a further letter, the United Church Board for World Ministries wrote:

"Some of the refugees...have come down the very road from Jerusalem to Jericho that was the scene of Jesus' parable. As the Good Samaritan asked now questions about the nationality or the status of the victim he found on the road, so the cries we hear are neither political nor partisan. They come from men, women and children in desperate need."

Envelopes and materials are inclosed with this newsletter to give you the opportunity to respond if you wish to do so. You can place your gift in the offering plate or mail it to Mr. William F. Warren, 1502 Hardouin St. Austin 78703.

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PERSONALS (cont.) A note from Mrs. Twiss indicated that Page was hard at work again at Kansas State U. and was given an award for excellence in teaching.

Mrs. Mabel McNeely reports a letter from Mrs. Ruth Rideout which will be placed on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Room.

Mrs. Roberta Winkler is back from her travels but slipped on the bus here in Austin and injured her spine slightly.

We noted that the Saustrup family has purchased a canoe and plans on trips on Town Lake and perhaps other places.

Jay Stanford resigned from his position with Texas Nuclear and will return to further his education. They have sold their home and are looking for a place to rent.

DEACONS AND DEACONESS are scheduled to meet in the home of Mrs. Stella Morrison, 4511 Placid Place on Monday night, Aug. 21st. We cancelled the last meeting, and we suspect that we may be seeking another night to meet. Members of the Board will be notified.

The TRUSTEES met on Aug. 7th instead of their normal Aug. 14 as Mrs. Clark will have her mother and sister with her then. Dr. Mathis Blackstock met with the Board to discuss the plans for fund raising for 1968. We will be making payments on a loan, paying higher utilities, and unseen expenses next year. Some of us still have Building Fund pledges to complete. We will be meeting in different homes this fall to look at our opportunities and problems.

We received word in the past two weeks that Mrs. Emma Applegate who lives in Colorado Springs was visiting in her old home area in North Carolina this spring and had to have a gall bladder operation. She has recovered and is now back home in Colorado Springs.

Much to our surprise we learned last month that Herbert and Elizabeth Ash made a trip to Norway. They are back, and we hope to learn more about the trip.

In talking with Ray Burgin we discovered that he and the family have again joined University Baptist Church. We agree that it is best for a family, where possible, to belong to one church. We will still feel that Ray is a part of us though and hope he will visit us on occasions.

Riser Everett is taking flying. He passed his big written exam, and he is making good progress toward his liscense.

John Everett went up to Wisconsin for two weeks of Army camping etc. He understood that it should be warm and hit a cold spell of 30-40 degrees with only a sweater and Texas type clothing. Brrr!

Dennis and Nancy McCormick have now left us for a year. They are en route to their home in Portland, Ore. now and will leave in about a month to go to Berlin where he will study at the University of Berlin.

We noted that Mrs. Laurene Melchar was to vacation in Neber. in July and perhaps go to the Black Hills in So. Dakota.

Susan Mueller has joined her mother in working at Sears though she is only part time. Russ made a trip to Nebr. for a meeting on the local church. He has been busy supplying pulpits most of the summer.

Jack Gatewood, the new Mueller son-in-law, has flown to Washington D.C. for a job interview and also to New Mexico. He has also had to take a pre-induction physical and may end up volenteering to Officer's Candidate School.

The Weldon Scheels accompanied friends to New Orleans for a few days. They had a wonderful time sight-seeing and now plan to make the trip again.

Bob and Frances McNeely must be in England now and will soon be flying back.

Karen Swallow spent several weeks in a camp in Hunt, Texas and enjoyed it so much that she already has a reservation for next year at the same camp.

The Claude Tarvins were visited by his mother, Mrs. Cecil Leek and her brother and wife. They are all from Tarpon Springs, Fla.

We received a card from "Bow" Williams in Maine but soon noted that he was back at Daytona Beach in Fla.

Stan Woodmansee has attained a goal by leading sing-a-longs in Zilker Park.

Allan and Faye Nowotny will be moving to San Antonio where Allan will become a counselor at San Antonio College.

The Rev. Dr. Wm. Jones, who should be a member of our church, was honored by being named the Father of the Year by the Capitol City Argus back in June.

Mel and Pat Oakes have moved into their new home at 2507 Briar Grove, Ph. 442-0521. They have already been visited there by Mel's sister. Pat soon leaves to go to her sister's wedding in Miami.