

We simply cannot afford not to tithe

My parents always said they tithed, and I assumed that was the normal Christian pattern. I didn't have any real experience at giving to God through the church until marriage. My wife, Suzanne, has practiced tithing since childhood, but it was just a concept for me.

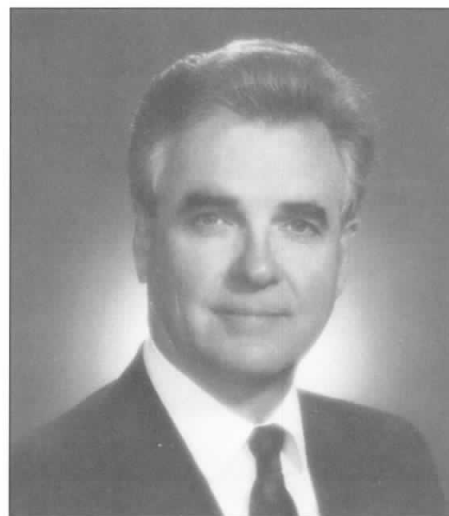
I remembered the old 10% figure from my parents' conversations, and even recalled hearing something about that in Sunday School or church while growing up.

But the first time I had a "pledge card" on which I was expected to estimate what our giving would be to the church the next year, my math calculation made me think this tithe idea may be impractical! I did what I thought we could, putting down something which was about 3% or so of our income. The justification was that we should be practical and take care of all our liabilities and living requirements before giving resources away. We would pay for all of those items before writing the church check. I thought that sounded responsible, anyway. Each time, at the end of the month when a church check could be written, guess what? Often, there was simply too much month left at the end of the money. I struggled with some sort of guilt feelings about this pattern for maybe a year or two. It was time for me to think about doing what my wife already confirmed.

Fortunately, for Suzanne and me, we were having some experiences at spiritual growth which nurtured our desire to respond to God through Jesus Christ in as many ways as we could. We heard some folks talk of positive experiences about, among other things, tithing.

Finally, my conviction was that

humanly we were unable to manage this tithe business on our own. **The solution we felt was to give a tithe with the very first check when we received our income and try to live on what was left!** These were steps of uncertainty, but brave and faithful steps. And God honored our steps.



D. A. Sharpe, Business Manager

Oh, it was not simple, nor comfortable. Sometimes we let a revolving charge account carry forward a balance instead of paying it all off, but resolved to live on charging less in order to pay it off the following month. Sometimes we actually decided not to do some activity, just to cut down on our family spending patterns. But ... our tithe had been given.

Now, after almost 30 years of tithing, we can look back on these experiences and have no doubt that our lives, both spiritually and family wise, could not have been more satisfying. That does not mean we had no troubles. I just won't list them here. What it does mean is that we had learned there is a Godly and spiritual principle which operates when among our faithful responses to God, we include tithing.

If we will set aside the first fruits of our lives, including the tithe of the income he allows us to

(Please see "Challenge" on page 3)



David and the Giants was the most recent Children's Musical (Will MacNamara plays "The Giant" above)--See page 8 for announcement of this year's Musical

Ruth Conklin Lectureship

Can Christians make a difference in the future of a Democratic society?

HPPC's first annual Ruth Conklin Lectureship is launched October 18 Sunday 7:30 p.m. in Elliott Hall by the Rev. Dr. Robert P. Dugan, Jr., our first speaker for this church-wide event, whose topic will be: "How Christians Make a Difference in a Democratic Society". Dr. Dugan, since 1978 director of the Public Affairs Office for National Association of Evangelicals in Washington, D.C., also speaks the next day, October 19 Monday, 10:30 a.m. for HPPC's Presbyterian Women (Men are specially invited back to Elliott Hall that Monday morning to hear him again) on the subject "Who Will Determine America's Future?".

This series will be your opportunity to attend the very first of these annual Lectureships. It was the intention of the late Ruth Conklin in establishing this Lectureship to provide the funds to bring to Highland Park Presbyterian Church outstanding speakers who can help us relate the Christian faith to contemporary affairs.

Frequently a spokesman for evangelicals through the media, our first Ruth Conklin Lecturer, Dr. Robert Dugan, speaks widely across the United States, and his NAE Washington office has served as workman, watchman and witness in the nation's capital since 1943. The Rev. Dr. Dugan has authored a book, *Winning the New Civil War: Recapturing America's Values*, published by Multnomah Press in January, 1991. His honors include: Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar lecturer, and Honorary Doctorates of Divinity, Humane Letters, Laws from Denver Seminary, Geneva College, Wesleyan College respectively. Dr. Dugan earned his M.Div. in 1956 from Fuller Theological Seminary in California where he also was a Teaching Fellow in Hebrew 1954-57 while in Graduate study. He was graduated with a B.A. from Wheaton College, Illinois in 1953 and ordained in 1957 a Baptist minister.

Prior to Dr. Dugan's position in 1978 with NAE, he was a Candidate



The Rev. Dr. Robert P. Dugan, Jr., Director, National Association of Evangelicals Public Affairs Office, Washington, D.C.

for U.S. Congress in 1976 in Colorado where he was Vice President of Rockmont College 1976-78, a Christian liberal arts college in Denver (now Colorado Christian University). He also served as Senior Pastor of churches in Colorado, Illinois and New Hampshire 1959-75 and began his ministerial career as Youth Minister in New Jersey 1957-58. Married to Lynne Wertz, he and his wife enjoy golf, traveling together and jogging (they jog over 1,000 miles per year!) and they have two children.

Presently Dr. Robert Dugan is a member of Boards for: Denver Seminary 1971-, Justice Fellowship (secretary-treasurer) 1983-, Transformation International 1987-, Colorado Christian University 1985-. He has served on National Committee "Year of the Bible 1983", Advisory Committee on Ethical Values of U.S. Information Agency 1982-84, Chaplain of Colorado State Senate 1974-75, National Association of Evangelicals Board of Administration 1970-78 and President of Conservative Baptist Association of America 1973-76.

Come to Elliott Hall 7:30 p.m. October 18 Sunday and/or 10:30 a.m. October 19 Monday to hear this national religion leader and for the first annual Ruth Conklin Lecture Series! No reservations needed, just bring yourself and a friend?

MINISTRY 2000

INFO FAIR

Church-wide meeting

Saturday, October 17--Elliott Hall

8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

- ★ An update on HPPC's long range planning process and
- ★ Your opportunity to give your input in the long range planning at HPPC

Lunch and drink \$5.00

Reservations required by Oct. 15 phone: 526-7457 ext. 210 or Plan to bring your own lunch

Child care provided

Reservations required by Oct. 10 phone: 526-7457 ext. 214

Will you take my challenge?

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reap, he will somehow enable us to live on what is left. Sometimes that happens because He prospers us. Sometimes that happens because we have sought discipline in our lives to manage our funds. Sometimes, we believe, He allows us to avoid some unexpected expenses about which we never knew!

Now another funny thing happens when someone talks about whether to tithe. They get bogged down asking questions. "Can I just tithe on my take home pay check amount?" "Can I count what I give to tax exempt groups in the community, both religious or good cause groups?" "Does all my tithe have to go to my church?" "Can I tithe on the main salary earned in the family, and the other sources of income or employee pluses not be considered?"

Obviously, these are questions serious Christians need to have answered for themselves, seeking God's Holy Spirit in those decisions. There even are families of great wealth for whom their tithe should be spread much further than their local church. But for the bottom 95% of us on the economic scale there are some guidelines which can be easy to determine for yourself. I can tell you how Suzanne and I have answered those questions for ourselves. It works for us, **We commend it to you.**

First, we have found satisfaction in giving a little more than a tithe. We make sure that a tithe of all our gross income goes to our church. About three quarters of it goes to our church budget pledge, and the rest of the tithe goes to other HPPC causes, such as WOW, Concert Series, Good Samaritan Fund, Presbyterian Women, etc. Then our "community giving" and giving to other fine Christian organizations falls in the category of over the tithe, which are offerings.

Next, in order to help our children learn our joy of giving to

Christ, when they were youngsters, receiving their first allowances, we ordered offering envelopes from our church. We gave them their allowances using the amount of change from which they easily could segregate a tithe into the envelope. (We did this at my desk in the home where the allowance money and the envelopes were kept together!) We showed them the quarterly statements sent them by the church and let them feel that what they did was important. We taught them by requiring it when very young, and, for the most part, they have continued it on their own in their adulthood. Today, our young adult children's pledges to HPPC are among those greater than the average family unit giving. They don't seem to think this is hard because it

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it..."

is what they have always done. It's what you and I can do and what we all should do.

Will you take my challenge? I challenge you to try tithing for the next six months. Listen to the words of the last Old Testament prophet, Malichi.

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the Lord Almighty. "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," Malichi 3:10-12

--D. A. Sharpe, Business Manager

Church financial reports are available for the asking

Church elders, deacons and staff regularly receive line item budget reports of income and expenditure. Being some 15 pages or more, it is not generally mailed to the congregation. However, any member wishing to inspect such a report will find them displayed on the Hunt Building lobby literature table. If the supply is exhausted when you look, leave a note in the Business Office with your name and address that you wish one mailed to you.

There are councils or committees with responsibility to monitor all areas of income and expenditure, both in the pledge budget of the

church and those special activities outside the main budget, such as World Outreach Week, Highlander Concerts, the Recreation Division, Family Life Counseling Center, etc. At least one Deacon signs all checks and a second signature is required for checks of \$1,000 or more. Your church accounting books are audited annually by an outside certified public accounting firm. The Business Manager of the church, D. A. Sharpe, is available to answer questions or direct you to the answers of financial inquiry you may have. Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting the work and worship of your church. □

Linguists Steve and Sonia Dettweiler map out 400 languages in Nigeria!

Dear Friends at Highland Park Presbyterian Church,

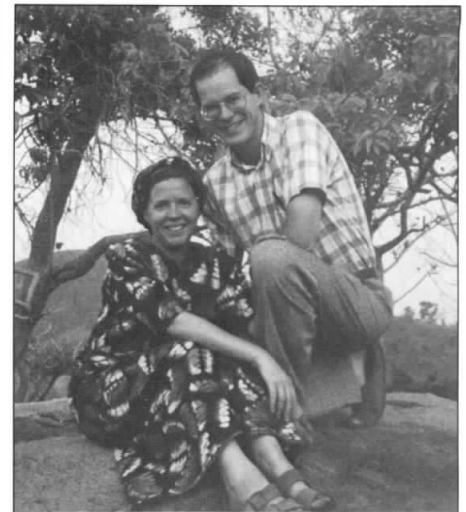
This letter brings you warm greetings from Sonia and me. We really appreciate the Happy Birthday letter Peter Barnes wrote Sonia on behalf of the whole congregation. How nice to be remembered! We hear from Peggy Bell that Dr. Barnes is going to be the Sr. Pastor of a church in Boulder, Colorado. Godspeed, Peter! We will be interested to hear of up-coming changes in the Evangelism and Outreach Department.

You probably already know that Nigeria, our field of service, is the most populous country in Africa. The 1991 census puts Nigeria's population at 88 1/2 million people and guess what? Sonia and I were included in that census, taken in late November 1991, after we had been here just eight months. Nigeria is also the most linguistically wealthy country in Africa, containing approximately 400 "nations" as defined by the number of distinct languages spoken. Recently Sonia

and I enjoyed getting a better feel for Nigeria's linguistic diversity by helping to prepare a language map of Nigeria. This map shows the homelands of 393 language groups. It was like working on a giant jigsaw puzzle!

As linguists, we feel privileged (and sometimes overwhelmed) to be living in a country with such a diversity of languages. We are currently in the midst of a two-year project to survey 18 related languages spoken in northwest Nigeria. This group is known to linguists as the Western Kainji language family (If you have a recent map of Nigeria, you can find man-made Lake Kainji along the course of the Niger River). We were originally planning to phase out our involvement in survey in the summer of 1992, leaving our colleague, Clark Regnier, to complete the remainder of the project. Then we would begin the exciting process of learning and analyzing one of the Western Kainji languages, the Duka language.

But on April 26, 1992, Clark was killed when a tractor trailer smashed into the rear end of the Land Rover he was driving. We feel his loss deeply, not only as a colleague in the work, but as a friend and brother in



Steve and Sonia Dettweiler in Nigeria

Christ. Subsequently, our project advisor, Don Lindholm, has asked us to consider completing the survey project since we are now the only Wycliffe survey specialists in Nigeria. This would take about 12 months. On the other hand, we sense that it is urgent for us to begin learning the Duka language soon. The Duka Bible translation program has been suspended by the United Missionary Church of Africa (our sponsoring church) since 1980.

Please pray that we and Don will receive wisdom from the Lord concerning which of these two good alternatives to pursue this fall. I have given you a few details behind the decision we need to make so that you will know how to pray specifically. It's time now for me to close with a prayer that the Lord will be "your shield and your very great reward."

Yours for Nigeria's nations,
Steve (and Sonia) Dettweiler

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'A, B, C's of giving away your faith'

A, B, C's of Giving Away Your Faith will be offered again starting Sunday afternoon, October 25, in Room H017 in the Hunt Building's Lower Level 4-6 p.m. This is a six-hour course that will meet again on November 1 and 8 Sundays. The course is for those wanting to be ready for the opportunity to share their faith and do not know what to say.

Included will be do's and don'ts, what most people do not know, a simple outline of what a person needs to know, illustrations of faith, grace, etc., and how to deal with objections and smoke screens. Bring your Bible, the class is taught by Craig Millis, Elder, and is sponsored by the Evangelism Department.



Counseling corner

Question: It seems to me that one of the most sticky problems of singleness is our sexuality! Would you care to comment?

Answer: Sex apart from marriage is becoming more common and more widely accepted as we move toward the end of the twentieth century. Cohabitation, the practice of an unmarried male and female living together with full sexual relations but with no intention of getting married is increasing in popularity. The hedonistic playboy-playgirl philosophy has become more and more accepted while both premarital and extra marital sexual intercourse appear to be increasing as well.

This is not the only issue of sexuality that single people must wrestle with. Homosexuality, a sexual orientation that has been practiced for centuries recently has increased in prominence as gay liberation groups have become more visible and more active. The issue of Homosexuality as a "viable alternative life style" for Christians has become a major issue for mainline churches such as HPPC. Our own denomination as well as others have had very divisive debates over this subject in the past 10 years.

Masturbation, probably the most common sexual behavior

apart from intercourse is so prevalent that it hardly concerns sexual researchers although the practice brings guilt and anxiety into many lives especially among boys and young men. Most singles must wrestle with this issue at some time in their lives although it is not limited to single people.

Of course, there are other issues of sexuality for both singles and adults including more pathological forms of sexual expression like exhibitionism, rape, transvestism, child molesting, bestiality, pornography, etc. etc. which continue to attract the periodic attention of reporters and counselors and ministers.

Lewis Smedes writes: "Sexuality throbs within us as movement toward relationship, intimacy, companionship..an exciting desire, sometimes a melancholy longing to give ourselves in trust to another." The Theologian, Karl Barth even called sexuality the "God-like within us". It is an urge toward closeness and the expression of a deep personal relationship with someone else.

The Apostle Paul was unmarried and inclined to favor singleness but this did not mean that he was unfulfilled or nonsexual. He understood lust and the passions of sexuality, but surely he also appreciated his maleness and experienced both intimacy and personal whole-



Dr. Jim Smith

ness without physical sex." Our Lord, as well, was single during his entire adult life and experienced wholeness and maleness and intimacy with others. Obviously, sexuality, therefore, includes but involves much more than genital contact. I have never spoken to a singles group where the issue of sexuality did not surface in some form. Casual observation would lead almost anyone to see how obsessed with sex our society is. It is a central issue of concern on college campuses, television, movies, art, popular conversation, literature, music, business, politics and the church. What is a healthy view of sexuality and how does one obtain it in today's distorted culture? This is not only an issue for singles but for married folks as well. Therefore, we will look at this subject in the next several columns.

—Dr. James H. Smith, Executive Director, HPPC Family Life Center

Would you like to check-out and read?...

...A book on the gateway to the American Dream? Ellis Island was the place where millions of newcomers to the U.S. began new lives. Some were happy, some were sad. Some had resources, some were poor, but all were seeking new opportunities. "Ellis Island" by Pamela Reeves.

...A deeply personal sharing of a writer's life? A beloved writer, Eugenia Price, attempts to define her relationship with her devoted readers of the last 30 years. "Inside One Author's Heart" by Eugenia Price.

...Two paperback Large Print Books about Mother Teresa? One is "Words to Love By" by Mother Teresa. The other is "Something Beautiful For God: Mother Teresa of Calcutta" by Malcolm Muggeridge.

...A story of entrepreneurship, risk and hard work? Sam Walton parlayed a single dime-store in a small town into Wal-Mart. "Made in America, My Story" by Sam Walton.

...A book about the life of the Chief of protocol at the White House during the Reagan Administration?

"Lucky" Roosevelt's story is a Cinderella story involving the famous and powerful. "Keeper of the Gate" by Selwa "Lucky" Roosevelt. □

Meyercord Church Library hours

Monday through Friday:

Adult: 10 a.m.—3 p.m.

Youth: 10 a.m.—1 p.m.

Sunday:

Both: 9 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Women's choices: New group starting October 15 Thursday

HPPC Family Life Counseling Center is pleased to announce the beginning of the **Women's Choices: Facilitating Growth Group**. This group is targeted for women who desire an in depth opportunity to increase self-awareness and growth in dealing with pertinent issues as relationship and communication problems, low self-esteem, sexuality and intimacy, dysfunctional family issues, healthy spirituality, depression and anxiety problems.

This **Women's Choices Group** will utilize an unique model specifically designed to combat stresses of today's lifestyle for women helping its members to develop more adaptive coping skills to maintain a sense of competence, self-direction and a rewarding balance in life. The group is primarily an open-ended process group, however, didactic compo-

nents will also be utilized. An insight-oriented and cognitive therapy will be integrated with family systems theories.

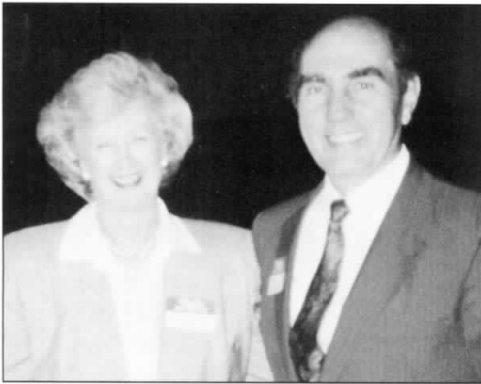
The group will be co-led by Rev. Sherry Fairchild-Kienien, MA, LPC, who is a full-time therapist with the Family Life Counseling Center, and Dr. Victoria Martin, an Adolescent and Adult Psychiatrist who is Vice-President of the Southwestern Child and Family Associates, Inc. Recently Sherry was licensed as a Marriage and Family Therapist by the State Board of Texas Examiners and Victoria presented a "Childhood Sexual Abuse" seminar at Green Oaks Hospital where she serves as a Psychiatric Consultant. Both bring a commitment to integrate sound Christian principles with healthy psychological components for understanding in women's issues.

The group will meet Thursdays 12 noon-1:30 p.m. beginning October 15 at HPPC Family Life

Center, 3909 University. Cost is \$50 per group session with most insurance and managed care plans applicable. Some sliding scale referrals will be considered. If you are interested in participating in this unique group, please call Sherry Fairchild-Kienien at 521-0928 to arrange an initial assessment. **Women's Choices: Facilitating Growth Group** offers its members an unique opportunity for individual growth in a stimulating and supportive environment. We look forward to hearing from you. □



Rev. Sherry Fairchild-Kienien, MA, LPC



Margaret and Bill Watson installed this year's Evening Circles Officers



Jean Oliver is this year's Evening Circles Chairman



Ready to welcome you into an Evening Circle are Pat Coggan and Marilyn Duncan, Circle 1 and Circle 2 Chairmen respectively

Evening Circles fellowship and programs

Evening Circles launched their year September 21 Monday evening with a Style Show by Charlotte Rhea and Tommie Juneau of Charlotte's Collections. There are eight more intriguing monthly programs for these circles of Presbyterian Women who usually gather on the third Monday in Elliott Hall beginning with dinner at 6 p.m. and meeting at 6:45-8 p.m. (Only exception will be the March 27 Saturday WOW

Potluck Dinner with a Missionary in a home). All women in our church are cordially invited to come for the following super schedule:

- Monday, Oct. 19—Gay Nineties Octoberfest Show by The Reflections Singers
- Monday, Nov. 16—Bible Study led by Virginia Pruitt
- Monday, Dec. 21—Christmas Music by Ye Merrie Olde Players

- Monday, Jan. 18—Bible Study by Virginia Pruitt
- Monday, Feb. 15—Bible Study by Virginia Pruitt
- Saturday, Mar. 27—WOW (World Outreach Week) Potluck Dinner with Missionary, 4739 Harvest Hill
- Monday, Apr. 19—Book Review by Betty Clark
- Monday, May 17—Installation of Officers and Birthday Offering

Wynne Chapel organ to be dedicated!

Dedication Services for the new Schoenstein Organ in Wynne Chapel will be held Saturday, October 24 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m. Due to limited seating in the Chapel, you will need to secure a ticket for this event from Music

Office. Dr. E. Davis Wortman will be organist for this service. A hymn written for this dedication by Jane Marshall will be included. HPPC Chamber Chorale will sing the Durufle "Requiem" featuring soloists Rebecca Campbell and Jeff Snider.

The 35-rank Schoenstein Organ was financed by a small portion of a gift from the Murray Johnson estate. Mrs. Jeanne Johnson served on the Organ Committee during selection and installation of the organ. Several refurbishing projects in Wynne Chapel were simultaneously planned with the installation of the organ: the pew cushions have been replaced, additional chandeliers were added per the original drawings of architect Mark Lemmon, as well as a redesigning of the Chancel area and the Narthex. All carpentry work in these areas has been done by HPPC carpenter Earnest Oakley; the staining by Timothy Hardin with all work being supervised by HPPC Building Superintendent Ben Johnson. The organ company assures us the work of the fine HPPC employees is unparalleled with any other church in which they have installed organs. We are also grateful to HPPC members Frank Thrower and Tish Drinkwater for their many hours of work during this project.

Come by the Music Office today to receive your tickets for one of these services on October 24 or 25. □



Our HPPC organist, Davis Wortman, seated, with a member of the Schoenstein installation team

God bless America! And our ice cream social!

Highlander Concerts present their **God and Country** concert October 11 Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This 75-minute concert is for the entire family and will be followed by an old-fashioned ice cream social in Elliott Hall. Tickets for this concert, \$5 each, are available from Music Office or each Sunday in Elliott Hall after worship.

Featured in the concert will be a full orchestra accompanying the Chancel Choir in familiar patriotic music like "Stars and Stripes Forever", "God Bless America", the "Battle Hymn of the Republic", "Testament of Freedom", "The Promise of Living" and a dixieland version of "Down by the Riverside". The audience will be invited to "sing-a-long" on several of the pieces. The Boy Scouts will be joining us for a

festive display of flags. Elliott and Youth Handbell Ensembles will be accompanied by brass in a perfor-

mance of "Fantasy on Southern Folk Hymns". Get your tickets early for this very popular concert. □



Highlander Concerts present the highly popular and patriotic "God and Country" concert October 11

Look ahead with Children's Choirs!

Carol 1 and 2 and Canterbury Choirs participate in worship leadership at 11 a.m. service Sunday, October 11. The anthem, "O Come and Sing Unto the Lord", is from Psalm 95. It provides a joyous beginning to a new year of service for children who are faithful stewards of their time and talent as members of a choir.

"O Come and sing unto the Lord,
To Him our voices raise;
Let us in our most joyful songs
The Lord, our Savior, praise.
Before His presence let us come
With praise and thankful voice;

Let us sing psalms to Him with grace,
With grateful hearts rejoice.
The Lord our God is King of kings,
Above all gods His throne;
The depths of earth are in His hand,
The mountains are His own.
Alleluia! The Lord, our Savior,
praise!"

Saturday, October 17 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, Cherub and Carol 1 and 2 participate in **Primary Sing Thing**, choir festival for children in kindergarten, first and second grades. Sponsored by Dallas Chapter Choristers Guild, it will be held at

Northpark Presbyterian Church with Judith A. Davidson, Clinician. Morning activities consist of two brief rehearsals with refreshments break, fun and special entertainment between them. A brief Worship Service at 11:45 a.m. under leadership of the children culminates the day. In past years over 200 children have participated in this annual event. Parents and congregation members are cordially invited to attend. You will be a blessing to the children and You will be blessed.

—Judith E. Dardaganian, Coordinator of Children's Choirs

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David (Scott Miller) slays the giant (Will MacNamara)

'Paul & Co.' musical Choirs 1993 new

Journeys of the Apostle Paul create intriguing subject matter for a musical drama for children. Composers have found a myriad of ideas drawn from the Old Testament, but few musicals for children are based on New Testament writings.

The past six years, HPPC children's choirs have performed "Moses and the Freedom Fanatics", "Five Loaves and Two Fishes", "Noyes Fludde" (with the Chancel Choir), "O Jonah", "100% Chance of Rain" and "David and the Giants"(See accompanying pictures).



Israelites Dance



What kind of instruments are these four playing?—Come to Choir and find out



-92 Carol 1 and 2 Choirs



Director Judi Davidson receives flowers from Nathan Barnes

Musical chosen for Children's New presentation this spring

Only one of these is N.T. based.

It is encouraging (and refreshing) to have a new musical drama of superior quality composed for children based on a New Testament text. The text is by Mary Nelson Keithahn, ordained United Church of Christ minister, well-known in Christian education and church music circles. Music is by John Horman, music educator, composer of the musical "Five Loaves and Two Fishes" and many anthems for children's choirs. Mr. Horman is past president of Choristers Guild and the Rev. Ms. Keithahn has served on the board of directors of the Guild.

"Paul & Co.", based on the story of Paul's second missionary journey, taken from Acts 15:35-16:40, is 35-40 minutes long and requires a great deal more preparation than musicals in the recent past. A large choir plus several major characters are needed to perform it. It's not too late to become a member of a children's choir! Call Judy at the number listed at the end to enroll or come by H209 during the week.

Children will love stepping back in history to the time soon after

Christ's death and resurrection, when the Christian Church was in its infancy. "The Book of Acts records the early history of the Christian Church as it spread from Jerusalem throughout the Roman Empire. The section chosen for this musical drama clearly illustrates the missionaries' work and their converts in gathering and establishing new faith communities, often at great personal cost" (from the Synopsis of the Plot, page 3). Read the Scripture to find out the adventures of Paul, Timothy, Silas. You will see how well this story lends itself to drama, particularly musical drama.

We think children will enjoy this change of focus. "Paul & Co." will be part of the rehearsal schedule for the year. The performance takes place in late April in Elliott Hall, directed by Judith A. Davidson, performed by Carol and Canterbury Choirs. It will be fully staged and costumed. If you are willing to work in any way toward its preparation (set, costumes, props, etc.), please call as soon as possible: Judy Dardaganian, Coordinator of Children's Choirs 526-7457 ext. 202 or 295. □



Proud Philistine Olivia Jennings



Tish and Allie Witten remind us that parental support and involvement are vital to Children's Choirs

Shepards' first Congo mission experiences a real adventure!

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article from a November 18, 1951 Dixie Times-Picayune Roto Magazine, gives a fascinating account of the launching of Walt and Carolyn's missionary experiences back when they had just started their family and first arrived in the then Belgian Congo.

Anything But Flying Ants for Dinner by Diane Farrell

What is life like in the Belgian Congo? Missionary couple are even beginning to enjoy the favorite sport—rat hunting. Old native men and women call pretty Carolyn Shepard "Mamma." That's just one of the things that the 29-year-old New Orleans girl had to get used to while housekeeping in the Belgian Congo (Editor's Note: Actually, Carolyn is from Mississippi, but lived in New Orleans, Walt's home town, after marrying him). The others include rat hunts outside of her door, a human telephone and hot water heater, snakes in the bedroom, and a neighbor dropping over to offer her a bucket of flying ants.

Carolyn and her husband Walter have spent three years in the Congo

as lay Presbyterian missionaries. Since last December they have been on a year furlough, staying at Walter's parents' home in Long Beach, Miss.

Late this month they plan to go back with their two children, Walter, 4, and Mary Eunice, 5 months, who will promptly forget their names. Walter will become Babdibanga and Mary Eunice Madi Euinke. These are their names in Tshiluba (Chiluba), the native language in their mission of Lubondai. Carolyn's Tshiluba name is Mamma Ngulula (all married women are called "Mamma") and Walter's is Muambi Tshilumbia. Just like the other nine missionary families at Lubondai, they were given these names by their native helpers who include the wash jack (he does the clothes), the gardener,

the table boy and the sentry.

"The sentry is the most interesting one," Carolyn says. "He is literally our telephone, our hot water heater, our newspaper, and our bulletin board. He runs notes for us, chops the wood for our stove, and tells us all the news."

Five years ago, Walter Shepard and his bride would have probably thought that Tshiluba was some patent medicine or the name of one of Sabu's elephants.

"We were living just like any other New Orleans couple," they say. Walter had graduated from Tulane and had three years' experience as a practicing architect behind him.

"But we both thought that we ought to do more with our lives, that there was some special work for us
(Please see "Rat hunt" on page 13)

Walt Shepard Memorial Fund

A special missions use for the gifts made to the church in memory of Dr. Walter D. Shepard has been approved by the Session to honor him for his outstanding service to the Church of Christ Jesus over the years. These funds will be administered by the World Missions Committee and will be apportioned 1/3 for World Outreach Week, 1/3 for Community Outreach and 1/3 for unreached peoples. The current level of the fund is approximately \$7,000 and designated gifts for these purposes will be received through the end of 1992. If you wish to support this cause, send a check payable to the church, and marked "Shepard Fund".



The Shepards display their 'loot'. Congo souvenirs like this fill just about every room of Walter Shepard family's Gulf Coast home. Left to right are Mary Eunice, Mrs. Shepard, Walter Jr., and Mr. Shepard



Grace Presbyterian Village benefits

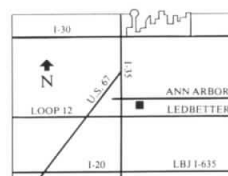
A free seminar will be held October 20 Tuesday for ministers, staff and lay persons who minister with older adults (that includes us all whether we have elderly parents, or will be or are, elderly ourselves) and the annual Thursday-Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. October 29-30 Craft Sale where you can also purchase home-made lunch and baked goodies (See accompanying photos from last year's successful sale). Both these events can benefit you and me plus our own Grace Presbyterian Village in Oak Cliff this month! You will not want to miss either one of these!

30th Anniversary 1962-1992

Come Celebrate With Us!



Tuesday, October 20
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Luncheon Provided
Reservations Required
by October 12th



Rev. Douglas Manning, author of "When Love Gets Tough", presents a seminar at The Village for ministers, staff, and lay persons who minister with older adults. This free seminar includes morning and afternoon sessions on dealing with the tough issues that are often faced by the elderly or their children.

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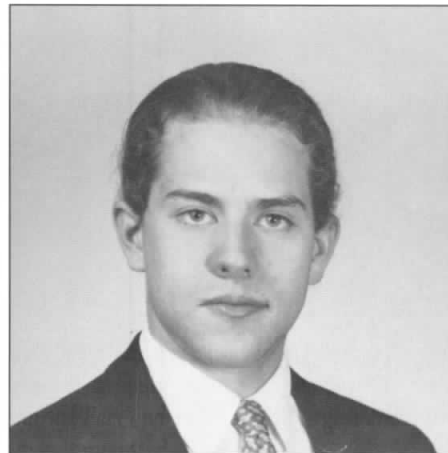
Presbyterian personalities

Candid camera caught these Presbyterian personalities on a recent Sunday morning at HPPC—**Carolyn Krider** with her young brood on the way to Sunday School, among our families who really start out young going to church together! **Carl Ivey** is a long-time friendly face greeting our Sunday church-goers here. In fact, he's a 20-year plus veteran of our ushers/greeters group. He has to be one of the most dedicated individuals of our church—he's here rain, sleet or shine. Although Carl has not been elected an HPPC officer, he previously served as a Deacon in Houston's Woodland Presbyterian Church and in Oak Cliff's Covenant Presbyterian Church. We thought you might be interested in finding out more about this familiar welcomer.

Ed H. Heilbron, who is President of our Highlander Sunday School Class, was elected Commander of the Department of Texas while attending the Military Order of the World Wars Region VIII in Houston May 27. Among other positions, he had previously served as Commander of the Dallas Chapter and National Membership Chairman. This new position requires him and his wife to visit every Chapter in the State of Texas this year, according to the July Class newsletter, *The Highlander*. Some of us know Ed as the

teacher of the AARP Defensive Driving course offered periodically here at HPPC.

Christopher Jackson, 22, son of Betsy and Clyde C. Jackson, Jr. was graduated in May from Hampden Sydney College in Virginia cum laude with honors in Classics, and, in addition, was chosen to attend the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, Greece this summer where he embarked on an intensive study of ancient classical ruins on the mainland and numerous islands in Greece. At Hampden Sydney he lettered for three years on the cross country track team, held numerous offices on campus and was a member of several national leadership honorary societies. Christopher, who began



Christopher Jackson



Mr. Carl Ivey greeting church-goers

attending SMU Law School this fall, is an active HPPC member and became an Eagle Scout through our Troop 82 BSA.

Dick Yancy and **Bill Green** were both voted as Inquirers (a first step in our Presbyterian government's process toward becoming Presbyterian Ministers) by HPPC's Session at the August meeting. Congratulations to both young men—Dick's dad, Jim Yancey, is an HPPC Elder, and Bill's dad, Dr. Roger Green, formerly was HPPC's Minister to Children (now Executive Minister at Baton Rouge, La. First Presbyterian Church)!

Among 24 Presbyterian Village North volunteers honored at this year's Awards Banquet of the Presbyterian Healthcare System at Sheraton Park Central Hotel are these HPPC-ers who are also residents of PVN: Recognized for 10 years service—Georgia Cowles, Don Leonard, Bee Murray, Lach Vass, Lucile Walsh; and five-year service volunteers—Carolyn Dineen, Jean Lacey, Flois Miracle, Margaret Payne. The Village North honorees were among more than 400 Presbyterian Healthcare System volunteers and employees receiving service awards at the banquet attended by 750 persons.

Dr. Maxwell Thomas, Currie Class member, recently donated property near SMU to Southwestern Medical Foundation and the money from the sale of the property will be used to establish a professorship in ophthalmology in Dr. Thomas' name



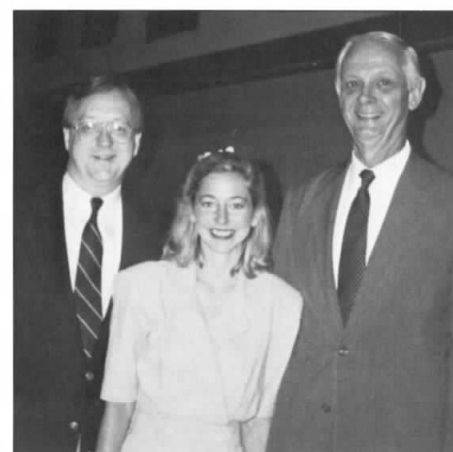
The Krider family on a typical Sunday

at UT Southwestern. Now retired, Dr. Thomas was the first ophthalmologist in Dallas to perform corneal surgery and retinal-detachment surgery and the first to fit contact lenses. His gift will help ensure the field of ophthalmology continues to develop. A member of the Dallas medical community since the late 1920's, Dr. Thomas has been associated with Southwestern Medical School since its beginning, serving as senior consultant for the division of ophthalmology there 1946-53. During that period he also was chief of the eye clinics at Children's Medical Center of Dallas, Parkland Memorial Hospital and the McKinney and Dallas Veterans' Administration medical



centers, directing their residency programs also. He continued to serve as volunteer advisor to the Department of Ophthalmology until he retired from medicine in 1972. In addition to the land gift, Dr. Thomas previously has donated hundreds of old books and journals, also vintage medical instruments, to the ophthalmology department. In expressing appreciation to Dr. Thomas, ophthalmology chairman Dr. James P. McCulley said, "Your contribu-

tions to organized ophthalmology and the education of residents in Dallas is surpassed by none and, in fact, not approached by any. You truly have been our leader for many decades." □



Meg Lohmeyer became Mrs. Max Reddick as of September 5 (Max, former Evangelism and Outreach Intern here, returns with his bride to Princeton Theological Seminary this fall for his final year there)—Meg, who left her Elementary Education Director position to get married, is pictured here with her two bosses—Administrative Associate Dr. Joe Parker and Minister of Education Rev. Woody Strodel at a staff farewell coffee recently in Elliott Hall

What is the favored sport rat hunting like?

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on earth that we hadn't discovered yet." Then one night at service in the Napoleon Avenue Presbyterian church, they listened to a talk by Dr. William Rouel on the Congo missions. After, when the young couple went up to talk to him, Dr. Rouel said that if he had the choice of taking with him a doctor, a nurse or an architect—he'd pick the architect.

"As far as the material side of it goes," explains Carolyn, "that is what decided us. Walter then took a year's theological training in Austin. After that we took our newly arrived baby and headed for our first mission in the Congo."

The first day there, Carolyn and Walter had a visitor. When they opened the door of their mission house, a tall native was standing outside grinning and holding a bucket full of flying ants. Walter and Carolyn finally figured out that they were supposed to eat them. After about three dozen "no's" in what they hoped was a Tshiluba accent, the native decided that they didn't care for his hors d'oeuvres. Instead of being insulted he happily gobbled up the whole bunch himself.

The second day in the Congo,

Walter was about to tuck Walter Jr. into his new little crib. "Something told me to look down," he says. "There nestled between the covers was a large mamba snake. I found out that they frequently get in the house."

But Walter and Carolyn discovered that there was not as much "bongo, bongo" spirit in the Congo as they expected.

"Cannibalism," Walter sighs in relived tones, "is illegal." He has only had one brush with ex-head-hunters. But for a little while there, he wasn't so sure of the "ex." On a trip down the river, Walter and another missionary were camped on a sandbar. Suddenly, they were surrounded by about 12 natives who were members of the "file tooth" tribe. They wore red clay in their hair and had their teeth cut to suspiciously sharp points. "They wanted us to give the chief gifts and were getting a little nasty about it," Walter recalls.

"Suddenly it started to rain and they ran off in a panic—all except the chief who wanted to get under our canvas with us. We told him 'no' and he scurried off too with red clay running down his face." □

Torrid weather, big-game hunting, sitting around lonely at night listening to ominous drum beats—that was what the Shepards expected when they were assigned to the Congo. Instead they found the temperature was a year-round 70 to 80, that instead of tigers the natives hunted rats, and that the social life is so far from lazy that a woman should have three or four formals in the Congo.

What is a rat hunt like? Walter explains that first you get a torch and set the tall grass on fire—this drives out the rats. Then you stand on the edge and hoop and holler and club the rats as they scurry out into the clear. Rat hunts can be staged at a moment's notice just like a surprise party. Some go on right outside the Shepards' door.

"Many of the native manners are quite delightful though," Carolyn explains. "For example, when you enter their houses, they offer you the best food they have. They are eager to learn, catch on quickly, and are extremely polite."

She and her husband will be glad to get back to them this month. For, after all, they are the flock of Shepards. □

Friday Fellowship peregrinations October and the Arts are featured

Highland Park Presbyterian Readers!: All September and October Friday Fellowship programs for the new season were printed in last month's issue of September's *Highland Park Presbyterian*. Here is additional information on October's featured attractions, some of which will have already taken place by the time you receive this month's newsletter. -Nanette Geoo, editor

October 2 Friday The Dallas Opera

Jon White highlights the 1992-93 offerings from Eugene Onegin to Lucia Di Lammermore. He also comments on the past, present and future of Dallas Opera. Surely another memorable season for this internationally-acclaimed company which has provided the debuts for many great voices. This year's season themed "The Power of Passion"!

October 9 Dr. Eugene Bonelli

The Greer Garson Theater and the Jake and Nancy Hamon Library

We greatly anticipate receiving the Dean of the Meadows School of the Arts of Southern Methodist University! Dean Bonelli details the uniqueness and importance to the university and community of the Garson Theater and the Hamon Library. An interesting sideline is that the late Mr. Algor Meadows was a member of our church as is Greer Garson Fogelson. Bonelli, Meadows, Garson and Hamon — Dynamite in October!

October 16 The Dallas Arboretum

Flowers have always been an integral part of the world of art from paintings to opera (didn't Carmen's flower lure Don Jose into trouble?). The Arboretum is surely a Dallas treasure and Mil Dafron speaks to us

about "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the Garden and Then Some".

October 23 Dallas Museum of Art

The May 14, 1992 Today section of the Dallas Morning News had an unusually lengthy front page story of a young lady who is making special things happen at the museum in her role as Director of Special Projects. Her name is *Melissa Berry* and she speaks to us of things "Beyond the Walls". Don't miss this gifted young lady whose speciality is "being able

to translate ideas into meaningful action".

October 30 The Dallas Symphony

Douglas W. Kinzey speaks of "A Year of Transition - The 1992-93 Season". In addition to addressing the challenges of this particular year, he will highlight the exciting season of our wonderful Dallas Symphony. The Meyerson provides a spectacular setting for the orchestra as well as for a massed choir, including our own Highland Park Presbyterian Chancel Choir! □

Singleterians utilize benefits of singleness

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involvement in Singleterians Class. We are a very 'open' group," stated Dr. Marilyn Ward, Singleterians' incoming president. "Our Singleterians Class is a great place to start making new friends and to strengthen friendship already established," said past president, Margaret Beatty. Class treasurer, Darwin Renner, agreed, "After three Sundays you're a member and we'll ask you to participate as an 'insider' rather than spend any time otherwise."

Singleterians attend special events together. In addition to after-class lunches Sundays and occasional

pot-luck dinner parties, groups of Singleterians attend plays, concerts, major exhibits and sports events. Four members of Singleterians Class sing in HPPC's Chancel Choir every Sunday. A number of Singleterians helped "Habitat for Humanity" workers restore a house in near East Dallas. "Singleterians are always looking for old and new friends and for ways we can all grow in faith and serve God together," concluded Dr. Ward. "Singleterians try to use the unique benefits of singleness to the glory of God. We serve adults over 40 and invite all HPPC members who may not be attending another Sunday School Class to join us." □



Dorothy Dixon and Singleterians' President Marilyn Ward stand by Dorothy's painting of Biblical friends David and Jonathan



Sunday morning Singleterians, from left, teacher Jim Roseman, Selma Rue Lee and Norman West

Parish news

Infant baptisms:

August 16, 1992:

Erica Kathryn Christensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Riis M. Christensen

Olivia Jane Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Thomas Mason

Madisyn Claire Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don W. Miller

Lauren Michele Willis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Willis

Adult baptism:

August 16, 1992:

Miss Kristin Erin Carder

Weddings:

Eric Robertson and Janet Kay Brown on August 8, 1992

John Andrew Shoemaker and Kelly Ann Stewart on August 8, 1992

Joe Deganley Jones and Sally-Page Stuck on August 15, 1992

John David (Jack) Hellings, Jr. and Katherine Wynn (Katie) Young on August 22, 1992

N. Bruce Jenevein and Debbie D. McManus on August 22, 1992

Karl Eric Rathjen and Carolyn

Margot Perot on August 22, 1992

Robert Todd Winn and Laura Martin on August 22, 1992

Robert Bruce Hydeman, Jr. and Teri Lyn Brewer on August 29, 1992

New members:

(Pictured below left to right)

August 16, 1992:

Mr. James Broox Harper (Affiliate member)

Miss Cynthia Lee (Cindy) Johnston

Miss Michelle Scott Johnston

Mr. Michael Alan Semmer



Marjorie Rutledge, left, and Dr. Marilyn Ward, right, lighting Advent candles

Two wonderful benefits for Day School in November

Our Day School Parents' Council is sponsoring two exciting events in November—our annual Book Fair and Bake Sale. To kick-off these events Mary Beth Sampson will speak on the importance of reading

to your children November 4 Wednesday in Room 231 of the Day School at 9:30 a.m. There will be an abundance of wonderful books, musical tapes, advent calendars and many other items available. There will also be books available to donate to our HPPC Children's Library.

Our Bake Sale will have lots of terrific casseroles and baked goods, including sour cream enchiladas, poppyseed chicken, Aunt Margaret's Spaghetti, chicken tenders and cinnamon rolls.

The dates to remember are November 4, 5 and 6, 8:45 a.m.-1 p.m. on Wednesday, 8:45 a.m.-12 noon Thursday and Friday, in Room 229. Pre-order forms are available in the Day School office. Please join us and bring your friends. For further information contact Jennifer Lambeth at 987-3502. □



Singleterians dine out, l. to r., Marilyn Ward, Carmen Cheers, Marjorie Rutledge, Margaret Beatty and Cookie Caudle (Cookie also is long-time piano accompanist for the class)

They've got class

Friendships are flourishing for these Presbyterian Singles over 40 years of age

Singleterians Class meets on Sundays at 11 a.m. in H203, located on the second floor of the Hunt Building. Singleterians' curriculum focuses on in-depth teaching of selected books of the Bible and on applying Christian principles to life problems nearly everyone faces. Scripture is the basic textbook. Singleterians Class serves single adults over 40 years of age.

The forerunner of Singleterians, the Mid-Singles, originated at HPPC in the 1970's for singles 30-40 years of age. This class was called Mid-

Singles because its members were the ages between an older group of Singles already in existence called the Jonathan Class and the Young Singles (now named Bridges) who were the youngest singles (ages 20's to early 30's) of the three singles classes then. When Jonathan Class disbanded, Mid-Singles welcomed about 20 pioneer members from Jonathan, including Dorothy Dixon, an artist, who had painted a beautiful oil portrait of the Biblical friends, Jonathan and David. This picture currently hangs in Room H203 where

Singleterians Class Room H203

The class meets at 11 a.m. every Sunday. The focus is on spiritual growth through in-depth study of books of the Bible and applying Christian principles to your own life. Members are single adults over 40 years of age. Dr. Marilyn Ward is class president.

Singleterians now meet. In the mid-1980s, Mid-Singles had become the oldest singles class, therefore, the name was changed to Singleterians (meaning Singles among HPPC Presbyterians, but, also, a name without any age connotation).

Singleterians are taught by HPPC staff and qualified laymen trained under HPPC guidance. All our instructors are dedicated and popular HPPC teachers. We appreciate their generous service. Mr. Jim Roseman is teaching the New Testament book of Romans in October. The curriculum is always Bible-centered.

"We like everyone to feel an immediate sense of acceptance and
(See Singleterians on page 14)



Darwin Renner, Judy Charvat, Selma Rue Lee, Norman West, Marjorie Rutledge, Mike Robinson, visitor Camille Tindle, Marilyn Ward and Ann Collins

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