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LET'S GET GOING!

Vacation is over for this summer. Our children and youth are getting back into the swing of school activities. College classes will soon begin. So the time has come for us to get back into the swing of our Church and Church School activities. The Fall program really gets under way during this month of September.

We hope that all had a pleasant summer, and that now you are ready to "Get Going" with our Church and its program with a renewed interest. Let us be reminded of our Church School and its program. Make a vow now to attend your class every Sunday. Oh, Yes! make that vow include attendance at the open period with the adults and youth. Our Church School Superintendent will be glad to see you each Sunday at 9:40---Please be on time. The opening can be of real interest if you are there to help make it so.

Then there is that hour of Worship at 10:45. Each of us needs this hour to deepen our spiritual resolves and to gird ourselves for Christian living. Here we can, through worship, prayer and fellowship fit our lives for larger service to our Christ and our God. It is hard to believe that there lives one who does not need what the church has to offer us during this vital hour of Christian Worship. We hope you will avail yourself of the opportunity.

Next Sunday we can expect that our Student group will be in attendance in large numbers. Our regular members should be there to greet them and make them feel at home in our fellowship.

Make plans to really "shape up" in your religious life by being at your Church on East Main Street, Morehead each Sunday during this new year of Fall and Winter activity.

Let these words become true to each of us. "I was glad when they said unto me, Come, let us go into the house of the Lord."

LET'S GET UP TO DATE:

A number of things have happened this Summer at your church. It has been newly painted and a new sidewalk has been put in. We have a well paved parking lot which is provided for us by Paul Blair back of his Laundermat. It is for our use during the Church School and Worship hours.

Our Nursery and Kindergarten have had a face lifting. New furnishings have been provided under the direction of Russ and Brucine McClure. Our Nursery is open during both Church School and the Worship hour. It too is for the full use of all our membership who have small children-even babes in arms can be cared for.

If you have not done so before now-- drop by the parsonage and see what a new paint job has done to increase its attractiveness.

Our property department has been working as well as our Education Department to make our church attractive and useful. We hope our entire membership will take advantage of it.

OUR DISCIPLE STUDENT "KICK-OFF"

There will be a "KICK-OFF" party for all our Disciple preference students in our Fellowship Hall Wednesday evening, September 18 starting at 7 P.M.

Light refreshments will be served by the women of our CWF. There will be a get acquainted period so that we can become acquainted with our Students who are from other Disciple Churches.

All College Faculty who are members of the Morehead First Christian Church have a special invitation to be present at this "KICK-OFF" Party. We want our students to know who you are so that our Campus Ministry can be a cooperative affair with both faculty and students participating.

NO ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP IN SEPTEMBER:

As last year we will use the month of September to get our Student Ministry under way. For that reason we will not have our All-Church Fellowship Dinner this month. The first gathering of this nature will be the fourth Thursday evening of October. The date is October 24--Please mark your calendar now and save that date. New program plans for these Fellowships are under way and we look forward to some good times this year. Make up your mind not to miss a single one of these all-church meetings. We can assure you not only good programs but good food too.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

The Official Board will meet Monday, September 23 at 8 P.M. No Functional Committees have been scheduled as yet pending the selection of Functional Chairmen. Please take note and let us have a good attendance at this first Board meeting of the Fall Program period.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

Sunday, September 15---Church School and Worship Hour 9:40 and 10:45.
Wednesday, September 18---Disciple Student Fellowship "KICK-OFF" at 7 P.M.
Sunday, September 29---Districts 12 and 13 will hold their Fall Convention at the Ashland First Christian Church. The meeting starts 3:30 P.M. and will be over at 7 P.M. There will be a dinner and some very special program features. A very good delegation should go from our Church.

FROM OUR CHOIR DIRECTOR:

Our very fine choir has started regular practice on each Wednesday evening. Our director would be happy to have some new talent join in the fine service which our choir renders to our Worship experiences. Men's voices will be appreciated.

The children's and youth choirs are starting their Fall and Winter activity. Let us give our leadership in the music field a real helping hand.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION:

The Disciples of Christ from all over the United States and Canada will meet in Convention in the new Municipal Building at Miami, Florida. The dates are October 11-16. It is still possible to secure rooms and accommodations for this great event in our Brotherhood life. Rev. and Mrs. Brooks plan to attend this convention and we hope that there may be others from our church.

The next issue of "ECHO" will be September 26. Please give us your announcements and news by September 23!

The CWF General meeting will be September 22nd, at 7:30 P.M. in the Church Parlor. Program topic, "All One Body We". Everyone is invited.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH SCHOOL AND CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY!

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OCTOBER CHURCH LOYALTY MONTH

Church Loyalty Month begins with World Wide Communion Sunday, October 6, 1963.

Church Loyalty Month is an annual Fall emphasis upon renewal in the local church. In general the focus is upon the renewal of program activities, but there is also a particular and ultimate purpose, namely, the renewal of persons through "the increase of love between God and man, and man and his neighbors. "What we really mean, therefore, when we speak of "church loyalty", is loyalty to Christ. It is in Christ that we discover the way of love. "The love of Christ controls us." (2nd Cor. 5:14) So the task of preparing the Church Loyalty Month begins with an evaluation of our relationship to Christ. Such an inquiry inevitably leads one to re-appraise "the ministry of reconciliation" to which Christ calls each of us. It is at this crucial point that discussions and plans for Church Loyalty Month find a unity of purpose and power. Thus, Church Loyalty Month focuses upon concern for the relationship of program and people to God's purpose as revealed in Christ.

So reads the message from our Brotherhood leaders responsible for program projects during the Month of October on Church Loyalty Month.

In our Morehead First Christian Church we will press for every member being at the Lord's Table on October 6th at the morning worship services. It will be our purpose to begin with the Christ and His loving expressed to us in the Cross. By making Him central in our memory we may yet achieve such a vital personal relationship with His person that our own lives will become living examples of His love.

This is our "COMMUNION CALL"---let every member be present for our Holy Communion observance, Sunday, October 6, 1963.

A REPORT FROM OUR TREASURER.

Incorporated in this issue of Echo is the financial report from July 1 to September 20, 1963.

It presents to us some very interesting data for our consideration. This is the period of the year when our church offerings are the very lowest, but in spite of that fact, we have reached 19 per cent of our budget for this time of the year or rather for the quarter less two Sundays. Budgeted items are soon coming up for expenditures and spending cannot go beyond receipts. Our Budget Control is more rigid than formerly. No spending is given the O. K. until we are certain the money is in hand to procede. This is good honest business procedure. Every member of the church should rejoice in the fact that our Board is taking a responsible view of all money concerns.

With this report the Treasurer gave us a breakdown of the giving by those members of our church who have by this time made a commitment pledge for 1963-64. Here it is, ask yourself where you are in this picture. Also ask yourself if in the light of your love to God it truly represents your potential ability to give lovingly and sacrificially.

Total pledged thus far \$12,900.00 based on this the giving breaks down as follows:

Those giving less than 100 dollars per year.....	16
Those giving from 100 to 200 dollars	17
200 to 300 dollars	10
300 to 400 dollars	11
400 to 500 dollars	3
500 to 600 dollars	3
\$600 or more	2

Total..... 62

In the light of previous studies this does not come up to the potential of our members in ability to give. We hope that this year will see us taking a new look at our motives for giving to the Church. That we will not look upon needs alone nor that we will consider our giving as DUES, but that we will seek to be motivated by love for God and give to Him because we want to make true sacrifice. Christian giving is a spiritual matter, not economic. Our giving to Christ's church is not to be on our list of optional luxuries. It is first among our necessities, for He is necessary in our lives and He says He must be first.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rev. and Mrs. Brooks will be attending our International Convention at Miami Beach October 11-16. Dr. Gabriel Banks will be in our pulpit on October 13th. Let us keep up our Loyalty Month attendance and give him a large congregation for his message.

C.W.F. Group 1 will meet Thursday, October 3 at 7:30 P. M. at the home of Mrs. V. H. Wolfford on Wilson Avenue. Assisting hostess will be Mrs. Clara Robinson.

C.W.F. Group 2 will meet Thursday, October 3 at 2:30 P. M. at the home of Mrs. J. M. Clayton, 504 College Boulevard.

C.W.F. Group 3 will meet Thursday, October 10 at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Woodrow Barber 163 Second Street.

C.W.F. Group 4 will meet Thursday, October 10 at 9:30 A. M. at the home of Mrs. Henry Glover, 225 Sun Street.

The DISCIPLE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP held its "Kick-Off" party September 18 for faculty and D.S.F.'ers, freshmen and upperclassmen on the college campus. About fifty attended for the fun and fellowship. We invite you to join our fellowship whenever possible. Especially, we thank Mr. Victor Venettozzi for his talk on "How to Study and Take Notes", and we thank Dr. Jane Williamson for her talk on "Adjustment to Campus".

D. S. F. meets every Wednesday at 6:00 P. M. in our church Fellowship Hall. All young people of college age are invited to our meetings. We start with a short business meeting which is followed by the planned program. On October 2nd Dean Earlyne Saunders will talk to us on "Mental Health". October 9th will be a picnic.

Elected officers of our D. S. F. are:

Pastor Advisor	Rev. Charles L. Brooks
President	Miss Roberta McLin
Vice-President	Teddy Walls
2nd Vice-President	Miss Kay Patrick
Secretary and Treasurer	Miss Drenille Conley
Reporter	Chip Whittier

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A WORD ABOUT THIS ISSUE OF YOUR CHURCH PAPER.

It is mostly given over to the report which was made to the Official Board at its September meeting. It is in the form of Program Projections for 1963-64. It is reproduced here just as it was presented. The action was unanimous by the Board to seek in every way possible to carry out each phase of the projection.

PROGRAM PROJECTIONS FOR THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

Presented to the Official Board for approval and adoption at the regular meeting of the Board at its September 23, 1963 meeting.

These program projections are presented to the board after many conversations with members of our church. Those with whom these matters were discussed made many fine suggestions for the future of our congregation and our total program. These are all incorporated in this paper. Some of them in mere outline form since the report would be much too long if we elaborated upon each item and project. However, if this general projection is approved, there will be detailed plans laid for its various items. Projects will be assigned to departments and special committees for administrative procedure.

INTRODUCTION

Our church and community face a future which demands careful planning and projection of work if we are to take advantage of the many opportunities which present themselves. Our community is growing and expansion of all phases of life is evident on every hand. The college community has projects for the next ten years which indicate that the enrollment of students will double in that period. This means new faculty and service people will be coming to Morehead as permanent residents. Our own church can have its share of these new persons in our program if we begin right now to plan and work for that share.

We would like to see the year 1963-64 become a year of intensive program projection in all areas of church life. All departments and special committees will be called upon to plan and work for forward progress. Leadership must be recruited for the many activities if success is to be assured. The major responsibility for our church board is that it truly become a Spiritual Planning Board working for the advance of our church and the Kingdom of God. This is the challenge which lies before us. It is a challenge to be effective in the area of human beings. Life is at the center of our thoughts as we seek to project our program. People should be our chief concern. However, we cannot serve people unless we have the physical equipment to do an effective job. Some of this program will place real emphasis upon our physical plant and its contribution to an effective church.

Let us then turn to an outline of areas of endeavor which will be uppermost in our thoughts and action during this year.

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP:

1. A constant effort to make our worship services meaningful. This is to be accomplished by making the surroundings as conducive to worship as possible, by the use of flowers, tasteful decorations, good music. In fact all that goes into making for a lifting of the soul to God will be part of our constant thinking.
To aid in this, two things should be in our thinking and planning, in the immediate future. One of these is the complete redecoration of the Sanctuary. The provision of communion cup recepticals so that we can make our communion service more meaningful.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

1. A further and continuous checking of our church school equipment. To make certain that our class rooms are attractive and have good teaching facilities. Children should have good surroundings in the church. They have the best in their school equipment and in teaching tools. The church school should not suffer by comparison.

2. There are certain lighting needs in our Fellowship Hall which need attention almost at once. The fixtures should be changed. The walls and ceiling need painting with lighter colors.
3. We should weed out all the old and dangerous wooden chairs and replace as many as possible with rigid steel chairs. At least 50 chairs will be needed for replacement.

Our consideration should be given to repair work on a number of our banquet tables. Perhaps one or two new ones should be bought very soon.

4. A concentrated effort is being made and should continue toward the development of a strong Young Adult program. Our Church School Superintendent has already started the procedure by getting our Nursery and Kindergarten rooms in readiness. There are some 30 couples available for this program. Leadership must be provided in this program. No church can long endure that neglects this age level for within it lies the future potential of our church.
5. The Student Ministry needs also to be given greater emphasis. We do need Sponsors for this group as well as an active Student Ministry Committee which will give time and thought to program features. More will be said about this in another section of this report.
6. Leadership is ever a continuing problem in church life. Teachers are needed. It should be a part of the Education Department's thinking to provide some training during this Fall and Winter, looking toward enlistment of more people to work in this area.
7. Our Library Program needs some revamping. Some added leadership must be in our thinking as well as some expansion of facilities. Our books do not get the proper display needed to encourage reading by our membership. We have several hundred dollars of new books which should be well circulated. It is a proven fact that a reading people become a working people in the religious program. One cannot act unless informed reading is a part of their background. At most they will act, if they do act, in an uninformed manner.

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM:

1. A continuing calling program through planned assignments upon new residents and upon our own membership who have become indifferent and who only attend services occasionally. There should be a constant program to encourage regular attendance. Some method of simple roll call should be used so that a closer check can be made upon those who should be in regular attendance. This should be followed by calls where absenteeism exists.
2. More persons should be involved in the Church Night Program which is held each month. The attendance should be better and programing should be spread tp include more people.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE:

1. A year around program of stewardship education. Sermons, items in Echo and in our Sunday Bulletin will be utilized.
2. A well conducted Every-Member Canvass will be planned in the Spring. It would include the special training of callers. A call for volunteers with assurance for training should be made a part of the procedure.
3. The membership of our church should be kept informed of the increasing need both locally and around the world.
4. The Potential financial powers of this church whould be developed more rapidly if we are even to reach the 50-50 giving by 1970.

WORLD OUTREACH

1. Emphasis upon the Special Missionary Days educational materials and their proper use.
2. Thinking of a possible school of Missions should be our planning.
3. Encourage all women of the church to be active in our Christian Women's Fellowship. Every woman who is a member of the church should be in one of the CWF groups.

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TREASURER'S REPORT
For Period July 1, 1963 to September 20, 1963

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
<u>WORLD OUTREACH</u>		
Unified Promotion	\$ 2,640.00	\$ 700.00
Composit Capital	300.00	
Christian Church Homes	200.00	
Edna Sue Johnson Project	500.00	115.00
Week of Compassion	70.00	
Cane Ridge Project	10.00	
Christmount Christian Assembly	10.00	
Kentucky Council of Churches	10.00	
National Council of Churches	10.00	
World Council of Churches	10.00	
	<u>\$ 3,760.00</u>	<u>\$ 815.00</u>
<u>WORSHIP AND SERVICES</u>		
Organist's Salary	\$ 312.00	60.00
Choir Director's Salary	480.00	65.00
Flowers	75.00	20.60
Nursemaid's Salary	156.00	39.00
Broadcast Line Charge	42.00	14.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	60.00
	<u>\$ 1,565.00</u>	<u>\$ 258.60</u>
<u>CHURCH ADMINISTRATION</u>		
Pastor's Salary	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 1,400.01
Church Secretary	900.00	81.50
Church Office Expense	400.00	74.03
Pension Fund Dues	848.00	212.10
Social Security Payments	152.00	
Convention Expenses	200.00	
Pastor's Car Expenses	936.00	234.00
	<u>\$ 9,036.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,001.64</u>
<u>EDUCATION DEPARTMENT</u>		
Church School Supplies	\$ 650.00	\$ 288.63
Church Library	200.00	
DSF Program (Student Work)	500.00	22.04
Miscellaneous	100.00	55.55
	<u>\$ 1,450.00</u>	<u>\$ 366.22</u>
<u>PROPERTY DEPARTMENT</u>		
Utilities and Fuel	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 116.26
Repair and Maintenance	1,500.00	650.74
Insurance	750.00	
Custodian's Salary	480.00	120.00
Capital Expenditures	600.00	
	<u>\$ 4,330.00</u>	<u>\$ 887.00</u>
<u>MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM DEPARTMENT</u>		
Supplies	\$ 100.00	
	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	
<u>WORLD OUTREACH DEPARTMENT</u>		
Supplies and Education Materials	\$ 75.00	
	<u>\$ 75.00</u>	
Contingent Expense	\$ 300.00	
	<u>\$ 300.00</u>	
<u>GRAND TOTAL BUDGET AND DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>\$20,616.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,323.40</u>
<u>ESTIMATED INCOME</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Received This Period</u>
Loose Offerings	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 182.08
Church School Offerings	600.00	106.60
Individual Pledges Budgeted	18,516.00	3,641.00
Other		13.00
	<u>\$20,616.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,942.86</u>

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ACHIEVEMENTS

In the last issue of ECHO you were all made acquainted with the approval of our Board on the proposed program projection for 1963-64. We are proud to report in this issue that much of this program has moved from the "paper stage" and has been translated into action. Much appreciation for this fact goes to some fine leadership on the part of those who were assigned special responsibility. Russell McClure has rendered yeoman service in the rehabilitation of our Fellowship Hall. He, along with the College Disciple Student Fellowship, are about to complete a facelifting that will be a surprise to any who have not seen what is going on. The new lights have been installed. The ceiling and walls have a new coat of paint. Our Girl Scouts have purchased new lockers for the storage of their equipment. On the whole all of this contributes to pleasant surroundings for our Children's divisions and for all of our membership who use Fellowship Hall. The steam table has been set in place and new utensils purchased for it, thanks to Jimmie Williams and Harold Holbrook.

The Worship department has been active too. They have purchased a new piano for the sanctuary. This made possible the disposal of the two worn out instruments which were in Fellowship Hall. The Piano which was formerly in the Sanctuary has been moved to Fellowship Hall and will serve many good purposes for the choir and the congregation.

One major step in our Educational program has taken shape. We refer to the organizing of a young adult class. At present Gabriel Banks is the teacher or rather the discussion leader for this group. They are at present having to meet in the Sanctuary. The attendance of this Church School group should increase as these alert people reach out to gain others for their fellowship. There is a great potential power in this age level which is vital to our church life.

The good news about these actions thus far is that we have been able to finance these projects without asking for special donations. In other words these items are a part of our budgeted asking for this fiscal year. It is our hope to continue to carry forward with other phases of our projected program in like manner. This bears out the importance of maintaining our regular giving, for as fast as the money is available other program items will be initiated.

CONCERN

A few weeks ago our congregation was alerted to the program on "CONCERN", and asked to provide special gifts for this Brotherhood emergency in the area of Moral and Civil Rights. At that time a special envelope was provided in which to make special contributions. There remains but one Sunday in which to respond to this plea to aid those who suffer because of their Christian demonstration for equality in our social structure.

If you have misplaced your offering envelope -- look it up and bring it to the services of worship next Sunday. If you cannot find it, use one of the Pew Envelopes and mark it "FOR CONCERN" and it will be used for that purpose. Thank you for your CONCERN for those who face real hardship because of their efforts to provide freedom for all of our citizens.

THE OFFICIAL BOARD WILL MEET.

Monday, October 28 is the regular meeting of our Church Board Officers and Committees. It is also the night of the "KICK OFF" meeting for our United Fund drive in Morehead and Rowan County. FOR THAT REASON WE ARE ASKING THAT THE BOARD MEET AT 8 P.M. Please be on time so that we can complete our business within the hour. Many of our members are involved in the Fund Drive and will need to be present for their assignments at the "Kick-Off" meeting. This is First Christian's way of cooperating in our Community life. The United Fund dinner is at 6 P. M. in the Doran Student House.

SOME THOUGHTS ON GIVING

The one who watched the widow cast in her two mites, is also on hand each Lord's Day as his people bring their offering. As we read this story in Mark 12 or Luke 21 we note that the woman received Jesus praise because she gave all that she had. There is no other fitting response to the love of God in Christ than total surrender of all we are and all we have. We recommend percentage giving as one more symbol that we know where our lives belong. Would your offering be a fit subject for the eye of your Lord who gave his all for you?

-From our Stewardship Department.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rehearsals are in progress for the third presentation of Handel's "Messiah" to be held the early part of December. There is still time to come and sing with this group. We rehearse Sunday at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Choir is selling extract to help swell its finances for some many needed additions to the facilities of the choir. We are selling a very fine brand of extract and your help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you! Your Choir.

The Official Board will hold its next meeting at 7:30 on Monday, October 22nd.

The All Church Fellowship Dinner will be Thursday, October 24th at 6:30 P.M. at which time the program will be "High Lights from Miami". All our church people are invited to come to our Fellowship Dinners.

The women of the Presbyterian Church on College Street will hold a "coffee" for the United Council of Church Women of Morehead and Rowan County, Wednesday Morning, October 23rd at 10:00 o'clock at the Presbyterian Church. All church women are invited.

The United Council of Church Women invite you to participate in the 20th observance of World Community Day to be held November 1st, 1963 at 7:30 P.M. in the First Methodist Church. Be with us to study and pray about the problems facing the church as she seeks to bring peace to a troubled world. The offering will make possible an expanded program at the Church Center for the United Nations, the new building to be completed this year, and to continue United Church Women's program of international education and action. This year we are sending packets made by our women. These packets will go to children in church institutions and in areas of acute human need. With these, you can bring joy to children who have known little happiness. Directions for these packets are being distributed to the women of the churches in our community. Mrs. Andre Bowne is President of our local Council.

DISCIPLE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

Were you at our Pizza Party. If not-- we missed you. We had a good time eating and making new friends. The evening began with ice-breakers, and was followed with games challenging the talents and abilities of our group.

In the absence of our minister, Rev. Gabriel C. Banks will bring the morning message on Sunday, October 13. We welcome Rev. Banks to our pulpit.

Attached to this copy of ECHO is an envelope for your Concern Offering. The brochures concerning this were in your bulletins last Sunday. Special offerings for this will be taken on the next two Sundays.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH SUNDAY

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MORE PROGRAM PROJECTIONS

The Official Board, at its last stated meeting, continued to project plans for the carrying forward of our total program. It expressed appreciation to our College group for the fine job of decorating in Fellowship Hall. The Board members thanked Russell McClure for his supervision and work on the new lighting. Further approval was given to a new light for the Church Office. A new Commercial type vacuum sweeper was made possible through the generosity of Bobby Allen. This piece of equipment will better clean our Sanctuary as well as other floors of our church building.

New steel chairs are on order for Fellowship Hall-- 50 in number-- to replace the dangerous wooden chairs which we are now using. New Curtains for the windows are in the planning, a CWF project.

Approval was given to Jimmie Williams to procede with the new plantings of shrubs in front of the church. It was also decided that the Bulletin Board would be moved over to the center of the lot west of the church building. This will provide better visibility to our Board and its announcements. Some small plantings will be set by the board in its new location. All of this will help to make our property more attractive.

It was pointed out that we have need to determine the best use of the space we now have in our church building. There is imperative need for another class room. Approval was given to a committee to give this item study and report in the near future their findings. The use of some part of the present balcony has come in for consideration. Such a project would give consideration to making the floor level and placing a Duo-Fold Door across the front of the balcony. This would make it still usable in case of over-flow seating.

All this and the continued interest in an expanding program give evidence of vitality in our church. We rejoice in all this advance.

MEMBERSHIP

Under the title HAVE YOU TAKEN A LOOK? in the instructions to the Membership Chairman of the CWF some things are pointed out which apply to the church as a whole and not just to the women. So, let us take a look and I am sure we will not be too happy with what we find. This look will reveal that a large segment of our church membership from the ages of 40 to 60 years of age are most apathetic about the church as a whole. The following statistics bear this out as we consider what such persons have done with their time from birth to the age of 70.

3 years in education
8 years in amusement
6 years in eating
11 years in working
24 years in sleeping

5 $\frac{1}{2}$ years in washing and dressing
6 years in walking
3 years in conversation
3 years in reading
 $\frac{1}{2}$ year - 6 MONTHS - IN CHURCH.

The question here, is: does this prove the apathy we are concerned about? If it does, then we should certainly roll up our sleeves and go to work. In this community there are many who are not attending any church. They should certainly be our CONCERN and we should use every means to bring them into the Fellowship of the Church. The worst enemy of man has always been his indifference. We allow great moral and social evils go unchecked because we are not concerned. We do not care enough about people to give ourselves to the work of facing up to the Membership problem. The villains of history are not the devils, the men of evil purpose,

but ordinary people who want to be left alone, whose only ambition is to create a comfortable nest for themselves in some snug corner of this universe and seemingly not care what happens to anyone else.

The only way to give evidence of caring is to make our witness wherever we are to the end that find the people who need the church and invite them to it. Let us not be indifferent people-- indifference should not and must not be easy for the CHRISTIAN. He above all must show real CONCERN for the soul of his fellowman and for the best interests of his community as well as his church.

Now after taking a look at ourselves let us resolve to be dedicated members of our church and respond in every way to its program. Let us show that we TRULY BELONG- that WE DO HONESTLY BELIEVE and that we are WILLING TO WORK.

FURTHER ACTION BY OUR NEW ADULT CLASS

At the meeting held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Banks, our new younger adult group further perfected their class organization. They elected Mr. Joe Bayless, President, Mr. David Abner, Vice President and Jane Holbrook, Secretary. Plans for contacting new members were made and committees organized for future activities. This will greatly help expand our educational program through the church school and also provide an additional opportunity for fellowship to the group.

The next meeting will be in the form of a Pot-Luck Dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Holbrook on Sunday evening, November 17.

A REPORT ON "CONCERN"

Our suggested goal was \$100.00 and we gave less than \$50.00. This is in no way an item to criticize but it does point up that we may be drifting, in our attention, to what seems to be a truly vital matter in the life of our Brotherhood and in our Nation. Social and Civil Rights will continue to be a real problem until favorably dealt with by the "CONCERNED". Let us keep an open mind and discharge what is our Christian responsibility to all minority peoples within our society. Race and color do not represent the only areas of injustice and as Christians we must stand opposed to all those actions which seek to make second rate citizens of part of our culture. This festering sore will continue to erupt until we can be Christ-like in our CONCERN for people.

OUR NOVEMBER ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

The next Fellowship Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 21. Please note this change on your calendar and plan to be present for the Fellowship and the program which follows the Dinner.

CWF Group 3 will meet Thursday, November 14 at the home of Mrs. Paul J. Reynolds at 7:30 P. M.

CWF Group 4 will meet Thursday, November 14 at the home of Mrs. Andre Bowne at 9:30 a. m.

THEY DID IT AGAIN!

We refer to our Children's Choral Group. We present ORCHIDS to them and their director for the beautiful music of last Sunday. If you missed this, you missed a real inspiring worship experience. Thanks to each and every person who made this possible.

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THANKSGIVING DAY A REAL
REBUKE TO SELFISH PEOPLE

Thankless people are selfish people. More than that. They are mean people. Nobody likes them. Whenever they can take advantage they do it.

Thanksgiving Day means nothing to them unless it is scorn. They call it foolishness. Everybody for himself is their motto.

How many of us are in that class? Get out of it if you are and do it at once. Every member is a detriment to the community.

They are blind socially, economically, mentally and morally. Morehead would be better off without them.

They are nothing to others when they need assistance. Keep everything themselves and are sorry when passing on that they do not have pockets in their shrouds.

How different are the thankful people!

They are the thoughtful, polite, well bred and considerate.

They show appreciation and try hard to return more than they receive. Their homes are happy homes and their friends are real people.

Those who are thankful have dear companions instead of mere acquaintances. Their coming is a pleasure and their going is a sorrow.

This is the season when every church teaches a special lesson in thankfulness. The matter is so important that the President of the United States has set a special day for the purpose.

Your minister suggests that everybody take a personal stock account. It will show that there are a thousand things for which we owe thanks. Let us not take them for granted. The selfish do that. To be grateful is to be happy and happiness means goodness.

Your church confirms gratitude, happiness and goodness. Why not give it a try on Thanksgiving Sunday and on Thanksgiving Day.

Attend your church and join the song of Harvest Home. Praise God for His goodness and show your thankfulness by sharing your surpluses with those who are needy..

PRE-THANKSGIVING SERVICES IN MOREHEAD.

Starting on Sunday, November 25 at 7:30 P. M. the Churches of Morehead will join in a series of Thanksgiving Services. Everyone is invited to attend these special meetings of worship, praise and preaching. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, November 25, 7:30 P.M. First Church of God, The Reverend Ted Green preaching.
Tuesday, November 26, 7:30 P.M. Clearfield Tabernacle, Reverend Tom Ditto preaching.
Wednesday, November 27, 7:30 P.M. Free Will Baptist Church, The Reverend Charles L. Brooks, preaching.

Thursday, November 28, 9:30 A.M. First Methodist Church, The Reverend Ramah Johnson preaching.

THE BUSINESS OF THE CHURCH

The regular meeting of the Official Board will be held on Monday, Nov. 25 in the Church Parlor at 7:30 P.M. Our Board Chairman, Harold Holbrook, says he would like to see a large attendance at this meeting. We have some program items of real importance to consider.

A NEW CLASS-----A NEW NAME

The newly organized adult Church School class had their monthly meeting with a Pot-Luck Dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Holbrook on Sunday evening, Nov. 17. More than 20 persons enjoyed the fellowship and helped to lay plans for many future activities. Among items of business was the selecting of a class name. It was the unanimous action that this class be named the Gabriel C. Banks Class.

The selection of this name is timely for it honors one of the most faithful and helpful persons in our Church Fellowship. Across the years Brother Banks has rendered service to the Morehead Church and now he is the teacher of this newly organized group in our Church School. His acceptance of this responsibility is but another evidence of his desire to help his church move forward.

We predict wonderful things for this fine group under the leadership of their loyal and faithful teacher and the officers they have chosen. Already they have

some great plans for increasing their numbers as well as aiding in the total church program. They will be a challenge to all of us in the future activity. We hope that the attributes of the one whom they have chosen to honor will be reflected in the service which they render to the church and the community.

WE LOOK TOWARD THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

It is not too early to begin thinking of our Christmas activities. We mention this now so that you may mark your calendar and let nothing prevent you from the true enjoyment of this great religious holiday in your church and in your home.

Save these dates and plan to be a part of each activity. December 8- Woman's Day under auspices of Christian Women's Fellowship. Miss Eunice Rose, Director of Religious Education at Central Christian Church, Lexington will be the speaker. Women of the church will serve the Communion and receive the offering which will help with the Outreach Program.

December 13 at 7 P.M. under the direction of the Gabriel C. Banks Class we will celebrate the "Hanging of the Greens". It will be a time when we will all gather at the church to decorate for the Christmas Season. Watch for other announcements in detail. Sunday, December 15th at 6:30 The Disciple Student Fellowship will meet to go out and sing Christmas Carols to our shut-ins. After this activity they will return to the church for a Chile Supper provided by our College Youth Committee. Sunday, December 22nd is Christmas Sunday. The Morning Worship will be a service to honor the coming of the Christ Child. In the evening our Children and Youth groups will present the program. At this time we will also have our White Gift Service.

The following article was contributed to the Moundsville, West Virginia Church paper. It was written by a former parishioner of your Pastor.

WHAT I OWE MY PASTOR

I owe him respect as the ambassador of God sent to teach me a better way of living.

I owe him trust, that he may be free to serve the church unhampered by criticism and fault finding.

I owe him the protection of kindly silence by refraining from repeating in his presence the slander of unkind gossip that would worry him and prevent him from doing his best.

I owe my pastor prayer, that God may make his services a blessing to everyone with whom he comes in contact.

I owe him encouragement when vexations and annoyances make his work difficult.

I owe him enough of my time to help in his work when ever he needs me.

-Mrs. Mart Conner

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GOD'S VOICE IN CROWDED WAYS.

These very meaningful words represent the theme for Woman's Day 1963 which is observed each year in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The whole Brotherhood joins with our women in celebration of this annual event to remind us of our need to respond to the world outreach of the church.

This year our observance in Morehead First Christian Church will be held on Sunday, December 8. Our women of the Christian Women's Fellowship will have complete charge of the services of worship on that morning. Mrs. Helen Patrick, President of our CWF will preside and the group members will usher, serve the communion and receive the offering. Miss Eunice Rose, Religious Director of the Central Christian Church of Lexington will be our guest speaker for the occasion.

A special offering will be taken and used by our CWF to support the many phases of work which is undertaken around the world through the United Christian Missionary Society. A special Woman's Day Offering envelope will be provided in the service so that all of us may have a share in this part of our church life.

We are asked to remember the meaning and the purpose of this great day in the life of our church:

"To magnify the work for the sake of Him
for whom it is undertaken."

We should have a large attendance for this great annual event. Plan now to be in this service and bring your special gift.

"DECK THE HALLS....."

During the sixteenth century, the English poet George Wither wrote his delightful Christmas poem, containing these lines:

So now is come our joyful feast;
Let every man be jolly,
Each room with ivy leaves is dressed
And every post with holly.

Nowadays in our busy modern world we still delight in carrying out this old tradition of "decking the halls." And, in doing so we are following an ancient custom that has many interesting beliefs and legends associated with it.

We are going to participate in just such an activity in our church on Friday December 13 at 7 P.M. We will all gather at the church bringing our Holly, Ivy and Cedar and Hemlock branches to deck the church; we call it the Hanging of the Greens, in keeping with our American Tradition.

Each church school class is urged to plan decorations for their own class room. Begin now to make your plans of what you will do. Use candles in the windows, decorate the window ledge with colored leaves and cedar boughs. The Gabriel Banks Class will be responsible for the decking of the Sanctuary. The Children with their teachers and the help of the Men's class will deck the Fellowship Hall. Our student group plans also to aid in this project. We should have a Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall and other suitable decorations. All of these fine decorations will then be left up over the Christmas season.

After we have done our decorating we will gather in Fellowship Hall for a brief service of worship commemorating the Hanging of the Greens after which we will have a light refreshment and fellowship in the singing of the best loved Carols.

This is to be a church family affair and will take the place of our regular Fellowship meeting for the congregation in December. Let us all join in the fun and truly make known to the community that we welcome the Day of our Saviour's Birth in a wonderful way in the church.

CALLING ALL BOARD MEMBERS

There will be a Special Board Meeting on December 9 at 7:30 P.M. This will be both a postponed meeting and the meeting for the month of December. There are a number of important matters that need consideration before the first of the year hence this special meeting. Plan now to be present. Thank you. By the way this is on Monday night.

Reverend and Mrs. Brooks
Plan
Holiday Visit

Reverend and Mrs. Brooks plan to spend the Christmas holidays with the families of their Children again this year. The plan is to leave for the East on Monday December 23rd and stop at their daughter's home that night and then both families will go on to their son's home in Newark, Delaware for Christmas and New Years.

During Reverend Brooks absence on Sunday, December 29th the Reverend John Chambers, Executive Secretary of the Kentucky Council of Churches will be our guest minister.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy goes to the Warren Cooper family upon the tragic death of Warren's brother and his nephews. These, as you all know by now, were burned to death in their home at Brooksville, Kentucky on last Sunday night. Let us all be in prayer for these fine friends who are part of our household of faith.

WHITE GIFTS

Plan now to bring your canned goods and other White Gifts to the church on Sunday December 22. These may be presented at the evening program provided by our Children's Division and Children's Choirs. More detail later.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
OF THE MOREHEAD FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH:

Reverend and Mrs. Brooks wish to take this means of expressing to all of you our beloved friends, sincere greetings at this Christmas Season. We can think of no better way to do this than to share with you the words of "God's Gift" by Agnes D. Bond.

The Christmas Stars are gleaming,
In distant skies tonight,
But one alone is beaming,
With a distinctive light.

The Star that still reminds us,
That years ago, one morn,
An infant in the manger
Unto the world was born.

The Star that led the Wise Men
That led and guided them,
Upon that midnight journey--
The Star of Bethlehem.

This gift unto all nations,
The gift of God's own Son,
Makes each returning Christmas
A glorious precious one.

It is our prayer for each of you that the love expressed in this gift of God will continue to abide in all of your hearts and lives. May the Light continue to shine in the darkness bringing to each of you its message of "Peace on earth and good will toward all men."

Reverend and Mrs. Charles L. Brooks.

OUR WHITE GIFTS.

On Sunday evening, December 22 when our Children present their Christmas Pageant we will follow the custom of former years and bring our WHITE GIFTS in offering for the Needy. These gifts of canned goods and other staples will be distributed as gifts from our church to help cheer others at this Christmas time. Your gift is to be wrapped in white and brought to this service. Boxes will be provided in which to place your contributions. If it is not possible for you to attend this program, you may bring your gift to the Church at the Church School hour or to the worship service on that Sunday. Let us share liberally with those who have need.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE TAKEN FROM OUR BOARD MEETING REPORTS.

It was reported that:

The tables in Fellowship Hall were painted and the serving table given a new top. New book cases were built for the Library, and that a vote of sincere thanks be given Mr. David Abner for the contribution of his work to this end. New storage space was also provided by Mr. Abner to take care of our choir music. Jimmie Williams had supervised the completion of the plantings of new shrubs in front of the Church and around the Bulletin Board. All of which helps to make our Church more attractive. The old pews in Fellowship Hall have a new coat of paint. Thanks go to Mr. Alex Conyers for this and the work done on the large serving table.

ORCHIDS TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED WITH THE HANGING OF THE GREENS.

About thirty of our members joined in the happy fellowship of The Hanging of The Greens on Friday evening December 13. The results of their labor was seen on the last Sunday. The Sanctuary is beautiful with the candles in the windows and the greenery on the ledges and about the doors. Classrooms too are attractively decorated.

After completing their work all gathered about the beautiful Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

Orchids too, to our DSE Carolers. Twenty of our college youth sang carols to six of our homes and at St. Claire Medical Center as well as at the French Nursing Home. On returning to the church they enjoyed a hearty chili supper prepared by our Student Committee under the direction of Mrs. Duard Bayless.

VIA AIRLINES---to Joe and Virginia Bayless, a daughter Laura Jane, at 5:18 P.M. on December 16, 1963. Weight 7 pounds 4 ounces. Mother and daughter are at St. Claire Medical Center.

MEMORIAL URNS DEDICATED.

As a part of our Worship experience the Memorial Urns were dedicated on last Sunday. A beautiful responsive service was directed by our pastor as these new instruments were dedicated to the uses for which they were presented. Those in whose memory they were presented are:

O. B. Elam	Juanita Minish	Robert Herring
Laura Kring Clayton	Mary Jo Blair	Lyle Tackett
Emma Exley Battson	Luster Blair	Virgie Stidham Gevedon
Murvel Crosley	Mrs. J. B. Calvert, Sr.	J. W. Robertson
Reverend A. B. Robertson	Celia Higgins	Lena Wilson

We are deeply grateful for these living memorials which have been presented in memory of our departed loved ones.

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY IN THE CHURCH:

Our celebration of Christmas will be a part of all of our church activity on Sunday December 22.

We will begin with our Church School activity which will feature a Sound Color Film for our Children's Classes. Then will come our Morning Worship and Communion hour at 10:45 A. M. The Choir will present special Christmas music and the Pastor will preach on "Christians Without Christ."

In the evening at 7:30 the children of the church will present their annual Christmas program in the Church Sanctuary. "The Choir Boy Who Couldn't Sing" is a new work published by Willis Music Company and written by Charles Fowler.

The choir plays a big part in this production. Solo parts will be sung by Proc Caudill, Carla Farnin, Rhonda Hill, Pam Caudill, Debbie Williams, Sally Caudill, Penny Cooper and Martha Cline. Understudies are Carol Grote, Leslie Williams and Louise Venettozzi. The part of the Narrator will be done by Miss Etta Jane Caudill. Miss Caudill is a senior at the University of Kentucky and will be home for the holidays. We are delighted to have her participate in this production. Accompanists for this production will be Miss Becky Hogge and Mrs. Victor Venettozzi. The work is being directed by Mrs. James Williams.

Don't forget to circle your calendar now to hear "THE CHOIR BOY WHO COULDN'T SING."

Your Choir Director
Vasile Venettozzi

We have been using a Call to Worship, during the Christmas Season, that is the original composition of Dr. J. E. Duncan, Chairman of the Music Department at Morehead State College. This is a fine piece of writing and we are delighted to have the privilege of using it in our Christmas Worship Services.

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