

Candlelight communion slated at St. Stephens

A candlelight communion worship will be celebrated at St. Stephens United Presbyterian Church on Christmas Eve at 8 p.m. The worship will be concluded with the traditional candlelighting service. The soloist for the service will be Mrs. Bryan Miller, with the Chancel Choir leading the congregation in the hymns and carols of Christmas. The public is invited.

There will be a Christmas Eve assembly at 8 p.m. tonight at Story Road Christian Church, 1810 S. Story Road.

A New Year's Eve fellowship is planned Dec. 31 in the home of Joe and Athena Biggs, 2324 Brockbank, starting at 8 p.m. Participants should bring food and games.

Northgate United Meth-

odist Church has planned its Christmas Eve communion service at 6:30 p.m. There will be a short service of Christmas scripture and music.

The church decorates a Tree for Others during the advent season with monetary gifts for the Waco Children's Home, the C.C. Young Home and the San Antonio Mission Home. Envelopes are available under the tree in the hall and persons who wish to designate their gift to any of the above homes besides the Waco home should mark their envelopes accordingly.

THERE WILL be a finance meeting Jan. 2 at 7 p.m.

The Theosophists Sunday School Class has planned its first class party Dec. 31 at 9 p.m. in the home of Donna and Dave Gutheil, 3017 Harvard.

The men's breakfast has been postponed from Jan. 1 to Jan. 8.

Beginning in January, the Carillon Belles, the bell choir of First United Methodist Church, expect to have two vacancies which they would like to fill.

Rehearsals are Thursday mornings from 9 to 11

a.m. The choir plays in the worship services and presents special programs in the community, both in Irving and in Dallas. Requirements for membership are being regularly available for rehearsal and

an ability to read music. Persons who are interested or who know of a good prospect should contact Al Cope, the church office or any member of the Carillon Belles.

The office of Plymouth Park United Methodist Church will be closed all day today and Dec. 31.

A CANDLELIGHT Christmas Eve communion is planned tonight at 6:30 at the church. This will be a service of family communion, scripture and carols and will last approximately one hour. No sermon is planned.

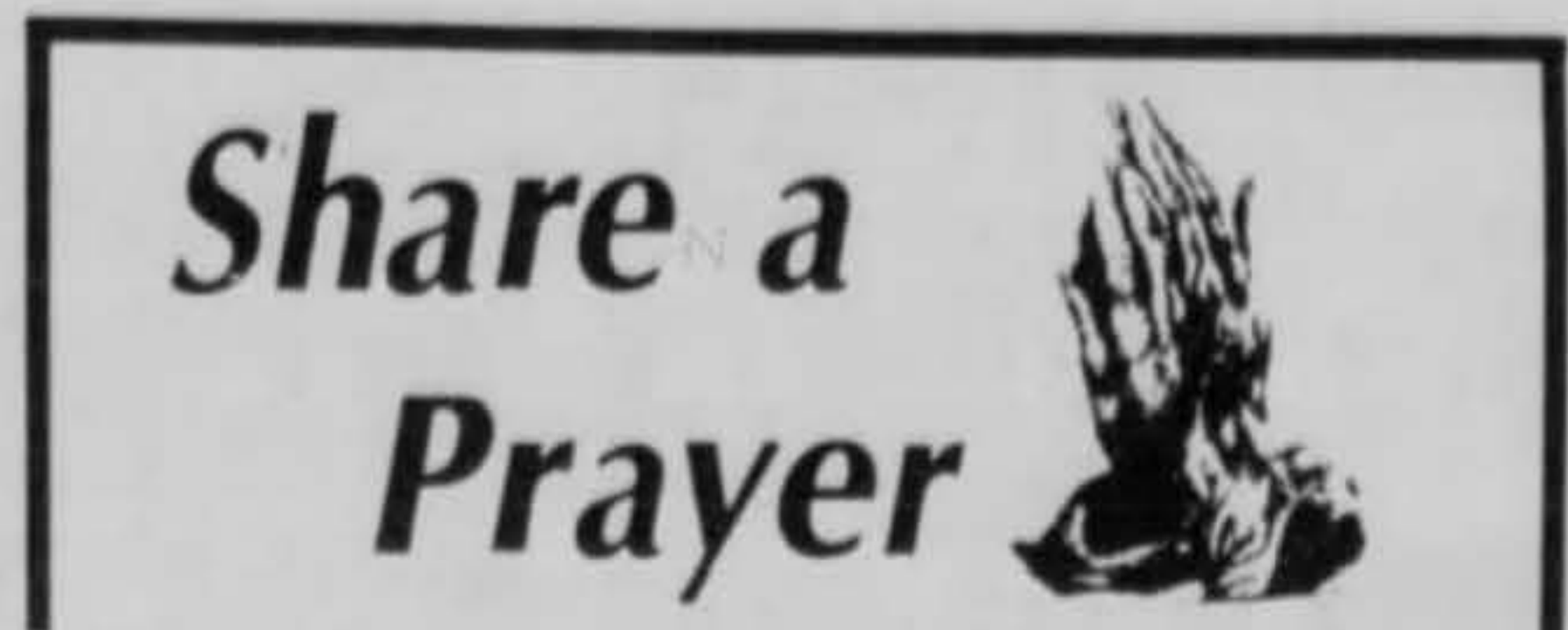
First Presbyterian Church of Irving has planned an evening of carols, candles and music tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A nursery will be provided for infants.

A family night with a dinner of beef stew and a performance by members of the Jelly Bean Good News Theatre is planned Dec. 29 at 7 p.m. at Central Church of Christ.

The Ladies Class will begin a new study, "The Part the Holy Spirit Plays in Our Lives Today," on Jan. 11 with Marianna McWherter.

The January Bible Study at Plymouth Park Baptist Church is planned Jan. 2-5. Guests speaker will be William Bert Tolar, who will be teaching the book of Romans.

A Christmas service is planned Sunday at 6 p.m. at Story Road Baptist Church, 801 S. Story. Guests speaker will be Brother James from Hurst.



Our Gracious Father God,

We praise You for your mighty works. You are the One who set the worlds in orbit, who placed our planet in all the space so that it is perfectly functional and exquisitely beautiful, with the sun by day to warm, night for rest, and with fruitful rotation of seasons. We stand in amazement at your infinite wisdom, at all this and your crowning achievement: our minds an unfathomable mystery; our spirits, akin

to your own. Most of all, Dear Father, we marvel that you did not desert us when we, unlike you, used our minds to choose evil, but gave of Yourself, the Supreme Gift: Your Son, Jesus Christ, as our ransom to eternal life, abundant here and forever. In this season may we truly celebrate your Perfect Gift, and worship You in truth. Amen.

Submitted by: Mrs. Verney Sallee 2830 Yorkshire

Wings of Hope

Air group serves Guatemala

News-Texas Special from Mid-Cities

Christmas in Guatemala — if local businessman Bob Hensleigh's plans go according to schedule, he'll spend part of next month in the Central American country.

Hensleigh, owner of Hensleigh Lighting Corporation at Mangham Airport, is a volunteer member of the "Wings of Hope," a non-denominational, humanitarian organization which works with missionary groups and airplanes in remote parts of the world.

"One of the airplanes needs an annual inspection before the end of the year," he said. "So I may go down there (Guatemala) on my vacation and give the plane its inspection — and carry a load of freight."

Hensleigh became involved with Wings of Hope when engineers, Charles Hunt and John Guthrie, helped overhaul an engine from a Wings of Hope plane based in Guatemala.

"They asked me to take some publicity pictures of the reconditioned engine," he said, and afterward became involved with the group himself.

WINGS OF HOPE, a non-profit organization begun in 1962, is based in St. Louis. Hensleigh's hangar at Mangham Airport serves as the group's local home base.

Nearly all the organization's membership and contributions come from the aviation industry. Wings of Hope's sole purpose, according to Hensleigh, is to "supply airplanes, parts, maintenance, advice and continuing support for airplanes" in various locations around the world. All the aircraft and equipment are furnished through donations.

Although the organization does have a few airplanes of its own, it usually turns over the ownership of the planes to local missionary groups, Hensleigh said.

But not every group who wants an airplane gets one. "We have to make sure an airplane is the answer to their problem, and the organization must have the personnel and facilities are used to move freight and natives back and forth across the jungle. Wings of Hope has helped move more than 25,000 people to new homes on the Caribbean side of the country, Hensleigh noted.

"But nobody gets something for nothing," he continued. "It's a self-help type operation. The price charged for hauling freight helps pay for the airplane's operating costs, the pilot's pay and the maintenance of the airplane."

Hensleigh, who sometimes flies loads of freight to Central America for Wings of Hope, has had 30 years of flying experience. He bought a new Navion aircraft in 1946 which is still in good flying condition. In fact, he had a birthday party for the plane on its 30th birthday last September.

He enjoys working for Wings of Hope because he feels it is both worthwhile and efficient. "For all the money given to the organization at least 95 per cent gets into the hands of the final recipients," he said. "We spend nothing on publicity. Several of the aviation magazines give us free advertising space."

"But the nice thing is they make the people they help pay for part of the service. That way the money just goes on and on," Hensleigh said.

CHARLES HUNT local flight engineers who are active in the organization. Hunt also spent some time in Guatemala last

year when he and another member of the group, John Guthrie, delivered a new Cessna 185 to the country. The plane was pressed into service after the disastrous Guatemalan earthquake in late 1975, and was used to transport emergency supplies to remote communities inaccessible by land.

There's nothing routine about Wings of Hope's ongoing program, Hunt said. They don't even have regular meetings. But if a need arises for airplanes, parts or service from one of the missionary groups they associate with, the organization usually hears about it. "We're sort of a go-between for missionaries and the aviation industry."

VERNON BROWN, a retired American Airlines captain who now lives in Arkansas, spearheads most of the local Wings of Hope group's projects.

Through the combined efforts of many local groups, around the country such as the one Hunt and Hensleigh belong to, Wings of Hope has been able to keep its administrative costs to a minimum. Even the national executive director is a volunteer.

"We're well-published in aviation periodicals. People that need help contact us directly or through a friend or knowledgeable person," Hunt said. "The word just kinda gets around."

Not all the contributors to Wings of Hope give money, he explained. The group is currently trying to arrange a flight to Roswell, New Mexico to pick up some donated survival

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