

## Bulletinboard

Parkway Heights United Methodist Church will host a community New Year's worship service at 7 p.m. Sunday. Congregations from University Baptist and Westminster Presbyterian churches will participate. Dr. Harold Bryson, professor of homiletics at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will deliver the message. The service will celebrate Holy Communion.

Main Street United Methodist Church will observe Student Recognition Day Sunday. Dr. G. Elliot Jones, minister, will address the 10:55 a.m. worship service preaching on "God's Plan For Your Life." Robin Morris, Shelly Smith, Lela Carol Scrannage, Bert

temporary Christian singing group, in concert at 11 a.m. Jan. 12. The group is a musical outreach of SuArt Ministries, Inc., a nonprofit organization started to encourage young people to use their talents and to share their faith in Christ. Their new album, "Lord of the Troubled Sea" includes "Put Jesus in Your Life" and "Cornerstone."

Sacred Heart Catholic School sixth graders cooperated with the Salvation Army in an effort to bring Christmas to the inmates at the Forrest County jail. The students personalized handmade Christmas cards with a special message and the Army gave fruit baskets and gift packets.

Richard C. Spencer, son of Mr. and



Schamber and Mary Meador will be college and university students assisting with the service. Special music will be provided by Clifton Ware.

Park Haven Baptist Church, Laurel, will feature the Southern Envoys Quartet of Bogalusa, La., during New Year's Eve Watch Night service. The service will begin at 8. The church is located at 3110 Hwy. 15 North.

South 28th Avenue Baptist Church will present Sound of Joy, a con-

Mrs. Richard Spencer of Hattiesburg, has received the Master of Divinity degree from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He is married to the former Janet Steiner.

Irvin Holston III, son of Irvin Holston Jr. of Purvis, has received the Master of Divinity degree from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He is married to the former Angela Dunnam.

## '80 election gives Congress new religious complexion

By GEORGE W. CORNELL  
AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Religious affiliation apparently is an asset nowadays in winning a seat in the U.S. Congress. Indications are it usually has been, at least in the past for

### CBMC meets, hears

### Stockton book review

William B. Stockton, a retired businessman, told members of the Christian Business Men's Committee this week, "Christianity is God coming to men and women through Jesus Christ."

Stockton told CBMC members a book, "More Than A Carpenter," by Josh McDowell gives the reason individuals need to put trust in Christ. As McDowell tells in his book, he prayed to establish a relationship with Christ, added Stockton.

McDowell is a lecturer for Campus Crusade for Christ.

According to Stockton, McDowell first thanked Jesus for dying on the cross for him and he then confessed those things in his life which weren't pleasing to God, asking His forgiveness. McDowell asked God to take control of his life and to change him. He finally thanked God for coming into his life, said Stockton.

The next meeting will be held at noon Wednesday at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant.

Protestants, but this time the figures suggest it across-the-board.

In the new 97th Congress, both Roman Catholics and Jews increased their share of seats, as they have generally over the last decade. Both now hold a slightly greater share of seats than their proportion of the population.

So also do Protestants, but shrinkingly and only as compared to active membership.

In short, the situation now is that for Catholics and Jews as well as Protestants, a bigger percentage of winners claim religious affiliation than is recorded for the population, implying a plus factor about it now in all three cases in gaining office.

While Protestants still strongly predominate in the incoming Congress, it's to a steadily lesser degree. They hold 355 or nearly 67 percent of the 535 seats.

But their proportion gradually has declined for the past decade, dropping from a total of about 400 seats, or 74 percent of them, in that period, and down this time a fraction of a percent through loss of nine seats.

In contrast through that period, Roman Catholics and Jews have increased their seats. With their gains this fall, Roman Catholics now hold an all-time high of 135 seats, or 25 percent of the total. This is up by 3 percent — 20 seats — over the decade, up six seats this time.



## Labor of love

It's been more than two decades since 'Our Lady of the Rosary' found her home on Dabbs St.

Her face, chipped through years of weathering, is no less beautiful to the community persons now than it was when she was dedicated Oct. 14, 1956.

Fr. Thaddeus C. Boucree remembers: It was his father, Thaddeus S. Boucree, now 82, who constructed the enclosure surrounding her. He says many community persons supplied the rocks for the statue's construction and the entire project took about a week to finish.

Fr. Boucree now lives in New Orleans, but he says he remembers the details of the statue vividly. Special features he recalls include a rosary constructed around the niche of the statue. These beads were put together

from small biscuit-like cement pices.

He says his father, a bricklayer, constructed it "from his heart" and it is a special remembrance of his years of pastoring there from 1956-1960.

Fr. Peter Quinn, minister at the parish from 1966-1976, says he recalls when the statue was painted black to show more identification with the community in which she lived. "It wasn't a very popular thing."

This was done around the time Dr. Martin Luther King, civil rights leader, was slain. Soon after, the statue was mysteriously whitewashed, says Fr. Quinn.

However, the community and parishioners joined together in seeing that the statue was again painted black which she remains to this day, adds Fr. Quinn.

## Religious roundup

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — After four years of legal battle that has been a "millstone around the neck" of the United Methodist Church, the whole denomination "can be very grateful" that the case is settled, says a top officer.

The Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, head of the church's finances, says the \$21 million out-of-court settlement reached in San Diego in litigation over the Pacific Homes retirement network will let the church get back to its "basic mission responsibility."

Residents of the homes, run by the church's Pacific and Southwest Con-

ference, had filed several suits, claiming damages totaling more than \$600 million.

Officials stressed the denomination itself was not a party to the settlement, as was the regional branch, since a main point of the denominational defense had been that the church as a whole could not be sued for actions by a regional part of it.

However, that issue, which had been seen as critical for all denominations, remained undetermined after the courts were relieved of the necessity of deciding it by the settlement.

## Evangelist Graham calls Reagan 'very moral man'

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NEW YORK (AP) — Evangelist Billy Graham, a personal friend of the last six presidents and also of the one to be, says Ronald Reagan has "the possibility of giving moral leadership to the country."

"He's a very moral man, a man of great personal integrity, and he deserves every opportunity to make good," Graham said in a telephone interview from his home near Montreat, N.C.

Graham, who increasingly has emphasized the urgency of world peace and who is soon to head to troubled Poland, said Reagan is "showing that he's not the extreme right-wing ideologue that some had claimed."

"He is much more moderate than many thought. Some had seen him as an extreme right-winger that was going to take this country to war, but he's not that at all."

"There's not anyone in his right mind, whether Carter or Reagan, that is going to take us into war deliberately."

The 62-year-old evangelist, who is to visit to Poland Jan. 5-7 in the midst of social tensions that caused fears of Soviet intervention, said he has two goals for the remainder of his life — "preaching the gospel on the one hand and working for peace."

"One of the great issues before us is the arms race and trying to find some

kind of limitation on these terrible weapons," he said.

"I'm not for unilateral disarmament and I'm not a pacifist, but the whole armament thing has been changed by technology so that we're now able to destroy the human race."

"It's sheer madness to think we're somehow going to muddle through without working at it. I'm for SALT 10 or SALT 100 talks for the destruction of all nuclear and biochemical weapons. We ought to go straight through to that."

Graham said he thought the same trend that made Carter president in 1976 had enlarged to elect Reagan in 1980 — a steadily growing trend toward conservatism that began about 1968.

"President Carter got in partially from a conservative, evangelical vote and Mr. Reagan did so by an even wider margin from the same sort of thing," Graham said.

Graham, a friend of fellow Southern Baptist Carter, said he has known Reagan for about 30 years, has been a guest in his home several times and been with him on numerous social occasions, such as lunching with him and his cabinet while he was governor of California.

"But he never talked politics with me," Graham said. "We talked about religion and moral issues. He's a very good listener. He's the type that will listen to advice."

## 'Wings of Hope' struggle for peacetime existence

NEW YORK (AP) — In a way, it seems to take a warrior to bear up in the harsher struggles of people to survive in peace.

That's the experienced observation of an interfaith, air-service organization, Wings of Hope, whose pilots sustain some of the world's roughest flights for sheer peaceful existence.

"It takes a strong person," says William D. Edwards, executive director of the organization whose St. Louis headquarters crackle with short-wave radio communications with remote bases abroad.

The needed qualities, he says, are "much the same" as in war.

"But it also takes spiritual and moral conviction, a deep concern for brothers in need under difficult circumstances," he adds. "We have some rough-and-ready guys out there. But unless they've got real compassion, too, the

soft touch, they don't work out in this game."

The peculiar combination is explored in a telling, sensitive TV documentary, "Missionary," being shown Sunday on the ABC's "Directions," in cooperation with the National Council of Churches.

"It's a nagging, old question," says the film's producer and narrator, Howard Enders, a World War II infantry veteran himself. He asks one of the fliers, a former Navy combat pilot, how he squares being a man both of war and peace.

"A man who wants to keep this peace occasionally has to war," says Roy Johnson, 51, serving to fly basic necessities to a remote colony in the Honduran jungles and to ferry the ill and injured for medical aid.

"It's much the same kind of battle," he says, comparing the service in Honduras to past wartime flying in Korea and Vietnam. Instead of enemy gunfire, "we have some other very real enemies. And perhaps even greater dangers."

Those pressures are brought out in the film, including difficulties that proved too strenuous for a woman replacement pilot, and also the breakdown of a Peace Corps mission of young idealists in strain, fear and a flare of violence.

But Johnson, a former Navy commander, veteran of 20 years of military flying with numerous combat decorations, blends heartily with the rugged duty, the poor, pioneering peasants clearing land, striving to build a better life, the hardships and emergencies.

### CABLE



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9:30 am-12 noon  
7:00 pm-9:00 pm  
MONDAY  
6:30 am-9:00 pm  
TUESDAY  
4:50 pm-9:00 pm  
WEDNESDAY  
9:00 am-12 noon  
6:30 pm-9:30 pm  
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5:00 pm-9:00 pm  
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Mat. 2:1-18;  
Broadcast over WHK-H

Church Training . . . . . 5:45 p.m.

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### FAKE DOCTOR EXPOSED

Arthur Osborne Phillips, who spent almost 50 years either posing as a physician-surgeon or paying for it in prison, was at his old line again in the Denver area. He, claiming to be a scientist, associated himself with "the laser light experiment at the University of Colorado Medical Center." What led to his undoing? A set of "dirty fingernails." Someone suspected him, thinking him to lack the cultural background of a doctor — and the hunch was correct! He proved to be a faker who years ago had stolen a dead doctor's license to practice medicine. Hundreds of critics, down through the centuries, have tried to discover some evidence that would convict Christ of fraud, but none has been forthcoming. He fulfilled ALL predictions given in the OLD Testament. He had the purity of life and conduct (no "dirty fingernails") required of the Messiah. He gave Himself on the cross to "purge us from our sins," and then He arose from the dead in a demonstration of marvelous power! Jesus is real; He is true; He is genuine; He is all that He claimed to be. "Blessed are all they who put their trust in HIM."

For further information and free literature write to Central Baptist Church at the above address. Services each week: Sunday: Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Preaching 11:00 A.M.; Training Union 6:00 P.M. Preaching 7:00 P.M.; Wednesday: Prayer Service 7:00 A.M. C. E. Williams - pastor.

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Matthew 18:21-35

9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP  
WFOR - WDAM TV

"This Is The Day"  
Psalms 118:14-24

6:15 CHURCH TRAINING

7:30 EVENING WORSHIP - WFOR

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John 11:20-29

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