

Sun City church makes room for Bible School

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Sun City

Vacation Bible School at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church has two communities wreathed in smiles.

The vast majority of the nearly 400 members are residents of the Sun Cities; but students in the church's Vacation Bible School live in Peoria.

Even the Bible School's August schedule contributed to the happy feelings, said Carol Masters of Peoria, director of education. "We asked ourselves, what do kids do in August? They drive their parents crazy. They're not ready to settle down when most Bible schools are held after school is out in June, but now, they're excited about it and they're glad to have something to do."

At the school Tuesday afternoon, about 30 children ages 4 to 12 gathered in the church's parish hall for a visit from Rosebud the skunk and her buddies from the Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center.

Looking on were grandparents — church members who, for the most part, have retired to the Sun Cities, far from their own grandchildren.

At a point in the program, most of the grandmotherly types edged out to the church kitchen to put the finishing touches on an afternoon treat for the students.

Ruth Cunningham's kitchen committee had scrutinized the curriculum, designed snacks to fit the theme, planned meticulously so that no one worked herself to death, and did everything but count the calories.

"We enjoy doing this," Cunningham said. "The Bible School is about faith, so all the crafts are based on the shields of the saints. Bill Braybrook made a cookie cutter in the shape of a shield for us, so our cookies are in keeping with the theme."

On Tuesday, when the students were learning about St. Francis of Assisi and his attention to animals, the kitchen crew decorated their cookies with the white ground and colorful bars traditionally associated with the saint's shield.

The Tuesday feast also included buck-eyes (handmade peanut butter candies dipped in chocolate), ants-on-a-log (rai-

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sins on cream cheese-stuffed celery sticks), animal crackers, a wedge of watermelon with most of the seeds picked out, and a cluster of grapes, with lemonade to drink.

St. Christopher's is in its fourth year of ministering to children and their families, both with church school classes on Sundays and Vacation Bible School, Masters said. And children are serving as acolytes in worship services.

The Masters family moved from Ohio to Peoria about four years ago and, finding no neighborhood Episcopal church nearby, sought an invitation to join the Sun City parish, just across the city limits.

The rector, the Rev. Jesse Bingham, and his parishioners welcomed the newcomers with open arms.

"Most of these children have no grandparents in the area," Masters said, "so this was like getting instant grandparents. They really made us feel at home."

Children attend worship services with their parents, Masters said, and no one flinches when a little one pipes up.

"Just last Sunday," she said, "one of our 2-year-olds got up and walked around for a bit and said 'hi' to a choir member, and no one said a thing."

At first, Sunday School classes were a matter of winging it, Masters said. They met on Tuesday afternoons, and Masters, who has taught Sunday School for 12 years, served as the teacher.

"Then Father Bingham asked what we needed," Masters said. "The church decided that if they'd get a Christian education budget, they'd get more kids, and that's what happened."

The news traveled through the neighborhood in Peoria, and at school, she said. Children of all ages come together in a sectioned-off part of the parish hall for Sunday School.

"And we sent eight kids to church camp this year," Masters said. "The kids had a spaghetti supper, and raised enough to give them \$100 scholarships."

"It's just been wonderful. The people at St. Christopher's have just bent over backwards for us," Masters said.

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Episcopal mission to raise \$50,000

(April 19, 1962)

A campaign to raise \$50,000 for the construction of a sanctuary for St. Christopher's Episcopal Mission in Sun City, will open Wednesday night when a meeting of the entire congregation and friends of the mission will be held in Town Hall.

The total cost of the building program, including land, has been estimated at \$65,000. A limited gift of \$15,000 has been assured by the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona.

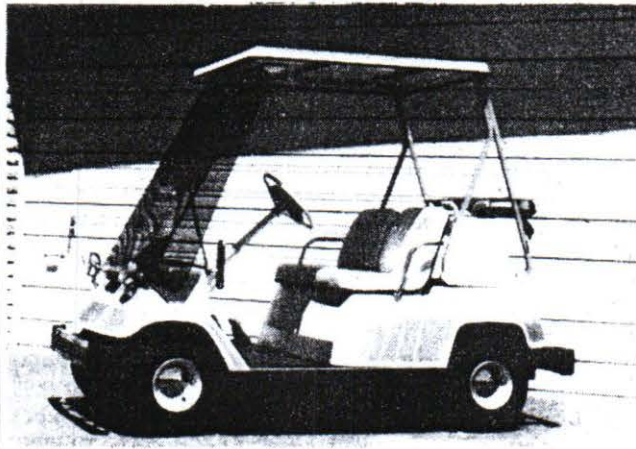
James D. Jones is chairman of the building finance campaign committee, and Ernest J. King is chairman of the building-planning committee. The Rev. Harry G. Secker is vicar.

The building committee is negotiation with Tom Breen, vice president and housing director of the Del E. Webb Corp. for a site of approximately three acres, located south of Peoria Ave.

"There is nothing complicated or high pressure about our financial program," Edward A. Poynton, speaking for the two committees told the News-Sun.

"We are simply trusting that each member and friend of St. Christopher's will contribute an amount equal to the proper appreciation of the blessings of God, within his means and what he would like his church home to be."

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Dr. Price holds degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, Episcopal Theological School, Harvard Divinity School, Webster College, and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, and has studied at Oxford University and the New York School of Social Work. He served with the Marines in World War I; and as National Chaplain of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, has been in close touch with Veterans' hospitals and their rehabilitation programs. He is International Warden of the Order of St. Luke the Physician.

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SUNDAY, February 29, 1976

11:00 a.m. Service and Sermon, "A New Body"

7:30 p.m. Address, "How to Speed your Recovery"
followed by Laying-on of Hands.

MONDAY, March 1, 1976

11:00 a.m. Address, "Temptation and Its Mental
Processes"

followed by Laying-on of Hands.

12:00 noon Bring your own sack-lunch (coffee is
furnished) and open discussion with
Dr. Price.

7:30 p.m. Address, "Healing of the So-Called
Incurable Diseases"
followed by Laying-on of Hands.

TUESDAY, March 2, 1976

11:00 a.m. Address, "Intercessory Prayer"
followed by Laying-on of Hands.

12:00 noon Bring your own sack-lunch (coffee is
furnished) and open discussion with
Dr. Price.

7:30 p.m. Address, "Victory Over Worry"
followed by Laying-on of Hands.

GENERAL INFORMATION

*The Laying-on of Hands will be administered at all
services, except Sunday morning.*

In the rear of the Church will be a box in which you
may place your requests for special intercessory prayer.

OFFERINGS

There will be an opportunity to make an offering at all
services as a tangible expression of our gratitude to
God for His many blessings to us. Even though the
Missioner is donating his services, there are inevitable
expenses in connection with the Mission.

WHAT IS A MISSION OF CHRISTIAN HEALING?

*"And He sent them to preach the kingdom of God
and to heal the sick."*

--Luke 9:2

A Mission of Healing is a demonstration of the
Gospel in action. It is, in essence, a series of
meetings of people who gather in faith, hope, and
love to learn about and to make contact with the
power of the Healing Christ, the Great Physician.

A Healing Mission is not confined to the healing
of physical disease alone, important though that is;
rather, its aim is to bring the healing touch of
Jesus to the whole of life--to bodies, minds, and
souls, and relationships with others. Just as Jesus
concerned Himself as much with emotional, mental, and
social problems as with physical sickness, so does a
Healing Mission seek to help people bring God into
all their life situations.

The Missioner, Dr. Price, is not a "faith heal-
er," but a channel of God's health-giving power--a
man with a message of God's love and of the abundant
life that God intends for all.

Dr. Price himself says:

"A Healing Mission is designed to awaken people
to deeper realization of the healing power of Jesus
Christ--to make Him real for our day. It invites
all who come to lay aside their doubts, their fears,
their anxieties, and their unbelief that He can be-
stow upon them His love and healing.

"Religion and Science have a mission to overcome
sickness and disease. It is an essential part of the
mission of the Christian Church to work in common
with Science, each on its own plane of compassionate
endeavor."

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