

# EVERGREEN NEWS

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## Brief Past History Inspired Ministers—Dedicated Leaders

by Florence Quinn

The ministry and worship at Evergreen has been led by some of the finest and most able men and women of the church. The first was the Reverend D.W. McIver, who organized the church and led it until 1913. By that time there were five Elders: Albert Erskine, S.L. Sparks, D.M. Vaughn and Eugene Early, clerk. There were eight Deacons: Eaton Elder, Allyn Jones, Frank Mahan, G.I. McKee, W.L. Parham, June Rudisill, Buford Warden and S.L. Calhoun, Chairman.

After Mr. McIver, the Reverend James B. Carpenter was minister until 1927. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Southwestern College in 1925, not long after he moved to Memphis, a move heartily endorsed by Evergreen, as the minutes of the Session show. For a while after he came, Sunday evening services were held on the lawn but were "discontinued on account of the dew." Under his leadership the church gave \$100.00 to help start Buntyn Presbyterian Church, and "the old furnace at Buntyn being so good," soon gave an additional \$100.00. World War I ended, and the area grew with homes built and more families coming to Evergreen. During this period the Educational Annex was added.

The Reverend Theodore S. Smylie came in October 1927. By then Evergreen had grown to a membership of 677 and a Sunday School enrollment of 640.

When Mr. Smylie left in 1931 for St. Louis, the Reverend George W. Belk of Versailles, Kentucky came. The following year an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree was conferred on him by Southwestern and in spite of the lingering Depression, Evergreen was thriving. It was a great shock to the congregation when, after a brief illness, Dr. Belk died in 1934.

In October, 1934, the Reverend Walter John Millard of Belcher, Louisiana, answered Evergreen's call, and remained her "Preacher" as he was known, for 25 years until his resignation in October, 1959. These were

growing years. Soon the congregation was overflowing the sanctuary, and after Sunday School the folding doors were thrown open and long lines of creaking wooden chairs were placed in the church school annex for the worshipers. Night circles for women, men of

the church organizations, youth adult groups, day kindergartens, and vocational guidance programs reflected the changing times. In 1956 the Millard Chair of Religion was established at Southwestern..

Dr. Van M. Arnold was installed September 25, 1960, and preached his first sermon, "They Asked Me To Teach." His ability as a preacher was recognized throughout the Presbytery and Synod, and his message "come Before Winter", became a tradition at Evergreen in the fall. During this time the

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### *Evergreen Presbyterian Church*

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radio ministry of the church began, as well as taping the sermons for shut-in members.

The 60's saw many changes and many needs. Ground breaking for the Recreations Building on September 14, 1969 culminated a dream for a place of service to the neighborhood—a place for children, youth, adults—a place to grow and play, to expand healthy relationships in a time of strained racial and civil unrest. Its architect was John Millard, son of the former minister.

Elder Ann (Mrs. Milton) Brown was ordained and installed January 7, 1970, and the first woman Deacon, Joanne (Mrs. Allen) Edmonson on April 12th of the new decade.

The Reverend W. Ned Hollandsworth came to Evergreen with his wife Peggy, and three children from Wichita Falls, Texas, in September 1977. He had a strong interest in the college students across the street and the young families moving back into the mid-town area, an area which had lost many to the eastern suburbs. He was active on the board of Pinecrest; and Family Camps, Of-

ficers' retreats and Youth outings all became part of Evergreen's family life. The first woman associate minister, Ann Reed Held, joined him at Evergreen in July, 1978.

Ned left Evergreen in 1985 and went to the First Presbyterian Church in Morristown, Tennessee. The Reverend Kirby Hill had come to Evergreen in 1984, before Ned left, and the Reverend R. Richard (Dick) Baldwin came to Evergreen as minister in 1986. Both Dick and Kirby are still serving Evergreen and doing a wonderful job. There have been some changes made which are favorable to the church and to the entire Evergreen Neighborhood.

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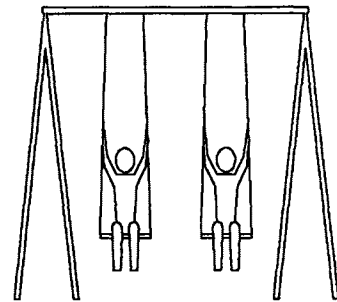
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## Trinity Preschool to Expand Program

Trinity Preschool for three and four year olds located at 1738 Galloway in the Trinity United Methodist Church, will be launching a new program in the coming year. Beginning in September 1992, the Preschool will offer a day care option for the children of working parents. The preschool hours will remain the same, 8:30 A.M. till 11:30 P.M. The day care hours will be from 7:00

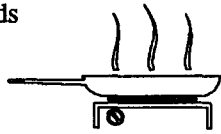
AM to 6:00 PM with preschoolers. Parents of children ages 3, 4, or late 5 may apply for the program by calling 274-6895.



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## Italian Vegetable Salad

- 6 medium ripe tomatoes, cut into wedges
- 1 green pepper, cut into strips
- 1 medium onion, sliced and separated into rings
- 1 cucumber, cut into 1/4" slices
- 3/4 cup white wine vinegar
- 1 1/2 tsp. mustard seeds
- 1 1/2 tsp. celery salt
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- dash of red pepper
- lettuce leaves



Combine the vegetables and set aside.

Combine vinegar, water and seasonings in a sauce pan, mixing well. Bring to a boil; cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Pour hot mixture over vegetables and toss gently.

Cover salad and chill well. Serve on lettuce leaves. (Yields 8 servings)

To submit your recipes with complete instructions and comments, please sent to:

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### St. Therese Little Flower Day Care Center

In September of 1992, a new day care center for 88 children from six weeks to five years of age will open on the grounds of St. Therese Little Flower Catholic Church at 1666 Jackson Avenue. The program will be run by Associated Catholic Charities, which already operates six other day care centers in the Memphis area and has over thirty years of experience. St. Therese Little Flower parish was founded in 1939 and was the first integrated Catholic church in Memphis.

Little Flower Day Care Center will be open Monday through Friday from 6

a.m. to 6 p.m. Children will receive full-time, professional care in a healthy, safe, stimulating, and loving environment. The staff to child ratio ranges from 1:4 for the youngest to 1:10 for the oldest. A hot breakfast, hot lunch, and snack are provided each day to children over 14 months; parents supply formula and food for infants.

For more information, to enroll your child, or to get on the waiting list, call Benita Myles, secretary of child care services for Associated Catholic Charities, at 722-4744.

## On Leaving VECA

From January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1991 made thirty seven full years living at 797 University. January and February 1992 didn't really qualify as living. They were getting ready to move months and that was marginal living.

The decision to sell the property at 797 University became easier as I entered my 80's. I had a deposit in at the Parkview Manor since I was seventy and the management there reminded me of that periodically, asking if I was ready to move. My answer had been "not yet". Then in January 1992 when they told me of the change of policy that would make it possible for me to lease an apartment rather than buying it. I said "Yes".

So Davies Sowell sold my house and lot and garage and fence and my azaleas and forsythia and mock orange, my daffodils,

and my native dogwood and I moved. I moved into the Parkview, a retirement community at 1914 Poplar Ave. on March 2, 1992.

People have said, "didn't you hate to leave?". "No", I was ready to let someone else be responsible for keeping the rain sewer cleared of trash, so the block from Crump to Jackson doesn't flood every time the rain comes in torrents. I was ready to have someone else keep the yard tidy and the roof repaired and the insurance and taxes and security patrol paid.

I miss seeing my neighbors and friends but I am close enough to keep in touch and I do

Next November, I won't be voting at Snowden School or The Open Door Bible Church. I will miss seeing the polling

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officials. I will vote at Trinity United Methodist Church and meet new folks.

I won't be picking up the litter on University, North Parkway, Jackson Ave. and the L & N right of way. However, I do find litter along the Overton Park driveways and joggers trails. One of the residents at the Parkview welcomes the cans I pick to con-

tribute to the recycling done for the Home For The Incurable. Overton Park has many trash barrels so I don't have to carry the bottles and paper far. I like that.

My one bedroom apartment at the Parkview is on the 8th floor. It is roomy for one person. The view is uninterrupted tree tops all the way to the bridge with its night time lights and the pyramid with its morning reflections. If I choose to look down I see my car in the parking lot, that is reassuring. My car is without garage protection and I had to scrape ice from my window in March. I haven't had to do that in years. The car has spent its life every night in a garage. Changes changes!!!

I have found people in the Parkview who enjoy the things I do. I have been welcomed by the staff and the residents. I have been inducted into the group of residents who enjoy maintaining the plantings around the building.

I have moved from VECA into the Parkview.

**Editors note:** Grace Wallace has been a long time resident of VECA and an active resident. She was President of VECA, has received awards for her work in the VECA Community. Grace has just moved one neighborhood over, I am sure we in VECA will continue to hear from Grace.

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