



GOD IS IN 1967

A writer remarks concerning a sign which hangs in his study, which carries the brief yet important statement, "God is now here." This writer relates the account as to why he had the sign drawn up for him. It seems he read the following story which made a deep impression on him: An atheist desired to counteract the instructions his daughter was receiving in Sunday School. One day when she returned from church she saw on the kitchen blackboard the announcement "God is nowhere." In her childlike faith and simplicity she read the sign as follows, "God is now here," and felt her father had miswritten the sentence and so changed it. As her father returned to the room and witnessed what his daughter had done, it was as if an arrow entered his being, slaying the pride and unbelief that had arisen within him. From that moment on the man left his position of agnosticism and became a humble follower of the Christ.

The writer stated he was struck with the deep truth expressed by this little girl and therefore had the sign made and hung before him, that he might always realize more constantly the solemn, yet joyous thought, "God is now here."

As we enter 1967 we do so with mingled thoughts. Some of us are in Vietnam, never far from death; others are in the throes of sorrow and heartache because of the passing of loved ones. Yet others are on beds of pain and serious illness or shut in because of age or disability. Yes, as January comes upon

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us, goodly numbers of our family members, co-members of the congregation, neighbors and fellow citizens of our world are possessed with heavy hearts for one reason or another. And even for those who are well and healthy, able to go to school, or to the job every day, there are many uncertainties about us. There is much of the unknown in our life. We cannot be certain what the next moment will bring. But for all of us, we can know this great fact, that wherever we are, in whatever condition we might be, for us, at that point in life, at that place in existence, "God is now here." He is where you are, to help you in whatever your need may be.

So, just put your complete trust in Him, keep up your faith and He will sustain you. Remember, God is in 1967, even as He was in 1966, and wants to be your personal God through Jesus Christ our wonderful Lord.



EPIPHANY IS HERE

With twelfth-nite (Jan. 6) comes the season of Epiphany, that season of the Church Year which highlights the youth and early years of the life of our blessed Lord. This year, because of the earliness of Easter, the season of Epiphany is cut short, to allow for the full 7 weeks of the Lenten season, which is introduced by 3 pre-Lenten Sundays (Septuagesima, Sexagesima,

Quinquagesima - 70,60 and 50 days approximately before Easter). Lent begins 40 days before Easter.

Thus in Epiphany we think of the growth of Christ and the growth of the Christian cause. Thus in many churches the matter of Christian Missions is featured in Epiphany. The little illustration preceding these paragraphs is a Epiphany scene, showing the wisemen, and illustrating the truth that folk of all the world come to Jesus as their Lord.



"Ye are the light
of the world."

SUNDAYS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Beginning with the 2nd Sunday in January, Jan. 8th, we will be using new individualized bulletin forms each Sunday. These have been prepared for our church, and include a picture of our altar and the front of the church in color, with the color of the altar hanging changing with the days and seasons of the church year.

Further, the meditations beginning on that Sunday and continuing through to the beginning of Lent will treat of matters closely akin to our everyday living. We shall think together on the following subjects:

- Jan. 8 - Sex and the Bible
- Jan. 15 - Is There a Dignity in Death?
- Jan. 22 - What Shall We Think of God, is He Dead or Not?
- Jan. 29 - What About Experiments on People?
- Feb. 5 - What Priority Has The Local Church?

The Lenten season begins early in February, with our 1st midweek Lenten service on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 8th. Easter of 1967 falls on March 26. Fuller particulars of the Lenten season and the Lenten services will come to you in a special Lenten mailing.



CONGREGATION ADOPTS BUDGET

Nearly 100 of our members were present at the November meeting of the congregation at which the proposed budget for 1967 was presented. After a period of questioning and explanation of the budget items, the motion was made and carried to accept the budget as presented by the Budget Committee and Church Council.

The second major item of business was the presenting of the slate of nominees for the position of Church Council members. The following nominees were on the ballot: J. Albert Fader, Alfred Johnson, Ernest Jones, Robert Logue, J. Carl MacGeorge, George Sauer, Leroy J. Sennett, Richard Single, Wm. Single, III. Martin Walsh had earlier withdrawn his name from the list of nominees. The following were elected: J. Albert Fader, Alfred Johnson, Ernest Jones, George Sauer, Richard Single and Wm. Single, III. We congratulate these successful candidates and sincerely thank the other gentlemen on the ballot for their willingness to be a part of the election.

A special word of appreciation must be expressed to Mr. Fred Long, who had to retire from the Council because of the limitation of three consecutive terms of office. We shall miss Fred's unstinting willingness to give service to his church as a Council member. His service as member and Secretary was of sterling quality. We thank you, Fred.

The newly elected Council were installed into office on the Sunday after their election, and have assumed office with the first of January. At the December meeting of Council, after the December business was concluded, the Council organized itself for 1967. J. Albert Fader is the President; George Sauer the Vice President; Louis Parker is the Secretary. Ernest Jones is the Financial Secretary and Richard Single the Treasurer.

While on the subject, the Pastor desires to express a word of thanks to all Council members for their large measure of cooperation and service given our church during 1966. Your contributions of love do not go unnoticed. Not only the pastor thanks you, but also the members of our congregation. May the Council work together in 1967 as smoothly as in 1966.

FATHER — SON BANQUET

**SPONSORED BY OUR
UNITED MEN'S CLUB
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1967
6:30 P.M.**

**EXCELLENT MEAL
GIFTS FOR BOYS
GOOD TOAST MASTER
INTERESTING PROGRAM OF SPORT FIGURES
OTHER FEATURES OF INTEREST**

**\$2.00 FOR ADULTS
\$1.00 FOR CHILDREN
(under 12)**

**DON'T MISS THIS
BIG EVENT,
BRING YOUR SON
OR SOME ONE ELSE'S
SON**

THE MATTER OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT TO YOU

At this season of the year your Church Council makes a study of the membership roll of the church, preparatory to sending in the yearly statistics to the denomination. This means that the record of each member is scrutinized as to the picture of activity or inactivity during the former year, and the list of active members is formalized.

What kind of record have you had in 1966? Did you have envelopes?

Did you turn in all your envelopes? Is your record of Communion for the year a good one? If you are not a shut-in is your record of attendance at the services a presentable one?

If for some reason the story of your affiliation with United Church during 1966 is not as it ought to be, and you could perchance be classed as an inactive member, this need not remain in such a state. For, anyone who is inactive can easily change his status to one of activity by 1) simply making it a practice to be regular in attendance 2) being present for the Sacrament rather regularly throughout the new year, and 3) applying to the Pastor for 1967 envelopes if none were issued for you.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**FRIDAY, JAN. 27
8 P.M.**

FELLOWSHIP HALL

BUSINESS:

**PASTOR'S YEARLY REPORT
1966 FINANCIAL REPORT
REPORTS OF GROUPS
REVIEW OF 1966
PLANS FOR 1967
REFRESHMENTS**

ADVENT — CHRISTMAS RECORD A GOOD ONE

In spite of the terrific snow storm on Christmas Eve and curtailment of our services, the services were held both on Christmas Eve and on Christmas itself. The attendances were small but the spirit was good. This was a good culmination to an Advent which was high in spirit and meaningfulness.

As one looks back in retrospect, one can determine that from all aspects, the Advent-Christmas season was a good one. The services were fine, the extra activities were splendid and the sense of a spiritual Christmas was in evidence.

This is then the proper time to express appreciation to all who as-

sisted in bringing all these good things to pass. In so many ways so many folk contributed so much time and so many things. We say 'thank you' to all.

For the first time we were able to remember all the 'shut-ins' of the church at Christmas with a fitting gift, to make their Christmas brighter. These gifts were provided by our Women's Guild, whose members also did much of the delivery.

Further, we also sent a package of cookies to each of our men in service in the name of the church. Thus here again we helped make happy the Christmas of our own, even as the contributions of the church helped provide 15 baskets for the needy at Christmas and several boxes of 'white gifts' for the folk of two of our local institutions. So, all in all, it was a good Christmas

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms:

Craig Howard, son of Grady and Phyllis Hobby on Nov. 13

Michael Carter, son of Whitford and Jean Tress, on Nov. 13

Dawn Annette, daughter of William and Caroline Haberkam, on Nov. 13

Ellwood August, son of Ray and Gwendolyn Bartlett, on Nov. 13

Cheryl Lynne, daughter of Donald and Johanna Seymour, on Nov. 27

Timothy Howard, son of Charles G. and Rosemarie Clapin, on Dec. 25

Carol Ann, daughter of Ernest and Catherine Young, on Dec. 25

Kenneth Gabriel, Jr., son of Kenneth and Shirley Kellner, On Dec. 25

Weddings:

Willie F. McGee and Diane Regulski on Oct. 29

Douglas R. Flannary and Delores Fleck on Nov. 19

Raymond F. Pittzer, Jr. and Barbara Flynn, on Nov. 26

Stanley J. Placek and Mary Skopp on Dec. 10

Ronald P. Flynn and Sandra Brundick on Dec. 23

Funerals:

Miss Katherine Sauer, member, age 89, on Nov. 7

Mrs. Charlotte Finnerty, age 68 on Nov. 21

John Klepetka, age 54, on Nov. 23

John F. Newlon, age 69, on Nov. 26

Mrs. Matilda Steinmetz, member, age 65, on Dec. 9

Mrs. Edna Rau, age 68 on Dec. 15

George Rossmark, age 62, on Dec. 20

Mrs. Mildred Jenkins age 47 on Dec. 20

Mrs. Mary Greiner, member, age 81 on Dec. 21

Charles Everhardt, member, age 76 on Dec. 23

Mrs. Elaine Burgamy, member, age 35, on Dec. 26

Melvin Merritt, member, age 18 on Dec. 30

BRIEF NOTES

Stewardship Project. This annual event, sponsored by our denomination, provides a contest for original posters, essays, poems, on specific subjects, for all age groups. May Getz will be providing information and materials for this Project

Men's Club Oyster Roast. This is an extra event for the Men's Club and is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, Jan. 15 at Frankford Presbyterian Community Hall. Bowlers, \$1.00. Others, \$4.50

Meeting of YOU. The second meeting of our new youth organization, the Youth of United, will be held on Sunday, Jan. 15 in Fellowship Hall, from 7 to 8:30. We shall discuss the subject, "Does Honesty Pay Off?", illustrated by a filmed picture and posing questions. For all youth above confirmation age. Do come and join us.

Other meetings

Church Council, Tues., Jan. 3
Ladies Aid, Wed., Jan. 4 at noon.
Ladies Aid for next three months will be at noon time, beginning with a luncheon.

Girl's Guild, Wed., Jan. 11
Women's Guild, Wed., Jan. 18 in Friendship Hall.

Men's Club, Wed., Jan. 18 in Fellowship Hall. Note this change of meeting night and place of meeting.

Scouts, Choirs, Confirmation at regularly scheduled times.

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