

# Laymen's Overseas Service Launched

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Bob Kochitzky is a soft-spoken young Methodist from Jackson, Miss., who believes that "thousands of laymen want to go beyond writing checks" in serving the cause of Christ.

With virtually no resources except his own cheerful faith, he has launched a promising new movement called "Laymen's Overseas Service" — LAOS for short.

LAOS offers Protestant layman an opportunity to serve abroad as short-term missionaries at their own expense.

It started on a very modest scale last summer. Ten volunteers — three men and seven women — went to Bolivia to contribute eight weeks of work to Methodist hospitals and schools. Most of them included a carpenter and two secretaries. They not only worked without salary; they also paid their own transportation costs and living expenses.

This year LAOS plans to send at least 50 volunteers to Peru, Honduras, Chile and Bolivia. Many of them will stay for six months or a year. The group includes physicians, dentists, nurses, medical technicians, teachers, a dietitian, a librarian, a stenographer and a bookkeeper. They range in age from 18 to 75.

"Next year," Kochitzky said in an interview, "we hope to send two or three hundred volunteers abroad, and to include

some of the mission fields of Asia and Africa."

He explained that LAOS has concentrated on Latin America so far because "transportation costs are lower."

He said a volunteer from the eastern part of the United States would need about \$900 to underwrite the total cost of a six-months term of service in a Latin American country.

"In some cases, their local churches contribute part of the cost," he said. "But many of them pay all of it out of their own pockets."

About a third of the volunteers to date have been Methodists. The other two-thirds come from Episcopal, Presbyterian, Baptist and other Protestant churches.

"We never accept a volunteer just to swell the total and make the program look bigger," Kochitzky said. "We ask the full-time missionaries in these countries what kind of help they need — what skills and professions they have and who want to give themselves, and not just their money, to the Christian mission."

## Kennedy in Denial Of Johnson Feud

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Att. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy insists there is no feud between him and President Johnson, and that their relations always have been friendly.

Kennedy sought Thursday to discount reports that he and Johnson were at odds over efforts by Kennedy's supporters to boom him for the Democratic vice presidential nomination.

The attorney general appealed to Wisconsin backers of a move to get him the vice presidential bid to discontinue their efforts. He repeated his statement that the presidential nominee should select his running mate.

Later, in a talk with a group of Pennsylvania students in his relations with Johnson: "I have the highest regard for him. Our relations have been friendly; they always have been. He has always been kind to me, to my family and to Mrs. Kennedy — both as vice president and since then. I have read these reports about a feud. There is no substance to these reports."

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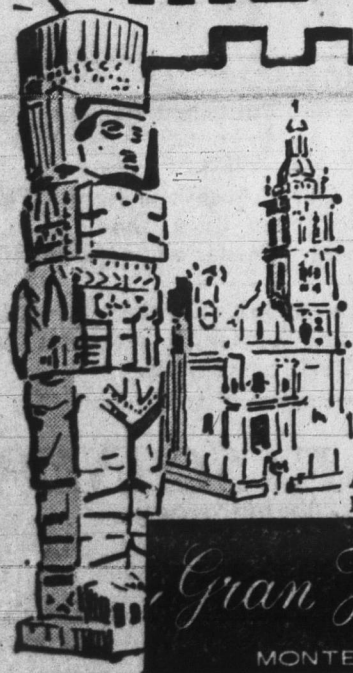
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MONDAY  
7:00 p.m. Sunday school staff meeting.  
7:30 p.m. Sunday school teachers meeting with film strip.  
TUESDAY  
8:00 p.m. Walther Leaguers will meet.  
WEDNESDAY  
All day quilting of Ladies Aid with sack lunch.  
7:30 p.m. Lenten service  
THURSDAY  
7:30 p.m. Choirs will meet.  
FRIDAY  
7:30 p.m. Lenten service

**SALEM METHODIST**  
Joseph Gibson, pastor  
Divine Worship Service at 9:30 A.M. Sunday School at 10:20.  
Revival Meetings begin Sunday morning.  
M.Y.F. Evening Meeting at 6 P.M.  
Revival Meeting Service at 7:30. Rev. W. W. Shields, Preacher.  
Rev. Stanley Tobias, Song Leader. The young people will read the Scripture each evening and are in charge of the local music.  
Everyone is cordially invited to share these special Gospel services.  
Services each evening at 7:30, except Saturdays.

**PLEASANT MILLS METHODIST**  
Joseph Gibson, pastor  
Sunday School at 9:30 A.M. Divine Worship at 10:30. The children are invited to stay for the sermonette during the worship hour.

**St. Luke United Church of Christ**  
Honduras  
Robert K. Olson, pastor  
9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
WEDNESDAY  
7:30 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service  
THURSDAY  
9:00 a.m. All day meeting of the Women's Guild

**Monroe Methodist**  
Charles E. Elam pastor  
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
10:30 a.m. Children's Choirs  
10:30 a.m. Church school  
11:00 Youth Choir  
6:30 p.m. M.Y.F.  
7:30 p.m. Evening Service. Gospel team from Taylor U.

**Monday**  
7:30 p.m. Membership - Evangelism Commission.  
**Tuesday**  
7:30 p.m. Education Commission.  
**Wednesday**  
3:40 p.m. Lenten Youth Prayer Meeting.  
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir.  
8:15 p.m. Mid-week service. Mrs. Glen Stucky leader.

**Friday**  
7:30 p.m. Missions Commission.  
**Saturday**  
10:00 a.m. Membership Training Class.

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## Sheppard Bid For Freedom Is Denied

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI)—The pardon and parole commission today rejected Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard's bid for freedom and said it would not consider his case until he was eligible for parole this fall.

The action came as a surprise, as many principals in Sheppard's conviction of second degree murder for the bludgeoning in 1954 of his wife had recommended he be released from prison.

The rejection of his appeal for reconsideration by the commission came as he pressed a habeas corpus action in U. S. District Court.

The commission's decision still left Sheppard's request to Gov. James A. Rhodes, who could act against the parole commission recommendation and grant executive clemency or immediate parole.

**Habeas Corpus Plea**  
Should the federal court agree to hear the habeas corpus action, the state would have to prove that Sheppard's constitutional rights were not violated in his trial as he claims.

Sheppard was convicted of second degree murder for the fatal beating in their home of his wife, Marilyn, in the Cleveland suburb of Bay Village on July 4, 1954. He has maintained his innocence since his arrest and has filed various appeals in state and federal courts.

Rhodes, acting on a recommendation by the parole commission in January of 1963, turned down a previous clemency request by Sheppard.

Sheppard is eligible for parole after serving a minimum of 10 years of his sentence, less time off for good behavior. This would make him eligible for parole in October.

**ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Vera Cruz  
Robert R. Olson, pastor  
9:30 A.M. Sunday School.  
10:30 A.M. Worship Service.  
TUESDAY  
9:00 A.M. All day meeting of the Women's Guild.  
WEDNESDAY  
7:30 P.M. Union Midweek Lenten Service at St. Luke Church.  
THURSDAY  
7:30 P.M. Choir Practice

**St. Paul Missionary Church**  
(Located 2 miles East and 2 miles North of Monroe)  
Robert R. Welch, pastor  
9:15-Morning Worship. Dr. Jared Gerig, president of Fort Wayne Bible College, speaking. Male quartet singing.  
10:15 Sunday School  
Wednesday  
7:00 Prayer and Bible Study.  
7:00 MYF and Children's Bible hour.

**Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren**  
Dolar Ritchey, pastor  
Oscar Geisel, superintendent.  
Ellen Lysse, Children's Director.  
Church School 9:30.  
Worship 10:30.  
Sermon: "Enemies at the Cross."  
Evening service 7:30.  
Lancaster high school chorus will present a Sacred Music concert.  
A mid week Lenten service Wednesday evening 7:30.  
Sermon: "A Multitude Fed."  
Love Feast and Communion Thursday evening, March 26.  
The Church World Service truck will stop at the Parish hall for Relief material April 13. You are encouraged to send 8c a pound for transportation and processing.

**UNION CHAPEL EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN**  
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Devotions for all age levels  
9:00 A. M.  
Bible Lessons for all ages  
9:15 A. M.  
Lesson Theme: "Pilate Judged by Jesus." Scripture: John 18.  
Mission Classes for Children  
10:00 A. M.  
Divine Worship for others  
10:00 A. M.  
Anthem, "My Savior's Love" Gabriel. Scripture: Matthew 6:38-48. Special by Men's Quartet, "May I Come In," by Towner. Sermon: "Which One Is The Greatest?"—Pastor.  
Youth Council meets at 11:15 A. M.  
Evening Family Hour: 7:30 P. M.  
Bible Quiz on Acts, Chapter 11. Sermon: Our Pastor will continue with the Beatitudes. "Blessed are the Merciful: for they shall obtain mercy."  
Monday  
7:00 P. M. Class for Adults at Parsonage.  
Tuesday  
7:30 P. M. Youth For Christ Rally at Berne high school gym. Coach Bob Davenport, of Taylor University is the speaker.  
8:00 P. M. Pastor's counseling time at Parsonage.  
Wednesday  
7:30 P. M. Home prayer meet at Jr. Nidinger's. Cleo Landis will be the leader.  
7:30 P. M. Home Prayer meet at the Forrest Walters home. Myron Frank will be the leader. Attend one of these.  
Thursday  
Ladies Aid Circle meets all day at the church.  
7:30 P. M. Union Chapel EUB Men meet at the Church.  
Friday  
7:00 P. M. Work & Win Class "Eat Out." At the Dutch Mill in Bluffton.  
8:00 P. M. Philpot Committees meet at Fort Wayne.  
Saturday  
1:00 P. M. Pastor's Class at the church.  
Coming Events  
Palm Sunday: Film, "I Am the Resurrection." 7:30 P. M.  
Maundy Thursday: Film, "The Last Supper." 7:30 P. M.  
Easter Sunday: Sunrise service at 6:00 A. M.  
Easter Sunday: Film, "Dead Sea Scrolls." 7:30 P. M.

**Monroe United Brethren in Christ**  
Carey Knittle, pastor  
Sunday school 9:30  
Worship Service 10:30  
Evening Service 7:30  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:30  
We urge everyone to be in prayer and preparation for the Holy Week services

**Pleasant Mills Baptist Church**  
Joe Carter Interim Pastor  
Lowell Noll — Superintendent  
MORNING  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Classes for all ages. Children's classes in our McCoy Center  
Worship 10:30 a.m. "Welcome"  
EVENING  
Jr. B. Y. F. 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Ben McCullough Sr. B. Y. F. 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Lowell Noll 7:30 Welcome  
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THURSDAY  
Wood Chapel  
8:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting and Youth Fellowship

**THE BIBLE SPEAKS**  
International Union Sunday School Lesson  
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN  
**Pilate Judged**  
Lesson for March 15, 1964

Background Scripture: Matthew 27:11-26; John 18:28 through 19:22; 18:1-27, 34-35. Devotional Reading: John 19:12-22.

THIS WAS ONE of the momentous meetings in history. As so often is true, what you could have seen with the naked eye or with a camera, was not what you could have seen with the eyes of the spirit. To the outward eye, everything was rigged in favor of Pilate. He had the authority; Jesus had never been so much as a village head-man, while Pilate was the colonial governor representing the Roman Empire.

Pilate had large numbers of soldiers to carry out his will, Jesus not so much as a single servant-boy. Pilate was officially the judge, and Jesus the prisoner; but now we know (would we have guessed it then?) that Pilate was being judged, not Jesus. Jesus walked out from that hall of "justice" a condemned man; but the verdict of the ages is that it was Pilate who was the guilty one.

**What Pilate thought**  
It is not mere guessing to suggest what Pilate was thinking, in that early morning court room scene. We know what he said, how he acted, and so we can venture to say what he was thinking.

"I have the power here," he must have thought. Of course. Did not Rome always have the power? What can a young and friendless barbarian (for so Pilate must have regarded his strange prisoner) do against my orders? The Governor could not know that this very prisoner would exert a power through the next twenty centuries far greater than any government has ever been able to impose. There now are societies that honor Jesus all over the globe; but where are the Pilate societies? With Pilate's death his power came to an end. With Jesus' death His power would begin anew.

"This man has done no wrong, but . . . Pilate acted unjustly and he knew it. One trouble with that man was that he really cared for something else more than justice. 'I have my own career to think of,' he thought.

**What Jesus thought**  
The prisoner looked on the judge with something between pity and contempt. He knew that Pilate knew nothing whatever about the case. He knew that Pilate, like some modern envoys, did not probably bother to learn the language of the people to whom he was assigned as governor—and that he had to depend on the chief priests and other religious leaders of Judea to guide him in his decisions. Pilate listened for the voice of power; and those who made the power-structure in that country all said Guilty: Crucify this man. Pilate like all men in authority had to keep his ear to the ground, he had to know what people were saying. There was no difficulty in hearing them. The streets were full of screams. Luke says sadly that "their voices prevailed."

**Two kingdoms**  
Yet if Jesus ever had contempt for any man—and he did—he must have felt contempt for Pilate. The governor had one idea of what the real world is; the prisoner had quite another. Pilate believed in what he could see and handle and manage. Jesus believed in a Kingdom of Truth. He was not carried away by the word "King." When Pilate asked him, "You are a king, then?" Jesus said in effect, "King is your word. I was born to bear witness to Truth." This Pilate could not understand at all. A kingdom of armies, fortresses, wealth, yes; but a kingdom of truth—what is truth? Jesus had not groveled before Pilate, nor asked him a single favor. But he had offered him his one chance, his last one. If Pilate had shown the least heart-interest in Truth, Jesus would have talked with him. He had talked with rich and poor, great and small before; he would have not refused to speak to the heart of the judge. But it was now too late. The judge had been judged. It is not so always, when a man faces Jesus, and must choose?

## HOW TO SAY PRAYERS

Rev. James R. Meadows  
Set aside a few minutes to be alone and quiet. Talk to God simply and naturally telling Him anything that is upon your mind. Practice talking to God as you go about the business of the day. Affirm the fact that God is with you and helping you.

Pray with the thought that your prayers reach out instantly over land and sea and surround your loved ones with God's love and care.

Think positive, not negative thoughts when you pray. Always state in your prayer that you are willing to accept God's will, whatever it is, and always ask in Jesus' name.

In your prayer simply put everything into God's hands.

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Sunday school, Bible class 9:15 a.m.  
Late service 10 a.m.

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John O. Goodwin, Pastor  
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10:30 Morning Worship  
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10:30 Class Meeting  
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**THIS WEEK'S BIBLE VERSE**  
"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." — James 5:16.

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