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JUST OFF CAPITOL SQUARE A Room For Tim

Dear Tim:

Six years ago you left our home on a momentous journey. As you drove off that day on your way to the university your mother and I stood for a long time, watching until your car disappeared. Then we went back in the house and I went up to your room. I sat on your bed and my mind wandered back over the eighteen precious years that you had been a full-time resident in our home. I knew that though that room would always be yours you would return only for visits and vacations.

Now, six years later, I go many times again into your room. It is a different room, in a different house, but your presence is there. Your model cars are on your dresser. In your bookcase are your favorite books. On the walls are your plaques and trophies. Your stereo set is there and in your closet are many of your clothes. I sit on your king-size bed and I am overwhelmed by a very large love.

So much has happened to you in these last six years. You have graduated from the university, entered law school, married, and with your lovely Tina established your own home, even in that tiny apartment in Charlottesville. Still at the top of the stairs there is that room we shall always refer to as "Tim's Room."

In just a few days your mother and I will be starting our own momentous journey. We will be on our way to Charlottesville where soon we will be celebrating your graduation from the University of Virginia Law

School. That day our hearts will be swollen with pride; but even more we will be grateful for your commitment to your life's work. Many, many times you and I have talked about how the profession of law is an exceptional opportunity for a Christian to practice a vocation of justice and truth. We are so grateful that all of your life you have shown a compassion and caring for the disadvantaged, the poor, the discriminated-against. We believe that your profession will be an authentic form of ministry.

For many years, Tim, I have treasured a little card that I have kept among my notes. It is titled: "A POEM, by Timothy Lucas Moorehead." It reads:

*One person stood in the ray of the sun,
Lost in his thoughts -*

*Far off thoughts, thoughts of love and
thoughts of hatred.*

*Wonderful thoughts, and terrible
thoughts,*

*Beautiful thoughts, and ugly thoughts,
Happy thoughts and sad thoughts.*

*But of all these thoughts the most
confusing*

Was the thought of God's love.

You were a little boy when you wrote those words. Those thoughts will be coursing thru my mind on the day of your graduation.

There is another gift from you that I cherish. You had told me of being impressed with a review of Hans Küng's *Does God Exist?* Often I turn to what you wrote in the flyleaf: "To Dad; In appreciation for the influence you have had and continue to have on my life. -Tim, Christmas, 1980." I read that, Tim, on days when I am not doing well. As I

is the topic of Dr. Moorehead's sermon for this Sunday. His sermon is taken from Luke 21:15 -- "For I will give you a mouth and wisdom." (RSV), and Exodus 4:11,12 -- "Then the Lord said, to him, 'Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him dumb, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.'" (RSV). At the 9:00 service, our Senior Choir's anthem will be, "Conversation" by John Ness Beck, and at the 10:30 service, the Youth Choir's anthem, accompanied by the Handbell Choir, will sing "I To The Hills". The Handbell Choir will also present offertory music at both services. Their music is entitled, "I Ring My Praise To God" (Starks). Greeters at the doors will be (9:00) Robert and Janice Wink, Stephen and Jonathan, and (10:30) Jack and Virginia Jeffers. Acolytes will be (9:00) Scott Grefsheim and Kirk Luker, and (10:30) Amy Trecek and Lisa Eckblad. SEE YOU IN CHURCH!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 1981

- 9:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:00 Crib thru Kindergarten 5-year-olds, 2nd floor (Grades 1-6 worship in sanctuary with families)
- 9:00 Church School for Educable Mentally Retarded, Fireside Room
- 9:00 Bethel Bible Series, UMW Room
- 9:30 Enrichment Time, Parlor
- 10:20 Church School, Grades 1-6, 3rd floor
- 10:30 Crib thru Kindergarten 5-year-olds, 2nd floor
- 10:30 High School/College Class, lower level
- 10:30 7th/8th grade class, lower level
- 10:30 Adult Forum, Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 Worship Service, Sanctuary
- ** Sr. UMYF -- see article

"JUST OFF CAPITOL SQUARE"-Continued

watch you receive your law degree I will be thinking that in your commitment to justice and truth you will show many human souls that God does exist.

Always in our home there will be room for you.

affectionately, Dad

BETHANY GROUP will meet for dinner in the dining room on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. They will have a "Spring Party" and a program will follow.

Thank you to all my wonderful friends at First Church for your caring and loving thoughts and expressions of concern in the recent loss of my mother. --Esther

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MONDAY, MAY 18

TUESDAY, MAY 19

- 6:30 Bethany Group, Dining Room
- 7:00 Finance Committee, Parlor

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

- 9:30 Let's Talk About Books, Library/Parlor
- 12:05 High Noon Worship Service, Chapel (Luncheon follows, Dining Room)
- 1:15 Leisure Fellowship, Parlor

THURSDAY, MAY 21

- 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal, Parlor

FRIDAY, MAY 22

SATURDAY, MAY 23

-- NO Cherub & Crusader Choirs!!!

CITY COUNCIL HEARING

The Madison City Council on Tuesday, May 19, at 8:30 p.m., will grant our church a special hearing on its request to use the vacant lot at 21 East Johnson St. for additional parking. This will provide eight additional parking spaces.

Three persons will speak for our church: Harvey Strassburger, Chairman of Trustees; The Rev. Karen L. Millner, and Mary Babula, Director of Christian Day Care.

All members who can be present for the hearing are urged to do so and register in support of the proposal. Also communications to members of the City Council in favor of the proposal before the meeting will be helpful.

A smile is a light in the window of the face, by which the heart signifies that it is at home and waiting.

- Henry Ward Beecher