

Reminiscence - MYF Living Creche - - Bruce Lister

Back in the early 1960's I was the Advisor to the Senior High Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF). It was a very active group of about 20 teenagers. In September of 1962, when planning the year's activities, the project of including a Living Creche for Christmas was evolved.

The youth designed and built a very sturdy crèche for the Church's front lawn, organized the actors and costumes, arranged for needed lighting, audio equipment, music and publicity.

Since the public was invited to attend, about 25 performances were scheduled for weekends and evenings during Advent, often two in a day. The audience averaged from about 30 to 50 each performance.

The event proved to be so popular that it continued for 8 to 10 years, with necessary repairs and modifications to the crèche and equipment.