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YOUTH MINISTRY BECOMES A CHURCH HIGHLIGHT

ANYBODY CAN BE A CRITIC

It takes no special talent or training to be a critic. For those of you who have not become church critics, here are a few simple guidelines to help you get started. With practice, they will become natural.

1. Be dogmatic: act as though everyone else is not quite as smart as you.
2. Have something to say on every issue, whether you know anything about it or not.
3. Be quick to say, "I told you so," whether you did or not, because no one will remember it anyway.
4. Let other people speak first so you can then point out why they're totally wrong.
5. If you're cornered in an argument, ask an irrelevant question.
6. Be sure to talk about what "they" are trying to put over. "They" always seem to be a sinister group.
7. Don't often expose yourself to the facts or consider both sides of the question. Nothing dampens the spirit of a critic quite like a little enlightenment.

Seriously, I believe too many of us criticize while too few of us carry out a supportive ministry. We usually try not to hurt that which we love, don't we? What about your church, your fellow Christian, and yes, Christ?

MRS JOHN HAMILTON TO LEAD "EVOLUTION" DISCUSSION SUNDAY EVENING-6:30P.M.

Last Sunday, Dr. Dale Simmons led our Jr. High and Sr. High Youth in a stimulating discussion concerning some of the problems our youth are facing in the context of today's world. The interest shown tells us that we will need to explore some of these special problems in more depth as time goes on. "Thank you, young people, for your talk back and for communicating your concerns as needs to your church." We are extremely thankful to have dedicated Christian doctors in our congregation who will volunteer their services to our youth.

This Sunday evening at 6:30 P. M., we have invited Mrs. John Hamilton to explore the subject of "evolution" with us. Certainly this has been a controversial subject through the years and one every thinking Christian should be able to talk intelligently about. You will recognize Mrs. Hamilton as one of your High School teachers as well as being the wife of our Jr. High principal.

Be sure to jot this time down. At the close of the question and answer period, we offer you an opportunity for group fellowship and even private conversation with our guest of the evening. You should also share this hour with your friends by inviting them to come with you. We'll see you

Attention Ladies of First Baptist

The study book for this year's Home Missions Study is entitled "Forest Trails To Urban Jungles" and was written by L. H. Moore.

Each circle in our church has been provided with copies, but all the ladies of our church and their guests are invited to hear the book taught either on February 27 or 28,

February 27, Monday night

6:00 "sack supper" - bring your own
6:30 - 8:30 P. M. Missions study

February 28, Tuesday morning

10:00 - 12:00 Missions study
12:00 Noon - covered dish lunch

We feel fortunate to have as our teacher this year, Mrs. Oren Bradley. Nadine has provided many hours of inspiration for our people through her marvelous teaching. We are fortunate to have the Bradleys in our membership at First Baptist.

Be sure to hold this date!

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

February 12, 1967

Budget Offering-----\$1,468.60
Designated Funds-----\$271.00
Kindergarten-----\$261.00
Memorials-----\$10.00
Building Fund Donation-----\$1,000.00
Total Budget Offering-----\$1,739.60
Weekly Budget Needs-----\$2,385.00

The 1966 HONOR ROLL should have included Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Webb and Mrs. J. H. Johnson. We regret this oversight.

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YOUTH ELECT THEIR COUNCIL FOR 1967

Jot down this date now, young people.
Youth Week at First Baptist
March 13 - 19

The following youth were elected recently to represent our young people in planning the activities of our church. They are:

7th Grade Girls

Sheri Howell
Barbara Gilbert

7th Grade Boys

Mike Stanley
Dana Acker

8th Grade Girls

Vicki Wynne
Stephannie Simmons

8th Grade Boys

Gary Jones

9th Grade Girls

Nancy Stewart
Dorothy Dobson

9th Grade Boys

Howard Morris
Dean Riggs

10th Grade Girls

Dawn Hallman
Mimi Quesinberry

10th Grade Boys

Richard Wynne
Joe Kirkman

Girls

Mary Botkin
Peggy Wrenn

11th and 12th Grade

Boys

Andy Webb
Ricky Jester

Peggy Wrenn was elected President; Richard Wynne, Vice-President; Mary Botkin, Secretary; and the following were elected to the Publicity Committee: Andy Webb, Ricky Jester, Dawn Hallman and Mimi Quesinberry.

HE HEARS!

This past Sunday a note was found in a pew of the Sanctuary which could well apply to many of us as parents.

"I CAN'T TALK, MY FATHER IS BEHIND ME. O.K.?" are the words found written on the back of an offering envelope.

Perhaps more of our children would guard against talking in church if they felt they were being watched by their parents. We all need to remember that our Heavenly Father is watching us at all times. This being true, should we not also refrain from talk-

Hugh Sutphin, Jr. Receives Highest Scouting Award



On Thursday evening, February 9, a covered dish supper was held in honor of our Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. At this banquet a number of awards were presented to our two scouting groups: Troop 538 and Pack 538. Several of those receiving achievement awards are members of First Baptist Church. Members receiving Cub awards were: Johnnie Gardner, Richard Belton, and Michael Wood. Receiving Boy Scout awards were Billy Beamer, Billy Johnson, Phil Sutphin, and Bert Wood.

Three Eagle awards were presented to our troop by Mr. Roger L. Harpe, Jr., the District Scout Executive for our area. One of these awards went to our own Hugh Sutphin, Jr. Hugh is the oldest son of Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Sutphin of 210 Country Club Road. He is 15 years of age and a Sophomore at the Mount Airy High School. Hugh has been a scout for almost five years and has also been tapped into the Order of the Arrow, a special scouting group. He has a deep interest in sports and especially basketball. Hugh also is very interested and talented in building things with his hands. He built his soap box derby entry this year and placed third in the Winston-Salem contest. This past week during National Scout week, Hugh was chosen to serve as Mayor of Mount Airy during the Mock Court proceedings.

"We are very proud of you, Hugh, as we are proud of all of our boys. We congratulate you and your family for this significant step in your life. I hope you may soon add your God and Country award to your long list of achievements. We look with you toward a bright and talented



Sunday, February 19

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Monday, February 20

3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wednesday, February 22

6:00 p.m. Primary Choir
6:00 p.m. Junior Choir
6:45 p.m. Youth Choir
7:30 p.m. Prayer Service
8:15 p.m. Kindergarten Committee
8:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday, February 23

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

WHAT IS YOUR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP WORTH?

Church membership must be more than a name on a piece of paper. It must be a life thoroughly dedicated to Almighty God. Church membership means deep convictions, a sense of supreme loyalty and a feeling that all we are and have belongs to our Heavenly Father.

To be a member of the church is a high and holy privilege. In many sections of the world Christians have been locked out of their places of worship, thrown into dungeons or put to the sword because of their beliefs, yet they had rather have God and suffer than not to have Him and deprive their souls of this priceless possession. Church membership to them means blood, sweat, and tears, but it means also Christ, immortality, and an everlasting hope.

Let us make our church membership mean more by realizing that belonging to the church means a giving of our selves completely to Him. In this spirit, let us come to the House of God this Sunday.

Let's claim that which is our own and be proud of it. What is your church membership worth?

"YOUR FINEST HOUR THE WORSHIP HOUR"

Dr. R. Lofton Hudson says: "It's high time some of our members wake up to the sinister influence they are exerting. When a member of our Sunday School marches home regularly after Sunday School and has nothing to do with the worship service, you can put it down in your book that there is a church member who is kidding himself. He hasn't been to church. He hasn't worshipped. He has not joined hands wholeheartedly to carry on the Kingdom work. Furthermore, he has deceived himself into doing something religious--sat in a Sunday School class--which saves his conscience and keeps him from realizing that he's actually unchurched....Attending Sunday School as a substitute for attending church worship is a serious hindrance to Kingdom work."

Think about it!

THE BIBLE

Who Should Read It?

The YOUNG--to Learn how to Live
The OLD--to Know how to Die,
The IGNORANT--for Wisdom,
The LEARNED--for Humility;
The RICH--for Compassion;
The POOR--for Comfort;
The DREAMER--for Enchantment,
The PRACTICAL--for Counsel
The WEAK--for Strength;
The STRONG--for Direction,
The HAUGHTY--for Warning;
The HUMBLE--for Exaltation;
The TROUBLED--for Peace,
The WEARY--for Rest;
The SINNER--for Salvation;
The DOUBTING--for Assurance,
All CHRISTIANS--for Guidance.

The BETHANY CLASS will meet Monday night, February 20th with Mrs. Wayne Boyles on South Main Street at 7:30. Mrs. A. W. Fleischman will be asso-



Our boys at Mount Airy High continue to blaze a red hot trail as they continue on the winning side. We are proud of all the players, but we are especially proud of "our own".

Bobby Bradley, Donnie Kirkman and Chuck Wilfong continue to represent our First Baptist youth on the hardwood. These three young men have started almost every game and have played significant roles in helping Mount Airy stay on top of the league. We're proud of you, fellows.

Only three more games remain on the schedule:

February 17 Morehead...at home
February 21 South Stokes...at home
February 24 Madison-Mayodan...away

Let's cheer our team on and let them know we're behind them. The regional playoffs are near at hand, and then the state playoffs. What do you say, let's go all the way!

OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL
Mr. C. W. Taylor

HOSPITAL, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Mr. Wayne Brannock, son of
Mrs. Frank Brannock



BY LETTER:

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**FLOWERS HONORING
MR. W. A. JACKSON**

Flowers have been placed in the church Sanctuary for this Sunday in honor of Mr. W. A. Jackson who celebrated his 88th birthday, Saturday, February 18. The flowers were placed by Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Valeria Shufford, Mrs. Sara J. Howerton, and Mrs.