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MISSIONARY WILL SPEAK TO CONGREGATION SUNDAY

Churchwide Survey Results

Last Sunday you were asked to answer this question: "Why did you choose the particular church with which you are now worshipping?" Here are the results:

- .6% because of the architectural beauty of the church.
- 52.6% because of prior denominational affiliation.
- 5.2% because of convenience to my home.
- 3.1% because of the man in the pulpit.
- 11.0% because of the people in the church whom I respected.
- 18.1% because of neighbors or friends who invited me to this church.

It is significant to note that a few could not be satisfied with any of these answers, so they wrote in:

- 2.5% married a member of this church.
- 2.5% raised from childhood in this church.
- 4.4% others.

You are asked to think about these results for a few days, and then we will come back with some questions concerning these results. You should save them.

Mrs. Rosalind Harrell From Kenya, East Africa

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harrell have been missionaries to East Africa in Kenya, for two terms amounting to six years. Mrs. Harrell is a first cousin of Rev. Ed Daniel, pastor at Haymore Church. Mrs. Harrell's twin is also a missionary with her husband in Southern Rhodesia.

As our minds are turned toward missions in these special days of prayer and giving, we gladly welcome Mrs. Harrell as our speaker for the worship service this Sunday morning at 11:00 A. M. Our offering is being made toward Home Missions this month, but the basic nature and theology of missions must be the same wherever they are working. Therefore, we welcome an opportunity to view the deeper meaning of the "spirit of missions." As you make your plans now to be present, why not invite a friend and introduce them to the very backbone of our faith....missions?

See you Sunday!

Annie Armstrong Offering

Given to Date (3-7-67)-----\$346.00
Our Church Goal-----\$850.00



Calling YOU

OFFICERS AND TEACHERS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS' CONFERENCE

ALL the YOUTH TEACHERS are urged to attend this conference with the ADULT TEACHERS as it is very important!!!!

Covered Dish Supper

WHAT TO BRING: NURSERY -- Meat; BEGINNER AND PRIMARY -- Dessert; JUNIOR -- Vegetables; JR. HIGH AND SR. HIGH -- Salads; ADULT I AND ADULT II -- Tables and Coffee; ADULT III -- Sandwiches and Bread.

ATTENTION ALL DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS: You are expected to see that the above list is announced in your department and you are responsible for seeing that whatever is assigned your department is prepared.

NURSERY FACILITIES AVAILABLE

Reservation Deadline

MARCH 12, 1967

For anyone who plans to attend the July 3 - 7 Sunday School week at our retreat by the sea, Caswell Baptist Assembly:

Give your \$2.50 registration fee to Mr. Stanley no later than Sunday, March 12. He will be glad to answer any questions you have. You may also ask a guest from outside this church. There is no age limit to this group.

For further details, contact your minister of education at the church, or call 786-5185.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

March 5, 1967

Budget Offering-----	\$ 2,844.97
Designated Funds-----	611.00
Kindergarten-----	436.00
Memorials-----	175.00
Annie Armstrong Offering---	176.00
Total Offering-----	\$ 3,631.97
Budget Offering to Date----	\$22,151.32
Budget Needs to Date-----	\$23,850.00

Pray For Our Sick

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

Mrs. Rachel Duffield
Mr. C. W. Taylor

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Mr. W. A. Jackson

AT HOME

Mrs. Will Johnson
Mrs. P. W. Green
Mrs. J. B. Poore

Christian Sympathy

We extend our sincere Christian Sympathy to the following:

To: Mrs. Troy Easter in the passing of her brother, Mr. G. F. Bowman of Mount Airy.

To: Mrs. Willie A. Johnson in the passing of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Walter Jackson.

To: Mr. Howard Mills and Mr. W. W. Mills in the passing of their brother, Mr. Leroy Mills who was buried in Charlotte last week. Also their nephew by marriage was fatally injured in an automobile accident on the way to the service. Our sympathy goes out

PASTOR'S PEN

What a glorious day we experienced on last Sunday. The enthusiasm of our people was at a high peak. Sunday School moved along smoothly even though the period was shortened. One teacher said it was the best class she had taught all year. She said we seemed to have a purpose in front of us and a goal toward which we were striving, and it was great. A hearty Amen to this.

The groundbreaking ceremony was equally filled with enthusiasm. We had a good turnout of our people, and a lot of people handled the shovel. These are moments to cherish for a lifetime. These are pictures we never shall forget. I believe you would have dug the whole foundation right there, if I had just asked you. Thank you for a grand spirit!

The worship hour that followed was one to be remembered. The spirit of Christ was very real to us during that period together. We had people present who had not been in worship service for quite a while. I would be the first to say "Welcome home, it's good to have you back!"

The interest of our people was further enhanced when you realize that the offering was almost twice the amount it had been either of the two preceeding Sundays. It was almost like our people had changed from being tenants to being stewards over night.

The real test is before us. What will we do in the next fourteen months of construction? Will we be faithful and carry on with last Sunday's enthusiasm? It's up to you and to every individual on the team. I believe you will. I believe we can.

J. L. Powell, Jr.



Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Campbell, II (nee Jo Lena Cox) who were married at Grace Moravian Church on Saturday afternoon.



W.M.U.

Monday, March 13 - 2:30 P. M.
MAGGIE NUTT HERRING CIRCLE - Mrs. J. W.
I. Monday, 1023 North Main St.

Monday, March 13 - 7:30 P. M.
SALLIE SOMERS CIRCLE -- Mrs. J. Ed
Brannock, 116 West Poplar St.

Monday, March 13 - 8:00 P. M.
MARY HESTER POWELL CIRCLE - Mrs. James
L. Powell, Jr., 213 Wrenn Avenue

SPECIAL FILM ON LIFE OF CHRIST WILL BE NATIONALLY TELEvised SUNDAY, MARCH 12

What color was the donkey upon which Christ rode in the Triumphal Entry?

This was one of the many questions facing researchers striving for an authentic television re-creation of the life of Christ depicted in "The Vine" produced by the Radio-Television Commission and the National Broadcasting Company.

(The film will be shown here on Sunday, March 12, at 4:00 P. M., on Channel 12, WSJS)....in color and for one hour.

"It was like a course in Bible," said Truett Myers, production manager for "The Vine". We carefully studied all the New Testament commentaries in order to present the most authentic re-creation possible. You can view this magnificent production Sunday. You will want to tell your friends about this, also.

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MEMORIAL GIFTS

The following memorial gifts have been given to the church building fund in memory of MRS. A. G. WEBB:

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lewis
Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Stewart
Mt. Airy Chapter No. 18, Eastern Star
Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Longest
Mrs. Louise H. Hill
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Morris
Mount Airy Arts and Crafts Guild
The Diaconate
Mr. and Mrs. M. Peter Barber
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jackson
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith
Mrs. Mattie Lee Hawks
Miss Myrtle Short
Miss Kathleen Short
TEL Sunday School Class

A memorial gift has also been given to the J. S. BRAY FAMILY MEMORIAL by Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Beamer.

A memorial donation was also given to the Building Fund in memory of Mr. Leroy Mills, brother of Mr. Howard Mills and Mr. W. W. Mills by Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Belton, Jr.

The Bethany Sunday School Class has given a donation to the Building Fund in memory of Mrs. S. A. Conduff and Mrs. Fannie Shelton, two former members of the Bethany Class.



Sunday, March 12

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

Tuesday, March 14

7:00 p.m. Associational G.A. Banquet
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 15

6:00 p.m. Primary Choir
6:00 p.m. Junior Choir
6:00 p.m. Sunday School Workers' Conference
6:30 p.m. Youth Choir
6:30 p.m. Sunbeams
7:30 p.m. Prayer Service
8:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday, March 16

Youth Series

Sunday Night 6:30 P.M.

This Sunday night will conclude the informative discussions we have been having with our "team of medical doctors". Not only have these been helpful for our youth, but it has helped us as a church to see wherein we have missed a great ministry to the needs of our youth.

As this youth activity continues we are grateful for the interest of so many of our youth on Sunday evenings. The recreation and fellowship period has also helped us to open the doors of communication.

If you are not a regular attender, then you should not let another week slip by before you have taken advantage of what your church offers for you. Don't miss this Sunday by all means.

Special Called Business Conference..March 15

Last week we announced that it would be necessary to have a special business meeting for the purpose of discussing and voting on a proposal coming from our church missions committee. This committee, at the request of our Eastside Mission, is ready to bring its report and requests to a business session.

This will be an important meeting and greatly concerns our relationship to the mission, it's people, and the ministry they are seeking to perform.

On March 15, our Prayer Meeting is to be conducted by our Young People as a part of our Youth Week observances. Immediately at 8:15, at the close of our youth service, we will meet for a short period of business as stated above. We want a good representation of our congregation at both events.



OUR CRADLE ROLL

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Coble on the birth of a son,