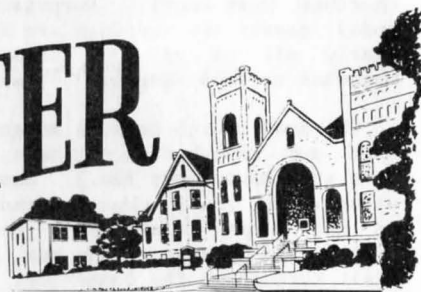


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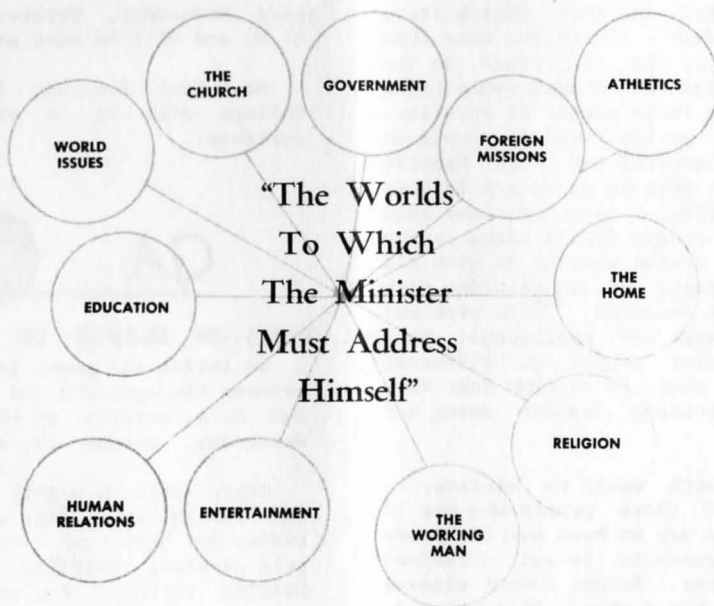
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"HIS GIFTS UNTO MEN WERE VARIED"



".....Some he (God) made his messengers, some prophets, some preachers of the Gospel; to some he gave the power to guide and teach his people. His gifts were made that Christians might be properly equipped for their service, that the whole body might be built up until the time comes when, in the unity of common faith and common knowledge of the Son of God, we arrive at real maturity---that measure of development which is meant by 'the fullness of Christ'."

Eph. 4:11-13 (Phillips)

SHOULD MY CHURCH HAVE ONLY ONE MINISTER? (see article inside)

ONE PASTOR OR MANY MINISTERS?

One hundred years ago nearly all churches were small. Surprisingly, today nearly all churches are small. Nearly all of us came from small churches to this church.

The small church has some advantages that our church does not have. (We have some advantages too.) Most obvious of the small church advantages is the close relationship between pastor and people. One man could visit throughout the community, call upon all the sick, bury all the dead, welcome all the babies, preach all the sermons, and eat all the chicken. In some small towns or in the open country this set of conditions still exists. It is a good thing and a good life.

But we do not live in the open country, nor do we attend a small church. Still the small church state of mind lingers. There are more than 1,000 people who are listed on the First Baptist Church membership rolls. There are a large number of shut-ins. Each week we have several people in our local hospital and in our Baptist Hospital. Several of us are in some kind of trouble or spiritual need each day---this ranges from a young person trying to decide what to do with his life to a couple who is wrestling with the divorce decision. These problems and many more are continuous. They hit different people at different times, but there is no time that they are not striking someone among our 1,000.

Our church wants to minister to everyone of these people who are in need. The way we have met the problems of bigness is to cut ourselves into sections. Sunday School classes minister to the members. This is good. W.M.U. circles help each other. The church staff has two pastors. Each has an area of responsibility. Most of the time this makes it possible for the church to do the work that it is supposed to do. I am not the only minister. Al Stanley, your minister of education, is a minister too. You may get lost in our big church, but someone, somewhere is trying to find you and trying to help you when the problems of living come to your door.

If you will carefully reread the scriptures on page one, I believe you will discover that every dedicated Christian has been called of God to minister for him to someone, somewhere, today. You are called of God to be a part of the solution, not the problem; the cure of the disease of wrong is your task, not to be a part of the infection.

What are you doing to multiply the hands and feet of your pastors? The best start would be to become the minister God wants you to be. Will you try it for Christ's sake----and for mine?

JLP, Jr.

The Ministry of Music

The Music Workshop will be held here Wednesday, October 25, at 7:30 P. M. and will be over at 9:30 P. M.

Mr. Paul Peterson from Salem College will be in charge of the workshop.



GIRLS--IN SEARCH OF A CROWN?

We invite all young ladies who are between the ages of 9 and 15 to attend our G. A. meeting at the church on Wednesday, October 25, at 4:30 P. M.

There will be plenty of great fun and fellowship as well as an opportunity to hear our own Jean Boyles tell us about "BAPTIST CHURCHES---CHINESE STYLE". You will also receive some information on Forward Steps and how you can obtain a cape, a crown, and a scepter.

You also will have the opportunity to help formulate our plans for the year--things that you will enjoy doing and learning from.

G. A.'s, like Sunbeams, will meet twice each month on the second and fourth Wednesday afternoons. See you there Wednesday!



MEET OUR WMU

PRESIDENT 1967-69

MRS. H. B. ROWE

AND

FAMILY

(seated l to r) Henry, Jr., Mrs. Rowe, Martha; (standing) Mr. Rowe and David.

**This Week's
Resident Roll Changes**

ADD: Miss Kathy Solters
1702 Boxwood Lane
P. O. Box 981

Miss Martha Jane Cagle
209 Wrenn Avenue

Miss Kathy Ann Burge
1815 Aims Avenue

LOSS BY DEATH: Mrs. Judson Ashby
323 West Pine Street

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Mr. and Mrs. Herschell Vaughn
Miss Gloria Ann Vaughn
1619 East Fairfield Drive

Mrs. Z. Vance Vaughn
119 West Elm Street



**OUR
CRADLE ROLL**

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Bray, Jr. on the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Lynn, on October 17, at Northern Surry Hospital.

**The Contagion Of
Enthusiasm**

Bruce Barton said, "Give your son enthusiasm and he will gain the world."

Enthusiasm is a prime element or ingredient in a healthy, working, and growing church. When members love their church, are interested in its welfare and witness, and give attention to attendance and support, they may be labeled as enthusiastic workers.

Contagion means communication by contact and transmission from one to another. It's infectious and is likely to spread. It's "catching", other folks are sure to "get it".

When church members, by their contacts and communications with others are able to infect them and cause them to "catch" their own spirit of enthusiasm, then the church is being sold.

We, the members of our church, are selling our church every day only as we bear enthusiastic testimony. This is MY Church and I proudly claim membership as I enthusiastically tell other people about Christ and MY church.

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Sunday, October 22

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
7:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Monday, October 23

3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:30 p.m. Nominating Committee

Wednesday, October 25

4:30 p.m. G.A.'s
4:30 p.m. Sunbeams
6:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Prayer Service
8:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday, October 26

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

October 15, 1967

Budget Offering-----\$1,876.91
Designated Funds-----\$597.25
Kindergarten-----\$364.75
Memorials-----\$232.50
Total Deposit-----\$2,474.16
Budget Offering to Date----\$91,728.67
Weekly Budget Needs-----\$2,385.00

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial gifts have been given to the new sanctuary building fund in loving memory of the following:

MR. W. A. JACKSON

Oak Grove Methodist Church
Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Pulliam
Mr. and Mrs. John Frank
Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Hill

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Miss Sarah Finch
Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Hill

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Mr. Natt Ferguson

Why Sing Amen.....

The "amen" can and should have a deep meaning in our worship experience. Webster defines "amen" as an expression meaning "so be it" or expressing approval of what has been said, or sung. The root meaning of the word means "certainty" or "truly".

Therefore, when we sing "amen" after a hymn, we are in essence saying, "I agree with what the author said, so be it in my life."