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Your Church — Your Children — Your Responsibility



Read: "YOUR CHILD AND THE PREACHING SERVICES" inside your Newsletter.



EXTRA! EXTRA!

CHURCH APPROVES BUILDING PROPOSALS
AND A GENERAL CONTRACTOR WITH A
RESOUNDING: "YES! LET'S GO! NOW!"

HUGH G. STRICKLAND, INC. WILL BE CONTRACTOR

Sunday morning, February 5, our congregation wholeheartedly supported the report of our building committee to appoint Mr. Hugh G. Strickland of Winston-Salem as our general contractor and builder.

Construction is scheduled to begin on the new Sanctuary on or before March 15, depending on the weather. It is estimated that construction time will be around 420 days before the building project can be finished. The proposed cost for the entire project is \$495,000.00 or less.

The building project actually has several parts and some of these will be completed before the others. The key structure will be the air-conditioned Sanctuary to be built on the parking lot beside the present educational building. At the same time a 28 rank pipe organ will be in the process of construction by the Reuter Company of Lawrence, Kansas. Off the passage-way between the Sanctuary and educational building, there will be a section constructed to contain all church offices and a new library. At the proper time all parking areas will be leveled and paved. The finishing touches will come when furnishings are added to the new facilities and an electronic Carillon will be installed in the beautiful bell tower to be erected along with the Sanctuary.

In early summer of 1968, we shall experience the thrill of worshipping in our new building. Before then, there is much work to be done. We covet your prayers, your support, and your participation in this giant step for our church and community. Let everyone stand ready to help when he can, where he can, and with what he can.

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February

Sunday, February 12

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

Monday, February 13

3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wednesday, February 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. Sunbeams
6:45 p.m. Youth Choir
7:30 p.m. Prayer Service

Thursday, February 16

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts



Monday, February 13 - 2:30 P. M.

MAGGIE NUTT HERRING CIRCLE - Mrs. T. C. Birks, 803 W. Pine St.
DORA P. WRENN CIRCLE -- Mrs. R. S. Crawford, 138 Rawley Avenue; Miss Vesta Council, co-hostess

Monday, February 13 - 7:30 P. M.

SALLIE SOMERS CIRCLE -- Mrs. Ainslie Hair, 707 North Main St.
LENA WEBB CIRCLE -- Mrs. Grady Slate, 1111 North Main St.

Monday, February 13 - 8:00 P. M.

MARY HESTER POWELL CIRCLE -- Mrs. Ernest Speight, 403 West Pine St.

Tuesday, February 14 - 10:00 A. M.

C. C. HAYMORE CIRCLE -- Mrs. N. E. Umstead, Route 4, Smithwoods
ELLA GREENWOOD HOLCOMB CIRCLE - Mrs. W. M. Lewis, 1064 North Main St.
LOVINA C. PAULETTE CIRCLE -- Mrs. R. P. Jones, 1320 West Pine St.

YOUR CHILD AND THE PREACHING SERVICES

Most children can be led to appreciate the preaching services, if their parents will help them to do so. The following are suggestions of ways parents can help.

.....Speak of going to the preaching services with the family as a privilege that comes to children when they are old enough to be Beginners.

.....If possible, give the child a little relaxation such as a short outdoor walk between Sunday School and church.

.....Offer to take care of the child's Sunday School papers during the preaching service.

.....Sit with the child where he can see what is taking place at the front of the auditorium or at the end of a pew.

.....Suggest that the child stand when others stand; this rests his muscles, which get more tired staying still than they do moving.

.....Help the child to understand that it is all right for him to move about in his seat as long as he moves quietly and doesn't get against other people.

.....Arrange for the child to have some money to put in the offering plate when it is passed.

.....Answer intelligently the questions the child asks about things in the auditorium and about the different parts of the service.

.....Make occasional opportunities for the pastor to speak with the child before or after the preaching service.

.....Attending the preaching services with a child can increase his feeling of security. He can sense the joy that comes when Christians worship God together and can be led to appreciate his parents' wanting him to share this joy with them.

You should always feel free to contact the pastor about any problem that may occur with your child and the preaching service.



**CALLING ALL TEACHERS!
CALLING ALL LEADERS!**



Don't Forget

**Sunday School
Workers' Conference**

COVERED DISH SUPPER

Wednesday, February 15 at 6:00 P. M.

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

NURSERY FACILITIES AVAILABLE

Boy Scout Sunday Feb. 12

J. R. McNeil, liaison between our Scout Troop 538 and the church, reports that this coming Sunday will be observed in honor of our Scouts and their families. A special section will be roped off for these guests of ours.

Thursday, February 9, a banquet was held for our Scouts in Fellowship Hall. Of the awards presented, three of these were the highest rank a Boy Scout can earn, the Eagle award. One of these three young men belongs to our church, Mr. Hugh Sutphin, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Sutphin. We shall pay a special tribute to this fine young man in next week's News-letter.

We are indeed proud of our scouts and their capable leaders.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

February 5, 1967

Budget Offering-----	\$2,081.49
Designated Funds-----	\$383.00
Kindergarten-----	\$383.00
Total Offering-----	\$2,464.49

1967-year of decision

1959
1960
1961
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1967

Lives are usually built around a few critical decisions. The decision about a vocation is basic. The decision about education is basic. The decision about marriage is basic. Most people make but a few important decisions, and the rest of life is spent working within the framework of these few critical decisions.

Institutions are like people. Not every year is given over to extremely important decisions. Many years are given to serving children, youth, and adults; for service is what the church should do. But some years are different. These rare years are years of decision. Decisions must be made about how and in what way and with whom and for what purpose the church shall continue her service. I think that 1967 will prove to be a year of decision for The First Baptist Church of Mount Airy. Here are some of the decisions that could mean much to our congregation:

1. To build a new Sanctuary building.
2. To provide other library and office space.
3. To purchase a new pipe organ.
4. To build our Sunday School and Worship Services in attendance.
5. To activate many of our non-attending members.

What we do with these decisions could very well color our ability to minister as a church for the next 50 years. Stay close to your church in 1967. We need your advice on each of these decisions.

James Powell, Jr. - Pastor

A memorial gift has been given to the Handbell Choir in memory of Mrs. J. S. Bray by Miss Elizabeth Lovill.

Training Union Falters But A Youth Challenge Is Born

Training Union at First Baptist, as a program of Christian Training for all ages, stopped as of the last Sunday in January. The reasons for this decision should be fairly obvious to our people since personal interest and concern was made known through the failure at attendance. BTU has been dragging its feet in this church for a number of years, but very few of us believed we would have to come to such a drastic cut-off. It is difficult to disappoint the few faithful ones who were coming, but you can not run a program without proper leadership. Our adults are just simply not interested, it appears.

Our educational director refuses to admit defeat and has begun a Sunday evening program for Jr. High and Sr. High Youth. The activities will be aimed at the needs and interests of our youth and their friends. Discussion groups, special activities, fellowships, and other informative periods are being planned. Recreation and kitchen fellowship will also be a meaningful part of these evenings. Every parent of a teenager is encouraged to support Al in this new endeavor along with your own youth at First Baptist. As a parent, you are our advertising agency. If you don't care, don't be surprised if your restless young person feels the same way.

Last Sunday evening there were approximately 85 young people present. Why don't you join them this Sunday evening at 7:00 P. M. See ya there!!



The following memorial books have been given to our church library in memory of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Bray: All The Prayers of The Bible by Lockyer; The Church and The Fine Arts by Maus; Great Women of the Christian Faith by Edith/Deen; Billy Graham by Pollock. These books were given by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris, 187 Victoria