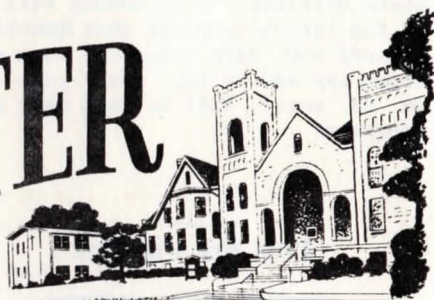


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Here is a young man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman.

He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to a college. He never put his foot inside a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself.

While He was still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies. He went

One Solitary Life

through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth, and that was His coat.

When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries wide have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as has that

ONE SOLITARY LIFE.

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EMPHASIS: STATE MISSIONS

We encourage everyone in our church family to make a love offering for State Missions. Next Sunday will not be too late to complete this intention. Already you have responded in a generous way and we say thank you. Can we do more? Will we have that much interest?

Pray For Our Sick

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL
Mrs. Rufus Walters

BAPTIST HOSPITAL
Mrs. J. S. Bray

FORSYTH HOSPITAL
Mr. Sparky Paul

AT HOME
Mr. E. S. Hendren
Mr. Walker Lewis
Mrs. Sandy Hutchens
Mrs. George Speight

Congratulations

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Harvey Boyd who celebrated her 81st Birthday Monday, September 19.

Communication—Driving Force of Religion Throughout the Ages



From the beginning of time, God communicated with man in a personal way. During the Exodus from Egypt we discover the first written exchange between God and man, when Moses received the ten tablets of stone inscribed with the commandments of the God of Israel.

PRAYER MEETING next Wednesday evening, 7:30 P. M., Fellowship Hall, for a discussion of COMMANDMENT 8 "you shall not steal". These can truly be moments of inspiration and motivation if you're there. Try it this week!

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

September 18, 1966

Budget Offering-----	\$1,071.09
Designated Funds-----	\$335.50
Kindergarten-----	0
Memorials-----	0
State Missions Offering----	\$335.50
Total Offering-----	\$1,071.09
Budget Offerings To Date---	\$70,442.08
Budget Requirements to Date--	\$84,038.59



Newcomers

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Speight on the birth of a daughter, Charlotte Marie, on Friday, September 16th at Northern Surry Hospital.

Congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. James R. Bray who have a grandson, little Charles Wallace Estes, born August 29th to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace M. Estes. Mrs. Estes is the former Kathleen Bray.

Welcome, New Members

**"THE LORD ADDED
TO HIS CHURCH . . ."**

By Letter:

Miss Louise Morris

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SANCTUARY COMMITTEE OF 35

TO MEET WEDNESDAY

Those who met with chairman Locke Webb several weeks ago to work out further details on our new sanctuary plans are asked to meet for a short but very important meeting this coming Wednesday, immediately after Prayer Service at 8:15 P. M. Please be present and prompt.

The seven man finance steering committee is asked to meet at 7:00 just before Prayer Meeting in the church library. These men are Locke Webb, Henry Rowe, Floyd Pike, Pat Tyndall, R.R. Jackson, Howard Morris, and C. S. Brannock.

Several items will be presented for discussion and approval by these two groups. Please be there.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Life and Work Annual"

FOR TEACHERS

Soon to be on sale in the church office will be copies of the new "Life and Work Annual, 1966--67" (\$2.95), the commentary for all adult and young people teachers on the new Sunday School lesson series to begin the first Sunday in October.

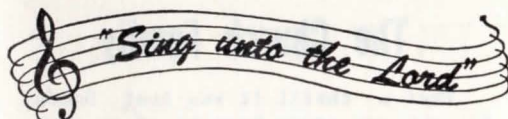
Other supplementary materials can be found in the Biblical Recorder each week. Adequate preparation will make for more thorough learning and interesting lessons.



SERVICEMAN OF THE WEEK

This week we remember in our prayers and in our thoughts:

A/1C James C. Gilbert
Box 3474
Station 19



GRADED CHOIRS BEGIN

The new choir year is beginning and Mr. Johnson invites all interested singers to join their age group choir.

ADULTS: There's a place for you at practice time, Wednesday, 8:30 P. M.

YOUTH: Jr. and Sr. High age will meet with Mr. Johnson at 6:00 P. M. on Wednesdays.

JUNIORS: Will meet at 6:30 P. M. on Wednesdays.

These schedules are subject to change as Mr. Johnson's schedule may dictate. Respond now and do not wait to be asked. See Mr. Johnson if you have further questions.

Attention

1966-67 Teachers

If you are to teach a Sunday School class beginning October 2, go by the Sanctuary Building literature office and obtain a teacher's guide. You cannot teach October 2 without it.

NOTICE! No pupils books and quarterlies will be distributed until the first Sunday of the new quarter October 2. Please observe this suggestion!

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

Mrs. E. C. Belton, Sr.
Rest Haven Nursing Home
Kentucky Avenue
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Please remember the shut-in of the week with a visit, a card, and your prayers. It will be appreciated.

The Church Family

What a thrill it was last Sunday to open our annex because of an overflow in the main auditorium for the worship hour. The weather was cool and wonderful, people responded in a warm atmosphere of worship and praise, and a new addition was revealed in the invitation time. Certainly it was a day to give thanks to the Lord.

Today is Monday, when the Newsletter is prepared. It is cold and rainy. The administrative secretary reports just over \$1,000 in Sunday's offering or the lowest figure we have seen all year. Can you believe it and with an overflowing congregation. "Why?" you ask. I'll tell you!

Sunday was State Missions Day and \$335.00 was contributed to this special cause. Now you see the picture. Many of our people took their missions gift out of their normal church tithe or pledge and ignored their pastor's plea that this be an over and above love gift because it was not a budgeted item.

Half-hearted dedication is not acceptable in the work-a-day world. How then can we expect God to be pleased over anything but our best? For the same reason erasers are put on pencils. I trust that you will remedy this situation by next Sunday and vow that we will quit fooling ourselves. See you Sunday!

Your Pastor



Sunday, September 25

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Wednesday, September 28

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

Thursday, September 29

DON'T FORGET!



**PROMOTION
TIME
IS
HERE !**

October 2 will be the first Sunday in the new church year. From 9:45 --10:00 A. M. the NURSERY DEPARTMENT through our SENIOR HIGH DEPARTMENT will prepare to promote (some have certificates to hand out).

At 10:00 A. M., October 2, everybody will go directly to their new class and/or department with assistance being offered for the children.

ADULTS are being asked to cooperate with the church and to promote with your age group. However, this move must be purely voluntary on your part. We encourage, not demand or coerce.

There is no need for confusion on promotion day, so let's begin our preparation now for our move up, Sunday, October 2. Bon Voyage!

PROMOTION CERTIFICATES will be placed in the hands of all teachers, Nursery through Juniors, this Sunday morning, September 25, in order that you might have adequate time to fill out the blanks before distribution the following Sunday.

OUR NEXT

Men's Golf Tournament

OCTOBER 6

THURSDAY

WEDGEWOOD CLUB

WATCH FOR SIGN-UP DATE