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GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY SUNDAY...MARCH 5



MY CHURCH

I want my church to be a place
Where I can meet God face to face,
And meditate upon His grace.
I want each worship hour so sweet,
That I can think each time we meet
A presence comes and takes His seat.
I want her doors to stand so wide
No hungry soul who waits outside
Will think that he has been denied.
I want my church to be much more
Than stone and timber, pews and doors,
Or carpet laid upon a floor.
But, oh, I know that it can be
No more, than that is found in ME.
So teach ME, Lord, to show forth Thee.

*Week of Prayer
for Home Missions*

MARCH 5 12

This Sunday morning at 10:30 A. M. you are invited to the ground-breaking ceremony for our new sanctuary.

We will meet in the parking lot beside our educational building for the ceremony. We are asking all Sunday School teachers to turn their classes out at 10:25 and to ask the pupils to go straight to the parking lot for the brief service. All nursery children WILL REMAIN in their classes with a worker with them.

The ceremony will be brief, but in these moments we will have the opportunity for our church and building leadership to turn a spade of earth and thus kick-off our new construction. Excitement throughout the church is at a high peak, and we are expecting a large attendance day both in Sunday School and in the Worship Service.

Sunday School Superintendents are asked to have a very brief opening assembly in order that the teachers will have more time for a lesson to be taught.

Mr. Hugh Strickland, our general contractor, and the architect firm of Wilber, Kendrick, Workman and Warren have been invited to participate in this ceremony. We encourage you to invite your friends, but we are especially looking for as many of our membership as possible. Won't you make a special effort to be present?

Immediately following the ground-breaking, you are asked to move quickly to the sanctuary building for our 11:00 A. M. worship service. Time

MEMORIAL GIFTS

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

Dr. and Mrs. Carl L. Thomas
Mrs. Mae M. Lackey
Mr. and Mrs. George K. Snow
Mrs. Ruth S. Martin
Directors of Workmen's Federal Savings and Loan Association
Carolina Industrial Plastics Div.
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Glancy
Miss Alma M. Sparger
Rebekah Sunday School Class
Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Bonnett
Mrs. A. L. Bunker
Mrs. Bernice H. Midkiff
Mr. and Mrs. James E. Johnson
Mr. Christopher Binder
Mrs. Danna Binder Whorton
Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Smith
Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Beamer

Also, the following have made donations to the church for the purchase of a new pulpit Bible for the new sanctuary in memory of MRS. A. G. WEBB:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crutchfield
Mr. and Mrs. George Nieuwenhuis
Mr. and Mrs. John W. E. Prather
Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Inman, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Lewis
Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Cagle
Mrs. Gertrude Cagle
Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Early
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Worrell
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Swanson
Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Pulliam
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Miller, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Robertson
Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Wrenn, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Vaughn
Mr. and Mrs. John Lockhart
Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Thomas
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Nichols

Memorial gifts have been given to the J. S. BRAY MEMORIAL by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Glancy and Mrs. Ruth S. Martin.

The MARTHA A. FINCH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday night at 7:30 p. m. with Mrs. Irene Goins at 171 West Poplar Street.

Lawyer Carroll F. Gardner To Lead Youth Fellowship Sunday Night, 6:30 P. M.

Our youth discussion will move into a new and challenging area this Sunday evening with Mr. Carroll F. Gardner as our leader. Mr. Gardner will speak out of his experience and training on "The Law".

The Christian has a responsibility to the law in principle and in spirit. Mr. Gardner will uncover for us something of the history of law in our world. At the same time we shall direct our attention to specific issues such as "Prayer and Bible Reading in Schools, Capitol Punishment, Individual Rights, etc."

Mr. Gardner has the experience of a courtroom lawyer, but he also has sat on the other side of the bench having formerly served as our Judge in Mount Airy.

We believe you will find this to be a most interesting and enlightening time. We hope you will bring a friend and be here at 6:30 P. M.

The fellowship hour will follow!

OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

Mr. C. W. Taylor
Mrs. P. W. Green

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Mrs. Will Johnson
Mr. W. A. Jackson

AT HOME

Mr. L. B. Pendergraph
Mrs. Terry Inman
Mrs. J. G. Harrison

HOSPITAL, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. Wayne Brannock

MOSES CONE HOSPITAL, GREENSBORO

Mrs. R. E. Lawrence

WEEK OF PRAYER

Home Missions Emphasis Begins Monday--March 6

THEME: "As You Go"

Monday---- 3:00 P. M.
"As You Go - Search"
Maggie Nutt Herring Circle
Tuesday--- 10:00 A. M.
"As You Go - Encounter"
Mr. Al Stanley, Speaker
Wednesday- 7:30 P. M.
"As You Go - Reach Out"
Rev. J.L. Powell, Speaker
Thursday-- 10:00 to 11:00 A. M.
Special Hour of Prayer
(In Sanctuary)
COME--PRAY--QUIETLY LEAVE
Friday---- 10:00 A. M.
"As You Go - Live"
Mrs. Reid Jackson, Speaker

Ladies! The Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer for Home Missions deserves a place in your busy schedule. We hope you will attend as many days as possible to let your life be enriched by one meaningful hour a day. The meaning of this week depends on you and your prayers.

Also remember to use the special envelope that will come to you in the mail and make a sacrificial offering from your family to the causes of home missions. Surely your offering will be more than last year's. Let us not be satisfied with giving our Lord a token or small piece of ourselves. I know you will give sacrificially.

OFFERING GOAL: \$850.00

In Memoriam

MRS. JAMES H. COX

February 28, 1967

YOUTH WEEK ANNOUNCEMENTS!

FROM: Dottie Sink, Minister of Music

"I would like for as many of our Jr. and Sr. High students as possible to meet with me and our adult supervisor, Mrs. Grace Mills, next Tuesday, March 7, 3:30 P. M. at the church for a short choir rehearsal.

We had a great youth choir last year during Youth Week, but we are going to make this year the greatest. You'll be at the church for an hour. Please don't let us down, now. See you there!"

FROM: Mr. Stanley

Last Sunday the following young people were elected as Youth Week officers:

PASTOR: Ronnie Kirkman
MIN. OF EDUC.: Steve Belton
MIN. OF MUSIC: Dottie Lou Sink
USHER CHAIRMAN: Chuck Wilfong
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPT.: Bobby Bradley

A WEEK OF EVENTS:

Youth Teacher's Meeting - March 15
Youth Banquet - March 16
Youth Outing - March 18
Youth Sunday - March 19

YOUTH WEEK MARCH 13 - 19

Christian Sympathy

Our sincere Christian Sympathy is expressed to the following in the loss of loved ones:

To Mr. L. C. Holmes in the passing of his uncle, Mr. Mark Holmes of Macon, Georgia.

To Mrs. Charles Gilbert in the passing of her sister-in-law who was buried Sunday, February 26th in Stuart.

A gift has been given to the church Building Fund by the Bethany Sunday School.



Sunday, March 5

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Ground Breaking Ceremony
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Monday, March 6

- 3:00 p.m. WMU Week of Prayer

Tuesday, March 7

- 10:00 a.m. WMU Week of Prayer

Wednesday, March 8

- 6:00 p.m. Primary Choir
6:00 p.m. Junior Choir
6:30 p.m. Youth Choir
6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
6:30 p.m. Sunbeams
7:30 p.m. WMU Week of Prayer
8:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday, March 9

- 10:00 a.m. WMU Week of Prayer
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Friday, March 10

- 10:00 a.m. WMU Week of Prayer

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs. J. T. Smith, 140 West Poplar Street, who will celebrate her 94th birthday on March 7th.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hennis on the birth of a son, Charles Mark Hennis, born February 25 at Methodist Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hennis and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Vaughn.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

February 26, 1967

Budget Offering-----	\$1,170.02
Designated Funds-----	\$366.00
Kindergarten-----	\$69.00
Memorials-----	\$297.00
Building Fund Donation-----	\$20.00
Total Offering-----	\$1,536.02
Balance Forward-----	\$2,285.00

How Big Is The Church In Your Life?

Of course our church is just so many feet wide and so many feet high, no matter who is measuring it. Yet to some of the members it is a lot bigger than it is to others.

It matters a lot how big the church is in our lives. We call it the House of God, and in it we receive strength for daily life.

When people cease to be Christian, it is not a matter of their saying to themselves, "We are not going to be Christians any longer." They simply stop coming to church, through carelessness or laziness. Then the flame of a Christian faith quickly grows dim for them.

It is church attendance which is the chief nourisher of our spiritual existence. These hours we spend in church are continually strengthening us in devotion to the Lord Jesus, and sustaining our hope and courage.

The followers of Jesus have found that when they come together in their accustomed place on the first day of the week, their Master is with them.

The church is so important that it deserves a place in every week. The church deserves our efforts as workers within and witnesses without. The church deserves a share of our income. The church, then, deserves you and your best.

Sunday is God's day. Come to church and worship this Sunday. See you there with Bible in hand.

Your Pastor

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