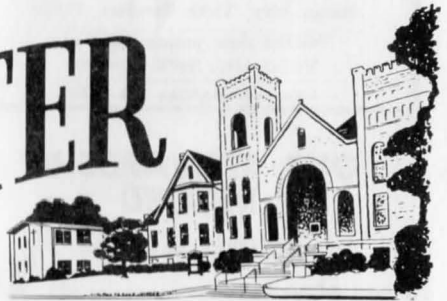


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The Plus And Minus Of Christian Education

There are two sides to every coin and this includes the area of Christian education in the local church.

On the PLUS side is the need for every person to come to know about Jesus. There is also the need for those who learn about Him to eventually come to profess Him as their personal Saviour and Lord. Then, there is the continuing need for every church member to *Grow In the Knowledge* of our faith until we have reached the perfection which Christ would have us attain. This implies a life-long discipleship.

On the MINUS side of this coin is the naked fact that our church is not following this pattern of continuing education. Our members, at least a large number of them, have actually STOPPED GROWING. And those who are attending on a semi-regular basis know almost nothing about true discipleship and the role of a Christian in today's world. Even those who attend on a regular basis are guilty for not preparing themselves for a learning experience.

This certainly is disappointing but it need not be considered unchangeable. It can be drastically changed but it will require a change in the general attitude in our church regarding the mission of the church. *We have a mission to win souls but we also have a mission to teach those we win.* We need to begin by practicing the daily discipline of Bible study. We need to enlist every leader in our church in some form of leadership training program. And we need to demand a certain amount of disciplined teaching and learning in every area of our church program. Our schools demand it, our government demands it, our businesses demand

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OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

November 12, 1967

Budget Offering-----\$1,349.87
Designated Funds-----\$524.00
Kindergarten-----\$458.00
Memorials-----\$40.00
Building Fund Donations-----\$26.00
Total Deposit-----\$1,873.87
Budget Offering To Date----\$98,974.27
Weekly Budget Needs-----\$2,385.00

OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

Mrs. R. E. Forrest

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Mr. Herman Ashburn

Mrs. Romney Simmons, Sr.

FORSYTH HOSPITAL

Mr. Ernest Collins

W.N.C. SANITORIUM, BLACK MTN., N.C.

David Cook

MEMORIAL GIFTS

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

MR. D. LOCKE WEBB

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Mills

Mrs. Buck White

MR. W. I. MONDAY

Miss Jettie Allred

Mrs. Bernice A. Bailey

Mrs. Buck White

Pastor to People

Last week the following article appeared in a Winston-Salem church paper, and I wanted to share it with you since November is our Stewardship emphasis month.

"OBEDIENCE TO UNENFORCEABLES--This is the exciting, exacting, frightening truth about Christian discipleship. Every constraint which properly motivates a follower of Christ is inward. We are persons by grace possessed, by love constrained, and by care compelled. Not one of these is enforceable from the outside.

Thus the task represented in our stewardship of time, talents, and treasure is a matter of our obedience to unenforceables.

No one can force us to meet the larger, bolder challenge. No one will make us be up and about the life changing business of 'making others God's friends also'.

Yet this is our task in the world, and the task is amply symbolized in our church family budget for 1968. As we react to the challenge we will be responding to the still small voice beckoning us: 'Become!' Let's do it!

Ours is an exciting, exacting, frightening possibility of obedience to the unenforceables. I am grateful that it is this way, aren't you?"

JLP, Jr.

Memorial Flowers

Flowers have been placed in the church sanctuary for this Sunday in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sargent by Mrs. Ruth S. Martin.

In Memoriam

MR. JOE P. WALKER

November 12, 1967

Christian Sympathy

We express our sincere Christian Sympathy to the family of Mrs. William

SCOUTMASTER OF THE YEAR



MR. DENNY SHELTON

TROOP 538

FBC

On Tuesday evening, November 7, the annual scout banquet for the Surry District of the Old Hickory Council was held at Central Methodist Church. After a very delightful meal, the rest of the evening was spent in award presentations.

First Baptist is extremely proud of the work of its Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack. You would have been even more proud of them if you could have been present to see our personnel receive their awards.

Attention G.A.'s

Wednesday, November 22, please meet at the church at 4:30 for Mission Action Project.

Bring canned fruit or canned vegetables and go with us to visita shut-in of our church family.

We will return to the church by 5:30. See you there!



BY LETTER: Mr. Myron Frazier
Route 1, Box 13

Mr. Denny Shelton was given the high honor of being tapped Scoutmaster of the Year - 1967. This is an award that every scoutmaster strives to achieve. Congratulations Denny on your achieving this great award. We are proud of your work with these young men and your diligence in scouting. We also wish to thank your fine wife for her interest in scouting.

Mr. Bill Acker was named for an award for his continued fine work with the Cubs of 538.

Mrs. Ruby Wood received another very outstanding award for her work. She was named Woman Commissioner of the Year. This award would rank along side the very highest of scouting awards. To our knowledge she is the only woman to have received a commissioner of the year award. Congratulations, Ruby!

So you can see the fine work our scout leaders are doing. If you still don't believe it, go to the next local meeting when our scouts are receiving their own personal awards. It is interesting to note that approximately 141 thousand volunteer hours were spent in scouting during this past year.

We thank you scout workers and leaders!

Rev. and Mrs. Fred G. Fleming

request the honour of your presence

at the marriage their daughter

Elizabeth Ann

to

Mr. Haywood Conrad Vaughn

on Saturday, the eighteenth of November

nineteen hundred and sixty seven

at four-thirty o'clock

First Baptist Church

Mount Airy, North Carolina

Attention Children

The Junior Choir will begin meeting this Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. Also, don't

PLEDGE?

Of Course I Will

WHY SHOULDN'T I?

We expect young mission volunteers to pledge their whole lives. They pledge to train, to learn a new language, to leave their homeland. Surely, I can pledge to give.

WHY SHOULDN'T I?

We expect a contractor to pledge to erect a new church at a definite price, agreeing on the material and quality of workmanship. Surely, I can pledge to give.

WHY SHOULDN'T I?

We expect our pastor and other staff members to pledge to serve at a stated salary. They pledge their time and leadership. Surely, I can pledge to give.

WHY SHOULDN'T I?

And we expect the utility companies to pledge dependable service. Surely, I can pledge to give.

WHY SHOULDN'T I?

We expect our publishing houses to pledge to print literature on schedule and at uniform prices. Surely, I can pledge to give.

WHY SHOULDN'T I?

We expect God to keep the many pledges he has made. He pledges to answer prayer, to forgive our sins, to bless our lives. Surely, I can pledge to give. I will. Will you?