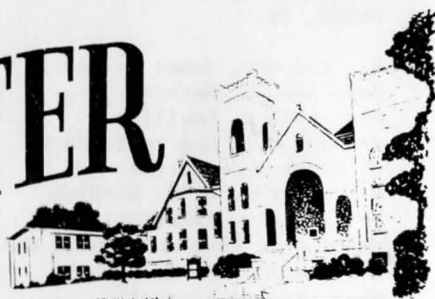


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The Home And The Child

Contrary to popular thinking, the home is the primary teaching agency of religion. There is no escape for parents from this reality. It needs to be said over and over again, until parents learn it, that they do teach religion whether they want to or not. They may teach it positively or they may teach it negatively, but in either instance it is by their emphasis that children will determine the importance or unimportance of religion.

Imitators: There is nothing so obvious to a child as what his parents value most in life. When these values are determined by him it follows almost immediately that he will identify himself with them too. It should be his heritage to grow up in a home where answers to his religious questions are given by the attitudes of parents who consider the Christian Faith important and take it seriously. Recognizing that in them the child will see what it means to be a Christian, conscientious parents will so live as to point beyond themselves to the Christ they unashamedly serve.

Symptoms: Parents must learn to recognize the symptoms of Christian growth and be prepared to meet their needs. They must learn that one grows into religious maturity by the same processes which determine maturity in other areas of living; that is, the influences that are exerted upon him gradually become his own. It is only natural for a child coming from a religious home to be religious, and to reach a decision for Christ at a much earlier chronological age than those children not from religious homes.

Guidance: They who covet Christlike qualities in their children must pay serious regard for the teaching ministry of the church. While the church was never intended to substitute for the home as the teacher of religion, yet a program involving both the home and the church is essential to an effective nurturing process. It is not likely that the family alone is powerful enough to overcome the strong influences of secularism. At this point the church renders her greatest service to the home, by providing continuous guidance for the growing Christian. Yet the best that the church can do cannot alone produce Christian character. The child must bring with him from home the raw materials from which his understanding of the Christian faith must come.

Imperative: From what has been said it seems imperative that parents become dischargers of their mutual responsibilities in two important ways. First, they must give more heed to their own example. If they earnestly desire that their children give a place of priority to religion in their lives, parents in turn, must give evidence of its priority in theirs. Second, they must give more recognition to the church. The church stands ready to minister to the children, but it cannot do so when parents do not bring

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The following memorial gifts have been given to the church building fund in loving memory of MRS. LUCIEN P. WRENN, SR.:

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Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Tyndall have given a gift to the building fund in memory of Mr. Don Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Stanley.

A gift has been given also in memory of Mrs. R. E. Lawrence by Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Hill.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

May 14, 1967

Budget Offering.....\$1,687.61
Designated Funds.....\$473.00
Kindergarten.....\$267.00
Building Fund Memorials.....\$206.00
Building Fund Donation.....\$10.00
Baptist Hospital.....\$116.00
(Mothers Day Offering)
Total Deposit.....\$2,286.61
Budget Offering To Date.....\$42,503.66
Budget Needs To Date.....\$47,700.00

Reasons For Attending Sunday School

From the standpoint of Godliness--it teaches the Bible, which is the basis of our faith in God, and leads to Christ as personal Saviour and Lord.
From the standpoint of Education---it trains your mind and heart along the lines of things eternal.
From the social standpoint--it enables you to enjoy friendship and fellowship of genuine Christians.
From the standpoint of Personality--it helps to develop the Christian character necessary to face the problems of life victoriously.
From the standpoint of Character---it is the chief aim of the Sunday School to teach us to be examples of the believer in word and deed.
From the standpoint of the Family--it has a class for every age, and the whole family can go together and profit by its teaching.
From the standpoint of Service---it affords ample opportunity to serve God and the Church in activities that are not open elsewhere.
From the standpoint of Immortality it turns our eyes heavenward and makes us realize that we must prepare for a life beyond the mortal grave.
From the practical standpoint---the hour or so spent in Sunday School each Sunday could not be expended more profitably.

--Copied

OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

Mrs. A. L. Dowell
Mr. Lester Vaughn
Mrs. Tommy Hennis
Mrs. Betty Tolbert

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Mrs. Weldon Inman

AT HOME

Mr. Lawson Lyons
Miss Laurie McGee
Mrs. Rachel Duffield
Miss Verona West

Worship With Us Sunday

Hey Young People!

YOU'RE INVITED . . .



to follow the crowds to . . .

WHAT?.....TACKY PARTY

WHERE?.....Fellowship Hall

WHEN?.....Sunday, May 21 - 6:00 P.M.
to 9:30 P. M.

REFRESHMENTS! ENTERTAINMENT! GAMES!

Come and bring your friends!



MR. CONRAD L. INMAN, 117 Craydon Road, Baltimore, Maryland; MRS. THARA HART, 813 Monroe Road, Mt. Airy; MISS PATTY HART, 813 Monroe Road, Mt. Airy; MRS. P. N. TAYLOR, White Plains, N. C.; MRS. SWOPE ACKER, 2367 Bethabara Rd., Winston-Salem, N. C.; MR. AND MRS. W. M. JORDON, JR., 277 Knollwood St., Winston-Salem; MRS. MARY OVERCASH, Charlotte, N.C.; MRS. HOWARD BRADNER, 602 Lindsay, High Point, N. C.; MR. COMMODORE JOHNSON, Box 488, Denton, N. C.; MRS. W. A. BURCH, 221 Tindal Avenue, Greenville, S. C.; MR. HARVEY AYERS, Eagle Drive, Boone, N.C.; MR. AND MRS. BOB TYNDALL, Greenville, N. C.; MR. GARY PRUETT, Mount Airy.



Newcomers

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hennis on the birth of a daughter, Susan Lynn, born May 11th at Sunny Mountain.

HELP!

If anyone is interested in helping transport our youth to and from the summer camp at CASWELL in July, please call Mr. Stanley right away at the church or his home.

Real Living Is Giving

A minister once wrote a wealthy and influential businessman requesting a subscription to a worthy charity. He promptly received a curt refusal, which closed with these words: "As far as I can see, this Christian business is just one continuous give, give, give."

After a brief interval, the pastor wrote him: "I wish to thank you for the best definition of the Christian life that I have yet heard."

Real living is always "one continuous give, give, give." That was the secret the first Christians discovered. They gave their money, their witness, even their lives, and were gloriously happy doing it.

When Peter told the beggar at the Gate Beautiful, "Such as I have give I thee," he stated his life purpose. He confessed "Silver and gold have I none."

Peter was not trying to be noble or self-sacrificing. Giving was simply the normal expression of the life he had received from Christ.

The secret of happiness is no secret. We have all heard it all our lives. It is unselfishness. But only when we learn to put it into practice do we begin to live. The more freely we give, the more radiantly we live.

GIVE YOUR FAMILY A FAITH TO LIVE BY
.....WORSHIP TOGETHER SUNDAY.

Memorial Flowers

The flowers for this Sunday have been placed in the church sanctuary in memory of MRS. LUCIEN P. WRENN, SR.

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Are You Richer?

You are richer today than you were yesterday--if you have laughed often, given something, forgiven even more, made a new friend today or made stepping-stones stumbling blocks, if you have thought more in terms of "thysself" than "myself", or if you have managed to be cheerful even if you were weary. You are richer tonight than you were this morning---if you have taken time to trace the handiwork of God in the commonplace things of life, or if you have learned to count out things which really do not count, or if you have been a little blinder to the faults of friends or foe. You are richer if a little child has smiled at you and a stray dog has licked your hand, or if you have looked for the best in others and given others the best in you.

ATTENTION PARENTS: If your son or daughter will be graduating from college, please call your church office and let the secretary know in order that we may have a correct list to publish in the Newsletter. Thank you for your help! Call today!

Don't Influence My Children

Some parents say, "I don't want my children to be talked to about becoming a Christian. I want them to make up their own minds about religion."

Is it possible for a person, even a child, to avoid being influenced? Not unless he lives in a vacuum!

An official of General Foods reported that a typical American family is exposed to 1,518 selling messages in the course of an average day.

Family members are exposed to 117 television and radio commercials a day.

The question then is not a matter of being influenced, it is a matter of who is going to do the influencing.

Children are constantly influenced by their friends, movies, magazines, advertising, and the moral climate of the times.

It is only reasonable that they should be influenced by the gospel of Christ also. They deserve at least to know that there is a higher and nobler life than that which they see about them on every hand.



Sunday, May 21

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Wednesday, May 24

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

Thursday, May 25

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts