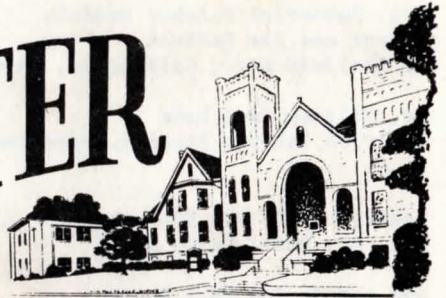


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QUARTERLY BUSINESS CONFERENCE THIS WEEK

Wednesday evening, 6:30 P. M., in Fellowship Hall, we are expecting you to be present for our quarterly meeting to transact business and hear the progress reports from ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN. Every chairman should be present with report in hand. Do not let the church down, please.

The MEAL will be covered dish style. Every Superintendent must be sure that the dishes assigned to his department are prepared and brought whether that person can stay for the meeting or not. It is embarrassing to have too little food and this is due to our attitude of "let someone else do it". Do not let this happen Wednesday.

And lastly, stay for PRAYER MEETING at 7:30. You will certainly be blessed in your effort. See you Wednesday.

Pastor

COVERED DISH SUPPER 6:00 P.M.

ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS:

BE SURE TO MAKE THESE ASSIGNMENTS SUNDAY MORNING

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

NURSERY FACILITIES AVAILABLE

Sunday's

VISITORS

Mrs. Katherine Fulcher Haffelt
George and Pam Haffelt
83 Garfield Ave., Gallipolis, Ohio

Mr. William Earl Dale
Guilford College Station, Greensboro,
N. C.

Wesley and Sylvia Hunsucker
Box 147, Rural Hall, N. C.

Dan and Jo Ann Paul Hayes
College Park, Georgia

Miss Beth Almy
100 Wilson Place, Freeport, N. C.

Miss Mary Kapp
Richmond, Virginia

Miss Mary Spurlin
Sparta, N. C.

Mrs. Barbara Hawkins
Apt. 64, 212 W. North Avenue
Lompoc, California

Mrs. T. N. Wood
905 Jackson St., Shelby, N. C.

Mr. Ben E. Baber
Route 10, Greensboro, N. C.

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Mrs. James Davis Mrs. Harry Gilbert



*Opportunities
for the Week*

Sunday, July 17

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

Wednesday, July 20

6:00 p.m. Covered Dish Supper
6:30 p.m. Quarterly Business Meeting
7:30 p.m. Prayer Service
8:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday, July 21

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Pastor Begins Vacation Monday

The pastor and his family will be away for two weeks for a much needed vacation which will take them out of the state. During his absence there will be our regular schedule of events and services being provided by guest speakers. You will want to continue your loyalty to the services of your church and support these visitors in your pastor's absence. Nothing pleases a pastor any more than knowing that his people work even harder while he is away.

A schedule of services is listed below for your information and so that you can invite your friends to worship with you.

July 20, PRAYER MEETING, Guest Speaker
July 24, SUNDAY WORSHIP, C. SYLVESTER GREEN
July 27, PRAYER MEETING, OREN BRADLEY
July 31, SUNDAY WORSHIP, ORVILLE SCOTT

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

July 10, 1966

Budget Offering-----\$1,928.77
Designated Funds-----\$8.00
Memorials-----0
Kindergarten-----\$8.00
Total Offerings-----\$1,936.77
Budget Offering To Date----\$54,465.76
Budget Requirements to Date-\$61,923.12

Thank You, Billy Casper

A few weeks ago the 1966 U. S. Open Golf Tournament was staged and a head to head duel erupted between Arnold Palmer and Billy Casper on that last day. It had to be one of the most stirring, unusual and exciting moments ever recorded in American Sports as Casper became the winner. Then came Casper's testimony, and what a statement of faith and conviction it was (for the Mormons). Very few name golfers have ever had any testimony. Very few have ever identified forthrightly with any faith or church. So Casper's stand comes as quite a new page in the pro golfer's book.

And thank you, Billy, for your terrific stand on tithing. When kiddingly asked by reporters if he planned to tithe his \$26,500 check, he promptly answered, "yes". "Will you tithe the net or the gross?" Casper's ready reply: "Gross, of course" (or before taxes). Billy Casper found his conversion and was baptized last January.

What a pattern Casper has set for his church through his testimony and tithing. What kind of a pattern are you and your family establishing for your faith? It is not the size of the check but rather the size of the faithfulness that counts. Think about it!

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A memorial gift has been given to the CALEB EARL HILL MEMORIAL FUND and to the EARL DEAN WRAY MEMORIAL FUND

Christian Sympathy

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

To: Mr. Hewitt Easley in the passing of his mother, Mrs. Katie Kelabrew of Louisiana.

To: Mrs. Melvin Slate in the passing of her aunt, Mrs. Martin of Thomasville.

OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

Mr. Ernest Collins

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Mrs. P. D. Cain

VETERANS HOSPITAL, SALEM, VA.

Mr. Henry Johnson, Jr.

AT HOME

Donnie Kirkman

HOW TO GET RID OF A PASTOR

Methodist Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy has a formula for churches who want to get rid of their pastor:

1. Look him straight in the eye when he is preaching and say "Amen" once in a while. He'll preach himself to death in a few weeks.

2. Pat him on the back and brag on his good points. He'll work himself to death.

3. Rededicate your own life to Christ and ask the preacher to give you a job to do. He'll probably die of heart failure!

4. Get the church to unite in prayer for the preacher. He'll become so effective some larger church will take him off your hands.





The architect for our new sanctuary came this week, and after laying blueprints on the table, said we are ready to go. These are exciting words because we have waited a long time to hear them.

There are questions for our people to find answers for now. If you are involved and have dozed off, won't you rouse and give us the benefit of your faithfulness and enthusiastic responsibility? I am praying that you will.

Vacation Bible School begins
At First Baptist
Church on August 3
At 9:00 and goes
To 12:00 A. M. each day, and
Includes ages from 3 yr. Nursery
On through the Junior Department.
Never a dull moment.

Be sure to be
In place to hear the interesting
Bible stories and to
Learn of great missionaries
Each day.

Sing the songs
Conducted by your teacher, and do
Hand work you will enjoy. Bring your
Offering, and don't
Overlook refreshments, and commence-
ment, the
Last day, Friday, August 12, 7:30 P.M.

WILL WEEKENDS WEAKEN WITNESS?

Let me share with you the following article which came across my desk a few days ago. It expresses my feelings so well.

"Will your witness as a Christian be weakened as a result of how you spend your weekends during the weeks ahead? THERE IS A GREAT DANGER THAT IT MIGHT!

Weekend trips, whether 'back to the old home' or just 'getting away from it all', have an element of real danger to our spiritual lives. Consistency in our witness before family and friends is a vital part of our testimony for Christ. Recreation can too easily become 'WRECKreation' to our spiritual growth.

Another temptation that carries great danger is Sunday afternoon car rides that last until it is too late to attend either Training Union or the Evening Worship Service. When one fails to 'close God's Day in God's House', he is emptying his life of a spiritual blessing he sorely needs.

Stop! Look! Listen! Pray! Don't let temptations like these wreck your spiritual life and the program of your church."

LEADERSHIP CHALLENGED!

"I want to seriously challenge our Sunday School and Training Union leadership, and our deacons to lead out in loyalty and faithfulness to the church during this summer.

The weekend trip and the Sunday evening drive are easily rationalized but not so easily reconciled to 'and forsake not the assembling of yourselves together', and 'Jesus loved the church and gave Himself for it.'

Although attendance requirements at civic clubs and social organizations are actually given more attention and dedication many times than is attendance at church services---surely no other club or organization could offer the joy, spiritual refreshment and personal satisfaction that these few Sundays have provided. My challenge is for an intense loyalty, all summer, to continue this fine spirit."



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Reid Stewart (the former Mrs. Louise Byrd) who were married last Thursday afternoon at the church parsonage on Swamp Avenue by Rev. Powell