

THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

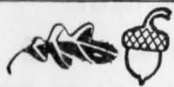


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AUTUMN LEAVES SPIRIT INVADES CITY



For months we have heard about the Autumn Leaves Festival to be held in Mt. Airy, October 13--15. Suddenly these days are upon us and we are feeling the great impact these days can have on the people of Mt. Airy and surrounding regions. It is thrilling to see so many working together in such a worthwhile way.

First Baptist Church can and should play a large and significant role in these days. Many of our laymen are involved in this project at its roots, and many others are assisting in various ways. The possible impact of the Christian's influence and witness is beyond measure as we seek to touch people from all over our state and surrounding counties. You will be representing Mount Airy, but do not forget that you also are a personal ambassador for Jesus Christ. Let us not fail to give Him the glory in all our activities.

Pray for your pastor as he brings a message Sunday morning to over 200 camper families at Veteran's Park. This will be at 9:00 a.m. Remember our Singing Men as they sing at the downtown mall at 5:00 on Sunday. Then be present in the Morning Worship service at 11:00 a.m. to welcome the many travelers and visitors who could be with us on that day at your church.

See you in the Mall and at Church this Sunday.

Revival Sparks Church

If a spark receives the proper kind of attention and conditioning, it can easily grow into a mighty forest fire. And on the other hand, a spark that is left alone and unattended can easily die a sudden death.

Evident to all of us who attended any part of the New Life Crusade last week is the fact that many sparks were struck. It has been a long time since we have felt such a fever of enthusiasm and such a oneness of spirit in our church.

We are of the feeling that more meaningful decisions and personal commitments were made during these days of special emphasis and Revival than we have experienced in a long time. Let us not leave these decisions of renewal unattended.

Thursday evening saw three young ladies step out and trust Christ, but the contagious enthusiasm was found in the scores of folks who walked the aisles to kneel at the altar for a prayer of personal commitment and rededication on that same night.

Let us give God the glory for the blessings that he gave us in this revival, and let us now join hands in Christ that we may be the instruments of an effective ministry in our town and community in Christ's name.

Still Have Openings Seminary Extension Classes

Classes are now ready to begin for our 1967 Seminary Extension work here in Surry Baptist Association.

The courses to be offered this year will include New Testament 112, to be taught by Rev. Ray Hamilton; and Evangelism 123, to be taught by Dr. Cort Flint.

All classes are open to lay people and to ministers alike. To register for either of these courses you should be present at Highland Park Church at 7:30 p.m., or call Rev. Ray Hamilton or your missionary, by October 17.

Classes will meet each Tuesday night, from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. at the Highland Park Baptist Church. The only cost for this ten week course will be the cost of the books. Below we have listed both a first and second semester schedule for your convenience and information.

FIRST SEMESTER (Oct. 17 - Dec. 12)

Your choice of: New Testament 112.
....a study of the four Gospels,
taught by Rev. Ray Hamilton;

or

Evangelism 123, taught by Dr. Cort Flint.

SECOND SEMESTER (Jan. 9 - Mar. 5)

Your choice of: New Testament 122
.....from Pentecost to Patmos, a
teacher to be named;

or

History of the Bible 114, taught
by Rev. Oren Bradley.

In Memoriam

MRS. JUDSON ASHBY

October 7, 1967

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

October 8, 1967

Budget Offering-----	\$1,399.70
Designated Funds-----	\$832.00
Kindergarten-----	\$577.00
Memorials-----	\$245.00
Building Fund Donation-----	\$10.00
Revival Offering-----	\$506.63
State Missions Offering-----	\$11.00
Total Deposit-----	\$2,749.33
Budget Offering To Date----	\$89,254.51
Weekly Budget Needs-----	\$2,385.00

"Good News For Modern Man" Copies Have Arrived

Available now in the church office are the latest copies of the American Bible Society's popular New Testament translation---"Good News For Modern Man".

If you have not seen one of these paperback bound New Testaments, you have a real treat in store for you. Ask someone who owns this unique study Bible, they'll tell you what we're talking about.

On two other occasions we have run out of these copies and have had to re-order. This will be our last shipment at the old price of 25¢. So we encourage those of you who have been unable to get a copy of this New Testament to act quickly.

Come by the office and pick up as many copies as you would like at 25¢ a copy while they last. Every doctor and professional man should have one of these available in your waiting room for those who are waiting to browse through and read. We invite you to preview a copy if you wish.

Larger groups should call the church office and reserve the number of copies you would like. You should be ready to pay for the books when they are picked up.

Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

Ordinance of Baptism To Be Observed Sunday

Annual Association Meeting To Be Held Here

It will be our privilege on October 19--20 to serve as host and hostess for the annual meeting of the Surry Baptist Association. Over a year ago we invited Surry Baptists to use our facilities for this two-day meeting, and we are proud that they have accepted our offer.

You will want to be planning to attend this Thursday evening and all day Friday affair. The three sessions will be conducted at 7:00 p.m.; 9:30 a.m.; and 1:00 p.m. respectively. The theme of this years program is "Care Finds A Way."

Special messages will be brought by Dr. Perry Crouch, Secretary and Treasurer for the N. C. Baptist State Convention; Rev. James B. Lambert, for the children's home; Rev. Paul Bruce, the annual sermon; and Dr. Cort Flint, who will close the meeting with an inspirational message on Friday afternoon.

The moderator for our association is Mr. Clifford Scott, a fine layman from Dobson. His vice-moderator is Rev. Ed Daniel.

Congratulations

We take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Mel Anderson, former minister of education in our church, on his being ordained by the Green Street Baptist Church in High Point, N. C., October 1, 1967. The editor of your Newsletter felt like you would like to know of this recent honor and join with the many others who are rejoicing with him and his family.

It was our privilege to welcome this fine family in our morning worship service last Sunday, visiting with us on the last leg of their vacation.

The BETHANY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will meet with Mrs. R. S. Crawford, 138 Rawley Avenue, Monday night, October 16th at 7:30 with Miss Vesta Council as co-hostess.

ALL OFFICERS, TEACHERS, AND
INTERESTED CLASS MEMBERS



SUNDAY SCHOOL Monthly Conference

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 at 6:00 P. M.

COVERED DISH SUPPER

WHAT TO BRING:

- NURSERY - Meat
- BEGINNER AND PRIMARY - Dessert
- JUNIORS - Vegetables
- YOUTH DIVISION - Salads
- ADULT I AND ADULT II - Tables and Coffee or Tea
- ADULT III - Sandwiches and Bread

SUPERINTENDENTS: Please announce in your departments and see that whatever is assigned your department is prepared. Thank you.

NURSERY FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE

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KEEP THE NEW LIFE ALIVE!

As your pastor-evangelist last week, I was greatly impressed by the number of comments you made saying essentially the same thing: "Something has come over our church---we are different now." Many of you hastened to assure me that the meeting had been eminently successful.

The very fact that you came in large numbers to the services is in itself a sign of new life, and this was our main purpose. As faith and fervency are rekindled in a meeting like this, then you can expect the additions to come continuously as you share your newfound faith and optimism with others. I am praying with you toward this end.

You were most cordial and gracious in taking me to your hearts from the beginning. I greatly appreciate this reception, and shall cherish the memory of our week together.

Victor G. Cole
Calvary Baptist Church
Florence, S. C., 29501



FOR BAPTISM

Miss Kathy Solters
1702 Boxwood Lane

Miss Martha Jane Cagle
209 Wrenn Avenue

Miss Kathy Ann Burge
1815 Aims Avenue

MEMORIAL GIFTS

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

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Mrs. Valeria J. Shuford

CHURCH BELLS ARE SWEET, BUT BLENDED WITH THE RINGING OF DOOR
BELLS, THEY MAKE HEAVENLY HARMONY.

It takes a visit to Make People Aware of the Church