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Your Church — at first sight!

FORGETTING PEOPLE OUTSIDE

Aubrey Tomlinson, pastor at Louisburg, N. C. puts this unusual prayer by Malcolm Boyd in his church bulletin, and it's something for all of us to think about as we enter a church for worship:

"Here I am in church again, Jesus. I love it here, but as you know, for some of the wrong reasons. I sometimes lose myself completely in the church service and forget the people outside whom you love. I sometimes withdraw far, far inside myself when I am inside church, but people looking at me can see only my pious expression and imagine I am loving you instead of myself. Help us, Lord, who claim to be your special people. Don't let us feel privileged and selfish because you have called us to you. Teach us our responsibilities to you, our brother, and to all the people out there. Save us from the sin of loving religion instead of you."

AN IMPRESSION

A youngster received a shiny new red wagon for Christmas, and for days he went nowhere without it. One afternoon he was happily rolling it along the front sidewalk when his father cried out, "Take that wagon in the back and play with it. Remember, it's Sunday." The boy started to obey, but he quickly wheeled around and with a puzzled look asked, "Isn't it Sunday in the backyard too?"



What happens the first time a stranger visits your church? You might be surprised.

BIBLICAL RECORDER



in every Baptist home

We continue to urge our members to read The Biblical Recorder. There is not a better or more informative newspaper anywhere in Baptist circles. North Carolina Baptists are proud of this paper and especially for Marse Grant, the editor. We are striving for the time when all Christians will be well-informed Christians. Here is another way to come closer to this goal as you decide to read the Recorder.

We are so interested in your receiving this communication weekly, that your church has agreed to pay for the subscription. All you need do is to call the church office and say, "I want to receive the Biblical Recorder."

If you are now receiving this periodical, disregard this notice. If you are not now receiving it, let us know immediately; and we can remedy this situation. We hope to hear from you this week.



Sunday, February 26

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Wednesday, March 1

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

Thursday, March 2

Sunday's VISITORS

AlC James C. Gilbert
Clark AFB, Phillipines

Miss Marie Tinnell
128 Ridgeview Road, Mt. Airy, N. C.

Miss Jan Short
Route 2, Box 29, Mt. Airy, N. C.

Mr. Robert Cleve Folger, Jr.
116 Wilson St., Mt. Airy, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gray
128 S. Shamrock Road, Asheboro, N.C.

Miss Ann Fleming
534 N. Franklin Road, Mt. Airy, N.C.

Miss Donna Hiatt
122 Hylton St., Mt. Airy, N. C.

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Simmons
Box 1045, Mt. Airy, N. C.

Mr. Walter Terry Owen
c/o Reeves YMCA, Mt. Airy, N. C.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

February 19, 1967

Budget Offering-----	\$1,307.35
Designated Funds-----	\$473.50
Kindergarten-----	\$321.00
Memorials-----	\$152.50
Handbell Choir-----	\$10.00
Homes for the Aged-----	\$10.00
Total Budget Offering-----	\$1,780.85
Weekly Budget Needs-----	\$2,385.00

Christian Sympathy

We express our sincere Christian Sympathy to Mrs. T. Sandy Simmons in the passing of her father, Mr. Edward Hiatt on February 15th.

In Memoriam

MRS. A. G. WEBB

February 15, 1967

Two Doctors Will Speak To Our Youth Sunday 6:30 P. M.

Our Sunday evening discussions for youth will continue this week with two guests: Dr. J. Dale Simmons and Dr. Gale Waters.

Our youth responded so well to the discussion of Dr. Simmons two weeks ago that we now have asked him to return with Dr. Waters as a teammate.

We are glad to sponsor these Sunday evening youth fellowships because we know these are trying years and as a church we are obligated to provide some answers to the problems of our youth within a Christian framework. This we strive to do.

We welcome these two local Christian doctors, and we would welcome the presence of our youth of First Baptist and their guests.

We meet at 6:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served following the discussion and question and answer period. The church will remain open for games and recreation until 9:00 P. M.

Hope to see you there!

SOME THINGS SOUTHERN BAPTISTS HAVE LEARNED

1. The best way for a church to grow numerically is through the Sunday School. Ninety percent of the people who have joined our churches have been reached first by the Sunday School.
2. The Sunday School can teach the Bible effectively if right methods are followed.
3. Adult church members not enrolled in Sunday School miss out on most of that which the church has to offer especially personal attention.
4. An absent pupil, when not promptly contacted, gradually loses interest and eventually drops out completely.
5. People who drop out of Sunday School tend to drop out of other church activities as well.
6. The church can use the Sunday School to accomplish any task involving

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial gifts have been given to the Church Building Fund as follows:

In memory of MRS. A. G. WEBB

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boyles
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Boyles
Mrs. Wayne Boyles
Mrs. R. P. Jones
Electa Sunday School Class
Junior Baraca Sunday School Class
Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Armfield
Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Tyndall
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cooke
Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Jackson
Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Merritt
Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Dickinson
Ella Greenwood Holcomb Circle

In memory of MR. AND MRS. J. S. BRAY

Mrs. Earl Q. Benbow
Mrs. M. K. Pleasants

In memory of MR. EDWARD HIATT (father of Mrs. T. Sandy Simmons)

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cooke



FOR BAPTISM

Mr. Jerry Lee Edwards
139 Orchard Street

FOR REDEDICATION

Mrs. Jerry Lee Edwards
139 Orchard Street

Try Whistling!

A big league baseball coach had a sign in the hallway to the club's dressing room that said, "whistle". The purpose of this activity was to "keep the boys loose".

Have you ever tried it? We often become tense, occasionally irritated and at times maybe a bit mad.....try whistling quietly or even humming a little bit. It's hard to remain tense, mad or unpleasant when you let a little song be whistled or hummed.. ..try it next time.

Attend Church Sunday

From the Pastors Pen...

There is an old adage: "Keep your fingers on the near things, and your eyes on the far things." It is a poetic way of saying: Give your immediate attention to the tasks for today, but do not overlook the dreams for tomorrow.

There are people who become too absorbed in today. They forget that change is the law of life. As they blindly concentrate on today, they let yesterday overtake them. Then, in their bewilderment, they lose themselves among others who also failed because they had no time for progress.

There are other people who become too absorbed in tomorrow. They have their eyes on the far things, but they do not have their hands on anything. Continuously looking to the future, they ignore the necessity of today. They keep on building cathedrals with their minds when they should start building houses with their hands. For them it is always tomorrow; it is never today.

In every field success demands that you keep your eyes and your mind open to what the future may bring, and that you work hard today with what the present provides.

In his instructions to a lifeboat crew, the captain of a doomed ship put it this way: "Don't miss anything new on the horizon, but keep rowing straight to the shore."

Think about it!

J. L. Powell, Jr.

OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

Mr. C. W. Taylor
Mr. L. B. Pendergraph
Mr. W. A. Jackson
Mrs. Terry Inman

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Mrs. J. G. Harrison
Mrs. W. M. Johnson

HOSPITAL, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. Wayne Brannock

AT HOME



HOME MISSIONS STUDY

FEBRUARY 27-28

The WMU ladies of First Baptist invite all our ladies and their friends to join them for a study in Home Missions.

Mrs. Oren Bradley will lead the study of the book, **FOREST TRAILS TO URBAN JUNGLES**, a book dealing with pioneer missions in the Great Lakes area. This book is being highlighted in preparation for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions in March.

You may choose either of two times: Monday night, February 27, 6:00 P. M. with each person bringing his own "sack supper". The actual study will be conducted from 6:30 - 8:30 P. M.!

OR

Tuesday morning, February 28, 10:00 A.M. Mission study will be conducted from 10:00 - 12:00. You are asked to participate in a covered dish luncheon at 12:00 noon.

Mark the dates. Plan to attend.

A Nursery will NOT be provided for the Monday night session. A Nursery will be provided for Tuesday morning (birth - 3 years). Please bring a sack lunch for the nursery child Tuesday morning.



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Inman on the birth of a new son, John Phillip, born February 20th at Surry Hospital.

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