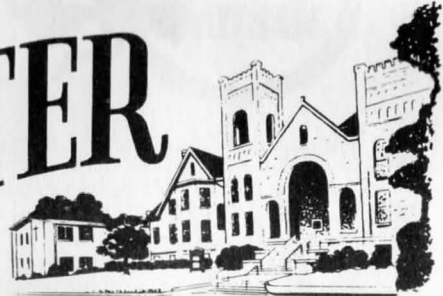


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WHY NOT A MODERN DAY MIRACLE AT YOUR CHURCH? WILL YOU HELP?

Remember the story of the miracle of Lazarus being raised from the dead? Although the Lord himself performed the miracle, He asked the people to roll away the stone. Only after they had done their part did He bring Lazarus to life.

Recent years have recorded a miracle of resurrection in the life of the church. The process has begun but we members of First Baptist can hasten it by rolling away some stones!

WHAT STONES NEED MOVING? Some of the main ones are listed. You know others:

1. INDIFFERENCE ("Does it really matter?")
2. PREOCCUPATION ("After I get through...")
3. RELUCTANCE ("Can't lead, won't follow")
4. PROCRASTINATION ("We ought to do this...but not yet")
5. INSUFFICIENT DEDICATION ("Christ as Saviour, not as Lord")
6. UNWORTHY MOTIVES ("Not for Christ and others, but for me")
7. LACK OF INFORMATION ("I don't know...and I don't even know I don't know")
8. "LET-GEORGE DO-IT-ITIS" (It ought to be done all right, but by someone older...or younger...or something")

HOW SHALL WE MOVE THESE STONES WHICH HINDER? Some of these stones are too large for any one person to move alone. They may be moved through the total cooperative efforts of every member of this Church: adult, boy or girl, telling others of the magnificent spirit which prevails; by telling them with frankness that we are expecting miracles and that we sincerely desire for them to have a part in these miraculous proceedings, too.

FROM A PRACTICAL STANDPOINT, where do you, as an individual begin?

1. Attend...worship services, Sunday School...and all the rest. Wear your very finest, most expectant attitude...and you will be amazed at the blessings which start coming to you immediately! (You see, the miracle will already have begun...in you!)

2. Tell others about what's happening at your Church. You can be proud of your Church, its preaching, its educational program, its music, its missionary spirit and its Founder. Your Church offers as much as any church in this County. Tell people! (The miracle will have begun to spread.)

3. Bring people. Who? People you work with, people you live near, people you go to school with, or meet in the store. The County is filled with people who are not Christians, who are unchurched, and who have never been sought for



Coming Soon



Monday, August 7 - 2:30 p.m.
MAGGIE NUTT HERRING CIRCLE - Mrs. J.
 C. Hill, 632 North Main Street
DORA P. WRENN CIRCLE -- Mrs. F.M.
 Terry, 140 Taylor Street

Monday, August 7 - 7:30 p.m.
SALLIE SOMERS CIRCLE -- Mrs. Theo
 Smith, 306 East Poplar Street

Monday, August 7 - 8:00 p.m.
MARY HESTER POWELL CIRCLE -- Mrs.
 Delmar Everhart, Route 4, Salem
 Road

Tuesday, August 8 - 10:00 a.m.
C. C. HAYMORE CIRCLE -- Mrs. Kern
 Harrell, 304 Fairview Avenue
ELLA GREENWOOD HOLCOMB CIRCLE - Mrs.
 Archie Dobson, Rt. 4, Springs Rd.
LOVINA C. PAULETTE CIRCLE - Mrs. B.J.
 Rattie, Route 4, Smith Dev.; Mrs.
 Harvey Boyd, co-hostess



We welcome these who were baptized
 into our Christian fellowship last
 Sunday morning:

20. Mrs. Donald Vaughn
631 North Main Street
21. Mr. David Cook
140 Wilson Street
22. Miss Ann Fleming
534 North Franklin Road
23. Miss Gloria Ann Vaughn
119 West Elm Street
24. Mr. Freddy Johnson
250 Fairview Avenue

Our Junior and Senior High Young
 People are planning to present this
 film "Lost In The Crowd" on August 20.
 Make your plans now to come and see
 this 43-minute color movie. This will
 not be just for the young people, but
 our entire congregation and their
 friends are invited. Since this will
 be a "Family Night" the church nursery
 will be open. Mark this date on your
 calendar now!

"Is There A Message For Me?"

Is your box of church envelopes
 trying to "say something" to you?

If it is less than half-full, it
 is saying: "Good! It's better to
 keep up than try to catch up."

If it is over half-full, it is
 saying: "Have you forgotten? God
 doesn't forget! Seven months of the
 church year are gone."

Yes, money talks. It often says
 more than we would like for it to
 say. But, it can say so much around
 the world for Christ.

Listen to the message of your
 envelopes. It is the Bible message.

Christian Sympathy

We express our sincere Christian
 Sympathy to Mrs. Al Howell in the
 passing of her sister-in-law, Mrs.
 Lucy Britt. Mrs. Britt, the wife of
 Rev. Dan Britt, passed away suddenly
 Wednesday, August 2, in Denver, Colo.

Pastor To People

These words from Keith Miller's The Taste of New Wine will convey the gist and tone of my thinking as we approach the close of the summer months.

"The nature of the real me is to will to gratify my deep egocentric desires. Consciously, as a committed Christian, I have striven to be selfless for Christ. But over these past nine years may day in, day out reactions have proved to me time and time again that I actually want my way more than God's.

Consequently, our modern church is filled with many people who look pure, sound pure, and are inwardly sick of themselves, their weaknesses, their frustration, and the lack of reality around them in the church.

The new style of life . . . begins with a new kind of honesty--an honesty which really believes that all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We believe that the nature of man is to be so centered in himself that even as committed Christians 'we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.' And by recognizing that all our efforts and enterprises both in and out of the church are tainted to the core with self-centered desires for recognition, power, or social acceptance, we can come to God anew as helpless little children. In honest confession and acceptance of his perception and power we can begin now to live together the abundant life of freedom and openness Christ came to bring all who would come to Him in this way."

Let us place Sunday School, Worship, and Mid-Week Prayer on the top of our MUST lists. You can begin by being in church this Sunday. I'll see you there with Bible in hand.

JLP, Jr.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A memorial gift has been given to the new sanctuary building fund in memory of MR. CARL STEWART by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stewart, Jr. and Mrs. Carl Stewart, Jr.

Youth Camp-Out



Some of our Junior and Senior High Boys have expressed a desire to go to Doughton Park for a week-end camp-out. After conferring with some of our youth, we have set the dates to be August 18-20. We will be leaving the church on Friday, Aug. 18 at 10:00 A. M. and will return Sunday, Aug. 20 around 1:00 in the afternoon.

This is only for those boys who were in the Junior-Senior High Youth Fellowship this past year.

This Sunday, August 6, you will have the opportunity to sign up in the Jr. and Sr. High Sunday School Department. Make your plans now to attend.

OUR KNOWN SICK

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Mrs. I. V. Hampton
Mrs. A. W. Fleischman
Mr. M. C. Minor

AT HOME

Mr. W. A. Jackson
Mr. Jack Walsh
Mrs. Miles Key

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CAN YOU FIND YOURSELF? Andy Webb made this picture on the young people's recent outing to Hanging Rock Park. From all reports everyone had a grand time!

Sunday's VISITORS

Among our visitors last Sunday were the following: Mr. Gene Paul, 404 Broad Street, Mt. Airy; Mrs. Elizabeth Finch Field, 303 Lord Byron Lane, Apt. 201, Cockeysville, Md.; Mr. Chris Jones, 1012 Surry Drive, Greensboro, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie E. Stanley, Laurel Fork, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. William Stanley, Rt. 1, Box 175, Laurel Fork, Va.; Miss Annice Stanley, 403 N. Mendenhall St., Greensboro, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Madren, Miss Elizabeth Madren, Miss Rebecca Madren, and Mr. Paul Madren, III, 111 Woodland Drive, Cary, N.C.



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Taylor (nee: Diane Elizabeth Morrison of Floral Park, New York) who were married July 29 in Bellerose, N.Y. The young couple will be making their home at 5716-B South Valley

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

July 30, 1967

Budget Offering-----	\$1,305.54
Designated Funds-----	\$10.00
Memorials-----	\$10.00
Total Deposit-----	\$1,315.54
Budget Offering To Date----	\$61,370.51
Weekly Budget Needs-----	\$2,385.00



Sunday, August 6

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship Group

Wednesday, August 9

- 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service
- 8:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 10

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

WORSHIP WITH US SUNDAY