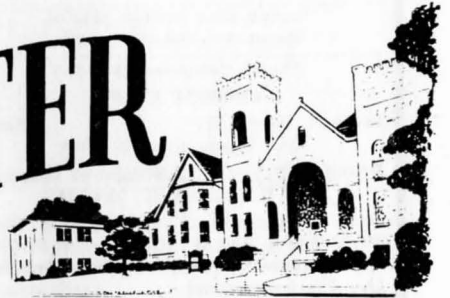


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You Are Invited To Join The N. S. S. E. Club

Do you belong to the NSSE.....that of course, stands for National Society of Sidewalk Engineers. Most people do!

It takes no particular training to be a member. The society has no initiation rites. Its members carry no membership cards and wear no pins in their lapel buttonholes. It has no meeting halls or regular schedule of meetings. It meets anywhere, any time, when a construction project is in progress. And the greater the project, the more of the Society's members there are in attendance. By the way, we're meeting at 714 N. Main Street for a while. See you around there! We've got quite a church project going.

*What is
your
honest
opinion?*



AN ORDINARY MEMBER

*Just an ordinary member
Of the church, I heard him say,
But you'll always find him present,
Even on a rainy day.
He had a hearty handclasp
For the stranger in the aisle,
And a friend who was in trouble
Found sunshine in his smile.*

Can You Explain This?

Some things in church work are hard to understand. To say the least, it is difficult to understand a church member that is not a Sunday School member. Why should a person who claims to have been made partaker of the divine nature by means of the new birth, who proclaims allegiance to Christ as his Lord, who knows that he is commissioned of God to be a witness, and who has entered a solemn covenant with his fellow church members not to be interested in the study of God's Word? We say it again. It is difficult to understand such a person. Why should anyone want the privilege of membership but avoid all the responsibilities of membership? It seems to us that a genuine Christian would conquer any obstacle to study God's blessed, eternal word that supplies answers to so many questions. If the love of God is in your heart, join your fellow church members in study, worship, and training Sunday.

*And when he needed comfort
He let his pastor know.
His talents were not many
But his love for God is true.
His prayers were not in public,
But he prayed for me and you.
An ordinary member?
I think that I would say*

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Sunday, April 2

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

Monday, April 3

7:00 p.m. WMU Executive Meeting
7:30 p.m. WMU General Meeting

Wednesday, April 5

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, April 6

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Annie Armstrong Offering

Given To Date (3-29-67)-----\$827.64
Our Church Goal-----\$850.00

What Can Adults Learn In Sunday School?

The Life and Work Sunday School lessons for April, May and June will be dealing with the church. The aim of these lessons is to help class members realize the nature and functions of the church as Christ's body.

The opening lesson is a study of Christ Himself in terms of his universal Lordship. This is followed by a two-lesson unit on Christ's establishment and commissioning of His church. Three sessions are then devoted to the life and work of the church in the first century. The last seven lessons deal with Christ's ideal for His church and consist of continuous studies in Ephesians.

There is a practical purpose in all of these lessons. First of all, they are aimed at strengthening the conviction that Christ established His church and expects it to carry forward His mission in the world.

The lessons also seek to lead members to know the distinctiveness of the life that characterized the early church and to realize that the life of the church today should be of the same kind.

Finally, the lessons have the purpose of helping members to catch a vision of Christ's ideal for His church and to commit themselves to helping their church become what Christ wants it to be.

There is a place of learning for you in Sunday School. Won't you accept it this week?



SERVICEMAN OF THE WEEK

This week we remember in our prayers and in our thoughts:

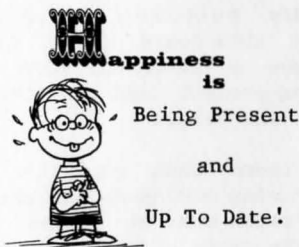
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WORSHIP WITH US SUNDAY OVER STATION WPAQ

Where Will You Be April 2?

We hope you will be in Sunday School at 9:45 and in Morning Worship at 11:00 A. M.

However, we also hope you will have realized that the year is one-fourth gone and that your church pledge should be one-fourth or more paid up. Is it?



WPAQ ACCEPTS RELIGIOUS NEWS PROGRAM

Your pastor and Marse Grant, editor of the Biblical Recorder, are happy to announce that WPAQ in Mt. Airy is the 70th N. C. station to broadcast a five minute program of N. C. Religious News. This program is heard once each week and gives news on all religious groups. Marse Grant edits the tape in conjunction with our SBC Radio and Television Commission.

The program can be heard on Sunday morning at 10:15 A. M. over WPAQ. We hope to get a more favorable time soon in order that it will not conflict Sunday School. Invite your friends to listen and have them write Blair Eubanks, WPAQ General Manager, with their favorable comments and appreciation.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

March 26, 1967

Budget Offering-----	\$1,796.44
Designated Funds-----	\$246.00
Kindergarten-----	\$218.00
Memorials-----	\$28.00
Building Fund Donation-----	\$100.00
Annie Armstrong Offering-----	\$69.14
Total Offering-----	\$2,211.58
Budget Offering to Date----	\$27,390.53
Budget Needs to Date-----	\$31,005.00

YOUTH ACTIVITIES ARE SCHEDULED

Sunday Night Fellowship - April 2

Let's have a BEATNIK Party!
Where -- First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. What time -- 6:30 P. M.

We're expecting you to dress like a beatnik and those of you who play beatnik instruments, be sure to bring them and add to the life of the fellowship. There will be a prize for the cleverest dressed person.

You may invite your friends to come with you and to bring along any musical talent they may have. This fellowship will be what you make it.

REMEMBER ALSO:

April 15, Saturday
2:30 - 8:00 P. M.

Youth Hayride and Wiener Roast

Teacher Training Class

Our Minister of Education has been asked by a few to conduct a teacher training class. This class would be for those who would like to learn to teach a class, but it also will be for those who have taught before and want a refresher course. The meeting time will be so arranged that someone who is presently teaching could still take advantage of this training.

We encourage you to contact or call Mr. Stanley and let him know that you are interested. You should do this as quickly as possible, so call him today - 786-5185.



W.M.U.

The W.M.U. Executive Meeting will be Monday, April 3, at 7:00 P.M. The General Meeting will follow at 7:30 in Fellowship Hall with the Sallie Somers Circle in charge of the program.

Tuesday, April 4 - 7:30 P. M.

SALLIE SOMERS CIRCLE will meet with Miss Geraldine McNeil, 314 Council

HAVE YOU FOUND OUR LOST SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Someone has borrowed some of the church's equipment and has forgotten to return it. Our youth are in desperate need of these articles. Would you help us by returning these things within the next few days?

A Badminton Set
2 Sets of Horseshoes
A Volley Ball
Some Softball Equipment

Your help will be appreciated to get this equipment back in the church.

OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

Mr. W. A. Jackson
Mr. J. C. Hill
Mrs. Eugene G. Smith

FORSYTH HOSPITAL

Mr. Ernest Collins

AT HOME

Mrs. Ralph Cooke
Mr. J. W. Pell
Mr. Russell Midkiff

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS OKAYS OUR PETITION

Several weeks ago it was necessary for our building committee to petition the city zoning board of adjustments for a special ruling on our new sanctuary building. Last Monday evening this board met in City Hall and gave a favorable vote to our building project and its continuing without any delay.

It seems that our church comes under zoning ordinance six which says a structure must be 25 feet back behind the state's right of way line. When the new street comes in front of our church, this line will be brought even closer to our new sanctuary and thus will put us some few feet in violation of the city code. This is why we asked the zoning board for a special ruling and obtained it.

We would like to thank these men for their favorable comments about our proposed sanctuary, and we too believe it will add great beauty to our town and this community in the near future.

Joy Ranch Film To Be Shown Sunday

This Sunday afternoon at 1:30 P.M., April 2, we will have the privilege of viewing a 30 minute color film depicting the life and work of Joy Ranch. This showing will be over television channel 8.

You will want to better acquaint yourself and your family with this fine children's home near Hillsville, Va. Be sure to invite your neighbors to watch it with you.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial gifts have been given this week by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jackson and Mrs. G. C. Lovill in memory of Mrs. A. C. Hobb

A Businessman's Prayer

Each morning a businessman sits down at his desk and prays this prayer that is under the glass on his desk! Perhaps our day would go better if we did the same!

Help me, O God, to meet in the right way and in the right spirit everything which comes to me today.

Help me to approach my work cheerfully, and my tasks diligently. Help me to meet disappointments, frustrations, hindrances, opposition calmly and without irritation.

Help me to meet delays with patience, and unreasonable demands with self-control.

Help me to accept praise modestly, and criticism without losing my temper.

Keep me serene all through today. All this I ask in the name of