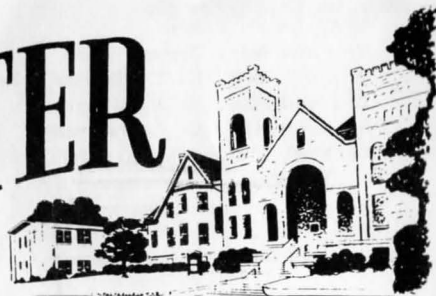


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"I Believe In Vacation Bible School"

"I BELIEVE IN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BECAUSE IT IS CHILD EVANGELISM: Vacation Bible School can serve in this manner by touching their impressionable lives with the message of Jesus Christ, and by calling for their response to it."

"I BELIEVE IN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BECAUSE IT IS FAMILY EVANGELISM: Vacation Bible School invariably will touch homes that the church has failed to reach through its regular program."

"I BELIEVE IN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BECAUSE IT PLANTS THE SEED FOR FUTURE HARVEST: Vacation Bible School time is 'seeding' time---the laying of a foundation and the building of a framework on which decisions may be made in future harvest."

"I BELIEVE IN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BECAUSE IT TRAINS WORKERS: Vacation Bible School is the very finest recruiting and training program for enlisting new Sunday School teachers."

The above information contains excerpts from an article by Charles W. Hedrick in the May, 1966, issue of THE BUILDER.

It's
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Time

June 12-16

PREPARATION DAY-----Friday, June 9
9:00 A. M.

AGES: 3 year Nursery through Juniors



- Bible Study
- Mission Study
- Character Stories
- Refreshments
- Creative Activity
- Music

Invite your friends and neighbors

ATTEND PRAYER MEETING WEDNESDAY NIGHT

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial gifts have been given to the church building fund this week in loving memory of the following:

MRS. L. P. WRENN, SR.

Miss Sarah Finch

Mr. and Mrs. Ormond Noah

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Belton, Jr.

Dr. and Mrs. P. W. Green

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Maurer

Central Piedmont Aero Office and
Linecrew

Mr. Christopher Binder

Mrs. Danna Binder Whorton

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Banner

MR. DON STANLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Banner

MRS. A. G. WEBB

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Patrick

MRS. IRIS LOUISE SMITH GRAVES

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Slate and family

MRS. MARIA BIANCO

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Banner

Parent,

The Choice Is Yours

You send your child to public school over 30 hours weekly to prepare for approximately 75 years of life.

You usually bring your youngster to Sunday School for one hour of Bible teaching weekly in preparation for Eternity.

Will you take advantage of 15 hours of extra (free of charge) teaching in Vacation Bible School?

Vacation Bible School

JUNE 12--16

SCOUT UNIFORMS NEEDED

Parents, if you have any girl scout, brownie, or adult uniforms that you no longer use, please call Mrs. C. E. Batten at 786-5965.



W.M.U.

The General Meeting of the W.M.U. will be held Tuesday morning, June 6, in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The Maggie Nutt Herring Circle will have charge of the program.

THE MARTHA A. FINCH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday night, June 6 at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Otis Boyles, 1362 Gwynwood Drive.

Christian Sympathy

We express our sincere Christian Sympathy to Mr. Carl Simmons, Mrs. R. P. Jones and Mrs. D. C. Lewis in the passing of their sister, Mrs. Lillian Simmons Gates of Orangeburg, S. C. on May 24th.



NO! Nobody is about to lower the boom on anybody. We are just wanting you to rejoice with us in the real progress being made by our building contractor. At this rate we should be in the new building earlier in 1968 than we had anticipated.

As you drive by with your friends we hope you will point toward the new building with enthusiasm and pride. We also hope you will let this same enthusiasm permeate your Sunday hour of Worship and Bible Study.

Come to look! Stay to hear!

OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

Mrs. Claude Speight

Mr. Carl Stewart

Mr. Miles Key

AT HOME

Mrs. Weldon Inman

WORSHIP WITH US SUNDAY

Wedding Bells Ring Often In The Church

Some time ago it was discovered that our church has no written policies concerning the church wedding and the use of the church facilities and its personnel. Tradition has carried certain tendencies on until some of these have gotten to be a burden and at times a real disgrace.

The church building, facilities, and workers are here to serve you and your family, but we ask that your special requests be held within the realm of "reason". A Church Wedding Policy Booklet is being drawn up, but until its completion and adoption by the church, we ask your patience and co-operation.

Several guidelines will help us for now, I believe:

- (1) Contact the church office and see if the church is available on the day you want it for the rehearsal and wedding to take place.
- (2) Contact the pastor and see if he can be available on your desired dates.
- (3) Reserve the place for your reception, especially if it is to be Fellowship Hall and if you plan to use the church kitchen.
- (4) Contact our Minister of Music and discuss the wedding music with him. You will pay him a fee, so be sure and clarify this in the beginning for his extra travel.
- (5) Mr. Talley should be engaged for the rehearsal and wedding to be sure that the furniture, cleaning up, and other details are like you want it. These hours are other than his regular church duties, so you should agree on his fee before the wedding date.
- (6) If Mrs. Talley is wanted as a hostess and to care for all the kitchen duties, she should be engaged and a fee for her overtime should be paid by the family.

These are simple things, but you would be surprised at how few of our families think about them before the last minute if at all. Why don't you decide to be prepared for that wedding

WE HAVE THE RIGHT ANSWER!



I'M
NOT THE LEAST
BIT FLUSTERED BY
TODAY'S TEENAGERS...
... BUT I THINK I'LL GO
ANYWAY TO ...

Youth Fellowship

SUNDAY NIGHT

JUNE 4

There will be a panel discussion on "THE PROBLEMS TEENAGERS FACE". Hope you will come and participate in this most meaningful discussion. School is out, so homework belongs to yesterday. See you at First Baptist - 6:30 P. M.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

May 28, 1967

Budget Offering-----	\$1,543.69
Designated Fund-----	\$231.00
Kindergarten-----	\$98.00
Building Fund-----	\$133.00
Total Deposit-----	\$1,774.69
Budget Offering to Date----	\$45,980.84
Budget Needs to Date-----	\$52,470.00
Weekly Budget Needs-----	\$2,385.00

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Mrs. E. H. Daniel	Mrs. Melvin Slate
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Pastor To People

As you read this Newsletter we are attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach, Florida. In the midst of this great gathering I am very pleased to be a Baptist and especially grateful to be able to serve with you in Mount Airy in the service of our Lord. I shall greatly anticipate our worship together on the next Lord's Day, June 4. I shall look for you and your family.

The following is an article I read recently and thought you would like to have for your own study and thought provoking meditation:

Spiritual Yardstick

Dr. Theodore F. Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, has paraphrased the Beautitudes to provide us a spiritual yardstick. By this measure Christians can give themselves a personal spiritual checkup.

1. How humbly do I stand before Almighty God? (v. 3)
2. How sensitive am I to the misery and need of mankind? (v. 4)
3. How well do I keep my God-given powers disciplined and under self-control? (v. 5)
4. How earnestly do I seek to know and do the right? (v. 6)
5. How frequently and how graciously do I extend a helping hand to those who need me? (v. 7)
6. How closely am I in tune with spiritual values? (v. 8)
7. How well am I learning the art of getting along with other people? (v. 9)
8. How ready am I to endure hardship and to suffer for Christian ideals? (v. 10, 11)



Births

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gray, 128 South Shamrock Road, Asheboro, N. C. on the birth of a son, John Eric Gray born Tuesday, May 30. Mrs. Gray is the former Betsy McGee who served as our church secretary for several years.

20 NC Associations Rate 'Outstanding' In Minutes Contest

In last week's issue of the Biblical Recorder it was reported that "Twenty North Carolina associations received 'outstanding' ratings in the 1966 Better Minutes Contest sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention." Outstanding is the highest rating that is awarded.

We were glad to find among these honored N. C. Associations the name of our own---Surry. We are further delighted to realize that the clerk of our association, and responsible for the minutes, is none other than one of our own at First Baptist, Mrs. Oren Bradley. She has been our clerk for the past several years.

We congratulate and thank you, Nadine, for this "outstanding" job done for our Lord.

PARKING LOT NEARS COMPLETION

We should thank Howard Morris and his House and Grounds Committee for the progress being seen in the construction of a new parking lot across from our church.

This lot, upon completion, will park somewhere around 100 cars and is much needed to get our people "off the street".

The final leveling, foundation pouring, and paving should be taking place in the very near future. Watch for it.

We were delighted to be able to obtain access to Sunset Avenue on the other end of the lot through the gracious spirit of the neighbors next door. This will give our people an entrance on North Main and an exit into Sunset Avenue (less traveled) after our worship services on Sunday.

Memorial Flowers

Flowers have been placed in the sanctuary for this Sunday in memory of the Rev. A. Finch by his family.