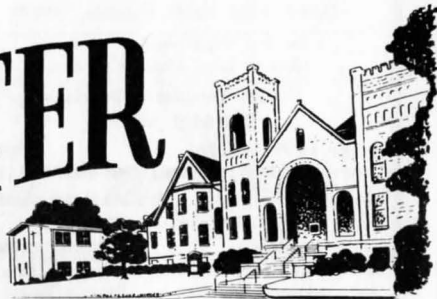


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WHY MEN REJECT CHRIST

1. THEY DO NOT RESPOND BECAUSE THEY DO NOT KNOW.

They have not searched the Scriptures for themselves. Even among the preachers, professors, and college students, who should know better, one finds little more than a sketchy knowledge of the Bible and the evidences of history which confirm the deity of Christ. Oh yes, they know what the critical skeptics have said but that is about all. The challenge comes in leading them to investigate for themselves.

2. THEY HAVE AN INFLATED VIEW OF SELF-IMPORTANCE.

Just plain pride preempts any satisfying relationship with God. They would likely challenge you if the suggestion were made that every evil committed grows out of pride. Pride is the root out of which springs discontent, ingratitude, presumption, passion, extravagance, and bigotry.

3. THEY ARE CONSCIOUS OF "WHAT FOLKS WILL SAY."

This, as you know, is the fear of man. We have not used the following sobering text often enough in our invitations to accept Christ: "Whosoever, therefore, shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in Heaven. But whosoever shall deny Me before man, him will I also deny before my Father which is in Heaven" (Matt.10:32f).

4. THEY HAVE SUNK THEIR LIVES IN MATERIAL THINGS.

This matter of giving up for the sake of being a Christian is very real. It isn't the giving up to things that makes one a Christian, but when one worships the created instead of the Creator, he finds it extremely difficult to make the shift.

5. THEY ARE LOOKING FOR SOME EMOTION AS EVIDENCE.

Some are missing true knowledge in Christ because they are waiting for some sort of religious experience. Though emotional feelings are often experienced by those who become Christians, the true Christian is admonished to live by faith. Christian faith has as its object Christ and His Word.

6. THEY SIMPLY DO NOT KNOW HOW TO BECOME CHRISTIANS.

Could you tell them how? If someone who is not a Christian happens to read these lines, here is how: Acknowledge your need of Christ and invite Him to take His rightful place in authority in your life. Imagine a throne as the central control point in your life, dominated by "ego." Deliberately abdicate or surrender the throne to the Lord, Jesus Christ. Commit your intellect, your em-

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

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Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jackson
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Webb
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MRS. L. P. WRENN, SR.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Webb

A gift has also been given by Mrs. J. W. Lovill and family in memory of Mr. J. W. Lovill.

Remember our members in service



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

A3C Larry J. Kirkman
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Special Guests To Fill Pulpit In Pastor's Absence

Last Sunday was a memorable day as Albert S. Hale, our former pastor of 1939-1943, led in worship at the 11:00 hour.

We are looking forward to the following speakers just ahead of us who are also former pastors or present members of First Baptist.

July 16 - Dr. Eugene Olive (1921-22)
(retired)

July 19 - Rev. Oren Bradley
(missionary)

July 23 - Dr. Richard K. Redwine
(1943-48) (retired)

After a brief vacation the pastor will return to Prayer Meeting, July 26, and to the morning worship hour, July 30. Pray for him while he is away.

We encourage your faithful attendance during the month of July. Support your church with your life.

A THOUGHT FOR THE SUMMER

And Every Day in the Year...

"Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you."

Emerson



Mr. Zack W. Blackmon, Jr.
1158 South Franklin Road
For Baptism

Mr. David Cook
140 Wilson Street
For Baptism

Miss Ann Fleming
534 North Franklin Road

YOUTH NEWS!



Sunday - July 16
7:30 P.M.

This Sunday night the Junior-Senior High Fellowship will present slides of our trip to Caswell. Some of these pictures are very interesting.

Plan now to come and bring a friend! Refreshments will be served afterwards.



Sunday, July 16

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

Wednesday, July 19

7:30 p.m. Prayer Service
NO CHOIR REHEARSAL

Thursday, July 20

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts



OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL
Mrs. A. L. Dowell

BAPTIST HOSPITAL
Mrs. J. S. Belton

AT HOME
Mr. Wilson Barber

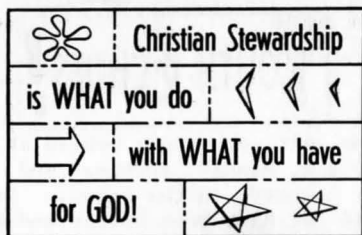
VETERAN'S HOSPITAL, DURHAM

YOUTH ECHOES!

We left you people behind at about 7:30 a.m. Monday morning and began our journey to the coast. Driving could not have been better and we arrived at a Horn's Restaurant just outside of Wilmington in time for a late lunch. By 3:15 we were waiting outside the office at Caswell while Mr. Stanley registered us. We were soon given the schedule of services and began to look around until the 5:30 p.m. dinner hour. At 6:45 p.m. we were assembled atop the fort for the Vespers service. From there we went to a large auditorium for the evening worship service at 7:30 p.m. When this meeting was over the young people could meet in the gym for various games. Others of us used this free time to meet other young people at a refreshment center called the "Drift Inn". A siren blew at 10:30 and everyone headed for "home". We boys had half of a duplex apartment and the girls had an entire house. Lights out came at 11:00, but it wasn't long enough until we had to "rise and shine" in time for a 7:30 breakfast. Classes began at 8:45. Mr. Stanley, Joan, Joy, and I enjoyed the book of Philippians under the teaching of Dr. Raymond Brown. Then, at 9:45, Dr. Donald Ackland discussed the "Sunday School and Ministry". Various conferences were held until lunch at 12:30. We Young People 17-24 enjoyed a study of Christian personality with Rev. & Mrs. John Gill, Jr. After lunch came FREE TIME! After trying the beach at Caswell on Tuesday and finding it lacking, we decided to go to nearby Yaupon beach on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons. Thursday Mr. Stanley took us all out to dinner and a movie. I can't condense my report more except to say--although it was hot, humid, sticky, the insects biting, and water bitter- I WOULDN'T TRADE THE EXPERIENCE FOR ANY OTHER IN THE WORLD!!!

Youth Council Publicity Chm.
James Anderson (Andy) Webb

The road to success is paved with preparation and prayer. Pray for your church members.



Some teaching about Christian Stewardship that needs special emphasis today.

1. Christian stewardship is not primarily a means for raising money but a plan for making the right kind of men. "I seek not yours but YOU." 2 Cor. 12:14.

2. We are not stewards simply because God made us, but because he redeemed us. 1 Cor. 6:19, 20.

3. Christian stewardship is not so much a matter of duty as the expression of gratitude. 2 Cor. 9:15.

4. Christian stewardship is not only a matter of law requirement but of love expressing itself in practical service. John 14:15.

5. Christian stewardship is not driving a sharp bargain with God but entering into a blessed partnership with Him. 1 Cor. 3:9.

6. Christian stewardship relates not to money alone but a personality and powers and all of life. Romans 12:1.

7. Christian stewardship is not confined to part of one's time and money, but requires that the whole be held and used according to God's will. Col. 3:17.

It is unthinkable that a Christian steward should do less for his religion than a pagan or a Jew would do for his.

"Ye know the grace of the Lord Jesus."

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OUR CHURCH ON THE MOVE!

Our Church is growing spiritually. One of the Characteristics of a New Testament church is the winning and developing of people in the Lord. In the early church the Book of Acts records that "the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." So far this year we have had thirty-five additions to our church roll. Sixteen of these have come by letter, while twenty-two have come on a profession of faith and for baptism. How our hearts are thrilled to see the hand of God move in our midst.

Our Church is growing physically. Each day the progress of our new sanctuary encourages us to thank God for the dedication, commitment and sacrifice our people are making to provide this much needed facility. The new Sunday School space, it will provide by enabling us to move the church offices, is encouraging to these classes meeting in the "old parsonage," behind the present sanctuary.

Let us "press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus", remembering:

"Nothing succeeds like success," as the old saying goes---

"Then thou shalt have good success." (Joshua 1:8).

Nothing is as victorious as victory---

"God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 15:57).

Nothing is as triumphant as triumph---

"God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ" (II Cor. 2:14).

Nothing saves like salvation---

"Salvation is of the Lord" (Jonah 2:9).

Success, Victory, Triumph, Salvation, all yours in Christ Jesus.

Accept no substitutes!

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STEWARDSHIP RECORD FOR JULY 9, 1967

Budget Offering-----\$ 1,835.27
Designated Funds-----375.00
Memorials-----375.00
Heck Jones Offering-----1.00
Total Deposit-----\$ 2,211.27
Budget Offering to Date---\$57,402.71
Weekly Budget Needs-----\$2,385.00

ATTEND PRAYER MEETING

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

7:30 P.M.