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Congratulations To



We want to extend our congratulations and best wishes to the following young people from our church and Eastside Mission who are graduating from high school or college.

The high school graduates are asked to wear their caps and gowns to the Morning Worship Service this Sunday, June 5, at which time we wish to honor them in a special way. They are to meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:45 P. M.

If any name has been omitted from our list, please notify the church office before this Sunday.

MOUNT AIRY HIGH SCHOOL

Thomas Wayne Ashburn
Margie Boyd Ayers
Martin Randolph Botkin
Linda Juanita Byrd
Brenda Gail Chandler
Lynn Henry Hallman
Michael Gwyn Hutchens
William Gray Jones, Jr.
Mickey Geraldine Key
Sandra Gail Massey

Roger William Riggs, Jr.
Adelaide Alexander Sink
Carol Jane Stewart
Patricia Anne Stewart
Charles William Taylor, III
John Leslie Tilley
Jean Harrell Welch
Carolyn E. Wrenn
Susan Ann Wynne

ATLANTA SCHOOL OF RADIO & TV BROADCASTING

Robert Baughan

U. N. C., CHAPEL HILL

Martha Carroll (August)
Carol Perry
David Rowe
Johnny Taylor

WINGATE COLLEGE

Sandy Hutchens, Jr.

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Skip Simmons

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE

Anne Ashburn Pike

PEACE COLLEGE

PFIEFFER COLLEGE

PASTOR TO CONDUCT

BACCALAUREATE

Last year our pastor was called upon to conduct the Baccalaureate Sermon at Surry Central High School in Dobson and then to assist in the Mount Airy High School program.

This year, Mr. Powell will be bringing the closing sermon at the Baccalaureate service for Mount Airy High. The service will be presented on Sunday evening, June 5, at 8:00 P. M. in the Reeves Y.M.C.A. He will be assisted by the Rev. Tom Bagnal, recently arriving in Mount Airy as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. It is hoped that the YMCA will provide more available space thus allowing more friends and relatives to attend than is possible in the school auditorium.



Sunday, June 5

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
8:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Sermon
Reeves YMCA

Tuesday, June 7

10:00 a.m. WMS General Meeting

Wednesday, June 8

6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
7:30 p.m. Prayer Service
8:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday, June 9

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Ushers For JUNE

The following men have been elected to serve the church in the capacity of USHER for the month of JUNE.

Durward Marshall, Captain
Hugh Johnson
Jack Walsh
Charles Atkins
Ralph Boyles
Luther Ellis
Romney Simmons, Jr.
Bobby Watson

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Mrs. E. H. Daniel Mrs. Melvin Slate
Mrs. James Davis Mrs. Harry Gilbert

Christian Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is expressed to the following in the loss of their loved ones. Our prayers and thoughts are extended to each one of these families:

To Mrs. Hugh Johnson in the passing of her mother, Mrs. George W. Hill of Thomasville, N. C. on Friday, May 27.

To Mrs. James R. McNeil in the passing of her brother, Mr. Clyde Steelman of Winston-Salem on Saturday, May 28.

To Mrs. John Gwyn, Jr. in the passing of her father, Mr. C. M. Childress, 317 Grace Street on Tuesday, May 31.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

May 29, 1966

Budget Offering-----\$1,583.05
Designated Funds-----\$112.00
Memorials-----0
Kindergarten-----\$112.00
Total Offering-----\$1,695.05
Total Offerings to Date----\$47,186.75
Budget Requirements to Date--\$46,441.92

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Monthly Worker's Conference

On the fourth Wednesday in June, July, and August, we will have our monthly Sunday School Workers' Conference in Fellowship Hall with a covered dish supper being served before the meeting. This is in keeping with our summer schedule since no family night activities go on during the summer months.

This month you will have the opportunity of seeing our new Life and Work Curriculum materials displayed and explained. We are hoping that our Sunday School leaders and teachers will learn all they can about these new lessons so we can decide how important they may be for our church program and Sunday School curriculum.

June 22 is the night. Plan now to attend these three summer conferences. Each of them will have an appropriate emphasis: June: Sunday School Curriculum; July: Visitation; and August: Witnessing.

Watch the Newsletter for further details!

W. M. S. GENERAL MEETING

The W. M. S. General Meeting will be this Tuesday morning, June 7, at 10:00 A. M. in Fellowship Hall. All W. M. S. members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

OUR KNOWN SICK

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Mrs. Lonnie Tickle

AT HOME

Mrs. Hewitt Easley

Mrs. Margie Boyd Ayers

Mrs. Garnett Brannock

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Flowers have been placed in the church sanctuary for this coming Lord's Day in memory of Mr. Sandy Simmons by Mrs. Simmons and daughter, Robin.

SUMMER SCHEDULE IS ANNOUNCED

What is the best time schedule for Summer Sunday Morning services? This question is asked every year, and through the years many ideas have been tried with varying degrees of success. One thing is certain, however, you will never please all our people at any one given time.

After careful study of past summer attendance and giving records; after talking with Sunday School leaders, and teachers; and after talking with individuals and groups at random, it seems that there is only one procedure to follow.

The Summer schedule will be as follows: Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. and Morning Worship at 11:00 A. M. Every effort is being made to keep the sanctuary as cool and comfortable as possible during the hot months. The days are longer and you must take into consideration that by your choice we have had to cancel all Sunday evening activities during the summer.

Let us be very careful that we do not relegate our meeting at the church for worship and study only to personal convenience and pleasure. If you are too busy on Sunday to spend two hours in a personal way with your Lord, then you are far too busy. If the mountains, the golf course, the seashore, the races, or any other personal pleasure is more important to you than worship on Sunday, then you should restudy your value scale immediately. The "summer slump" in most peoples' minds is actually a convenient vehicle to allow the Christian to become lax in his obedience to God and faithfulness to his church. Will you be in church every Sunday you are not away this Summer? Will you either bring or mail your tithe or offering to the church regardless of where the Summer carries you? Will you be sure your class has a teacher when you are going to be away, or be sure your teacher knows you will not be there next Sunday? These are questions that are asking simply will you care enough this summer about your church and its great ministries to be the dynamic Christian and faithful servant God has called you to be? Remember! God saved you from in order that you might work for! Will you do it?

POEM REQUESTS ARE MANY

So many of you requested a copy of the poem used on Mother's Day that we decided to print it in the Newsletter.

MOTHERHOOD

by Jeanne Lofgren

A mother is a maker, a mender, a moderator, and a teacher.

She makes boxer pants and chocolate pudding, law and sometimes order, castles, threats, promises, and rabbit suits. She makes horses' heads from paper bags, little suits from big ones, new dresses from old ones, sun suits from kitchen curtains, small balloons from popped ones, stew from nothing whatever. She makes peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, more peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and peace when possible.

A mother is a maker and a mender.

A mother mends broken dishes and broken hearts, trouser knees, hurt noses and hurt feelings, trouser knees, torn jackets and torn fingers, and trouser knees. She mends old sheets, old rosebushes, old baby dolls, and brand new trouser knees.

A mother is a maker, a mender, and a moderator.

She is a moderator in times of war---civil war, verbal war, insurrection, minor skirmishes, attacks from the enemy; in times of strife, in times of injustice, in times of temper, in times of hair pulling.

A mother is a maker, a mender, a moderator, and a teacher.

She teaches how to button buttons and how to say a prayer. She teaches how to hold a knife and fork, how to hang up clothes so they sometimes stay hung, how to sit still in church. She can teach a love of books and of music---she can even turn child hearts to God. But almost never can she teach how to close a door without a bang or how to come in without bringing mud.

A mother can count. She counts calories and blessings, pennies and children's heads in the car. But she never counts sheep!

A mother is immune to surprise---whether it be a glass of water in her desk drawer, the cat sleeping on fresh sheets in the linen cupboard, worms in trouser pockets, good report cards, bad report cards, split foreheads, split knees, split infinitives. Nothing really surprises her.

But sometimes a mother reaches despair. The dryer won't dry when all the clothes are washed and wet. The baby bites the cat's tail and is scratched for it. Three-year-old dumps the tinker toys by the front door when you expect the minister to call. The baby screams for attention---soothing medications must be halted while mother sprints to a relentless doorbell. There stand two neighbor children to report, "Your baby is crying." Six-year-old after forty-five minutes cannot spell "what". Eight-year-old dashes in to say he forgot, but it is his turn to take the cookies to his meeting today. Fingerprints all over the house loom suddenly vivid. The ragged edge of the rug seems suddenly dreadful. Three-year-old won't go out. The cat won't come in. The gelatin won't jell. The sun won't shine, the stew sticks and the pudding boils over while the phone rings on and on. And with it and above it and through it all comes, "Mommy, come and see. ...Mommy, come and see," incessantly, monotonously, unendingly, and from three-year-old.

Mother leans chin on broom handle and mutters, "Next time I'll raise chickens, Lord. Children are too much."

Then ten-year-old crashes in---rough and ready, all boy---to confide, "Mommy, at the Cub Scout meeting we had to list the five things most precious to us, and I did: One---God; two---love; three---America; four---babies; five---sunsets."

Suddenly the baby's eyes seem very blue, six-year-old recites from memory the entire 23rd Psalm which is better than spelling "what", fingerprints retreat again, Daddy walks in. Really, life could not be richer. It is a glory never to be bartered.

---"Dear Lord, keep the chickens. I'll carry on for now. And thank you---from the bottom of my heart."