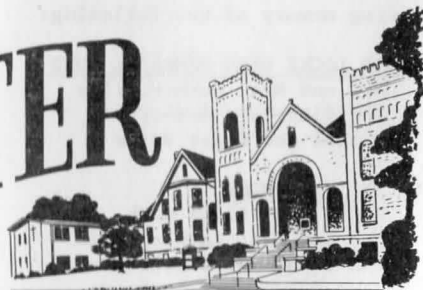


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OUR 1968 STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE

BEGINS NOVEMBER 1

- OCTOBER 28** First Stewardship Letter and Pledge Cards Arrive in Homes of Resident Members
- NOVEMBER 1** *Church Budget Question and Answer Period with Congregation and Finance Committee
- NOVEMBER 5** Church Approves 1968 Budget during Worship Hour
Radio Broadcast: WSYD
- NOVEMBER 12** Stewardship From The Pulpit
- NOVEMBER 29** Round-Up Sunday
- DECEMBER 3** VICTORY DAY

* Question and Answer Period Wednesday, Nov. 1, 7:30 P.M.

Believing that the resident member congregation should have an opportunity to carefully study and question the 1968 church budget recommended by the finance committee, we would like to invite the congregation to such a discussion on November 1, at 7:30 P. M., in the Fellowship Hall.

A fully itemized budget will be provided each person attending with ample opportunity being given for questions and discussion. We trust each member to dedicate himself to attend this meeting and to give us the advantage of his counsel and suggestions.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial gifts have been given to the new sanctuary building fund in loving memory of the following:

DAVID LOCKE WEBB MEMORIAL FUND

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ellis
The Diaconate Members
Isabel and Edgar White

MR. W. I. MONDAY

Mount Airy Lions Club
Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ellis
T E L Sunday School Class

MRS. A. G. WEBB

Mrs. R. E. Young

Memorial Flowers

Flowers have been placed in the church sanctuary for this Sunday in loving memory of Mrs. Bertha Ashby by the Martin Memorial Alumni Association.



SERVICEMAN OF THE WEEK

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

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Sunday, October 29

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

Monday, October 30

3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee

Wednesday, November 1

6:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Diaconate Meeting
7:30 p.m. Prayer Service
8:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal
8:15 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 2

10:00 a.m. Pastors' Seminar
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

Mrs. R. E. Forrest, Room 216

Christian Sympathy

We extend our sincere Christian Sympathy to Mr. Luther Ellis in the recent passing of his mother.

We also extend our sympathy to Mrs. Rufus Walters in the recent passing of her cousin in Whiteville, N. C.

This Week's Resident Roll Changes

REMOVE: (On Non-Resident Roll)

Mr. R. Edward Wall

Mrs. Ann C. Lancaster

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Mrs. Jo Ella Simmons
507 North Franklin Road
(786-7419)

New Visitation Program Begins

Last week, Cecil Hill, our Sunday School Superintendent, announced that we are ready to launch out into a new visitation emphasis for Sunday School. The master prospect file will be kept by our Minister of Education with additional copies going to the Departmental Associate Superintendents and the individual classes within each department.

Mrs. Frank Longest and Mr. Joe Edwards will assist Mr. Hill and Mr. Stanley in seeing to it that a program of visitation is effectively carried on in each Sunday School Department and Class. I am sure these workers will deeply appreciate your cooperation and participation.

The goals we are seeking are two in numbers: to increase our Bible teaching attendance; and to encourage a deeper fellowship with our Sunday School and its teaching program.

"When we GO; they COME!"



FOR BAPTISM:

Mr. Wayne Boyles
Route 4, Box 627A

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

October 22, 1967

Budget Offering-----	\$1,406.33
Designated Funds-----	\$120.10
Kindergarten-----	\$40.00
Memorials-----	\$80.10
State Missions-----	\$1.00
Total Deposit-----	\$1,527.43
Budget Offering to Date----	\$93,255.10
Budget Needs to Date-----	\$102,555.00
Weekly Budget Needs-----	\$2,385.00



Surry Baptist Association Ends

The sixty-fifth annual meeting of the Surry Association is now in the history books. Over three hundred messengers registered during the two day meeting and some two hundred of these were present for Friday's noon meal at First Baptist.

We want to thank each of you who took a part during this meeting in our church in any way. The favorable comments we received indicate that you were a fine host and that each person attending was made to feel at home. Hats off to you for a job well done!

The two meetings of our Baptist Association in 1968 will be as follows: February 22 at the Little Richmond Church, and October 24-25 at the Simmons Grove Church with your pastor preaching the annual sermon. You will want to note these two dates.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN TO MEET

The United Church Women of this city will observe World Community Day by hearing the Rev. James O. Chatham speak at the First Presbyterian Church on Friday, November 3, at 3:30 P. M. Tea will be served from 3:00 to 3:30, after which Mr. Chatham will describe his work with the "Experimental Church" in Winston-Salem. There will be a supervised play period for school

"...IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME..."

You lived a long time ago, Jesus. What did You know about business today? What did You know about paying taxes? What did You know about a hard job that leaves you "dog-tired" every day? What did You know about having no job at all, about wondering where money is coming from to buy food for the family, about money for the rent? What did You know of war and its threat to pull the boy from home? Who are You Jesus?

"...in love and charity with your neighbors..."

Neighbors? I have some good neighbors—but some of them aren't so good. They haven't always treated me exactly right. Some of them I've even resented.

"...intend to lead a new life..."

Well, maybe I could do a little better. Let's see, now.

"...earnestly repent...and make your humble confession..."

Let's see. Now, I remember that, in many ways, Jesus' life was like my own.

Jesus was a carpenter. That's hard work. He must have learned something about hard masters, too, if He learned to make yokes that were easy. Yes, I guess He really carried within Himself a stricter taskmaster than anybody on the outside could be. He must have been like His heavenly Father, who looks at His work every day, and says, "That's good." Some days, I'm not sure I could say that for my work. Not sure? I know I couldn't.

I remember Jesus. He was born at a time of the census—a census taken to make tax collections easier. Those tax collectors of His day, those publicans, were really something. Yes, and He didn't get much benefit from those taxes He had to pay—not like us, now, in this country, with roads, and police and fire protection, and courts, and schools, and old-age pensions, and the like.

Oh, yes, I remember Jesus. He was threatened with war. War was always marching across Palestine, the crossroads for empires. His was an occupied country—not like these United States, with oceans between us and war. We have been spared the devastations of war in these latter years.

My own son called—But Jesus was God's Son. Maybe God does know what it means to see His Son Called—His only begotten Son!

Didn't You feel hard about it, Jesus, when they lied about You? You had no home, no place to lay Your head. You had given that up. You worked day and night. The law, that should have been assurance of justice, was unfair to You. And Your friends backed out on You. Didn't You feel hard about it?

I remember Jesus. He said, "Father, forgive them." That included even the people who put Him on the Cross. "Forgive them until seventy times seven." "...first be reconciled to your brother..." "Love your enemies." You did do that, didn't You, Jesus? "Forgive...as we forgive..."

Well, Lord, I surely need forgiveness. When You compare me with Jesus, Lord, I didn't show up very well, I need forgiveness.

"...may grow into his likeness..."

I'd like that, Lord. I would really like to be more like Jesus. He was bigger than any of His troubles. I'd like to be like that. No evil shook Him from the good, I'd like that.

"...intend to lead a new life..."

Yes, I can do better. I'm going to try.

"...in love and charity with your neighbors..."

No, I'm not angry at anybody. Maybe, if we love others as You have loved us. I remember Jesus. Here, preacher, I will take the bread. I will drink the cup.

I remember Jesus.