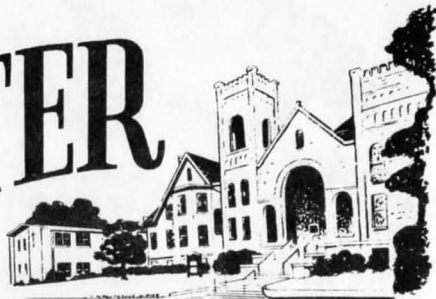


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"The truth shall
make you free"

John 8:32

INDEPENDENCE DAY 1967. One hundred ninty one years ago on July 4, 1776, the thirteen colonies of Great Britain in America, in the Declaration of Independence, officially declared themselves no longer a part of the British Empire. Writing on the significance of the occasion, John Adams, one of the 57 signers of the Declaration of Independence, all of whom pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor, said: "I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverence, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward for evermore."

Independence Day was first observed in Philadelphia, on July 8, 1776. The Declaration was read, bells were rung, bands played, and the people rejoiced. Although Independence Day has been celebrated throughout the United States and its territories since that time, it was not until 1941 that Congress declared July 4 as a legal holiday.

It is worth noting that Mr. Adams, destined to be the second president of our country, placed "solemn acts of devotion to Almighty God" ahead of "pomp," "parade," and all the other aspects of celebration.

Although the percent of people of the new republic who professed to be Christians was insignificant when compared with the impressive statistics of our time, faith in God as Creator and Redeemer, and acceptance of the Bible as the divinely inspired word of God to mankind was prominent among the founding fathers. As we pause to give thanks for America, let us give thanks for those who were used of God to establish a nation on the enduring foundation of God's great moral law.

**SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE
THIS IS NO TIME TO RELAX!**



One-half of the church year has passed. Have you paid up one-half of your church pledge?

You say you're going on a vacation? Wonderful! Have you taken care of your church pledge yet? Please do before you get away and forget us!

Your church deeply appreciates your consideration always, but especially in the summer months.

A word from SUNDAY SCHOOL

Hoping to prevent greater confusion we call the attention of our people to the following note:

Nursery I through Junior Dept.
(regular meeting time 9:45 A.M.)

Jr. High and Sr. High Departments
(combined opening assembly 9:45
in the Junior High Department)

Adult I - Young Adults
(beginning July 9 will meet in
their classroom, Fellowship Hall,
at 9:45)

Adult II - All Classes
(beginning July 9 will meet in
their own classrooms at 9:45)

Adult III - All Classes
(will meet in Adult III at 9:45
for their regular opening assembly)

***NOTE:** No meeting place changes will take place until July 9 except for the Senior High. Their move has already been made. Please help us with your prayerful support and summer attendance. Sunday School will be

SPECIAL GUEST TO FILL THE PULPIT JULY 9

**REV. ALBERT HALE
FORMER PASTOR**

JUST SUPPOSE

"Suppose you were called upon to tell why you felt the church should keep your name on its rolls. Do you have a record of faithful service, faithful support, daily witnessing and devotion to offer in self defense?

Suppose membership in our church was good for one year only, and that re-election depended upon the good you had done in the church during that time. Would you be re-elected at the business conference?

Suppose church membership was limited to a certain number and there was a long waiting list of those who wanted to get in. Would your actions justify keeping your name on the roll to the exclusion of someone else?

Suppose membership requirements stated that you had to attend 75% of the worship services and 50% of the prayer meetings. Would you qualify to stay on the roll?

Suppose your name would be dropped from the membership if you didn't win at least one person every six months to the Lord Jesus Christ? How long would you qualify?

Suppose every member of your church did just as much as you are now doing ---gave as much---worked as much---attended as much. Would more space be needed or would the doors be shut and nailed?

Suppose the church were going to vote on you at the next business conference to determine whether your support of the church justified keeping your name on the roll. And just suppose only the Lord would cast the vote---that none of your friends would be allowed to vote. On the basis of your actions, conduct, attendance, and financial report---how would the Lord cast His vote?

First Baptist Youth Leave For Caswell Baptist Assembly July 3

On Monday, July 3, Al Stanley and 20 of our First Baptist Church youth and their counselors will be setting out for the Atlantic Coast. They will be attending what promises to be an exciting Sunday School conference at our N. C. Baptist Assembly at Caswell. They will be leaving at a very early hour on Monday and returning on Saturday, July 8.

We send our very best wishes and sincere prayers with you young people on this meaningful voyage.

Those going are:

Joy Baber, Counselor
Joan Still, Counselor
Stephannie Simmons
Vicki Wynne
Bess Jane Rule
Honey Crossingham
Norma Terrell
Cindy Taylor
Kathy Powell
Kathy Stanley
Nancy Stewart
Dorothy Dobson
Barbara Gilbert
Susan Jones
Patricia Gwyn
Vicki Slate
Mike Stanley
Gary Jones
Howard Morris, Jr.
Dana Acker
Billy Johnson
Andy Webb



W.M.U.

The W.M.S. Executive Meeting will be held Monday night, July 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Afterwards, the General Meeting of the W.M.S. will meet in Fellowship Hall with the Martha A. Finch Circle in charge of the program. The time for the General Meeting is 7:30 p.m. Please try to be present.

Monday, July 10 - 2:30 p.m.

MAGGIE NUTT HERRING CIRCLE - Mrs. S. D. Duffield, 517 Willow Street
DORA P. WRENN CIRCLE -- Mrs. J. E. Cockerham, 333 Marion Street

Monday, July 10 - 7:30 p.m.

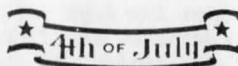
SALLIE SOMERS CIRCLE -- Mrs. J. N. Still, 127 Church Street

Monday, July 10 - 8:00 p.m.

MARY HESTER POWELL CIRCLE -- Mrs. Emily Hiatt, Route 4

Tuesday, July 11 - 10:00 a.m.

C. C. HAYMORE CIRCLE -- Mrs. H. R. Inman, 205 Wrenn Avenue
LOVINA C. PAULETTE CIRCLE -- Mrs. Joe B. Poore, 1839 North Main Street
Ext., Mrs. Rufus Walters, co-hostess
ELLA GREENWOOD HOLCOMB CIRCLE - Mrs. Reid Jackson, 1022 N. Main Street



In keeping with the holiday schedule, the Church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th. Also, we wish to advise that the NEWSLETTER will NOT be published the week of July 4th. This issue lists the schedule of activities for the two weeks.



Newcomers

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bondurant on the birth of a daughter, Angelia Michelle, born June 16 at Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va. Mrs. Bondurant is the former Linda Weldon.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Randy Botkin on the birth of a daughter, Christine Lee, born June 16

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

June 25, 1967

Budget Offering-----	\$1,892.93
Designated Funds-----	\$95.00
Kindergarten-----	\$70.00
Memorials-----	\$25.00
Building Fund Donation-----	\$100.00
Christian Education Offering----	\$5.00
Heck Jones Offering-----	\$13.00
Total Deposit-----	\$2,105.93
Budget Offering to Date----	\$52,723.41
Budget Needs to Date-----	\$62,010.00

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Main Street Parking Lot Nears Completion

The new church parking lot on North Main Street is now nearing completion. The asphalt surface has been laid and posts erected to seal off the lot at night. Last Sunday cars were allowed to use it, and the delight of our people was very obvious.

In the next few days or so we are hoping to complete the final touches which include marking off the lot into parking spaces, erecting proper curbs, and putting up a retaining rail along the railroad edge of the lot.

The Main Street stoplight will hopefully be changed to a four-way light instead of three for the protection of our people coming out into busy Main Street.

There is also another entrance and exit at the far end of the lot running into Sunset Avenue.

You should thank your house and grounds committee again and its chairman, Howard Morris, for a job well done!

Until the last steps are completed in the project, we ask you to use extreme caution when parking on the lot for church services or meetings.



Sunday, July 2

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service

Monday, July 3

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

Tuesday, July 4

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, July 5

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

Thursday, July 6

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Sunday, July 9

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

Monday, July 10

2:30 p.m. Afternoon Circle Meetings
7:30 p.m. Night Circle Meetings
8:00 p.m. Mary Hester Powell Circle

Tuesday, July 11

10:00 a.m. Morning Circle Meetings

Wednesday, July 12

7:30 p.m. Prayer Service
8:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 13

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

Mrs. A. L. Dowell

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Mr. Wilson Barber

AT HOME

Mr. Ernest Collins

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The following memorial gifts have been given to the church building fund in memory of MR. CARL STEWART:

Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Hill

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis W. Moody and