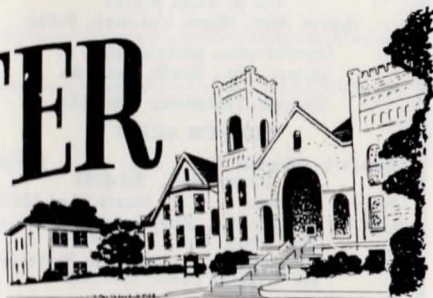


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Do You Stay For Church?

by R. Lofton Hudson

It is high time that some members of our church woke up to the sinister influence they are exerting. When a member of a Sunday School class marches home regularly after Sunday School and has nothing to do with the worship services you can put it in your little book that here is a church member who is kidding himself. He hasn't been to church. He has not worshipped. He has not joined with the church to carry on the kingdom work. What he has done is put himself in the position of pretending to be enlisted so that the church cannot work on him as a lost person, and yet he is not a church worker. Furthermore, he has deceived himself into doing something religious, sat in Sunday School class which salves his conscience and keeps him from realizing that he is actually unchurched. I tell you the truth, I would not attend Sunday School if I could not stay for church. I honestly believe that attending Sunday School, as a substitute for attending church is the greatest hindrance to the real growth of Christ's kingdom that evangelical denominations are tolerating.

If I were a Sunday School teacher and my pupils did not stay for church, I would preach so hard against such a "substitute religion" (which really amounts to a civic club) that the pupils would get mad and quit—then we would work on them as we would any other people who are lost to the spiritual cause—or they would get converted and start working in the church. I mean this.

How long has it been since your Sunday School won ONE soul for baptism or church membership? Well, Brother or Sister, you better turn your class into a prayer meeting.

If you can get to only one service on Sunday morning, attend the worship service. You might get converted there and then you would be taught the Word in Sunday School. But when you attend Sunday School for years but never get interested in the rest of the church, you are like the Negro who was out hunting and saw the tombstone which read, "I am not dead, I sleep." As the Negro took to his heels, he exclaimed, "You ain't fooling nobody but yo'self."

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Last Week at A Glance

Sunday School Attendance

First Baptist	325
Eastside Mission	26
Total Attendance	351

Morning Worship

First Baptist	305
Eastside Mission	39
Total Attendance	344

Training Union

First Baptist	52
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Tithes and Offerings

First Baptist	\$1,415.73
Eastside Mission	\$25.40

— CHURCH NEWS — OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

Mr. W. P. Shelton
Mrs. Mildred Campbell
Jeffrey Harmon

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Mrs. Louise Short
Mr. Ben Edwards
Mrs. A. E. Tilley

AT HOME

Mrs. F. B. Shore
Mrs. Howard Paul
Mr. Ernest Collins

Christian Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathy
is expressed to:

Mrs. Melvin Slate in the passing
of her sister, Mrs. Sarah H. Collins
of Stuart, Virginia.

Mr. Claude L. Speight in the
passing of his brother, Mr. Walter
Speight of Albemarle, N. C.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial gifts have been placed in
the CALEB EARL HILL MEMORIAL FUND by
Mrs. Mary B. Hutchens and family and
by Mrs. Hallie J. Hutchens.

HOME MISSIONS GOAL	\$800.00
CONTRIBUTED	\$882.82



Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, March 27

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 5:45 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:15 p.m. Training Union
- 7:15 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, March 28

- 3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, March 29

- 3:15 p.m. Girl Scouts

Wednesday, March 30

- 5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir (Primaries)
- 5:45 p.m. Church Supper
- 6:15 p.m. Sunday School Promotional
Period
- 6:15 p.m. Sunbeans
- 6:15 p.m. Carol Choir (Juniors)
- 6:15 p.m. Officers and Teachers De-
partmental Meetings
- 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service
- 8:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday, March 31

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Friday, April 1

- 3:15 p.m. Brownies

WMU ANNUAL SESSION

Mrs. Oren Bradley, Mrs. James R. Bray, Mrs. Sam Hennis, Jr., Mrs. Roy Kirkman, Mrs. Frank Longest, and Mrs. Henry Rowe attended the Seventy-fifth Annual Session of the North Carolina W. M. U. in Memorial auditorium, Raleigh, March 16 and 17. They were among the 1,406 delegates and 1,485 visitors registered for the session.

We, at First Baptist, are very proud that Mrs. Oren Bradley will be serving as the State W. M. U. Mission Study Chairman for the coming year.

Mrs. C.C. Warren of Charlotte, had the daily meditation periods and the ladies were both inspired and challenged by the message heard from many of our missionaries. On Wednesday evening, the auditorium was filled to capacity for the presentation of the twenty-three missionaries who were attending and for the commitment service of many young couples and individuals who expressed their desires to go as missionaries following the powerful address by Dr. Baker James Cauther, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Miss Alma Hunt spoke on two different occasions. On Wednesday as Executive Secretary of the W. M. U., her topic was Woman's Missionary Union in a Church. On Thursday as President of North American Baptist Women's Union, she spoke on Laborers Together Around the World.

Mrs. A. L. Parker of Greensboro, who concluded her five years of serving as State W. M. U. President presided at all sessions and used as the topic for her main message, "For Ye Serve the Lord Christ."

Mrs. Frank Longest
W. M. U. President



I want to thank everyone for your gifts, flowers, cards, and especially for your prayers during my stay in the hospital. My greatest joy is now being home, and your prayers and concern played an important part in this blessing. Thank you!

50th ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stimpson will be observing their fiftieth wedding anniversary this Sunday afternoon from 2:00-4:00 o'clock in the afternoon at their home, 1032 South Main Street, here in Mount Airy. They wish to extend a cordial invitation to all of their friends to attend the open house being given for them. You are to feel free to come and go at your convenience.

The Stimpsons came to First Baptist by letter on August 4, 1929. Through these many years they both have served this church faithfully and held meaningful places of leadership throughout the life and work of this church, and still do.

It is not only significant but also our pleasure to congratulate this wonderful Christian couple after 50 years of love and married life together. May you have many more years of happiness, and may God's blessings continue to enrich your home.



YOUTH WEEK

Two important things will happen this Sunday morning before Sunday School begins in the Jr. High and Sr. High departments, 9:30 A. M.

First, every youth will be given the opportunity to choose his or her place of service and responsibility in our upcoming Youth Week. Please be present to choose the job you want to do.

Second, pictures will be made of the Youth Pastor and his immediate staff at 10:00 A. M. before they go on to Sunday School, for later publicity uses. This includes the Youth Week officers and committee chairmen. Please be present in Fellowship Hall for these two important events this Sunday morning.

YOUTH WEEK: APRIL 10-17 (guard these days!)

The Deacon Emeritus

Emeritus is a word meaning "retired or honorable discharged from active duty because of age, infirmity (sickness), or long service, but retained on the rolls". Deacon Emeritus is a title with which we would like to honor all of our deacons who are sixty-five years of age and older, or who have physically become disabled and cannot carry on their normal assigned duties and responsibilities. However, the title is HONORARY and is accepted only on a personal VOLUNTARY basis. NO demand will be made to make anyone accept this office.

A deacon emeritus will not have to rotate from active to inactive duty every three years as other deacons are required to do. He will be at liberty to come and go as an active deacon for the rest of his life or as long as he is a member of this church. He may attend diaconate meetings and have voting power whenever he is able to do so. He will be invited to all social activities for the diaconate.

If you know of those in the church and on our membership rolls who qualify for this position, please call the church office, 786-5185, and tell us the name so we might contact him and explain the emeritus position more thoroughly and personally. Please do this right now while it is on your mind. A special recognition service is being planned in the near future for these men.

New Literature Sunday

This Sunday you will want to receive your study materials for the new quarter beginning April 3. This past quarter we have been studying the special lessons on witnessing, and now we return to the Uniform Lesson Series and resume our normal curriculum of work in our youth and adult areas. The special lessons were most helpful, but now we turn our attention to two new areas for April - June. They are: WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE and THE KINGDOMS OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH.



SERVICEMAN OF THE WEEK

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

Capt. Joseph E. Brannock, Jr.
088244
125 Ingram Drive
Fort Sam Houston
San Antonio, Texas 78234

Camp Season Ahead

As summer camp opportunities arise, we will pass them on to you. Here is one for BOYS ONLY, ages 9-16.

Camp CaRAway, out of Asheville, N. C., is a camp for all boys who are Royal Ambassador age whether they are in an active ambassador group or not. This Christian camp will better interest young boys in RA's and mission activities while they have the fun and fellowship of other boys their own age.

WHAT'S IT LIKE? There's a new campsite area--two lakes for swimming and canoeing--canoes and boats--beautiful dining hall overlooking the lake--outdoor chapel by the lake---four different locations--six cabins, sleeping 10 boys each--nine covered wagons, sleeping 4 boys each--logans, sleeping 4 boys each--bed and mattresses--bath and showerhouses with hot showers--nature trails---archery range--cookout and campcraft areas.

CAMP DATES: Each week June 13 through August 13. All camps open on Monday with registration beginning at 2:00 p. m. and close on Saturday at 9:30 a. m. Three age groups are cared for in separate camps each week. Attendance is limited to 140 campers per week. Begin your plans now so as to give your boys this camping experience in the "new" Camp CaRAway. You boys will like it!

COST: \$18.00 per camper, including room, meals, insurance, and registration fee. You provide transportation. Contact the pastor if you are interested in sending a son to Camp CaRAway this summer, and he can assist you in reservations and other information.