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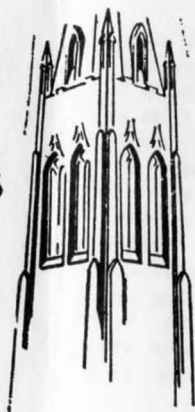
My Prayers



My Presence



My Gifts



My Service

Do You Support
Your Church?

CHRISTIANS ARE AVOIDING PROBLEMS OF THE DAY

Recent surveys reveal that Southern Baptists are not giving enough attention to moral, social, and economic problems. We seem to be afraid to face controversial issues, the report says. My immediate reaction is WHY? Why are we afraid to be called out and to act like Christians in our present day society and community? Someone has rightly said:

"If a man cannot be a Christian in the place where he is, he cannot be a Christian anywhere."

This brings to mind an article that appeared in the BIBLICAL RECORDER recently concerning the membership of Florida Street Church in Greensboro, N. C. A revision of the church's constitution caused them to rethink their membership requirements. "Changes in the church constitution require the deacons to recommend to the church the finalizing of membership on the basis of "character, attendance, stewardship, orientation, training, handicapping circumstances as well as the pastor's appraisal of Christian experience.

The church also changed it's constitution to permit a year of probation and notice to delinquent members before their names are dropped from the roll. Under the change, 36 members were placed on probation. These were members who neither gave to the church, attended any service or meeting, nor made a request in writing that their membership be continued during the next year. During this year of probation, they must both give and attend or their names will be automatically dropped from the roll next January 1."

What would your opinion be if First Baptist were to require some discipline of its members? What effect do you think it would have on the members?...the church? Think about it for a while.

Christian Sympathy

We express our sincere Christian Sympathy to Mrs. Cecil Hill in the passing of her father, Mr. Lonnie

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Sunday, April 9

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship - film
"Rendezvous In The Reef"

Wednesday, April 12

6:00 p.m. Primary Choir
6:00 p.m. Junior Choir
6:30 p.m. Youth Choir
6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
6:30 p.m. Sunbeams
7:30 p.m. Prayer Service
8:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday, April 13

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

April 2, 1967

Budget Offering-----\$2,367.93
Designated Funds-----\$225.00
Kindergarten-----\$190.00
Memorials-----\$35.00
Total Offering-----\$2,592.93
Budget Offering to Date-----\$29,983.46

LETTERS TO THE CONGREGATION

"I appreciate you and the people of your church for the commendable increase in contributions through the Co-operative Program during 1966. According to the records you increased the amount given in 1965 by more than 10% during 1966. This kind of spirit on the part of your church will help undergird all of our work in N.C. and around the world.

We truly believe the Cooperative Program is the greatest means we have ever devised to support our Baptist Program. As you help your people understand it, we believe they will advance their support. We are grateful for your participation and your interest."

Sincerely,
W. Perry Crouch
General Secretary-Treasurer
Baptist State Convention

"Please express to the members of First Baptist Church our sincere appreciation for the communication you sent congratulating us on our opening service in the new sanctuary.

I wish to express my own appreciation for your spirit of co-operation and it was good to have you worship with us on Maundy Thursday. I know you are looking forward to the completion of your new sanctuary and I hope we can rejoice with you on the completion of your building program."

Sincerely,
D. Edwin Bailey, Pastor
Central Methodist Church

MEMORIALS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN IS NAMED

Mr. Locke Webb has agreed to accept the leadership of a special memorials committee responsible for individual and family memorials to be designated for the new sanctuary building.

Very soon Mr. Webb and an appointed committee will announce to the congregation their plans as to how appropriate memorials can be so designated and what some of these memorials can be.

When Is A Child Ready To Become A Christian

There is no exact answer as to when a child is ready to become a Christian. I wish there were. Everything would be easier, because there is no exact way of knowing when a child is ready to become a Christian, somebody has to make an evaluation of this readiness. Usually parents, Sunday School teachers, and pastors make the judgments. Before such a judgment is made, here are some guidelines for parents.

1. Curiosity comes before the capacity to commit. Here are some of the things that prompt curiosity in God in 7-8-9-10 year olds. Nature - how did the world get here, why four seasons, the miracle of animal birth? Worship - why can't I take the Lord's Supper? When can I be baptized? When do I get to go down to the front of the church? Death - brings questions about eternity, heaven, hell, and judgment. Home Worship -- makes conversation about religious things come easier.

2. Questions in themselves do not indicate readiness. One may be curious long before one is able to make a lifetime commitment. This is difficult for some parents to accept. My child is asking questions; therefore, my child is ready to become a Christian. Not necessarily so. If your child were trying to make some other life changing decision such as marriage, you would want to counsel wisely with him. This is why questions are not necessarily indications of readiness.

3. Curiosity provides you with a "teachable moment". The teachable moment means this is the time when the child is open to your instruction. Don't say I don't know or you are too young to ask. Give the best answer you can and best here means honest. Use a language the child can understand. Deal fairly and openly with the child for a period of time before you begin to talk seriously about commitment.

Then contact the pastor for an appointment with the family concerning



SERVICEMAN OF THE WEEK

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

Pvt. James D. Bray
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MEMORIAL GIFTS

The following gifts have been given to the building fund in memory of MRS. A. G. WEBB:

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hylton
Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Finch
Miss Sarah Finch
Mrs. W. M. Johnson

OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

Mr. W. A. Jackson
Mrs. Eugene G. Smith

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Mr. Charles Randleman
Mr. Duke Wall

AT HOME

Mr. J. C. Hill
Mr. Warren Stewart



Monday, April 10 - 2:30 P. M.

MAGGIE NUTT HERRING CIRCLE -- Mrs. Wesley Taylor, Route 1, Ararat
DORA P. WRENN CIRCLE -- Mrs. A. L. Bunker, Route 7

Monday, April 10 - 7:30 P. M.

ORA ARMFIELD JACKSON CIRCLE - Mrs. Morgan Stanley, 313 Grace Street
SALLIE SOMERS CIRCLE - Miss Geraldine McNeil, 314 Council Street
LENA WEBB CIRCLE -- Mrs. Maynard Beamer, 214 Wrenn Avenue

Monday, April 10 - 8:00 P. M.

MARY HESTER POWELL CIRCLE -- Mrs. Grady Harmon, 1530 Park Drive

Tuesday, April 11 - 10:00 A. M.

C. C. HAYMORE CIRCLE -- Mrs. Locke Webb, 1430 Henri Street
ELLA GREENWOOD HOLCOMB CIRCLE - Mrs. Frank Jones, 348 Moore Avenue
LOVINA C. PAULETTE CIRCLE -- Mrs. Porter Cox, 1625 N. Main Street, Mrs. W. M. Johnson, co-hostess.

"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

Matthew 26:26-28

Worship Together
As We Partake Of The

LORD'S SUPPER

SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 9

11:00 A. M.

BAPTISM AND COMMUNION OBSERVANCES SUNDAY