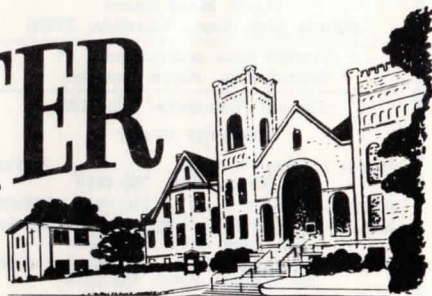


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LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP NEXT WEEK

WEDNESDAY, 6:30 P. M.
OCTOBER 26



FELLOWSHIP HALL
CHURCH NURSERY OPEN

ATTENTION ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS AND WORKERS

THIS IS A MUST FOR YOU

SEPARATE DISCUSSION GROUPS TO BE HELD FOR:

- I. Department Superintendents
Associate Superintendents
Secretaries
- II. Class Workers
Teachers
Assistant Teachers
Presidents
Vice Presidents
Secretaries
Group Leaders
- III. All General Sunday School Officers: Superintendent, Associate, and Secretary.

"To miss this workshop will be to slow down the progress of our Sunday School."

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— CHURCH NEWS — OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

Mrs. L. P. Wrenn, Sr.
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W. A. (Bill) Johnson)
Mr. Hiatt (father of Mrs. Irene
Simmons)

FORSYTH HOSPITAL

Mrs. W. E. Adams
Mr. Charles (Sparky) Paul

AT HOME

Mr. Joe Edwards



Sunday, October 23

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Training Union

Monday, October 24

3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack Meeting

Wednesday, October 26

6:00 p.m. Primary Choir
6:00 p.m. Junior Choir
6:30 p.m. Sunbeams
6:45 p.m. Youth Choir
7:30 p.m. Prayer Service
8:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday, October 27

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

Mrs. J. S. Bray
119 Church Street
Mount Airy, N. C.

Please remember the shut-in of the week with a visit, a card, and your prayers.

There's A Song In The Air

Have you heard it? It goes something like this: "O where, O where can my quarterly have gone, O where O where can it be?"

Please do your very best to keep up with the Sunday School Quarterly you are given. These are expensive to replace when we so carelessly leave them lying around or lost at home.

Christian Sympathy

To: Mrs. Lois Weldon in the passing of her grandmother, Mrs. Lois Wall of

PAY UP--CATCH UP--LIFT UP

SUNDAY OCTOBER 30

How far behind are you behind on your financial pledge to the church? Maybe you've just completely forgotten about it or let it slip your mind. It's not too late!

Sunday, October 30, will be the day for us to exert that special push in order to pay up our back pledges, to help the budget catch-up in order that together we might lift up the name and cause of Christ in this church.

Pastor's Pen

A few days ago we suspicioned that our son, Peter, was taking the mumps. Our doctor said, "Let's hope he gets them while he's still young." He did and in a "big" way!

I remember Dr. William James once saying that "religion is a dull habit or an acute fever" (case). And I have been thinking what a difference it would make if while we were still growing (young), we could only catch a good case of personal Christianity.

You and I live in a world full of religious people. Actually, we would be nearly right in saying that most people have some interest in religion. But is it enough just to be interested in religion? Is it enough just to believe in a Supreme Being? Is it enough just to come to church on Sunday? I don't think so, and apparently Jesus didn't think so either. He said to Nicodemus, a religious man, "Ye must be born again." If your religion is going to become an "acute fever" you will have to know more about Christ.

Is religion a dull habit for you? Do you come on Sunday morning, when it is convenient, or out of a sense of duty or formality? Most of us were reared in a religious home; therefore, we perceive that to profess belief in God is a mark of respectability or simply the proper thing to do.

I challenge you Sunday to worship with me; not because you must, but because you may. Together we can find abundant life in Christ. I will look for you.



SERVICEMAN OF THE WEEK

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

Lt. Henry A. Hair, Jr.
USA Depot, Red River
Texarkana, Texas 75502



NOW LET'S ALL FILE OUT BY ROWS TO OUR SEPARATE DISCUSSION CONFERENCES!

You wouldn't dare let this happen to us....
Would You????????????
OCTOBER 26, 6:30 P.M.

Handbell Choir

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial gifts have been given to the Church Handbell Choir in memory of MRS. D. G. WITT by Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Hill, the Maggie Nutt Herring Circle, and Mrs. Howard Mills.

Gifts have been given to the Handbell Choir by the Adult Choir in memory of all deceased choir members.

Sunday's VISITORS

Mrs. G. T. Wall
202 Grayson St., Portsmouth, Va.

Mrs. E. D. Wimbish
2407 Patria St., Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mrs. Charlene Dukes
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. David G. Greene
Ann, Debbie and Penny Greene
915 North Franklin Road, Mt. Airy

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24 IS
UNITED NATIONS DAY

"Do You Expect Anything of Your Church?"

Look around you at the large churches, small churches, beautiful churches, plain churches, growing churches, and dying churches. Much that you see will inspire and encourage you, but one disconcerting factor will be uncovered in all these churches. There are always some people without expectancy.

These are the people who say, "Well, here it is another Sunday. Ho, hum, so what? Let's get on with the show so we can go home." They are claiming for their own the non-Biblical beauty, "Blessed are they who expect nothing, for they shall not be disappointed." The proportion of this kind of person varies from church to church.

How refreshing to meet people who expect something of their church. They expect to meet people they like. They expect to hear a message that inspires them. They expect to profit from Bible study. They expect to encounter God in worship. They expect their church to keep alert to change. They expect their leaders to be creative and daring. They expect their building to be clean and attractive. They expect their services to be well planned and executed.

Do you often feel that your church is either failing or maybe just marking time? Could it be you have expected too little of it? If so, start expecting something to happen around your church. Who knows? It might just happen---even to you!

--adapted



A memorial gift has been given to the Building Fund by the MAGGIE NUTT HERRING CIRCLE in memory of MRS. D.G. NUTT.



DON'T FORGET OUR LEADERSHIP CLINIC
THIS WEDNESDAY, 6:30 P. M.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

October 16, 1966

Budget Offering-----	\$1,234.84
Designated Funds-----	\$380.00
Kindergarten-----	\$289.00
Memorials-----	\$5.00
Handbell Choir-----	\$86.00
Total Offering-----	\$1,528.84
Budget Offerings to Date---	\$77,701.23
Budget Requirements to Date--	\$92,884.68

DO HYMN BOOKS HAVE LEGS?

In days gone by each of us at some time or another has arrived at home only to learn that he has accidentally taken a church hymn book home. This kind of accident is becoming a frequent occurrence.

New red hymn books have been purchased for the Fellowship Hall. These books have only been in use for three weeks, and already two of these have disappeared.

Please look around your home and see if you need to return a hymnal to the church. We will greatly appreciate your cooperation.