

Pastor And Missionary Represent Church

The pastor and Rev. Oren Bradley, missionary for our Surry Association will be leaving this weekend for Detroit, Michigan. Detroit has been chosen as the site for our 1966 Southern Baptist Convention and the meeting place for over 13,000 Baptists as they gather for a week of inspiration, reports, and fellowship. It is not often that our convention meets as far north as Detroit, but an occasional visit helps a pioneer area like this tremendously with its Southern Baptist influence. There are few areas in our United States where Southern Baptists do not have a strong hold and ministry. We look forward to working with these fellow Baptists for a week.

This year's convention does not appear to contain controversy to the degree of other years. Most likely the three main areas of discussion will revolve around (1) the election of a new president to replace the retiring Dr. Wayne Dehoney, (2) Southern Baptists and the church and state relationship, and (3) whether or not the name SOUTHERN Baptist Convention should be changed and to what! This should be a constructive week throughout as well as inspirational.

Detroit is one of the fabulous cities of the U. S., and its facilities for conventions are very fine. It is a metropolis and highly diversified in industry. We look forward, while in Detroit, to visiting some of the car assembling factories and museums for which this city is outstanding.

In the coming years, I believe it would be a good thing for more of our people to attend this once a year convention and to know this wider fellowship of Baptists. It could easily become a family trip. In 1967 the convention will meet in Miami Beach, Florida; 1968 in New Orleans, La.; and in 1969, Houston, Texas. Start planning now to attend a future convention.

A detailed report will be brought following the convention, with color slides. Watch for the announcement! The meeting commences on Monday, May 23, and closes Friday evening, May 27. The pastor will return on Saturday, the 28th. Contact the church office if you need assistance of any kind and help will be provided.

Remember our members in service



SERVICEMAN OF THE WEEK

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

SP4 George E. Oliver
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EASTSIDE MISSION

A donation has been given by the MAGGIE NUTT HERRING CIRCLE to the Building Fund for Eastside Mission.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

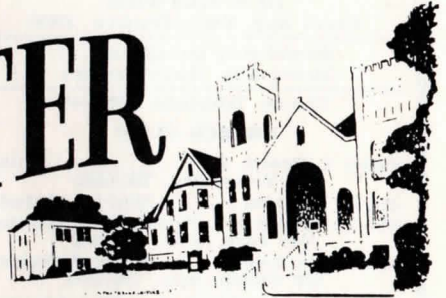
A memorial gift has been given to the Building Fund in memory of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Harris by Miss Bernice Harris.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

May 15, 1966

Budget Offering-----	\$ 1,349.12
Designated Fund-----	482.00
Memorials-----	10.00
Kindergarten-----	472.00
Total Offering-----	\$ 1,831.12
Total Offerings to Date----	\$43,987.45
Budget Requirements To Date--	\$44,230.40

THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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KINDERGARTEN PARENTS' NIGHT



Past review and future projection will highlight this special program led by our Kindergarten Director, Mrs. Betty McNeil.

Few people in our congregation know about the excellent teaching program that goes on during the week for 3, 4, and 5 year olds. Here is an opportunity for you to learn!

This worthwhile program will take the place of regular Prayer Meeting, but your time could not be better spent than learning of the special ministries provided by this church for the people of Mount Airy.

WHO?

ALL parents, relatives, friends, and interested parties are invited to attend this special event in honor and recognition of our Kindergarten program.

WHEN?

Wednesday night, May 25, at 7:30 P.M.

WHERE?

Main Sanctuary of the First Baptist Church.



CLARIFICATION NEEDED IT SEEMS

From time to time we will seek to clear up questions that are raised by our people by giving the answers a wider church reading in the Newsletter. Recently these questions arose: What happens to my membership at First Baptist if I join another church?

First, if you join another Southern Baptist church. You will unite with that church on promise of a letter from your former church. That pastor or church clerk will write First Baptist and request a letter of membership transfer, and we will grant the request thus releasing the name from the roll of the First Baptist Church.

We specify "Southern Baptist" because this means another church of "like faith and order"----or a church whose doctrine and religious practices are the same as the one from which you transferred. This letter of transfer is not one of recommendation alone, as some have thought. It just signifies that your former church and its doctrinal practices (such as baptism and the lord's supper) are identical.

Secondly, if I move from this church to another denomination (like Methodist, Presbyterian, etc.) or to another faith (Jewish, Catholic, etc.)? You will unite with that body according to its rules and procedures. It would be necessary to contact that minister and inquire personally.

After you have complied with their requirements for membership, then your former church, First Baptist, would be notified. You may personally notify the church or have your new church do it for you. But please notify us.

Will a letter of membership transfer be sent from my former church, First Baptist? NO! Why? Because your new church will vary in doctrine and in other practices from your former Baptist congregation. This letter of transfer would be useless and the new church would not see the meaning in such a letter of transfer as would another Baptist congregation (of "like faith and order").

Will my name remain on the roll of First Baptist? NO! Why? Because a person's name should never appear on more than one church roll. Isn't this logical? How can you divide loyalty and Christian faith without it becoming watered down? Once a person joins a church of another denomination or faith, his name is automatically dropped from the roll for that reason.

There are dead names on church rolls across the country because people have joined other congregations without ever notifying their former church. This happens to us sometimes, but when we do learn of such, we automatically drop that person's name for that reason and without any further word.

A person is free to do what he wishes with his church membership, but one thing he has to do if the membership is going to have any meaning. He must take it seriously at all times. Do you appreciate your church membership? Do you use it weekly or weakly?

More next week!

Handbell Choir

Donations have been given to the Handbell Choir in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. James L. Powell, Jr. and Peter's first anniversary in the church by Miss Bernice Harris and by the Electa Sunday School Class.



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ONE DEACON HAS COMPLETED VISITATION

Mrs. Nell Cox has already turned in her cards representing visits made to her thirteen families in the Deacon-Led Spiritual Growth Program. We take our hat off to Nell for taking this effort so seriously and for seeing its tremendous meaning to our church and its overall program of teaching, preaching, and outreach. Each of her family cards has been properly filled out with other helpful comments being made.

Others of our deacons may be completing their visits this week, and we encourage you to be sure and turn in your completed records to the church office as soon as possible.

Who are our deacons visiting?-- Everybody. It makes no difference who you are or how active or inactive you may be as a church member. You can greatly help the future of your church by receiving your deacon graciously and by sharing with him any concern, criticism, or suggestions that might help each of us live closer to Christ and at the same time be a dynamic witness in this church and community. Surely you will help us, won't you?

BUILDING PROJECT IS GO!

There's more taking off than rockets around First Baptist these days. I am speaking of our building program for a new sanctuary. Tuesday morning Maynard Beamer and the pastor talked long distance with Mr. Gene Warren and firm. His news is most encouraging when he says, "we are winding up the plans for your new sanctuary." This is good news since we eagerly await the day when construction will begin. The finishing touches are being applied and then the congregation will take one last look for its approval before going to the contractors. This will be a great day for us all.

Have you noticed? A number of our neighbors also have the building fever. Central Methodist is now working on a sanctuary; Highland Park Baptist, Calvary Baptist, and Mt. Airy Friends are working on educational buildings.

Continue to pray for our building committee and for those who are finishing up the last minute details. Surely the beautiful edifice we will build will be worth every delay of the past.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 22

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

Monday, May 23

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

Tuesday, May 24

3:15 p.m. Girl Scouts

Wednesday, May 25

7:30 p.m. Kindergarten Parents' Night
8:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday, May 26

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Friday, May 27

3:15 p.m. Boy Scouts