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Welcome To Our First Baptist Family
And To Its Church Staff



AL AND JO ANN STANLEY, TODD RANDALL 2 1/2,
KATHY 12, KIMALA CHARLEEN 2 1/2, MIKE 13

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE—NOVEMBER 13

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

November 13, 1966

Budget Offering-----\$1,401.43
Designated Funds-----\$224.00
Kindergarten-----\$219.00
Memorials-----\$5.00
Total Offerings-----\$1,620.43
Budget Offering to date----\$85,364.47
Budget Needs to date-----\$101,730.84

November Sunday School Worker's Conference Postponed

The fourth Wednesday in November is the same evening as our Community Thanksgiving Service at the First Presbyterian Church. We are striving to have a good turnout from our church, so we are cancelling this Sunday School Workers' Meeting set for that night.

We are considering an earlier meeting in December and feel like by that time Mr. Stanley will have his feet more securely fitted into the organizational structure and needs of our Sunday School. Watch for the announcement of this change in calendar.

Memorial Flowers

The Sanctuary Flowers for this Sunday are being placed in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sargent by Mrs. Ruth S. Martin.

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From the Pastors Pen...

One of the goals for which we have been striving has now been reached. After many months of searching, we have discovered and engaged Mr. Al Stanley as our new Minister of Education. We feel that Al has the qualifications and willingness to make a good addition to our church staff and to lead our people in Christian education and development. I know you, the members of our congregation, will do everything in your power to assist Al in the many things he will need to learn before he can take over the reins and guide our church organizations and leadership.

We not only want to welcome this fine family, but you will want to become personally acquainted with Jo Ann, Al's charming wife, and the four children. Let them see how long we have anticipated their coming and how glad we are that they are now here.

Thank you, members of the Kitchen Committee for such a lovely reception last Sunday. Thank you members of the congregation for participating in the "pounding" for our new friends. You have become a significant factor in helping their re-location to be more pleasant and swift.

This family will be living at 207 East Lebanon Street. We hope you will drop by the church and get acquainted with Al sometime this week. Help him with your name several times so he can learn who you are.

Mrs. Powell and I have spent the first part of this week in Winston-Salem at our Baptist State Convention. The meetings have truly been outstanding.

See you Sunday as we worship the Lord. See you there with Bible in hand!

A Good Rule
ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL
Every Sunday

THANKSGIVING EVE PRAYER SERVICE

It has been the custom of the churches in Mount Airy each Thanksgiving to unite in a community-wide service at one church designated within the community. Last year First Baptist was privileged to have this Prayer Service in our sanctuary. This year we will go to the First Presbyterian Church on South Main Street. The service will begin at 7:30 P. M. in their main auditorium. The Reverend Ed Bailey, pastor of Central Methodist, will bring the main message, and he will be assisted by other pastors in the community including your own.

Let us put every effort toward being present for this most significant event. We have manifold blessings to be thankful for, and what a glorious sight to see people of all denominations gathering under one roof to praise the God from whom all blessings pour forth.

First Baptist will suspend its regular Prayer Service on November 23 in hopes that these persons along with many other friends will attend the community service. I shall look forward to greeting you there.

Sunday's

VISITORS

Mrs. W. M. Finch
528 S. Main, Emporia, Virginia

Mr. Sam Mitchener
Rachel and Ruth Mitchener
128 Ingleside Dr., Concord, N.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gray
128 S. Shamrock Road
Asheboro, N. C.

Miss Terri Teel

Christian Sympathy

Our sincere Christian Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Harvey Hennis and to Mr. Ed McGee in the passing of Mrs. Hennis' brother and Mr. McGee's uncle, Mr. Walter McGee of Route 6, Mount Airy.

In Memoriam

Mr. J. Harvey Parries

November 9, 1966

DO YOU KNOW.....

.....that India is the most religious country in the world?

READ

BENEATH THE HIMALAYAS

NOV. 30—MISSION STUDY

Thank You

I Thessalonians 5:18: "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ concerning you."

Our hearts were warmed by the very generous and loving reception given us last Sunday. We wish to express our deep appreciation also for the food received. We trust and pray that this is an indication of the moral and spiritual support we will receive from you in the days ahead as we seek to serve the Lord in this place. May God's grace abound in your lives and may you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Saviour.

Adult Seminar Has Good Reception

Last Sunday evening a pilot project was begun for the Adults of our church who are interested in doing some serious and disciplined study in Bible survey. The turnout and enthusiasm was gratifying as the first lesson was begun. The textbooks being used are J. B. Weatherspoon's, The Book We Teach, and whatever translation of the Bible each student wants to use for study. We encourage each person to use an inexpensive copy of the scriptures so he will feel free to mark various notations from time to time at the appropriate places.

If you were not present for the opening and introductory session, it still is not too late to enroll. There is a place in Training Union for every age from Nursery through Adults. We challenge you to make this Sunday night and every Sunday night a part of your worship and growth experience in the Lord. That's 6:00 P. M. for opening assembly in Fellowship Hall. The topic for November 20 is "A Library of Sacred Literature."

See you there with your Bible and a pencil or pen.



By Letter:

Mr. A. L. Stanley
Mrs. A. L. Stanley
Mike Stanley
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Mount Airy, N. C.

— CHURCH NEWS — OUR KNOWN SICK

BAPTIST HOSPITAL
Mrs. James Mayberry

AT HOME
Mrs. Andy Harris



Sunday, November 20

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

Monday, November 21

3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wednesday, November 23

6:00 p.m. Primary Choir
6:00 p.m. Junior Choir
6:45 p.m. Youth Choir
7:30 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service (First Presbyterian Church)
8:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday, November 24

THANKSGIVING DAY
Office Closed



SERVICEMAN OF THE WEEK

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

Walter Shufford F.N.
B 20-45-20
EM "A" School, Class 2463
Service School Command
Great Lakes, Illinois 60088

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A memorial gift has been given to our church library in memory of Mr. Harvey Parries by the Adult II Men's Class (Hi-Way).



TEACHERS

We still have a few copies of the "Life and Work Annual, 1966, 67" on sale in the church office. The price is only \$2.95. You will find this book to be very helpful in preparing your lesson each week.