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"WE ARE LABOURERS TOGETHER"

Paul wrote to the Corinthian church: "We are labourers together with God."

There are a number of important implications in this statement.

1. First of all he said "WE". He didn't say "YOU" are labourers. He didn't say part of us are labourers. He didn't say only those employed by the church are labourers. He said to the entire church: "WE"—all of us—are in this work together.
2. Then he said "We are LABOURERS". We are workmen. We are engaged in something that takes effort. There was no mention of anyone being excluded from the workman category.
3. Another significant thing he said was that we are labourers TOGETHER. The responsibility rests upon every member of the church. The work of the church is a cooperative effort.
4. Perhaps the most important part of the statement is the last part. "We are labourers together WITH GOD." We do not have to depend upon our human strength and wisdom to do God's work. He will give us the strength we need.

If every member of our church would assume his proportionate part of the work load no one person would have too much to do.

Please think and pray about what YOU are going to do in the church during the year just ahead. Please let the nominating committee or the minister of education know what you would like to do. "We are labourers together with God."

ATTEND PRAYER MEETING WEDNESDAY NIGHT



RESISTANCE OR INDIFFERENCE?

Stewardship of self and possessions is one of the greatest seedbeds for Christian growth that can be found. Watch what a man does with his time, his talents, his money, and you will quickly learn what kind of man he really is. In the church we call this Christian stewardship. But I want to call your attention to only one portion of this stewardship and covenant with God.....your money.

Last fall we pledged a budget and promised ourselves in God's presence what we would give to the support of the church and its work in 1966. Are you living up to this promise, or are you behind? There was no RESISTANCE to our proposed 1966 budget, so there must be an INDIFFERENCE on the part of some of us who pledged our support, but have not given it. Is this your plight? Then it's about time to stand up and be accounted for.

Let's make the next two Sundays catch-up days for our pledges and support of the church. Let's get serious about our church and the place it can and should play in the life of this town and community. It just takes a little more effort than we have been willing to give. Check your box of church envelopes because it can tell you something about your regularity in giving. Think about it!

A SPECIAL GIFT has been given to the building fund in memory of Mr. Wayne R. Boyles, Sr.



Sunday, September 11

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Monday, September 12

2:30 p.m. Afternoon Circles
7:30 p.m. Night Circles

Tuesday, September 13

10:00 a.m. Morning Circles
7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee

Wednesday, September 14

6:30 p.m. Church Council
7:30 p.m. Prayer Service
8:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday, September 15

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

September 4, 1966

Budget Offering-----\$1,492.52
Designated Funds-----1,172.25
Kindergarten-----1,154.75
State Missions-----17.50
Total Offerings-----\$2,647.27
Budget Offerings To Date---\$67,902.49
Budget Requirements to Date-\$79,615.44

College Students

The church office is asking all college students (or their parents) to please call and give us their address at school so that we might put them on the mailing list to receive the NEWSLETTER. We like to keep in touch with all our young people, and in order to do this, we need your help. Please call us today!



SERVICEMAN OF THE WEEK

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

James A. Boyles, SFM3
DC Division
USS Canopus AS34 Detail
US Naval Station

From the Pastors Pen...

I would like to echo these words of a pastor-friend in Florence, S.C., when he says: "No matter how far away you go or how long you stay, it is always good to get back home. And when the separation has been from God's people, the renewal of relationship is even more joyous."

Some of us have recently been separated by virtue of vacation. But others have been separated for other reasons, some physical, as in the case of prolonged illness, and some spiritual, as in the cases of WOUNDED PRIDE and simply DRIFTING AWAY (capitals are mine) from God and the fellowship of His people.

Whether the lapse of relationship is from spiritual separation or spiritual estrangement, the exhortation now rings out to all of us: 'Come back!' God has a place that only you can fill. The church fellowship needs you, and you need the fellowship of your church.'

Let us all then, as one body unite with new vigor, keener insight, higher sense of mission, and greater willingness to be used of God for divine purposes. Let's put soul and strength underneath our God-given responsibilities and bear them as a mighty army marching with a single cadence. Thus the work of the church will be our work rather than theirs; we will be doing instead of they.

Recently it was said: 'Nobody is lazy except in the pursuit of somebody else's goal.' Think it over. When the goal is our own, we have a way of being very active and strenuous until we reach it.

With this in mind, let's come back to God and His people. His mission will once again become our mission, His goals our goals, the church's work our work. As did Paul, let each of us say, 'Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forward unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ.'

I sincerely hope to see every one of you who read these words in church Sunday. What could possibly keep you



Monday, Sept. 12 - 2:30 p.m.

MAGGIE NUTT HERRING CIRCLE - Mrs. H. M. Finch, 500 Cherry Street
DORA P. WRENN CIRCLE -- Mrs. S. M. Terry, 140 Taylor Street

Monday, Sept. 12 - 7:30 p.m.

ORA A. JACKSON CIRCLE - Mrs. W. A. Johnson, South Main Street
LENA WEBB CIRCLE - Mrs. J.B. Edwards, 221 Country Club Road.

Monday, Sept. 12 - 8:00 p.m.

MARY HESTER POWELL CIRCLE - Mrs. Jack Walsh, Gwyn Street

Tuesday, Sept. 13 - 10:00 a.m.

C. C. HAYMORE CIRCLE -- Mrs. Frank Hennis, Country Club Road
ELIA GREENWOOD HOLCOMB CIRCLE - Mrs. Oren Bradley, 1026 North Street
LOVINA C. PAULETTE CIRCLE - Mrs. James H. Johnson, 112 Grace St.

Tuesday, Sept. 13 - 7:30 p.m.

MARTHA A. FINCH CIRCLE -- Mrs. Carl Baber, 331 Country Club Road

Thursday, Sept. 15 - 7:30 p.m.

SALLIE SOMERS CIRCLE -- Mrs. Carl Stewart, 117 Country Club Road

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Men's Golf Tournament Next Week

Thursday, September 15 is the day. That's right, men, the tournament will be played on Thursday instead of Tuesday as usual. The change is being made so more of our men who work but cannot get off on Tuesdays can play. Thursday is usually a businessman's golfing day in Mount Airy.

This time we travel to the Wedge Wood Golf Club located just north of Winston-Salem and beside highway 65. From Mount Airy it is a 26 mile drive to the course. It is a 18-hole course with beautiful bent grass greens. The fairways are very nice and are wider than any of our courses closer by. There also are plenty of carts for us ole-folks. This course is chosen because none of our men have played it to our knowledge, and a handicap system will be in effect. We believe that this will be our finest tournament yet because of the excellent facilities. And by the way, green fees are \$1.50.

Our steak supper following the tournament will be held at the Pilot Mountain Holiday Inn (just off #52 and on your way home from the golf course). A special steak and all the trimmings has been arranged for all who will join the group in their beautiful downstairs Lantern Room. Those of you who have been there know what a great atmosphere it has and how good the food really is.

Two members of your golf committee rode over the Wedge Wood course at the invitation of the owner and were personally pleased at what they found. Now we recommend Thursday, September 15, to you as a day of golf for the men of First Baptist. Watch for an opportunity to sign up this weekend.

— CHURCH NEWS — OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

Mr. E. S. Hendren
Mrs. Rufus Walters

AT HOME

Miss Lessie Smith
Mr. Frank Hennis
Mr. Joe Edwards

Say "Yes"

WHEN YOU'RE ASKED TO WORK

When You're Asked to Work--Dwight L. Moody once said: "There are but few now that say: 'Here am I, Lord, send me.' The cry now is: 'Send someone else, I have not got the ability, the gifts, or the talents.'" "Ah," said Moody, "honestly say you have not got the heart. For if the heart is loyal, God can use you. It is really a matter of heart. It does not take God a great while to qualify a man for His work if he only has the heart for it."

Your church offers you many opportunities for service for your Lord. Do you have the heart to accept them? Call your nominating committee today and volunteer to help your church. Mr. Lester Vaughn is the chairman.

Sunday's

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Thank You

Because I am unable to personally acknowledge the many cards and gifts I received while I was a patient in the Baptist Hospital and during my convalescent period at home following my recent accident, I would like to take this means of extending my deep and genuine appreciation to all who by word and deed proved to be friends indeed. There are no better words than a humble and most sincere "thank you" to show my gratitude.