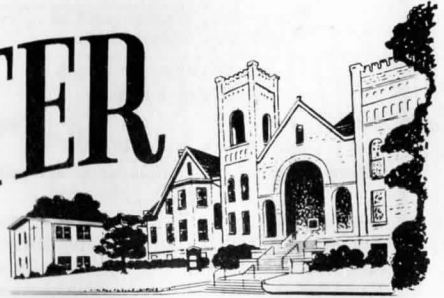


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SPECIAL EMPHASIS IS PROCLAIMED FOR SEPTEMBER 10 \$10,000 GOAL IS SET

The Church Finance Committee recently approved the suggestion of a Special Building Fund Day---Sunday, September 10. The purpose of this day is to impress on our people the great importance of keeping our building fund pledge up to date. Whenever we fall behind in our tithes and offerings on Sunday, some area of our church program has to go lacking. So far it has not been Current Expenses or Missions. The area of our church program to take the hardest beating this year is the building fund. Why? Probably because there has been a large surplus in this fund for several years. We began 1967 with some \$190,000 in the bank. In April we began our long awaited construction of a new sanctuary. By the end of July, 1967, we saw this amount drop to \$130,000. It is anticipated that by October or November, we will have depleted the whole amount and that we will be borrowing money from Workmen's Federal.

What does this mean? It means that every time you or I fall behind in our church pledge payments, we have taken money away from the new sanctuary. It means that the church is going to have to eventually pay interest on dollars that we have held back and said I might do more later. There should be no later! We should be contemplating what we can do now to make later

September 10 we will give all our people an opportunity to continue their love and faithfulness to their church. On this day we are asking you to use one of the special building fund envelopes and make a generous offering above and beyond your regular offering. Every dollar received in these envelopes will go directly into the new sanctuary. Remember that day---SEPTEMBER 10.



WORKERS' CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16 at 6:00 P. M.

Covered Dish Supper

WHAT TO BRING:

- NURSERY - Vegetables
- BEGINNER AND PRIMARY - Salads
- JUNIOR - Tables and Coffee or Tea
- JR. HIGH AND SR. HIGH - Sandwiches and Bread
- ADULT I AND ADULT II - Meat
- ADULT III - Dessert

SUPERINTENDENTS please announce in your department and see that whatever is assigned your department is prepared. Thank you.

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Lost And Found

Have you lost a Bible, a cub scout cap, or one of the other items that have been turned into the church office recently? We would appreciate it if you will check over these items and claim yours. They can be seen in the church annex beside the Sunday School office door any day of the week.

YOUTH NEWS

One of the young people who turned up for Youth Fellowship last Sunday night was Edwin Talliaferro, Route 1, Box 198 of Statesville, N. C. 28677. Edwin became good friends with several of our young people on their recent week at Caswell.



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Vance Stephen Davenport (nee: Judy Hill) who were married Saturday evening at 7:30 in the church sanctuary.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dale F. Watson (nee: Mary Birks) who were married Saturday, August 5 in South Carolina.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Woody Wood (Mrs. Ruby Johnson) who

RESIDENT MEMBERS' ROLL IS MAILED TO CHURCH FAMILIES

In a few days you will have received a new church roll from the church office. This roll contains the name, address, and telephone number of every resident member of First Baptist Church as of July 31, 1967. This can be a valuable tool for you if you will do a few simple things with it: (a) keep it in a safe place--there's only one to a family and cannot be replaced this year; (b) watch the Newsletter each week for new names to be added, for old names to be dropped and for any address or telephone changes that should be made; (c) please do not embarrass your church staff or congregation by using this roll for business purposes or personal gain.

If you should find a mistake on these sheets, would you please call the church office and report it (786-5185)? We are striving for perfection in the church office but cannot achieve it without your assistance.

A resident member is a person who claims membership in this church and lives close enough to participate in and attend its services of worship and learning.

There are names of people who do not appear on this roll who are also members of the church. However, these are people who have moved away from our community but who have never moved their membership. We classify these people as Non-resident Members and have not included their names.

If you will carefully follow the suggestions we have made here, you will always have an up-to-date church roll. You can see the importance of following the Newsletter very carefully each week.

Your church staff is happy to provide this extra for you in hopes that our membership can become personal for you as you relate names and faces. It can become a tool of evangelism as you see those who are not church members yet. It can also point out those of our number who are inactive in their church attendance and service to the community, and thus will help us in encouraging them to become active members in the days ahead.

OPPORTUNITIES *for the Week*

Sunday, August 13

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
 7:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Monday, August 14

7:30 p.m. Nominating Committee

Wednesday, August 16

6:00 p.m. Sunday School Workers' Conference
 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service
 8:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday, August 17

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

August 6, 1967

Budget Offering-----\$2,014.95
 Designated Funds-----\$20.00
 Kindergarten-----\$20.00
 Total Deposit-----\$2,034.95
 Budget Offering To Date----\$63,405.46
 Weekly Budget Needs-----\$2,385.00

DAILY **BIBLE READING GUIDE** *August*

"OUR OWN DISCIPLINE"

Remembering that in Him we live
 and move and have our being.

DAY BOOK CHAPTER

1... Job 23:1-17
 2... Psalms 94:1-23
 3... Proverbs 3:1-12
 4... Isaiah 1:1-20
 5... Isaiah 40:18-31
 6... Matthew 17:1-13
 7... Ezekiel 3:1-27
 8... Zechariah 4:1-10
 9... Malachi 3:1-18
 10... Matthew 19:16-30

13... I Corinthians 11:23-34
 14... II Corinthians 12:1-10
 15... Titus 3:1-15
 16... Hebrews 10:19-39
 17... Hebrews 11:1-16
 18... Hebrews 11:17-40
 19... James 1:1-27
 20... James 2:1-26
 21... James 3:1-18
 22... James 4:1-17
 23... James 5:1-20
 24... I Peter 4:12-19
 25... Revelation 2:1-8
 26... Revelation 2:8-11
 27... Revelation 2:12-17
 28... Revelation 2:18-29
 29... Revelation 3:1-6
 30... Revelation 3:7-12

What Will YOU Do In First Baptist Next Year?

This is a question that many of us need to answer. The leadership of the various organizations are busy seeking to enlist workers for the coming year. What will your answer be when contacted? You are urged and encouraged to say yes and here are a few reasons why.

1. The work of the Lord is the most important work that you can do.
2. We need dedicated leaders.
3. We need experienced leaders.
4. We need adults who love children and will work with them.
5. We need adults who love young people and will work with them.
6. We need adults who will work with adults.
7. We need workers who will be faithful to the task of service.

The devil can give you a much longer list of reasons and excuses for NOT serving. Overcome these excuses and accept an OPPORTUNITY of SERVICE for next year.

ADULT I DEPARTMENT IS having a cook-out on Ground Hog Mountain on Tuesday, Aug. 15. All Adult I families are invited!

OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

Mr. Leslie Tilley
 Mr. Jack Walsh
 Mr. Talmadge Jones

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Mrs. I. V. Hampton

AT HOME

Mr. M. C. Minor

SCOUT NEWS



Troop 538 returned from summer camp a month ago. A total of nineteen merit badges were passed off and in addition four scouts and our scout-master passed off the mile swim. They were: Hugh Sutphin, Gary Mills, Billy Johnson, Richard Durham, and Denny Shelton. Bert Wood went to summer camp provisional two weeks before the troop went and he passed off the mile swim also.

There was a handicraft contest for the best carved slide, the best painted slide, and the best made basket. Hugh Sutphin won the carved slide division and Freddy Johnson made the best basket. Merchandise from the Trading Post was given as prizes.

On Friday night, the coupstick was awarded to the troop that had the cleanest campsite for the week. Our troop was judged the best and the coupstick awarded to us. Paul Taylor and Billy Beamer were tapped for the Order of the Arrow.

We had eighteen out of twenty-five boys camping that week. There were fifteen at summer camp and three at the Philmont Scout Ranch. This is about a seventy-five per cent average and the national average is fifty per cent. All in all, it was a good summer camp and everybody enjoyed themselves.



SERVICEMAN OF THE WEEK

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

SP4 Ronnie R. Patterson
US 53 700 188
HHB 4th Bn. (Herc)
44th Arty.

Pastor To People

Do you really belong to First Baptist Church? Let me share with you an article I read recently that I believe can help you answer this question honestly.

"Pastors are often confronted by an outsider with this question: 'Does he belong?' To answer truthfully, the reply would be: 'No, John doesn't really belong to the church although his name is on the roll.'

The inquirer would then ask, 'Just what is the difference between being on the roll and belonging?'

'It's like this,' the pastor explains, 'John's time does not belong to the church, neither his affections, his energy, his thoughts---and the work of the church does not belong to John.'

'What sort of membership does John have in your church?' asks the outsider.

'You see,' continues the pastor, 'it is a bit difficult to explain. He never refers to the church as my church and my pastor. It is always those people and that preacher. Since he visits infrequently, if ever, he has no feeling of belonging to the church family, and the church has never become a spiritual home to him. So it would be stretching a point to say that John belongs to the church.'

'If John ever does anything for the church, he thinks he is doing it a favor. If he gives anything to its support, he feels that he is most liberal. Actually, there isn't an ounce of John that truly belongs to the church.'

To be honest, such an indictment would fit the lives of a great many church members for John is not without company.

What sort of a fellow is John? He is a sleeping watchman, a crippled messenger, a light without a flame, a stumbling block to believers, a joy to the devil, and a source of sorrow to Jesus Christ.

Do you really belong to the church? Think about it!"

See you Sunday, where you belong, with Bibles in hand!

JLP, Jr.

