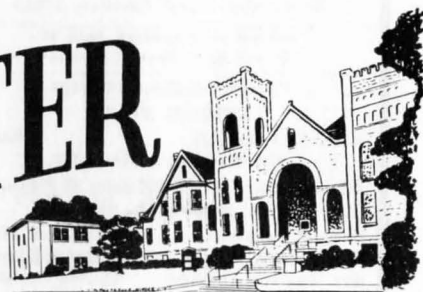


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HIGHLIGHTS OF ASSOCIATIONAL LETTER

EVANGELISM AND MEMBERSHIP:

	1966	1967
Baptisms-----	3	25
Received by Letter and Other Additions-----	24	17
Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.-----	39	32
Total Resident Membership-----	770	778
Total Non-Resident Members-----	242	244
Grand Total Present Members-----	1,012	1,022

ORGANIZATION:

Sunday School Enrollment-----	631	618
Sunday School Average Attendance-----	365	383
Vacation Bible School Enrollment-----	145	180
W. M. U. Enrollment-----	220	209
Choir Enrollment-----	167	167

TOTAL GIFTS FOR ALL PURPOSES-----	\$105,485	\$133,178
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR ALL PURPOSES-----	\$ 98,874	\$129,547

Church To Adopt \$121,630 Budget Sunday

Be Present—Voice Your Approval

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Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, November 5

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

Monday, November 6

- 3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee

Tuesday, November 7

- 10:00 a.m. WMU General Meeting

Wednesday, November 8

- 4:30 p.m. G.A.'s
4:30 p.m. Sunbeams
6:30 p.m. Youth Choir
6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
7:30 p.m. Prayer Service
8:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 9

- 10:00 a.m. Pastors' Seminar
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Christian Sympathy

We extend our sincere Christian Sympathy to Mr. Joe Martin in the recent passing of his brother in Winston-Salem.

"Today's English Version"

"WOULD YOU BELIEVE...?"

"They're on order" has been repeated many times recently when folks would ask about a copy of the American Bible Society's new translation of the New Testament. Clear to read and understand and economical at 35 cents (formerly 25 cents), the translation has been immensely popular. There is a strong feeling that this venture has been one of the most evangelistic thrusts our church could be involved in. Giving a copy to a friend or relative is exciting; it makes you want to do it again.

The translation, the work of Dr. Robert Bratcher, a Baptist, "seeks to express the meaning of the original Greek text in words and forms accepted as standard by people everywhere who employ English as a means of communication." It has sought to make the New Testament understandable to adults, youth, and children even as young as fourth graders.

It should not surprise anyone who has read from this new translation why it continues at the top of the best seller list in our country. We have placed another order, but we still have a few in the church office you can purchase. This is a paperback volume, but you can find a vinyl cover at Hinkles for 39 cents if you would like to protect it from excessive wear.

OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

Mrs. R. E. Forrest

FORSYTH HOSPITAL

Mr. E. C. Collins



OUR CRADLE ROLL

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brinkley on the birth of a son, Claude Franklin, Jr., on Wednesday, October 25.

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE TO BE BROADCAST
OVER WSYD—1300 on the dial**

CHURCH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL TO MEET WEDNESDAY

Due to our Revival services last month, the Church Leadership Council did not meet in October. However, this planning group will meet this coming Wednesday, November 8, in the Library at 6:30 P. M.

We are looking for this representative group to be a real boost to our overall church program as they examine every aspect of our work together. Every church needs a group who can sit down and honestly face what its limitations and shortcomings are as well as suggest to the church how it might do a better job in specific areas. This council's report will always be made to the church for whatever action might be necessary.

The following people are involved monthly in this group: Pastor, Minister of Education, Moderator, Three Members at Large, Diaconate Chairman, Finance Committee Chairman, Sunday School Superintendent, W. M. U. President, Music Ministry Representative, and Youth Representative.

Serving as ex officio members of this group will be the chairmen of all our other committees as well as the other church elected officers. However, the ex officio members will attend the meetings only when called upon specifically.

It is hoped that all twelve members of our active council will be present Wednesday night and each month from here on. Your help will very possibly lead us to a better church in the days ahead with a more meaningful program to offer this community.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

October 29, 1967

Budget Offering -----	\$1,564.63
Designated Funds -----	\$80.00
Kindergarten -----	\$40.00
Memorials -----	\$35.00
Building Fund Donation -----	\$5.00
Total Deposit -----	\$1,644.63
Budget Offering To Date ----	\$94,899.73
Weekly Budget Needs-----	\$2,385.00

Pastor to People

What Does A Pledge Mean?

Last weekend Pledge Cards arrived in every one of our homes. You will have thirty days to make your decision about a pledge and to return the card in the pre-addressed and stamped envelope. I want to tell you what I mean when I make a pledge to our church.

My Pledge Card causes me to review my giving habits. Normally, I just go along from Sunday to Sunday giving rather automatically. But once a year I take stock of myself because the Pledge Card comes. You may not approve of using a Pledge Card. That is all right. I do not want you to do anything that offends your conscience. But the Pledge Card you do not use still has the effect of causing you to review your giving habits.

My Pledge Card does not put me in a straight jacket about my giving. Once in a while I meet someone who is very serious about pledging. "I do not want to make a pledge that I cannot meet." This once impressed me as a sort of "super honesty". I am not so impressed anymore. Most of the people who will not pledge to the church need to be more honest toward God. Giving is voluntary. My pledge is not a bank note; it is a statement of intent. By making that statement of intent, I have helped myself to become more honest about my giving habits and I have helped the church to plan her finances.

My Pledge Card is a part of a larger pledge. I am pledged to the First Baptist Church of Mt. Airy. I pledged myself when I asked the church to receive me into her membership. All of us have made that pledge (except for children in Sunday School who are below membership age). My larger pledge is commitment to my church and my promise to sustain her.

Maybe this will help you decide what to do with your own Pledge Card. If you are willing to use the card, whether pledging or not, it will help the church and it may help you.

A CATASTROPHE!



Mr. Johnson, our Minister of Music, has hit a "dead end" with our children's choirs. Would you believe that we cannot find enough volunteer leadership to staff our three childrens' choirs (Beginners, Primaries, and Juniors)? Here are 50 children who are being deprived of church music education because sufficient leadership cannot be obtained.

I am sure somebody in our church will read this article who has not even been contacted because your musical interests are not known to us. Here are the areas where we need help: (1) The Beginner Choir (ages 4-5) has a pianist but needs a director; (2) The Primary Choir (ages 6-8) has a pianist but needs a director; (3) The Junior Choir (ages 9-12) has a director but needs a pianist.

If you would be willing to offer your services to one of these groups, please contact Mr. Johnson personally, or call the church office, leave your number, and we'll have Mr. Johnson call you. We're stuck and cannot move until you do! Will you?

Some have asked, "Why doesn't Mr. Johnson lead these choirs?" The answer is simple and needs to be widely known in our church. We have Mr. Johnson only on a part-time basis---Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. Already on Wednesday nights he directs our Adult Choir as well as works with the different age-group bell ringers. He gives more now than he was actually hired to do. However, he has volunteered to assist any choir leader with their music selection and ordering as well as be an advisor for any problems that might arise.

As a start, we are suggesting that these younger choirs meet the same afternoons that our G.A.'s and Sunbeams meet: the second and fourth Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 for childrens' choirs and 4:30 for G.A.'s and Sunbeams. Will you help? Then call us today!

Attention G.A.'s

Next Wednesday, November 8, 4:30--5:30 is our G. A. meeting. All girls ages 9-15 are invited to come.

Share with us in our program as we hear Judy Beamer discuss "If I Were A Hindu Girl."

Some of the things we plan to do at this meeting is to decide a name for our Girls' Auxiliary and choose our new officers.

Bring your Bibles also so you can work on your Forward Steps.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The following memorial gifts have been given in loving memory of the following:

DAVID LOCKE WEBB MEMORIAL FUND

Junior Baraca Sunday School Class

MR. E. G. WYNNE, JR.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Atkins

MR. W. I. MONDAY

Mrs. Minnie Sanford

ATTEND PRAYER MEETING WEDNESDAY NIGHT



The W. M. U. General Meeting will be Tuesday morning, November 7th at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

The Paulette Circle with Mrs. J. S. Belton in charge, will have the program.

MISSION STUDY DATES

Monday, November 13 - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 14 - 10:00 a.m.

BE SURE AND MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW. THE BOOK TO BE TAUGHT IS AFRICA--ARROWS TO ATOMS BY V. LAVELL SEATS.