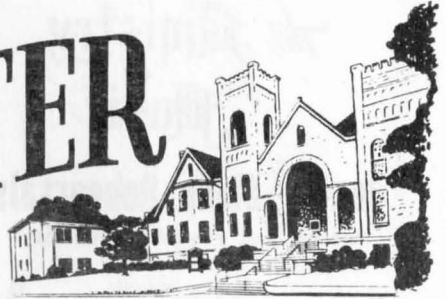


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First Thanksgiving Proclamation

By George Washington, 1789

WHEREAS it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection, aid and favors...

NOW, THEREFORE, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the Beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country, and for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to con-



Junior Choir Rehearsals

Second and Fourth Wednesdays
3:30 P. M.
Every Month

Ages 9-12 Can Join
Mrs. Jack Loftis, Director

Primary Choir Begins

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
5:30 P. M.
Meets Every Wednesday

Mrs. Jewel Carter, Director

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A memorial gift has been given to the new sanctuary building fund in memory of MR. W. I. MONDAY, MR. W. A. JACKSON and MR. LOCKE WEBB by Mr. and Mrs. Ed McGee.

Gifts have also been given to the building fund in memory of MR. J. P. WALKER by Miss Sarah Finch and in memory of MRS. A. G. WEBB by Mrs. Hallie J. Hutchens.

OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL
Mrs. R. E. Forrest

BAPTIST HOSPITAL
Mr. Herman Ashburn
Mrs. Romney Simmons, Sr.

FORSYTH HOSPITAL
Mr. Ernest Collins

W.N.C. SANITORIUM, BLACK MTN., N.C.
David Cook

Pastor to People

A REVEALING REPORT

Let me share with you something about our stewardship news and where we are presently in our pledging.

For the third year in a row our church has simply put the matter of budget to the people and asked you to do the right thing. I think it is important for every church member to be informed and to be asked to re-think his giving each year. Pledge Cards were sent to the membership and to Sunday School members. For about three weeks now the Pledge Cards have been coming back to the church. Here is the result so far in our pledging:

Pledge Cards Sent-----739
Pledge Cards Returned----346
Pledges to the Budget----\$1,029.53
(Weekly)

This is a revealing report. It says that about 53% of our resident membership has not chosen to pledge. I wish that this were otherwise, but this is an honest report at this date (November 20). I wish that all of the membership would join the commitment to give, but since all do not choose to pledge to give, I am glad I know where we are.

You may wish to bring your Pledge Card to the church yet. Please do so by December 3. Thank you for the way you have gone about the business of giving. I hope that your investment in our church will be repaid many times over with blessings from God and a larger life from our fellowship together. You can help make this our best year together through your commitment and positive influence. Let's unite in Christ and try it!

JLP, jr.

Christian Sympathy

We express our sincere Christian Sympathy to Mr. Conrad Tillotson and Mr. James Tillotson and their families in the passing of their brother, Mr.

Books

New Library Arrivals

People Who Care
by C.W. Brister

Christ and the Carols
by William J. Reynolds

Our God Is Able
by William Walter Warmath

A History of North Carolina Baptists
1727-1932 by M. A. Huggins

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

November 19, 1967

Budget Offering-----	\$1,544.60
Designated Funds-----	\$239.12
Building Fund Memorials-----	\$40.00
Building Fund Donations-----	\$10.12
Kindergarten-----	\$189.00
Total Deposit-----	\$1,783.72
Budget Offering to Date---	\$100,757.99

ETERNAL REVENUE

I work for the Department of Internal Revenue. Yes, I am the chap that everybody loathes. I go over income tax returns.

The other day I checked a queer return. Some guy with an income under \$5,000.00 claimed that he gave \$624 to some church. Sure he was within the 15% limit---but it looked mighty suspicious to me. So I grabbed a trolley and dropped in on the guy. Asked him about his "contributions".

I thought he'd get nervous like most of them do, and say that he "might have made a mistake." But not this guy! He came back at me with the figure of \$624 without batting an eye-lash. "Do you have a receipt from the church?" I asked, figuring that would make him squirm.

"Sure," he said, "I always drop them in the drawer where I keep my envelopes." So off he went to fetch his receipts.

Well, he had me! One look at the receipts and I knew he was on the level. So I apologized for bothering him, explaining that I have to check up on the deductions that seem unusually high. And as we shook hands at the door, he said, "I'd like to invite you to attend our church some time."

"Thanks," I replied, "but I belong to a church myself."

"Excuse me," he said, "that possibility had not occurred to me." As I rode the trolley home, I kept wondering what he meant by that last remark. It was not until Sunday morning, when I dropped in my usual quarter into the collection plate, that it came to me.....-Vt. Informant



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Vaughn (nee: Ann Fleming) who were married Saturday, November

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Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, November 26

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

Monday, November 27

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

Tuesday, November 28

7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack Meeting

Wednesday, November 29

5:30 p.m. Primary Choir
6:30 p.m. Youth Choir
7:30 p.m. Prayer Service
8:00 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday, November 30

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

This Week's

Resident Roll Changes

ADD: Mr. Myron Frazier
Route 1, Box 13

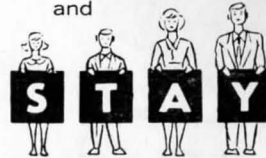
ADD: Mrs. Haywood Vaughn

REMOVE: Miss Ann Fleming
534 North Franklin Road

LOSS BY DEATH: Mr. J. P. Walker

Attend Sunday School

and



FOR CHURCH

Your Family Needs the
PREACHING OF THE WORD
THE HABIT OF CHURCH GOING

---Keeps your heart in constant tune
with God.

---Keeps your mind on the great ne-
cessity for having God's Word spread
throughout all nations.

---Improves your character by learn-
ing the great example that Christ
gave to us.

---Improves your disposition by learn-
ing to love one another even as Christ
loved you.

---Teaches you to give and know the
wonderful joy you receive by giving.

---Teaches you to pray, for prayer is
the answer to many of your problems.

LET'S FINISH THE JOB!

Many of our members have already turned in their 1968 pledges.
Some have not.

Every member of the church will want to have a part in the financial
program of the church. If you have not turned in your pledge, you are urged
to do so immediately.

Memorial Flowers

Flowers have been placed in the
sanctuary for this Sunday in memory
of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Shelton by Mr.

Tell Your Unchurched Friends
How and Where they can get Sunday
Strength for the Other six "weakdays!"

"Ye are My Witnesses Saith The Lord."