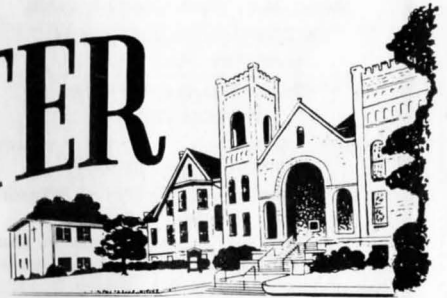


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"WE" ARE THE CHURCH

Many of us talk about the church as though it were "they" or "it" or "she" rather than "we". We vaguely say, "The church ought to be on the job" or "They ought to do that," or "I don't like the way they run things." Are you a member of the church? Then do not say "they", say "we".

The world mission of the church is our mission, yours and mine. When we talk about what the church ought to do, we are talking about what you and I ought to do.

A young man complained because the church of which he was a member had neglected him and his family. His minister said to him, "You used to be a Sunday School teacher. You lost your class. You neglected to visit them. Did you ever visit another member who was sick? What are you doing, and who are you to complain about the church? You are a part of the church and worse than those you criticize!"

We are too prone to think when we join the church that we now should be visited and coddled and served rather than to be soldiers of the cross in a regiment marching for the Lord. We forget that we are to be soldiers of the cross, rather than invalids to be nursed.

Isn't it interesting that "we" always do the great things, but "they" are the ones responsible for all the



What Kind Of A Christian Are You?

A CHRISTIAN IS

A *mind* through which Christ thinks,

A *heart* through which Christ loves,

A *voice* through which Christ speaks

and

A *hand* through which Christ helps

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MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial gifts have been given to the church building fund in memory of MRS. A.G. WEBB by the Martha A. Finch Circle and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Tilley, Jr.

A gift has also been given in memory of Mrs. J. S. BRAY by Mr. and Mrs. Rex Tilley, Jr.



**VISIT
A PROSPECT**

Prospects aren't strange creatures that someone else finds and reports to a committee "down at the church." Prospects are real live people that you meet every day. The supermarket clerk, the beautician, the truck-driver, the bank teller, the nurse, the teacher of your child---all of these may be prospects for our church.

But they have never attended here, they aren't interested in our church. That is right, but they may be prospects.

A prospect is a person who needs Jesus Christ as Saviour. That includes everyone within the range of your witness and the outreach of our church that is not a Christian.

A prospect is a Christian who has moved here and needs a church home. There are a number of such prospects in our community and town.

Finally, a prospect is someone you know. Not just a man or a woman, but a person with a name and you know where they live or work. Identified. Has feelings. Needs Christ or a church home.

Do you know such a prospect? Then witness to him. Tell some of us here at church. We will gladly join your efforts.



Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, April 16

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 2:30 p.m. Youth Hayride and Weiner Roast

Wednesday, April 19

- 6:00 p.m. Primary Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Junior Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday School Workers' Conference
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Sunbeams
- 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service
- 8:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday, April 20

- 5:30 p.m. WMU Annual Meeting at Calvary Baptist Church



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 12--16

Christian Sympathy

We express our sincere Christian Sympathy to Mr. Lloyd Tayman in the passing of his sister, Mrs. J. B.

TIME FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS' CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 - 6:00 P.M.

Covered Dish Supper



WHAT TO BRING: NURSERY -- Sandwiches and Bread; BEGINNER AND PRIMARY - Meat; JUNIOR - Dessert; JUNIOR HIGH AND SENIOR HIGH -- Vegetables; ADULT I AND ADULT II - Salads; ADULT III - Tables and Coffee.

ATTENTION ALL DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS

You are expected to see that the above list is announced in your departments and you are responsible for seeing that whatever is assigned your department is prepared.

NURSERY FACILITIES AVAILABLE

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

April 9, 1967

Budget Offering-----\$2,459.29
Designated Funds-----\$595.00
Kindergarten-----\$555.00
Memorials-----\$40.00
Annie Armstrong Offering-----\$7.00
Total Offering-----\$3,061.29
Budget Offering to Date---\$33,037.75
Budget Needs to Date-----\$35,775.00
Weekly Budget Needs-----\$2,385.00

OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

Mrs. Eugene G. Smith
Mrs. Pearl Barber

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Mr. Charles Randleman
Mr. Duke Wall

VETERANS HOSPITAL, SALEM, VA.

Mr. Henry Johnson, Jr.

AT HOME

Mr. W. A. Jackson



*Woman's
Missionary
Union*

The annual W. M. U. Associational Meeting will be held this Thursday, April 20th at Calvary Baptist Church, with the first session beginning at 5:30 P. M. Supper will be served in the Fellowship Hall of the church at 6:15. The evening session will begin at 7:00 P.M. Dr. Mary Griffith from N. C. Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem will be the guest speaker.

This promises to be an evening of fellowship and inspiration, so we urge our ladies to well represent First Baptist.

*Tomorrow you have no business with.
You steal if you touch tomorrow. It
is God's. Every day has in it enough
to keep any man occupied without the
things beyond.*

-Anonymous

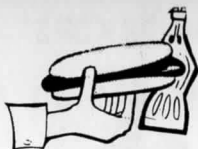
SPECIAL APPLICATION

May I help in the most important phase of the Church's summer educational ministry----the Vacation Bible School? JUNE 12 - 16

Name _____ Phone _____

I prefer the following age group: Nursery _____ Beginner _____

YOUTH! NEWS!



The Youth Hayride and Weiner Roast has been changed from Saturday, April 15 to Sunday, April 16. All young people and their friends are asked to be at the church at 2:30 P. M.

Making Our Church Great

Dr. Carl Bates, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., recently offered his people six simple suggestions if they wanted to assure the greatness of their church.

1. Never allow a day to pass without taking time to PRAY for your church and its special projects.
2. Never speak with anyone without saying a word of PRAISE for your church and pastor. The criticism will be spoken loud and often; see that the praise is louder.
3. Never fail to show FRIENDLINESS to everyone in all church services, especially to the newcomer, the absentee. Nothing can substitute for old-fashioned friendliness.
4. Never push your church down into a lesser importance as compared with social engagements, secular meetings, or anything else. There is no greater power for a church than that of members who quietly but emphatically PUT THE CHURCH FIRST.
5. Never refuse an opportunity to serve. Be willing to SERVE in any capacity you are requested. All service ranks the same with God.
6. Attend CHURCH every Sunday.

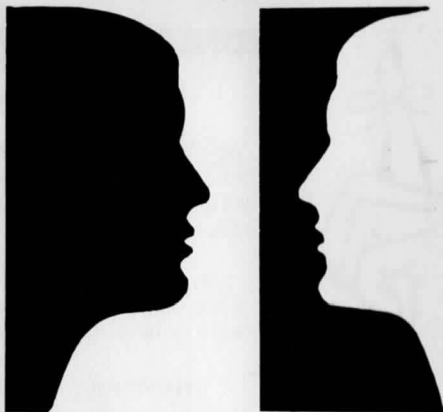


SERVICEMAN OF THE WEEK

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

Lt. Frank G. Misemer 099752
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C Company
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The Christian's Profile



Two things are vitally important to each member of the downtown church.

I. Loyalty: Any church is "dead" without loyalty, and the downtown church had better learn this very soon. It was so important to the people of God in the long ago that a proverb developed on the subject: "Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth and a foot out of joint." (Prov. (25:19))

II. Responsible Commitment: One who is loyal will stand by faithfully to the end. He is always there. If he is responsible in his commitment, he may be depended on not only to stand by in a faithful manner but to do something in addition to being present. Not everyone can exercise responsible leadership, but most of us can be loyal to the services of worship and Bible study.

Surely God does not need our loyalty and responsible commitment quite like WE need it. You can begin this week to be the Christian you have always wanted to be by renewing your covenant with God and with His church. Won't you make your new start by being present for Bible study and worship next Sunday morning? See you and your family there.



Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Tucker (nee: Martha Inman) who were married Sunday afternoon, April