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EASTSIDE MISSION BECOMES INDEPENDENT OF F.B.C.

HALLELUJAH
HE IS RISEN



**EASTER
SUNDAY**

THRILL TO RESURRECTION
MUSIC
SHARE EASTER STEWARDSHIP
REDEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO
CHRIST

NO YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
MARCH 26
6:30 P. M.

"And I, if I be lifted up from the
earth, will draw all men unto me"

John 12: 32.

THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED

Let Your Easter Offering Exemplify
Your Devotion to Christ and His Church

PASTOR'S MESSAGE SUNDAY
"EASTER THE DEATH OF GOD"

At a called church business meeting last week, our people voted to accept the request of Eastside Baptist Church that they be granted independency from our control.

This matter has been under consideration for several weeks now, and the details have been carefully worked out in hopes that Eastside will have a good future ahead of them. This recommendation came to our church with the unanimous consent of our Missions Committee and the motion received a unanimous vote from our people.

We wish Eastside well and shall support them in our prayers and thoughts in the days ahead.

A copy of this motion can be obtained in the church office if you would like to see it. Due to its length, it could not be published in the church paper.

LOCAL MISSIONS FUND IS BORN

A second motion made and passed concerned the 1967 Budget item: Eastside Mission. It was decided that this money would be used for local missionary projects at the discretion of our Missions and Finance Committees and upon the approval of the pastor. It was felt that First Baptist should continue to reach outward to the needs of its community

Annual WMU Convention

"Keep On Growing"

To Be In Winston-Salem

North Carolina Baptist women will be challenged to "Keep on Growing" at the annual Woman's Missionary Union Convention in Winston-Salem.

The annual session will convene at 7:30 P. M. March 28 and close at noon March 30. All sessions will be in Wait Chapel at Wake Forest College. This will also be a grand opportunity for many of our ladies to view one of our leading Baptist colleges first hand.

Mrs. Frank Longest, Chairman of our W.M.U. is busy setting up cars to go to Winston for these three days and we want those who need rides to contact her. Some will stay all day while others will stay only part of the day.

Tuesday - 7:30 till 9:30 p. m.
"Go on Growing in Me" and "And Gladly Teach". Miriam Robinson, WMU Executive Secretary

Wednesday - 9:30 till 12:00
"Growth Is Visible in N. C. and the United States."

- 2:00 till 4:00 P.M.
Panel discussion: Missionaries from Ghana, Kenya, and Vietnam.

- 7:30 till 9:00 P.M.
"The World View and You", Dr. Jesse Fletcher, author of "Bill Wallace of China".

Thursday - 9:15 A.M. till 12:00
"Go and Bear Fruit"

Among Our Members

WEDDING:

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Richard Vonachen (nee: Mary Lu Wrenn) who were married March 11 at Ormond Beach, Florida. This young couple will be residing at 1130 Calienta Drive, Jacksonville, Fla.

CRADLE ROLL NEWS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Loftis on the birth of a daughter, Kelly Whitaker Loftis, born Saturday, March 18 at Northern Surry Hospital.

Temporary Street Parking

Privileges Are Granted

By City Board

The Town Council has given First Baptist the privilege of parking on both sides of North Main Street during the Sunday morning hours. This will be only a temporary move until our new parking lot has been made ready. This is anticipated to be within approximately 30 days.

The Chief of Police is trying to assign a man to this area during the dual parking, but we must consider the closest of caution at all times.

Two requests are being made: (1) that no car doors or exits be made out into the street, and (2) that we establish a common crossing point. Please keep these thoughts in mind at all times and help us protect the safety of all concerned.

This Sunday will be a bumper crowd due to Easter, so let's start out on the right foot and show the town we appreciate their kind gesture and that we can comply with their requests of us.



Grace Moravian Church has invited the people of First Baptist to join them in their traditional Easter Sunrise Service. Your pastor has been asked to participate in this meaningful service, and many of our people will want to join him in attendance there.

The service will begin in front of Grace Church at 6:00 A. M. Those of you who have witnessed this Moravian touch at Easter will be the first there. For others of us, we will be enjoying the festivities for the first time. Hope to see you there.

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Is Your Church Pledge 1/4th Paid?

Sunday is the last Sunday in our church's first quarter. We are asking all of our people to catch up and go ahead in their financial support to their church.

The 1967 budget was pledged late this year, so each of us needs to do some catching up. Let's make this Sunday's Easter offering the largest of our history. If you plan to be out of town, let's mail your envelope in before you leave.

Now that our building is underway, the more we can pay now will mean that much less to have to borrow later. Whenever that extra dollar is available, commit it to the building fund and watch it go to work immediately.

Every member of First Baptist Church, whether active or not, should be giving to the Lord's work somewhere. What are you making a sacrifice for? The account you must settle is with the Lord, not with the church. Are you satisfied with what you are doing? Is the Lord satisfied?

Think about it! Let your Christian life come alive in and through First Baptist. Together we can do great things for God.

— CHURCH NEWS — OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

Mr. W. A. Jackson

Mr. J. C. Hill

Mrs. Kyle Loftis

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Mr. Russell Midkiff

AT HOME

Mr. Frank Jones

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

March 19, 1967

Budget Offering-----	\$1,288.29
Designated Funds-----	\$140.00
Kindergarten-----	\$130.00
Memorials-----	\$10.00
Annie Armstrong Offering-----	\$94.25
Total Offering-----	\$1,522.54
Budget Offering to Date----	\$25,348.09
Budget Needs to Date-----	\$28,620.00

Sanctuary Construction Has Now Begun

The 420 day count-down for our new sanctuary began March 15, 1967. Last Monday, earth-moving equipment and surveyors moved onto our used-to-be parking lot to begin their preparation work.

Someone has said, "A job well-begun is half done." That's the attitude we have about our building committee, architect, and contractor. It may seem like a long drawn out process to you, but remember, you build a new sanctuary about once every fifty years. The most important part is the preparation to begin. The actual construction is then basically a functional thing. In a few months, you and I will look back and know that the wait was worth it all in order that beauty and quality could prevail.

What a joy it is to know that an exiting journey has begun. This journey will call forth from us the very best we have. It will be a time when only those who are serious about the Lord, His Church, and His People will respond to the call: "Come, let us share in the labors together."

We challenge every member of this church to stop and take stock of his relationship with God. How about your witness? How about your church attendance? How about your stewardship? I would vow that you can do better. In fact, I have the feeling you and I can do a whole lot better, if we want to, that is. How about it? Will you give it a try starting this week?

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The following memorial gifts have been made to the church building fund:

IN MEMORY OF MRS. A. G. WEBB

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Shelton
Mrs. Della Kiger

IN MEMORY OF MRS. J. S. BRAY

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Shelton

A gift has been given to the Annie Armstrong Offering in memory of MRS. A. G. WEBB by Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Webb.

**UNIQUE PRAYER SERVICE
NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT
AT WAKE FOREST COLLEGE**

It will be a thrilling and unique Wednesday evening, if you will plan now to hear Dr. Jesse Fletcher, author of Bill Wallace of China, and currently personnel secretary of our Foreign Mission Board. Dr. Fletcher will be bringing the Wednesday evening message at the N. C. WMU Convention at Wake Forest in Winston-Salem.

This evening session will begin at 7:30 P. M. in Wait Chapel on the college campus. We encourage as many of our people as possible to plan now to attend this outstanding session on "The World View and You". Ladies, encourage that husband to go with you this time.

If you can go and do not have a ride, you should meet at the church between 6:15 and 6:30. We will have a couple of extra cars to take you to the college.

It is not often that we have an outstanding opportunity so close by, so let's take advantage of it while we can.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO Mrs. C. W. Taylor, Sr.
on her 82nd birthday this Sunday.

**YOUR CHILD AND
EASTER**

The Easter Season can be a time when little children are taught the love of God through the beauty of nature. We should avoid putting all the emphasis on bunnies, Easter eggs, and baskets. The child should certainly be allowed to engage in egg hunts and simple activities at home, but he should know that all good and beautiful things come from God. The pretty flowers, green grass and fresh budding trees are things he can understand. We can talk about God making the flowers, grass, and trees and thank Him for His gifts. We can help the child know that all life comes from God.

The child cannot understand the deep, spiritual significance of the Easter season. The meaning of the death on the Cross of our Saviour is beyond the comprehension of the very young. The child can be taught that life, beauty, and all good things are gifts from God. The child can be constantly reminded that Jesus loves him and that He is his best friend. The Easter season should mean more than a basket of eggs to the child!

**CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ALL
DAY EASTER MONDAY -- March 27**

YOUTH WEEK RECEIVES CONGREGATION'S APPLAUSE

First Baptist has just completed one of its most successful weeks of youth-led participation. Many of our non-active youth were challenged, and they responded well. Glowing reports have come from many of our classes that were taught by our youth, and especially in our adult departments. Our adult teachers who cared enough to guide these young people in preparing to teach should be congratulated also.

The Youth Banquet was a roaring success being led by good food, good entertainment, and a very fine speaker from Danville, Virginia, Mr. Shelby Royal. The theme decorations for "Fishers of Men" were outstanding.

The Wednesday evening prayer service was conducted entirely by our youth as was the Sunday morning worship service. These young people led by Ronnie Kirkman, Steve Belton, Chuck Wilfong, Dottie Lou Sink, and Bobby Bradley, our youth officers, are to be commended for the splendid job they did and the poise and dignity with which they conducted themselves. A special vote of thanks goes to them.

Finally, the icing on the cake came Sunday morning when our youth presented the Easter drama, "I Saw Him" by Sarah Miller during the worship hour. The eleven players and drummer were marvelous along with our youth choir.

On behalf of the church, young people, thank you for a job well done and for