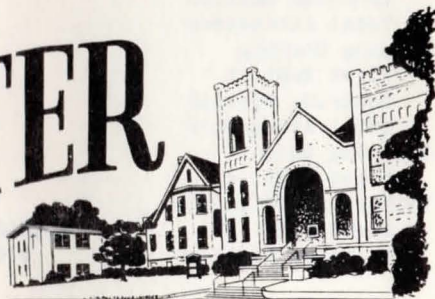


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First Baptist Church, Mount Airy, North Carolina

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HOME MISSIONS OFFERING GETS OFF TO GOOD START



GOAL: \$800 CONTRIBUTED \$458

"YOU PRAYED FOR ME"

You did not know my need,
Or that my heart was sore indeed,
Or that I had a fear I could not quell.
You sensed that with me all was
not quite well,

And so — you prayed for me.

My path had seemed so black,
And yet I know there was no
turning back,
Then in my loneliness I felt God near,
And down the long dark road a light
showed clear.

Because — you prayed for me.

And as your prayer, like incense
sweet did soar,
God did in love, on me, a
blessing pour,
The day — you prayed for me.

HAVE YOU MADE A SACRIFICIAL
OFFERING FOR HOME MISSIONS?
THERE IS STILL TIME FOR YOU
TO SHARE IN THE MINISTRY OF
CONCERN FOR OTHERS! DO IT NOW!

Church Council Meets Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 P. M.

All organizational heads and committee chairmen should plan now to attend the March Church Council Meeting. Future plans cannot adequately be made without your support. Have you read the two booklets you received on the Council and its work? Bring your questions to this meeting so others can benefit from the answers. The round table informality of the meeting last month was stimulating and challenging. You will not want to miss this important meeting, and please be on time. Supper will be served at 5:45 to 6:00 P. M. if you choose to make a reservation Sunday. See you there!

Last Week at A Glance

Sunday School Attendance	
First Baptist	300
Eastside Mission	36
Total Attendance	336
Morning Worship	
First Baptist	393
Eastside Mission	39
Total Attendance	432
Training Union	
First Baptist	61
Tithes and Offerings	
First Baptist	\$1,842.22
Eastside Mission	\$20.00

Welcome, New Members

FOR BAPTISM:

Miss Cynthia Taylor
Rt. 4, Box 226

Miss Melissa Taylor
Rt. 4, Box 226

W.M.U.

Monday, March 14 - 2:30 P. M.

MAGGIE NUTT HERRING CIRCLE will meet
with Mrs. T. C. Birks, 803 E. Pine
Street.

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Sunday, March 13

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 5:45 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:15 p.m. Training Union
- 7:15 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, March 14

- 3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 7:30 p.m. District Meeting for Cub
Scout Leaders

Tuesday, March 15

- 3:15 p.m. Girl Scouts

Wednesday, March 16

- 5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir (Primaries)
- 5:45 p.m. Church Supper
- 6:15 p.m. Sunday School Promotional
Period
- 6:15 p.m. Sunbeams
- 6:15 p.m. Carol Choir (Juniors)
- 6:15 p.m. Officers and Teachers De-
partmental Meetings
- 6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
- 8:15 p.m. Senior Choir
- 8:15 p.m. Kindergarten Committee

Thursday, March 17

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Friday, March 18

- 3:15 p.m. Brownies
- 3:15 p.m. Cub Scouts

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The following memorial gifts have
been received and placed in the memo-
rial funds:

CALEB EARL HILL MEMORIAL FUND

Miss M. Lucile Haynes
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hill, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Randleman, Jr.
Jimmy Elder
Sr. High Girls Sunday School Class
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Speight
Mrs. G. C. Hauser

EARL DEAN WRAY MEMORIAL FUND

Mr. Lewis E. Woodson
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Speight

LESTER Y. HAYNES

WMU ANNUAL SESSION

March 15--17 are the days for our W. M. U. leadership to go to Raleigh for our state annual meeting. Several ladies from our church are going. Pray for them during this important time, and for their safe return to us.

OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

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Mrs. Howard Paul
Mrs. Russell Poore
Mrs. Clarence Lambe
Mrs. Johnny Harris

JAMES WALKER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

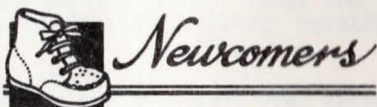
Wilmington, N. C.
Mrs. Louise Short

U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL

Jacksonville, Florida
Mrs. Helen Patterson

AT HOME

Mrs. John Parries



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Poore on the birth of a new daughter, Mary Shannon Poore, born March 7th at Northern Surry Hospital.

Congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. John R. Harris on the birth of a son, John Rayburn Harris, Jr., born March 7th at Northern Surry Hospital.

"SO SEND I YOU!"
John 20:21



Participate
IN OUR
HOME AND
FOREIGN
MISSIONARY
ENTERPRISES

"GO YE THEREFORE" Matt. 28:19

LOOK

IT'S COMING

YOUTH WEEK

You be sure and set aside those dates now: APRIL 10-17. This will be a week like you never remember. Last Sunday night the youth officers were elected. They are being contacted this week and the announcement will be made in next week's Newsletter.

Watch for the plans as they unfold because you will not want to be left out.

Don't Miss It!



SERVICEMAN OF THE WEEK

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

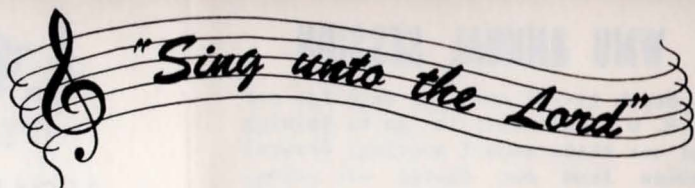
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7th Arty.
APO 09036
New York, New York

Handbell Choir

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A memorial gift has been given to the Handbell Choir in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sargent by Mrs. J. S. Bray and Mr. and Mrs. James R. Bray.

The people of Eastside Mission acknowledge with gratitude the gifts that have been put in the Building Fund of the Mission by the W. M. U. Circles of the First Baptist Church.



WHAT IS A HANDBELL CHOIR?

The ancient and beautiful art of handbell ringing was founded over 400 years ago in England. Handbells were used by "Tower Bell Ringers" to practice timing sequences. In the 18th Century, handbells were expanded in musical range, tuned to the equally tempered musical scale and became a musical instrument. Choirs of "Tune Ringers" were formed and became very popular.

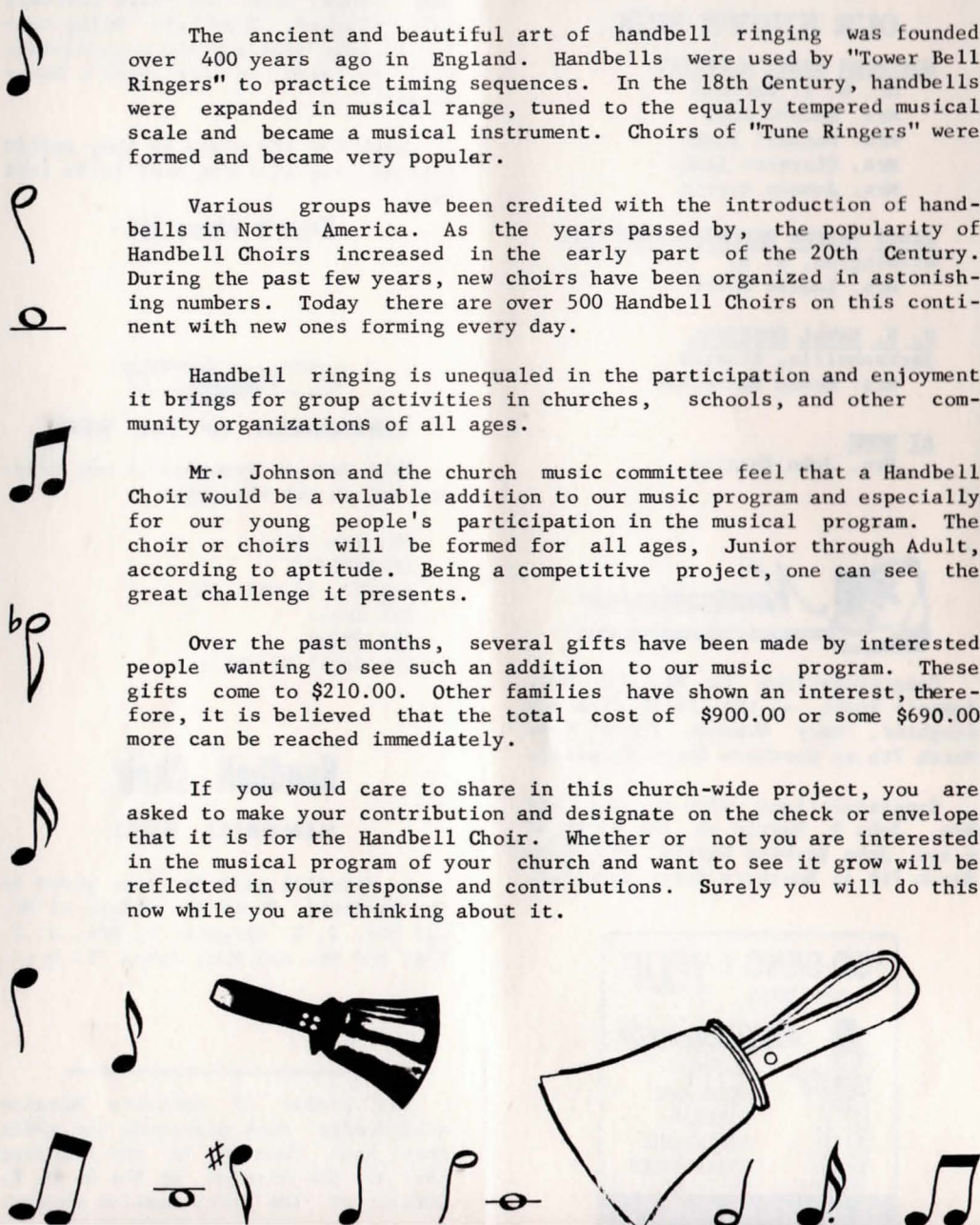
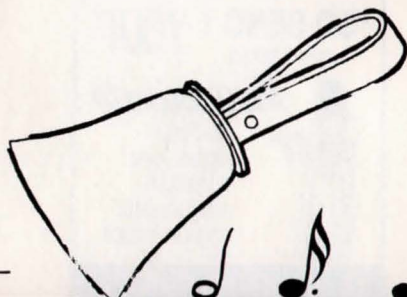
Various groups have been credited with the introduction of handbells in North America. As the years passed by, the popularity of Handbell Choirs increased in the early part of the 20th Century. During the past few years, new choirs have been organized in astonishing numbers. Today there are over 500 Handbell Choirs on this continent with new ones forming every day.

Handbell ringing is unequalled in the participation and enjoyment it brings for group activities in churches, schools, and other community organizations of all ages.

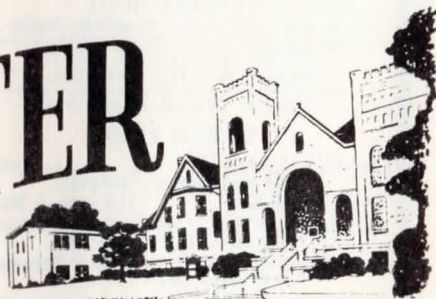
Mr. Johnson and the church music committee feel that a Handbell Choir would be a valuable addition to our music program and especially for our young people's participation in the musical program. The choir or choirs will be formed for all ages, Junior through Adult, according to aptitude. Being a competitive project, one can see the great challenge it presents.

Over the past months, several gifts have been made by interested people wanting to see such an addition to our music program. These gifts come to \$210.00. Other families have shown an interest, therefore, it is believed that the total cost of \$900.00 or some \$690.00 more can be reached immediately.

If you would care to share in this church-wide project, you are asked to make your contribution and designate on the check or envelope that it is for the Handbell Choir. Whether or not you are interested in the musical program of your church and want to see it grow will be reflected in your response and contributions. Surely you will do this now while you are thinking about it.



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Our Nursery Workers

Without them our church program would be seriously hampered. They are always in the front lines but seldom in the headlines. This word is to pay tribute where tribute is due. It is an orchid of gratitude for their dependable faithfulness. In our Nursery departments, these Christians perform a two-fold service; they seek to impress and influence little lives with thoughts of Jesus. Who can really evaluate the tremendous value of their teaching? The Master Teacher challenged grown-ups of His day to see the place, the importance and the possibilities of "these little ones." He never tired of receiving them, loving them, and blessing them.

Nursery workers serve a vital place in this church. They help make it possible for the parents of these children to worship at the morning and evening services. This we believe is one of the most unselfish services rendered by any person or any group of persons in First Baptist Church. Blessed are the nursery workers for great is the inner reward of a vital

Witnessing Through The Family

.....will be the theme of a series of studies for Prayer Meeting for three Wednesday nights beginning next Wednesday, March 23. This will be a new approach to our focus on the family and its significant witnessing role.

WITNESSING THROUGH THE FAMILY

March 23---WITNESSING TO ONE'S MATE

A kind but frank appraisal of the shocking conditions found in many homes with suggestions to the remedy.

March 30---WITNESSING TO ONE'S CHILD

Provides guidelines for parents interested in leading their children to love, accept and serve Christ.

April 6---WITNESSING TO ONE'S NEIGHBOR

A thrilling new approach to family witnessing in which the family serves as an outpost for evangelism.

On Wednesday night we should be occupied with doing business with God. Surely there is no weaker area of the Christian life than the one of witnessing. Help is available for the one who cares enough to come!

More volunteer workers are always needed for the extended session in the Nursery departments. Where are you serving God (men and ladies)? Contact Mrs. James Powell, nursery co-ordinator, and see if she has a place for you. You won't be sorry

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5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
5:45 p.m. Snack Supper
6:15 p.m. Training Union
7:15 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, March 21

- 3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, March 22

- 3:15 p.m. Girl Scouts

Wednesday, March 23

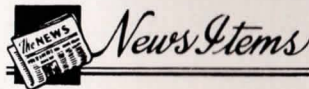
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Thursday, March 24

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Friday, March 25

- 3:15 p.m. Brownies



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Cox (nee: Gail Bondurant) who were married recently.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Boyd on the birth of a new grandchild in California.

Pray For Our Sick

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

Mr. W. P. Shelton
Mrs. Howard Paul
Mrs. W. A. Campbell

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Mrs. Wilcher Short, Jr.
Mrs. F. B. Shore

VETERANS HOSPITAL, DURHAM, N. C.

Mr. Ernest Collins

AT HOME

Andy Collins
Mrs. Russell Poore
Mrs. Clarence Lambe
Mrs. Johnny Harris
Mrs. Helen Patterson

Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathy to Mrs. R. E. Lawrence in the passing of her mother, Mrs. Ambrose Ayers of Mt. Airy.

Our Christian sympathy is expressed also to Mrs. C. C. Hayes in the passing of her mother, Mrs. Rebecca W. Nance of Elkin, N. C.

Last Week at A Glance

Sunday School Attendance	
First Baptist	293
Eastside Mission	40
Total Attendance	333
Morning Worship	
First Baptist	313
Eastside Mission	41
Total Attendance	354
Training Union	
First Baptist	61
Tithes and Offerings	
First Baptist	\$1,553.36
Eastside Mission	\$25.01

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Mrs. Rachel H. Duffield

ANNIE ARMSTRONG Offering For



HOME MISSIONS

Church Goal \$800.00
Received To Date \$764.59

Your gift may be the one
to put us over our goal!



SERVICEMAN OF THE WEEK

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

James A. Boyles, SFM3
DC Division
USS Canopus AS34 Detail
US Naval Station
Charleston, S. C. 20405

FELLOWSHIP

ALL SENIOR HIGH YOUNG PEOPLE

You are invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Bray, 204 Cherry Street, after the Evening Worship Service this Sunday night, March 20th.

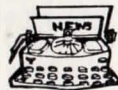
Church Policy On Lending

By virtue of First Baptist Church being centrally located in the community and having members involved in most every activity imaginable in the city, it is necessary to have definite policies concerning what can be borrowed and by whom.

We are always glad to allow the buildings and facilities of this church to be used for important events and causes, but they must be cleared with the calendar of activities in the church office, and have the approval of the Minister of Education (or in his absence, the Pastor). This includes the sanctuary, educational facilities, fellowship hall, kitchen, and all church equipment (chairs, tables, audio-visual materials, kitchen articles and appliances, etc.) that you would ask to take away from the church grounds.

This policy and procedure was begun by vote of the congregation two years ago, but it has not been strictly adhered to because of special privileges being asked. As a result, the kitchen has lost many articles, tables and chairs have been damaged, and one movie screen torn. Please take notice of this policy and do not embarrass us by asking an already answered question, and please do not put Mr. Talley in an awkward position by going to him with your request. Call or come by the church office and we will help you any way we have been empowered. Thank you for your cooperation.

YOUTH! NEWS!



The theme for this year's Youth Week is "Youth In Action" (April 10-17), and the banquet will be held on Thursday evening, April 14. Keep this week clear for a real treat, and be ready to accept your place of assignment willingly.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"The thing that keeps your feet on the ground is the responsibility placed on your shoulders."

"Be Still And Know"

(Don't start this article without reading it all the way through.)

"Be still and know that I am God."

Yes, Lord. Today I will. I really need to know You today, Lord, because I have such a hectic schedule. I will be still and learn to know You. Right now, before breakfast, Lord, I'll take time for You.

See me, Lord. If I read very fast this morning, I can get through at least three or four Psalms. Just watch me, Lord---see how fast I'm reading?

And when I pray, why Lord, just see how many things I can get prayed for this morning. Oh, dear Jesus, bless my family, and bless grandma, and bless Mrs. Brown and bless the Woman's Society---my, but I hope they have punch instead of coffee on a day like this---and bless the President and the governor and the mayor and bless the Sunday School teachers and bless.....

What, Lord? You say be still? Well, my goodness, Lord, can't you see I'm trying?

You know, Lord, it doesn't seem to do much good to take time for meditations every morning. I don't seem to know You a bit better. Maybe after breakfast, I'll take more time.

Well, after the dishes are done, anyway. Oh yes, I simply must make time to iron John a shirt the first thing. Then, Lord, I'll take time to be still.

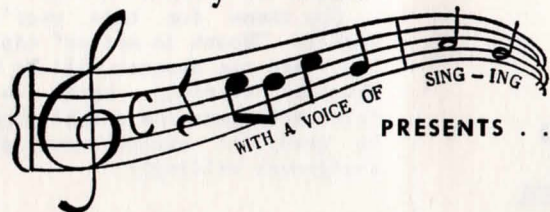
Well, Lord, here we are again. The beds are made, the dishes are done, the shirt is ironed---oh well, what difference does the scorch on the back make? He'll have his coat on anyway. Now, I'm going to take time to finish this wonderful book while I have my second cup of coffee. I'm sure it will help me find You, and if I hurry---there are only six more chapters---I can get it done in time to---You say be still? Well, Lord, can't you see I'm trying?

Whew! Another day. I certainly am tired! I really could use the peace of God tonight, especially after that PTA committee meeting. Why, anyone could see that my idea was better than Irene's. She makes me so mad I could boil!

Well, it certainly is strange that I didn't find the companionship with God that I sought. I certainly tried hard enough. Oh, Lord, where are You? Why didn't I find You today?

Be still? Yes, Lord, I will. Please don't be impatient. I'll be still with You just as soon as I.....

the ministry of music



PRESENTS . . . MISS JANE REED

Miss Reed, a sister to Mrs. Powell, our pastor's wife, is coming to First Baptist to present a recital in flute. Her accompanist is Miss Nancy Hayes of Carthage. Both of these young ladies are music majors at University of N. C. at Greensboro. The recital begins promptly at 4:30 this Sunday afternoon in the Sanctuary. No admission charge.