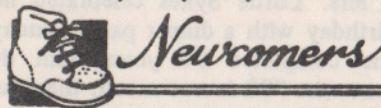


Folks and Facts

The ALTAR FLOWERS for Sunday, July 20, will be given by Mr. & Mrs. S. R. Hensley and Family in loving memory of our mother and father, Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Harris.

MEMORIAL GIFT

The Chesapeake flag was given in memory of Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Basnight, Mrs. Jewel Harper, and Mr. Clyde Miller by Mr. & Mrs. H. L. (Buddy) Miller.



Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Griffin on the birth of a son, Timothy Paul — weighing in at 5 lbs. 11 oz., July 7th.

BUSINESS MEETING

At the July ninth meeting, the following items of interest were considered and approved:

First, the Financial Statement for the first six months. Total receipts — \$57,770.85.

Second, Nathan Horton elected to serve the unexpired term of J. P. Mc Clain as Deacon.

Third, to undertake a crusade against profanity on T. V. and radio. Survey sheets will be distributed to Sunday School and church members, Sunday, July 20.



THANK YOU

Dear Christian Friends,

I would like to thank each and everyone for the visits, cards, flowers, and gifts — but above all the prayers that went out for me. A special thanks to Rev. Hughes and Mr. Clements for visiting me while in the hospital.

Thank you again.

In Christian Love,
Mary McPherson

I would like to thank my Christian friends for their visits, cards, and prayers, and the Pastor's visit during my brief stay in the hospital.

Christian love,
Ann Faircloth



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Sermons We See

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day,

I'd rather one should walk with me than merely show the way.

The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear;

Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear;

And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds,

For to see the good in action is what everybody needs.

I can soon learn how to do it if you'll let me see it done.

I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.

And the lectures you deliver may be very wise and true;

But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.

For I may misunderstand you and the high advice you give,

But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

— Edgar A. Guest

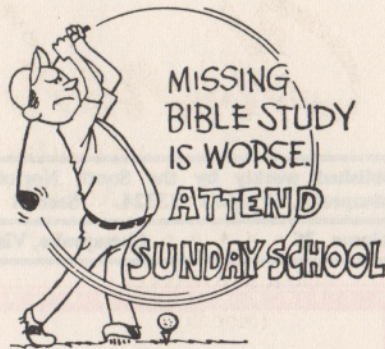
Pastor's Pen

A letter was delivered in my box addressed Mr. Jim R. Hughes from Portland, Oregon on June 23, 1975. The writer of the letter did not know that Jim had met a tragic death in June, 1974.

It came from a young man from India who had met Jim in the Engineering School, O. D. U. He writes, "I was browsing through my old address book this morning and found you. Then I remembered your brother, mother, and father. Next thing that came to my mind was you mentioned something about church around the dinner table." (Jim made friends with Sam, a Hindu, and invited him home for an evening meal at Christmas. We gave him a copy of the Bible as a gift.) His letter continues, "I just want you to know . . . while working in N. C., I heard the Gospel for the first time and understood it. . . Later I gave my life to Christ. This was December, 1973. I am very thankful that I have found Jesus. I am growing very fast in the Lord. . . Life has become exciting and meaningful as Jesus is in my heart." Your brother in Christ, Sam.

The Gospel really works! Sam wanted Jim to know about his conversion. He remembered Jim's interest in The Highway Patrol and help in the Library. However, the main body of his letter related his Spiritual experience with the Lord. He knew of Jim's faith and wanted to share his witness concerning salvation in his own life.

The Scripture that comes to my mind is Heb. 11:4 about Abel "Being dead yet speaketh". Jim being dead, yet the influence of his life continues to speak.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Are we growing as Christians? How does food illustrate the spiritual life? I Cor. 3.

UNIT I - Understanding Christian Growth

The first unit started with conversion and concluded with maturity.

UNIT II - Working At Christian Growth

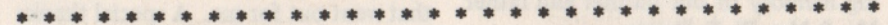
- July 20 - How to Face Difficulties
- July 27 - The Holy Spirit in Christian Growth
- August 3 - Resources For Christian Growth
- August 10 - Tensions and Christian Growth
- August 17 - Becoming Christlike in our Relationship
- August 24 - Growing as a Witness
- August 31 - Accepting The Challenge to Grow

This unit of study will lead us to apply those spiritual disciplines that enhance Christian growth and to evaluate the extent of growth toward maturity thus far attained.

All Christians need to learn that Christian growth is not automatic and that it deserves our best effort. We will be expecting you Sunday at 9:30 A. M. in Sunday School!

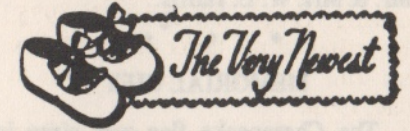
Church Picnic

SATURDAY, JULY 26th
At "THE ANCHOR"



OUR KNOWN ILL (Monday)

Leigh:	At Home:
Grace Hensley	Charlie Harper
Marvin Hogge	Marie Thrash

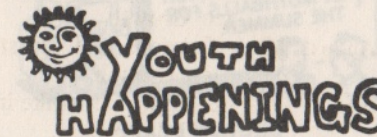


Congratulations to Norris and Peggy Mann on the birth of a girl - Laura Jean, born July 8th.

Mrs. Lottie Sykes celebrated her Birthday with a dinner party Sunday. She completed 90 years with the comment "90 is not much, they just flip by".



Congratulations to Charlotte Lynne Baum and Peter Wayne Nazarko who were married July 12, at the church. They will make their home in Harrisonburg, Virginia.



ATTENTION YOUTH I (7th and 8th graders)

Our Beach Party that was rained out will be this Saturday, July 19th, at 1:00 P. M. We will have supper at the beach.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK

Saturday, July 26th

Beginning with the Church Picnic at "The Anchor" and running through the following Saturday, August 2nd.

PROFANITY CRUSADE

On July 20 survey sheets will be distributed for the purpose of a crusade against profanity and filth on T. V. and radio. Each member will be invited to fill in a record of the name of the program, time of showing, and the profane word used. Also, the station airing the program.

Profanity is basically contempt. It is either using God's name with contempt or treating God's power with contempt (by calling upon the devil). No Christian wants to do the things that profanity implies: insulting God, siding with the devil, condemning another person to eternal torment.

The crusade will focus attention upon the value of clean words and a positive point of view. Psalms 19:14 "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."