

# Folks and Facts

The ALTAR FLOWERS for Sunday, June 27, will be given by Mrs. Wynonia Powers White and Family in loving memory of Mr. Wm. A. Powers, husband and father.

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## SOFTBALL GAME

Thursday, July 1

7:00 P. M.

Franklin Field

SNBC vs. DeBaum

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPER

Wednesday, June 30

6:00 P. M.

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## MARK ALEXANDER CIRCLE

Monday, June 28

7:30 P. M.

4701 Gratton Street

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## ATTENTION!

## WAYNE BRISTOW CRUSADE COUNSELOR TRAINING

S. N. B. C. Auditorium — Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday — June 28, 29, 30, 7:30 P. M. Rev. Willis Joiner, Leader. Make plans to attend!

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## V. B. S. HIGHLIGHTS

We have enrolled 164 as The Messenger went to press for this week. This is only the first day's total. We are looking for an even greater number as we study God's word together.

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## WAYNE BRISTOW CRUSADE JULY 11-18 INDIAN RIVER STADIUM



## wedding

Congratulations to Marshall Lee Liverman and Hazel Dawn Ratcliffe upon their marriage June 12, 1976.

## BAPTIZED — FATHER'S DAY

June 20, 1976

- Hazel Rawles
- Sudie Ferebee
- Kathy Powell
- Benita White
- Susan Josue
- Basil Sands

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A big "thank-you" to all those who had a part in the Dad's Breakfast — Truman Close, Mutt & Gayle Harrell, Willard Fulcher, Tommy Dunning, and Dianne Miller—and anyone else we have neglected to mention.

## CHURCH STAFF

- Frank Hughes, Jr. . . . . Pastor
- W. A. Richardson . . . . . Outreach Minister
- Hammond A. Coates . . . . . Min. of Education
- Bonnie Ray Smith . . . . . Music Director
- Mrs. Mary Morgan . . . . . Church Secretary
- R. D. Holland . . . . . Financial Secretary

## CHURCH OFFICERS

- W. S. Overton . . . . . Sunday School Director
- Mrs. Billie Todd . . . . . W. M. U. President
- Will Parsons . . . . . Chmn. of Deacons
- I. Henry Benton . . . . . Treasurer
- Mrs. Louise Curling . . . . . Clerk

## MISSIONARIES

- Mark Alexander . . . . . Argentina
- Irvin H. Acree . . . . . Uruguay

## CHURCH PHONES

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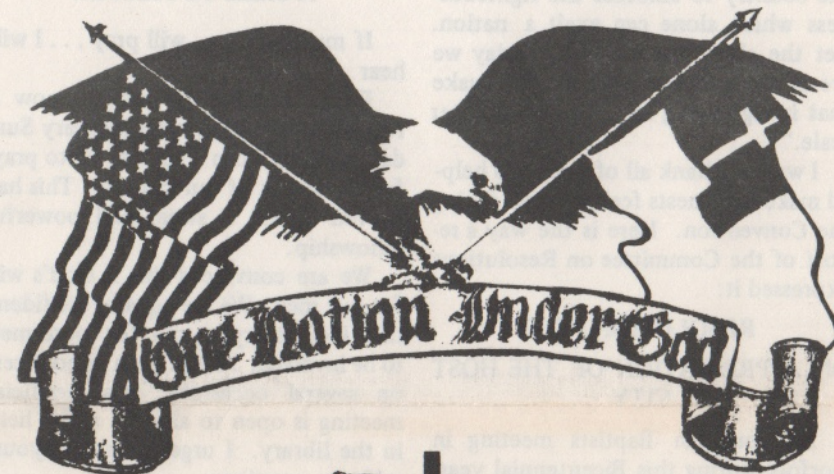
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BICENTENNIAL



CELEBRATION

Our Nation's 200th Birthday is just around the corner. July 4th will be here before you know it. We are planning a great day here at S. N. B. C. We want to invite everyone to come to God's house on the Fourth. We'll begin our celebration with our Sunday School. Then we will proceed into a new order of worship service. This service will involve several new items of worship. You won't want to miss it. We plan to worship God in a mighty way.

Immediately after the worship service we will have an old-fashioned lunch on the grounds under a tent on the parking lot. After lunch we will have a group to sing some good barbershop music for you to enjoy.

That's only half of the day. We will come back for our evening worship on the grounds under the tent. We will move our entire service outside.

Then we will cap off the day with a patriotic film entitled "Williamsburg; The Story of a Patriot". Don't go away for the 4th this year! If you do, you'll miss a great opportunity to worship God while honoring our nation's 200th Birthday.

# Pastor's Pen

About all that is worth saying has been said during the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Let The Church Stand Up", provided a great theme for 1976. Dr. Foy Valentine said, "It is the church's business to sound a certain note in calling the country to embrace the righteousness which alone can exalt a nation. Let the church speak out. Today we are in the midst of a moral earthquake that is registering ten on God's Rickter scale."

I want to thank all of you who helped make our guests feel at home during the Convention. Here is the way a report of the Committee on Resolutions expressed it:

## RESOLUTION NO. 7

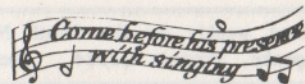
### ON APPRECIATION OF THE HOST CITY

As Southern Baptists meeting in Norfolk during this Bicentennial year, we pause to express our sincere gratitude for the hospitality shown the messengers to the 119th session of the Southern Baptist Convention. We have enjoyed the fellowship with Baptists in this beautiful and historic area of Virginia.

Though it is impossible to express appreciation to all persons to whom the Convention is indebted, special gratitude is due Vernon Ray Jenkins, general chairman of local arrangements, his committee, Rev. Paul D. Moore, and all other persons of the Norfolk area who have had a part in making our stay pleasant.

We further express appreciation to the employees of the hotels and restaurants; to the city officials, the Police Department, and bus and taxi operators, to the news media which have given exceptional line and space to reporting

the work of our Convention and to all others who have helped to make this 1976 Convention possible.



### BONNIE'S BUSINESS

#### A CALL TO PRAYER

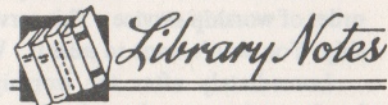
If my people . . . will pray . . . I will hear . . .

For a number of months now a few men have been meeting every Sunday morning from 7 to 8 A. M. to pray for the needs of our church. This has proved to be a sweet and powerful fellowship.

We are convinced this is God's will for our men. We are equally confident that God is crying out for more men to be involved. As has been announced on several occasions, this sacrificial meeting is open to all men and is held in the library. I urge you to ask yourself two questions:

1. What are my reasons for not attending?
2. Does God understand and accept as pleasing my reasons for not attending?

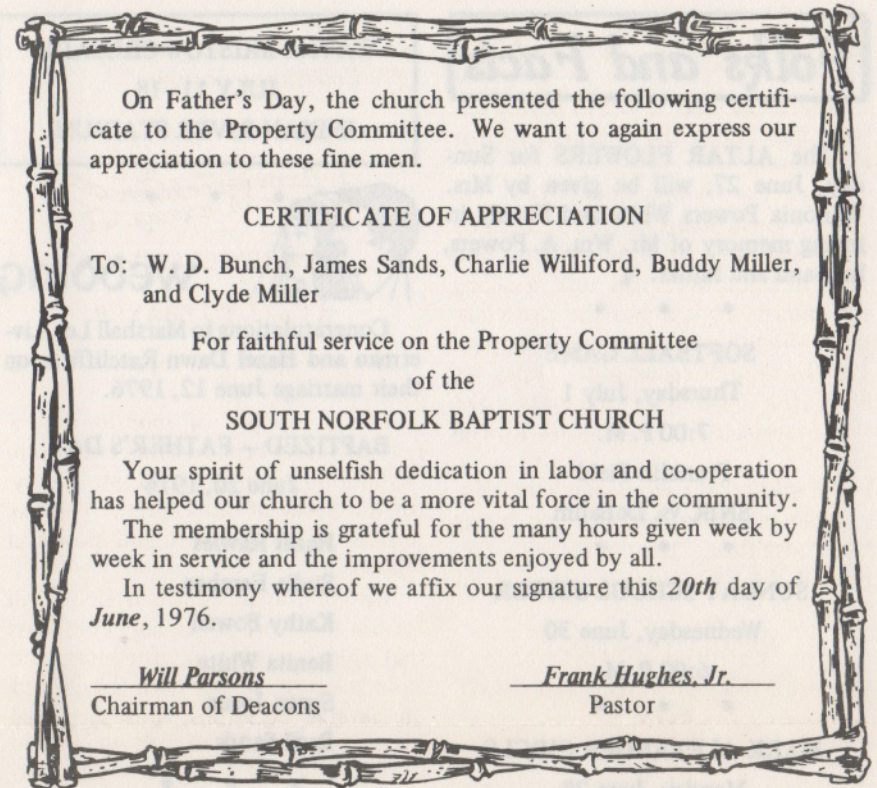
Why not make Sunday your time to join us "in one accord in prayer and supplication." Acts 1:14.



If you have a book from the Church Library that is past due, please return it pronto! Some of the books have been over due since February.

#### REPORTED ILL

Dockery Dailey  
Melzie Jernigan  
Nannie Cummings



On Father's Day, the church presented the following certificate to the Property Committee. We want to again express our appreciation to these fine men.

### CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

To: W. D. Bunch, James Sands, Charlie Williford, Buddy Miller, and Clyde Miller

For faithful service on the Property Committee  
of the

### SOUTH NORFOLK BAPTIST CHURCH

Your spirit of unselfish dedication in labor and co-operation has helped our church to be a more vital force in the community.

The membership is grateful for the many hours given week by week in service and the improvements enjoyed by all.

In testimony whereof we affix our signature this 20th day of June, 1976.

Will Parsons  
Chairman of Deacons

Frank Hughes, Jr.  
Pastor

### NORFOLK ASSOCIATION

The Norfolk Baptist Association, host to the 1976 Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) here, June 15-17, was organized in 1953. Its organizing churches had previously been related to one of Virginia's oldest associations, Portsmouth, organized in 1791. Portsmouth had been formed from the Kehukee Association, the third Baptist association organized in the South (1769).

Churches of the Norfolk Association are located in the Virginia cities of Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Chesapeake, and one is on Knotts Island, N.C. Numbering 40 churches in 1953, with a total membership of 21,687, the Norfolk Association churches presently number 60 and represent an aggregate membership of over 42,000.

The region is one of the fastest growing areas of the Atlantic coast. The association's area occupies the southern

extremity of Virginia's Urban Corridor, which stretches northward to the Washington, D.C. area.

The Norfolk Association's program includes special ministries to minority groups, such as Chinese, Spanish-speaking, and Korean people. Also, there are ministries serving military, resort and other transient communities.

The association maintains a retreat-conference facility, "The Anchor", used by over 15,000 persons last year.

The association has engaged the Scope Convention Center, where the SBC will meet, as the site of its annual meeting in October 1976.

The Southern Baptist Convention met here once before 78 years ago, in 1898. Registered messengers totaled 857 that year. This year about 16,000 are expected to register. The convention has met six other times in Virginia, all in

Richmond--1846, 1859, 1876, 1888, 1907, and 1938.