

Folks and Facts

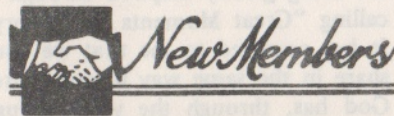
The ALTAR FLOWERS for Sunday, March 28, will be given by the Friendship Bible Class in memory of deceased members.

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V. B. S.

If you can help in V. B. S. — June 21–25, please call the church office or see Hammond Coates and give them your name so we can begin to plan for our training.

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New Sunday School Members:

Children 2 Department

Charles Alfred Forehand
1234 Chesapeake Avenue

Children 4 Department

Michael Holbert
1312 Jackie Drive

New Church Member:

Mrs. Ronald Sorey (Gloria)
2821 Mark Street

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EASTER SUNDAY

April 18

Cantata and Drama — John W. Peterson's "No Greater Love" will be presented in music and drama at 7:30 P. M. Make plans to be here!

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LOVE REDUCES FRICTION
TO A FRACTION.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPER

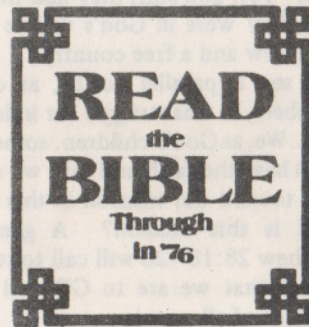
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

6:00 P. M.

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Annual Budget	\$113,432.00
Receipts To Date	\$ 27,845.00
Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 2,181.00
Receipts 3–21–76	\$ 2,720.00



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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
Mrs. Gwen Whitehurst	Organist

CHURCH OFFICERS

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Will Parsons	Chmn. of Deacons
I. Henry Benton	Treasurer
Mrs. Louise Curling	Clerk

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Irvin H. Acree	Uruguay

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Celebrate The Bicentennial In Church



This
SUNDAY

MARCH 28

Let us dedicate ourselves anew to build a nation
whose God is the Lord on our nation's birthday.

AMEN.

"WHERE THERE IS NO VISION THE PEOPLE PERISH." Proverb 29:18

Pastor's Pen

"We the jury, find Patricia Campbell Hearst, the defendant at the bar, guilty . . ." Guilty of bank robbery and using a gun!

The Judge told jurors, "Now that you have arrived at your judgement, do not try to second guess yourselves. Judgement day is a difficult time."

"Guilt is a terrible thing" so said Ben Johnson. This was a terrible, fearful word in the ears of Patricia.

"O, she is fallen
Into a pit of ink, that the wide sea
Hath drops too few to wash her
clean again."

is the way Shakespeare states it.

Guilty, is the verdict of the entire world before God. Romans 3:19. When man appears before God he is anything but innocent; he is completely guilty! This means that man has transgressed the whole law of God. In thinking of guilt we are faced with three questions - cause, motive, and consequence. The supreme problem of life has always been - How can a man get into right relationship with God?

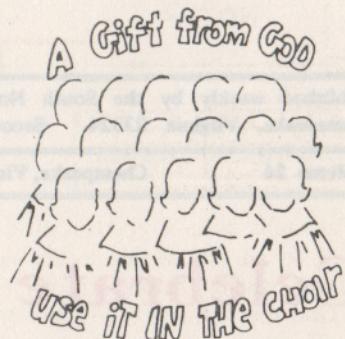
How can Patricia escape the feeling of estrangement, guilt, and fear in the presence of God?

It is true no man ever rendered perfect obedience. The law cannot be satisfied by the great wealth of money owned by her father. What will Miss Hearst use to straighten her life out? This is no time to rationalize about technical issues in the case, the verdict is guilty, violations have been committed.

Guilty is the word found in Romans 3:19.

Justified is the word found in Romans 3:24. (That is how saints are made. Here is Patricia's answer.)

VOICE



EASTER LILIES

The Flower Committee is asking that anyone who would like to donate an Easter lily to the church for the Easter service, to please notify either Mrs. Lucy Holland at 545-4765 or Mrs. Bessie Briggs at 545-1949.

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ATTENTION

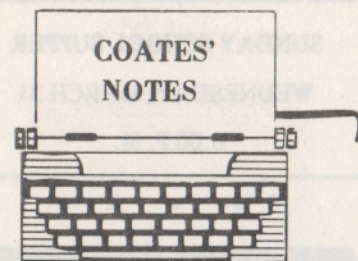
A committee of the Norfolk Baptist Association headed by Dr. Luther Door, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, and Mrs. Jasper Morris is seeking accommodations for Foreign Missionaries, who will be at home for the Southern Baptist Convention the week of June 15th.

If you would be willing to open your home to a missionary or missionaries without any payment, please call the church office immediately. We need to know right away in order to notify the missionaries before they leave their fields of service.

Offering To Date - \$1,038.00

Goal - \$1,300.00

ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING



Paul tells us in Colossians that we are to do all that we do in the name of Jesus, giving thanks through Him and God the Father. Colossians 3:12-17. This passage has special meaning to us in this bicentennial year of our nation's birth. We call to remembrance the faith and works of our forefathers and the many hardships they had to bear. Yet, and still, they had the faith that they were in God's will to establish a new and a free country.

I see a parallel to us, as church members, in this struggle for independence. We, as God's children, sometimes don't have the faith and love we should have toward our mission in this world. What is this mission? A glance at Matthew 28:18-20 will call to remembrance that we are to GO and make disciples of all people.

Do we have the faith that our country's founding fathers had? They were certain that God wanted them to create a new, free nation. This was their faith.

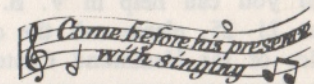
How much greater is helping to create a new and free soul for our Lord Jesus Christ than the creation of a nation! Do we have the faith to go and witness and plant some seeds that may eventually produce a new and free soul for Jesus?

Our great nation did not come about in the twinkling of an eye or the waving of a magic wand. So it is with God's work, we must GO and disciple. Not someone else but me, myself, and I. We cannot get around it, we cannot pass the buck to someone else. We

must stand firm in our beliefs and commitments just as our founding fathers did in theirs.

"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God, the Father." Col. 3:17 NASB.

So celebrate the bicentennial by witnessing for our Lord and attending His church on Sunday.



BONNIE'S BUSINESS

In this Bicentennial Year, Americans are being greatly inspired through recalling "Great Moments In History". It has occurred to me that we could share in the same way in our church. God has, through the years, poured out His blessings upon His people at S. N. B. C. and many of you cherish fond memories of personal involvement in various times of the outpouring of His Spirit.

I would urge each of you in the next few days to pause and reflect, and as you recall these precious occasions jot us a note describing the event and pass it on to the Pastor, Hammond, or myself.

We are not desirous of resting or relying on past laurels but rather anxious to allow these joyful and meaningful recollections to inspire us to seek His face, His presence, and His will in fresh new ways as we like Paul continue "to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus".

ADULT IV MEMBERS

The Adult 2 Couples Class invites the members of Adult IV to a social Saturday, March 27, at 7 P. M. in Fellowship Hall. Plan now to attend!