

Folks and Facts

The ALTAR FLOWERS for Sunday, July 10, will be given by Mr. & Mrs. Howard Dunning and Family in loving memory of our son Howard J. Dunning, Jr.

TAPE MINISTRY

Esther Class \$30.00
Noel Hobbs \$ 2.00

SUMMER MISSIONARIES

at Sandbridge

Through August 15

The summer missionaries at Sandbridge are requesting the following items:

Snack food, toilet paper, soap, pizza mix, popcorn, and money for meats, eggs, and bread.

Please bring these items to Room 106 on or before Sunday, July 10.

Sympathy to . . .

The church extends Christian love and sympathy to the family of Mr. I. R. Cooke.

OUR KNOWN ILL

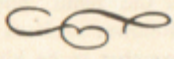
Norfolk General:
Mary McPherson Marshall Tatem
E. E. Reed Cora Schloff
Sudie Ferebee

At Home:
Marie Thrash Annie Robinson
Luther Spruill E. L. McClain

Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my many Christian friends for the lovely flowers and cards I received while undergoing pre-operation tests in Chesapeake General Hospital and during my stay in DePaul Hospital prior to and after surgery. God has really been good to me and our wonderful church family is beyond description. I would like especially to thank our Pastor, Mr. Hughes, for his faithful presence and wonderful prayers that really consoled me and my family during this experience. We can truly say God blessed us all and prayers were answered.

Yours In Christ,
Leonard & Rae Horton



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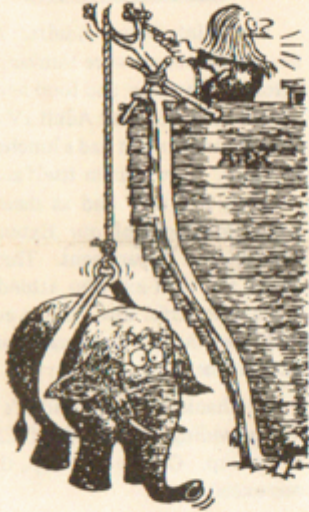
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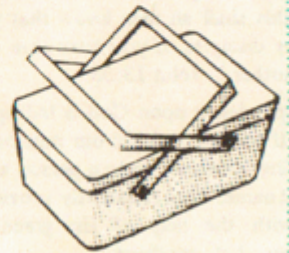
SOMETHING Big is COMING UP!



Annual
Church
Picnic

Saturday - July 23

By-The-Water



AT THE ANCHOR

Pastor's Pen

My neighbor, Elsie Gregory, entered the Haven of Rest on July 2nd. Every day there are showers of blessings sent from the Father above. God's giving is always greater than what we ask for. Her fifty years were taken up with the enterprise of doing good. Her formula for serving Christ was sharing concern for "everybody else".

Her relationships with those of her own household and the people next door were marked with kindness. The whole pattern of Galatians 5:22-23, "Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law," denoted Elsie's superlatives.

During her long battle with cancer she testified to her faith in the Lord Jesus. As I visited her sick room in the hospital or at home, she often expressed her desire to serve Christ and project the love of God into the lives of others. Like Dolly Madison, wife of the fourth President of the United States, when asked to explain her secret of success, replied: "I merely love everyone." Because Elsie loved everyone without exception - husband, neighbors, parents, doctors, nurses, fellow workers, she was richly rewarded in return. "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another." John 13:35.

Dependence upon God is indispensable if we are to fulfill our mission in life. She measured up to a person with a good name. God constantly provided her with the help of His grace to develop that goodness.

Pray that you may become a better

neighbor. "For all the law is fulfilled in one word: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Gal. 5:14.



Yes, think Senior Adults! Approximately 76 people were thinking Senior Adults, fellowship, and food here at the church June 28. Our Adult IV Sunday School Department had a luncheon get-together. Now this in itself is not too unusual, but they had as their special guests members of our Extension or Homebound Department. There were 14 of the shut-ins who attended and had a wonderful time. Some admitted that they hadn't seen each other in quite some time.

We thank Adult IV and it's leaders for providing this kind of Christian fellowship. Oh, by the way, the food was excellent.



COATES'
NOTES

The Fourth of July is history for another year. I'm sure many will be going away for vacations, homecomings, family reunions, and the like during the remainder of the summer months. We would hope your vacation is a joyous, safe affair away from the hustle and rustle of everyday life.

We would also trust that you would not forget your Christian witness while on vacation. No matter where we are we are still children of God. We can't leave our Christianity home if we are truly a follower of Jesus Christ. We must remember to be kind, considerate, and patient with all people. We must forgive and forget those many things that can go wrong on a vacation - such as, a misplaced reservation form at your motel or hotel, a slow meal in a fancy restaurant, or just plain bad manners by some people. We must be courteous while driving and be on the look-out for the other person. Remember, patience is a virtue!

We would also trust that wherever you find yourself on the Lord's Day, you would assemble yourself with other Christians in worship and Bible Study. Remember Jesus said - "... as you go make disciples ..."

Summer is a happy time, a relaxed time, and a time for pleasure, just remember that God doesn't take a vacation from blessing and loving you,

so include God in your summer schedule. List him number one on your itinerary for your vacation.



SUNDAY, JULY 10

9:30 A. M. Sunday School
11:00 A. M. Morning Worship
7:30 P. M. Evening Worship
8:30 P. M. Nominating Committee

TUESDAY, JULY 12

10:00 A. M. Extension Dept. Meeting
Elizabeth Hale Circle
Picnic - Lakeside Park
6:00 P. M. Ruthi Walden Circle
(At Church)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

6:00 P. M. Visitation
7:30 P. M. Prayer Service
8:30 P. M. Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, JULY 15

6:00 P. M. Goodwill Bible Class
Banquet in Fellowship
Hall

SATURDAY, JULY 16

Youth Activities Week
Begins

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

July 11-17

Robert Flora

James Gurganus

Pastor's Pen

"Dowager gives \$2 million on faith", these are very impressive headlines concerning a widow after she turned to Christ on life's road.

Pizza Queen Rose Totino was driving down the road worrying about the family's troubled business when she tuned in Radio Station KTIS of Northwestern College. A preacher was speaking about turning to Christ in times of trouble. "I drove to the side of the road and gave my life to Christ." Said Mrs. Totino, "My whole life was rejuvenated—home, business, everything."

After she turned to Christ, she sold Totino's to Pillsbury Company for \$20.3 million. She is now vice-president of Pillsbury. To show her appreciation to Northwestern, an instrument in God's hand to bring her to a living relationship with Christ, she presented a gift to them of \$2 million!

She knew about Christ, about the Bible, but did not know him personally and the Bible as The Word of God. There are many on life's road who need your witness of the living Christ.

One never knows what will happen on a day's journey. Mrs. Totino turned to Christ.

There is a charming story of Eliezer — the servant of Abraham who was sent in search of a wife for his son Isaac.

The old servant prayed, "I pray Thee, send me good speed this day." Gen. 24: 12. May providence direct me — help me be successful in this mission. There are a few things I want to mention about the journey of life if it is to be heavenward.

First, make it one of faith. Eliezer, humbly asked God to guide him — he made "good speed" indeed.

Second, do not go overloaded. Don't journey with cares, worry, and weights.

Third, depend upon the guide book, The Bible. It is infallible in giving clear light for every step.

Fourth, I predict your happiest journey on the road of life will be when you are serving Christ and others. A cup of cold water costs only the trouble to get it. Mrs. Totino has had "good speed" since her commitment on the journey of life. You cannot create your spiritual sunshine for the road of life, you have to receive it.

**FAMILY
NIGHT
SUPPER**

Wednesday — January 28

6:00 P. M.

THE RECORD SPEAKS

Budget To Date	\$6,544.20
Receipts To Date	\$6,259.83
Weekly Budget	\$2,181.40
Receipts 1/18/76	\$1,692.64

OUR KNOWN ILL

Leigh Memorial	Norfolk General
Ruth Krick	Betty Fulp

MARK ALEXANDER CIRCLE

Monday — January 26

7:30 P. M.

445 Rutgers Avenue

BAPTIST MEN'S DAY - JANUARY 25, 1976



**WANTED:
MEN OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES**

Men have a way of doing unusual things. This church is typical of congregations throughout the Southern Baptist Convention who will observe Baptist Men's Day, Sunday, January 25. This year churches will recognize all of their men, including their pastors, for their many varied achievements. Baptist Men's Day is a big event in our church. It is a time to recognize the responsibility of men in service for their Lord.

The men taking part in the Morning Worship Service will be:

Bonnie Ray Smith, Hammond Coates, Will Parsons, Melvin McPherson, Earl Todd, James Gurganus, Billy Hopkins, Eddie Briggs, Jr. W. L. Fulcher will bring the Morning Message.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH ON HAMMOND AND CONNIE COATES

Education —

We both graduated from William Campbell High School located in Naruna, Virginia.

After graduation, Connie went to work as a secretary in Lynchburg, Virginia.

After graduation, Hammond attended Bluefield College, Bluefield, Virginia. He graduated in May, 1972, with an Associate Degree in Science with a major in music (voice). Upon graduation from Bluefield College, Hammond and Connie were married June 24, 1972, in Falling River Baptist Church, Brookneal, Virginia.

In the Fall of 1972 they moved to Boiling Springs, N. C. to attend Gardner-Webb College. While attending coll-

ege, Hammond was Music Director of the Sandy Plains Baptist Church in Shelby, N. C. Connie worked on the campus of Gardner-Webb as secretary to the college minister. Hammond graduated in May of 1974 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religious Education.

Immediately, they loaded up and moved to Ft. Worth, Texas where Hammond attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. While he attended full-time, Connie worked full time and was the only source of income for the family. They both graduated from Seminary, December 19, 1975. Hammond received a Master of Religious Education Degree, while Connie received a P. H. T. — which stands for "Putting Hubby Through".

Pastor's Pen

"Time" is our need and our number one problem. If you want to know how long life is and how much time you have, ask an older person. The answer most likely will be "life is very short".

Henry VanDyke, once told of a rich lady who arrived in Heaven and was being led by an angel to her place of residence. As they passed many lovely mansions the angel mentioned that one of these was being reserved for her servant. They finally came to a section of the Holy City where the houses were much plainer and the rich lady was told that one of the small ones was to be her eternal home. When she complained to the angel, he replied, "I am sorry lady, but we did the best we could with the material you sent up."

If we are to gain full reward in Heaven we must not put off what the Lord has given us to do today. Tomorrow may never come.

How much of your time each week is spent serving and worshipping God? You have been so bogged down with the affairs of this life. Satan robs you and you have little or no time working for eternal things. James says, "For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." James 4:14.

Why not redeem the time you have left in life, and make room for God. Give priority by attending church each Sunday! Never miss unless illness prevents. Send some good material on up for your mansion.



AUGUST 1

Hunger is an increasing problem, though it hasn't reached most of us. We contribute to it, however, and we can put a stop to it — perhaps not easily but far more easily than we sometimes think.

You are urged to give the price of a meal in observance of World Hunger Day.

Pick up special envelopes in the vestibule on Sunday and then put them in the offering plate. The money may also be turned in at the regular W. M. U. Meeting on August 8th.

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SPECIAL YOUNG ADULT CHOIR

(18-29 Yrs.)

For

On-To-College Night

Rehearsals: August 5, 12, 19

8:45 A. M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TOTALS

July 22, 1979

Enrollment 860

Total Present 247

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MEMORIAL GIFT

\$200.00

Memory of Margaret Morse

by son, Norman Morse

Pastor's Pen

"How to always have enough of everything." 2 Cor. 9. Does that statement sound impossible? God has made the world full of beautiful, wonderful things and has promised in Heaven to provide for every need.

A certain little city boy wanted a dog, and wanted one terribly, as only a boy can want a dog. The family lived in an apartment house, a poor place, unfit for a dog! The boy, however, insisted until his father yielded and bought him a little Terrier.

A dog proved to be a great nuisance. It carried off shoes, soiled the rug, tore up valuable clothing, chewed the covering off the chairs, and finally, began to trouble the neighbor's children. The father tried to sell the dog, but could not. Then he tried to give it away, but no one would have it as a gift. Finally, in desperation he said, "I am going to hire a man to take that dog out and shoot him."

The little boy, broken-hearted, begged his father for two days of grace to see if he could dispose of his pet.

On the afternoon of the second day the lad came running in and joyfully shouted to his mother, "Oh, Mama, I got rid of the dog all right!"

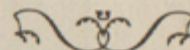
The mother, was filled with pleasure and surprised at the news. She exclaimed, "I'm so glad! How did you do it?"

"Oh, it was easy; I traded Spot for five puppies!"

The deal of the boy had enabled his family to have enough of everything including dogs. There are many times when we feel there is a shortage

of things. Experiences when we wish that we had enough time, food, or money to cover needs for many years.

The Bible tells us how to always have enough of everything — "My God shall supply all your needs out of his great never ending riches." Phil. 4:19. Paul states that in his own life he found contentment in want and plenty. God through His Spirit provided Paul always with enough of everything. Do you as a Christian know about such security? Christ has promised his followers they would always have enough of everything.



COMING UP

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS

These are excellent opportunities for personal improvement and for total Sunday School improvement. You are urged to make plans to attend.

SEPTEMBER 15

Sunday School Council Retreat — 10:00 A. M. — 3:00 P. M. at Sunset Manor Restaurant. Pay \$2.00 registration to Billie Todd or Julian Parcell by September 9th.

SEPTEMBER 23-30

Sunday School Preparation Week Theme: "Bold Outreach For Bible Study."

SEPTEMBER 28-29

Sunday School Leadership Conference at Eagle Eyrie.

OCTOBER 8-9

Associational Sunday School Leadership Training at Kempsville Baptist Church, Morning and Evening — Duplicate Sessions.

Pastor's Pen

"Next to the word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the word of God through music. . ." — Martin Luther.

Those lines were written at a time when the foundations of Christianity were being tested. They are worth thinking about today when people are falling for everything new as substitutes for sacred music.

Some folks clamor for worldly types of music in the church. They look upon it as entertainment or background music of a shopping mall.

Music is the one common and universal language expressing our emotions and ideals. It is pleasing to man's ear and helps him praise plus appreciate the manifestations of God.

We are all aware of the melodies of nature. There are symphonies in the winds and rains. The fields on a summer night are filled with a thousand lullabies. There is music in the gentle lapping of the water against the boat and the ripple of water over the rocks of a brook. I have heard hunters say there was music in the voice of hounds during a chase. Did you ever hear the melodies of the wind in a pine tree or thicket?

Man's ideals are expressed, and are known by the kind of music he produces. The Scholar, musician and writer, Eric Routley, says this: ". . . I am constantly coming upon people in all sections of society who would rather hear what pleases them than hear the truth." Often you hear some one say the music is too "high-brow."

However, we need to remember the music presented in our services has been well rehearsed before it is presented.

We should think of this music not as entertainment but a means of worship. God loves the best for worshipping Christians. It should go beyond "tickling of the ear" and bring us in touch with The Gospel!



ADULT 3 SUNDAY SCHOOL
MEMBERS

Coffee Hour

Sunday — August 26

9:15 A. M.

Come and bring someone with you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

On December 11, 1979

Dr. Baker James Cauthen will conduct his last missionary appointment service as Executive Director of our Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. We can be a part of this historic event. The December 11th Foreign Missionary Appointment Service will be held in the Hampton Coliseum. Dr. Billy Graham has been invited to bring the closing message. Be sure to make plans to attend this service.

STATE MISSIONS EMPHASIS WEEK
September 9 — 16

Pastor's Pen

What is a Christian? Following the martyrdom of Stephen, the Disciples were widely scattered by persecution. Everywhere they went they preached the Gospel of Christ. The name bestowed upon the converts was "Christian". The Disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. Acts 11:16.

First, a Christian is one who has accepted Christ as a personal Saviour. He has realized his sinful life, lost condition, and has put his trust in Christ for salvation.

Second, a Christian is one who bears the name of Christ. "If any man suffer as a Christian let him not be ashamed." He is careful not to dishonor the name.

Third, a Christian is one who is trying to follow in Christ's way. He studies to know Christ's will and to do it. He catches the spirit of his master and will not contradict his profession.

Fourth, a Christian is also one who is enlisted in the cause of Christ. He strives to be like Christ and heeds his instructions by actively promoting his cause. He enlists heartily in his service. He works to get others enlisted. He does all he can, in all the ways he can, as long as he can.

Fifth, a Christian is one who will be admitted to Heaven. Having accepted Christ, Christ will accept him in glory. Having been "faithful unto death" Christ will give him that "crown of life."

In conclusion, if the people of Antioch examined your life, would they call you Christian?

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CELEBRATION DAY

SCOPE
SUNDAY

7:30 p.m.

Our church bus will leave the parking lot between 6:30 and 6:45 Sunday evening for Scope. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. sharp. Come and go with us. If you do not have a way to Scope come to the church and we will find you a ride.

Our services will be transferred to Scope for the evening; Let's have a big Celebration

Sunday October 24

11:a.m. Worship Service

-Installation of youth council
-Conclusion of "Lord's Prayer
Sermon Series.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK
October 25-31

Mark Alexander
Woodrow Bunch

THANKS

For the many acts of love and kindness and the prayers and visits made on my behalf during my recent stay in the hospital. I would also like to give a special thanks to my pastor for his prayers and visits.

Ira Liptrap

SYMPATHY

To the family of Dwight Holden and Norview Baptist Church upon the loss of a fine Minister of Music. He will be sadly missed.

Pastor's Pen

"Other People" — is a daily concern for people in public service. In fact, it should be a constant Christian virtue. There are many good points of contact included in this thought.

First, other people's troubles. Heb. 13:3. "Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them." This is a real test of love, a willingness to share another's suffering. We have a great word in our language called "sympathy". The true meaning of which is to share and suffer the feelings of another. The selfish man says, "I have troubles enough of my own. Why should I be concerned with yours?" When a person has been through deep waters he understands what it means to have a friend stand by sharing without reserve in the sorrow.

Second, other people's sins. Most of us are shrewd observers of other people's sins. We are also gifted in our denunciation of them. Few are willing to confess their own sins, but prompt to condemn other people's sins. The Christian is under obligation to hate sin and love the sinner. Pray for and witness to others and remember Jesus was a "friend of publicans and sinners".

Third, other people's happiness. It is a sad day when we cannot rejoice in another person's happiness. So many make comparisons and limits his rejoicing to the good fortune that comes to himself. This attitude goes to make for loneliness. To find greater happiness in your own life, you should share and welcome happiness in your neighbor's good fortune. What a privilege it is to love people and rejoice with them.

The hymn writer C. D. Meigs expressed the idea this way: "Lord, help me live from day to day in such a self-forgetful way that even when I kneel to pray my prayer shall be for others. Others, Lord, yes, others, let this my motto be, help me to live for others, that I may live like Thee."

YOUTH CHOIR
will sing
Sunday Night
"Make Us One"

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

November 7, 1976

Annual Budget	\$113,432.00
Budget Requirement (To Date)	\$ 98,163.00
Receipts To Date	\$104,453.00
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 2,181.40
Offering 11-7-76	\$ 2,788.51

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COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Chesapeake Avenue Methodist Church

Wednesday, November 24

7:30 P. M.

Our Prayer Meeting Service and Choirs for the evening will be cancelled in order for us to participate in this joint Thanksgiving effort.

We will have our monthly Sunday School Supper at 6:00 P. M. on Wednesday, November 24, and then proceed to the Thanksgiving Service. Come and bring a friend!

Pastor's Pen

Youth Week brought to the attention of the church a word with meaning and application. The theme of the youth pastor, Kevin Curling, centered in that word — Commitment!

This word flows in our ears so easily. Often we confuse the spiritual significance of the word being tied into genuine service. Reviewing a book about a former First Lady of the United States, Marilyn Bender wrote in the New York Times Book Review "... The former First Lady emerges as a lonely, uncommitted and misdirected woman of heroic strengths that she seems only able to summon when facing disaster. In tranquil times, she fritters away her intelligence and numerous talents."

How tragic to let exceptional gifts dribble away, and to be uncommitted in an age when commitment and dedication are so important and necessary.

To whom and what are you really committed? Commitment means direction! On a trip I passed a truck owned by a construction company. There was a large sign attached to the back of the truck which read, "Pilot Car — Follow Me." The truck was used to lead travelers in convoys going around the construction sites. In the same way Jesus says, "Follow me", and "Take up the cross"; this is one obligation the Christian will never finish. It is something you do primarily for Jesus' sake. Paul said, "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust."

What does the word commitment mean to you? Prayer when there is a crisis? Attending Sunday Worship

Services spasmodically? Giving money to God's work periodically? Serving God for self-glory?

Christian commitment means total obedience to God's will, surrendering complete control of your life to Him, and confidence in the certainty of His guidance. Psalms 37:5.

Thanks

Many thanks to each of you for your prayers, visits, cards, and concern while I was recovering. And a special note of thanks to our Pastor and Mrs. Hughes.

Sincerely,
Mary Benton

Dear Christian Friends,

Out of my long stay in the hospital I had much time to think back on my life. And to thank God for his many rich blessings and compassions for me and my loved ones. I shall never forget to thank God for his love for humanity.

I wish to thank the host of friends who took time to pray for and remember me with their cards of love, visits, phone calls, and flowers. Also to my beloved Pastor as he gave his time to be with me and to pray for me.

We hope to be with you soon. Much love to each of you.

R. Dwight Holland

ANNIE ARMSTRONG GOAL \$1400

Given to Date \$572.35