

Folks and Facts

The ALTAR FLOWERS for Sunday, October 10 will be given by Mr. W. R. Brown and children in memory of wife and mother, Mrs. Mae Brown.



A gift of ten dollars was given for the tape ministry in memory of Henry Krick by Mr. & Mrs. I. Henry Benton.

POSTER PARTY

Sunday — October 10

8:30 P. M.

For All Youth

OUR KNOWN ILL

Chesapeake General:

Linner Tatem

Norfolk General:

Bill Costen

Elsie Gregory

Bertie Pleasant

John Calder

Dorothy Cooper

Portsmouth General:

Cora Schloff

DePaul:

Vivian Harrell

At Home:

Virginia Barnes

Bobby Covell

Mattie VanVleek

Percy White

J. K. Holland

Jane Richards

FOREIGN MISSION APPOINTMENT AND DEDICATION SERVICE

A great opportunity for mission education and inspiration is in store for us on Tuesday night, October 12, in Richmond, Virginia at the First Baptist Church. At 7:15 P. M., twenty five new missionaries will share their testimonies prior to their appointment by the Foreign Mission Board. At the beginning of the service, the Hatcher Baptist Church Chorale will present special selections performed on their recent mission trip to South America. This is an excellent opportunity to see our mission work first-hand.

STATE MISSION OFFERING GOAL

Our W. M. U. is promoting the State Mission Offering this month in our church. Let's all help support our State Mission Activities. Our church goal is \$300.00. Have you given yet?

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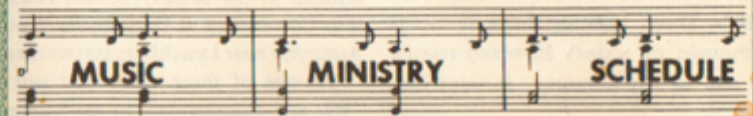
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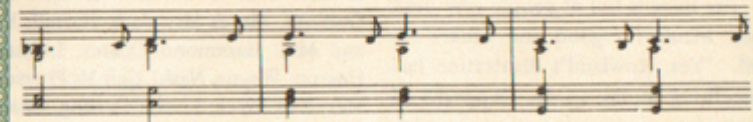
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Happy New Church Year To Our Music Program



ADULT CHOIR	Wednesday	8:30 P. M.	Music Director
YOUTH CHOIR	Sunday	6:00 P. M.	Eddie & Kathy Briggs
JUNIOR CHOIR	Sunday	6:00 P. M.	Carolyn Dunning Anne McMillan Iris Gurganus Kaye Martin
PRIMARY CHOIR	Wednesday	7:30 P. M.	Connie Coates
PRE-SCHOOL CHOIR	Wednesday	7:30 P. M.	Kay Close



O come, Let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Psalms 95:1.

Pastor's Pen

Rev. P. Rowland Wagner was a very talented minister. He was pastor of Central Baptist Church, Norfolk, for thirty-three years. He shared his humor with organizations freely. I heard him speak many times and have been in revivals with him. Also, played golf with him.

How fitting his funeral service opened with that grand old hymn, "Rock Of Ages Cleft For Me, Let Me Hide Myself In Thee". During those moments I thought of a story Rowland related in one of his sermons. It went like this:

He went down in the basement of the old home where his "Pop", he said picked up a piece of paper and unwrapped an object. He held it in his hand and said, "Rowland, this is a piece of Mom's fruit cake, it was the last piece she packed in my lunch before she died."

There it was, a piece of fruit cake, and he was holding it in his hand. It had meaning because Mom had baked it. Loving hands had placed it in a lunch box and it was the very last piece handled by those hands.

The Bible is full of people who used their hands for good and others for evil. Yes, Rowland's illustration has something to say to us. It speaks of family love, compassion, memory, plus love and respect that never died! Until this day, I can see the tear that trickled down P. Rowland's cheek as he related that experience in a revival service.

"Thank you Lord, for giving us P. Rowland Wagner, Amen."

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THE SUPREME MOTIVE
FOR
GIVING

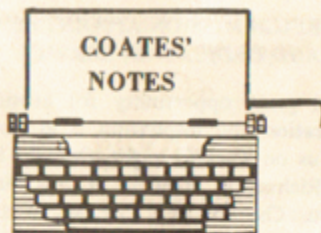
EAGLE EYRIE ECHOES

Our church was represented in great number at the Sunday School Leadership Conference at Eagle Eyrie Baptist Assembly near Lynchburg last weekend.

As one of those who went put it, "We are commanded to go out and bring people into our church and Sunday School. If we bring them in we must have trained teachers and leaders and that was what the conference was all about". We had a good time of fellowship with God and each other. We lost a little sleep perhaps, but we got to know more about each other as we talked and fellowshiped.

Our church will see the difference in the coming year because these people took the time to train.

Those who attended were: Mr. & Mrs. Tommy McMillan, Mr. & Mrs. Bobbie Handley, Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Dunning, Mr. & Mrs. Will Parsons, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Todd, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Overton, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Hammond Coates, Leonard Horton, Wayne Nash, Gail McPherson, Mary Lee Joyce, Louise Curling, Eileen Johnson, Virgie Branch, Marie Thrash, Mutt Harrell, Monroe Simmons, Thelma Bonney, Joyce Moore, Pearl White, Patsy Bias, Rebecca Batten, Joyce Batten, and Margaret Foster.



"Let your speech at all times be gracious (pleasant and winsome), seasoned (as it were) with salt, (so that you may never be at a loss) to know how you ought to answer anyone (who puts a question to you.) Col. 4:6 Amplified Bible.

Does your speech in your everyday living exhibit graciousness? Are you at all times prepared to answer the questions that people ask you? Is your speech seasoned in your response to and talk with your fellowman?

Paul said to the Colossians that our paramount duty toward those outside of our church is to bring them in.

First, we are to seize every opportunity, at any cost, which is the way Paul expresses it in Col. 4:5 - "Making the most of the time."

Second, we shall be wise in testifying if we let our speech always, at all times, be gracious, seasoned with salt. Gracious, in this verse, carries the meaning of pleasant, agreeable, charming disposition, sweetness and courtesy of conversation. A loving spirit makes a loveable character. Behind the graciousness of a Christian's learning is the divine grace which nourishes his spiritual life. By "salt" he means the elevating influence of a life rooted in Christ and devoted to His purposes. What he says is that spirit will not sound like religion humbug. It will

have the ring of reality.

Third, know how to answer everyone! Speak to the individual! This is Paul's third step or rule for personal evangelism. Know people, be aware of them as persons, love them as fellowmen, and you will have rapport with them.

These three steps or rules for personal evangelism are for every Christian. Let's get off to a good start right at the beginning of our new church year!

"To know the right time to speak demands patience; to understand the person addressed demands sympathy; But such gracious, effective testimony is the final test of living for Christ before the outside world."

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RUTH WALDEN CIRCLE

Tuesday - October 12

7:30 P. M.

911 Lafayette Avenue

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Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and expressions of love at the death of my father, but most especially I thank God for my church family. During those days I spent with my brothers and sister in North Carolina after my father's death - I found much comfort just knowing my church family was here thinking about me. How I love you people.

Mary Lee Joyce

Folks and Facts

The ALTAR FLOWERS for Sunday, September 19, will be given by Mrs. S. W. Morgan and Family in loving memory of husband and father, Mr. Seth W. Morgan.



wedding

Congratulations to Katherine Sue Axsom and Dennis Clarence Harper upon their marriage, September 11, at the church.

Sympathy to . . .

Christian Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Bessie Holloman and family in the loss of her brother last week.

Thanks

I would like to express my appreciation for all the prayers and expressions of Christian Sympathy upon the death of my brother, David Smithson.

Mrs. Sarah Oglesby

ONWARD BIBLE CLASS

Tuesday, September 21
12:00 Noon
At The Church
(Bring Sandwich)

MY CHURCH AND I

My church is the home of my soul, the alter of my devotion, the heart of my faith, the center of my affection, and the fortaste of heaven. It claims the first place in my heart, the highest place in my activities, and its unity, peace and progress concern my life in this world and that which is to come. I owe it my zeal, my benevolence, and my prayers. When I neglect its service, I injure its good name, I lessen its power, discourage its members. I chill my own soul, and disown my allegiance to its Founder, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Get Ready For . . . Sunday School Preparation Week September 19-26

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 19

6:00 P. M. General Session
All Sunday School Workers
7:30 P. M. Worship Service

Monday — Wednesday, September 20-22

7:00 P. M. Each Evening — Meet for General
and Age-Group Sessions

Thursday — Sunday Visitation of every person on
Sunday School rolls and
literature distribution.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 — PROMOTION DAY!

Pastor's Pen

This is the time of the year to enjoy the beautiful leaves, as brilliant colors appear. However, if there is a rain storm and the clouds are low on the mountains, only a little of the beauty can be enjoyed. In the fog and rain the unseen realities are unrealized.

I am reminded of Elisha on the mountain with his servant at Dothan. The king of Syria sent horses and chariots to surround them and the servant said, "Alas, my Master! How shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for they that be for us are more than they that be with them." 2 Kings 6: 16.

The servant had some blind spots. He was blind to the realities. He knew they were surrounded and felt they should surrender to those evil forces. He was sure no escape was in view.

At this point Elisha prayed, "Lord, open his eyes, that he may see." Elisha did not argue with his servant; he knew that spiritual things could only be seen through spiritual eyes. Secret things belong to God. The hidden treasures of spiritual strength can only be seen when we have received the holy eye-solve. God answered the prayer and he saw the mountain full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. Before he could only see the enemy around the city. Now he sees the host of God.

The fog and rain on the mountains will pass and God will send his sunshine which will bring an unbelievable

revelation of colors among the trees. Your fear will defeat you if you nurse it. Elisha and his servant walked away unharmed.

NORFOLK BAPTIST CELEBRATION DAY OCTOBER 24 7:30 P. M. SCOPE

The Purpose:

- To Share In Faith - To have a time of sweet fellowship in the sharing of our common faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- To Inform Our People - To acquaint the largest possible group of our people on the nature of the work of the Norfolk Baptist Association.
- To Make Our Presence Known - To make an impact on our area and to let the people know that we are concerned.
- To Be Challenged By The Future - To share with our people the daring vision we have never had in "Bold Mission Thrust", an effort to assure that the gospel will be shared with every person living in our nation in the next three year period.
- To Just Praise The Lord - To thank the Lord for all of His goodness and us, and to praise His name before men!

Dr. Dotson M. Nelson, Jr. Pastor of the Mountain Brook Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama will bring the evening message. Miss Jo Ann Shelton will bring the special message in song and testimony.

Pastor's Pen

How do you react to such headlines, "Poison Wafers Kill Three Children". It is not unusual to read or hear about people eating food that has made them sick. This has been due to lack of proper care in preparation and storage prior to serving.

In Durant, Okla. a pest exterminator parked his truck at an apartment complex, leaving on the seat a coffee can containing grocery store vanilla wafers that had been sprinkled with rat poison. The children found the can and ate the cookies, feeding some of them to a dog.

This resulted in three dead children and a dead dog.

The cookies were sprinkled with a pesticide containing sodium fluoroacetate, or compound 1018.

I began by asking the question about your reaction to such a tragedy. Who is responsible for the deaths? One possible answer is the cookies should have been under lock and key. Another way of looking at the situation is in the form of a question - should children feel at liberty to open the doors of trucks and cars, and steal what they want?

Rats are the most destructive animals in the world. I read somewhere that rats cost the citizens of the United States over \$200,000,000 each year. With conditions favorable and no deaths, two rats can produce 359,000,000 descendants in three years!

Psalms 58:4 speaks of wickedness and sin - "Their poison is like the poison of a serpent." Sin is a poison just as deadly as compound 1018. Indeed, it results in not only physical death, but spiritual death. Beware of sin's rat poison.



Weekly Budget	\$2,181.40
Receipts 3-28-76	\$2,101.60

COATES' NOTES

"Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.'

"Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.'" (Matt. 9:37, 38 NASB)

Have you ever wondered how our churches find leadership. Whether it be Pastor, Minister of Education, Music Director, or whatever? The key to finding leadership is first to call upon the Lord of the harvest in prayer.

This formula works for the lay leadership in our church also. If those who are responsible for securing leadership in our organization will pray to the Lord of the harvest, He will supply the names of the people whom He would have in that place of leadership.

In keeping with the emphasis for the month; that of Life Commitment and Church Vocations, we think of the people in our church who God may be calling into some special form of service. This does not have to be a vocation but it certainly can be. We need people, young or old, who will hear God's call into a church vocation. Our colleges and seminaries are not graduating enough Pastors, Educators, Musicians, etc., to fulfill the need already present in our world. Just imagine the future needs.

The same is true of our needs right here at S. N. B. C. Is God calling you to a place of service in your own church? It won't be long before some of you will be asked to serve in our church in the coming year. Be in prayer to the Lord of the harvest concerning this opportunity to serve.

The little cartoon illustration which follows may represent you. If it does, remember - Pray to the Lord of the harvest that He may send workers into the harvest. And if by chance He should ask "Whom shall I send?" Answer with Isaiah, "Here I am, send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)

TRYING TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO?



CONSIDER WHETHER GOD WANTS YOU IN A CHURCH VOCATION.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Pastor's Pen

"You are invited" are favorite words in human ears. Please don't overlook me when there is a party or special occasion.

Learning that the Federal Government was making a loyalty check of its employees, a young lady in Georgia wrote to the Treasury Department: "I understand the Government is to give loyalty checks to its employees. I worked for the War Department two years during the war and I had an excellent efficiency rating. Please don't overlook me when the Government starts to hand out those checks."

This is the all-to-common attitude, "Don't overlook me!" Everyone likes to be included in the invitation. Your parents always say, "Come every time you get an opportunity, even if it's just for a little while." We do not need an invitation to do that. You do not need an invitation to go home, because home is a place of real love.

Millions of dollars is spent having engraved invitations for weddings, graduations, and other special occasions prepared. When these are sent out some people are excluded and some are overlooked.

There is one invitation which includes you - "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28. There must be on the road of life some resting places. We need to renew our strength and refresh our energies.

Jesus gives the invitation and we cannot be happy until we respond. The unchurched, the indifferent, and the unsaved need to respond to this

destiny - determining invitation!

STUDIES IN ACTS - 11

"A New Thurst In World Missions"



DEACONS OF THE WEEK

December 6

James Sands
Earl Todd

SPECIAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday - December 8

7:30 P. M.

1. Adoption of 1977 Budget
2. Act on repair of roof - Educational Building.
3. Resolution on obscene books

Pastor's Pen

"Right Turn On Red" - a new sign at our crossings January 1, 1977! The new law makes it possible after a complete stop at a traffic light to proceed on your journey. Heretofore, a red light meant all traffic must stop. Today, when you arrive at the crossroads, a choice can be made by making a right turn.

This new law has a very good application to life. We are always coming to a crossroads, a place of stress or strain and a decision has to be made. It is fatal to make the wrong turn. Perhaps some one today is in distress, dissatisfied, and facing a glaring red signal.

First, there is fear. It stops us dead in our tracks. All kinds of anxiety and worry result from the pressure of this red signal. We are afraid that we do not have what it takes to meet life. Jesus said you can make a right turn on red in Matthew 6:31-34. "Don't keep on saying what shall we eat, what shall we wear. This is the way the pagans are. Now your heavenly father knows what you need. So set your heart on his kingdom and look for his standard of doing right. Don't worry at all about tomorrow."

Second, there is alcohol. "The end of that man is worse than the beginning." Jesus was speaking of the foul spirit in Matthew twelve. Alcoholics do not get better with time. Make a right turn if you are at this red signal.

Third, there is resentment. This is one place where your whole life can be destroyed. It is like a fester, turns to bitterness, and the next result is hatred. This will tear your nerves apart, destroy sweet fellowship in the home, separate you from friends, and in general wipe out the peace of God. Perhaps there is someone in your life that you hold resentment against. Maybe one whom

you work with, or an acquaintance, or a member of the club or church you belong too. Beware of brooding over this problem. Make a right turn on red - Eph. 4:31-32. You must remove all bitterness, rage, anger, loud threats, and insults, with all malice. You must practice being kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has graciously forgiven you.

You are in the drivers seat and your happiness depends upon how you respond at the red signal! Lot made the wrong turn, but the thief on the cross made a right turn on red.

ATTENTION!! ALL BOYS AGES 6-17
The R. A. Chapter Room is now ready for immediate occupancy. Won't you come and joins us on Wednesday nights at 7:30 P. M.

ATTENTION - SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

The next Sunday School Associational Meeting for the Norfolk Baptist Association will be held on Monday night, February 7th at the Ocean View Baptist Church at 7:30 P. M.

The emphasis this month will be upon the YOUTH WORKERS for our Association. Miss Shirley Robertson, of the Department of Teaching and Training, from Richmond, Virginia, will be down to lead all of the teachers, department officers, class officers and members in the YOUTH DIVISION. We hope we will have an especially large crowd of our Youth Workers present for this meeting.

There will be conferences for Sunday School General Officers; Adult Teachers, Adult Department Workers and Adult Class Officers; Children - Grades 1 & 2, Grades 2 & 3, and Grades 5 & 6. There will also be Pre-School Conferences for birth through age 3 and 4 & 5 year olds.