

## Folks and Facts

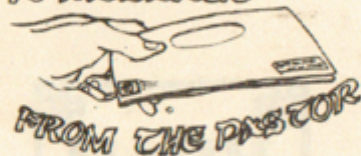
The ALTAR FLOWERS for Sunday, January 4, will be given by Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Davenport in memory of Rev. Robert Pleasant.

A Lottie Moon gift of \$10.00 was received from Iris Herron in memory of Georgie O. Stewart.

Student Day at Christmas was wonderful. Thanks to Carole Alexander, Eddie and Kathy Briggs for serving on the committee. Gratitude is also extended to the Youth Choir, and Scott Foxwell who served as organist. The testimonies by Angela Briggs, Sammy Flora, and Scott blessed us with inspiration.

In last week's Messenger we listed the names of those giving the lovely poinsettias during the Christmas Season. Regretfully the name of Mrs. Shirley Bunch was omitted. We are sorry this error was made.

### A MESSAGE



To each of you I express my gratitude for helping my family have a TIMELY Christmas! The grandfather clock is just beautiful! As Eddie presented the gifts from the church it left us speechless. I hope we can be worthy of your honor and love. God bless each of you.

### SPECIAL OFFERING



Stewart Bremner presented our church a check for \$500 to be applied toward the purchase of new choir robes! Thank you Stewart for this thoughtful and timely gift. As the choir sings the praises of God this gift will add beauty to His Glory!

Funny -  
A dollar looks so small  
at the store -



and so BIG at church

You will be receiving Stewardship Letters during January. These will be a blessing to your life and each member of the family should read the material. Therefore, for the next four weeks look for these in the mail.

#### CHURCH STAFF

Frank Hughes, Jr. . . . . Pastor  
W. A. Richardson . . . . . Outreach Minister  
Bonnie Ray Smith . . . . . Music Director  
Mrs. Mary Morgan . . . . . Church Secretary  
R. D. Holland . . . . . Financial Secretary  
Mrs. Gwen Whitehurst . . . . . Organist

#### 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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# 1976

YOUR OPPORTUNITY

TO WELCOME -

Hammond  
&  
Connie  
Coates

January Study

*Hosea*

SUNDAY - 7:30 P. M.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

DR. WILLIAM L. LUMPKIN

MINISTER OF EDUCATION

TEACHER



## Pastor's Pen

Someone stole Christmas from Dorothy E. Freeman of Norfolk, Virginia! Intruders broke into her house on Christmas Eve and took over \$1,000 in items, including all the Christmas gifts she was getting ready to give. They took every gift she had under the tree and sat down and ate nuts, candy, and fruit.

Mrs. Freeman said, "It was someone with no heart at all. I've cried so much I feel numb." Thieves stole Christmas!

This story might be used to illustrate the New Year 1976. What are you planning to do with it? "For ye have not passed this way heretofore." Josh. 3:4. The moments of the old year have been folded up for the night. Will the thieves of time steal your New Year?

Every pew in the church should become a bough of the tree of life and bend with the golden fruit of Christmas at worship! God has placed us here to choose. Yet in the highest and holiest matter of life we want to shift the responsibility God has placed upon us to other shoulders. Will you make the choice to attend worship each Sunday of 1976?

Surely you want God to be with you in the untrodden path of the New Year. Your empty church pew will explain the ground of your choice!

Attending church each week is a happy, holy way. We are on the road to Heaven. Take the first turn to the right, marked church pew, and then keep your place occupied 52 Sundays. I will promise you, no thieves will steal your spiritual gifts.

FRIENDSHIP BIBLE CLASS  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6  
12 NOON  
AT CHURCH

EDNA RAPER Memorial Gifts	
David W. Coffey	\$10.00
Velma German Cronin	\$10.00
Jim and Lois Bagley	\$10.00
Neighbors — Wright Ave. (Lottie Moon Offering)	\$12.00
Mary Ainsley (Missionary Book)	\$ 5.00

### Thank You

Please accept my thanks for the cards, flowers, visits, and each word of comfort on the death of my Daddy.

Yours In Christ,  
Rachel Fatherly



"Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee." Psa. 67:3.

We have exceeded our goal and the lovely tree display in the auditorium is covered with silver fish.

December 28, 1975 we had received \$3,873.61.

## OFF TO A



## NEW YEAR'S START!

DR. WILLIAM L. LUMPKIN

PASTOR — FREEMASON BAPTIST CHURCH

7:30 P. M.

SUNDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY



## January Bible Study

- involves more people in Bible study
- provides organized, in-depth study of an entire book of the Bible
- nurtures Christians in spiritual growth
- reaches people for Christ

MAKE THE MOST OF THE **January Bible Study**  
OPPORTUNITY IN YOUR CHURCH.



December 25, 1975

R. E. & Ella Jones

celebrated 65 years of marriage  
CONGRATULATIONS!

**READ**  
the  
**BIBLE**  
through  
in '76



# Pastor's Pen

Sir Josiah Mason born February 23, 1795 in Kidderminster, England, was a poor boy who became famous.

At age eight the boy began the struggle of earning a living. His mother fitted two baskets for him, and these were filled with baker's cakes, and he sold them about the streets. Finally, a donkey was obtained and he peddled from door to door — cakes, fruit, and vegetables. Did anybody ever think then that he would become rich?

When fifteen, his brother became an invalid, Josiah took up the trade of shoemaker. Later taught himself to write and read. Carpet-weaving and blacksmithing were his next ventures. At age twenty-one he went to Birmingham and took a job in a toy shop. Next he entered the split-ring business. At age thirty he bought the business.

Soon he invented a machine for bevelling hoop-rings, and made five thousand dollars the first year. From that point on his life reads like a fairytale.

Mason became the greatest pen-maker in the world, employing a thousand persons and turning out over five million pens per week.

Later he became partner in the great electro-plating trade and in establishing a copper-smelting works.

He was the first to come to his factory, and the last to leave it. He was quick to decide a matter, and act upon it, and the most rigid economist of time. He allowed nobody to waste his precious hours with idle talk.

Finally he ask himself how he could best use his money before he died. Remembering his poor mother and his boyish days, he made his decision.

First, a home for aged women.  
Second, an orphanage for destitute children. Over one million dollars to build and fifty thousand dollars left

in annual income for the orphans.  
Third, Mason Science College free to all who depended upon themselves for support.

At age 87 he was borne to his grave followed by 350 orphan-children, who covered his coffin-lid with flowers and sung a hymn. Over the portals of the Mason orphanage are these words "Do Deeds Of Love".

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## TAKE YOUR FAMILY TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

What a wonderful challenge and rewarding experience to see all of our families and each member of our families in Sunday School studying God's Word together. This is the purpose for our high attendance effort for the next two Sundays.

Our department directors have set two goals, one for each Sunday. The April 25 goal stands at 455 and the May 2 goal stands at 518. We plan to have a pot-luck lunch here at the church on May 2. We hope each department will earnestly strive to reach its goal and also prepare a little food to share in the lunch.

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## SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday — May 5

7:30 P. M.

Purpose: To provide \$200 for bus transportation for the Southern Baptist Convention.

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## ATTENTION — ALL MEN

All men who are interested in a Brotherhood organization in our church, please meet immediately following the Sunday School Supper, Wednesday, April 28. Make plans to attend. We need a good men's organization in our church. Won't you help start one?

# Pastor's Pen

Disappointments — a garment worn by young and old, rich and poor, healthy and unhealthy. Regardless of where you live — country or city, life's purposes are disappointed.

It may come for our good. Like a train on a down grade — pulling on the brake is not pleasant, but it keeps the car on the track. Some of our cherished schemes turn out to be real successes. From the little child attempting to catch the glancing sunbeams to the old man who pursues some scheme of wealth, disappointment is the almost inevitable consequence. The child looks forward to manhood; his dreams are speculative; the man looks back to childhood, and thinks of the happy days of old.

This is one of the saddest thoughts of life, there are so many shadows. If disappointment came only to the sinner, we might shed a tear for him and conclude he has a just recompense. But this is not so.

The most pure lives are sometimes those that are the fullest of disappointments. Often we put our best into life and life is beaten, battered, and torn by the fury of the gales.

It never has happened to any man since the beginning of the world — "To have all things according to his desires." There never was anyone to whom fortune was not at some time opposite and adverse.

To give way to disappointment is to invite defeat. We may not be able to fathom the reason for them.

It may be helpful if we can see some good in them. We may need their chastening influence. We may grow in their presence. It is vain for us to expect to escape. We can go forward with a brave face. Do not let one

disappointment control your future. Re-organize your plans for the future. Chastisement according to Hebrews 12:5-6 can help us all. "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, Nor faint when you are reproved by him; For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives."

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## IN APPRECIATION

Appreciation is expressed to Mr. Melvin McPherson for having the mid-week prayer service, June 4th.

Also our thanks to Mr. Bill Overton for his willingness to have the June 11 prayer meeting.

We are thankful to these laymen for their willingness to assist the Pastor in this capacity.

Our Pastor is attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami.



## TRUTHSEEKERS CLASS MEETING

Monday — June 9

7:00 P. M.

1302 Algona

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## ELIZABETH HALE CIRCLE

Tuesday — June 10

6:30 P. M.

Covered Dish  
Lakeside Park

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## RUTH WALDEN CIRCLE

Tuesday — June 10

7:30 P. M.

1205 Seaboard Avenue

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## W. M. U. MEETING

Wednesday — June 11

10:00 A. M.



## Folks and Facts

The ALTAR FLOWERS for Sunday, July 16, will be given by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dunning and Family in loving memory of our son, Howard J. Dunning, Jr.

### OUR KNOWN SICK

Percy White  
Victor Branch  
Garnett Harrell  
Irene White  
Ben Ramsey  
Maude Fortescue  
Ed Berry  
Grace Johnson

The anthem: "Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven" was inspiring last Sunday and there were several comments of appreciation for the Men's Chorus at the Evening Service. Attend church Sunday—There is a blessing prepared for you.

Words of appreciation to the Brethren for giving their time to the church. A savings of over four hundred dollars was realized by the Deacons who undertook to place a protective fence around the air conditioners. We salute Julian Parcell, Woodrow Bunch, Milton Moore, and Nathan Horton.

### SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday — August 2  
7:30 P.M.

Purpose: Purchasing New Bus

## Thank You

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the Preacher for his visits, and for all the prayers, cards, and visits while I was in the hospital.

Mrs. Juanita Lilley

## Sympathy to:

Christian Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Polly Weeks in the loss of her daughter.

## OPPORTUNITIES



### Sunday, July 16

9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship  
5:00 P.M. Youth Snack Supper  
6:00 P.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 P.M. Youth-Led Revival  
8:30 P.M. Church-Wide Social

### Monday, July 17

7:30 P.M. Youth-Led Informal Creative Type Service (Led by Revival Team)

### Tuesday, July 18

6:00 P.M. Coffee House (For Youth)  
7:30 P.M. Creative Service by Revival Team

### Wednesday, July 19

7:30 P.M. Revival Service by Revival Team  
Watermelon Feast at Brigg's

### Thursday, July 20

7:00 P.M. Softball Game SNBC vs Eliz. River Devotional Service and Ice Cream following at Fraser's

### Friday, July 21

7:00 P.M. Hymn Sing for Shut-Ins Followed by Putt-Putt

### Saturday, July 22

10:00 A.M. Church Picnic at The Anchor. Youth to have devotional period at 11:30 A.M.

### Sunday, July 23

9:30 A.M. Youth teaching in Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Youth in Morning Worship Service. Youth Choir to sing in Morning Worship.

### CHURCH STAFF

Frank Hughes, Jr. Pastor  
Hollis Fraser, Min. of Ed. and Music  
W. A. Richardson, Outreach Minister  
Mrs. Mary Morgan, Church Secretary  
R. D. Holland Fin. Secretary  
Mrs. Harvey Whitehurst, Sr., Organist

### CHURCH OFFICERS

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Mrs. Bessie Briggs W.M.U. Pres.  
Mark Alexander Chm. of Deacons  
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## YOUTH-LED REVIVAL July 16-19

### Youth Revival Team:

Jeff Shanaberger, University of Richmond, will be preaching  
Carol Tate, Radford College, will be in charge of the fellowships and seminars  
Gary Rakestraw, Bluefield College, will be the choir director  
Patricia Haden, Radford College, will be the musician

### Sunday, July 16

5:00 P.M. Youth Snack Supper  
Purpose: To Meet Revival Team  
6:00 P.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal  
8:30 P.M. Church Wide Social  
Purpose: To get acquainted with the church

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## YOUTH WEEK ACTIVITIES July 16-23

### Speakers for Sunday Morning, July 23 (Morning Worship Service)

1. Frank Hawkins
2. Peggy Jones
3. Bobby Dale
4. Mike Goodrich

### Youth Week Officers

Picnic Speaker..... Sammy Flora  
Scripture..... Susan Johnson  
Educational Director..... Darlene Hughes  
Minister of Music..... Angela Briggs  
Chairman of Deacons..... David Hensley  
W. M. U. .... Rhonda Ross  
Chairman of Ushers..... Walter VanDavier  
Sunday School Director..... Jeff Curling  
Kathy Horton





## DO YOU WANT A BUS MINISTRY?

### SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER IN STARTING A BUS MINISTRY

There are no exceptions to the general rule. A man must labor, either with the head or the hand. The rich have toiled early and late for a time of ease and round of pleasure. The poor have gone on in drudgeries hoping to escape hardships. The President of this country is beset with cares and labor that the poor do not have to contend with.

Labor may be a burden, but it is also an honor and a glory. Without it nothing can be accomplished. Many of the things that man counts as precious are acquired only through labor. Without it all civilization would relapse into barbarism. It brings happiness and makes roses blossom in your garden. It plants seed and gathers the grain to feed the nations. It picks the cotton and weaves it into clothes. It builds the house and provides the handiwork for the gorgeous palace.

The dignity of labor is progress and happiness for man. Someone has said, "Life is a short day; but it is a working day, and not a holiday." This is most important in all occupations of life.

Life to some is drudgery; to some it is pain; to some it is pleasure; but to all, work.

Men and women who have not learned to work are poor creatures. Those who depend on others for support and fail to do their share miss the key to happiness. Overwork may be hurtful, and hard work may be injurious. However, to be properly employed in a job for which one has been properly trained is healthful. A person in the right place and with skillful ability can contribute his quota of endeavor towards the general well being in which he shares.

If your occupation is not so high-sounding as you would like, still it is better to work faithfully at this until opportunity opens the door to something higher. The most illustrious names in history were hard workers. To be idle, and fail to do your work is neither an honor nor a privilege. "As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed."

Prov. 26:14.

The Bus Ministry is based upon the idea that:

A. There are many people with transportation who do not attend church who would attend if we showed enough interest to invite them to our church and then go by and pick them up.

B. Most of those without transportation probably would not begin attending if they acquired their own transportation, but would attend if we showed enough interest to invite them and then go by and pick them up.

C. The most important part of the Bus Ministry is our members who care, not only to invite people to attend, but to actually go and pick them up.

D. Some of our members care enough about reaching people to put forth this extra special effort.

F. This is one of the fastest and surest ways of having a significant increase in attendance and conversions.

G. We will use our cars to establish new bus routes. No bus should be purchased until our cars have a bus load already attending.

H. The major emphasis is not to spend a lot of money on buses (only a minimum amount should be spent on buses). The major emphasis is to encourage our members to become involved in bringing a large number of unchurched people to church.

We are all aware that a successful and significant Bus Ministry will involve a great deal of work, sacrifice, money, and Christian dedication. It seems that this is close to the heart of what Christianity is all about in winning the world to Christ. This could be part of a turning point for our church in evangelizing our area. Are YOU willing to help in such a worthy project?

(Copied: The Messenger, April 14, 1972). To be decided August 2nd by church vote.

Estimated Costs \$12,000.00

## RADIO MINISTRY

Dear Rev. Hughes,

God's blessing on you! For many months your Sunday night sermons have been a "must" for me. I just had to tell you how I look forward to the wonderful message of Christ, which you send forth over WXRI every week.

I know that we give all glory and praise to our Father, but may I tell you that there are few ministers who give forth the word of God with the sincerity and knowledge of God's Word which you bring to your sermons!

Your sermon last Sunday night had to be inspired! And indeed it was in spiring. Praise the Lord for the background; the historical knowledge which you include in each of your sermons. You make the Bible come alive! You have done your "home work" well; would we had more ministers with that gift.

I have a friend who happens to be an Episcopalian and she never misses your broadcast. She asked to be included in thanking you for your ministry.

(This letter was written by a lady who is a Presbyterian and lives at Virginia Beach.)

Pray for our services each week and especially for the Sunday night service which is broadcast. There are thousands of people who worship with us by radio and we want the music and message to be the very best. To God Be The Glory!

## Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the visits, prayers, flowers, cards, and gifts. A special thanks to Preacher Hughes for his visit since I am at the home.

Mrs. Sadie Oliver

## Stewardship Report

JULY 9, 1972

	Weekly	To Date
Needed	\$1,764.00	\$49,392.00
Received	\$1,638.00	\$43,874.00
Difference	-\$ 126.00	-\$ 5,518.00
Total Bus Fund		\$ 489.47

## CHURCH PICNIC

At a meeting last week, arrangements were made for our Annual Church Picnic to be held on Saturday, July 22, at The Anchor.

Automobiles and the Church Bus will leave the church at 10 A.M. Those without transportation, please come anyway, and a way will be provided. As of last year The Anchor will expect 25c per person to help pay for maintenance and we are asking the drivers of each car and the bus to collect this and give it to Mr. Julian Parcell.

The bus will leave The Anchor at 4 P.M. to return.

As in the past each family will carry a picnic lunch. Provided will be free lemonade, and ice, plates, cups, knives, forks, and spoons.

Mr. Horton and Mr. Graves were there Saturday to see the management about the tables, water, etc. However, they wish to remind you to bring your beach chairs to be more comfortable.

Please make plans to attend and enjoy YOUR picnic. We are hoping for 200 people. Last year we had 107.

Preceding lunch at 11:30 A.M. our Youth will conduct a Devotional Service.

# Welcome



July 2, 1972

Mrs. Edith Mills \_\_\_\_\_ By Letter  
1004 Park Avenue

July 9, 1972

Daniel Byrd \_\_\_\_\_ Profession of  
125 E. Chester Street Faith

## NURSERY WORKERS

For Sunday, July 16th

Mrs. Eileen Larrister  
Mrs. Gale Harris  
Mrs. Diane Roys  
Mrs. Dorothy Hackworth

Some people are willing to serve God, but only as a consultant.

Hurry up and do some good—life is short and times flies.