

Pastor's Pen

News came early on Labor Day morn of the death of Mrs. Frances M. Simpson. Very soon I was on my way to the home and tried to share in this burden of loss.

On this National Holiday this mother had completed her labor on this earth and had entered the haven of rest. Work is probably one of the chief blessings of mankind. Work is the exercise of whatever talents we may have in service for others. It is one of the high spots in the life of the growing youth, when he discovers that he has a contribution to make to the world's work. Helen Keller said, "I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble. The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker."

Mrs. Simpson gave expression to the dignity of labor for many years as a nurse. She devoted much love in her duties as a mother in the home. She went beyond the rank and file of ordinary labor in every area of her life. She stood by the side of her husband, Dr. George W. Simpson in ministering to the physical needs of our city. Few people will ever appreciate the responsibility carried by this good woman. How true the Scripture is "A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." Prov. 31:30. We praise her as a mother, wife, companion, homemaker, servant of people and for her fear of the Lord.

Though our work is imperfect here, our service in heaven will be made complete as F. R. Havergal says: "Shall serve Him, and forever; Oh, hope most sure, most fair! The perfect love outpouring In perfect service There!"

OUR KNOWN ILL

At Home:	Maryview:
Aubrey Etheridge	Gary Gower
Bobby Covell	Norfolk General:
Sandy Hensley	Bill Costen
Chesapeake General:	Coral Schloff
E. R. Jones	John Calder
King's Daughters:	
Paul Payne, Jr.	

Sympathy to . . .

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Mary Lee Joyce and Family in the loss of her father.

And to Dr. G. W. Simpson in the loss of his wife Labor Day.

— ATTENTION: SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS —

All those who would like to attend the Sunday School Leadership Conference at Eagle Eyrie, October 1-2, please sign the list on the Minister of Education's Door or call the Church Office. The fee of \$12.50 covers all costs except transportation to and from Eagle Eyrie. We must have the fee when you sign-up in order to get the necessary registration completed. The deadline for signing up is Sunday, September 12th.

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Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and many expressions of love during my recent stay in the hospital. I am truly grateful.

Mrs. Jean Godfrey

Pastor's Pen

What section or portion of your life would you underline as vital? Usually I underline books that I read. The heart of the truth or promise that appears important, stands out as mountain peaks when underlined with a pen.

As I prepared for the funeral service of Henry Krick, the thought came to me, why not request to see his personal Bible. This request was honored and I quickly turned the pages.

Upon reaching the book of Matthew the following rich discovery was made. Henry had underlined four verses with a red pencil. These scriptures spoke of his faith and loyalty to our Lord Jesus Christ. They proclaimed the testimony of a man of God. Let them speak to your heart today:

"And I say also unto Thee, That Thou art Peter, and upon This rock I will build my church; And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

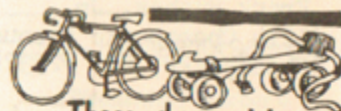
"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, Let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Matt. 16:18, 24, 25, 26.

The things that underlined Henry's life are found in his chosen Scripture. The church he loved, the humble service he rendered, and the daily bearing of the cross for Jesus sake.



Those who want to visit in the name of Christ find a way.



Sympathy to . . .

The church extends Christian love and sympathy to:

The family of Mr. Henry Krick

The family of Mr. John Dengel in the loss of his father.

RIDGECREST NEWS

On September 3, the Single Adult Department went to Ridgecrest, North Carolina to take part in a conference.

I would like to share with you the most impressive events. Bill Bruster did a dramatic portrayal of characters from the Bible. You had to be there to really appreciate it.

In a selective conference I felt that the emerging church was very informative. It's main points were — members involved in its actions, giving leadership positions to adults within two years of joining, and having a definite goal.

A play entitled "The Ball Park" drove home the point that no one can make decisions for you.

In closing, I will use a verse from a poem that gives the main point of the emerging church conference — "We want to erase the church's image as brick and mortar and recast it as flesh and blood and spirit."

Jeryl White

Pastor's Pen

Fear may serve a good purpose with value. An elderly woman said, "she is afraid to be out on the streets late at night. She wishes she could conquer this weakness." I would say to her she ought to be afraid and this fear is a good thing for her.

Fear for the future can be a very damaging experience. I am not saying you should never look beyond the end of your nose. But to be sick with fear or panic concerning future events in life can be destructive. If you are sick with fear and have bees in your bonnet — consider some remedies:

First, get the best approach before fear becomes troublesome. Begin treatment by understanding that God gave you the power to be afraid of your own good. God intended you make fear your friend.

Second, examine your fear as you would a road map. Analyze the things on the surface. Fear cannot endure truth and light. Get your highway in focus and follow the path of truth.

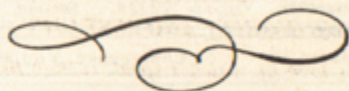
Third, take a piece of paper and write down what you fear. Describe it in a few words. This will help you discover what you are afraid of and why. Roux wrote in 1886 "Souls naturally generous, but chilled by experience of fear, resemble brooks covered with ice, which are full beneath of beautiful movements and sweet murmurs."

Fourth, make friends with your fears. Be honest as you face them. Facing them head on may not be best, the boxers approach may be best — "rolling with the punch".

A man said, "I used to worry about baldness. Then I learned to concentrate on fear of being empty-headed, and my fear of baldness disappeared

along with my hair."

Finally, the most sensible of all fears is the fear of God. It is the beginning, the basis of all wisdom. God loves you and wants your best.



NURSERY WORKERS

Oct. 29, 1978

Mrs. Billie Todd
Mrs. Lonnie Bullock
Mr. Mary Ann Cahoon

SENIOR ADULTS

Thirty-two people climbed aboard our church bus last Thursday (October 19) for a leisurely trip to Surry, Virginia by way of Chuckatuck for a delightful lunch at the Surrey House Restaurant. The crowd then proceeded across the James River by ferry and into Williamsburg where they stopped at the Information Center for a short spending spree and sight-seeing. Those participating in this event were: Mr. & Mrs. E. Z. Horton, Mr. & Mrs. John Curling, Mr. & Mrs. Dolphin Harrell, Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Horton, Mrs. Becky Batten, Mrs. Hazel Sutton, Mrs. Alethia Todd, Mrs. Clara McClain, Mrs. B. O. Johnson, Mrs. Ruth Goodrich, Mrs. Ida McBride, Mrs. Mae Eley, Mrs. Sing McCullough, Lila Plassil, Mrs. Lillian Middleton, Mrs. Eva Thomas, Mrs. Myrtle Pierce, Mrs. Eva Flora, Mrs. Odell Harris, Mrs. Elizabeth Belton, Ava Lee Whitfield, Mrs. Virgie Branch, Mr. N. J. Babb, Mr. Woodrow Bunch and Hammond Coates.

A special thanks to Woody for driving. It was a wonderful time of fellowship for all.

Pastor's Pen

Is your God whom you worship continually able to save you from the lions? Dan. 6:20.

We need God to forgive us, to save us, to guide us and to aid us. Without Him we are insufficient and without hope. But with him all things are truly possible.

This is where the word trust enters in. You never trust anyone because you think it would be good for you to do so. You trust someone because you are convinced that he is to be trusted, and your trust is sound only if he is really trustworthy. "Can God be trusted?"

It is easy to talk about trusting God when life is easy. But what about the times of failure. A woman once cried, "God didn't let the lightning strike my barn. It destroyed my neighbor's instead!"

This raises the issue of God's will. Can God be trusted? Is He able? God can do what he needs to

do in order to carry out his will.

You often hear some one say, "God wants so and so!" At this point I must say God's mysteries are superior to the human wisdom. In the Old Testament it was just this simple, "you succeed with God. You fail without Him. If he is on your side, never fear." They always said, "God can help us."

In the New Testament Jesus Christ did the incredible in miracles. We ask by whose power and the answer is "God's". God in Christ recreated Henry Milans. "A hopeless case, ready to die as a drunk." Christ saved him.

God is able to do what is needful in your life and in your church.

VISITATION
2nd & 3rd Wednesday
6:00-7:30 P. M.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
November 16
7:00 P. M.