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(The Class in the Attic)

THE GEORGE MATTHIS CLASS HAS FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

The George Matthis Class started out with a membership of about seven members. We now have fifty-five active members. This is the largest class in our church. Through the cooperation and work of our officers, teachers and members we hope to continue to grow.

THE MOST INTERESTING LESSON FOR AUGUST - E. F. Callahan, Jr.

During the month of August we have had some very interesting lessons following the general theme- Christian Teachings on Human Relations. Due to a rather close association with the teacher, we will not attempt at this time to discuss any of the merits of his teaching, but instead will take a brief look at the lesson which we considered the most interesting for the month.

This lesson was presented on August 12th and was entitled - The Christian's Use of Money and Goods. In this lesson we studied the parable of the talents. It was pointed out that men differ in their natural abilities, thereby explaining the inequality of the number of talents each man was given in the parable. Each man must accept that which is his as the bases of his responsibility. The parable also teaches us that a mans responsibility is in proportion to his endowment and opportunity. Every man must realize that all he has and is comes from God, he merely acts as trust officer. Man is the steward of his time, abilities, and possessions. We learned also that man grows in ability in the proportions to the way in which he uses his gifts. If we refuse to use our abilities to the best advantage, soon these abilities will be taken from us and we will not have the satisfaction of the reward of a faithful servant, nor will we be able to hear the words of praise from the Lord, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant".

ASSESSMENT NEWS - Louise Johnson

The NURSERY Department is adding a few new faces these days as are other departments at Trinity Avenue Sunday School. Hope they will be permanent members.

The BEGINNERS have had a good month of August highlighted by Bible Stories by Mrs. Wolfe, also study of different types of Bible used from times of the Scroll to our present Bibles. Attendance in the Department has been very encouraging.

The PRIMARIES have been learning new songs and the voices in all types of singing are a pleasant sound on Sunday mornings. They sing prayers, have silent prayers and sentence prayers about once each month. Hebrew home study has found express in miniature models by third grade, dramatization and sketching and posters with memory verses by second and first grades.

The JUNIORS have progressed during August with James Lloyd as leader. Attendance reported as between 15 to 20 members average during the month. The theme for Juniors study has been "Methods of Worship"- What part each can do and Personal Devotion. Hope Bob and Hilda Blake have had a fine vacation.

The PIONEERS part of our basement family are still extending hearty invitation to its group members to join in the attendance increase. The clock ticking off each Sundays attendance moves forward to the goal a new high for the Pioneers - they deserve your support.

The SENIOR Department has added two new Members. These people will receive a hearty welcome by the group along with their director Mrs. Hassell.

CONTRIBUTING TO GEORGE MATTHIS CLASS BUILDING FUND - Tobe Shaw

Now that ground has been broken and work has been started on our New Educational Building it is most important that we sacrifice and give as much as possible to this worthwhile project. No doubt that each and every member of our class has already made an individual contribution, but what about our George Matthis Class. We would never be satisfied without a contribution from the class.

As you go up to the Attic on Sunday morning you will find on each side of the steps a bank labeled George Matthis Building Fund. Contribute regularly each Sunday and watch our Building Fund grow.

NEW CHURCH MEMBERS - Gurney Blanchard

We welcome to Trinity Avenue Church this month, two new members, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones of 203 Second Avenue. They come to us as transfer members from Northgate Church. Walter and Helen as well as their two daughters Martha V. and Wanda, have been coming to Trinity Avenue for some time, where Helen is pianist in the Sunday School and sings in the choir. We are very happy to have them now as members of our Church.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE - Vernon Johnson

During the month of August, in the absence of our pastor, some of the lay-leaders of our church have led the Wednesday Night Prayer Services.

On Wednesday Night August 1, Robert King, Jr., led the worships. Mr. King used as his topic the 11th Chapter of John, and had a very interesting discourse.

The August 8th service was conducted by Mr. Luther Barbour. Mr. Barbour did not take any particular subject, but spoke in a general manner on Christian Worship.

Mr. R. J. Massengill was our leader on the night of August 15th. In his own distinct and enjoyable manner, he elaborated on the story of the Vines and Branches.

Speaking on the Stewardship of Life, E. F. Callahan, Jr. presented a most worth-while worship program on the night of August 22nd.

At the time of this writing, the Leader for the night of August 29th, is known, but not his topic. However, we do expect the service led by our Superintendent, Mr. P. P. Phillips, Sr. will be of the same high quality of the other leaders.

Trinity Avenue may well be proud of these lay-leaders, men who are capable and willing to lead their fellow-members in a worship service, such as our Wednesday Night Prayer Services are. Thanks very much to all five of them.

THE GEORGE WATTS CLASS VISITS GEORGE MATTHIS CLASS

The George Watts Class was guest of the George Matthis Class Sunday August 26th, and heard Forest Callahan teach on - "The Christian's Responsibility in Public Life".

AUGUST ANTIC'S GETS BOOST

Thanks to the small fry for helping assemble the August Attic Antics. So many of our Class do not know what good down right energy is expended by the editor each month. This isn't a one man job by any means. This season being vacation time for Jim Shields and so many others our crew was cut down to only six adults and five (pull-em out of the fire) children. For this we should call Jane Shaw, Linda and Sue Bersebach, Reid Johnson and guest Larry Williams honorary George Matthis Class Members.

FROM THE MINISTER - For September

Wm. Crompton Bennett

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."
As we see now the human labor that is going into the building of our new addition to the Lord's House in this place, we will do well to heed this Biblical injunction. The Lord must not be left out of the building or it will be all in vain.

But what does that mean? It means that we must never forget why it is that we are building. This lumber and these bricks have a spiritual purpose -- to make the Spirit of Christ a living reality in the life of the Church, particularly in the lives of the Church's children.

Our purpose is to build human life into the likeness of the Divine Life -- life that is gracious: right thinking, right living, and in all, self-giving, sincere and humble.

This is no easy task. It is far easier to build and pay for a building. But the building is for that purpose, and where we are weak, God is strong. As in all areas of life, we will not fail here if we have faith!

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Nina Coit Berryhill

ACTIVITY PERIOD FOR PIONEERS AND JUNIORS

Starting September 10th, we will have a period of recreation and creative activities each Monday afternoon for the Pioneers and Juniors of our Church. The first month will be a session in leather craft. they will make billfolds, key cases, etc.

THE SEPTEMBER WORKERS' CONFERENCE will be held at the Church Thursday, September 6th. Supper will be served by the Women of the Church at 6:30. The program and discussion groups will follow at 7:15. All department superintendants, teachers and helpers are urged to attend this very important meeting.

BACK TO SCHOOL HAYRIDE AND WEINER ROAST

Our Collegiates and Senior Young People are planning one last fling before returning to the books. They will have a hayride and weiner roast Tuesday night, September 4th, at Piney Mountain.

PIONEER ICE SKATING PARTY

The Pioneers are working hard to increase their attendance at Church and vespers. They have had fine Christian fellowship during the summer at their swimming parties, picnics and weekly get-togethers. This Thursday night, August 30th, they will go ice skating in Raleigh.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO EVERY MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH SCHOOL

Now that vacation time is almost over, let's all get back into the habit of attending Church and worship service every Sunday. Rally Day is September 30th. By that day we want our attendance at a high peak. Help us to reach our goal - COME TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY !

IT'S JUST PLAIN WONDERFUL...

Isn't it wonderful to see men working on our new Educational Building? It's something that all of us have looked forward to for years, and now, our dream has come true. Special ground breaking ceremonies were held on Monday, August 20th. at which time Rev. Bennett conducted a service of dedication. Actual ground breaking was done by Russel Barringer, Chairman of the Building Committee; Frank Jarman, Chairman of the Building Fund Committee, and Preson Phillips, Superintendent of the Sunday School. Barringer and Jarman used the old fashion shovel but Phillips chose to break the earth with a pick ax.

Now that work has started we must not forget that the building has to be paid for. That means every single member of Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church has to resolve to make some sacrifices and give 'till it hurt. Many members have pledged and have paid up those pledges....others are up to date with their pledges which covered a three year period....still others are still behind with their pledges. There are a number of members, who for some good reason of their own, have not pledged to the present. Now is the time to review the situation and YOU are the only one who can do it. Take account of the part you are playing in the building program of our Church. If you are financially able to make an additional pledge, do so,.....if you still feel that you cannot have a financial hand in the project do not feel bad about it. Just keep this project in mind from day to day and give as much as you can, as often as you can. And let's not forget...all of us can give our earnest prayers.

GEORGE MATTHIS CLASS TO MAKE DRIVE FOR BETTER ATTENDANCE

With the coming of Fall and the vacation season behind us, the Membership Committee will make a concentrated drive to get class members back to Sunday School and to keep up a good average of attendance throughout the year. The committee has been lax in enforcing the class rule that permitted no more than three misses before the name was transferred to the inactive role. That rule will be enforced beginning with September 1st. and the class blackboard has been brought up to date for the start of the Fall season.

Rally day comes the last of September, but George Matthis Class Members are urged to get back to their places in the "Attic" for the first Sunday in September. And remember to be on the look out for new members since we have set as our goal 75 members before the first of the year. And what about a goal of 75% attendance from September 1st. to January 1st.?

CHURCH MOVIES

Frank and Frances Jarman are making up a film showing the activities of the Church. Pictures have been made of a Sunday School picnic, fellowship supper, ground breaking exercises, and other events in the life of our church. If you know of any event that should be filmed be sure to contact either of the above and they will arrange to do the filming.

GENERAL MEETING OF THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

The General Meeting of the Women of the Church was held Monday evening, August 13, at 8:00 P.M. in the Church assembly room, with Mrs. D. T. Carr, President, presiding.

The delegates from the 38th Annual Training School at Montreat, Mrs. George White and Mrs. James Lloyd, gave us such glowing accounts of their experiences - the interesting and inspiring speakers they had the pleasure of studying with, the renewing of old friendships and the forming of new ones - in other words, it was plain to be seen they had been spiritually enriched by having spent a week at Montreat.

Mrs. L. J. Kirkland led us in one of her usual inspiring devotionals. Mrs. John Chaney taught our Bible Study, using the Fourth Commandment, "Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy."

In loving memory of our own Mrs. Oldham we paused for a few moments in silent prayer; after which Mrs. Luther Barbour ably conducted a brief memorial service. She used the following poem, which was certainly a most fitting tribute to a person of Mrs. Oldham's qualities:

I cannot say, and I will not say
That Winnie is dead: She is just away!
With a cherry smile, and a wave of the hand,
She has wandered into an unknown land.

And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since she lingers there.
And you -- oh you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return,

Think of her faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here;
Think of her still as the same, I say:
She is not dead -- she is just away.

----James Whitcomb Riley

The old and new business was discussed, and committees heard from. All in all it was a fine meeting with a good attendance, (for such a hot night.)

Mrs. Carr closed with the benediction, and we adjourned to the lawn where big slices of ice cold watermelon were awaiting us.

SAYINGS OF THE WISE

The Gospel is not merely a book - it is a living power - a book surpassing all others. - I never omit to read it, and every day with some pleasure. Nowhere is to be found such a series of beautiful ideas, and admirable moral maxims, which pass before us like the battalions of a celestial army. The soul can never go astray with this book for its guide.-----Napolean on St. Helena.

MEN OF THE CHURCH TO RESUME REGULAR MEETINGS SOON

The regular winter meetings of the Men of the Church in Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church will be resumed in the very near future, according to President Paul Harrison.

The Fall kick-off meeting will be held Friday; September 14th., in the downstairs activity room. Meeting time is, as usual, 6:30 P.M. and another delicious meal will be served by The Women of the Church.

To get the Fall activities off to a flying start, an excellent and well-known speaker has been secured for the occasion. Dr. Trela D. Collins, for many years a prominent minister in Durham, later President of the North Carolina Baptist Association and other accomplishments too numerous to mention, will address the group. Needless to say, Dr. Collins is a most interesting speaker. Demands upon his time are extremely great as an after-dinner speaker and we should feel fortunate in being able to secure his services.

All men who regularly attend or are interested in Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church are urged to attend this meeting. You DO NOT have to be a member of the Church to join in the fellowship and activities of The Men Of The Church, so come and bring a friend. I'm sure the food will be delicious, the address amusing and educational and the fellowship heart-warming. Will I see you there?

LOOKS LIKE A PARTY FOR G.M. CLASS...

Tyree Woods, Chairman of the George Matthis Entertainment Committee, released some good news several days ago, and it concerns the upcoming cabin party to be held about the second week in September. Although Ty would like to keep all his plans a secret, we were able to dig out a few facts and it looks like this is going to be held at Perry's Cabin on the Wake Forest Road. He hinted that the second week in September was usually very warm and that it might afford some class members an opportunity to get in their last swim of the season. Those who know of Perry's Cabin also know that the lake is a good place to swim and cool off: "Silent Ty" would not reveal what refreshments would be served, but we found out in a round about way that fried chicken was on the menu. Although the date is tentative it would be good to keep the second week in September open for this gala event. There just might be games and prizes and other things that you won't want to miss. Leave it to Ty and he'll come up with something good, even if it does take a little time to get around to it.

WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO.....

Our minister's return the 1st. of September. Using our new parking lot in the months to come. Larger crowds at our fellowship suppers and Prayer Service on Wednesday night. The completion of our new Educational Building early next year...

REPORT FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPT. - Preson P. Phillips

- Only a short time ago we were bragging that attendance at our Sunday School had been over the 200 mark for several Sundays in succession, but I am sorry to say that we must now report that for the past month it has not averaged as much as 140. Many people get the idea that Sunday School attendance is not so necessary in the summer - forgetting that there are probably more evil influences to combat in the summer time than at any other period of the year.

Rally Day and Promotion Day in our Sunday School will be September 30th - and we hope that all the members of our church will keep this day in mind. Please remember that on this day we expect just as much "rallying" from the adults as the children. There are many members of our church who do not attend Sunday School at all - whose lives would be much enriched by following the study provided in the Sunday School. Let us be sure that every member of the church - and all others who attend - receive an invitation to attend Sunday School on Rally Day. Do not expect someone else to extend this invitation - it is your personal responsibility as a member of the Sunday School - or of the church. Let us try to make this the best Rally Day we have ever had at Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church.

In Connection with Promotion of children in Sunday School, many people do not know that our Sunday School is completely departmentalized, with each department having its own literature and method of studying. The ages of the children in the various departments are as follows -

NURSERY DEPARTMENT	Ages 2 and 3
BEGINNIERS DEPARTMENT	4 and 5
PRIMARY DEPARTMENT	6 to 8
JUNIOR DEPARTMENT	9 to 11
INTERMEDIATE (Pioneer) DEPT.	12 to 14
YOUNG PEOPLES DEPARTMENT	15 to 18
COLLEGE AND CAREER CLASS	19 and up
ADULT DEPARTMENT	19 and up

We believe we have a class to suit the needs of everyone in the church. Most of our departments are fully staffed with competent teachers, but we can use a few more Christian Teachers either for full time teaching or for supply work. If you are interested in helping bring children or adults to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, we would like to talk with you about helping in our Sunday school. Your zeal in the masters service is more important than your educational qualifications.

It is nice to look on the site of our new Sunday School building and to see workmen erecting the building. A good start has been made on the foundation - and the foundations of this building will be mostly on solid rock - As the construction of our new building proceeds, it is going to be well for us to remember that any building - even the most beautiful - full of all of the most modern gadgets - cannot win souls for Christ. Many church members want to leave the job of soul winning to buildings - or pictures - or gadgets - but

these things are only tools - that can be used to influence lives - to provide a place to worship - and a place to study God's word. We must still remember that children - and adults also - are going to learn much more about what it means to be a Christian by studying the lives and actions of their parents and associates. - and especially church members.

Your life is an example to someone - whether you want it to be or not. As we approach rally day, it is suggested that we ask ourselves this question - "Will the person who follows in my footsteps find Jesus Christ".

WHAT NO GOSSIP THIS MONTH

Due to our gossip reporter going in for taming wild cats we are unable to give you any gossip this month. We have not seen the cat but from the looks of the reporters hands the cat won the fight.

OFF THE RECORD

We heard in a round about way last Sunday (of course this is not to be repeated) that Tyree has in the making a party for the George Matthis Class as soon as the Durham Bulls finish their baseball season.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Glad to have MRS. SKILLEN, our organist, back after her vacation.

J. D. SHIELDS has been on vacation for the month of August. Sure will be glad to see him get back and settle down as editor.

Sorry to hear about MRS. HAROLD NOELLS accident. Hope that she will be back in the choir very soon.

In the absence of Jim Shields, our editor, would like to express my appreciation to all persons contributing articles and helping with Attic Antic during this month.

Tobe Shaw, President
