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Notice the Cover, what does it suggest to each of us? It is such a rustic scene, and to us folk who have a vagabond heart it just makes us want to set sail. However, let's go back to the question: What does it suggest to us? My first impulse was to remember the grand old hymn:

"Jesus, Saviour, pilot me  
Over life's tempestuous sea;  
Unknown waves before me roll,  
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal:  
Chart and compass come from Thee:  
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me."

I'll bet most of our readers can recite that hymn by heart; but, in the quiet of the evening before retiring, let's say it over to ourselves and let it sink into our souls, and thank God for his loving care and kindness, and for being our Pilot and Friend.

R. W. Fehler



YOUNG ADULTS . . . . .

July was the month for growth-- Christian growth. We extend our thanks again to Dr. deVyver and Mr. Kraybill for leading our study. Dr. deVyver's lesson on "Growth Through Bible Study", and Mr. Kraybill's on "Growth Through Prayer" had particular Young Adult appeal.

In August we will continue the study, with teachers from both inside and outside the class. Of special interest will be the August first session, led by Mrs. William Beckner, whom many of you will remember from a previous stay in Durham. Wanda will tell us about the requirements for service in the Mission Field, something that she and Bill know first-hand. Dr. and Mrs. Beckner are to be in Durham and the Attic-Dwellers are delighted at the chance to get reacquainted with them.

We were also delighted to have Dr. Paul Garber walk in on us one Sunday morning. Had we asked him sooner, we might have learned something about his highly thought of reconstruction of Solomon's Temple.

July was the month of growth, and the month of coming and going in the Attic. The biggest going-away smile in the Class was Peggy Mahaffee's-- all set for a month's vacation which, according to Miss M., would cover Eastern U.S.A. ! Florence Dickerson and Betty Parks spent July in the wilds of Crabtree State Park, doing a very fine bit of work with the Durham Girl Scouts. Both seem happy to be back.. Florence, to have the responsibility of the camp behind her--and Betty, to wash her hair again!

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THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT . . . . .

The Junior Department attendance ranging 20 pupils is in a mid-summer slump. In spite of heat and absentees however, we have enjoyed the summer "extras" of Bible Lotto, Bible Drills, And Choruses. "Man's Part In God's World" has been the topic of study.

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CHILDREN HELPING IN GOD'S WORLD--

We have been thinking for several weeks about all the good things God has given us in our world.

We have talked about ways in which children can help by caring for flowers, taking care of pets, helping in our homes, and sharing what we have with others.

Mrs. D. J. Smith,  
Secretary.



CHURCH NEWS. . . . . Walter W. Benjamin

Circle the date on your calendar now before it slips your mind!  
Wednesday afternoon, SEPTEMBER 1st! This is the date of the BIG  
ALL-CHURCH PICNIC out at CAMP NEW HOPE. It will begin at 4:00 P.M.  
in the afternoon with softball, volley ball, badminton, and swimming  
for both youth and adults alike. We hope that most of you will be  
able to come early enough to join in these sports so as to work  
up a big appetite. We will eat at 6:00 P.M., having "pooled" our  
picnic baskets. Remember the date: SEPTEMBER 1st!

Come out and become better acquainted with your fellow church members  
in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. We'll be looking forward to  
seeing you!

We were all sorry to hear about Dr. Bennett's recent illness.  
However, we thought it was very considerate of him not to get sick  
on "church time", but to wait until his vacation rolled around.  
Seriously, we are happy that he is up and around again and wish his  
Mother and him a pleasant and restful vacation.

In regard to traffic accidents, it has been said that "Death Never  
Takes A Holiday". As Christian church people, perhaps we, too,  
should remember each hot Sunday during the summer that God never  
"takes a holiday". Unfortunately, far too many of us are nine or  
ten month Christians, as witnessed by the poor attendance records  
of our Sunday School and Church during the summer months. If you  
are in Durham during any given Sunday, come to Church and Sunday  
School. You'll feel better and you'll be living out and practicing  
your Faith to the full. And on vacation, inquire as to where the  
nearest Presbyterian Church is located and make a point of attending.



OPEN LETTER TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH MEMBERS:

Have you missed an article on your Class in this issue? Have you missed one before? We'd like to pass along a little suggestion that you ask your Class President to use his, or her, good office to help the Attic Antics' Committee in its quest for articles. The writing doesn't take long and we are having such a time collecting the articles each month. Anything you folks can do to help us in our project will be appreciated. The Paper goes to press the Thursday before the first Sunday of the month, so help us have a good Church Paper.

The Editors

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THE GEORGE MATHIS CLASS

Have you ever tried to write about something when you haven't been to the scene of the happening? Well, you know how I feel. We have been out of the city on vacation for most of the Sundays during July and when we did get back last Sunday, there was hardly anyone else in Sunday School. I think we did have about 25 present out of about 75 members. How's that for percentages? We George Mathis' are going to get back into the Sunday School habit as soon as the vacations are over.

Not much to report so we'll sign off and let Frances give a run-down on the summer happenings of the Class with the next issue.

R. W. Fehler

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"SAILING - To reach the port of heaven we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it. But we must sail, and not drift nor lie at anchor."



ONE PURPOSE OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL . . . . . Preson P. Phillips,  
Genl. Superintendent

All Christians cannot be teachers, and yet it is difficult to believe that a person can be a born-again child of God, and not want to teach - Christ definitely told all Christians to help carry the Word of God to all the world - and the more we love the Lord - the harder we will try to do this.

You cannot lead others to Christ unless you know the road yourself. You must be so familiar with the road to salvation that you can point it out to others - and this road is perfectly clear in the Bible - and this is the only place that you can find the necessary directions - the Word of God is a guide book for both Sinner and Christian - and tells us exactly how we can reach that home prepared for us after this short life is over.

The Sunday School is operated for the purpose of preparing you to use this guide book. It cannot of course make you a teacher - but it can give you much help in preparing you - and the longer and more thoroughly you study the Word of God - the better you will be able to tell others about our Lord and Saviour - Jesus Christ - who died that we might have life.

And so it is important that Children start to Sunday School early and attend regularly - but it is just as important that grown people also attend - because you can never get too old to learn how to live in the Will of God - and it is so important that you be able to help the children prepare themselves for Church membership and for their part in the kingdom.

Jesus Christ did not put the entire responsibility for spreading the Gospel to all the world on the preachers - he quite definitely indicates that he expects all of his children to help in this great task - it is entirely too large for just a few people to do the work. If you are to help with this task - you must prepare yourself so that you can tell others about Jesus and what his life and death means to sinners.

Preparation means Bible Study - and the best place to learn to study your Bible is in the Sunday School. And so you should attend regularly with your children - you should study your Bible daily and help them to study theirs - you should spend much time in prayer - you should maintain a Family Altar so that others will know that you love God - and when you have the opportunity you should attend teacher training classes - worker's conferences - and special classes that will enable you to bring sinners to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The Sunday School always needs trained teachers - why not become one yourself.

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SENIOR YOUNG PEOPLE - - - - -By Ed Shoaf

As usual, the activities of the Young People this summer are varied. There have been vacation trips to resorts in the State as well as a number out of State places.

For some there was the problem of Summer School which finally closed a week or so ago. Quite a few members are working this summer, some for the first time, and reports are that the budgets are very close but the money must last until next payday. There have been trips to camp, swimming in the local pools, with several members practicing for the water pageant to be staged at the Duke Pool later this month. We have three members, Helen Jane Bowden, Billy Carr, and Donald Haithcock, who are delegates to the Christian Youth Council which is interdenominational. This council has sponsored some very worthwhile projects with clothing drives for the needy and at present there is a drive on for funds for the youth of Europe.

In spite of the various activities of interest to young People during the summer months the attendance has been good both for Sunday School and the Senior Fellowship. In Sunday School during the Hot Months we have had as an added attraction a cool drink of fruit juices or Kool-Aid supplied by the members. This seemd to be a big hit with everyone.

The Senior Fellowship has been changed from Sunday Evening to Tuesday Evening during the out of school months. This is conducted as a informal meeting usually at the home of one of the members. Dr. Bennett and Mr. Benjamine have kept things going smoothly at the Fellowship, and a trip to Howard Johnsons for refreshments was one of the most talked about meetings

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We of the Geo Matthis Class are sure sorry to see Dot & Sidney Boaz go back to Fayetteville, N. C. They will be missed by the Class and the Church as a whole.

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We, on the Attic Antics Staff are loafing too much - - Come! Come! Lets all write an article next month, and have a big fat paper for a change.