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THE COVER

The Fourth of July is the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

This month Attic Antics has the pleasure of displaying a very typical cover of July 4th by Bob Blake. Mr. Blake has given us the true meaning of the fourth of July in his cover. The Liberty Bell and the Open Bible are symbols of the true meaning of our Independence; the Bell ringing in our freedom of worship, and the Bible our true means of worship.

Mr. Blake has also shown us the joy, happiness, and playful meaning of the fourth of July. I think that July should come in with a "bang", as usually it is done by firing sky-rockets and many objects of noise. To most people it means also a day of rest away from their business or offices.

The many different Churches shown on our cover this month is really the true meaning of the Declaration adopted in 1776. This is the freedom of religion and worship. We are indeed happy and joyful on the fourth of July with the knowledge of knowing that no one person can advise or tell us how we may worship. Many people in this world of ours cannot say that.

Mr. Blake is to be commended on his thoughts of the Fourth. You too, please study it and think!

R. R. Crumpler

ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE WHITES

Yes, we lost the Contest? ! !
The "Blues" entertained the "Whites" on June 26, 1954 at Billings Pond on the Randolph Road. This was a family affair and approximately 56 attended. Swimming was enjoyed by most everyone, especially the children. As soon as everyone got hungry- which was around 6:00 P.M., we had a weiner roast and watermelon slicing. There was plenty for everyone, and then some. Thanks to "Tobe", "Mr. Auctioneer" for helping us out in the end.

Many thanks to those who helped so diligently with the party; Joe and Kay Bell, Robert and Dot Crumpler; also, Mary Woods who invited the Whites, and Grace Shaw who contacted the Blues.

I enjoyed working with the Blues and hope everyone had a grand time.

Sidney Boaz, Chairman

Our Class reunion was held on Sunday, June 6, 1954 and we enjoyed such good attendance. The day was nice and we had right many folks from other places to return to be with us. We opened our class meeting with a word of welcome and some nice group singing, then some better singing by Mrs. Louise Kirkland, which we all enjoyed.

Our President, Jack Crumpacker, then introduced Mrs. George Mathis to the Class for a few words. She told us how her husband, The Rev. Mr. Mathis, had such desires for our Class and that she was most proud of our accomplishments. We then heard from Dr. Henry Carr who was mighty happy with our efforts and urged us to try to move forward in our class work.

Rounding out the program, we heard a report on the Class by Mrs. Frank Jarman. Boy! we sure found out lots from her talk on the history of our Class- how it started in the Attic of the Church; folks coming down the stairs head first, and the heat and then the cold; how the first few members and teachers had to hang on as attendance and membership lagged. It was certainly an enlightening talk for us new folks to learn the background of our Class.

After our speakers, Walt taught us an extra good lesson, everybody was then invited to stay for church and to gather at Duke Park for our picnic after church. We all enjoyed the meal out in the open under the trees and the eats were "out of this world". And to those folks who missed it, we can only say, too bad. We want to thank all who helped in our reunion.

REPORT OF KINDERGARTEN CLASS

"We Give Thanks to God" is the topic of our lessons for June, with the following subjects: The Wonders of God's World
Thanks to God For Seeing
Thanks to God For Hearing
We Sing Our Thanks.

Summarizing these lessons Bob Blake visited the Class and drew the face of a boy and a girl, at the same time illustrating the senses, which the children enjoyed and we appreciate Bob taking the time to help us.

For Fathers' Day, the children made bookmarks for "Father."

The last lesson entitled "David The Sweet Singer", the children were given small paper harps which they helped to string.

James H. Edgerton Jr. had a birthday, June 16th.

YOUNG ADULTS. Nancy Anderson

We in the attic wonder if any other class in the entire Sunday School has as large a turnover in the summer. Students graduate, people get married, other folks have out-of-town jobs. And yet we've been able, thus far, to have a surprisingly good group each Sunday morning. One reason, we feel sure, is that we've been able to have some very fine substitute teachers. Out thanks to Dr. Clarence Gohdes for being with us the last two Sundays in June. He was a help in our Bible study- and he enlightened us linguistically and anthropologically!

Dr. Frank deVyver and Mr. Ed Kraybill will be our teachers during the coming month. We're looking forward to having them. Perhaps we'll even learn to think like economists and engineers!

Congratulations to Duke graduates Jacquelyn Culbertson and James Lloyd. James will enter Seminary in the fall, and as for Jackie, she's already housewifing in Witchita Falls, Texas---Mrs. Robert Temple Driver, since June 25th.

Again we'll remind those who have young friends that our attic class is made up of young adults, married and single, from eighteen to thirtyish. We're always happy to have new members.

THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

The Primary Department has been studying the unit on "Wonders In God's World." With springtime here, this has been a timely subject and the children have seen a new meaning in giving thanks to God for the Wonders of the World.

Attendance is off some since the hot weather and vacation time have arrived. Those who had perfect attendance for this wuarter are:

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| Joe Beavers | Janis Blake |
| Mary Lynne Morton | Carolyn Crumpacker |

COME TO CHURCH ON TIME!

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER!

BUT NEVER LATE!

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Draw a line from the Bible character at the left to the descriptive statement concerning him at the right, and you will know the studies the Juniors have had during June under the unit, "In the Days of Kings and Prophets."

Elijah	The Patriotic Prophet
Amos	A Prophet Who Dared To Stand Alone
Josiah	A Prophet Who Preached Against Injustice
Jeremiah	A King Who Led His People To God.

This list of great Hebrew leaders reminds us as we celebrate our national holiday, July 4, 1954, that a nation's greatness often depends on the leaders who guide its people. Paul exhorts "that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men; for Kings and for all that are in authority." I Timothy 2:1-2.

We are specially glad this year as we pray for our nation and its leaders that the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America now recognizes that we are "One Nation, Under God."

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

The final session of the Neighborhood Groups was held when Groups I and 4 met for dinner at the Cupboard Cafeteria late in May. Families sat together at long tables and the echo of conversation which filled the room was evidence that friendly neighbors were enjoying the fellowship of the evening meal. It was a very informal party at which the first guests arrived at 6:15 o'clock and the last after seven. Each family went down the Cafeteria line, bought food and joined friends at tables in the private dining room. Those who finished eating first either sat at and chatted with neighbors or went to other tables and talked to late comers. A few of the more energetic helped out by serving extra coffee or water. After dinner Mrs. Henry C. Carr, Pastor's Aid of Trinity Avenue Church, made a brief address of welcome and introduced Mr. Claude Goswick and Mr. R. J. Massengale, sponsors of Groups I and 4, respectively. She explained that we were to call on these gentlemen if we ever needed help, and she urged us to notify them of illness or sorrow in our groups.

Dr. Henry Carr presented Dr. William Crompton Bennett, our Minister, who spoke on the progress of the Church and expressed appreciation to Mrs. Carr for arranging the Group dinners, which have been held throughout the year. It was voted to continue the plan next year.

Early in the church year, Mrs. Carr announced that the Church membership had been geographically divided into four groups. Each neighborhood group was scheduled for a Dutch dinner meeting at some time during the year. It was hoped that through these dinner meetings neighbors would come to know each other better and become neighborhood friends as well as church friends. It was hoped too that through this plan, new members of the church would find friends more easily in the city and in the church. Mrs. Carr feels that the attendance at the dinners has been good but she is looking forward to better cooperation next year. She believes that

those who attended the meetins this year will explain the plan to others and inspire them to be active. Group membership and the date of the dinners will be announced next year and each member is urged to mark the date on his calendar so that nothing will prevent him joining his church neighbors in a period of fellowship and fun.

CHURCH NEWS Mr. Benjamin & Mr. Bennett

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: There were 95 boys and girls enrolled in the school this summer, June 14-18. It was an enriching experience for both teachers and students. We wish to express appreciation to all who had a part in making it a success.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS: The Senior High Fellowship is meeting weekly at 7:00 o'clock on Tuesday nights. Last Tuesday a fine time was had by a large group at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin- at their new address: 1838 Forest Road, Telephone 8-9617. Badminton, croquet, weiner roast, and group singing was enjoyed. Tuesday night, July 6, the get-together will be at The Manse at 1012 Green Street.

The Juniors will have a party-picnic at the home of Mr. Benjamin on July 10th.

The Pioneers will have a party-picnic at the home of Mr. Benjamin on July 17th.

Wednesday night Services each week at 7:20 P.M. Your two ministers will alternate Wednesday night services throughout the summer. The Suppers are postponed until fall. Plan to come each Wednesday night.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION, JULY 11. As there are only four Communion throughout the year, each family will make an extra effort to be present on this Sunday to receive the Sacrament. Your Communion Cards will be mailed to you. Bring them with you to place in the offering plate in order that we may keep an accurate record of our communing membership.

DR. PAUL LESLIE GARBER will preach Sunday Morning, July 25. Dr. Garber's many friends in the congregation will be looking forward to hearing him again, and those who have not had the pleasure of knowing him, will want to attend. Dr. Garber was minister in this Church prior to Dr. Dwight Chalmers, and is now Professor of Bible at Agnes Scott College at Decatur, Georgia. We welcome him to our Church.

AUGUST SERVICES: Mr. Benjamin will preach during the month of August while Mr. Bennett is on vacation.

Church News- Continued

NEW KITCHEN:: NEW DINING ROOM::

Members will be pleased with the work on the Gregson Street side of the basement. The old kitchen will be used as a utility room- for dish washing, etc. The new kitchen is separated from the George Mathis Class room by a short hallway, the remainder of the hall being taken out to make room for the new dining room area; the ceiling will be lowered and the entire plan will make our basement not only more attractive but far more useful.

Mr. Charles Knott has drawn the plans and Mr. Russell Barringer is Chairman of the Building Committee.

In spite of unusual heat the Hallie Pope's have been attending S.S.- our attendance for June was very good, an average of thirty or more each Sunday - of course our good teacher's Mr. Luther Barbour, Mr. Ranson Massengill and Mrs. Robert King get the credit, we feel we have the best teachers of anyone.

Our June Class Meeting on Monday afternoon June 21st was an "old fashion" picnic supper held on the lawn of the lovely home of Dr. and Mrs. Dan Carr on Indian Trail.

All husbands were invited, all the wives brought picnic baskets with plenty of good food. Mrs. George White (Gertrude) planned our program. Mrs. Ed Hillborn from Duke University an accomplished accordionist intertained us with many selections on the accordion and Mrs. V. E. Daisey Bell lead us all in singing many old songs which all enjoyed. A good time and a wonderful fellowship was agreed to be the best part of all. We were so happy to have our Pastor with us. We were so happy to have sixty present.

NEWS OF THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH'

Helen Kraybill

The June General Meeting of the Women of the Church was held June 14 at 8 o'clock. Those present heard Mr. Benjamin give a very fine talk on Christian Education. Our thoughts were stimulated about the present trends - successes and problems - of one of the most important phases of modern education.

July is conference month for the women of the church. We are pleased to be able to help financially those attending Pioneer and Young Peoples Camps from our Church. We are glad to announce that there will be four women attending Womens Training Conference at Montreat. They are Mrs. Russell Barringer, Mrs. D. T. Carr, Mrs. George White and Mrs. David Smith, Sr.

Our July General Meeting will be held July 12th at 3 O'clock. The program will be made up of reports of these conferences listed above as well as brief summaries from each department of Bible School.

There will be no General Meeting of the Women for the month of August. Mrs. Farmer, as our social activities chairman is already at work on plans for the Church family picnic on Sept. 1st - plan now to be there!