

NEW S L E T T E R
Sunday, February 12, 198

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"TROUBLE PRODUCES ... HOPE"

Wm. Crompton Bennett, Senior Minister

St. Paul was always in trouble. "Five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned." He could so easily have been depressed, a gloomy pessimist. He was not. His happiness never depended on easy circumstances. Why? Because for the Christian, "trouble produces endurance, endurance produces character, and character produces hope." (Romans 5)
How utterly different from one who looks disparagingly at the world and complains. "Three sneers for everything and three cheers for nothing!" When St. Paul looked at life, he saw it as God's greatest gift. That being so, *life is never hopeless*. We have "A hope that never disappoints us, since God's love overflows our hearts with the gift of the Spirit which has been given to us."

Prayer:

Deliver us, O Lord, from gloom. Give us the hope that takes what is left and, by the help of the Spirit, makes the very best of it. So may our daily life prove that "all things can, indeed, work together for good to them that love thee and are called according to Thy purpose. Amen.

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-LONG RANGE PLANNING-

All who are concerned about the future of TAPC in the Durham community are urged to be present this Sunday night at 7:30 in the Church Parlor for the first in a series on "Focusing In" on the challenge of the coming years for our congregation.

Speaker: Mr. Ray Green, Director of Planning for the Triangle J Regional Council of Government. Topic: "Growth Shapers in the Research Triangle Area." (30 minutes of lecture and 30 minutes of business).

All Elders, all Deacons, all WOC Officers and Council, all Church School leaders, and all others interested in the future of our work and worship in Durham are urged to be present. William I. Thornton, Jr., Long Range Planning Committee

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ELECTED AS ELDERS ON LAST SUNDAY WERE:

Robert M. Burger, A. Stan Colvin and Juliette (Mrs. W.H.) Johnson

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS CALLED THIS SUNDAY (FEB. 12)

immediately after the Worship Service for the purpose of electing Deacons. We will vote for five (5). The nominees are: 1) Roy Averette, 2) Marshall Boon, 3) Edward Cline, 4) Edward M. Coman, 5) Mary Anne Dente, 6) Curtis C. Kimbrell, III, 7) Jane (Mrs. Travis) Porter, 8) George J. (Joe) Poe, Jr., 9) Radford B. Reel, 10) Wayne E. Taylor, 11) Richard N. Watson, 12) Ernest E. (Sonny) Wooden, 13) Allen Woodward. R.L. Blake, Elections Chairman

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WE WELCOME INTO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THIS CONGREGATION:

Mr. & Mrs. David Michael Cureton, 3820 Hillgrand Drive (27705), Tel: 383-8240
David and Pam (Pamela) have two children, Eric David, 3 years old and Kelly Lynn, six months old. He is with Liggett and Myers. They transfer here from Waterloo, Iowa.

WE ARE HAPPY TO REPORT THAT Mr. Wayne E. Taylor and Mrs. John (Barbara) Fletcher are both recuperating at home now. If there are others please call to advise the ministers.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eileen Mitchell, President

Because of the snow several circles will meet Monday, February 13th:

#1, 10:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor, Mrs. Marian Collings, Chairman - Mrs. Frances Cooke, Hostess.

#3, 6:00 p.m. Supper together at Ballantines (Northgate), 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in the Church Parlor.

#4, 8:00 p.m. with Mrs. Calvin (Suzie) Ward, 1015 W. Markham Avenue, Mrs. Dot Brock, Chairman.

WOC COUNCIL will meet Monday, February 13, Noon in the Refectory. Bring a sack lunch, beverage will be served.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to hear Dr. Gerald Harris (Jerry) Shinn, Sunday, February 19th, 3:00 p.m. in the Refectory. Dr. Shinn is Professor of Philosophy and Religion at UNC-Wilmington, an ordained Methodist minister. He has been on the faculty of the N.C. Women's Conference at Montreat for several years speaking and teaching on "Women in the Old Testament" and "Influence of Archaeology upon Bible Interpretation." Remember to put this date on your calendar - Dr. Shinn is an excellent speaker.

OUR NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY has been mailed to every family. If yours has not been received, call the Church Office. Those who did not have their picture made are asked to contribute \$2 to help defray the cost of printing. This can be placed in the offering or mailed to the church office clearly marked "Directory."

THOSE RESPONSIBLE THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12:

Infants (Paul & Barbara Coughlin); 1½-2½ (David & Cindy Hassell);
2½-4½ (Sandy & Jennifer Williams); 4½-5½ (Jim & Ann VanderWeide) Music: Agnes
Winstead. Responsible for children February 19th: Micahel & Pat Deering,
Tom & Jean Adams, Curtis & Julia Kimbrell, Herman & C. Hinnant; Gwen Kincaid.
GREETING AT THE DOORS: L. D. Kirkland, Jr. and R. L. Tuthill
OFFICE & ACCOUNTING: Jim VanderWeide, Judy Johnson and Marion L. Long
USHERS FOR ALL OF FEBRUARY: James Vander Weide, Randy Bishop, James Mathis, Phil
Hutchings, III, George Conklin, William A. Roach, John Weistart, Robert K.
Yowell, W. J. Maynard and Clark Allen.
ACOLYTES: Susan Reel, Dawn Conklin, Kyle Maynard & Mike Vann
FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY: Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Johnson

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THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS (Junior & Senior Highs) will meet this Sunday
night, February 12, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Bring \$1 for supper. Gwen & Jake Kincaid,
Richard & Deneise Rankin and Corlis Wood, Advisors.

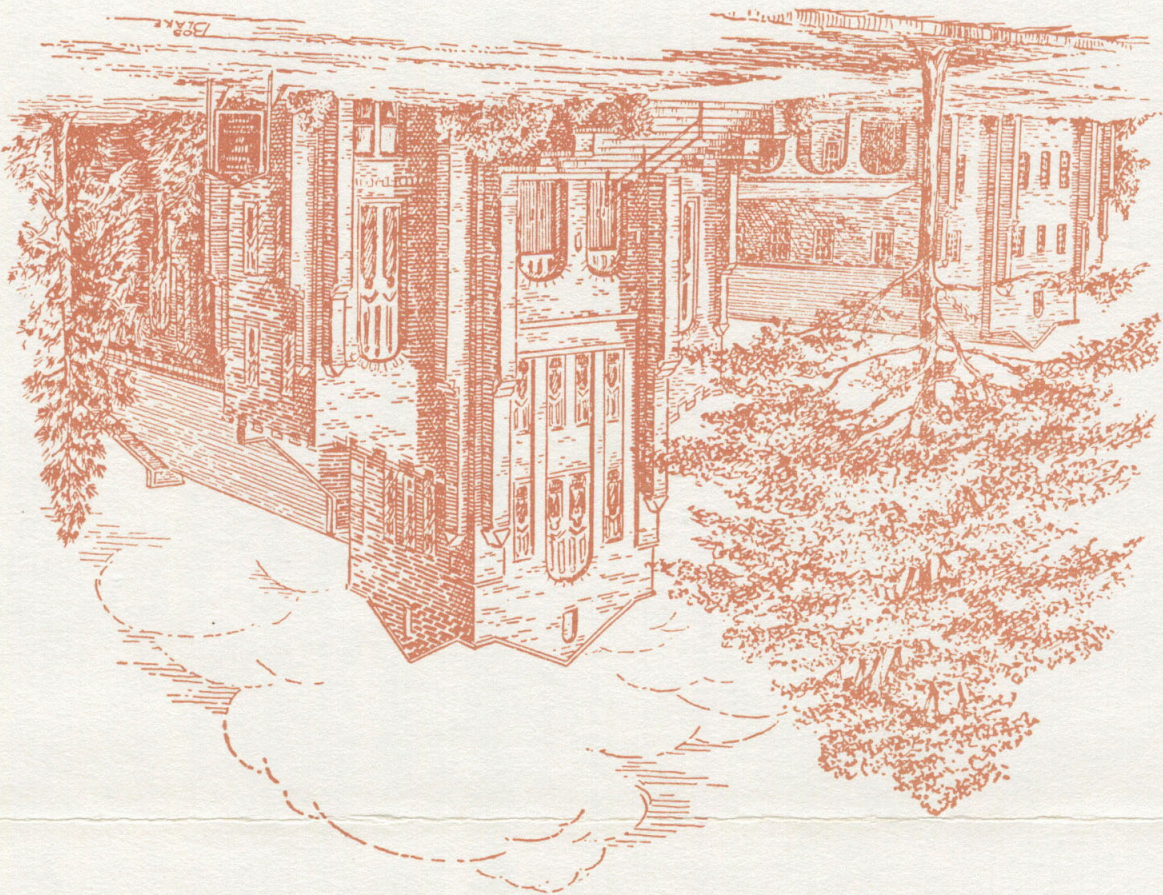
PRIME TIMERS (men and women 55 and older) will meet Thursday,
February 23rd, 11:00 to 1:00 p.m., in the refectory. It is a covered-
dish lunch - if you do not wish to bring a dish just bring \$2.00 there will
be plenty for everyone, lunch served at noon. Beginning at 11:00 a real treat
is in store for us as we take a "Trip to Hawaii" with Dick & Sandy Tuthill.
We all know that Sandy is an excellent photographer and we all look forward
to having them share with us their trip. Call the church office (682-3865) to
let us know if you will be here. Frank O. Winstead, Coordinator.

YOUNG ADULTS (marrieds and singles) are invited to a pot-luck dinner, Friday,
February 24, 1984, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Clyde A. Wootton, 727
Clarion Drive (27705). Please bring a dish and join us. Be sure to notify the
Woottons of your plans (Tel: 383-3455). If you have questions you may call the
Associate Minister at 682-3865 or 493-5224.

THE COVENANT LIFE CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS will have a Valentines Party in the Refectory
this Saturday night, February 11, 7:00 p.m. Dott Faulkenbury, Coordinator.

THE DURHAM ARTS COUNCIL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS to help with a Telethon for the Arts
Council March 6th, to be held at Dupac (Duke). We need about 40 folks to help.
There will be a dinner and training session for those who volunteer. For infor-
mation and to volunteer call Joy Hollar, h: 683-1944 or b: 682-1715.

FAMILY CAMP AT PRESBYTERIAN POINT is scheduled for May 25, 26 & 27. Details will
be provided later - you might wish to put these dates on your calendar.



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this Sunday, 7:30 p.m.
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