

NEWSLETTER
Sunday, February 5, 1984

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"AS WE GROW OLDER"

Wm. Crompton Bennett, Senior Minister

Oddly, there is nothing about old age in the New Testament. Why? Probably because few made it. The average Roman nobleman lived to be only twenty-five and feared not too early but too late a death: "Whom the gods love," they said, "die young." Dr. Samuel Johnson thought he had over-stayed his time at forty, and at forty-seven Lincoln (before he became President) thought his work was done. Cicero was venerated by his contemporaries as ancient indeed when he barely made sixty.

How things have changed! There are now more people over sixty-five than ever before in history (more than 20,000 in Durham). Many today do their best work at a time in life the pagan world dreaded. Therefore, what science has made possible, is up to us to make pleasant and full of purpose. We must not let down and give up as the years pass (Shakespeare quit at forty-seven), but develop a *cleaner* and *much kinder* and *wiser* view of life. The worst sin of old age is to become crass and crafty and cruel. It is a fine art to grow older with graciousness, with deepened faith and hope and love. It can be done. Many do.

Isaiah has this lovely line to remember: "Even in your old age ... will I carry you, saith the Lord." (46:4)

Prayer: *Let not my soul grow grey; O Lord. Keep my affections warm and true and lasting. Keep me ever busy with what I can still do. Always remind me that I am not alone. For Thy love's sake.* Amen.

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JOINT ADULT CLASS - THIS SUNDAY, 9:30
George Watts Classroom - Taught by Dr. Bennett

Topic:

Old Testament Characters
Part V "SAMSON: Sun's Child"

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A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS CALLED THIS SUNDAY FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP for the purpose of electing Elders.

On last Sunday those elected to the Session were: Robert L. Blake and Perry A. Sloan, Jr. This Sunday we will vote for three (3). The nominees are: 1) Robert M. Burger, 2) A. Stan Colvin, 3) Jeffrey M. Johnston, 4) Juliette (Mrs.W.H.) Johnson, 5) Edward L. Massengill
6) Richard L. Tuthill.

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THE AGAPE CLASS OF YOUNG ADULTS

(marrieds and singles) meets at 9:30 every Sunday morning upstairs in the Education Building. They are in the process of selecting a new study course. Members are asked to bring suggestions for books to class this Sunday. During the interim period a mini-series on the Christian Life in poetry will be conducted by Carl Badger, a Presbyterian Minister now in Duke Divinity School. New members and visitors are always welcome. Mrs. Rad (Lynn) Reel, Co-ordinator.

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WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Eileen Mitchell, President

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

Dr. G. Schinn, a well-know Bible lecturer at Montreat Conferences will be speaking here, Sunday afternoon, February 19th, sponsored by Women of the Church. Details will be provided later.

Circles meeting next week: Monday, February 6th

- #1, 10:00 a.m. here at the Church, Mrs. Marian Collings, Chairman
- #2, 10:30 a.m. with Mrs. Ruth (C. F.) Knott, 1000 W. Forest Hills Blv.
- #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. Suzie (Calvin) Ward, 1015 W. Markham Avenue
- .. Tuesday, February 7th
- #5, 10:00 a.m. here at the Church, Mrs. V. Barrett & Mrs. V. Thaxton, Chrm. Babysitter provided.
- #6, 7:30 p.m. Church Parlor, Mrs. M. Gilbert & Mrs. F. Woods, Chairmen.

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THIS SUNDAY (FEB. 5) IS SCOUT SUNDAY

Our Troop 412 will be with us in Morning Worship. The Silver Beaver award, the highest award presented by a Council to an adult leader, was presented to our Co-Scoutmaster, Dante L. Webster, at a meeting of the Occoneechee Scout Council Recognition Dinner in Raleigh recently. John C. Faulkenbury, Co-Scoutmaster.

ABOUT THE SICK

Mr. Wayne E. Taylor is at Duke Hospital. Mr. C. C. White is at Hillhaven on Pettigrew and Swift. Miss Marion Warren and Mrs. Eula Noell are both at home. We suggest calling before visiting.

THOSE RESPONSIBLE THIS SUNDAY, February 5, 1984:

Children: Infants (Clark & Sarah Allen); 1½-2½ (Mike & Cindy Westbrook);
2½-4½ (Bill & Barbara Thornton); 4½-5½ (Reed & Carrie Thompson);

Music: Jane Thorn.

Children, February 12: Paul & Barbara Coughlin, David & Cindy Hassel, Sandy &
Jennifer Williams, David & Allison McClay, David & Allison McClay.

GREETING AT THE DOORS: Martha Sparks and R. Thomas Beavers

OFFICE & ACCOUNTING: Tom Beavers, William D. Kimbrell, Clyde Wootton

ACOLYTES: Chap Anderson, David Thompson, Tara Poe and Kristen Barry

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY: Mr. & Mrs. John M. Preuss

USHERS FOR ALL OF FEBRUARY: Meet in the Narthex no later than 10:25.

James VanderWeide, in charge. Captain: Randy Bishop - James Mathis, George
Conklin, William A. Roach, Phil Hutchings, III. Captain: John Weistart -
Robert K. Yowell, W. J. Maynard and Clark Allen.

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JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIPS WILL MEET THIS SUNDAY NIGHT. 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

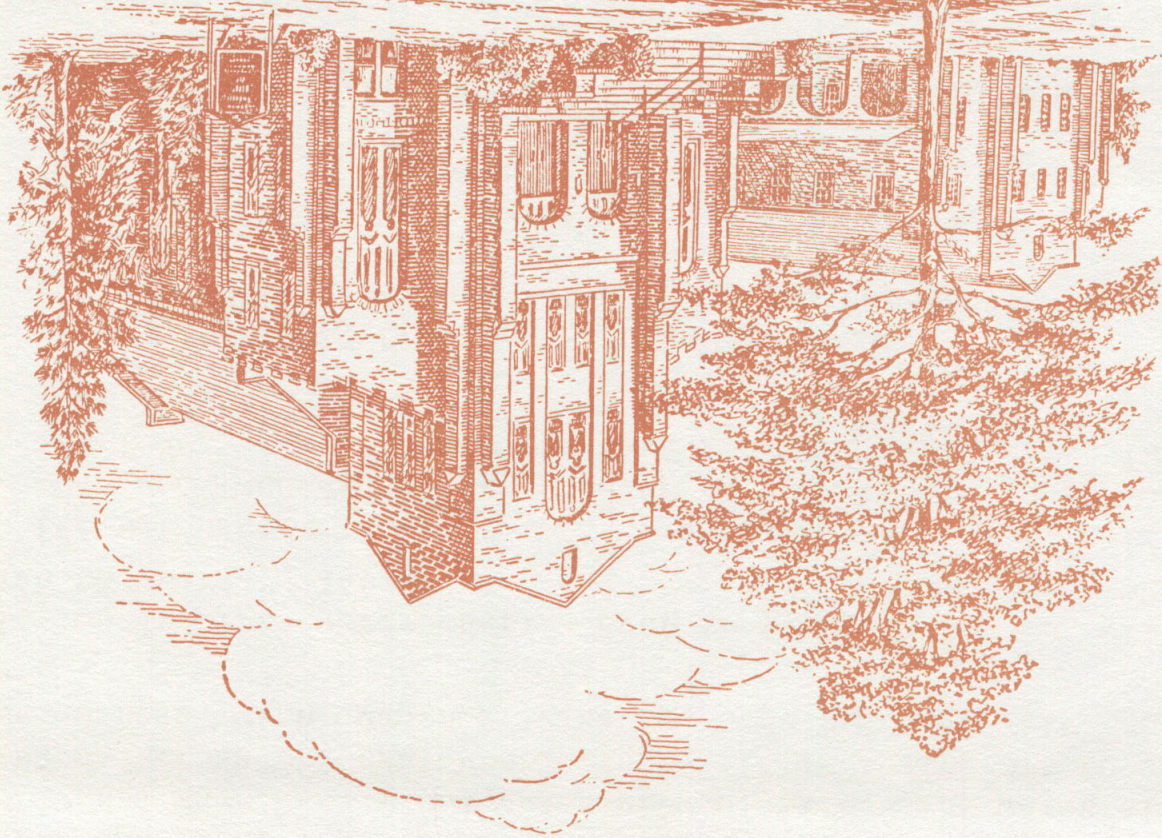
Bring \$1 for supper. Deneise & Richard Rankin, Gwen & Jake Kincaid and
Corlis Wood, Advisors.

THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE, William I. Thornton, Jr., Chairman,
is planning a three part series of meetings for the committee and all interested
persons entitled "Focusing In." With growth and change anticipated in the Tri-
angle area we will have speakers and discussion of what it all means to this
congregation. Sunday, February 12, 7:30 pm in the Church Parlor: Mr. Ray Green,
Director of Planning for the Triangle J Regional Council of Government, Topic:
"Growth Shapers in the Research Triangle Area." (30 minutes with speaker and
30 minutes of business). Other dates will be announced later.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH we emphasize the Elizabeth Andrews
Outreach Fund which goes to help local families in crisis situations providing
housing, heating and medical assistance, working with Social Services and the
Durham Congregations in Action. Special descriptive envelopes are provided in
the pew racks each Sunday. A. Lee Clement, Benevolence Chairman.

OUR NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY was mailed to members on Monday. All those who had
their pictures taken are entitled to a free copy which they should receive this
week. Those who did not have pictures made are asked to contribute \$2.00 to
help defray the cost of printing. This can be placed in the offering plate or
mailed to the church office marked "Directory."

*It is a beautiful directory and much appreciation is expressed to
Ms. Sharon Simons, Chairman, and Mrs. Len (Janet) Stockburger who
typed and planned this directory. Thanks to Mr. R. L. Blake and Mrs.
John (Dott) Faulkenbury who helped with the mailing process.*



* Congregational Meeting
* Joint Adult Class
* New Directories are Mailed

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