

Insights

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

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Clinton W. Spence

Minister's Message

"Jailor Nails Nervous Pastor With The Truth!"

As I sat nervously and impatiently last Saturday afternoon in the visitor waiting room of the Durham County Jail Annex on Main Street, I felt the tension mounting as some visitors were told that they could not see their family members. Having arrived prior to the scheduled visitation hours I had hoped to avoid such conflicts, since pastors can visit anytime with proper identification. Unfortunately, I had not arrived soon enough to make my visit prior to their very early supper hour! Therefore, the jailor had asked me over the intercom to wait until my inmate friend could finish eating.

When the jailor finally came out from behind the glass surveillance booth, through the metal detector, and into the waiting room through the electronically locked door, I was fit to be tied! The waiting room had filled up with all the regular visitors who had mothers, fathers, sons, daughters and lovers behind bars. While I was alone when I arrived, I now was one of about 50 who wanted access to an inmate. All of us wanted to talk to the jailor at once to get behind those locked doors to see someone whom we loved who had gotten into trouble with the law.

There was enough confusion that a second jailor came out to help. When I stepped up to greet him, he promptly addressed me with these troubling words, "You don't count, please sit down!" I was devastated and almost turned on my heels to walk out. I had had enough!

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1993

Twenty-first Sunday in Pentecost

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Men's Coffee - Parlor
9:15 a.m.	Wesley Singers - Sanctuary
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
10:15 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Ringing of the Tower Bells
10:55 a.m.	Worship Service - Sanctuary
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Wesley Women Soup Sale Kitchen
12:00 p.m.	Youth/Parents covered dish - Whitford Hall
12:15 p.m.	"INSIGHTS" information due (Oct. 31 - Nov. 6)
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Ring For Joy - Choir Room
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	JOYBells - Handbell Room
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	NO DMYF
8:00 p.m.	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A. Community Life Center

SERMON: Clinton W. Spence

SCRIPTURE:

Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17 Matthew 22: 34-46
Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

ANTHEM:

"Come, Let us Sing" - J. LINDH
Wesley Singers
"O How Amiable" - R.V. WILLIAMS
Sanctuary Choir

USHERS: JOY Class

GREETERS:

Youth

ACOLYTES:

Melissa Knight

Sherry Knight

ALTAR GUILD:

Mary Lee Bailey

Marcia Grogan

NURSERY:

Rita MacMillan

Deborah Moore

Dana Pope

Elizabeth Newnam

S.S. GREETERS:

Wesley Class

CROSS:

Kevin Grogan

MESSENGERS:

Kevin Baker

Denise Baker

JR. CHURCH:

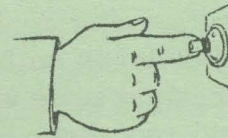
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

PARENTS' MORNING OUT NEWS

Congratulations to Kay Maunder who has been asked to teach full-time at Bragtown Baptist Pre-School. We are so sorry to lose her as a PMO teacher, but pleased that Jana Alexander will take her place as the two-year olds' teacher. Now we need someone to take Jana's place on Mondays and Wednesdays as the aide. Deborah Moore is the other teacher of two-year olds, and Kumud Desai, Cindy Legge, and Rose Gregory are the infant teachers.



VISITATION

Our church is so grateful to our Visitation Team members who take their time to visit our special older members. The following are members of the Visitation Team: Brad Bailey, Catherine Barnhill, Edith Bollinger, Elizabeth Bookhout, Karen Bradsher, Doris Bridges, Anna Brown, Martha Brown, Al Buehler, Reid Burton, Anita Caldwell, Anne Clark, Sue Clifton, Kitty Copelan, Tom Coble, Bill Coman, Betty Craig, Lucille and Tom Cranford, Jo Lee Fishback, Minnie Mae Franklin, Edna Green, Martha Hawley, Rubye Haywood, Mary Head, Edith Johnson, Ann Marie Langford, Beulah Latta, Evelyn Lyon, Margaret Martindale, Genevieve Means, Mette Metcalf, Lucille Mortland, Cathy Shepherd, Carolyn Shipp, Agnes Stephenson, Susan Teer, Carolyn Thomas, Lois and Elbert Wethington, Ethel Williams, Elizabeth Wilson, and Lib Young.

Special Ministries to Homebound:
 Communion - Becky Carver-McLain, Milford Thumm; Note Writing - Mildred Teer, Melissa Knight; Tape Ministry - Sarah McCracken, Fran Thomas, Jim Martindale, Gretchen Ruffy; Transportation to Doctors - Ralph Bedient.

The Visitation Team Tea was well attended. Thanks to Anne Clark, Edith Johnson, Susan Teer, Doris Forman, Ginny Clark, Sue Clifton, and Mark Wethington for their special help.

Next Visitation Day:
 November 4 - Visit King's Daughters Home and stay to eat.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - JOY Class
 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. DISCIPLE Bible Study - Bradshaw
 2:00 p.m. Circle 9 - Parlor/ Whitford
 7:30 p.m. New UMW Circle -
 Linda Wilson - 302 Watts Street
 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A.
 Community Life Center

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

12:15 - 2:00 p.m. Tuesday Study Group - Jr. JOY
 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Prostate Cancer Support Group
 Katie Johnson Class
 8:00 p.m. Central Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A.
 Community Life Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
 10:00 - 1:00 p.m. Craft/Lunch Bunch - Whitford Hall
 11:15 a.m. Weekday School - Parents' Coffee -
 Katie Johnson Class
 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Covenant Discipleship - JOY
 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Fold "Insights" - Whitford Hall
 5:30 - 6:10 p.m. Wednesday Meal - Whitford Hall
 6:00 - 6:10 p.m. Sing and Share - Whitford Hall
 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. Carol Choir - Aldersgate Room
 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Wesley Singers - Handbell Room
 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Girl's Youth Share - JOY Class
 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Covenant Discipleship - Mid. JOY
 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Covenant Discipleship - Open Door
 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Workbook of Living Prayer -
 Prayer Room

6:15 - 8:30 p.m. DISCIPLE Bible Study - Bradshaw
 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Bethany Bells - Handbell Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:15 - 8:15 p.m. Men's Coffee, Biscuits, OJ - Parlor
 8:00 - 12:00 p.m. Weekday School - Halloween Party
 Whitford Hall
 9:30 - 10:30 p.m. Weekday School - Parents' Coffee
 Katie Johnson Class
 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Thursday Study Group
 Prayer Room
 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

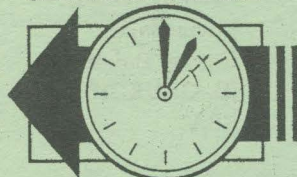
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

6:00 p.m. Rehearsal for Kim Webb's Wedding
 Sanctuary
 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A.
 Community Life Center

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30


Cleaning Society of St. Andrew (683-3011)
 9:30 a.m. Youth Day at Duke University
 3:00 p.m. Kim Webb's Wedding
 5:30 - 10:30 p.m. Duke Wesley Fellowship
 Homecoming Banquet - Whitford

SET YOUR CLOCKS



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Soup Sale 

WESLEY WOMEN
SOUP SALE
OCTOBER 24
KITCHEN

YAM-JAM, OCTOBER 23, 7:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Youth and adults come glean sweet potatoes for Society of St. Andrew. Come ready to dig and laugh and have a great Saturday in the sun! Bring comfortable clothes, shoes, gloves, and water.

PARENT - YOUTH COVERED DISH LUNCHEON OCTOBER 24 - WHITFORD HALL

On October 24, a Parent - Youth covered dish luncheon will be held in Whitford Hall after worship. All JOY and Jr. JOY class members, please plan to be present for this information and planning time and to form a new Youth Council. Bring a large dish to share or pay \$2.50 each.

YOUTH DAY AT DUKE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

9:15 a.m. Depart from the church
10:00 a.m. Hear Tom Landry, former coach of Dallas Cowboys
12:00 p.m. Duke vs. Georgia Tech

Reserve your \$8.00 seat by Sunday, October 24.

YOUTH CALENDAR

Oct 31 - NO DMYF
Nov 7 - DMYF 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Nov 14 - DMYF 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Nov 21 - DMYF 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Thanksgiving Service - 7:30 p.m.
Nov 28 - NO DMYF
Dec 5 - DMYF 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Dec 12 - NO DMYF
White Christmas - 4:00 p.m.
Dec 19 - NO DMYF
Church luncheon and caroling
Dec 26 - NO DMYF
Jan 2 - NO DMYF

Wesley Women will hold their Fall Soup Sale on Sunday, October 24, following worship, in the hall outside the kitchen. The delicious chicken-vegetable soup will be sold for \$5.00 per quart to raise money for mission projects such as the West End Community and Shelter meals. We still need many quart jars! Please label all jars for Wesley Women and place in the kitchen.



**NEW CIRCLE
OCTOBER 25
7:30 P.M.
302 WATTS STREET**

A new circle of United Methodist Women is being formed to meet the needs of women under 35. Ann Wilson will lead an initial planning session at the home of Linda Wilson, 302 Watts Street, on Monday, October 25th at 7:30 p.m. At this session, possible meeting times and days will be discussed as well as interest areas and needs to be met. Please come for desert and coffee and help us take this exciting step in the life of U.M.W.

Are there other age or interest groups who are not currently included in United Methodist Women? We would be happy to begin other new circles, organized around specific interest or age groups. Please contact Linda Wilson (682-6923) or Nancy Stark (490-0062) if you are aware of such a group.



"THE UMBRELLAS OF LAVENDER"

We give a special thank you to Marjorie Clark, Holly Eggleston and our talented children for their performance of "The Umbrellas of Lavender."

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But the Holy Spirit prompted me to sit down and be patient - - one of the gifts of the Spirit in Galatians 5: 22. I began to pray silently for my self-esteem to be restored ("You don't count" were pretty harsh words!), for my inmate friend, for all of the other impatient and angry visitors, and finally for our stewardship campaign which would officially begin in 18 hours.

God spoke to me in those moments about my lack of importance to the stewardship campaign. Though I have challenged others to consider tithing this year, it suddenly hit me that when my wife, Pam, and I pledge 10% of our income to Duke Memorial we have merely underwritten 1% of our church's \$525,000 budget. Another 99% must be pledged by others, so the jailor's words, "You don't count," felt very appropriate for my role in the stewardship campaign.

Many of us may feel that way about our pledges. Our contribution seems so insignificant in comparison with the huge total amount that we need to raise. Jesus, however, recognizes even the small contribution of the widow's mite as worthy of recognition. Please consider your pledge prayerfully during this next week -- whether it is a full tithe or a widow's mite -- and bring your pledge card and stewardship commitment brochure to Celebration Sunday, October 31, so that God can convince us together that "We do count!" when we join together in a mission and ministry that is greater than ourselves.

Your brother in Christ,
 Clint

**1994
 PROPOSED BUDGET
 DUKE MEMORIAL
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Income:	
Pledges	\$434,000
Other Income	91,000
(Restricted Endowments)	
<u>Total Income</u>	525,000

Expenses:	
Clergy Staff	\$143,999
Pastor	
Associate (F/T)	
Associate (P/T)	
Diaconal Minister of Music	34,379
Assistant in Ministry	16,849
Support Staff	75,536
Conference Apportionments	102,049
Durham Congregations in Action	2,500
Durham Mission Society	3,000
Council on Ministries	41,007
Administration	41,133
Office Supplies, postage, printing, office equipment, maintenance agreements	
Plant & Properties	60,520
utilites, supplies, insurance, repairs	
Contingences	3,330
<u>Total Expenses</u>	524,302