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COUNTING UP

Year end inventories are the order of business and often of persons living. If you will supply words to complete the following sentences, you may find some help in knowing just where you are in the life of the spirit and in your Christian walk.

During 1976, I am _____ with my growth in life in Jesus Christ. I believe that during that year I gave a _____ witness to my faith in Christ. My relation to His Church in which I have placed my membership, Duke Memorial, is a _____ testimony to my faith. In the way I have fulfilled my vows of upholding this church by my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service, I have been _____. My study of the Scriptures and faithfulness in prayer are _____ evidences of my desire to know and to do God's will. In witnessing of my faith in Christ to others, I have been _____ and have _____.

This is not an examination to turn in to a teacher. This is a thought-provoker, intended to help each one of us look at himself or herself. Then, from the looking, let us turn to the future. From what we have set down, honestly before God and in the privacy of our homes, what is the direction we choose for 1977?

My prayer for all of us is that God shows us enough to encourage us; that we confess our shortcomings and errors so that we be humble; and that in all things, we commit ourselves anew and wholly, in His service, for 1977 and always.

-- Ed Smith

BAPTISM: During the worship service, Sunday, 26 December 1976, Anne Houghton, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Glen Brindley, 907 Shepherd Street, was baptized. She was born 20 September 1976 at Duke Hospital. Glen's great aunt, Miss Anne Brindley of Galveston, Texas was present for this sacrament.

THE GRATITUDE of the congregation and pastors is expressed to those who gave excellent leadership in our Student Recognition Sunday, 26 December: Carol Weynand, Tim Langford, Lin Williams, Ruth Whanger, Marie Bowles, Susan Self and William Green. In addition, a special thank you is due to Olive Jenkins, a member of this church, who in a beautiful and blessed way added her talents and training on the harp to the music for the service.

SOUTHERN AFRICA will be the subject of a district meeting at Duke Memorial in the Fellowship Hall, Thursday, 13 January. This is one of the "crisis" areas of the world and the principal speaker, the Reverend Thomas Curtis, is a missionary in Southern Rhodesia. He is well and favourably known to the Whangers as well as to others in our congregation. This is an opportunity to learn much about an area of which we almost surely will be hearing a great deal in coming months. The meeting is at 7:30 p. m.

OUR KNOWN HOSPITAL SICK to be remembered in your prayers:

Durham County General Hospital:	
William Horton	4131
Glenn Woods	6330
Evelyn Jones	SICU
Joy Long	7309

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will meet on Monday, January 10, at 11:00 o'clock in the Bradshaw Room. Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, formerly editor of the Upper Room and presently Superintendent of the Charlotte District, will be the speaker. Lunch will be served by Circle 5, Mrs. J. D. Young, chairman. Circles 1, 2, and 3 will meet prior to the general meeting.

SYMPATHY: The congregation and pastors of Duke Memorial express their love and Christian concern to:

The family of Mrs. R. D. (Willafred) Wellons of the Methodist Retirement Home, who died Christmas Day. Her funeral was held on 28 December 1976.

Mrs. T. W. Young whose sister, Mrs. H. C. Roberts, died in Sanford Friday, 31 December 1976.

The family of Dewey Mims who died at his home, 1026 Westwood Drive, early New Year's Day. His funeral was held at Maplewood Cemetery Monday, 3 January 1977, at eleven o'clock.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. R. D. (Willafred) Wellons
25 December 1976

Mr. Dewey Sexton Mims
3 January 1977

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

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Attendance: Sunday, 26 December, 1976

Church School	202
Morning Worship	270
<u>Sunday, 2 January, 1977</u>	
Church School	239
Morning Worship	360

Financial Report for 1976

Due each week	\$ 3,632.00
Received last week of 1976	7,552.03
Received to date	191,740.46
Needed for 1976	188,864.00
Excess	2,876.46

Financial Report for 1977

Due each week	3,802.41
Rec'd in '76, prepaid for '77	8,485.75
Received last Sunday	5,321.21

MEALS ON WHEELS REPORT: Our Thanksgiving Day offering this year amounted to \$370.00 which was given in support of the Meals on Wheels program of the Durham Congregations in Action (formerly the Center City Church Council).

This Meals on Wheels ministry is going strong with 110 hot meals being delivered daily by volunteers from Durham churches. Each team (they go in twos) delivers about 5-7 meals which takes about an hour one day each week. Duke Memorial has a team of "deliverers"---the Kales. Arthur and Ruth deliver on Fridays and have had a rewarding experience doing so.

If anyone wishes more information about this please call the Kales, Bob Wallace, or the MOW office 682-3145.

THE BOOK entitled The Cameron Plantation by Charles Richard Sanders has been given to the library by the H. E. Spence Bible Class in memory of Arthur W. Knight. It is a fascinating account of a most remarkable family with nostalgic photographs and an excellent map of the complete plantation.

SUNDAY, 9 JANUARY 1977

The Gospel: Romans 12:1-5
The Sermon: "Our Best Gift"
Acolytes: Tripp Funderburk & Brett Henry
Greeters: Dr. and Mrs. Alan Whanger
Junior Church Leaders:
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Forrester, Jr.
Mrs. W. L. Shipp