

How Do We Look?

Each time that Janet and I make a trip over a weekend, we go to church somewhere. This gives us a chance to see how other congregations and pastors do "their thing". And it forces me to think of how we strike the visitor who comes to Duke Memorial for the first time. In a real sense, the pastor often is the person least likely to know how we really come over to other people.

At opposite ends of the spectrum are the "big church" and the "little church" attitudes. The first holds that as part of a very large group, one person counts for very little so don't bother to welcome that person. The second view says that we are so small it doesn't make any difference what we do for no one will think us worthy of a second visit. Both are equally wrong for they fail to realize that we are all persons and that God's love is given equally to us. What do we do, on any given Sunday, to manifest that love to those among us for the first time? More important, what do we do all week long to make it obvious, even to ourselves, that we really do know the reconciling grace of God and that out of that experience of grace, we are channels for leading others to know the same grace, love, forgiveness?

With considerable ground for the conviction, I think the two hold together. What we are when we meet as the church gathered for worship, study, prayer, praise, thanksgiving is intimately tied to what we are as the church dispersed in service, witness and daily obedience. It is hardly likely that we can be warm-hearted on Sunday and chilly in spirit the rest of the week. And if we have through the week found ways to serve God and Christ as we serve God's children, then on Sunday we will be surely open and welcoming to those who gather together as His family in one place.

How long has it been since you visited a church where you were absolutely a stranger and found a welcome? And, how long has it been since you really welcomed a stranger to your own church? What about next Sunday in this church?

-- Ed Smith

THE MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE on 9 March will be led by Dr. Arthur Kale, beginning at 12:30 in the Bradshaw Room. Lunch in the Fellowship Hall follows at 12:30. You will be glad you came -- so come!

FAVORITE HYMNS

As a means of determining the favorite hymns of the congregation, will each of you list your choice of five hymns on a slip of paper and send to the office of the Director of Music? The resulting list will be used in planning for a community interdenominational hymn sing at Asbury Methodist Church 1 May at 4:00 p. m. To make your vote count, it will be necessary to turn the slip in promptly. Melba Bartholomew is serving on the planning committee which meets again on Sunday afternoon, March 13, and she will need time to tabulate your suggestions. Please, everyone vote!

A SPEAKER FROM THE GIDEONS will share in the morning service on 6 March, making a brief statement of the work which the Gideons have done and offering us an opportunity to respond to the regular "Open Bible offering" in which many of us have participated for years.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT: MARCH 6, 1977

The Epistle: I Thessalonians 4:1-7
 The Sermon: "Denial Can Be Fulfillment"
 Acolytes: John Lancaster & Jim Lancaster
 Greeters: Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Bollinger
 Junior Church Leader: Holly Eggleston

SPRING CONFIRMATION CLASSES will begin Sunday, 6 March, at 4 p. m. in the Aldersgate classroom, located behind the sanctuary. Children should be at least eleven years of age and those who are older will be most welcome. A call to the church office as to prospective participants in this spring class will be appreciated. Thank you.

ALTAR GUILD WORKERS FOR MONTH OF MARCH

Lucille Mortland 286-3782
 Edith Johnson 489-3673

TRANSFERRED OUT: Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Elwood Dawson and their son, Mark Elwood, have transferred their membership to First United Methodist Church in Rocky Mount.

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THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will meet Monday, March 7, at 11:00 a.m. in the Bradshaw Room. In observance of "A Call to Prayer and Self Denial", Mrs. Mary Whanger will lead a period of meditation, after which Dr. William H. Willimon, Assistant Professor of Worship in the Divinity School at Duke will speak on the subject of "Prayer". A self-denial offering for missions will be received. Lunch will be served by Circle 6, Mrs. Dottie Ritchie, chairperson.

Circles 1, 2, and 3 will meet at 10:00 a. m.

THE CRAFT WORKSHOP will start meeting at 9:30 a. m. each Wednesday and will attend the 12:10 Lenten services and luncheon following.

NEEDED: Please save whole blown-out egg shells for U. M. W. Also needed are trims, laces, and ribbons. These may be left in the Church Office.

DUKE MEMORIAL WEEKDAY SCHOOL REPORTS:

The excitement of learning to read his name, signs, advertisements, and finally books, discovering the relationship of members and objects, gaining independence at a level appropriate to his age - Duke Weekday School is where it's happening! Teaching is geared to the individual's level so that each child will feel successful. Music is taught by Robin Kramer, the talented lady who also plays our church bells on Wednesday at noon. Creative dance is enjoyed by the children.

We have had coffees for each classroom so our parents could socialize and become informed of school activities. We are now engaged in a six-weeks family development group for our parents, led by Barbara Denny from the Durham Child Guidance Clinic.

Our enrollment is 100 plus, ages two through kindergarten; our staff numbers 14. We are now accepting applications for the 1977-78 school year. We think we have an exciting program to offer pre-school children and solicit your help in advertising our program.

OUR KNOWN HOSPITAL SICK to be remembered in your prayers:

Durham County General Hospital:
Mrs. Mary Ervin, 7300

MEMORIALS RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION

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Florida

Mrs. Harry A. Hanson, Middletown, Conn.

Library Fund

In memory of Dewey S. Mims by:
The Proprietary Association, Washington,
D. C.

GIFTS

A gift has been made to the Patron's Music Fund by Dr. Michael Hamilton.

The Minnie P. Gates Bible Class has given a memorial to the education fund of the Mt. Zion Methodist Church in loving memory of Mrs. Rosa P. Moore, mother of Mrs. Sarah Moore Jeffreys.

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD - February 27, 1977

Attendance

Church School	356
Morning Worship	306

Financial Report

Due each week	\$ 3,802.41
Received last Sunday	2,185.24
Received to date	37,618.41
Needed through last Sun.	34,221.69

CALENDAR WEEK OF MARCH 6 - 12, 1977

Sun.	8:30 a. m.	Pancake Breakfast
	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	4:00 p. m.	Confirmation Class
	5:00 p. m.	Children & Youth Choirs
	5:00 p. m.	Spring Special Studies
	6:00 p. m.	Jr. & Sr. UMYF
Tues.	6:00 p. m.	Methodist Men
	7:45 p. m.	Administrative Board
Wed.	9:30 a. m.	Craft Workshop
	9:45 a. m.	Circle 6, Aldersgate Rm.
	12:10 p. m.	Lenten Service & Lunch
Thurs.	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal