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IS THAT ALL?

Easter is put in sharp focus by the events that immediately preceded the day of Resurrection. Nothing can be more dramatic than historical juxtaposition of death and resurrection. The ignominious way in which our Lord spent the last hours of His life; the desertion by the disciples; the faked trials -- it all adds up to His having been renounced and denounced from every side, save one. That one, the faithful constant in a swirling world, was the love and providence of God.

During the days of Holy Week, most of us make some effort to recapture something of what transpired in these fateful days so long ago, that thereby we may better be ready to celebrate Easter. The difference between our view of it and that of the participants is that we know in advance how the whole matter is going to work out. It may be that for some of us, the certainty of what finally happened mutes something of our perception of the suffering and desperation of those days.

Easter Sunday is the day in the whole Christian year which lights up the remainder of the calendar. Without the Resurrection, the crucifixion would have been only one more in the series of deaths of good men for ideal causes. Without the Resurrection, the Christmas and nativity events would be little more than a ripple in the year's passing. Without the Resurrection, when any of us look death squarely in the face and ask the question, "Is that all?", the answer would hauntingly come to us, "yes, that's all".

But, as St. Paul said to the Corinthian Church, Christ is raised from the dead. Every day is a day to celebrate the Resurrection and every Sunday is its own implicit reminder of how important this day is to us. As God brings us to next Sunday, Easter, it seems to me that the most fitting way to celebrate the day is in joining heart, voice and hand in Christian worship, in thanksgiving to God for His unspeakably wonderful love and mercy in Jesus Christ. Wherever you spend the Easter weekend, make certain that a significant part of it is spent in Christian fellowship and worship. We'll all be glad we did!

-- Ed Smith

✓ EASTER MONDAY is a holiday at Duke Memorial and the Church office will be closed all day. In the event of special need, please telephone Mr. Smith, 489-2210; Mr. Wallace, 383-4542; Mrs. Massey, 489-5179; or Miss Biddle, 477-9019.

SERVICES FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL, 1-4 May, coinciding with our ninety-first anniversary, are a highlight of our church year. Plan to be part of it all, Sunday morning and evening, at noon and evenings Monday - Wednesday. The speaker will be the Reverend A. Purnell Bailey of Washington, D. C.

LUNCH for everyone will be available in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, 17 April, following the morning service of worship. The menu will be beef stew and rice, a salad and dessert with drink. This is a service activity of the Senior High UMYF to raise money for the van fund. Tickets will be available soon.

SIX AMERICAN FAMILIES being telecast weekly for a series of six presentations on Channel 4, deals with family problems characteristic of our society and times. Please consult newspaper schedules for day and hour of the telecast.

Life's Greatest Surprise
SUNDAY, 10 APRIL 1977 EASTER SUNDAY
The Gospel: St. Mark 16:1-8 *St Matthew 28:1-8*
The Epistle: I Corinthians 15:20-26
The Sermon: "Not by Emptiness" *The greatest*
Acolytes: Joey Farned and Scott Self *See*
Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Coman
Junior Church Leaders:
Carol and Gary Lawrence
Barbara Penick, Music

SYMPATHY: The pastors and congregation of Duke Memorial Church extend their love and sympathy to Mrs. Carl Burton, 3503 Tonbridge Way, because of the death of her father, George B. Starling, on March 27 in Wilson, and to Bessie Sue Harris, 2414 Glendale Ave. because of the death of her brother, James Wrenn, Thursday, 31 March 1977.

MARRIAGE: The congregation and pastors rejoice with and express good wishes to LTC and Mrs. Robert Sholar who were married in the Duke Memorial sanctuary Saturday, 2 Apr., at 4:00 p. m. Mrs. Sholar is the former Gretchen Holsinger, daughter of General and Mrs. J. W. Holsinger.

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SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

FAMILY CAMP: July 9-12 and July 12-15 at Camp Don Lee at the mouth of the Neuse River. Families can attend either or both sessions. They will live as family units in cabins and have meals prepared by camp staff. Trailer hook-ups are also available. Swimming, canoeing, sailing, nature study, campfires, vespers, - these are only some of the options available. (Bob and Chris Wallace and their kids have been to Family Camp many times. The way they talk about it makes it sound warm and friendly and an exciting and economical way to spend a vacation. Why don't you ask them about it?)

YOUTH MUSIC WORKSHOP and CONCERT TOUR: June 20 - 26
This is an opportunity for youth who have completed the 8th-12th grades. After rehearsing at Methodist College in Fayetteville for three days, the group will go on a four-day concert tour to Western North Carolina. Along with singing in outstanding area churches and summer resorts, the concert choir will have time to explore places of interest in western North Carolina. The choir's concluding concert will be on Sunday, June 26th, 7:30 p. m. at Duke Memorial Church (FANTASTIC!!) Marie Bowles, David McConnell, Carol Christmas, and Marti Pifer can tell you what Music Workshop was like last year, and Melba Bartholomew can talk to you about scholarship help that is available from our church for those who would like to participate this year.

PALM SUNDAY MUSIC

Carol Christmas played the flute obligato with the Children's Choir on Sunday. The girls who assisted on the many stanzas of the Donkey Song are members of the Youth Choir.

MUSICAL VESPERS

Concert Sunday, April 24 at 4 p. m Duo-Harpists Olive Jenkins and Katherine Holm.

BAPTISM: Kelly Saunders Fontes, son of Don and Susan Fontes, 4318 Barbary Street, was baptized last Sunday at the morning service of worship.

THE ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR Easter Sunday announces the birth of Heather Leigh Haynes, daughter of Dianne and Richard Haynes, 1109 Raynor Street, born March 31, 1977. Congratulations and best wishes to this fine family.

OUR CHURCH LIBRARY has recently acquired the 25 volume set of The Layman's Bible Commentary and The Interpreter's One-Volume Commentary On The Bible. These were recommended for purchase by our pastors. "The Layman's Bible Commentary is designed to be a concise, non-technical guide for the layman in personal study of his own Bible."

THE CRAFT WORKSHOP is meeting each Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. If you have any materials that can be used please bring them. Items such as: empty Leggs containers, trims, laces, materials, especially small prints, yarn, etc. Should you need materials or if you would like to help with a project, please come to the workshop. And, if you can stay for lunch, bring a sandwich along and enjoy the fellowship.

MEMORIALS RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION:

Library Fund

In memory of Dewey S. Mims by Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Cox.

Van Fund

In memory of Ernest F. Thomas by Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Cox.

OUR KNOWN HOSPITAL SICK to be remembered in your prayers:

Duke Hospital
Iva Elder Drake 6310
Eva Daniels Cushing 3106
Dr. Alan Whanger

DCGH: Charles R. Johnson 7306

ATTENDANCE Palm Sunday:

Sunday School.....293
Morning Worship,.....443

FINANCIAL REPORT

Due each week	\$ 3,802.41
Received last Sunday	4,614.51
Received to date	53,476.98
Needed through last Sunday	53,233.74

CIRCLE 4 will meet on Monday, April 11, at 7:30 p. m. with Mrs. C. G. Bookhout, 1307 Alabama Avenue. Mrs. Dorothy Valenzuela will be the guest speaker.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF APRIL 10 - 16, 1977

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
Mon.	7:30 p. m.	Circle 4
Wed.	9:30 a. m.	Craft Workshop
	12:30 p. m.	Music Committee in Library
	7:30 p. m.	Summer Task Force in Lib.
Thurs.	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal