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IF YOU COULD...

When people get perplexed as to the direction they ought to choose in a very important decision, sometimes it helps to ask them one question. Just for a moment they are asked to "get out of it" and simply to answer the question: "If in this instance you could do what you really want to do, what would you do?" This is a simple device to find what the person really wants. Not necessarily will it come to pass. But, it is ever useful as a means of clarifying thought and desire. The word currently in vogue is that thus we "order our priorities."

Services for Spiritual Renewal at Duke Memorial, led by Purnell Bailey, 1-4 May, put this kind of situation before us. What do you want to be the outcome of this corporate endeavor? Answers would vary: (1) I want to see the church full of people. (2) A visiting preacher is always potentiably a blessing and joy. (3) I would like to see the congregation draw together in unity and love. (4) My hope and prayer is for a real revival of honest-to-God life changing religion. (5) I doubt that anything much can or will happen. (6) I wish it were all over now so I could continue in my accustomed way of life translates to say: please don't bother me with Good News or any such stuff. (7) I don't know exactly but it looks to me like a lot of changing needs to be made.

For what it may be worth to you, my choice is number four. There are of course many other possible answers. Each one of us is going to make his own. Now and then, we need to grapple with the little question: "If Duke Memorial were to become what I would like, what would it be?" The corollary of the question is how much of ourselves, our time, our strength and efforts, our money, are we willing to give to make that dream of ours come to be reality.

God is always ready to do more than we can hope or expect. Any deficiency in our relationship comes from our side. As we come to the Services for Spiritual Renewal, let us not be found lacking in interest, concern, commitment, participation--and then God will do what He wills for us. It's up to us for He is ready!

-- Ed Smith

DUO-HARP CONCERT

Olive Jenkins and Katherine Holm

Plan to attend this special program in the sanctuary, Sunday, 24 April, at 4:00 p. m. You are invited by the Lillie Duke Class, Mrs. T. H. Brock, Jr., president, to the reception following. You are encouraged to invite guests. A nursery will be available.

Olive Jenkins is a Visiting Artist at Sandhills Community College and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jenkins, 1517 Hermitage Court, one of our Duke Memorial families.

Katherine Holm is a Visiting Artist at Craven Community College in New Bern, N. C.

SOS TO SINGERS

Additional singers are needed for Anniversary Sunday, May 1. To assist, be present at two rehearsals, April 21 and April 28, the regular Thursday rehearsal nights. Your participation will make our special music more praise worthy.

INVITATIONS to family and friends for our Homecoming-Church anniversary on Sunday, 1 May, ought to be sent out this week! No one can do this kind of thing for you for no one else knows to whom you ought to write! You have a great deal to do with whether that week begins on a high and wonderful note or is an anemic imitation of what ought to happen and what can happen!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins Sunday, 24 April at 2:00 a. m. It means that prior to retiring on Saturday, 23 April, clocks are advanced one hour, i.e., moved from 9:00 to 10:00 and so on.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, 24 APRIL 1977

The Epistle: I Peter 2:21b-25
The Sermon: "In His Steps"
Acolytes: Lisa Harris and Dawn Lampley
Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Johnson
Junior Church Leaders:
Carol and Gary Lawrence
Barbara Penick, Music

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RECIPE DEADLINE for the church cookbook being prepared by the Open Door Class is May 1st. Those interested in submitting recipes should contact Kay Herman, 5505 Revere Road, phone 544-2676 or Nell Brindley, 907 Shepherd St., phone 682-7120. Please send in some of your favorite recipes -- they do not have to be original!

NAMES OF GRADUATES from high schools, college and universities and other upper levels of schools are needed by the Church Office. Please telephone us (688-1901, 688-2170) so that we may include the graduates of your family in a June listing of good wishes for those who make so great steps at this juncture of their lives.

OUR KNOWN HOSPITAL SICK to be remembered in your prayers:

DCGH:	Imogene Ausbon	4107
	Bessie Whitley	6322
	Horace Fowler	4117
	Myra King	5125

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt A. Nunn, Jr. who were married Saturday, April 16, in Duke University Chapel. Mrs. Nunn is the former Susan Flowers Spears.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER: Mrs. Norman A. Desrosiers has transferred her membership from Duke Memorial Church to Central United Methodist Church in Asheville, N. C.

SYMPATHY: The pastors and congregation extend Christian sympathy to Mr. W. M. Eakes because of the recent death of his sister, Mrs. Thelma Briggs, in Florida.

CONFERENCE MEETING: The 1977 session of the North Carolina Annual Conference meets at Methodist College, Fayetteville, 6-9 June.

ATTENDANCE Sunday, 17 April, 1977

Church School.....	283
Morning Worship.....	390

FINANCIAL REPORT

Due each week	\$ 3,802.41
Received last two Sundays	9,727.22
Received to date	63,204.20
Needed through last Sun.	60,838.56

CONCERT: The 43 Voice Concert Choir of The Durham Boys Choir, Inc. will be presented in concert in the sanctuary of Trinity United Methodist Church, Church Street in Downtown Durham, on Sunday, April 24 at 5:00 p. m.

"THANK YOU" TO THE CONGREGATION!

Because of your fine support of our Stew Beef Dinner this past Sunday, we were able to raise \$200.00 for the VAN FUND. To all the people who asked "When are you going to do this again?", we say "It won't be long!!"

Love, Senior High UMYF

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF APRIL 24 - 30, 1977

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship and Junior Church
	3:00 p. m.	District Youth Meeting at Trinity UMC. The program will be a worship service presented by children from Murdoch Center.
	4:00 p. m.	Duo-Harp Concert
	5:00 p. m.	Children's Choir
	5:00 p. m.	Summer Task Force
	6:00 p. m.	Junior UMYF
Tues.	7:30 p. m.	Finance Committee in Library
Wed.	9:30 a. m.	Craft Workshop
	6:00 p. m.	Visitation Supper
	7:45 p. m.	Council on Ministries in Library
Thurs.	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal