

ASCENSION DAY

Each time that we say the words of the Apostles' Creed, we affirm that we do indeed believe that Jesus "ascended into heaven." There, continues this statement of faith, "He sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead." Whether we are aware of it or not, in these words we are confessing our confidence in Jesus as King, Priest, and as Prophet. It is for reasons like these that much of Christendom makes a great deal more of Ascension Day than we ourselves usually do.

Ascension is the fortieth day after Easter; thus this year it falls on 19 May. When we notice it at all, it is on the first Sunday after the Ascension of our Lord. It is a kind of bridge from the Sundays after Easter to the great festival of Pentecost which this year is 29 May.

The New Testament record as to the Resurrection of Jesus, His Ascension, and the gift of the Holy Spirit is not entirely consistent. What is significant is that the three events are regarded as of great importance. The differences which exist in the Scriptural accounts are differences of recollection and interpretation, not differences of evaluation.

The church calendar tends to follow St. Luke's version of these events, perhaps because he is the only evangelist who proceeds to the life and work of the early church. Ascension day emphasizes, as A. M. Ramsey put it a long time ago, that Jesus came to share in the sovereignty of God over heaven and earth. Since these powers were in a measure laid aside for a time as Jesus came to earth and fulfilled that to which God called Him, the time when the church celebrates the reaffirmation of His heavenly role and place ought to command our interest. That is what Ascension day is all about. You can find out for yourself by reading the last chapters of St. Luke's Gospel and the first chapters of Acts. That might be the best celebration we could find, anyway. Do it as preparation for Sunday, 22 May, the Sunday after the Ascension!

-- Ed Smith

RECOGNITION: Ruth Whanger who will be a sophomore at N. C. State in the year 1977-78, and who is active in the Raleigh Wesley Foundation, has been elected chairman of publications of the Foundation for the coming academic year. We rejoice in this service avenue opened to Ruth and wish her well in it.

SYMPATHY: The congregation and pastors express their sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. I. Harding Hughes because of the death of Mrs. Hughes' sister, Mrs. E. C. Patterson of High Point; to Mrs. Mary Bitting because of the death of her brother, E. Carson Yates, on Monday, 9 May, in Raleigh; and to Mrs. Dan Hill because of the death of her mother, Mrs. Harold Sykes, on May 11 in Queens Village, N. Y.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE: This committee will meet Tuesday evening, 31 May, at 7:30 in the library. Suggestions and comments as to work of members of the church staff should be made to committee members prior to the meeting. Members of the committee are: Mrs. Shirley Few, chairman; R. R. Few, T. S. Coble, Dr. W. E. Hammond, General J. W. Holsinger, Mrs. S. L. Mortland, C. E. Phillips, Jr., Marshall T. Spears, Jr., Richard Haynes.

OUR KNOWN HOSPITAL SICK to be remembered in your prayers:

DCGH:	Hall Miles	4131
	Bill Fleming	5331
	Nancy Marshall	7315
	Tom Andrews	5105
	Polly Robinson	7234

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD: Randy Few, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Few, 1502 Moreland Avenue, is one of a group of six scouts in the Trinity UMC troop who will on Sunday, 22 May, receive the Eagle award. This group of six scouts began scouting together as Cub scouts and now are together receiving the highest award in Scouting. The other five boys in the group are Kerr McCutcheon, Hagar Rand, Rotcher Watkins, Jr., Lee White and Steed Rollins, Jr. The awards will be presented to these six scouts as part of the worship service at Trinity Sunday morning. Stanley Stubbs, the scout master, is an alumnus of Duke Memorial's Troop 13. Randy's uncle, Lyne, was a member of Troop 13 and at the time he received his Eagle badge, he was the youngest scout in the world to receive this award. His photograph was printed in the London Times in recognition of his age and achievement!

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 1977

Sermon: Reverend Robert L. Wallace

Scripture: I Peter 4:7b-11

Acolytes: Tripp Funderburk and Brett Henry

Greeters: Dr. and Mrs. June H. Stallings, Jr.

Junior Church Leaders: Polly and Ben Mixon

Carolyn Shipp, music

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES will be honored with a luncheon on Sunday, June 5, 1977 right after the Morning Worship Service. The luncheon is being planned by our college and working youth and will be for the graduates and their families.

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LOCAL TV PROGRAM ON "Moonies"

Curious Kaleidoscope (Channel 11) is presenting two programs on the Moonies in their schedule. These are titled, "Controversy over the Unification Church," and will feature a live audience from Durham (some DM members have been invited to participate), the head of the N. C. branch of the Unification Church, some present Moonies, and some ex-Moonies.

Curious Kaleidoscope is aired two times each Sunday; at 1:30 A.M. and 8:30 A.M. The early time (1:30) is a repeat of the previous week's 8:30 program, so you have two opportunities to see each program. Here is the forthcoming schedule:

Sunday, May 22

1:30 a. m. Visit with a Missionary Family
8:30 a. m. Controversy over the Unification church (Part 1)

Sunday, May 29

1:30 a. m. Controversy (Part I)
8:30 a. m. Controversy (Part 2)

UNITED METHODIST MEN OFFICERS FOR 1977-78

President: Dr. Edward Hammond
Vice-President: Mr. A. D. Turrentine
Secretary: Mr. R. L. Forrester, II
Treasurer: Mr. Jack Cliff

The United Methodist Men meet regularly on the Tuesday after the first Sunday of each month at 6:00 p. m. for a dinner meeting and program. All men of the church are invited to attend. Please call Jack Cliff (682-6384) to make a dinner reservation.

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 1977

ATTENDANCE:

Church School.....264
Morning Worship.....344

FINANCIAL REPORT

Due each week	\$ 3,802.41
Received last two Sundays	11,448.86
Received to date	80,819.08
Needed through last Sunday	76,048.20

DEEP APPRECIATION is expressed by the parents of the children in the Carol Choir to Ann Stallings and Polly Mixon for their dedicated work with this group. The children have all benefited by their participation in all the activities.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR HONORED: The Children's Choir will sing in the morning worship service Sunday, 22 May, and at that time special recognition will be made to the individual choristers.

YOUTH SINGERS: Registration for the Youth Conference Music Workshop (June 20 - 26) should be mailed now. Last year four from our church attended. This year we hope six at least will decide to participate. The final concert of the group will be held in our Sanctuary June 26.

SINGERS, WELCOME! The Brahms Liebeslieder Waltzes are in rehearsal on Thursdays at 7:30. This delightful music is performed with two pianos. All interested singers, youth and adult are invited to join the Sanctuary Choir to learn this work.

EMERGENCY ENERGY FUND REPORT: The total amount of funds raised for the Emergency Energy Fund this past winter was \$27,420.77. From this 471 households received assistance. Approximately 700 households were aided through the wood project. The average amount was 3/4 of a cord. Plans are continuing to work out similar plans for next winter.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MAY 22 - 28, 1977

Sunday	9:45 a. m. Church School
	10:55 a. m. Morning Worship and Junior Church
	5:00 p. m. Children's Choir Picnic
	5:00 p. m. Youth Choir
	6:00 p. m. Junior and Senior UMYF
Wednesday	9:30 a. m. Craft Workshop
	6:00 p. m. Visitation Supper
	7:45 p. m. Council on Ministries
Thursday	6:00 p. m. Lillie Duke Class Picnic in Fellowship Hall
	7:30 p. m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal