

# D U K E   M E M O R I A L   N E W S L E T T E R

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## TENACITY

In religious thought, there is ever a struggle between tenaciously holding on to "the faith once delivered to the saints" and flexibility so that we do not become the religious equivalents of the dinosaurs. Many think that they died out because they could not adapt their life to a rapidly changing climate. This theory is under challenge at the present time but for a long period it has been fairly widely accepted.

St. Paul once warned his followers not to be blown about by every wind of doctrine that came along. At the same time, he had to live with the fact that his cherished belief in the bodily return of the Lord in the lifetime of Paul was not likely to be fulfilled. This became a great problem for faithful believers whose writings in the documents of the New Testament reveal their struggle. Since that time, Christians have wrestled with decisions as to what is vital in our faith and what was addressed primarily to the original audience or readers.

It would appear that in Communist theory as practiced in the People's Republic of China, "revisionism" is the most venal and deadly of all sins. Orthodoxy in the party line is demanded, no matter what it may cost. The greatest internal strains and struggles in the Communist international movement seem to be at this point.

Orthodoxy, whether political or religious, requires that the person involved not simply declare himself "orthodox"; he must know what the term means (in his understanding at least!) and how he proposes to go about putting his belief into practice. For those who would revise the standards, whatever they may be, such revision or updating requires initial knowledge, thorough and detailed, of what is to be changed.

Christians are called to live in a world which is certainly clearly non-Christian. We will not, by osmosis absorb from our environment and ambience Christian ideas and principles. We may even need to look for informed Christians who can be mentors or guides to us. Thank God, they are available! The fellowship of this congregation and its wide range of activity affords an excellent opportunity to find what it is all about. "Come ye, who hunger and thirst!"

-- Ed Smith

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Students in college and university who are members of Duke Memorial and who need financial aid in the form of a small grant or a loan are invited to make application to the Scholarship Committee through the Church Office. Persons applying should be valid members of Duke Memorial and preference is given to persons in undergraduate school.

21 AUGUST 1977

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

The Epistle: I Corinthians 15:1-10

The Sermon: Hold On - To What?

MEMORIAL GIFT DESIGNATION: Mrs. R. A. White (Willou), a long time and faithful member of Duke Memorial, died 12 April 1976. Memorial gifts made in her memory have been designated by her daughter, Sara Lou White, for the Good Samaritan Fund, Duke Memorial's outreach in immediate help to persons in need. This is a most fitting way to use memorial gifts for one whose professional years as a nurse were given to the care and healing of God's children. All of us are grateful for her life and for this memorial of it.

20 AUGUST 1977

10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The World's Greatest Yard Sale - bargains, incredible buys, unbelievable merchandise! Snacks; homemade ice cream; dinner in the evening. Entertainment! Fun and lots of it! All in a one day stand on Duke Memorial's front lawn, one day only. BE PART OF IT!!!! All proceeds go to purchase a Church Van.



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### HEY YOU CHICKEN LOVERS!!!!

Tickets are on sale in the church office for the barbequed chicken dinners being prepared in conjunction with the Van Carnival on August 20. The prices are \$3.00 for adults (includes 1/2 chicken, vegetable, bread and dessert) and \$1.75 for children (1/4 chicken with less of the fixens). We need to presell as many tickets as possible so we will know how many chickens to buy. You may call and reserve your tickets and either eat the chicken here at the church or pick it up to eat at home. Don't miss this great opportunity to get in on some "Super" eating.

### DAYS OF DISCOVERY WORKERS DESERVE VOTE OF THANKS:

Days of Discovery, for the preschool children was a warm and fulfilling experience for those involved. We had great success and provided a learning and growing experience for this age group which they will remember throughout the year. The reason for the success of the program was the time and effort of those who gave of themselves, their time and creativity to make it work. I would like to thank Nell Brindley, Connie Curtis, Rose Miller, Mary Clark, Anne Clark, Faye Rodenhizer, Dottie Reade, Laura Farned, Carol Lawrence, Chris Wallace, Mary Vickers, and Monika Bollinger for taking the time to care. We are very lucky to have these people in our congregation.

Kay Herman

INJURY: Margaret Anne Biddle, our Director of Christian Education and diaconal minister, fell and broke her ankle at Junaluska last Wednesday. She and Doris Rodenhizer were with a group of our youth for Youth Week. Your cards will encourage her and make her know that we miss her and her invaluable leadership as much as we believe she misses all of us. We look forward to the time, quite soon, when she will be well and with us, moving in her usual effective fashion.

### IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Gladys Harris Royal  
August 16, 1977

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

GUEST SOLOIST: David L. Phipps has been invited to sing for the worship service, Sunday, 21 August. He is a talented baritone soloist who is well known in the community for his singing. We welcome him and look forward to hearing him on Sunday.

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary in September please call the church office, 688-1901.

### MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION

#### Van Fund

In loving memory of Mrs. Ruth Mills Berry by Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hall

Gift given by Misses Dorothy and Elizabeth Wilson in loving memory of the Reverend and Mrs. W. A. Wilson, 43 years missionaries to Japan; Mrs. Mary Wilson Smith, sister, and Richard H. Wilson, brother.

OUR KNOWN HOSPITAL SICK to be remembered in your prayers:

DCGH: Frances Harvey 4113

Duke: Louis Robinson Halsted

SYMPATHY: The congregation and pastors express their love and sympathy to Mrs. C. H. Matthews, 907 Demerius Street, because of the death of Mrs. Verda M. Pillow in Richmond, Saturday, 13 August 1977 and to the family of Mrs. Gladys Harris Royal who died Tuesday, 16 August 1977.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 14 August

Church School.....251

Morning Worship.....359

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Due each week	\$ 3,802.41
Received last Sunday	3,667.70
Received to date	123,663.16
Needed through last Sunday	125,479.53
Deficit	1,816.37

### Sunday, 21 August

Acolytes: Jim Lancaster and John Lancaster

Greeters: Rev. and Mrs. Morris Williams

Junior Church Leader: Holly Eggleston

Carolyn Shipp, music

### CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 21 - 27

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	6:00 p. m.	Jr. and Sr. UMYF
Tues.	6:30 p. m.	Roaring 20's Recreation
Wed.	10:00 a. m.	Craft Workshop
	7:30 p. m.	Sr. High Bible Study
	7:45 p. m.	Council on Ministries
Thurs.	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal