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BIBLES FOR OUR CHILDREN

Last Sunday the church presented copies of The Young Reader's Bible to the children coming into the third grade level of our Sunday School. This is a lovely and blessed custom, both for givers and for receivers. The only drawback that I see in it is the relatively large size and heavy weight of the volumes for young bodies and small hands. But the advantages of bright typography, colours, illustrations, judicious editing, so far outweigh this one small problem that I rejoice each year at this presentation.

Last week a man told me that he was 51 years old before he was allowed to have a Bible. The church in which he had been reared frowned on laity possession of the Scriptures. Most of us would gladly do battle, literally and physically, with any one who sought to deprive us of our Bibles. Yet, strangely, many of us who would fight for the right to have a copy of the Bible are willing to let that book lie untouched and unread for long periods of time.

I rejoice to be part of a church that encourages the reading of the Scriptures by every one. I rejoice to be a small part of a congregation that thinks enough of the worth of the Bible to put copies into the hands of children at an early age. I rejoice at a style of worship that encourages us to use our Bibles, to test them out in the arena of life and to prove the worth of Scripture.

As we gave these Bibles to the children, each one was presented with a prayer that it would come alive for that child and bring forth, in due time, new life and finally, everlasting life. Each Sunday when I seek to share what I've gleaned from the Scriptures during the week just past, my prayer is that God will speak through the Word. Will we be found listening? I pray so!

-- Ed Smith

EARLY RESERVATION OF SPACE and consultation with Mrs. Eva Martin, our church hostess, is advised for all groups planning meals from now through Christmas. The calendar is filling up rapidly. Please call the Church Office for possible dates and then talk immediately with Mrs. Martin. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will begin Sunday afternoon, 30 October, at 4:00 in the Aldersgate room, directly behind the sanctuary. Children should be at least eleven and in grade five. Older children will be welcomed. Each session lasts forty-five minutes. The series will end 11 December and children to be confirmed will be received into the Church on 18 December.

DURHAM DISTRICT MEN'S RETREAT: "A Personal Interaction Seminar on the Holy Spirit" led by Ross Whetstone of Nashville, Tennessee, will be held at Camp Chestnut Ridge, Saturday and Sunday, 5-6 November, 10:00 a. m. - 3:00 p. m. Inclusive cost per person is \$15.00. Registration is limited to the first 75 applicants. For information, contact Ed Hammond, president of Methodist Men.

TOYS NEEDED! When you are doing your fall house cleaning, please remember that the Sunday School (younger children) is still in need of toys. Toys in good, sturdy condition can be put to good use! If you have some things that you would like to contribute please call Kay Herman 544-2676.

THE COMMISSION ON MISSIONS is planning a study on the Caribbean countries! If you or persons whom you know would be qualified to help in the leadership of this study please notify Elizabeth Bookhout 286-9738. Your help in finding resource persons will be greatly appreciated.

OUR EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT program begins on ~~16~~¹⁵ October at the morning service. ^{Norman} Tom Thomas is chairman of this important part of our work this year. It is now time to consider what we've been doing together and what we expect to do in 1979 as God leads us and to find our own personal part in it.

A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING Tuesday evening, 27 September, at 7:45 p.m. will be held jointly with the Council on Ministries in order that the 1978 projections of program be shared with the Administrative Board members.

WORLD-WIDE HOLY COMMUNION is scheduled at Duke Memorial Sunday morning, 2 October, with the service beginning at 10:55 a. m.

BOYS AND GIRLS, come to the first fall choir practice on Sunday, October 2, at 5:00 p. m. Children, kindergarten through sixth grade have fun making music with instruments and voice. Musicians will show their special instruments and explain how it is played. Trips will be made to hear special programs. You will help with the worship services on Sundays and sing for the carol service at Christmas. Plan to bring others in your car to the first rehearsal.

OUR KNOWN HOSPITAL SICK to be remembered in your prayers:

DCGH: Nancy Marshall 7312

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 18 September 1977

Church School.....318

Morning Worship.....423

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Due each week	\$ 3,802.41
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THIRD GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES

This past Sunday, copies of the Young Readers Bible were presented to the members of our third grade Sunday School Class. The young people who received Bibles were: Lloyd Bailey, Chris Brown, Courtney Chewning, Keeley Clark, Matt Coble, Susie Couch, Twig Gallemore, Robbie Gorham, Denise Griffin, Mark Lawrence, Mary Susan Lowry, David McCotter, Ellen Metzler, Jay Stallings, Kristen Teer.

The coordinator for elementary children, Mrs. Ben Mixon, and our pastor made the presentations in the name of the church.

TEACHERS - and PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS!!!

The following courses in the Christian Workers School, Sept. 25-26, at Duke Memorial, are for you!

- "Teaching the Bible to Preschool Children"
taught by Patsy Willimon
- "Teaching the Bible to Elementary Children"
taught by Roberta Scipio
- "Creative Bible Study for Youth"
taught by Ken and Jacqui Birt
- "Storytelling, and Other Down-Front Styles"
taught by Dr. John Bergland

YOUTH - SENIOR HIGHS, that is!!!!

There is a course at the Christian Workers School for you! It's "SLICING YOUR BREAD BETTER (Teens and Money), and the exciting thing about this course is that it is taught by Bob Wallace!!!

A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE!!!

Dr. Mickey Efird, from Duke Divinity School, will be teaching a general Bible course, I CORINTHIANS, A LETTER TO A CHURCH WITH PROBLEMS" at the Christian Workers School, Sept. 25-26. Those who attended his class last year responded so positively, that he has been asked back again this year. Don't miss it!!!

Christian Workers School

Sept. 25: 3:30 - 8:30 p. m.

Sept. 26: 7:30 - 9:30 p. m.

FALL FESTIVAL DINNER - AUCTION
with entertainment by
The Durham Boys' Choir
Friday, October 7, 1977 at 6:30 p.m.

Menu

Fruit Juice Appetizer
Eva's Fancy Baked Chicken
Cheese Grits Souffle
Marinated Vegetables
Apple Crisp

Hot Rolls Coffee

Tickets \$3.25 - Auction
Office or UMW Member 8:00 - 9:00

PRAYER GROUPS: A prayer and Bible study group has been meeting regularly each Thursday morning at 10:00 a. m. at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Alan Whanger. This has been and continues to be such a spiritually growing experience that requests have been made for more prayer groups -- at other locations or other times which might be more convenient for people living on the other side of town. Therefore, a new prayer and Bible study group is being formed. The first session will be held on Thursday, 29 September at 11:00 a.m. in the church library, but those who cannot come on Thursday mornings, please call Janet Smith (489-2210) or Mary Whanger (489-3279) and an effort will be made to find a convenient time for the beginning of a third group.

FALL FESTIVAL is going full force! Please help us make it a success this year. Think of the many items that you can contribute. Start small plants that would make good gifts for someone special. Items for "Elegant Extras" should be in good condition. We need items for the Children's Room to sell. This is a room just for the children so we would like to have items that can be sold for a dollar and under. This room is very special to the children, because they feel important making their own purchases. We are in need of gathered lace and trims and frames in good condition so that they can be used with our finished needlework. If any questions, please call Carol Lawrence 471-1061 or Kay Herman 544-2676 or any of the different Fall Festival chairmen.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 1, 1977

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School	Wed.	10:00 a. m.	Craft Workshop
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship		6:00 p. m.	Visitation Supper
	6:00 p. m.	Jr. & Sr. UMYF		7:30 p. m.	Finance Committee, Library
	3:30 - 8:30	Christian Workers School	Thurs.	11:00 a. m.	Prayer Bible Study
Mon.	7:30 - 9:30	Christian Workers School		6:30 p. m.	Minnie P. Gates Covered Dish
Tues.	7:45 p. m.	Administrative Board and Council on Ministries in Bradshaw Room		7:30 p. m.	Supper, 4511 Erwin Road
					Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal