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"WHAT KIND OF CHURCH?"

"If every member were just like me,
What kind of church would my church be?"

On the eve of our 1977 Every Member Commitment Sunday, the little couplet here quoted has been much in my mind. What is going to be the program next year of Duke Memorial? What are the directions we are choosing, for the near and the distant future? The answers to this question are found in our reflection on the little verse. What happens here is, humanly speaking, dependent not on "them" but on "me".

There is never to be a question of God's willingness to provide and direct. We might wish there never could be a question as to our willingness to respond and obey. But the realities of life come in upon us. Many of us have been willing to work, to pray, to serve, to give only in nominal ways. If this describes any reader, it is past time to repent and to commit yourself anew to Jesus Christ. Duke Memorial exists today and will ever exist as an expression of the faith, the trust, the obedience in service and sacrifice, of a large number of people.

The Council on Ministries and the Administrative Board have placed before us challenges of large dimensions. Singly, none of us can respond and carry the day. Together, in the leading and strength of our Lord, we shall not fail. Always the call is and will be for giving more, witnessing more effectively, serving more diligently. This is the way it should be.

Each one of us should prayerfully and at length consider what is to be his or her financial commitment for 1978 so that God's Church grows in witness and strength. Not for the sake of simple piety but for the sake of honest response, pray much before you commit yourself. Then, believing that God opens the doors and provides the means, launch out in joy and confidence. Respond so that "if each one responds just like me", we shall have taken the steps in faith to carry us forward in God's will in 1978.

-- Ed Smith

NEW ARRIVAL: Dr. and Mrs. Earl Capps, Jr. of Ahoskie, N. C. announce the birth of a daughter, June Avery Capps, born on Friday, September 30, 1977. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bryon K. Hawkins.

A NEW GROUP for Bible Study, prayer and sharing has been formed and will meet Wednesday morning, 19 October, at 10:00 a. m. in the Katie Johnson Classroom.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will begin Sunday, 30 October, at 4:00. The group will meet in the Aldersgate classroom directly behind the Sanctuary. Parents of children who will be in the class are asked to contact the Church Office prior to the beginning of the class.

SYMPATHY: The pastors and congregation of Duke Memorial Church express their love and sympathy to Mrs. J. Paul (Evelyn) Johnson, and family, 14100 Town Farm Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20870 because of the death of her husband.

IN MEMORIAM

J. Paul Johnson, October 9, 1977

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

Evening Musicale
Thursday, October 20
7:30 p. m.
Choir Rehearsal Room

Music lovers are invited to the choir room to hear an informal program of light secular music sung and played by members of the Sanctuary Choir. Free tickets may be obtained from any choir member. This plan is necessary due to the limited seating available. Selected numbers from the Brahms Liebeslieder Waltzes will be accompanied by the piano duo of Ruth Phelps and Tom Clark. Vocal solos, duets and trios as well as piano and recorder music will delight you. A limited number of free tickets are available in the Church Office.

COMPANION TO THE HYMNAL - a handbook to the 1964 Methodist Hymnal - has been presented to the Church Library by the H. E. Spence Bible Class in memory of Mrs. W. E. Alley. Comments on texts and tunes of each hymn are arranged alphabetically. Included in the volume are brief biographies of composers, arrangers and authors. We are grateful for this excellent Reference source.

CIRCLE 8 will meet on Tuesday, October 18, at 10:00 a. m. with Mrs. John Glasson, Swift Ave. Martha deBerry will have the program.

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Aydlett by Misses Dorothy and Elizabeth Wilson

ACOLYTE TRAINING will begin October 30 at
3:00 p. m. in the sanctuary.

CURIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE SCHEDULE

Oct. 16 1:30 a. m. "Controversy Over
the Unification Church" Part III
Oct. 16 8:30 a. m. "Breaking the Abuse
Cycle with Parents Anonymous"

Sunday, 16 October 1977

Eighth Sunday in Kingdomtide
The Epistle: Ephesians 4:17-28
The Sermon: "Who Commits What?"
Acolytes: Lisa Harris and Grey Harris
Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt T. Dixon, Sr.
Junior Church Leaders:
Mr. and Mrs. Rob Teer
Mamie Jo Harrell, assisting
Carolyn Shipp, music

FIVE MORE WORKSHOPS until Fall Festival!
Please bring finished items with estimated
cost. If anyone has time, there is yarn
for knitted or crocheted items. Workshops
are Wednesday mornings at 10 a. m. in the
Fellowship Hall. Bring sandwich and stay
for lunch. If any questions call Carol
Lawrence, 471-1061, or Kay Herman, 544-2676.

NEW CHOIR MEMBER: Ann Stallings is a new
addition to the second soprano section of
the Sanctuary Choir. She seems to be hav-
ing fun with the variety of music being of-
fered. The choir looks forward to her chil-
dren, Kristen and Jay, bouncing up the stairs
after each service. Ann admits that the most
difficult part about being in the choir loft
is resisting the temptation to wave to her
son and daughter.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 9 October 1977

Church School.....291
Morning Worship.....282

FINANCIAL REPORT

Due each week	\$ 3,802.41
Received last Sunday	3,718.21
Received to date	147,806.65
Needed through last Sun.	155,898.81
Deficit	8,092.16

OUR KNOWN HOSPITAL SICK to be remembered in
your prayers:

Duke Hospital: R. E. Means, Halstead

CALENDAR OCTOBER 16 - 22, 1977

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	12:15 p. m.	EMV Luncheon
	5:00 p. m.	Children's Choirs
	6:00 p. m.	Jr. and Sr. MYF
Mon.	10:30 a. m.	Circle 5 with Mrs. L. T. Harris, 119 Forestwood Drive
Tues.	10:00 a. m.	Circle 8, 615 Swift Ave.
Wed.	10:00 a. m.	Prayer Group in Katie Johnson Classroom
	10:00 a. m.	Craft Workshop
Thurs.	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal