

A PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

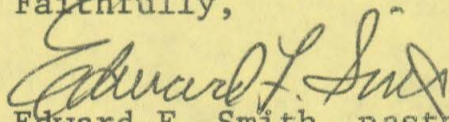
The periods of prolonged summer heat make autumn welcome. Most of us find it a season of some degree of physical renewal. The pace of nearly everything increases. Our Church calendar with a listing of all that happens at Duke Memorial indicates that September is an exceedingly busy month.

One autumn activity for which I am ever grateful is the opportunity given us to make an engagement in faith for 1979 in our Every Member Commitment. The Council on Ministries and the Administrative Board are completing work on our objectives and goals for 1979. Translating these yearnings and desires into reality if accomplished by dedication of self and substance to God. To be one of those who give in time, work and money toward this is to be part of the whole witness and work of the Church. Being a Christian who believes that joint activity in witness is as indispensable to me personally as part of my life in Christ just as it is indispensable as a vehicle for our life together, I count the Every Member Commitment a privilege.

Some work is yet to be done that both the program activity we will undertake and the scope of the budget to underwrite it become clear for us all. The groups having these responsibilities are at work with their accustomed competence. The process involves much detail while holding carefully to a comprehensive overview so that it come together as one endeavour. No one can claim that the job will be perfect. I must say that this process takes place at Duke Memorial with skill and ability rarely seen elsewhere.

For many of us, this is what "they" do. What do I do? Please let this first person singular pronoun be your own expression. A church body involves a number of ships - discipleship, fellowship, leadership, followship. In this there is a place for each one of us. I pray that we will approach our Every Member Commitment with the same prayerful preparation and consideration that have marked all who have worked so long to prepare for it. Your personal participation is your own affirmation and endorsement of what "they" have prepared. Indeed, in the very act of participation, the "they" and the "I" disappear and the words become "we" as it should be. Without you, it amounts to nothing. In God's mercy, as we unite ourselves and our resources, all things are possible. I pray for God's guiding Spirit for each of us in our participation as I have prayed for His Spirit to guide all the steps of preparation.

Faithfully,

  
Edward F. Smith, pastor

HOLY COMMUNION on 1 October is world-wide in nature. Your communion offering on that day will go to the Chaplain's Fund, Crusade Scholarships and Minority Scholarships.

ON SUNDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER, our Student Assistant, Donald T. Settle, will be the preacher at the morning service.

WHO LOST IT? A school ring with a stone marked "The James F. Byrnes Academy - 1966 - Achievement - Courage - Loyalty" has been found. Initials in the ring are T. B. C. The ring was found on our church grounds by James M. Barnhill using a metal detector.

LILLIE DUKE CLASS OFFICERS FOR 1978 - 1979

President: Mrs. Eva Daniel  
Vice-President: Mrs. Estelle Hall  
Secretary: Mrs. Helen Upchurch  
Treasurer: Mrs. Lila Fagan  
Recorder: Mrs. Kathleen Copelan

CIRCLE 9 will not meet on regular meeting day, September 18, but will meet instead on Monday, September 25, at 3:00 p. m. with Mrs. Albert Long, 1421 Woodland Drive. Margaret Anne Biddle will be the speaker.

THE COMMITTEE ON VISITATION will begin its autumn dinners and meetings on Wednesday, 27 September, in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner is a "dutch" meal at 6:00 and the meeting follows, adjourning to permit attendance at the Council on Ministries meeting at 7:45. If this is an avenue of service which appeals to you, please call Chairman Jack Cliff, 682-6384. The work of this committee is of exceedingly great importance to all of us.

CAROL AND JUNIOR CHOIRS

All children are invited to sing in one of the choirs beginning Sunday, October 8, 5:00 - 5:45 p. m. The Carol choir includes children in kindergarten, first and second grades. The Junior choir, grades three, four, five and six. You may call any of the leaders for more information. They are Ann Stallings, Polly Mixon, Selma Gore, Nancy Stark and Melba Bartholomew. Last year's program included guest musicians, a trip to the symphony, tour of Duke Chapel, a pizza party and an award's event. The choirs sang on seven occasions. Come and enjoy the schedule of activities for this year.

CHURCH PICNIC

Our FALL FELLOWSHIP OUTING AT CAMP CHESTNUT RIDGE will be held on Sunday, Sept. 17 beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Afternoon Activities will include volleyball, horseshoes, swimming (weather permitting), canoeing, softball, and an opportunity for fellowship with good friends. Bring your lawn chair if you want to just sit and relax!

OUR EVENING MEAL will be a COVERED DISH DINNER which will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Napkins, cups, plates, ice and utensils will be provided. Please bring food and drink sufficient for your family plus two others.

Following dinner, A VESPER SERVICE will conclude our outing. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU!!!!

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP CHESTNUT RIDGE:

Go west on I-85 to the Efland exit.  
 Turn left on SR 1120 and go 1.3 miles.  
 Turn left on first paved road and go 1 mile.

At Chestnut Ridge United Methodist Church turn in and follow the road to camp.

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MEMORIALS RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION:

Altar Guild

In loving memory of J. Otis Kimrey by Mrs. R. J. Rutherford.

Good Samaritan Fund

In loving memory of Frank W. White by Mrs. Helen L. Reams.

In loving memory of M. B. Fowler, Jr. by Mrs. Helen L. Reams and daughter, Mrs. Helen Reams Elrod, West Jefferson, N. C.

17 SEPTEMBER 1978

Fourth Sunday in Kingdomtide

The Gospel: St. Mark 2:18-28

The Sermon: Rejoice! Time and Place

Acolytes: Roy Forrester, Jr. & Mike Hammond

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Friebel

Junior Church Leaders: Mr. & Mrs. Ben Mixon

Carol Christmas, Assistant

Barbara Penick, Music

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17-23, 1978

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	10:55 a.m.	Morning Worship
	2:30 p.m.	Fall Fellowship Outing (Supper at 5:30 p.m.)
	3:00 p.m.	Junior and Senior UMYF leave for Chestnut Ridge
Monday	10:30 a.m.	Circle 5, with Mrs. R. J. Rutherford, 1025 Monmouth Ave.
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Circle 8, with Mrs. A. B. Craig, 3522 Westover Rd. Mrs. Malcolm Lewis, Co-hostess
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Fall Festival Workshop
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer and Bible Study Group
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Minnie P. Gates Covered Dish Supper in Fellowship Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Conference Youth Rally Day at Duke University

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YOUTH NEWS !!

UMYF THIS WEEK - We'll join everybody else at the Fall Fellowship Outing at Camp Chestnut Ridge. Either go with you family, or come to the church and ride in the VAN at 3:00 p.m. Bring something to add to the food table, if your parents don't come.

SENIOR HIGH OFFICERS ELECTED this past Sunday were: President - Carol Christmas  
 Vice-Pres. - Jim McConnell  
 Secretary - Ginger Clark  
 Treasurer - Mike Eudy  
 Junior Representative - Tripp Reade  
 Soph. Representative - Dottie Reade

JUNIOR HIGH SOFTBALL RESULTS:

The Biddle Bombers and the Settle Stealers ended their play Sunday afternoon tied with 6 runs each. Can you believe it? The Stealers led until late in the last inning when the Bombers made a drive and tied the score. After dinner each team agreed to meet at some future time for a rematch! Keep your eyes on the Messenger for the time and place!!

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CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Mr. and Mrs. William Lapsley Griffin, Jr. who were married in our Sanctuary on Saturday, September 9. Mrs. Griffin is the former Lynne Byerly. They will make their home in I-5 Colony Apts., Chapel Hill, N. C.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 3 September, 1978

Church School . . . . .	225
Morning Worship . . . . .	302
UMYF . . . . .	40

FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed each week	\$ 3,997.40
Received to date	136,699.62
Needed through last Sunday	147,903.80
Deficit	11,204.18