

THAT BLESSED DAY

Easter and Christmas make their impact on the whole western world. Many who take some notice of the day celebrate with little knowledge of the reason for the celebration. So at Christmas, the birthday of the Prince of Peace is often celebrated with gifts that are distinctly not peace-making gifts - children are given toy weapons, hunters receive guns, givers are encouraged to give whisky - all in the name of a time of jolly celebration.

Easter has become the focal point of spring fashions. In the northern hemisphere, in some regions it coincides with spring flowers and the renaissance of botanical life. Easter is less easily misunderstood than Christmas, in terms of the spiritual and religious mean of the day. Even so, how rare it is that Holy Day is truly remembered in the rush of the Holiday.

For many of us, Easter is the greatest festival in the Christian year. Without it, without the heart-warming and soul-redeeming confidence in the resurrection of Jesus, spring would still be spring; we could still make a shift to another sort of clothing; but the meaning of THE day would be gone. So St. Paul reminded the Corinthians who were troubled by the insistence on the resurrection, "...And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain." (I Cor. 15:14). Then follows the series of consequences if the resurrection did not take place - but much more important there follows (v 20) the assurance, "But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept."

No wonder that hymn writers have given us treasures of musical witness to the fact. It is not reason to wonder that when we look at death, ours or that of another, this is what comes to mind. May God grant that with faith, we grasp firmly that Christ is indeed the victor over death and the tomb and that by faith, we become part of His Body. Easter is that "blessed day". Let us join together in praising God for His mercies, the greatest of which is ours through faith in Christ. May He grant to us, each one, His blessing and presence in this season of Easter.

-- Ed Smith

Instant Anthems

In an era of fast foods, polaroid pictures and "cup of soup", the music staff offers an alternative to six weeks of rehearsal for each anthem. Beginning after Easter, the music for each Sunday will be learned on Thursday night. If you can commit your time of one hour on Thursday night and service time the following Sunday, then you are a contributing member of the choir. If, three weeks later you have time to serve again, then the music program will blossom with your participation. Come one, come all -- old and young. Anyone who can sing a hymn can add a voice to these simpler instant anthems. We do have a great fellowship and joy in serving through songs of praise. Rehearsals, Thursdays, 7:30 p. m.

SUNDAY, 15 APRIL 1979 EASTER

The Gospel: St. Luke 24:13-35

The Sermon: This Blessed Day

Acolytes: Brett Henry and John Lancaster

Greeters: Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Kale

Junior Church Leaders: Danny and Lynn Goodwin

A GIFT has been made in loving memory of R. L. Forrester by his son, R. L. Forrester, II, and daughter, Kay Hammond and their families to purchase basketball trophies for the church's three teams.

THE YOUTH and other participants will go to Old Salem on Easter Sunday for their special sunrise service. We will meet at the church at 3:00 a. m. and will be back by 11:00 a.m. Bring money for breakfast.

CONSIDER MAY! May will be celebrated as "Heritage Month" at Duke Memorial. A prelude to the month is a Fellowship Supper, Sunday 29 April in Whitford Hall at 6:00 in the evening. Two films on the life and work of John Wesley will be shown.

6 May is Church Anniversary and Homecoming with dinner on the grounds. The preacher for the day will be the Reverend B. Maurice Ritchie of our own congregation.

20 May the morning service will be a Wesley hymn festival. In the evening, Mrs. Marion Conner of Jacksonville, Fla. will present in the sanctuary at 7:30 a monodrama of the life of Susannah Wesley. She gave this same program at Annual Conference three years ago and it was a most memorable event.

Early in May there is a historical pilgrimage to St. Simon's Island, Ga., where the Wesley brothers first worked in North America. And there are many, many more things planned or in the planning stage! It all adds up to more and more to aid us in growth in the spirit, in understanding, in love, in commitment.

FALL FESTIVAL WORKSHOP: Please come for Fall Festival Workshop each Wednesday at 10:00 in Whitford Hall. Even if you are not interested in the special project designated for a certain Wednesday, there will be regular work that anyone can handle.

Please save cool whip containers, L'eggs eggs, material, lace and trims, spray can tops, yarn or anything else you think we can use.

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CAR WASH: Coming up on Saturday, April 21 the Junior High car wash for Youth Service Fund. The junior highs will be at Lakewood Shopping Center from 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m., charging \$1.50 for small cars, \$2.00 for large cars, and 50¢ for vacuuming. Tickets are available at the church office and from individual junior highs.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Some wonderful opportunities for fun and Christian fellowship are available to you this summer. Just check these out.

CHILDREN:

*One-Week Camp at
Chestnut Ridge (horses new this year!)

Don-Lee (sailing and canoeing)

Children's Music Camp

Grade 3-7, Don-Lee, Aug. 15-18

*Younger Elementary Camp

"An Introduction to Camping for boys and girls completing Grade 1 & 2"
Don-Lee, Aug. 12-15

YOUTH:

*One-Week and Two-Week Camps

at Don-Lee and Chestnut Ridge

Sunfish Sailing Camp

4-week camp at Don-Lee

*Hobie Sailing Camp (super exciting)

for older youth (16-18), Don-Lee

Leader-In-Training Program (NEW)

4-week Leadership Course for
16-18 year olds, Don-Lee

Appalachian Trail Hike - a 5 mile hike

through Cherokee, Jefferson, and
Pisgah National Forests - June 16-23

Junior High Workshop

Louisburg College, June 18-23

*Youth Music Workshop and Concert Tour

Methodist College and then tour of
Lancaster County, Pa., June 25-July 1

Senior High Workshop

Louisburg College, July 30 - Aug. 4

YOUNG ADULT:

*Hobie Sailing Camp (Ages 19-35)

Choose one of 6 possible weeks
beginning May 13-19.

FAMILIES

*Family Camp at Don-Lee

1st session: July 7 - 10

2nd session: July 10 - 13

You may attend both sessions

End -Of-Summer Family Camp

At Don-Lee Labor Day Weekend

August 31 - Sept. 3

SEE THE BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE LIBRARY FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ALL OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES. (*Someone from Duke Memorial is already going to this event.)

CHURCH CALENDAR APRIL 15 - 21, 1979

Sun. 3:00 a. m. Trip to Old Salem
9:45 a. m. Church School
10:55 a. m. Morning Worship
Mon. Holiday, Office Closed
10:30 a. m. Circle 5, 146 Pinecrest Road
Home of Mrs. W. E. Whitford
Tues. 9:45 a. m. Circle 6 at the Church
Wed. 10:00 a. m. Altar Guild Meeting
10:00 a. m. Fall Festival Workshop
12:10 p. m. Devotions and Lunch
Leader: Helen Upchurch
Thurs. 7:30 p. m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THEY REMEMBER! The following message was received from Kay and Mike Herman after they received a copy of Lenten Meditations for 1979. Since it is to many in our church family, it is shared with all of us.

"I am writing this note to you hoping that you will know who to give a special "thanks" to for the Herman family. We were so pleased to receive the Lenten Devotional Booklet! When I first heard of the booklet, I wanted one but believed it was not possible since we weren't in Durham. I have to admit that when I looked through the booklet and read some of the messages and saw names of dear friends - I had to shed a few tears. Please give everyone involved a "special thanks" for a lovely booklet! The people of Duke Memorial are in our prayers and thoughts.

With love,

Mike, Kay, Jennifer, and Nick Herman

BIBLE READINGS APRIL 18 - 24, 1979

April 18	II Samuel	19 - 20
19	II Samuel	21 - 22
20	II Samuel	23 - 24
21	I Kings	1-2:25
22	I Kings	2:26-4
23	I Kings	5 - 7
24	I Kings	8

NO JUNIOR CHURCH on Easter so that the children can enjoy the service with their parents.

HOSPITALIZED: DCGH: Ethel Cheek 4124

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 8 April 1979

Church School.....281

Morning Worship.....417

SYMPATHY: The congregation and pastors express their love and concern to the family of Mrs. J. A. Long, because of her death.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. J. A. (Lonie) Long

April 9, 1979

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"