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WHAT DAY IS IT?

Next Sunday is lots of days in one! At your choice it is -

19 May 1979

Fourth Sunday after Easter

Nineteenth Sunday in 1979

Mother's Day

Festival of the Christian Home

Somebody's birthday, wedding anniversary and so on!

At the very least, it will be Sunday! For many, it becomes automatically a day for travel, for relaxation, for work for which no other time is available, a day for "worship" out of doors (absolutely possible however rarely practiced - we think more of catching the fish, sinking the putt, keeping the ants out of the picnic than of God!) a day that comes to us for whatever we need.

The question that I ponder is our own idea of what it is that we need. All the options above listed and others of which we think are legitimate and have a place in our lives. There is also that option which historically has been the place of Sunday in our lives - a day for the worship of God, a day with special emphasis on study of His word and fellowship with His people. In a word, it is a great day to be in church!

For most of us, Mother's Day is a time to think with appreciation and love of those whose maternal love helped greatly in shaping our lives. It is a wonderful day for a festival of the Christian Home. If your experience was anything like mine, the undergirding factor and strength in my mother's life was her faith in God, a faith which she could not articulate very well but which she demonstrated in a beautiful way in specific action over the forty-six and a half years that we shared earthly life.

13 May is a good time for all of us to renew our awareness of Who and What has made us what we are - a time to worship God in thanksgiving and in praise. Doing that will add to whatever other aspect of the day you think most important. You all come!

-- Ed Smith

NOMINATION: The lay members of our Annual Conference decided to have open nominations for the election of delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences. A committee named by Administrative Board chairman R.R. Few has nominated Dr. W. E. Hammond as Duke Memorial's candidate. Dr. Hammond's place of leadership in our congregation and his indubitable abilities and Christian commitment are so well known in our own church family that his selection was a cause for joy to all of us. The elections will be part of the agenda of Annual Conference, meeting in Fayetteville, 4 - 7 June.

PENSIONS CRUSADE REPORT: A report submitted to the Conference office on 29 April shows that Duke Memorial has responded wonderfully to the Pensions Crusade challenge. Our Fair Share Goal was \$46,646.00. As of the date of our report, 260 commitments had been made for a total to date of \$57,099.80. As with all our good works, this is an effort that has succeeded because all of us got into it together. Great appreciation is expressed to co-general chairman Dan Edwards and Mary Whanger, to Honorary General Chairman Nicholas B. Fagan, and to all the leaders and workers as well as to the whole congregation. The three year "pay period" for these pledges, covering four calendar years, began on 1 May 1979 and continues through 30 April 1982.

HERITAGE MONTH continues through May. A most deserved word of appreciation is expressed to Linda and Tom Adkinson and to Jessie and Bill Martin, co-ordinators of Family Life Concerns for their excellence of work at our Homecoming and dinner on the grounds. We are grateful to Maurice Ritchie for his leadership in the service of worship. The gift by Wyatt Dixon of the framed groups of photographs of pastors of Duke Memorial becomes part of our church heritage and is so appreciated. The tablet marking the designation of the Fellowship Hall as Whitford Hall is now in place. Two vans full of us made the historical study tour to St. Simon's Island, Georgia, under the leadership of Arthur Kale. Margaret Anne Biddle was the spark plug in the promotion of this project. We look forward to Sunday, 20 May, when the morning service will be a Wesleyan hymn festival and in the evening, Marion Conner of Jacksonville, Florida will make us think that Susannah Wesley is alive in our midst in the sanctuary at 7:30.

WORKERS FOR THE FALL FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS are needed each Wednesday at 10:00 a. m. in Whitford Hall. If you can stay for lunch, bring a sandwich; if you can only drop in to pick up work to take home, that is fine too.

We need small and large containers for flower arrangements if you have any to spare.

OPEN HOUSE: An Open House will be held Tuesday afternoon, May 15, from 2:30-4:00 at the Methodist Retirement Home so that all might see the newly redecorated sun parlors done by the churches of the area.

CHOIR RECOGNITION: Teachers and children in the Children's Choir program received recognition and awards at the anniversary service last Sunday. Carol Choir children awarded first year pins were: Beth Curtis, Elizabeth Mabry, Paula Penick, and Doug Thackrey. Those receiving books were: Lani Atkinson, Scottie Amick, Seton Amick, Mark Bollinger, Deborah Brown, James Caldwell, Lee Caldwell, Mandy Mixon, Laura Ritchie, Samantha Sellers, Matthew Sickles and Page Younts.

Junior Choir members given awards were: Alysea Adkinson, Ashley Chewing, Courtney Chewing, Kelly Eggleston, Shannon Martin, Ellen Metzler, Mary Ruth Mixon, Tara Penick, Melissa Sellers, Koren Sickles, and Kristen Stallings.

HELP! HELP! Natural disasters in unprecedented numbers have struck in recent days. Tornadoes in Texas, Oklahoma and elsewhere; floods in Mississippi, Alabama and in other areas; volcano eruptions in the Carribean, earthquake in Yugoslavia - these are honest, factual reasons for a special offering. On Sunday, 13 May, following our church policy of quick response to urgent need, we invite all who will to make a special offering for Disaster relief. Mark a check or envelope "Disaster" and the offering will go forward immediately. Because the need is so great, we will forward this money in the week following and then send another remittance for other money which comes in later. In compassion and in concern, share - now!

HISTORICAL GIFT: Wyatt T. Dixon, chairman of the Committee on Archives and History, and Mrs. Dixon have presented to the church two large framed panels with photographs of all pastors of Duke Memorial along with space for the next eighteen. Missing are five of the pastors who served in our earliest years. This gift forms part of our recognition of our heritage and it is gratefully received.

CHURCH CALENDAR MAY 13 - 19, 1979

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	5:30 p. m.	UMYF
Mon.	10:00 a. m.	Circle 10 with Mrs. E. M. Denbo, 504 East Forest Hills Blvd.
	7:45 p. m.	Circle 4 with Maxine Blair, Erwin Road
Tues.	9:45 a. m.	Circle 6, Whitford Hall
	10:00 a. m.	Circle 8 at Methodist Retirement Home
Wed.	10:00 a. m.	Fall Festival Workshop
	7:30 p. m.	Commission on Education in Library
Thurs.	6:00 p. m.	Minnie P. Gates covered dish supper in Whitford Hall
	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

BAPTISMS:With thanksgiving to God and great joy,

On Saturday, 5 May, Robert Josef, son of Johnny Earl and Martha Hill Williams of Graham, N.C. was baptized in our sanctuary. He was born 22 August 1978 in Chapel Hill. He is the great-grandson of Emetta Seeley.

On Sunday, 6 May 1979, Hilary Anne, daughter of William Thomas and Judy Hilliard Coman was baptized. She was born in Durham on 25 January 1979. Her paternal grandparents are Bill and Pat Coman and paternal great-grandmother is Pearl Coman.

Both these children are the fourth generation of their family to be part of Duke Memorial's church family.

WEDDING: Congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. William E. Walker who were married Thursday evening, 3 May 1979, in our sanctuary. Mrs. Walker was Nancy Harper McLean, daughter of J. A. (Scotty) McLean and the late Grace Plyler McLean.

DATE CHANGE: The Council on Ministries meeting, usually held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, is this month scheduled for Wednesday, 30 May, at 7:45 in room 228, middle building.

SUNDAY, 13 MAY 1979

The Epistle: II Corinthians 5:14-21
The Sermon: Reconciliation
Acolytes: Gray Harris and Tommy Tilley
Greeters: Mrs. A. A. Long and Mrs. Elizabeth Beel

Junior Church Leaders:
Dr. and Mrs. Glen Brindley
Carol Christmas, assistant
Barbara Penick, music

BIBLE READINGS MAY 16 - 22, 1979			
May 16	I Chron.	14	- 16
17	I Chron.	17	- 20
18	I Chron.	21	- 23
19	I Chron.	24	- 26
20	I Chron.	27	- 29
21	II Chron.	1	- 3
22	II Chron.	4	- 6

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 6 May 1979
Church School.....270
Morning Worship.....460

FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed each week	\$ 3,931.85
Received last Sunday	2,427.91
Received to date	71,611.16
Needed through last Sunday	70,773.30

HOSPITALIZED:

DCGH:	Clara Andrews	6329
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