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LOYALTY SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 21 October, is Loyalty Sunday at Duke Memorial. In a real sense, each Sunday is Loyalty Sunday because by our presence and activity, or our absence and abstinence, we declare where our loyalties are. The special thing about next Sunday is that in accordance with a custom that reminds us of Old Testament practice, we bring to God's house our own statement of intention in giving for the year 1980. In Old Testament times, people lived from the harvest of the land and the growth of flocks. They brought agricultural products and livestock. In our day, with a money-based economy, we make our statement in terms of dollars - but it is the same intent, the gift of love, devotion and service.

Our gifts represent us in Christ's service in outreach in many places around the world. They also provide for the operation of the church plant where we gather for worship, study and fellowship and from which we move out in service and witness. They provide support for program activity and pay staff members so that their full time can then be utilized in the work of the church. These gifts in money are one measure of our involvement in service and witness.

Our governing bodies in the secular world often are not required to operate on a balanced budget. It is thoroughly possible that the long-standing excess of expenditures over income at the federal level is the chief cause of the sapping of our economic strength through severe inflation. Churches do not operate that way - at least Duke Memorial does not! I know the theory that a church ought always to be in debt as a means of making people work harder. There may be something of value to the theory if the indebtedness represents needed capital expenditures; I cannot see how indebtedness in terms of daily operation either honors God or stimulates Christian service! To me, such deficit spending is poor management and worse stewardship.

Loyalty Sunday is our opportunity to make firm our commitment in Christian Work and service for 1980. The dollar cost involved, because we are in a money-based economy, will mount as it does for every other activity in that economy. God calls us to service - and I am persuaded that with the call comes the ability to respond. He gives us the means - and I pray we have the dedication to make them His in the proportion He requires.

I hope you share my sense of expectation of great and blessed privilege in response to His call. Loyalty Sunday, next Sunday, is our opportunity at this point in our life. Let us be together and forward looking in it. See you Sunday, and bring your statement of intention in giving as you come!

- - Ed Smith

LAITY DAY: All of us express our thanks and sincere appreciation to Tom Coble, Bill Coman, Selma Gore, Holly Eggleston, Tom Adkinson, Polly Mixon and to Dr. James Holsinger for the excellence of their leadership in Laity Day last Sunday. This service was a high mark in our year.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY: The children of Dr. and Mrs. Edgar B. Fisher will honour their parents Sunday, 4 November, with a reception marking the fiftieth anniversary of the Fishers' marriage. The reception will be in the John Wesley Room, Front Street UMC, Burlington, from three to five in the afternoon. Dr. Fisher was the pastor of Duke Memorial 1951 - 1956. Their friends are invited to rejoice with them and to join them if possible.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1979

Ninth Sunday in Kingdomtide

The Epistle: I Corinthians 12:21-27

The Sermon: My Loyalty

Every Member Commitment Speaker: Shirley Few

Acolytes: Scott Bagley and Wyatt Dixon

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Upchurch

Junior Church Leader: Mr. Worth D. Younts

DIVINITY SCHOOL CONVOCATION: Our area is blessed each year by the richness of the program of the Duke Divinity School Convocation and the North Carolina Pastor's School. The dates this year are 22 - 24 October. Though some of the agenda entries are technical in nature and of interest particularly to pastors, others are challenges to the entire Christian community. Monday, 22 October at 2:00 Senator Mark Hatfield (R-Ore) is the keynote speaker, in Page auditorium. The Reverend David G. Buttrick, professor of homiletics, St. Meinrad School of Theology, Indiana, will be the Convocation preacher Monday evening at 8:00 in the Chapel. He is also the Hickman Lecturer. The Gray Lecturer this year is Dr. Leander E. Keck, Professor of New Testament at Yale University. For information on details of the schedule, please call the office of the Divinity School or the Church office. All these sessions are open to all interested persons.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 14 October 1979

Church School.....245

Morning Worship.....281

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS are asked to meet on Tuesday, 30 October at 7:30 in the Library and again on Monday, 12 November in the same place. These meetings are important in completion of our Every Member Commitment and in budget recommendations to the Administrative Board.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD meeting in November is re-scheduled to Tuesday, 13 November. This will avoid conflict with Elections Day and also allow maximum time for preparation for the Charge Conference Tuesday, 20 November at 7:45 p. m. in the Bradshaw Room.

THE THREE LENGTHS, an organization of past presidents of the Lillie Duke Class, will have a meeting on Thursday, October 18, at 10:30 a. m. in the Lillie Duke Class Room and a luncheon will follow in the Whitford Hall.

DURHAM DISTRICT U. M. W. annual district meeting at Bethany U. M. C. on Guess Road at 2:30. Urge all members to attend. Mrs. Becky Hackler, Conference Vice President of U. M. W. will speak on "Are You Committed to U. M. W.?"

CURIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE Oct. 20 at 4:00 p. m. "Working Together to Find New Life" will deal with a new service for street people (The St. Philip's Episcopal Church Soup Kitchen) and with the threat facing Parents Anonymous, a self-help organization for actual or potential child-abusers. This program will be re-broadcast following the late Saturday movie, approximately 1:30 A. M.

HOSPITALIZED:

DCGH:	Lois Fowler	5116
	Frankie Williams	7324
	Bessie Whitley	7213
	C. J. Jones	5132
	Thomas E. Allen	MICU 12

DUKE: Word Clark Holmes 4114

BIBLE READINGS: October 21 - 27, 1979

Oct. 21	Luke 2 - 3	Oct. 25	Luke 10 -11
	22 Luke 4 - 5		26 Luke 12 -13
	23 Luke 6 - 7		27 Luke 14 -16
	24 Luke 8 - 9		

CHURCH CALENDAR October 21 - 27, 1979

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	6:00 p. m.	UMYF
Mon.	7:30 p. m.	Singles Again
Wed.	11:00 a. m.	Fall Festival
Thurs.	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	7:00 p. m.	Singles Again in Whitford Hall