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YOU NEVER KNOW UNTIL YOU TRY!

Last winter, something was tried for the first time at Duke Memorial - a devotional booklet written by members of our church family for use during the season of Lent. The idea behind this booklet was an effort to make the celebration of the days of Lent more meaningful to us as we shared with each other our Christian experience, episodes from our lives that had illuminated our own understanding, our thoughts of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. From the comments received at that time, and because of requests that this booklet project be repeated in 1980, we concluded that it was a worthwhile endeavour.

My personal irritation at being delayed at a traffic light has undergone a drastic change thanks to Dr. Kale's devotional on "A Praying Motorist". When I have felt submerged, I've recalled the beautiful creed which Mr. Whitford shared that hangs on their kitchen wall: "Lord, help me remember that nothing is going to happen today that You and I together cannot handle." And the list could go on and on of the treasured and inspirational devotionals of last year.

But that was last year, and we are talking now about this year. The Commission on Worship has been asked again to compile a booklet of your devotionals to be used during Lent 1980. One hears, unjustly I think, the criticism that only a few people are asked to do anything in our church. There is also the complaint that some feel that they have little or no impact on our Church program and activity. You are not only invited but urged to be a part of this sharing project. Consider this word in our Messenger to be your personal invitation.

The devotionals have a very flexible format. They should be between 150 - 250 words. Use a Bible citation or not as you wish; include a thought for the day and a prayer if you will. The general theme is again the meaning of discipleship. It is meant to be a sharing of some Christian experience, insight or suggestion which has been meaningful to you and thus could be helpful to others.

Please mail or leave your devotional lessons at the church office or mail to Mrs. William Mattox, 3303 Rugby Road (27707) no later than 10 December. In so doing, you will be twice blessed - usually, when we put forth the effort to do something, we get far more out of it than we expect; there is the added blessing that comes as we share what we have experienced with others. No one knows how far goes the ripple of our Christian caring and sharing, when we give ourselves to it. Get busy today and write your devotional and get it to me not later than 10 December. Getting the booklet in order, printed and assembled takes quite some time but is well worth the effort. You'll never know you can do it until you try - and now is the time to try!

-- Eunice Mattox, chairman
Commission on Worship

EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT: A letter of 2 November to the congregation highlighted the gap of \$18,000 between our commitments to Duke Memorial for 1980 and our proposed budget. The Administrative Board meeting on 13 November requested that the Messenger be utilized to remind the congregation of the need for each person to give within his or her ability to remove or reduce this difference. Final adoption of local items in the church budget was delayed until mid-January 1980 to afford every opportunity to receive pledges or gifts. It is still all up to us - how you respond determines the course we take!

DEAN LANGFORD HONOURED: Dean Thomas A. Langford of Duke Divinity School was honoured by the Divinity School Alumni Association by being chosen Most Distinguished Alumnus for 1979. The award was presented to him during a luncheon on 23 October. He and his family have long been part of Duke Memorial's family and we rejoice with Tommy and Anne Marie in this distinction. The Alumni Association is congratulated because of the wisdom of its choice.

SYMPATHY: The congregation and pastors express their love and concern to the family of Mrs. D. C. Hall because of her death.

SUNDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 1979

Last Sunday in Kingdomeide
The Epistle: Revelation 21:1-7
The Sermon: End and Beginning
Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Graham
Junior Church Leaders: Libby Younts
Louise Few, assistant

IN MEMORIAM
Arlene Guyer Hall, November 13, 1979
"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

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CAMBODIAN RELIEF EFFORT: The Methodist Committee on Relief expects to be involved in a fairly long effort in the struggle to save lives in Cambodia. To this end, the bishops of the United Methodist Church have authorized a call for \$2,000,000 to be given before the end of 1979 to support this work. You have seen and heard much about the situation in Cambodia. Words fail in an effort to state how grave the crisis is. You are invited to make a special gift to this cause any Sunday prior to the end of 1979. Simply mark your check or envelope "Cambodia" and it will be forwarded as part of Duke Memorial's response. Thank you.

POINSETTIAS AND THE CHRISMON TREE: Our Chrismon Tree for 1979 will be dedicated Sunday, 16 December, in our worship service. Poinsettias will be in the Sanctuary that Sunday and the following Sunday. You are invited to share the beauty of this plant with others, making your gift in honor or in memory of some one you choose. The cost is \$10.40 and your reservation of a plant should be made prior to 2 December. Please act now so you will be included. The Chrismon Tree will be in the sanctuary through Sunday, 30 December.

PUBLICATION SCHEDULE: Thanksgiving and Christmas bring days when the church office is closed. In addition, staff vacation time enters the picture. There will be no issue of the Messenger for the week of 23 December. The Order of Service for 23 December will be prepared well in advance of the day as will the issue of the Messenger which will be mailed on Tuesday, 18 December and which will contain announcement of all scheduled activity for the period 23 December - 7 January. Please give to the church office all material to be included in these issues well ahead of the date involved. Thank you.

CHURCH CALENDAR November 25 - December 1

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	5:00 p. m.	Children's Choir
	6:00 p. m.	UMYF
Wed.	7:00 a. m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast in Whitford Hall
	10:00 a. m.	Altar Guild
	6:00 p. m.	Visitation Supper in Whitford Hall
	7:00 p. m.	Commission on Education
	7:45 p. m.	Council on Ministries
Thurs.	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS: Mr. and Mrs. Woody (Linda) Davis who live at 708 Locust Street, No. 3, Pasadena, California 91101 are Duke Memorial's newest members. They transfer from South Pasadena UMC. Woody and Linda visited with us on 9 September. He will be joining the North Carolina Conference in June. We welcome them to Duke Memorial even though for a time it will be in absentia. They both grew up in Ohio. Send them a note of welcome! Then next June you can meet them!

A GIFT has been given to the Good Samaritan Fund of Duke Memorial Church in loving memory of Mrs. V. M. Dorrity and Dr. H. E. Myers by Holland Young Holton.

FOR YOUTH ONLY :

9:45 a. m. Church School Classes
6:00 p. m. U.M.Y.F.
Decorate Youth Area for Christmas

BIBLE READINGS: November 25 - December 1

November 25	I Cor.	5	-	9
26	I Cor.	10	-	13
27	I Cor.	14	-	16
28	II Cor.	1	-	4
29	II Cor.	5	-	8
30	II Cor.	9	-	13
December 1	Galatians	1	-	3

TRANSFER: Mrs. Corinna Head Herbert has transferred her membership to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Durham.

BECAUSE OF AN EARLY PREPARATION DATE of this issue of the Messenger, some items usually given here are lacking this week.

<u>HOSPITALIZED:</u> DCGH:	Frankie Williams	7324
as of Friday,	Tom Allen	7311
16 November	Sudie Cole	5310
	Duke: Bill Few	3513

LOVE

Love is friendship that has caught fire. It is quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. It is loyalty through good and bad times. It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses.

Love is content with the present, it hopes for the future, and it doesn't brood over the past. It's the day-in and day-out chronicle of irritations, problems, compromises, small disappointments, big victories, and working toward common goals.

If you have love in your life, it can make up for a great many things you lack. If you don't have it, no matter what else there is, it's not enough.

-- Author unknown