

ENTHUSIASM AND/OR DISCIPLESHIP

"What ever may happen, I am committed. . .". These are the words of discipleship. Enthusiasm ought to mark the life of a disciple for that to which he is committed, but not everything about which one becomes enthusiastic is necessarily worthy of our following as disciples.

As one thinks of the Palm Sunday celebration which heralded the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem, one might ponder the difference in enthusiasm as represented by the acclaim of a crowd and discipleship in terms of the quick dispersal of the welcoming crowd. However lacking they were in understanding of Who Jesus really was, they did about all that one can imagine in their enthusiasm in greeting Him.

One of the saddest aspects of the unfolding of the Holy Week history is the way people then began to put distance between themselves and the Lord. As we know, it finally came to the point where He was alone; even the disciples were far off. Do we then conclude that there was no discipleship, no enthusiasm? That seems to be a most unjust reading of the course of events.

His disciples were puzzled and fearful. The crowds that had gathered dispersed, getting into the "safe" ways of daily life. The opposition became more sharp and clear; finally there began the process which in so short a time led Him to the cross and death. How easy it is to criticize from this distance, to assert that had we been there we would have "done it differently". For us in our world today, the question is not what we would have done had we been there, but what we are doing here, where God has placed us, in this period of our history.

Is a cross more attractive than a little criticism because one does not go with a multitude to do evil? Are we willing to be Christians who are just slightly ashamed of our Lord and yet do not wish to separate ourselves from Him? When the issues of life are before us, how much of our decision comes from the perspective of what is right in God's sight? Enthusiasm is what a disciple feels for a great Person and a great Cause; but enthusiasm without the Person, the Cause, may turn out to be little more than effervescence. May God lead us this Holy Week in examination of our hearts so that on Easter morning, we may with enthusiasm and commitment re-affirm ourselves His disciples!

- - Ed Smith

HOLY COMMUNION in the home is offered to members of the congregation who cannot attend the Maundy Thursday service. Please telephone the church office so that a schedule can be arranged. Thank you.

DISCIPLESHIP is believing translated by our commitment into living.

MEMORIALS RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION:

In loving memory of Mrs. Ola Martin by:
Susan Christine Samuel, Winter Park, Fl.
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In loving memory of Douglas Lowrance by Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt T. Dixon, Jr.

The Gideons

In loving memory of S. J. Angier by Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Huckabee, Jr.

COAT EXCHANGE: By error Wednesday, 27 February, someone exchanged coats with me. My coat is a navy blue Forecaster of Boston. This happened following the meeting on the Committee on Visitation. If you have a coat that resembles this please check to find out if you have my coat and I have yours.

Rena Overton, 688-2802

30 MARCH, PALM SUNDAY

The Gospel: St. Matthew 21:1-9
The Sermon: Plaudits Have a Price
Acolytes: Kelly Eggleston & John Lancaster
Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Adkinson

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

3 Apr. 7:30 Maundy Thurs. Holy Communion
4 Apr. 7:30 Good Friday, Shroud of Turin,
Dr. Alan D. Whanger
6 Apr. 9:00 Holy Communion, Sanctuary
9:45 Sunday School for all ages
10:55 Festival of the Resurrection

EASTER MONDAY is a holiday for church staff members. The office will be closed all day. In event of emergency needs, please telephone Mr. Smith, Mr. Settle, or Mrs. Massey.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, 7 April, 7:30 p. m. in the library.

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OUR CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

*share their faith so effectively, week after week,
spending time in preparation and study, thinking of the needs of their students,
giving of themselves.*

IS THERE A WAY TO SAY "THANK YOU"?

THE COMMISSION ON EDUCATION HAS PLANNED FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION TO APPRECIATE TEACHERS:

A TEACHER APPRECIATION FELLOWSHIP DINNER on Sunday, April 13, at 5:30 p. m.

Teachers and their families will be special guests (which means bringing no food!)

All others are asked to bring vegetables, salads, and desserts in ample quantity for a feast!!! Meat and drink will be provided by the church.

Games and a program highlighting the exploits of our teaching staff will be featured.

EVERYBODY COME.....SAY THANKS TO A GREAT GROUP OF PEOPLE!

THE DUKE MEMORIAL BIDDY AND SENIOR BASKETBALL PLAYERS, their parents, and coaches wish to express their sincere appreciation to Mrs. R. L. Forrester, Sr., Mrs. Kay Hammond and R. L. Forrester, II, and their families, for the beautiful trophies which were presented to the players and coaches. These trophies are given in loving memory of R. L. Forrester, Sr.

ALUMINUM RECYCLING REPORT: Expecting that you are sitting on the edges of your seats to find out who won the Aluminum Recycling Contest, we share this final report with you. The Junior Highs won!! They recycled \$77.00 worth of aluminum. The Sr. Highs were very respectable in their showing with \$65.00. That's 14,200 cans, folks! Thanks for all your help. Proceeds from this project will go to Youth Service Fund and Meals on Wheels.

DON'T FORGET to begin gathering up your junk and bring it to the church so it can be sold at the YARDSALE on Sat., April 19, to help raise money for the Appalachian Service Project Team.

CHURCH CALENDAR MARCH 30 - APRIL 5, 1980

Sun. 9:45 a. m. Church School
10:55 a. m. Morning Worship
4:00 p. m. Confirmatinn Class
5:00 p. m. UMYF
Wed. 7:00 a. m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
10:00 a. m. Bazaar Workshop
12:10 p. m. Devotions and Lunch
Dr. Arthur Kale, leader
Thurs. 7:30 p. m. Holy Communion, Sanctuary
8:30 p. m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 7:30 p. m. Good Friday Service in
Sanctuary
Dr. Alan Whanger, leader

EASTER SUNRISE AT OLD SALEM: Again, this year the church van will leave for Winston-Salem at 3:30 a. m. on Easter morning, carrying anyone from Duke Memorial who wishes to participate in the Moravian Sunrise Service at Old Salem. Last year it was a wondrously beautiful experience watching the sun come up over the freshly-scrubbed gravestones as brass bands played antiphonally from all sides of the cemetary. Please call the church office to reserve your seat on the church van.

CROP WALK

It's not too late to make a pledge - walkers will be circulating this Sunday with their sign-up sheets encouraging you to support them in their walk for hunger. Please do so!

Walkers: We'll leave from the church to go to Duke as a group at 12:45 p. m. You may join us at 12:45 or plan to stay after church and go with us to McDonald's for lunch before the walk. Keep your fingers crossed for sun!!

ALTAR FLOWERS: We have two Sundays in April open for flowers to be placed in the sanctuary. If you are interested please call the Church Office, 688-1901 or 688-2170. Thanks!

SYMPATHY: The pastors and congregation express their love and concern to the Rodenhizer family because of the death of Dorris' mother, Mrs. Para Pace Taylor on March 23, 1980.

FINANCIAL REPORT: SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 1980

Needed each week	\$ 4,300.00
Needed through March 23	51,600.00
Received to date	51,702.09

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: Sunday, March 23

Church School	242
Morning Worship	373