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SOME OF WHAT HAPPENED!

Out of the hours of reports, debates, fellowship and discussion of our Annual Conference meeting at Methodist College emerged some facts of interest to us. During 1970, we registered a small increase, 397 persons, in total membership. Our Conference now claims 212,280 members. We gave for all causes in 1979 \$28,972,756 (compared to \$25,224,551 in 1978). This yields a per capita giving level of \$136.

In addressing social issues, the Conference voted its support of the Equal Rights Amenment; supported abortion but only in extenuating circumstances; supported the draft and draft registration; repeal of the sales tax on food in North Carolina; supported the United Nations; and urged the study by local churches of the Palestinian question.

In institutions, permission was given to Methodist Retirement Homes to erect a new retirement unit at Greenville, thus providing three locations over the Conference.

Bishop Robert M. Blackburn's forthcoming completion of his eight year tenure in the Raleigh area was recognized both with verbal tributes and also with a most gracious gift from churches and persons in our Conference. A new bishop for this area will be appointed at Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska late in July.

Four new district superintendents were named; one superintendent, R. W. Ponder, was transferred from New Bern to Raleigh.

Reports were given on actions of the General Conference which will bear on the work and direction of our Annual Conference. The last year of a quadrennial program is always a time to look carefully at what has been done and thus to prepare the way for what is coming.

Words, statistics, and printed reports never convey the sense and feeling of such a meeting. The sense of the vital intangibles, the spirit, the zeal, the feeling of whither bound is found only in being there. Think about it for next year for yourself, at least for a day or two!

-- Ed Smith

SUNDAY, 29 June 1980

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gospel: St. Luke 6:36-42 The Sermon: Fair Feedback

Greeters: Mrs. M. P. Tyor & Marti Tyor

OUTREACH: During the week of 29 July, Margaret Anne Biddle will be a staff member of the Junior High UMYF workshop at Louisburg College.

HOLY COMMUNION is the order of morning worship Sunday, 6 July, at 10:55 a.m.

JULY 4, FRIDAY, is a holiday and the Church Office will be closed. In event of emergency, please contact Mr. Smith, 489-2210; Mr. Haddock, 493-3941; Mrs. Massey, 489-5179. Material for the Messenger for the week of 13 July should be in the Church Office not later than 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, 1 July. Thank you!

MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION:

In loving memory of Word C. Clark by:
Northwestern Mutual Life Ins., Raleigh
Dr. and Mrs. Marcus E. Hobbs
Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Dixon, Jr.
Mrs. Murray Clark, Concord
Mr. and Mrs. George L. Hipp, Concord
Miss Anna Strider, Concord
Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Thomas, Jr.
Ray Walker and Alice F. King

In loving memory of E. H. Lovette, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Tidwell

DISCIPLESHIP is participating in the mission of Christ:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, Because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives,

And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set free those who are downtrodden,
To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord."

(Luke 4:18, 19 NASB)

THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS will begin its work in mid-July in nomination of members of Duke Memorial for places of leadership. Your suggestions, both as to continuation of present leaders and as to persons who ought to be in such places, will be welcome. A slip of paper, not even necessarily signed, sent to the committee through the Church Office is enough for consideration of that person. The members of the committee are (by classes);

1980 Anne Clark, Shirley Few, W. T. Coman, Jr.

1981 Devan Brown, Thomas S. Coble, Jr., Louis Shipp

1982 Dottie Ritchie, Virginia Clark, Hoyle Eggleston

By disciplinary regulation, the pastor is always chairman.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 22 June 1980
Church School......201
Morning Worship.....300

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"DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE"

A little while back you might have heard a song on television that went like this:
Oh, I love trash!
Anything dirty or dingy or dusty,
Anything ragged or rotten or rusty,
Yes, I love trash.

You may be wondering what such a "trashy" song has to do with you or the church. If you are four years old through those in the sixth grade you're invited to come and find out what this is all about on Wednesday morning, July 2, as we gather for more fun "Down By the Riverside."

On this day you will have a chance to discover that "God Don't Make No Junk!" This week will be different from last week so don't hesitate to join us if you missed last week. If you did come last week don't worry about getting bored because unlike television there will be no reruns of the week before.

Here are the details:

What: "Down By the Riverside"

When: Wed., July 2 from 9:30 - 12:00 Noon

"God Don't Make No Junk!

Wed., July 9 from 9:30 - 12:30
"Frog Kissing" (Bring a bag lunch)

Where: West Point on the Eno River

SEE YOU THEN!!

LIBRARY NOTES:

Five copies of The Parables of Jesus:

Glimpses of the New Age by Neal F. Fisher
have been given to the library by the H. E.
Spence Bible Class in memory of Paul C.
Wheeler. This book is this year's Churchwide Bible Study.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Boddie have given a copy of The Cherokee Indian Nation: A Troubled History by Duane H. King in memory of Mr. W. F. Mansfield.

A desk has been purchased for the library workroom from funds from the Library Memorial. The Library Memorial Fund is made possible by many friends who contribute memorial gifts in memory of a family member or of an esteemed friend. We invite you to come by to see this beautiful (and useful!) addition to our library....and to check out a book!

HOSPITALIZED:

DCGH: Mittle Branch 6129 Mattle McDade 5316 LOST TAPE RECORDER: Don Settle remembers lending his tape recorder to someone at Duke Memorial before he moved, but cannot recall who needed it. If you have, or find, this handheld, Panosonic cassette recorder in leatherette case please return it to the church office so we can get it to him.

CHOIR CAMP

This summer, at Camp Don-Lee in Aropahoe, N. C., there will be a special music camp for children completing grades 3 - 7. I'm hoping many of our Junior choir members and other children at Duke Memorial will plan to go, from August 13-16. I will be glad to coordinate transportation, and can help with scholarship money for some children who would like to go. The camp includes choral music, handbells, Orff Schulwerk (wooden and metal zylophone-like instruments), sailing, swimming, canoeing and walks on the beach, plus the usual fun of being at camp with lots of other children. The camp will conclude on Saturday with a concert. Cost is \$45.00 per person; \$10.00 is required as registration. Arrival time: August 13, 2:00 - 3:00 p. m., leave August 16 after early concert. (beginning at 2:00 p. m.,) Please call me, 489-8588, for applications and further information.

-- Jane Lynch

OUR NEWEST MEMBER: John G. Pederson, Jr., 16-A Duke Manor, 311 LaSalle St., was received into Duke Memorial's membership by transfer from Mt. Olivet UMC, Seaford, Delaware. His telephone is 383-3459. A note, call or visit of welcome will be good for all of us!

WEDDINGS: The congregation and pastors rejoice with and felicitate:

Kathy Byerly and Tim Searles, who were married Saturday, 21 June 1980, at noon in Duke Chapel; and

Dr. Emily Yarbrough and Charles Condon, who were married Saturday, 21 June 1980, at 7:30 in the evening in Duke Chapel.

BAPTISM: Lynn Marie, daughter of Charles and Catherine N. Medlin, was baptized Sunday afternoon, 21 June 1980, at 5:00 in the sanctuary. She was born 25 March 1979. We rejoice and give thanks for this baptism.

CHURCH CALENDAR JUNE 29 - JULY 5, 1980

Sun. 9:45 a. m. Church School

10:55 a. m. Morning Worship

12:15 p. m. ASP Luncheon, Whitford Hall

Tues. 7:30 p. m. UMYF

Wed. 7:00 a. m. Men's Prayer Breakfast,

Whitford Hall

9:30 a. m. "Down By the Riverside"

West Point on the Eno

10:00 a. m. Bazaar Workshop,
Whitford Hall