

ABOUT THAT CUPBOARD

Nearly everyone knows the fabled poverty of the cupboard of "old Mother Hubbard". She looked in the cupboard for a bone for the family pooch; the cupboard was bare and the "poor doggie had none". Whether or not we have family pets, most of us know now and again the sense of emptiness that we call "depression". Nothing really is wrong on which one can put exact and specific blame for the feeling. Yet, nagging is the feeling that not all is well and what can one do about it.

This kind of feeling often comes at the end of a holiday period when our thinking is that we ought to be invigorated and steamed up for the work ahead. It often comes at the end of a period when we have done our best for a long time and can, we think, relax. Children and young people are likely to be afflicted with this in the next few weeks with the onset of school in their very near future. It is not that school is bad; rather, the feeling is that somehow, as summer runs its course, more ought to have happened than thus far has taken place. It may be simply the irretrievability of time that affects us in this way.

Simple answers to complex questions usually are wrong and nearly always are out of place. I venture three possible responses which may only add to one's low feelings! First of all, there is always the problem of unrealistic expectations. One manufacturer of men's golf clothing wisely says, "It really won't change your score; but it will make you feel better about it!" Secondly, often, there is the problem of seeking to harvest where one has neither sown seed nor cultivated such seed that were sown. Instant success is reserved to fiction and to the dream world. Third, some of us are inflexible and refuse to admit that the world in which we live changes and that some changes on our part are inevitable. The application of the remedies of one or two decades past will not necessarily work in a world that sees problems of a sort that did not exist twenty years ago.

It seems to me that it all comes always to my relationship with my heavenly Father and then how that relationship works out with my fellow men. The first controls the second. God Who creates all is also He who renews all, including His human creation. He is not out-dated by the events of our world. The things that aid me in my relationship with Him include much time in prayer, study of His Word, fellowship with His people, giving myself in response to His direction, sharing in praise and thanksgiving. If you feel low, give these a try; if you feel great, give them a try anyway! How thankful all of us will be!

- - Ed Smith

CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP SCHOOL: Time to be enrolled is shrinking - but if you act now, you can still make it! The sessions, 1-3 August and 3-6 August at Methodist College offer something for everyone. The Messenger of last week carried a listing of areas of study. Please contact Margaret Anne Biddle for information and registration forms.

INTERPRETATION? The word means many things to as many people. For Methodists of the Durham district, its immediate meaning is a meeting Monday, 28 July, at Trinity UMC in downtown Durham. Presentations will be made of the financial undertakings of the United Methodist Church in this Conference and we will receive through our District Superintendent Charles Mercer the apportionment of Duke Memorial for 1981. All of you are invited!

SUNDAY, 27 JULY 1980

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gospel: St. Matthew 7:15-21

The Sermon: Extrinsic Exterior!

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hyman

Junior Church Leader: Holly Eggleston

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: The Administrative Board endorsed the suggestion of the Council on Ministries that we produce an updated pictorial directory of our membership. A committee composed of Lucille and Tom Cranford, Charlotte Corbin, Louis Robinson and E. F. Smith will meet on 29 July with representatives of companies doing such work to negotiate a contract for our new directory. The value of such an effort is directly proportional to the participation of the membership. The committee will take specific steps to make certain that there is no sales pressure by representatives of the company chosen. More information will be given as the schedule is developed.

A GIFT has been given to the Good Samaritan Fund by Pauline Rogers in loving memory of her husband, Bruce J. Rogers.

MEMORIAL BOOKS FOR LIBRARY

Cowley - The Dream of the Golden Mountains - remembering the 1930's, given by H. E. Spence Bible Class in memory of W. F. Mansfield

ROBERTS - The Goodliest Land - North Carolina given by Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Boddie in memory of Phillip M. Umstead

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THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

In recent weeks many people in the church have been helping out in the summer program. They've put in a lot of hard work, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them. They are:

<u>Down By the Riverside</u>				
Kay Amick	Mary Clark	Louise Few	Susan Harsh	Caroline Sasser
Larry Amick	Marti Coram	Lynn Goodwin	Deanie Jackson	Pat Sickles
Margaret Anne Biddle	Para Drake	Bill Haddock	Dottie Ritchie	Koren Sickles
				Edith Toms

<u>Water Carnival</u>				
Marti Coram	Ed Hammond	Jim Layne	Dottie Ritchie	Edith Toms
Ran Few	Becky Layne	Barbara Penick	Caroline Sasser	Bill Haddock

"R and R"

"I'm late, I'm late for a very important date - no time to say hello goodbye. I'm late! I'm late! I'm late! These very familiar words from the Mad Hatter in Alice in Wonderland may speak of something that you are very familiar with these days. Next week, July 27 - 30, you have a chance to slow down your pace and join in some "R and R" with other members in the church. The schedule is: 5:45 - 6:30 Supper (Supper will be served until 6:15)
6:30 - 8:00 Study

The study sessions will involve children, youth, and adults, and a nursery will be provided for those under 3 years of age.

The adults have two very interesting options for study.

I "THE WINDOWS OF DUKE MEMORIAL CHURCH" - taught by Arthur Kale, this study will feature the symbolism in our Sanctuary windows, with background information about the people and event depicted there. Can you imagine how wonderful it will be to sit in church hereafter and contemplate the windows, remembering the richness of Arthur Kale's presentations?

II Brother to a Dragonfly by Will Campbell

Discussion leader - Manuel Wortman, the Wesley Foundation Director at U. N. C.

Brother to a Dragonfly is a book about Will Campbell's own experience of growing up in the South in the sixties. In the discussion of this book you will have a chance to explore questions such as: Did my upbringing in the South really have an impact upon who I am now? "Was there a difference in the effect of the Civil Rights movement upon those in the North and South?" and "How much difference is there in the South today?" This earthy book is sometimes a bit coarse but deeply authentic and challenging. This book is available in paperback and copies are available in the church library.

HOLY COMMUNION is scheduled at 9:00 in the sanctuary Sunday morning, 3 August.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 20 JULY 1980

Church School.....187

Morning Worship.....314

CHURCH CALENDAR July 27 - August 2, 1980

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	5:45 p. m.	R and R
Mon.	5:45 p. m.	R and R
Tues.	5:45 p. m.	R and R
	7:30 p. m.	Pictorial Directory Committee, Library
Wed.	7:00 a. m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Whitford Hall
	10:00 a. m.	Bazaar Workshop, Whitford Hall
	5:45 p. m.	R and R
Thurs.	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

CARWASH!

Those crazy UMYF'ers are at it again! You'd think that they would be satisfied after having just spent a week in Appalachia -but no, they've got another project going to help people.

This time it's a CARWASH and the proceeds go to Youth Service Fund and a UMYF activity later in the summer.

Bring your car to Lakewood Shopping Center (by the NCNB Bank) on Saturday, July 26 from 9:00-3:30 and it will be scrubbed from top to bottom. Large car: \$3.50 Small car: \$3.00

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Mike Hammond and Tripp Roakes