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BRIDGES AND PEOPLE

Not long ago, a bridge on a public road in Cumberland County was blown apart. There seems to be little knowledge as to why this was done. Arrests have been made and presumably prosecution will follow. In times of warfare, bridges are prime targets because destruction of bridges guarantees serious interruption in supply movement of every kind. One must wonder at the mentality and motivation of any one who in peace time does such destructive work.

Being given to some reflection, I turned the blown bridge and the road into the realm of human relations. It became obvious that many who would in no way damage a means of public convenience and transportation would with little thought blow up the delicate bridges of communication and relationship between people. Indulgence in one's own bad temper is hardly sufficient reason for destruction of what is valued for society and every member of the group. Yet, sufficient reason or not, how often and how easily do we blow apart some of the relationships in life that give richness and meaning to the whole fabric of our lives.

Many of us can recall the old poem about the elderly man who, in the sunset of his life, was repairing a damaged bridge because, though he himself might not pass this way again, he felt a conviction that he ought to prepare the way for others who would follow. Is it not more worthy to build the humblest bridge that serves any one anywhere than to be the villain who destroys one of the great bridges of the world's countries? The latter would be the more spectacular deed; the building of a bridge is in every sense infinitely more valuable in moral, ethical and spiritual terms.

All this reminds me that we need to walk softly and deal gently with others. It is not needful to make a door mat of one's self; but it surely is imperative that none of us be bulldozers in our approach to others. I greatly prefer to be always seeking to be a builder of communications, relationships, and sharing with others than simply to walk my lonely path. It may take a little more of our time, treasure and concern; but it certainly promises much more to us than the lonely way one might choose. Let us then be up and building, in thanksgiving for the privilege!

-- Ed Smith

SUNDAY, 17 AUGUST 1980

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gospel: St. Luke 18:9-14

The Sermon: A Pair at Prayer

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. George Cleeves

Acolytes: Mary Ruth Mixon and Amy Tilley

THE PREACHER Sunday morning, 24 August, will be the Reverend Doctor Thomas A. Langford. He and Mrs. Langford have been away from Durham all summer. We will welcome their return to our town and Dr. Langford to this pulpit.

CHARGE CONFERENCE for Duke Memorial is Tuesday evening, 11 November, 7:45 in the Bradshaw Room. This is our annual business meeting with our District Superintendent, Charles H. Mercer. It is a time when we look at the year closing as well as set goals and budget for the coming year. Though only members of the Charge Conference (the same folks who are on the Administrative Board) may vote, it is, as all our meetings, open to the entire membership. All of you are invited!

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PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PLANS are moving along at a good pace. In the very near future announcement on specific details will be made. If all the plans come to fruition, persons who order photographs for Christmas giving will receive their prints in quite good time and as well, we shall be able to distribute the new directory on our Homecoming Church Anniversary on Sunday, 3 May 1981. Meeting these dates will require the usual excellent cooperation from all of us - and doing so will give all of us reason for some rejoicing. It has been five years since such a directory was prepared for us and therefore there is real need for this new edition.

MEMORIALS RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION:

In loving memory of Mrs. Annie Herring by:
Elizabeth Wilson
Lillie Duke Church School Class

In loving memory of Phillip Umstead by:
Louise R. Ervin

In loving memory of Blanche Rutherford by:
Mrs. Aileen B. Meadows

SYMPATHY: The pastors and congregation express their love and concern to the family of Mrs. J. F. Herring who died 2 August, and to the family of Mrs. J. R. Rutherford, who died 4 August.

IN MEMORIAM

Annie Elizabeth Kinlaw Herring
2 August 1980

Blanche Albertson Rutherford
4 August 1980

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

BAPTISM: The children of Dr. and Mrs. William J. Sewell were baptized last Sunday, 10 August, prior to the Sunday School hour. Heather Leann was born in Durham 10 March 1976 and Heath William was born also in Durham, 14 April 1980. We give thanks and rejoice with Ellen and Bill in this dedication of their children.

CLOTHING APPEAL: It is time again for Church World Service clothing appeal. Bring clean serviceable used clothing to Whitford Hall by Sunday, 24 August.

ALTAR FLOWERS: We have several Sundays open in September for those of you who wish to put flowers in our sanctuary. Please call the church office, 688-1901.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 10 August 1980
Church School.....188
Morning Worship.....298

HOSPITALIZED:
DCGH: Mary Ogburn 6121
R. Bailey Reade 4117

CHURCH CALENDAR AUGUST 17 - 23, 1980

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
Tues.	7:30 p. m.	UMYF
Wed.	7:00 a. m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Whitford Hall
	10:00 a. m.	Altar Guild
	10:00 a. m.	Bazaar Workshop, Whitford Hall
Thurs.	7:30 p. m.	Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Library