

## MORE ABOUT THAT WEDDING!

As one reads of and thinks about the recent royal wedding and our viewing it on television, I am amazed by the logistics of the whole matter. This seemed to me summed up in one tiny action - as the Prince and Princess of Wales neared the exit from St. Paul's Cathedral, from off camera magically, at the precisely exact instant, his naval commander's cap and white gloves were handed him. There was just time to get them on as they approached the great portal from the church. All the way through the event, the right things happened at the exact moment in a manner that made it seem it could have been no other way. As a matter of fact, the more details there are, the more the probability of some one over-responding, or responding too early - or too late. So far as my very limited observation of it went, there simply were no slips.

Now, that takes a lot of planning, preparation and cooperation. Some large wedding parties in almost any church require the same meticulous planning and preparation. To that end, our wedding consultant/director (usually Kay Hammond), the bride and her mother consult well in advance down to the last fine detail. When every one cooperates and the rehearsal achieves that for which it is designed, then it seems that everything happens perfectly, could not have been any other way and the occasion is beautiful, sacred and memorable.

What many of us do not realize is that the same care and attention to detail goes into any service of worship in any church where people care about both the substance and the manner in which they praise Almighty God and worship Him. If you have never considered what is required of a rather large number of persons for a morning service at Duke Memorial, give it some thought now! And if you have thought about it, review the whole matter in your mind. Start with the availability of parking; in your thoughts, approach the church, enter, receive greetings, assistance, the Order of Service, find your seat. The functions of the choir, organist, and the pastors do not happen automatically or by chance. The coordination of the whole sequence ought to appear natural and effortless; the fact is rather otherwise.

The point of all this is the suggestion that we recognize by proper words of appreciation all the lay members of Duke Memorial who in many more ways than most of us realize make possible what happens here, not just in worship services but in everything that is done. Our collective debt of gratitude is enormous. Next Sunday, pay off a little of it with words of appreciation to those you see "doing their thing" for God, this church and for all of us!

-- Ed Smith

WHY DON'T? WHY DO? Often questions come as to how programs and activities get into our church calendar and life. The Council on Ministries has the responsibility to propose to the Administrative Board which then accepts, rejects or amends. But how does the Council on Ministries get started on these items? The most fruitful way is by suggestions from members of the church. At least annually and sometimes more often, your suggestions and ideas are solicited. Mary Whanger, chairman of the Council on Ministries, will speak briefly Sunday, 16 August, on how you can get into this process this year. You are invited - and we hope you will respond!

SUNDAY, 16 AUGUST 1981

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Epistle: I Corinthians 10:1-13

The Sermon: And Now, This Word!

Acolytes: Chip Browning and Kathy Bowen

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Turrentine

Junior Church Leader: Connie Chandler

MEMORIALS RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION:

In loving memory of Mrs. Alma S. Forrester  
by:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Weynand

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Long

Altar Guild

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Earl  
Dameron by:

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph McCracken and family

Good Samaritan Fund

In loving memory of Mrs. May Belle Pitcher  
by:

Mrs. Mary Bitting

PROMOTION SUNDAY is August 30 during Sunday School hour. Children and adults need to be at church promptly at 9:30 to meet briefly in Sunday School rooms, then go to Whitford Hall at 10:00 a. m. for promotion celebration. All children and adults are urged to come together for a rewarding experience!

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SYMPATHY: The pastors and congregation express their love and concern to the family of Mrs. W. B. (Louise) Horton, Jr. because of her death August 10, 1981.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. W. B. (Louise) Horton, Jr.

10 August 1981

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

THE METHODIST SERIES is now on the Protestant Hour, heard on WPTF, Raleigh, 680 at 7:00 a. m., on Sunday mornings. The preacher this year is the Reverend Tom Whiting, a superintendent in the North Georgia Conference. The general theme of the broadcasts is "Be Good to Yourself". Hearing this series from WPTF will even insure your being on time for Sunday School and Church--and give you a great start for the day!

OUR BISHOP, William Ragsdale Cannon of Raleigh, was elected president of the World Methodist Council at their July meeting in Hawaii. He will be president for a five year term. This has been called the highest office in the Methodist Church.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, August 9, 1981

Church School.....195  
Morning Worship.....272

HOSPITALIZED:

DCGH: Ellie Lewis 4123

CHURCH CALENDAR AUGUST 16 - 22, 1981

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
Tues.	12:00 Noon	Minnie P. Gates Class Luncheon, Whitford Hall
	7:00 p. m.	UMYF, Bowling, Meet at Fairlanes
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
Saturday		District Pastors' Picnic at Camp Chestnut Ridge

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

VCS 1981 has just ended and there are "Thank-yous" to be said!

Thanks to Marty Coram, Caroline Sasser, and Mike Pasquarello who coordinated all activities.

Marty Coram was the leader of a fantastic group of adults who planned a superb three-night experience for our children. As you can guess from the adjectives used thus far, the unit on "Bible Lands and Times" was of such fine quality and so exciting for the children that one Christian Educator working at Duke Memorial was heard to comment "This is Christian Education as it is meant to be!" Those who shared in leadership of the children's class were Para Drake, Tom and Linda Adkinson, Ellen Sewell, Jean and Bill Haddock, Joy and Jim Long, and Bill Coram.

Mike Pasquarello recruited leaders for the adult course "Dealing with Illness" as well as teaching the course on "Creative Uses of Leisure Time." Thanks to Mike and to Ed Smith, Bill Haddock, and Peter Keese for their leadership with adults.

Caroline Sasser was the Supper Coordinator and we ate well! Her assistants were Bob and Jean Weynand; Susan Sasser; Dottie, Caroline and Laura Ritchie; Susan Teer; Maxine Blair; Virginia Clark and Polly Mixon. We even heard that there were two little elves dancing about the kitchen for cleanup chores when all was over! A bit of detective work has produced the names of Mary Mixon and her friend, Ginger, as top prospects for "ELVES OF THE YEAR" awards.

AND thanks to Polly Mixon for spreading the word throughout the building that "VCS was Coming" on those cute posters. (By the way, I never did figure out what "Tuna be a ratfish" meant!)

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LOOKING AHEAD, . . .

Our last summer event will be a get-together at West Point on the Eno on Sunday, August 30. Be sure to join us for our Eno Celebration!