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AN INVITATION TO YOU!

Are you, as I, bemused at a quirk of our national character that emerges in funny ways? It is our response to invitations. Obviously, not all of us can respond affirmatively to all invitations - nor should we. But all of us can respond when some one takes the pains to invite us to share in an event or an activity of meaning.

One focus of our shortcomings is the "RSVP" notation as to wedding receptions. The parents of the bride wish to make ample preparation for the guests at the reception. Since this becomes more costly each year, a miscalculation on the short side means embarrassment (see St. John 2:1-11) to the parents. An error on the other side means wasted food, drink and unnecessary costs. Some families have resorted to inclusion of a stamped addressed envelope in the invitation to try to get a response. The reports I have are that these efforts do not do a whole lot to change our ways. All of us mean to respond but somehow, we are slow in getting around to doing so.

A very informal kind of questionnaire is included in this issue of your Messenger. It invites your participation in planning for 1982 at Duke Memorial. Your Council on Ministries asks that you take a few moments and make your expressions, as many as you will, in each of the three short sections. What is asked is a brief expression of your wishes. No lengthy statement of supporting data is needed though your views will always be welcome. All of us know that it is easier to evaluate existing programs than to come up with totally new suggestions. Two parts of this questionnaire concern what we are now doing. Please "say your piece" as to these. Then, you are invited to encourage your Council on Ministries to get into new areas; this gives every one the opportunity to help us see areas which we have neglected or where we need to do much more than currently we are.

Your responses may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday, 23 August or brought or mailed to the church office. In order to guarantee inclusion they must be in the office not later than Wednesday, 26 August.

What will happen to your suggestions? First, all will be carefully reviewed. Where suggestions begin to coincide, it will be obvious that this area that needs a lot of attention. Suggestions, with obvious merit, even if only one person makes such an expression, will also be part of the agenda for the Council on Ministries' Planning Retreat Saturday, 12 September, at Camp Chestnut Ridge. Please give us the benefit of your views now and all of us will be grateful.

-- Ed Smith

MEMORIALS RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION:

In loving memory of Alma S. Forrester by:
Open Door Class, Duke Memorial Church
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cox, Asheboro
Julia Wyche Cherry, Greensboro

In loving memory of Louise M. Horton by:
Mr. and Mrs. Claude J. Moody

SUNDAY, 23 AUGUST 1981

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
The Epistle: I Corinthians 12:1-11
The Sermon: Division in Unity
Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Coble, Jr.
Junior Church Leaders: Tamela and George Davis

THE BULLETIN
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504 West Chapel Hill Street
Durham, N. C. 27701

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Church, 504 W. Chapel Hill Street, Durham, N. C. 27701

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 to-
gether for a rewarding experience!

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 16 August 1981

Church School.....197
Morning Worship.....254

HOSPITALIZED:

DCGH: Ellie Lewis 4123

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.

ACOLYTES for Sunday, August 23

Amy Tilley and Karen Connery

CHURCH CALENDAR AUGUST 23 - 29, 1981

Sunday	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:15 a. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
Monday	7:30 p. m.	Committee on Nominations in Library
Wednesday	7:00 a. m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Whitford Hall
	10:00 a. m.	Bazaar Workshop, Whitford Hall
	7:30 p. m.	Council on Ministries, Bradshaw Room
Thursday	7:30 p. m.	Music Committee in Library

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I have been thinking of you lately
and wondering how you are getting on.
I hope you are well.

I love you both and will be home with you
again in a few days. I will be home with you
again in a few days.

In order to be more efficient
the following changes are suggested
for the year 1932.