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WHAT CAN YOU DO IN LENT?

Jesus said, "For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? and if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?" There is a Lenten meaning in this word from the Sermon on the Mount.

The heart of the lesson is our doing good to those who are unlovely and who are in no position to repay our kindnesses to them. As I ponder what Jesus Christ did for us in His complete obedience, I am ever reminded that "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." There is before us the call that in turn, we take up our cross and follow Christ.

For most of us, following Him likely will not involve martyrdom - we so trust, any way. Even so, following Christ does involve some rather radical re-ordering of our lives. For many of us, this is so uncomfortable that we simply do not undertake it. It is easy enough to do good, to speak easily, with those who love us, who speak kindly with us, who do good to us. It is far less easy for us to be open to the overt sinners in our community, to those who for one or another reason simply don't belong to our own group. Life falls easily into "them" and "us" - we like "us" and we try to forget or ignore "them".

The word of our Lord taken from the Sermon on the Mount allows us no such easy way out. We will hardly find any person in our community with leprosy; easily we find persons who are hungry, either for food for their bodies or nourishment for their souls. The lonely among us are counted in multiples of hundreds. The persons who have lost their hope and know not which way to turn are many in number. These who feel themselves rejected by all around them and turn to answering rejection are not easy persons with whom to deal.

Lent is a blessed season that can call us to seek to do that which is not easy for our souls but which is blessed for others and for us. You can respond to the needs of others with the best gift you can ever give - some of your life and some love. This can be done on a personal or institutional base. Do it not because you want to gain merit - you will not! - but because the love of Christ constrains us. What you can do in Lent is very much indeed. Do it, for the love of God.

-- Ed Smith

NEWS FROM THE WEEKDAY SCHOOL: We are always pleased with the cooperation and generosity of the congregation. Ran Few has just gifted us with the linoleum to be used under the art tables in the two year class room. Lewis Shipp has been our carpenter-in-residence, and the church women have given us scholarship monies. To all these we give our heartiest thanks.

GIFTS RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION

In loving memory of Elsie Graham by:
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen V. Olsen,
Cary, N. C.

Meals on Wheels

From Julia Wyche Cherry, Greensboro

From Dr. and Mrs. Leland Phelps in loving memory of Leland's father who died 29 January 1982 in Detroit, Mich.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 1982, Second Sunday in Lent

The Gospel: St. Mark 9:17-29

The Sermon: Why Can't I?

Acolytes: Chris Chambers and Robert Gorham

Greeters: Nellie Garrard and Annie Garrard

Altar Guild Workers for March:

Judy Browning, Gloria Johnson and
Cindy Windham

HOLY COMMUNION is scheduled for Sunday, 7 March at 9:00 in the sanctuary. The service is completed not later than 9:30 a. m.

SYMPATHY: The pastor and congregation express their love and concern to the family of Mrs. LeRoy (Elsie) Graham because of her death 23 February 1982.

IN MEMORIAM

Elsie Scoggins Graham
23 February 1982

"I am the Way, the Truth, the Life"

THE BULLETIN
DUKE MEMORIAL
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Durham, N. C. 27701

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OUR NEWEST MEMBER: Janet Piro, 2815 Chelsea Circle, has been received as a member of Duke Memorial by transfer from Hedding United Methodist Church, Barre, VT. Her telephone number is 493-4848. Janet has been attending Duke Memorial for many months; give her a call or write a note as her relationship to this congregation becomes a formal one.

PENSION CRUSADE: The commitments made to the Pension Crusade in May, 1979, are due to be completed by the end of April. Your assistance in completing your commitment by April 30 will be appreciated.

THE DURHAM-ORANGE COALITION FOR BATTERED WOMEN has operated a shelter for battered women and their children since 1 October 1981. It has been near capacity since the first day. The need for household items and basic canned and staple foods continues. Your gifts can make a great difference. Telephone the Durham YWCA, 688-4396, and speak with either Connie Renz or Kathy Wayland for details on what is needed. Thank you.

LIBRARY NOTES:

An Oral History of Duke Memorial Methodist Church with tapes is available in the Church Library. Volume I, "Voices of the Past" - This project was originated and edited by Robert L. Wallace, Associate Pastor, 1974 - 1978. Volume II was the project of William A. Haddock, Associate Pastor, June 1980 - 1982. We can be very grateful to these gentlemen for this excellent and most valuable source of history.

Requests for this material can be made to any member of the Library Guild or may be left in Library mailbox in office.

COMMISSION ON EDUCATION MEETING:

Next meeting March 10, 7:30 in Library. Vacation Bible School ideas will be presented, our first "Happening" plan will be discussed. . .lots to talk about. Please be present. Remember to use the main "Office Door" near to the Library.

-- Holly Eggleston

A GIDEON will speak briefly during the course of the Sunday service, outlining some of the work of Gideons. The traditional "open Bible" offering will be received at the close of the service. Duke Memorial supports the Gideon work of distribution of Scriptures and this offering is one which all of us rejoice in making.

HOSPITALIZED:

DCGH: Imogene Ausbon	4130
Gladys King	6108
DUKE: Bud Ervin	N-8124

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 28 February 1982

Church School	184
Morning Worship	227

FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed each week	\$ 4,653.85
Received last week	2,580.00
Needed through last week	41,884.65
Received through last week	40,187.45
Deficit	1,697.20

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to put flowers in our sanctuary in memory of a love one or in honor of someone please call the church office, 688-1901 or 688-2170.

CHURCH CALENDAR MARCH 7 - 13, 1982

Sunday	9:00 a. m.	Holy Communion
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	4:00 p. m.	Confirmation Class, Homebuilders Classroom
	5:00 p. m.	Junior and Carol Choirs
	5:00 p. m.	UMYF
Monday	10:00 a. m.	Circle 10 with Mrs. Irving Allen, 1208 Arnette Ave.
	10:30 a. m.	Circle 5 with Mrs. J. D. Young, 1017 Lakewood Ave. Mrs. F. R. Darkis, co-hostess
	7:30 p. m.	Finance Committee, Library
	7:30 p. m.	Circle 4 in Katie Johnson Classroom
Tuesday	6:00 p. m.	Methodist Men, Whitford Hall
	7:45 p. m.	Administrative Board, Bradshaw Room
Wednesday	10:00 a. m.	Fall Festival Workshop, Whitford Hall
	12:10 p. m.	Devotions and Lunch, Leader: Randle Smith
	7:30 p. m.	Commission on Education, Library
Thursday	7:30 p. m.	Katie Johnson Class with Ruby Jones, 212 Watts St.
	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal