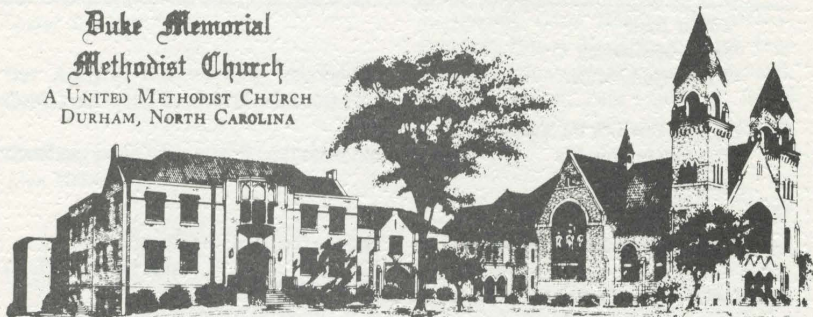


# The BULLETIN

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## LABOR RELATIONS

The Gospels give us a word on nearly every human situation. Some of these words seem to be at variance with others. Persons advocating positions diametrically opposed may claim inspiration from the same writings of the New Testament. The parable of the workers in the vineyard, St. Matthew 20:1-16, which is the Gospel for Septuagesima Sunday, 15 February, is one of the more outstanding New Testament teachings which seems hard to reconcile with other general principles laid down by our Lord.

Literalism in Scripture reading can give us a distorted view of what Jesus was saying. Failure to recognize to whom He spoke His parables and other teachings can set us off course. But if we turn to the other extreme and seek to "interpret" His every word, we often wind up putting our words, ideas, thoughts (and sometimes desires) on His lips.

As I have pondered the "hard" sayings of Jesus for a long time, it has come to me that the safest way to find our path in them is to read the Gospels continually, lovingly, searchingly and always prayerfully. This is not a counsel to suggest that in mock piety we set aside the questions that come to our minds. It is rather to say that we need to wrestle with the Word (and not as St. Peter says, II Peter 3:16 "wrest as they do the other Scriptures unto their own destruction"). This means that we take most seriously the proposition that God **does** speak to us through the Scriptures; that the study of them demands the best that is in us; and that if we fail to do this, we shall be the losers, certainly in this world and quite probably in the world to come.

The story of the men who worked different periods in the vineyard is worthy of your time, study and preparation as it is of mine. Jesus is saying something we need to hear and which possibly some of us don't want to hear. It has to do with much more than labor relations—can you determine what it is? Prepare yourself and let's get together Sunday and see where He leads us!

*Ed Smith*

Tower Bells

Silent Meditation

The Prelude Music

Variations on the Chorale:

"Let Us Praise God's Goodness Ever"

*Karl Hoeller***GOD CALLS US: Let Us Adore Him**

\*The Call to Worship

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

Genevan Psalter

\*The Invocation

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\*The Hymn of Adoration, No. 55

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Tune: Lobe den Herren

**GOD CARES: Let Us Take Our Needs To Him**

Prayer of Confession (In unison)

Most merciful God, Who calls us to labour while it is day: we know that the night comes, when our labour is complete and no man works more: we confess to You that we have often become weary in well-doing, even before we have done more than simply to start. We have turned each one to his own ways and devices; like sheep we have wandered away. In Your mercy, as we confess our failures and our faults, hear us; hear us not for what we are but for What You are. Create in us clean hearts and renew in us a right spirit, that with unfeigned love and devotion, we serve You every day of our lives, in joy and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Silence for Self-Examination and Reflection

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 51:17

The Lord's Prayer

**GOD IS GRACIOUS: Let Us Thank and Praise Him**

The Anthem

With A Voice Of Singing

*Martin Shaw*

Youth and Sanctuary Choirs

\*The Psalter

The Lord Is Faithful

No. 603

\*The Gloria Patri

\*The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

No. 738

The Reading of the Epistle

I Corinthians 9:24-10:5

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory

Andante Religioso

*Felix Mendelssohn*

\*The Presentation of the Offering

The Doxology

Concerns of the Congregation

The Anthem

Wake Psalter and Harp

*Jean Berger*

Combined Choirs

**GOD SPEAKS: Let Us Listen**

The Reading of the Gospel for the Day

St. Matthew 20:1-16

The Sermon

"LABOR RELATIONS?"

Mr. Smith

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD: Let Us Dedicate Ourselves**

\*The Hymn of Dedication, No. 61 Let Us With A Gladsome Mind

Tune: Innocents

\*The Benediction

\*The Choral Response

This Is My Prayer

*Jean Sibelius*

Text, Hymn 542

The Postlude

Recessional on "St. Anne"

*Gordon Young*

The congregation is asked to remain standing until the acolytes have extinguished the candles and left the altar.

\*Congregation standing

\*\*Ushers may seat worshippers



**The Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Mrs. Sarah Kathryn Smith, Alexander Smith and Lily Hill Smith by Lester and Lois Smith.

**Our Acolytes** this morning are Dottie Reade and Marti Tyor.

**Greeting You Today** are Mr. and Mrs. J. Alex McLean.

#### **Methodist and Cokesbury**

A list of hymns found in both the Methodist and Cokesbury Hymnals and their corresponding numbers serves as a handy reference. Such a list is available on the music shelf in the library for use. There are 150 hymns in common to both books.

**Congratulations and Best Wishes** to Mr. and Mrs. Stuart J. Yarbrough on the birth of a daughter, Emily Anne, February 4, 1976 in Richmond, Virginia. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Yarbrough and Mr. and Mrs. Victor A. Bubas of Durham.

**The Ushers of the Church** will meet Sunday morning, 29 February, 9:30, in the Bradshaw Room. The meeting will adjourn in time to allow each person to attend Sunday School.

**Sympathy:** The pastors and congregation extend Christian sympathy to Mrs. Minnie Moore Speight in the death of her sister, Mrs. Mabel Weisner Malloy on February 3 in Springfield, Mass., to James and Eleanor Phelps in the death of the late Mrs. Phelps' mother, Mrs. Eleanor Myatt Noble on February 5 in Smithfield, to Mrs. Irwin Chesson in the death of her brother, Thomas Turnbull in Suffolk, Virginia, to Mrs. N. T. Harris, Sr. in the death of her brother, Harvey Richardson in Wendell, and to the family of Frank A. Pierson, Sr.

#### **In Memoriam**

Frank A. Pierson, Sr.  
February 4, 1976  
*Blessed are the dead  
who die in the Lord.*

**Youth Choir Members:** Sherry Bartholomew, Marie Bowles, Carol Christmas, Faith Crenshaw, Lisa Funderburk, Mamie Jo Harrell, Carol Heape, Dina Henry, Suzi Self, Hillary Shoaf, Zeen Shoaf, Jane Wallace, Lynne Ware, Carol Weynand, Hugh Crenshaw, Paul Lancaster, David McConnell, Marty Pifer, Duane Wallace.

#### **Fellowship Luncheon**

The Senior UMYF will be preparing and serving spaghetti for a fellowship luncheon planned for Sunday, February 29, immediately following the morning worship service. New members of our congregation will be honored at this time. A choice of spaghetti sauces (regular or mild) will be available. Tickets are \$2.00 for adults, and \$1.25 for children under 12 and will be available from Senior UMYF members during Sunday School and after church for the next two Sundays. Future family fellowship dinner dates to keep in mind are Friday, April 2, and Friday, May 21.

#### **Our Record for 8 February 1976:**

Church School	321
Morning Worship	362
Offering	\$2,286.00
Needed each Sunday	3,632.00

**Our Known Hospital Sick** to be remembered in your prayers:

#### **Watts Hospital:**

Mrs. Viola Sparrow, I-101  
Mrs. Gladys Royal, R-417  
Alton Knight, R-403

#### **McPherson Hospital:**

Mrs. Aileen Meadows, 207

**Junior Highs:** Come with us to a Jewish service at Bethel Synagogue, Watts Street, on Friday, February 13. Refreshments and talk afterwards at Linda Davis' home, 809 Lancaster Street (286-7296). Meet at the church at 7:30 p.m. and pick-up at Linda's home at 10:00 p.m.

**The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee** at Duke Memorial is also the committee on staff personnel. This committee meets on Monday, 16 February, 7:30 in the library. Suggestions and comments on the work of the church staff should be made to members of the committee who are: Chairman, Mrs. Shirley Few; members, R. R. Few, M. Laney Funderburk, Jr., Dr. W. E. Hammond, Gen. J. W. Holsinger, Mrs. S. L. Mortland, C. E. Phillips, Jr., Marshall T. Spears, Jr., and Dillard Teer.

#### Visitors and Newcomers, Welcome!

Please prepare a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate or give it to one of the pastors. If you will use the name-tag part of the card and fasten it to your dress or coat, it will help us to know more quickly who you are. Thank you. We pray that our fellowship will be such that you will be with us again very soon.

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#### Calendar for Week of February 15-21

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:55 a.m.	Morning Worship Service
	4:45 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal
	5:45 p.m.	Jr. and Sr. UMYF (Supper will be served by Mrs. Helen Harrell and Lois and Laney Funderburk)
Monday	10:30 a.m.	Circle 5 meets with Mrs. Walter Dozier, 1501 Sycamore St.
	3:00 p.m.	Circle 9 in Church Parlor
	7:30 p.m.	Pastor-Parish Relations Committee in Library
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Circle 8 with Mrs. N. B. Fagan, 4015 Bristol Road. Mrs. W. R. Mattox will be co-hostess. Mrs. Edward Smith will present the program.
	7:30 p.m.	Finance Committee in Library
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bazaar Workshop in Fellowship Hall (Bring a sandwich if you can stay for lunch.)
	7:30 p.m.	Explorer Scouts in Scout Room
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday	7:55 p.m.	Biddy Team Basketball vs. Greystone at Lakewood Y
Saturday	9:15 a.m.	Biddy Team vs. Trinity Avenue at Lakewood Y
	10:55 a.m.	Mite Team vs. Watts Street at Central Y
	6:30 p.m.	Open Door Class in Fellowship Hall