

PASTOR'S REPORT TO FIRST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 8, 1968

The institutions that are having less and less influence in the world are those who refuse to change. Rigidity and fear have never characterized the Methodist Movement. At Duke Memorial we are not afraid of the challenge to act and speak clearly to the need of our age. We are not afraid to join knowledge with vital piety, never ashamed to stand up looking for the better way to learn, to teach, to witness, to serve, to be in Christ.

I have entered this fourth year of my ministry to this Church with great enthusiasm.

On July 1st we began a bold program of much needed renovation to our Sanctuary Building. This construction will add immeasurably to the usefulness of this building.

This summer we successfully experimented with the idea of a 9:00 o'clock service of worship, in addition to the 11:00 o'clock service. The response to this innovation was favorable and this service will be continued next spring and summer.

Our program of Christian Education has been enhanced by the fresh new leadership of Miss Kay Parks as Director of Christian Education.

We have set aside January and February of 1969 for our Church-Wide Bible Study and Mission Study.

The evangelistic thrust will be given new impetus as we begin Revival Services here on Sunday, October 13th. Dr. A. Purnell Bailey will be our Guest Minister.

To date we have received 21 new members. We have lost 5 by death and 17 by transfer. Our total membership now stands at 2102. We have set as a goal a minimum of 125 new members this Church Year.

The Music Committee and the Finance Committee have recommended to the Official Board the purchase of a new organ.

It was our thought that we had completed our payments to the College Capital Gifts Campaign last year. However, there is a discrepancy between the College Treasurer's office and our Church records. We will complete the additional payment this year.

On the recommendation of our Commission on Finance we have included \$2,000.00 in our budget this year for the Camp Crusade.

Barring an emergency we expect to have 7/12 of our budget (Benevolences) paid by December 31st. In the meantime we are trying to pay as much as possible on our construction so as to eliminate the necessity of paying interest on money which we must borrow.

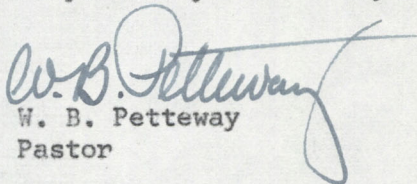
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The Women's Society of Christian Service, Methodist Men, and Methodist Youth Fellowships are a vital part of our Church program. The graded choir program is excellent and continues to augment Christian education.

We welcome Dr. C. D. Barclift as our District Superintendent and Bishop William R. Cannon as Resident Bishop of the Raleigh Area. We assure you that Duke Memorial will continue to try to set the pace among the churches of the Durham District.

Respectfully submitted,


W. B. Petteway
Pastor

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