REPORT OF THE PASTOR - 1991

"Top Priority" is the name we give to the most important concerns we have. When we give something top priority we push other things aside and concentrate our time and energy on that task. Here at Duke Memorial our purpose is clear, we have stated it in concise terms. It is: disciple making, disciple nurturing, disciple sending. That is our main business. We believe that our future rests with the recovery of a strong commitment to faithful discipleship within this local church.

There is evidence aplenty that we are seeking to be faithful disciples. Indeed I believe we have good cause to celebrate today. The strategy of strengthening and expanding ministries that respond to real needs is already paying dividends. Increasing numbers of children and youth in Sunday School and Worship are clear signs of hope. Wherever you look you will be encouraged by signs of growth - in our music program for all ages; our youth programs; our childrens ministries; the U.M.W.; the campaign for renewal; Habitat for Humanity; weekly opportunities for spiritual growth as well as Sunday School classes. Visitors and newcomers come seeking a church that provides dynamic ministries, possesses a vital spiritual life, and genuinely cares for people. I am grateful to God as I reflect on the achievements of this past year. Yet I am firmly convinced that we have only just begun. If we are to continue to build faithful disciples, there is much more to be done. Lyle Shaller, in one of his books, encourages the church to experiment with such ideas as - Sunday morning breakfasts for building fellowship, having two or three morning worship services designed to meet different faith needs, creating classes to minister to groups such as newly weds, singled-agains, those interested in social issues, etc. The bottom line of course, is that we must continue to assert that disciple-making, disciplenurturing, disciple-sending, is our main business.

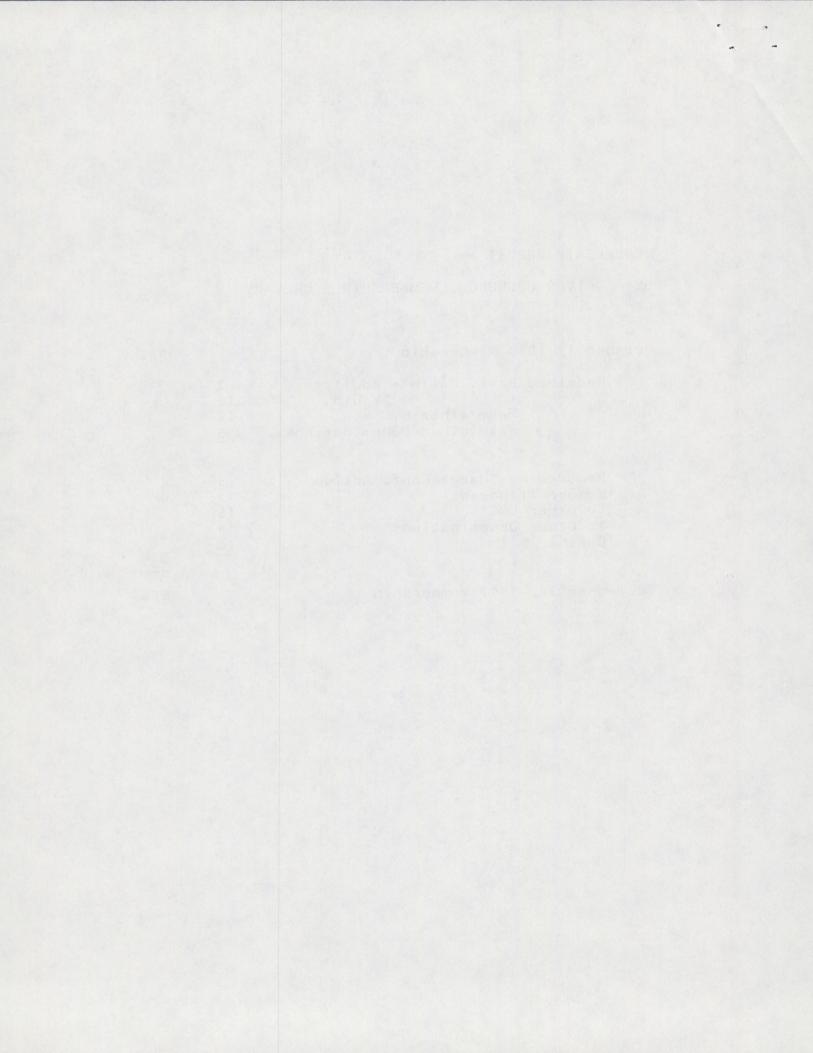
The achievements of the past year are due in large measure to a staff who have bonded into a ministry team and seek - in St. Paul's word's - to do all in the name of the Lord Jesus. It pleases me immensely, as I reflect on the work of the past year, to commend all the leaders - Council-on Ministry members, teachers, choir members, small group leaders, Habitat-for-Humanity workers, treasurers, secretaries, folders, and a host of others. We must not underestimate the cumulative effects of the work that has been done and the vital part these actions play in the shaping of faith and Christian discipleship. A genuine spirit of love spilled over in all directions.

I believe that we have much for which to give thanks to God. He has blessed us all the way. We have much to do. We have many new challenges to meet. May God help us in every circumstance to hold firmly to our top priority - to be a church that is making disciples, nurturing disciples, and sending disciples.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY: OLIVER UPCHURCH, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

October 1, 1990 Membership		982
Received Prof. Faith - Adults	2	
Youth	12	
From other UMC's	18	
From other Denominations	9	
		41
Removed by Charge Conf. Action	5	
Member Withdrawal	12	
To Other UMC's	15	
To Other Denominations	9	
Deaths	16	
		-57
September 30, 1991 Membership		966



CHARCE CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 1991

Fourth List Membership Status

Read at Charge Conference November 1989 Read at Charge Conference November 1990 To be read at Charge Conference November 1991

First reading from the pulpit December 31,1989 Second reading from the pulpit December 30, 1990 Third reading from the pulpit

May be removed after third reading from pulpit:

Edwards, Steven, Jr.
Fox, Kathryn L.
Fox, Thomas S.
Frady, Blanche
Herring, Mary C. Smiley
Johannesson, Larry N.
Johnson, Matthew W.
Johnson, Mrs. Matthew W.
Stuart, Marye Cunningham
Tillett, Boone D.

Fifth List Membership Status

Presented to Charge Conference November 1990 To be presented to Charge Conference November 1991 To be presented to Charge Conference November 1992

First reading from the pulpit December 30, 1990 Second reading from the pulpit Third reading from the pulpit

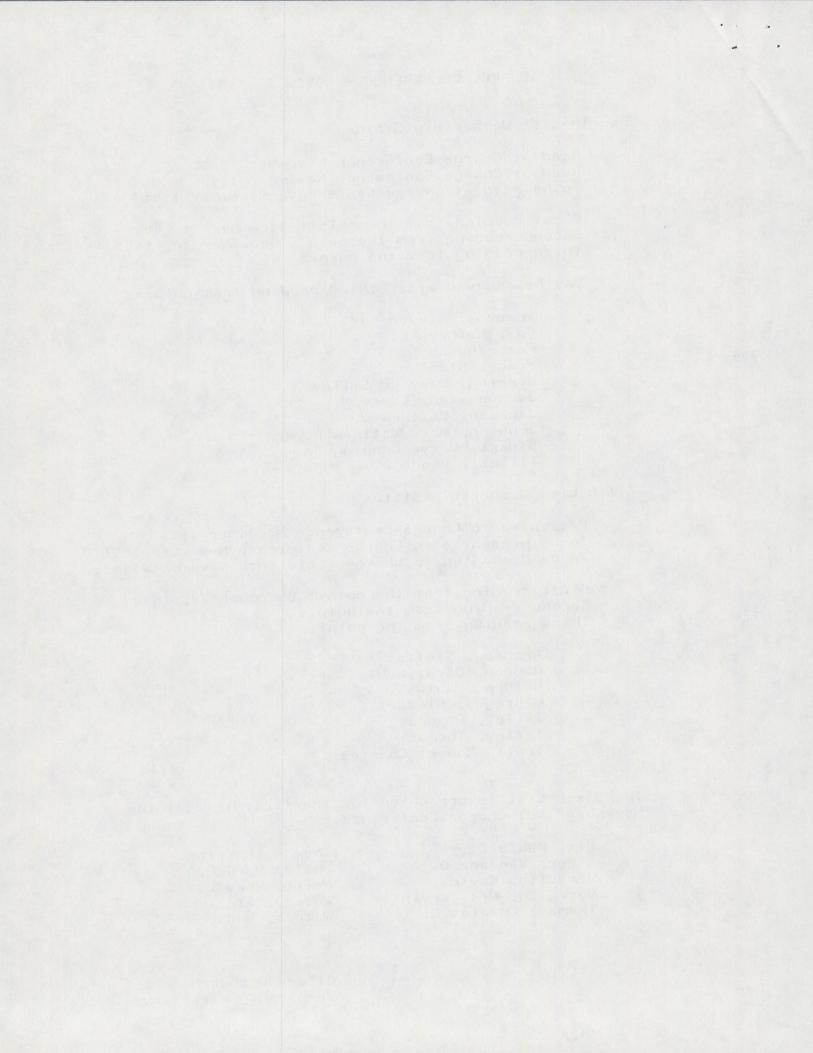
Araneda, Stella
Duncan, Carolyn H.
Holden, Paula S.
McGregor, Stewart
Tilley, Frances
Tilley, Thomas
Trull, Robert Charles

The Sixth List is presented for the first time at the November 1991 Charge Conference.

Hix, Paula C. Kiger, Janeane D. Meredith, Kevin Meredith, Mrs. Kevin Thomas, Charles C. II

Thomas, Charlene White, Mary E. Whitt, Mary E. Waters, Ato Waters, Nana

Oliver Upchurch Membership Secretary



REPORT OF PASTOR (SUPPLEMENT)

II. MEMBERSHIP

3 a. Alexander Nicholas Averell *
Corbin James Totten Forrester *
Duke Deaton
Katy Deaton
Katie Bland
Mallie Virginia Billing *
William Steed Rollins *
Andrea Raye Coble *
Spencer McRay Bland*
Wyatt Daniel Turrentine*
Grubbs *

Emilie Guerrant
Matthew Clinton Spence
Nathaniel William Spence
Lindsay Catherine Bradsher
Christopher Michael Bradsher
Stephen Mark Hays Coffman
Elizabeth Hays Coffman
Blair Hays Coffman

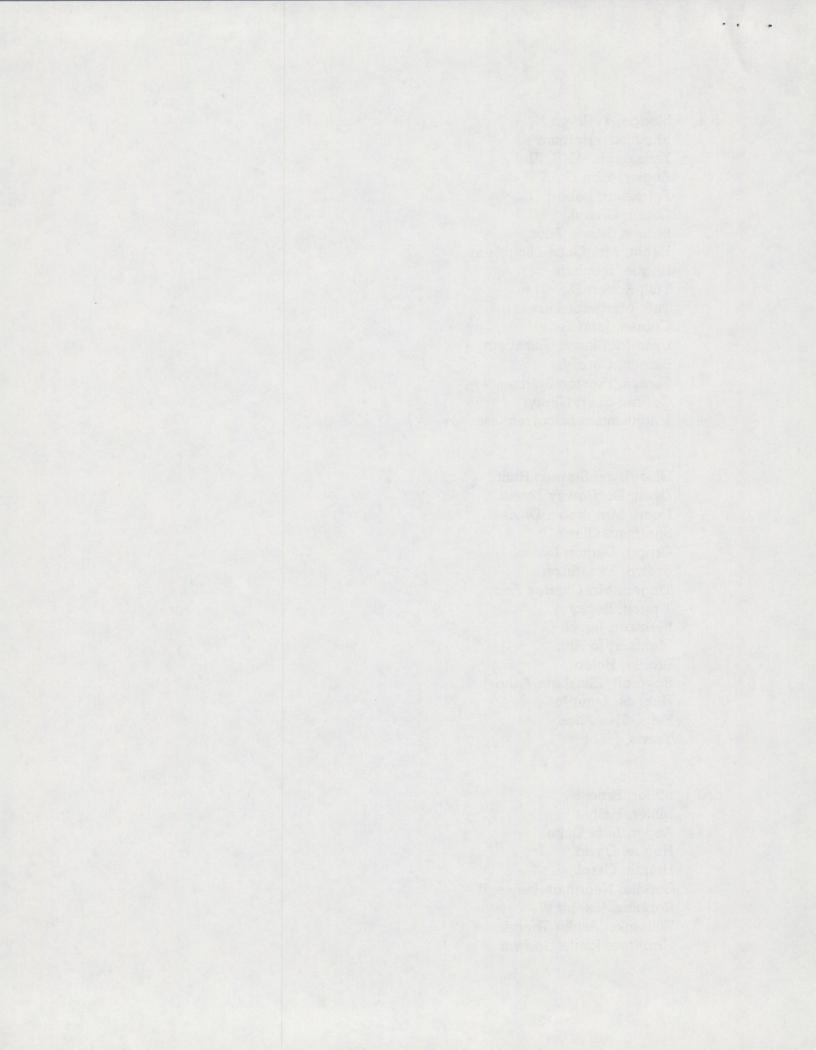
b. Thomas Ellis Allen Browning
Hilary Anne Coman
Adam Justice
Lynn Marie Medlin
Melinda Thumm
Jennifer Blake Teer
Amanda Starke Teer

^{*} baptized this year

5 a. Sledge, T. Bryce Rhinehart, Herman Yarbrough, E. S. III Angier, John C. III Ferguson, Robert D. Gaunt, Cheryl Bobbitt, Marie Allen Hecht, Mrs Gene Nicholson Hogue, Stephen Tull, Robert D. Tull, Margaret Teresa Coman, John S. Lyon-McManus, Elizabeth Barnes, Carol J. Barnes, Preston Sterling Conrad-Blair, Cheryl 1 adjustment to correct records

b. Dale, Lynn Stewart Hunt Dean, Dr. Dewey Levan Dean, Mrs. Robin Davis Sherman, Oliver Gregg, Carson Lynda Brown, Mrs. Suzan Tingen, Mr. Charles Andy Tingen, Becky Mentzer, James G. Mentzer, Jo Ann Brodie, Helen Roycroft, Elizabeth Anne Hughes, Lynn Jo Felts, Tise Alice Travis, Janet

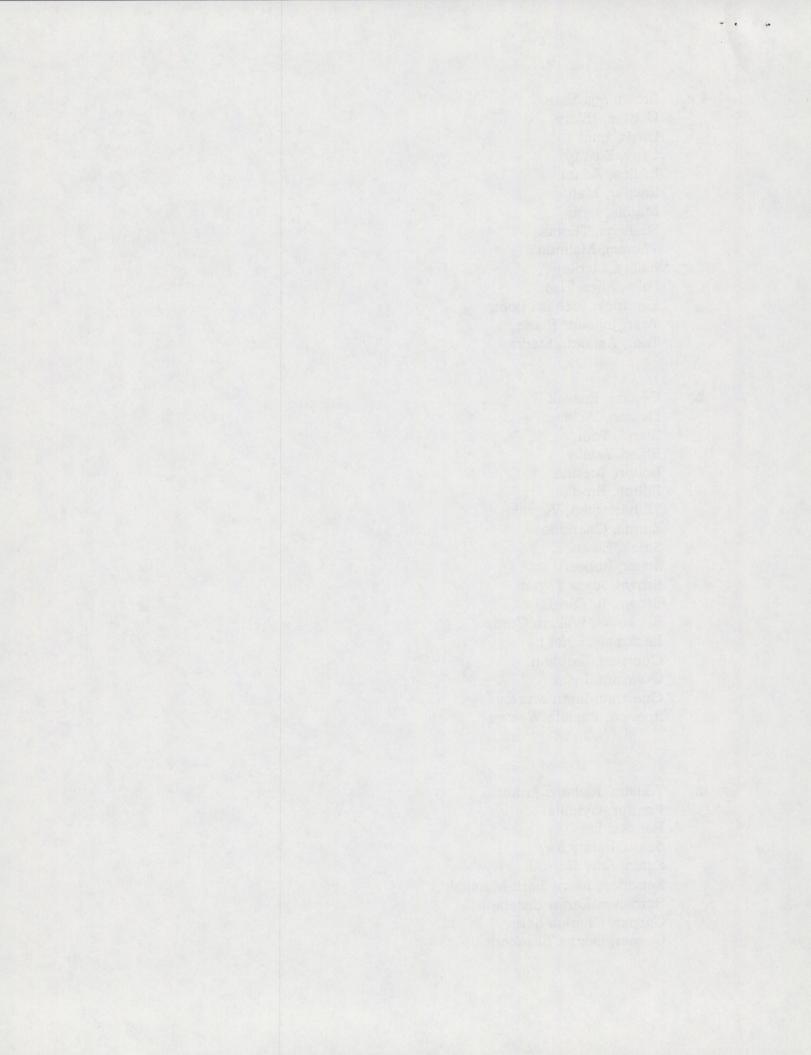
c. Miller, Ernest
Miller, Holly
Anger, Lida Duke
Hogue, David
Hogue, Carol
Boddie, Needham James, II
Robbins, Joseph W.
Wilbanks, Ashlin Thomas
Crabtree, Paula Godwin



4 a. Browning, Allen
Coman, Hilary
Davis, hunt
Gray, Kevin
Justice, Adam
Kaspar, Matt
Medlin, Lynn
Stallings, Thomas
Thumm, Melinda
Bailey, Lindley
Felts, Alice Tise
Kendrick, Richard Leon
Teer, Jennifer Blake
Teer, Amanda Starke

b. Deaton, Russell Deaton. Vickie Bland, Tom Bland, Adele Bolton, Brenda Bolton, Brooks Witherington, Virginia Kumm, Charlotte Stuck, Eleanor Stuck, Robert Brown, Anna Taylor Brown, II, Earl I. Beckman, William Cortis Beckman, Ethel J. Guerrant, Stephen Guerrant, Lynn Guerrant, Brian Murray Spence, Pamela Weaver

c. William, Richard Arthur
Ponder, Cynthia
Ponder, Jim
Sears, Randy Ray
Sears, Amy Carroll
Kendrick, Mary Stark Marshall
Bradsher, Karen Elizabeth
Carper, Charles Leon
Carper, Donna Elizabeth



DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH DEATHS IN 1991

January 18 Long, Russell

January 21 Cole, J. B.

February 24 Cole, Annie

February 27 Riley, Carrie

March 1 Carpenter, Edna

March 8 Coble, Dorothy Smith

March 26 Mathews, Mrs. Vera (Mrs. J. C.)

April 19 Vick, Marvin S.

May 2 Hoover, William H.

May 8 Brinkley, Byrd (Mrs. H. M.)

May 19 Green, Harvel W.

June 22 Guyer, William Boyd

July 10 Edwards, Ruth

September 28 Lane, Alberta Poe

October 1 - December 31, 1990

Williamson, Lina

Spears, Estelle Flowers

