

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, disciple-nurturing, 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.

REPORT OF THE BOARD

The Board of Directors has the honor to acknowledge the cooperation and assistance of the various departments and individuals who have made the preparation of this report possible. The Board is particularly indebted to the various departments for their cooperation and assistance in the preparation of this report.

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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	<u>9</u>	
		41
Removed by Charge Conf. Action	5	
Member Withdrawal	12	
To Other UMC's	15	
To Other Denominations	9	
Deaths	<u>16</u>	
		<u>-57</u>
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 G.
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

* baptized this year

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

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

