

UNDER THE GLITTER

Circuses have always fascinated me. When I was a child, the glitter and the pageantry were fascinating; I had no idea how demanding was the life of the performers. Having now another appreciation of the whole business, I marvel that any one, for any salary, will undertake the life of continual moving, exceedingly hard and often dangerous work, and continual cacophony of noise, movement and organized action. The difference between the way it looked to me as a child and what I see now is, I think, the ability to see under the glitter to the reality.

Many people come to Pentecost with something of the child's perspective of a circus. The account in Acts is exhilarating and puzzling at the same time. How often we come to a shattering halt over the esoterica of this account and fail to see what was taking place in the events of that far-off day. Those who yearn for a new Pentecost find themselves at times yearning for the "paraphernalia" of the day and drawing back from the reality. It is in the reality that we find the reason for this being one of the three great festivals of our faith in Jesus Christ.

That reality is that God gets through to people and that He has provided every means necessary that men may know Him and His way. It is in what this reality demands of us that many shrink back and either turn from the whole subject, or else prefer to concentrate on the "odd" behaviour of that day and avoid thinking about what was really taking place. The remembrance of a far-off event is only a historical celebration (though that can be very valuable) unless somehow, life is breathed into it and what happened long ago comes to have a real impact on us today. Pentecost promises this breathing in of life.

So we come to Pentecost 1977. What will God say to you on this special day? And, are you listening? I hope that together we can hear and respond.

-- Ed Smith

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NEW ARRIVAL: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry C. Mailey, 1015 Arnette Avenue, Durham, announce the birth of a son, Jonathan Carl Mailey, on May 17, 1977 at Durham County General Hospital. Congratulations and best wishes to this fine family.

MORE ABOUT A CHURCH VAN: We continue our interest in acquiring a Church Van to fill a dozen or more transportation needs of our Church. So far, we have accumulated funds totaling less than one sixth of the Van investment and urgently need a lot more financial support of this project to make it a reality. All contributions, small or large, will help. Mark same "Van Fund" and leave in sanctuary or Church Office.

-- Nick Fagan

TRANSPORTATION NEEDED: Mrs. Hodnett, a resident of the Carolina Rest Home on Colcough Avenue (NE), needs a ride to and from Sunday School and Morning Worship. Any persons willing to provide transportation on a regular basis or for one or two times, please contact Nick Fagan or the Church Office.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES will be honored with a luncheon on Sunday, June 5, 1977 right after the Morning Worship Service. The luncheon is being planned by our college and working youth and will be for the graduates and their families.

SUNDAY, 29 MAY 1977, Pentecost

The Epistle: Acts 1:2-11

The Sermon: "Then Came the Spirit"

Acolytes: Dawn Lampley and Karen Connery

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. William B. Guyer

Junior Church Leaders: Polly & Ben Mixon

Carolyn Shipp, music

BAZAAR WORKSHOP LUNCH BUNCH covered dish luncheon at Mrs. A. B. Craig's, 3522 Westover Road, Wednesday, June 1, at 12:30 p.m.

Workshops will be every Wednesday thereafter at the church from 10:00 a. m. until 2:00 p. m. Bring a sandwich if you can stay for lunch.

CURIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE SCHEDULE:

Sunday, May 29

1:30 A. m. Controversy over the Unification Church - Part I

8:30 A. M. Controversy over the Unification Church - Part II

OUR KNOWN HOSPITAL SICK to be remembered in your prayers:

DCGH: Nancy Marshall 7315

Hall Miles 4131

Minnie Edwards 6112

Duke: Otis Kimrey 2121 Minot

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OUR GRADUATES

Congratulations and good wishes to our graduates in the classes of 1977! This week we will recognize college graduates and next week we will list high school graduates. In response to our request for notification, the following names have come to the church office:

<u>UNC-Chapel Hill</u>	<u>N. C. Wesleyan</u>
Herbert Clark	Salley Smith
Jeanne Robbins	<u>Meredith</u>
Tim Harrell	JoAnne Bowles
<u>Duke</u>	Beth Veasey
Tom Clark	<u>N. C. State</u>
Cheryl Means	Linda Phelps
<u>Duke Divinity School</u>	<u>UNC-Wilmington</u>
William Green	Nancy Van Vleet
<u>Bryn Mawr College</u>	<u>Duke School of Nursing</u>
Carolyn Truesdale	Beth Whanger
<u>Emory</u>	<u>University of Virginia</u>
Bill Tyor	Donald Earl McCracken
<u>Davidson</u>	(Master's Degree)
Nancy McCracken	

Your help is asked that we may complete this listing in another edition of the "Messenger".

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE: This committee will meet Tuesday evening, 31 May, at 7:30 in the library. Suggestions and comments as to work of members of the church staff should be made to committee members prior to the meeting. Members of the committee are: Mrs. Shirley Few, chairman; R. R. Few, T. S. Coble, Dr. W. E. Hammond, General J. W. Holsinger, Mrs. S. L. Mortland, C. E. Phillips, Jr., Marshall T. Spears, Jr., Richard Haynes.

PENSION PROGRAM FOR MINISTERS

Have you ever wondered how the United Methodist Church takes care of its pension program for Ministers? Each church contributes to the Pension Fund through the "single figure asking" and the Annual Conference sets the "per service year rate." The 1976 Conference set the annuity rate at \$82 per service year. This means that if a minister has served 40 years he would receive a pension of $\$82 \times 40 = \3280 per year. Widows of ministers receive 70% and dependent children 25%.

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SUNDAY, MAY 22, 1977

ATTENDANCE

Church School.....289
Morning Worship.....394

FINANCIAL REPORT

Due each week	\$	3,802.41
Received last Sunday		1,264.55
Received to date		82,083.63
Needed through last Sunday		79,850.61

A NOTE TO WORKING PARENTS: This summer Asbury United Methodist Church will offer a day camping program for children completing first-sixth grades. The structure will be closely supervised activities, with instruction and recreational play. Facilities will be open at 7:00 a. m. and close at 6:00 p. m. Cost will be \$20 per week, with special rates for two or more in the same family, or for all summer participation. Activities will include sports, picnics, swimming, singing, arts and crafts, drama, etc. This program is designed to provide constructive activities for the school-aged children of working parents during the summer months. You might want to explore this option for your child(ren). Do so by contacting Miss Cathy Phillips at Asbury Church.

NEW BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY

Recently persons were given the opportunity to recommend books for purchase. The following taken from these recommendations have been purchased and processed for circulation:

1. Augsburg - The Love Fight - Family life and marriage.
2. Good News Bible - The Bible in today's English version - Used by Dr. Bailey in his recent meditations with us.
3. Miller - The Becomers - about Christian Life.

Floral Art in the Church by Jack Inman has been given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hibberd, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Strickland.

The H.E. Spence Class has given a beautiful volume, Colorful London, in memory of J. N. Highsmith.

We are grateful for these additions to our collection.