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DOES IT WORK?

Many of us are more concerned about practice than theory. Few would be in the position of a certain college president who said, "I know it works; but is the theory sound?" We are often pragmatists and with good reason.

Sometimes people come to the Gospel and the Church and wonder, even aloud, "Do they work?" Such questioning is not new and is known in the Scriptures. The book we call First John is a book designed to give some very clear understanding on whether a person has saving faith or not; on whether a person is the real thing, or more like a hollow shell.

For St. John or whoever wrote the book, the question is of the love of God in human life and experience. I know of few statements, in Scripture or out of it, where the questions are put in a blunter form, than in St. John's writings. John does not hesitate to use rather strong language, to call a man a liar, if indeed his life and his claims do not come together.

For the next two Sundays, we are going to be examining two particularly pointed sections of I John. If you are interested in some "home work" that can be useful to you for understanding and for orientation as we come to these hours together, read the whole short book several times. Read it preferably in a version in contemporary speech. Read it in terms of "Does it work?" Who knows -- if it hasn't already worked for you, this might be the time of beginning!

-- Ed Smith

RESIGNATION: Diane Blosser who has been a wonderful church hostess for nine months has resigned, effective 10 June, to go to Texas with her husband. There Jim will pursue his post-doctoral research, a project which brought them to Durham and to us in the first place. We shall all miss Diane, her cheerful and efficient ways, and her gracious manner of getting things done. We wish them well and hope that in good time, they may come back to Durham.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD members are reminded of the postponed (because of Annual Conference) meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 14 June, 7:45 in the Bradshaw Room.

SYMPATHY: The congregation and pastors express their love and sympathy to Mrs. Henry D. Harris, 1210 Ruffin Street, because of the death of Mr. Harris on Tuesday, 31 May.

YARD SALE: The Open Door Class is holding the second installment of its fund raising "yard sale" on June 11th from 9:00 a. m. - 3:00 p. m. in the area next to the church parking lot. Lot's of "good stuff" and maybe even some baked goods and plants. Please come by!

A GIFT has been made to the Van Fund of Duke Memorial Church in memory of Mrs. Robert M. Blackburn by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bivins.

CURIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE SCHEDULE:

June 12 1:30 a. m. A Musical Approach to Christian Education
8:30 a. m. Healing:the Unity Way

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. W. E. Whitford who was presented Citizenship of the Year Award by the Durham Civitan Club recently.

CONGRATULATIONS to Carrie Wentz who has graduated from UNC, Chapel Hill. Carrie's name was omitted from our previous list. If there are others that we do not know about, please notify the Church Office.

PLAYPENS - The church has three portable "playpens" which make excellent beds for toddlers when company comes or grandchildren are visiting. These playpens are available on loan for short periods. If you need one, contact Kay Herman, phone 544-2676.

THE CONFERENCE MUSIC WORKSHOP AND CONCERT TOUR for youth will be held June 20 - 26. The concluding concert will be on Sunday, June 26, 7:30 p.m. in Duke Memorial Sanctuary.

TRANSFER: Miss Margaret Virginia Smoot of the Methodist Retirement Home has transferred her membership to St. Paul United Methodist Church in Goldsboro, N. C.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, JUNE 12

The Epistle: I John 4:16b-21

The Sermon: "Does It Work?"

Acolytes: Roy Forrester, Jr. & Mike Hammond

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lawrence

Junior Church Leaders:

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Forrester

Mrs. W. L. Shipp, music

Altar Guild Workers:

Nancy Hall 477-7032

Hilda Coble 286-2697

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CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JUNE 12 - 18, 1977

Sunday 9:45 a. m. Church School
10:55 a. m. Morning Worship
6:00 p. m. Jr. and Sr. UMYF
Monday 6:30 p. m. Circle 4 Covered Dish Supper in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday 6:00 p. m. Katie Johnson Class Picnic in Fellowship Hall
7:45 p. m. Administrative Board in Bradshaw Room
Wednesday 10:00 a. m. Bazaar Workshop in Fellowship Hall
Thursday 7:30 p. m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday and Saturday Church Camping at Kerr Lake

KERR LAKE FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND - OVERNIGHT OUTING and/or CHURCHWIDE PICNIC
June 17-18 June 18

If you like overnight camping, or if you just like a fun day of fellowship activities centered around a fantastic picnic spread - then you'll like our plans for FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND at Kerr Lake.

For overnight campers: Three kinds of camping are available to you. A-frame cabins have been reserved tents are available to be borrowed from the church; electrical hook-ups are available for your own campers.

You may begin arriving at Kerr Lake any time after 2:00 p. m. on Friday. Doris and Harry Rodenhizer are co-ordinating this event and they will be on hand to provide any assistance you require. Bring your own food for the weekend. Some cooking help will be available from the Rodenhizer trailer; otherwise, plan on rustic cooking over a fire.

Friday's Schedule of Activities: Vesper Service at 8:00 p. m. followed by Campfire and Marshmallow Roast.
Welcome and Initiation of Sophomores to Senior High UMYF.
Taps at 11:30

Saturday's Activities: Nature Hike at 10:00 a. m. led by David McConnell.

CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP PICNIC at 1:00 p. m. ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH ARE URGED TO JOIN THE CAMPERS AT THIS TIME!!!!!!!!!!!!

Bring: food to spread, drink, lawn chairs if you desire them, any recreation equipment you think would be fun. A launching ramp is available if you want to bring a boat.

Recreation opportunities include swimming, group singing, volleyball, softball, (UMYF challenges parents!!!) horseshoes, etc.

REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY FOR OVERNIGHT CAMPING (Not for the Picnic on Saturday - Just come!)

Please indicate below that you will be attending and reserve the appropriate sleeping facility that you will need. Send to Church Office by Monday, June 13.

Name

Number

Reserve: _____ A-frame cabin _____ Tent _____ Trailer Hook-up