

GONE -- AND FOR GOOD!

Boarding an airliner cannot compare to the thrill of boarding the long procession of cars in a train. In the town in which I grew up, located nearly mid-way from New York to Florida, seventeen cars could line up alongside the loading platform. There were several trains each day, each way. Always a crowd would watch the incoming train, the "stand", observe the speedy unloading and loading, hear the "b-o-o-o-ard" of the conductor and see his arm wave to the engineer in the distant locomotive and then carefully note the application of traction power -- in that crowd were many people besides children and hangers-on with nothing better to do. In a real sense, those trains coming into our little town and then speeding away made a link with the "outside" world.

Now and then, some one could be seen who almost made it on time. Usually such people saw the rear platform receding in the distance and had the realization that one or two minutes delay along the way had cost them at least the wait for the next train. To those who gave the comforting word, "There'll be another train in four hours" or whatever was the time limit, I have often heard such frustrated travelers reply, "Yes, but my train is gone and I'll never get it."

A few experiences in life are unique and we hope they will so remain. Most of what happens to us comes in experiences that can be lived again but never quite repeated. Miss a television program and you have the prospect of re-runs, if only you can find them. On Derby Day, how many times did you see Seattle Slew win the race? In many relationships, we presume that what happens on a given day makes little difference because there will be a tomorrow to catch up on it.

Is it not more realistic and true to life to admit that what we miss at any one time is like the train disappearing down the track -- "there goes my whatever it is"? What happens today is what can't be repeated; today will not be around again. There may be something like it but the today is gone, for good.

Remember Jesus' word: "Take no thought for tomorrow". One sound understanding of that word is that today is to be lived in His grace, love, wisdom, guidance to us. What's gone is gone for good. Let's live today - and love it as we love the Lord!

-- Ed Smith

NEW MEMBERS: Our newest members are:

Mrs. Arthur R. (Jean) Charlesworth, Apt. 8-E, 1600 Anderson Street, Durham, 27707. Her telephone is 489-1291. She comes to us by transfer from First UMC, Ormond Beach, Florida, and was received into our fellowship 29 June. Her husband was a member of the Florida Annual Conference for forty-two years. One of their children is Dr. James Charlesworth of Duke Divinity School and the Center for the Study of Christian Origins. Dr. and Mrs. Charlesworth (Jim and Gerry) along with their children, Michelle, Eve and Jim, are part of our church family.

Mrs. Agnes C. Greenfield who lives in the Health Center of the Methodist Retirement Home, 2616 Erwin Road, was received into our membership Friday, 1 July, in a service in the chapel of the Health Care Center. Her membership is transferred from Haygood Memorial UMC, Atlanta. Her son, Dr. Joseph Greenfield, and his family are Duke Memorial members also.

A call, a visit or a note to these new members will bless them and you. And do remember always to post new members in your directory!

FRIENDS OF ELIZABETH CHESSON will regret to learn that she has been taken ill while visiting relatives in Hampton, Virginia. Mail will reach her c/o Cecil Burtner, 229 Watkins Dr., Hampton, Va. 23369

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO:

Lisa Holland Powell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Powell, who graduated from Wake Forest in May receiving a Doctor of Laws Degree.

Mary Elizabeth (Beth) Lyon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Lyon, who graduated from Wake Forest in May receiving an MD Degree.

MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION:

In memory of Mrs. Alberta Ballenger by:
The Lillie Duke Church School Class

Good Samaritan Fund

In memory of Mr. J. E. Jenkins by:
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. White, Jr.

Van Fund

In memory of Mr. Arthur Knight and Mr. Alton Knight by:
Mrs. W. E. Alley

Gift made by Mr. and Mrs. Jack B. Cliff in loving memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene O. Turrentine and Mr. and Mrs. Horace G. Cliff

SUNDAY, 17 JULY 1977

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Epistle: Romans 6:3-11

The Sermon: "What's New?" -- Mr. Wallace

Acolytes: Beth Buehler and Christie Bollinger

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hall

Junior Church Leaders:

Dr. and Mrs. June Stallings

Mrs. Sarah McCracken, music

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APPRECIATION: The luncheon prepared and served by the Homebuilder's Class last Sunday was a delightful occasion for which all of us are grateful to them. The Van Fund benefited significantly; all who were present found it a reason for joy. What would be your reaction to a luncheon on a set Sunday each month basically for the fellowship and, should occasion present itself, to benefit a good cause?

SYMPATHY AND LOVING CONCERN are expressed to Miss Lelia Clark, Hillhaven Nursing Center, LaSalle Street, because of the death of her mother, Mrs. Lena R. Clark, in Greenville, N. C., Sunday, 10 July; and to Mrs. Floyd Goodrich because of the death of her husband on Thursday, July 7.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 10 July 1977

Church School.....256
 Morning Worship.....338

FINANCIAL REPORT

Due each week	\$ 3,802.41
Received last Sunday	6,699.25
Received to date	108,053.94
Needed through last Sunday	106,467.48

OUR KNOWN HOSPITAL SICK to be remembered in your prayers:

DCGH:	J. A. McLean	7307
	Joyce Musselwhite	5313
	Frances Harvey	CICU-3
	Marion Montgomery	5321
Duke:	James Heizer	Cabell 3313
Wake Memorial in Raleigh	Ruth M. Berry	MCU

THE FAMILY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS: Come see what we have to offer:

Tuesday, July 19

Camping, Birding and Backpacking as a Family Experience - Bradshaw Room
 Crochet and tatting - Library
 Gymnastics for children - 3 year old nursery room
 Quilting - Parlor
 Kitemaking for beginners and old hands - Fellowship Hall
 Refinishing Furniture

Thursday, July 21

Camping, Birding and Backpacking as a Family Experience - Bradshaw Room
 Gymnastics for Children - 3 year old nursery room
 Quilting - Parlor
 Volleyball Free-For-All - Front Lawn
 How to make homemade ice cream (with tasting party!) - kitchen
 Refinishing Furniture

We hope you can come at least one night if not both and have a good time with us. Activities each night will start at 7:30 and wrap up by 9:00. A Nursery will be provided.

FALL FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS meet every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sandwich if you can stay for lunch. We need volunteers who can quilt, decoupage, framepictures, crewel or crochet. If you care to help, call Kay Herman, 544-2676 or Carol Lawrence, 471-1061.

We need jars for jellies, pickles, and preserves, Persian wool or partial skeins of needlepoint yarn, lace trims and ricrac, knitting yarn, and items to be sold in the children's room, also, plastic bags. These may be brought to the church office.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JULY 17 - 23, 1977

Sunday	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	6:00 p. m.	Junior and Senior UMYF
Tuesday	6:30 p. m.	Roaring 20's Recreation
	7:30 p. m.	Family School of the Arts
Wednesday	10:00 a. m.	Craft Workshop
	9:30 a. m.	Days of Discovery
	7:30 p. m.	Senior High Bible Study at the Word Clarks 3608 St. Marks Road
Thursday	7:30 p. m.	Family School of the Arts
Friday	6:30 p. m.	Singles Again Covered Dish Supper and Swim Party (Children included) Colony Hill Club House, Colony Road
Saturday		Volley Ball Tournament at Kerr Lake