

# DUKE MEMORIAL NEWSLETTER

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## WHAT MAKES IT GROW?

About a year ago, a kind person sent a plant to be placed in the office where I spend some hours every day. To this day I do not know the name of the plant. Not only am I ignorant of the name; I have no knowledge at all of what the plant requires by way of moisture, temperature, fertilization and the like. It takes a good imagination to think of any one who could know less about this plant than I do. Yet, I've enjoyed it for the whole year. Located where it is, others have shared in enjoyment of it. So far as I can tell, the total care it has received is a good watering when I find that the soil has become really quite dry. The only way I can think to account for its excellent health is that the person who gave this plant to us knew in detail about where it would be placed and selected a plant that would thrive on what Daniel Moynihan called "benign neglect".

When I look at this plant, many things come to mind. One of course is real gratitude for the gift and the giver who means much to me. Then I get to thinking of how plants can be moved and transplanted; from that, I go on to people moving about in our world. This leads me to thought of people who come to our town. Few people thrive on benign neglect, Moynihan notwithstanding. And so on I go to the concern as to what we do to help newcomers in our community find the sort of framework of life in which they can be happiest and most productive.

Nearly every Sunday, there are visitors and/or newcomers in our congregation. All of us share the opportunity of making them welcome so that we become part of each other and all of us together make up the Body of Christ here. I may not know what makes the plant grow; but I do know what makes the Body of Christ grow. It is His love manifested through His servants. What are you doing to make this Body grow?

-- Ed Smith

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THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD will meet in the Bradshaw Room, Tuesday evening, 9 August, at 7:45 p. m.

EVERY MEMBER VISITATION MAJORS will meet with Tom Coble in the Library on Tuesday, 9 August, at 6:45 p. m.

CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP SCHOOL sessions in Fayetteville at Methodist College are scheduled for Friday - Sunday, 5-7 August, and Sunday - Wednesday, 7-10 August. Advance registration is desirable but not essential. There are course offerings and interest area activities scheduled for virtually every function of leadership in the Church.

SERVING PIECE of silver was left at Betty Craig's home after the bazaar covered dish luncheon. If it is yours, please come to the church office and claim it.

### SUNDAY, 7 AUGUST 1977

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Epistle: I Corinthians 10:1-13

The Sermon: After Blessings, What?

Acolytes: Brett Henry and Ryan Evans

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Forrester, II

Junior Church Leaders: Robert L. Wallace

Carolyn Shipp, music

Altar Guild Workers for August:

Minnie Mae Franklin 528-0388

Pat Henry 477-5204

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IN MEMORIAM  
 Mrs. Mary Louise N. Gibson  
 July 30, 1977  
 "I am the Ressurrection and the Life"

SYMPATHY and loving concern is expressed by the congregation and pastors to the family of Mrs. J. E. Gibson, 912 Rome Street, who died Saturday, 30 July 1977.

ATTENDANCE Sunday, 7 August 1977

Church School.....251  
 Morning Worship.....331

FINANCIAL REPORT

Due each week	\$ 3,802.41
Received last Sunday	3,938.45
Received to date	117,273.33
Needed through last Sunday	117,874.71
Deficit	601.38

OUR KNOWN HOSPITAL SICK to be remembered in your prayers:

DCGH:	Jane Vaughan (Mrs. W. T. Jr.)	5334
	Mildred Darkis (Mrs. F. R.)	6108
	Elsie Smith	Cardiac Unit
Duke:	Rubye Young (Mrs. J. D.)	Cushing 3119
	Martha Love (Mrs. J. R. Jr.)	NSU 5110
	Wixie Parker	Hanes 2218

CURIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE SCHEDULE:

August 7	1:30 a. m.	Youth Express Faith Through Film-Part I
	8:30 a. m.	Youth Express Faith Through Film-Part II

VAN DAY will come to its close on 20 August with a barbequed chicken supper prepared by the Chicken Cookin' committee chaired by Harry Rodenhizer. This meal will be excellent, served from 5 to 7 p. m. in the Fellowship Hall, and advance tickets may be had through the Church office from today through Tuesday, 16 August. They are priced at \$3.00 for adults and \$1.75 for children. Since the seating space for the meal is limited, early purchase is adviseable.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 7 - 13, 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
	6:45 p. m.	Every Member Canvass Majors in Library
	7:45 p. m.	Administrative Board in Bradshaw Room
Wednesday	10:00 a. m.	Craft Workshop in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	7:30 p. m.	Van Committee in Library