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## AND NOW, THE TIME IS HERE!

For several months, you have been reading, hearing (and I hope, praying) about the Pension Funding Crusade of the North Carolina Conference. As with all carefully scheduled and planned events, there is a time when we move from talking, reading and praying to the actions to which these preparatory activities lead us. Sunday, 25 March, is that day of action for all churches in our Conference.

So far as I can determine, in every Conference where such a crusade has taken place, the response has exceeded the goals set by the Conference. There has been some unhappiness with scheduling and with what has sometimes appeared to be duplication of work; but there has been no criticism heard of the goal being undertaken, or of its worth. This is not the time to review all the things that can possibly be said in support of this effort. I rather think that we may be at the saturation point in that. If questions remain as to what is being undertaken, please call me and I will give you the answers as I know them.

It is now time to act. "They cared for us - now we care for them" is the theme of this Crusade. We are dealing with people, some of whom are aged and unwell and would in the best of circumstances have difficulty in coping with life. Others are quite strong and healthy and as vigorous as ever. All have given their years of life in service of our Lord and His Church. We are asked to give now, to give more, that they have more. It is just that simple.

The kind of people you are, the kind of Christian response you always make, encourages me to believe that we shall answer this call as now we come to the time for action. Bishop Blackburn called all pastors of this Conference together in January that as a group, we make our pledges at one time. Now the call for action comes to each congregation, that again as a serving group, we respond together. The time is now. God bless you!

- - Ed Smith

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES will continue each Wednesday at 12:10 p. m. through Wednesday, 18 April 1979. The level of leadership and of interest has been very high. Your participation has blessed you - or your absence has impoverished you! Don't miss out on one of the great aspects of our life together.

A GIFT has been given to the Susan Lynne Cheek's Memorial Fund in memory of Mrs. Mary Lyon Terry Cheek by Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Boddie.

SUNDAY, 1 APRIL 1979, Mr. Settle will be the preacher for the morning service.

HOLY WEEK services will be Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, 12 March at 7:30 p. m. and Good Friday evening service at 7:30.

SUNDAY, 25 MARCH 25, 1979

Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Service: Holy Communion

Acolytes: Beth Buehler and Louise Few

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Settle

Junior Church Leader: Holly Eggleston

BIBLE READINGS MARCH 28 - APRIL 3, 1979

March 28	Judges	15 - 17
29	Judges	18 - 19
30	Judges	20 - 21
31	Ruth	1 - 4
April 1	1 Samuel	1 - 3
2	1 Samuel	4 - 7
3	1 Samuel	8 - 11

JUNIOR HIGHS will have a special program on Youth Service Fund. After supper at 6:00 o'clock Powell Osteen from Bethany United Methodist Church UMYF will be our guest speaker.

## LIBRARY ADDITIONS

The Law and the Elderly in North Carolina written by Lucy Strickland and Mason P. Thomas, Jr. and published by the Institute of Government, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has been added to the collection. Mr. Smith recommended this purchase, and we feel it to be a very valuable resource. It covers Income Programs for the Aged, Medicare and Medicaid, Nursing Homes, Estate Planning and other areas pertinent to the elderly. These subjects are defined, eligibility requirements are given, and laws governing each are specifically stated. We recommend for the young as well as the elderly.

War and Remembrance by Herman Wouk has been given by the H. E. Spence Bible Class in memory of William Boyd Horton, Jr. This is a novel of America at war from Pearl Harbor to Hiroshima. This is an epilogue of Wouk's The Winds of War. However, War and Remembrance is a complete story in itself and can be read without the prologue. The book has been on the New York Times Best Seller list for 20 consecutive weeks.

THE CROP WALK FOR HUNGER will be April 1 in Durham. The ten mile walk will begin from Wallace Wade stadium at 2:00 o'clock. Members of the Duke Basketball Team will be among the walkers. Proceeds will go to CPOP, the hunger arm of Church World Service. 25% of the money will go to Durham Meals on Wheels. Our UMYF will be walking. We encourage members of the church to sponsor them or to walk themselves.

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YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING  
Sunday, March 25  
4:30 - 5:45

Members of the Youth Council were recently elected by the Council on Ministries and were installed during a Worship Service in February.

The members of the Council are:

Jr. Highs

Davis Bagley, Christie Bollinger,  
Louise Few, Lisa Harris, Fuller Sasser

Sr. Highs

Houston Bagley, Carol Christmas,  
Ginger Clark, Mike Hammond,  
Jim McConnell

Adults

Melba Bartholomew, Margaret Anne Biddle,  
Polly Mixon, Don Settle, Butch Sherrill,  
Edith Toms, Cathy Wells, Alan Whanger.

Edith Toms is Youth Co-ordinator, and she will chair meetings of the Youth Council, which are scheduled for the fourth Sunday of each month at 4:30 p. m.

LENTEN LUNCHEON FOR MISSIONS  
March 28, 1979 - 12:30 p.m. - Whitford Hall  
Tickets may be purchased at the Church  
Office or from UMW Circle Chairmen for  
\$ 3.25 each.

OUR NEWEST MEMBER: Last Sunday, Mrs. B. F. (Laura) Boone, 1308 West Markham Avenue, became a member of Duke Memorial by transfer from First UMC, Wilson. Her telephone number is 286-3968. Her husband was a member of the North Carolina Conference. A visit, telephone call or a note of welcome will be good for all of us.

HOSPITALIZED: DCGH:

Lizette Dunham	5310
Natalie Harris	4129
Pearl McRae	6109

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 18 March 1979  
Church School.....234  
Morning Worship.....367

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Needed each week	\$ 3,931.85
Received last Sunday	3,508.18
Received to date	46,235.28
Needed through last Sunday	43,250.35

CHURCH CALENDAR MARCH 25 - 31, 1979

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Holy Communion
	12:15 p. m.	Pension Crusade Luncheon
	3:00 p. m.	Acolyte Training
	4:30 p. m.	Youth Council
	5:00 p. m.	Children's Choirs
	6:00 p. m.	UMYF
	7:00 p. m.	Apocalyptic Study
Wed.	12:10 p. m.	Devotions led by Jean Charlesworth
	12:30 p. m.	Luncheon for Missions
	6:00 p. m.	Visitation Supper
	7:30 p. m.	Circle 7, Bradshaw Room
	7:45 p. m.	Council on Ministries
Thurs.	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	7:00 p. m.	Singles Again

**STUDY TOUR: "John Wesley, The American Years"**

The Council on Ministries is proposing a Study Tour to St. Simon's Island, Georgia, as part of our church's Wesley emphasis during the month of May.

We will be staying at Epworth-By-The-Sea. We'll visit the Wesley Museum, see the Wesley Oak, and study together about John Wesley's experiences in America and how they set the stage for his conversion. We will also visit Christ Church founded by John and Charles Wesley, Fort Fredrica and other places of religious and historical interests.

Dr. Arthur Kale will be the Resource person leading our study during the trip.

We'll travel by Van (and additional cars, if necessary.) Van costs will be paid by the Commission on Education.

We estimate that lodging and meals will cost approximately \$75.00. Each person will handle his/her own finances, so costs can vary by individual choice.

DATES OF THE STUDY TOUR WILL BE MAY 7 - 10. We will travel on Monday and Thursday.

Reservations have to be confirmed at St. Simon's by Friday, April 13. Please contact the church office soon if you are interested. At least eight reservations are required by April 13 or the trip will be cancelled.

Please include me on the Study Tour to St. Simon's Island, May 7-10, 1979.  
A \$5.00 reservation fee is enclosed.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_