

WHAT DID IT MEAN?

God gives to us, in degrees that vary as we are different persons, the ability to consider what has happened that involved us and therefrom to draw the meaning that the event has given us. Many of us do this best in reflection over periods that come to be rather lengthy. The greater the event, the longer the period of reflection and meditation that goes into the effort to understand what really happened.

In this manner, many of us reflect on our personal lives as well as the events that shape our community and our world. I suspect some few never really bother to try to find meanings, but are content to run along with life's currents. This is likely the least demanding way one can live. It is also surely the way to guarantee that no creative contribution will be made and that our days will bring nothing to light that will benefit our fellow man over a long period.

In the Christian perspective - and I pray that is the one from which I view the world - the greatest event of all time focuses in Jesus of Nazareth. The watershed of history is His death and His resurrection. His world like ours was confounded with the claim that He had overcome death and burial. Ever since those days now so far away, Christians have pondered the meaning of these events.

St. Luke remembers that Simon Peter came to the tomb after Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Mary, the mother of Jesus, had reported that the body of their Teacher was gone. Peter ran to the tomb, looked in, beheld the grave wrappings "...laid by themselves, and departed, wondering..." (Lk. 24:12). He passed speedily from wondering to knowledge of the great event which had taken place. He spent the remainder of his life working out the consequences of that experience. He certainly reflected on it at great length.

All Christians join in reflection on what has been their experience with God and Jesus. In the days just following Easter, we ponder anew the meaning of the Resurrection. As the great festival days come in sequence, we are challenged to such reflective thought as a step in fulfilling our commitment in discipleship. Do we remember the words of our Lord Jesus, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all...thy mind." (Mt. 22:37)? The meaning of Easter is enhanced for us by our giving our best to trying to understand what it did and does mean. So we meet, so we pray, so we worship, so we study. Share in it!

-- Ed Smith

DO YOU KNOW anything about who presented to Duke Memorial the pulpit Bible now in use, the two chandeliers in the sanctuary, the original communion set with wooden trays? A committee appointed by the chairman of the Administrative Board and chaired by Eunice Mattox is working to complete preparation of pages for our Book of Remembrance. One of its tasks is to locate all memorial gifts to this church from the day of our organization which fall within the purview of "tangible, functional, permanent and for the life and total program of the whole church." A great deal of effort has gone into its work so far. The three items mentioned need clarification. If you can help, please telephone Mrs. Mattox, or the Church Office. Thank you.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins Sunday morning, 29 April. This means that we advance our timepieces one hour, i.e., move Saturday evening from 9:00 to 10:00 p.m. Avoid surprises on Sunday by being aware of this change taking place!

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Theme: "Let's Learn About the Wesleys"
 Sunday, 29 April, 6:00 p. m.
 Supper by Eva
 \$1.00 per person
 4.00 maximum per family

NEW ACOLYTES: On Palm Sunday, Wyatt Dixon III, Kelly Eggleston, Mary Ruth Mixon, Amy Tilley and Larry Tise were recognized as having completed training to be acolytes and were given pins in recognition of this standing as part of our corps of acolytes. Virginia Ballagh, chairman of the Altar Guild, presented recognition pins to our newest acolytes. We welcome them as part of the group of our members who lead us in worship.

CLEANLINESS IS NEXT to godliness is a proverb but not Scripture despite often being quoted as such. We are in the midst of a town-wide spring clean up week, sponsored by just about every agency in our community! Do yourself and every one else a favour - look over the place you live, your neighbourhood and see what you can do to make it lovelier. Then do it! - and now! We will all be glad.

FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS

for the Merry Month of May

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| May 2 | Yarn daisies for quilts - Louise Ervin |
| May 9 | Christmas felt ornaments - Pat Coman and Ann Clark |
| May 16 | Burlap flowers - Doris Brown |
| May 23 | Quilted pillows - Evelyn Lyon |
| May 30 | Regular Variety Workshop |

PLEASE COME!

UPPER ROOMS: The May - June Upper Rooms are available in the narthex of the church.

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Our 1979 Duke Memorial basketball season is over. It was marked by a first - the first girls' team! It was also marked by teamwork, improved skills, fair play, loyalty, practice, and commitment - all in all, making 1979 a very good year, indeed.

Appreciation is expressed to the following adults who led, supervised, consoled, instructed, supported, cheered, laughed with and devoted many hours to our young people:

Devan Brown	Rob Teer	Robert Young
Mike McKinney	June Stallings	Bert Collins

Appreciation is also expressed to the following young people who were so loyal and worked so hard all season:

<u>Biddies</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Mites</u>
Seton Amick	Alysa Adkinson	John Boy
Scott Bagley	Laura Burn	Ken Bradshaw
Lloyd Bailey	Michelle Charlesworth	Bert Collins
Tyrone Baines	Susie Couch	Gray Harris
Chris Brown	Kelly Eggleston	Edward Hinshaw
Walter Curtis	Kristin Fuller	Wilbur Johnson
Wyatt Dixon	Kelly Harris	Anthony Kirby
Matt Eggleston	Ellen Metzler	Michael Reade
Chris Goodwin	Mary Ruth Mixon	Tommy Tilley
Tommy Vaughan	Koren Sickles	Andrew Young
	Kristen Stallings	
	Kristen Teer	
	Amy Tilley	
	Edith Toms	

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY AND HOMECOMING 6 MAY: This will be one of the biggest days of our Church year. The worship service at eleven will have special music by friends who have been with us before; Maurice Ritchie will be the preacher; all of us will bring lots of covered dishes of our best culinary specialties for the covered dish dinner on the lawn. Only You can bring yourself, your family, friends, neighbours, former members of Duke Memorial. This is part of our May Heritage Month. Please do your part to make it a great day and a great time for all of us.

Remember, the event that opens it all is Sunday evening, 29 April, in Whitford Hall at six o'clock, a supper served by our hostess, Eva Martin, with a program for all ages, "Let's Learn About the Wesleys". No reservations are necessary - but you all come!

CIRCLE 7 will meet on Wednesday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. with Lorraine Desrosiers. All Those going will meet at 7:00 p. m. behind Kerr Drug Store at Northgate.

SYMPATHY: The pastors and congregation express their love and concern to Jack B. Cliff and his family because of the death of his sister, Mrs. Louise Cecelia Crews of LaGrange, Illinois on April 18, 1979, and to John B. Hardy because of the recent death of his sister in Kenbridge, Va.

BIBLE READINGS: MAY 2 - 8, 1979

May 2 II Kings 4 - 5	May 5 II Kings 11-13
May 3 II Kings 6 - 8	May 6 II Kings 14-15
May 4 II Kings 9 - 10	May 7 II Kings 16-17
	May 8 II Kings 18-20

A GIFT has been given to the Good Samaritan Fund in memory of Mrs. Lonie Long by Mr. and Mrs. A. LeRoy Cox.

NEW BABY: Holley Jean was born 11 April 1979 to Dr. and Mrs. Roger Barr. With joy we welcome this youngest member of our church family. The Barrs live at Route 2, Box 125, Chapel Hill.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 22 April 1979
Church School.....272
Morning Worship.....328

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Needed each week	\$ 3,931.85
Received last Sunday	6,747.45
Received to date	66,963.15
Needed through last Sunday	62,909.60
Past Pledges Received	280.00

HOSPITALIZED:

DCGH: Sara Barker	5304
Marvin Cole	5334
DUKE: Frank Bowers	Minot 2115

SUNDAY, 29 April 1979
Second Sunday after Easter
The Epistle: Hebrews 13:20-21
The Sermon: Better Than Good-Bye
Acolytes: Kelly Eggleston and Amy Tilley
Greeters: Anne and Nellie Garrard
Junior Church Leaders: Danny & Lynn Goodwin

CHURCH CALENDAR April 29 - May 5, 1979

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	5:45 p. m.	Carol and Junior Choirs
	6:00 p. m.	Fellowship Supper
Tues.	12:00 Noon	Weekday School Board
Wed.	10:00 a. m.	Fall Festival Workshop
	7:30 p. m.	Circle 7 with L. Desrosiers, 1919 West B St., Butner