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HAPPY AND BLESSED BIRTHDAY!

The ninety-third anniversary of the organization of the group of Christians that has become Duke Memorial Church will be observed Sunday, 6 May. Birthdays, whether of group organizations or of individuals, do have some meaning. For persons, they inevitably mean in time an accumulation of years and in due time, slowing of life's processes, lessening of strength, energy and all that years can bring. For groups depending on the continual renewal and revitalization by addition of members, such birthdays can be seen as marks on the way to larger usefulness.

The strength of a church is most likely measured in terms of the devotion of its members to God and in commitment to a united effort in His service. Books could be written in explanation and expansion of that one sentence. It would include everything done by way of Christian witness, stewardship and service, all life in prayer and spiritual growth, all outreach in evangelism, mission and community involvement. It would include faithful expression of concern for all ages, conditions, races, circumstances of people and for the life of the group in the context of community and world.

One way we may prepare ourselves for Homecoming is to give some thought to our own view of how we measure up to these kinds of criteria. This involves both statistical and subjective measurements. Often the latter is the more important though the former should never be dismissed as unworthy. Are we in fact being renewed, both by receiving into our fellowship newcomers in our community as well as by the renewing and re-creating power of God's Holy Spirit?

Another way of preparing for Homecoming is to read the history of our first ninety years. This work by a group of us led and inspired by Wyatt Dixon can "tune our fiddles" for the day and make us aware of all who have made this day possible.

There is the immediate practical preparation also - like invitations to former members and to present friends of the congregation; - like preparation of food ample for your own family group and at least two other persons; - like a resolve to rise early and stay long just in the joy of Christian fellowship and love. Practical preparation also stresses time in prayer for others and for ourselves that we really be God's family here gathered in remembrance, joy, thanksgiving and in re-commitment. You all come!!

- - Ed Smith

GIFTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE PENSION FUND

IN MEMORY OF

Walter Browning
Reverend Ernest Overton
Reverend and Mrs. John W. Hoyle, Sr.

GIVEN BY

Mrs. May B. Bivins, Wilmington, N. C.
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IN HONOR OF

Rev. E. C. Crawford and his wife, Blanche
Reverend Edward F. Smith

Mrs. Thelma Ray
Mr. and Mrs. Horace Fowler

JUNIOR HIGHS thank all those who made the car wash a success. We raised \$150.00 for Youth Service Fund.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will meet Friday, May 4, at 9:30 a.m. in Whitford Hall.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lynne H. Lawson who is graduating as an RN from Watts Hospital School of Nursing on May 4, 1979. Lynne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lawson. She will be leaving Durham on May 10 to further her education at East Carolina University.

BIBLE READINGS May 9 - 15, 1979

May 9	II Kings	21-23:20
10	II Kings	23:21-25
11	I Chron.	1 - 2
12	I Chron.	3 - 5
13	I Chron.	6 - 7
14	I Chron.	8 - 10
15	I Chron.	11 - 13

6 MAY 1979 - Third Sunday after Easter

Guest Preacher: B. Maurice Ritchie
Acolytes: Wyatt Dixon III and Larry Tise
Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Coble, Jr.
Junior Church Leaders:
Nell and Glen Brindley
Carolyn Shipp, music
Carol Christmas, assistant

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BAPTISMS: On Sunday, April 22, with thanksgiving to God, Andrew Storey, son of Clyde and Eydie Baucom, was baptized. He was born 16 March 1979.

Saturday, 21 April, with equal thanksgiving, in a private service, Cynthia Dawn (born 23 October 1974) and Phillip Michael (born 5 December 1978), children of Phillip E. and Anna Edwards Parrish, 1526 Camden Avenue, were baptized.

Sunday, 29 April, Thomas Ellis Allen, infant son of Don and Carolyn Browning, 412 Trotter Ridge Road, was baptized. He was born 29 November 1978. We rejoice and give thanks with Don and Carolyn.

GRADUATING THIS SPRING? Is there someone in your immediate family graduating from high school or college, or completing a Graduate course of study this Spring? Please call the church office and let us know these significant events. We would like to recognize the accomplishments of all graduates through the Messenger and your help will be greatly appreciated.

THANKS, CIRCLE 6!

Because of you, our infant nursery has a beautiful carpet, a fresh coat of cheery yellow paint, newly-painted furniture (to match!), and freshly scrubbed and new toys. You have helped to create a friendly and welcoming room for our babies.

We know that it has represented a real commitment of time from your busy schedules as young mothers to come to the church every Tuesday morning for several months to paint. Thanks, Circle 6, we appreciate what you have done!

DR. MYERS HONOURED: Sunday, 22 April, the Spence Class honoured one of its members with a very long service record who is a former teacher, Dr. H. E. Myers. Dr. Myers was pastor of Duke Memorial 1923 - 1925. A Bible, found in the church vault and exceedingly well-worn, was refurbished and rebound as a gift of a group of interested class members. This pulpit Bible was used during Dr. Myers' period as pastor and for a number of years thereafter. Ran Few spearheaded the project and made the presentation to the class.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WEEK OF MAY 6 - 12, 1979

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	12:15 p. m.	Dinner on Church Lawn
Mon.		Study Group goes to St. Simons Island
Tues.	6:00 p. m.	Methodist Men
	7:45 p. m.	Administrative Board
Wed.	10:00 a. m.	Fall Festival Workshop
Thurs.	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

YOUTH COUNCIL NOTES

Committees have been busily at work since our March meeting and good reports were made by Louise Few (Facilities Committee) and Houston Bagley (Summer Program Committee).

We decided to meet two Sunday nights a month, May - August, and to plan one "Big Event" for each of the three summer months. We will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

We will be able to send two delegates to ACS (Annual Conference Session for Youth) this summer. ACS will be July 15 - 20 at Methodist College. Any youth who has completed the 9th grade and who would like to be considered as a delegate, should contact Edith Toms before May 27. All expenses are paid by the church. It's a great opportunity to meet youth from all over the Conference and to bring lots of good ideas back to our UMYF. (Carol Christmas has been - talk to her about it.)

It is significant to note that the Junior Highs earned \$150.00 for Youth Service Fund at their Car wash. That means that they washed over 75 cars - a commendable feat!

THE ANTIQUE BRASS LAMP which enhances the beauty of the Guest Book Table in the narthex was given to the Church by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Phillips, Jr.

HOSPITALIZED: Duke: Frank Bowers, 2115 Minot

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will meet in the Bradshaw Room at 11:00 a. m. on Monday, May 7. In view of the publicity in the local media in recent weeks concerning child abuse in this area, we feel fortunate to have as our speakers Mr. Larry Stegall, Director of the Child Advocacy Commission in Durham, and Mrs. Norma VanVleet, one of our own members, chairman of the Child Advocacy Board.

Circles 1, 2 and 3 will meet at 10:00 a. m.

The luncheon will be served by Circle # 1, Mrs. Doris Rodenhizer, chairman.

All women of the church are cordially invited to attend.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 29 April 1979

Church School.....259

Morning Worship.....319

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Needed each week	\$ 3,931.85
Received last Sunday	2,427.91
Needed to date	69,391.06
Needed through last Sunday	66,841.45

UPPER ROOMS for May - June are available in the narthex of the church. We are now paying 25¢ per copy for them.

OPEN HOUSE AT METHODIST RETIREMENT HOME

May 15 from 2:30 until 4:00 p. m.

More in next week's Messenger.