

DUKE MEMORIAL MESSENGER

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THINGS CHANGE - AND REMAIN!

In churches, the "changing of the guard" as such does not usually take place. Rather, each year there are enough changes in leadership to incorporate new perspectives and outlook and enough persons continue in office to insure continuity of program and objectives. So last Sunday we recognized and installed the members of the Administrative Board for 1981. It is a large group and we are thankful for each one, both as a person as well as a witnessing Christian giving time, talent, interest and self in the joint leadership of Duke Memorial.

For a goodly number of people, those in the class of 1980 members at large of the Board, and also for some persons with particular jobs, the turning of the year removed them from membership. In the December 1980 meeting of the Board, Earl Brown spoke of the fact that for eighteen years either as a member at large of the Board or an ex officio member, he had shared in the leadership of the Church. Earl spoke of the sense of privilege and fulfillment which he had experienced during this time.

I would like to respond to Earl - and to all others who went off the Board or out of office - in terms of appreciation for service rendered to God through Duke Memorial. The strength of a church, humanly speaking, lies in the involvement, dedication and diversity of lay leadership. There surely is the strength of Duke Memorial. I pray it will ever be that way.

No one who goes off membership of the Board need feel that she/he is "put out to graze". Let a year lapse and the Committee on Nominations will be looking at the whole Church family for leadership possibilities once again. So we rotate off and expect to return another day, perhaps in a different capacity but one way or another, all of us will continue to do our part in the work to which God calls us through this Church.

This is, then, a word of thanksgiving - to those who have completed terms of service and to those who continue in tasks already begun. It is also a word of welcome to those who join in the leadership ranks with the beginning of 1981. Finally, it is a word of injunction to all of us that along with "fellowship" and "leadership" needs to go the word "followship" - and, whether it be a word or not, the meaning is clear! Together let us go forward as God's servants and in joy and thanksgiving for the privilege.

-- Ed Smith

MEMORIALS RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION

In loving memory of Word C. Clark by:
Mr. and Mrs. Herman E. Shoaf

In loving memory of Mrs. John Sally,
(mother of Mrs. Tom Coble) by:
Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. Johnston,
Memphis, Tennessee

LEADERSHIP TRAINING opportunities for every officer in the church are offered in the Durham District workshops to be held in Duke Memorial, Monday, 12 January, 7:30 - 9:30. Last week's Messenger gave many details. Re-read, come, profit - it's yours for the taking!

OFFERING ENVELOPES have been mailed to persons who regularly use them. If yours did not arrive, please call the Church Office, 688-1901, or Anne Clark, 489-3897. Thank you.

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REMINDER: U. M. W. is collecting used Christmas cards and cancelled stamps. Bring yours to the office anytime and they will be picked up there.

IT IS HELPFUL TO THE PASTORS to call the Church office when members of your family are hospitalized or are ill at home. Of the hospitals in the area, only Durham County General maintains a daily updated list of all patients by religious affiliation. This means that folks in Duke, VA, McPherson's and N. C. Memorial are known to us only when a family member or friend informs us. Please be that friend - thank you.

THE SYMPATHY AND LOVING CONCERN of the congregation and pastors are expressed to Mildred and Dillard Teer and their family because of the death of Mildred's mother, Mrs. Lyda A. Roycroft, Monday, 29 December 1980.

HOSPITALIZED:

DCGH:	Irvin Allen	5105
	Mary Lee Dennis	7328
DMC:	Joy Long	N-6129
	Marilyn Sellers	N-4102

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First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Epistle: Romans 12:1-5
The Sermon: Present the Present
Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Howard
Junior Church Leaders:
George and Tamela Davis
Carolyn Shipp, music

CHURCH CALENDAR JANUARY 11 - 17, 1981

Sunday	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	5:00 p. m.	Junior and Carol Choirs
	5:15 p. m.	UMYF
Monday	10:00 a. m.	Circle 10 with Mrs. Edwin Robertson, 1534 Hermitage Court
	7:30 p. m.	January Workshops
	8:00 p. m.	Midgets vs. Westminster/St. Stephens Basketball
Wednesday	7:00 a. m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Whitford Hall
	12:10 p. m.	Devotions and Lunch
	6:00 p. m.	Visitation Supper, Whitford Hall
	7:30 p. m.	Council on Ministries
Thursday	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday	7:00 p. m.	Mites vs. St. Stephens Basketball