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RIDE ON, CIRCUIT RIDER!

The traditional Circuit Rider of early Methodism kept at his task until death, which came at an early age for nearly all of them. Janet and I were once appointed to serve a circuit of five churches and we did our best at it. I even rode a horse and sometimes a mule while we were there - but such a mount was for either work (gardening) or recreation. To "ride the circuit" we relied on our venerable automobile. We sought to cover a large slice of Person county and about one-third of Caswell. This may enable me to identify with the early Circuit Rider in at least some ways!

The Circuit Rider of Duke Memorial in 1981 has had nearly all of us involved in one or another functions. For adequate reason, some of us could not participate and a few of us simply did not respond at all. Under the excellent leadership of Edith Toms, with many an assist from Anne Clark and with fifty circuit leaders, we set out to do the job of offering to every one the opportunity to help us keep going and growing in 1982. An up-to-last Monday morning report is part of this issue of the Messenger.

One of the real benefits of this Circuit Rider process that is ours to conserve or to discard is the visiting from home to home. In its planned form, every person would call on at least one other. There is no way to measure the good which can come from continuing this process of growing fellowship. Sadly, it is easy enough to measure the loss if we set aside, either unintentionally or deliberately, the strength which comes into the congregation by our continuing our contacts and support each of every other.

This possibility of growth is not an accident. It was one of the reasons for which the Circuit Rider plan was adopted for us. Persons who are lonely do not like to identify themselves as such and we can all understand that. Yet, who does not need the sight of other faces, the sound of other voices, the sharing of experiences that comes when we visit each other?

We have pledged our efforts in a joint undertaking of making possible another year of Christian witness and work in Duke Memorial. For your response, I personally am most thankful. To that gratitude, let me now add the exhortation to take for yourself the "fringe benefits" of which this continuing visiting from one home to the next is one evidence. We shall all be the better for it. Let the Circuit Rider keep on riding!

-- Ed Smith

SUNDAY, 25 OCTOBER 1981

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Utility or Futility?

Preacher: W. A. Haddock, Jr.

Scripture: Ephesians 4:17-20

Acolytes: Ashley Chewning

Mary Ruth Mixon

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lockamy

Junior Church Leader: Tamela Davis

TIME CHANGE! Remember that Daylight Saving Time gives way to Eastern Standard at 2:00 Sunday morning, 25 October. Adjusting your clock backward; i. e., from 10:00 to 9:00 the evening before, will make you punctual in all Sunday schedules - and that does include Sunday School and Church worship!

REPORT ON THE 1981 CIRCUIT RIDER

Monday, 19 October 1981:

Number of pledges received

Total Pledged \$ 164,952

Amount needed to reach our goal: 84,351

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WELCOME, ASHLEY RANDALL!

Joining our church staff as the Intern in Christian Education is Ashley Randall, a first year student at Duke Divinity School. Ashley will be with us until the end of April. His responsibilities will include: teaching the Junior High Sunday School class and being a resource person to UMYF, working with the Faith and Arts Committee, working with the Social Concerns Committee, and of primary interest to him will be the developing of Family programs.

Ashley is from Alabama and his family still lives in Phenix City, Alabama. He received an A. B. Degree in Psychology from Huntington College and a M. S. Degree from U.N.C.-G in the field of Child Development and Family Education.

Ashley and his wife, Laine, live at Apt. 23-G, 311 South LaSalle Street. His hours at the church will be primarily on Sunday and Monday, if you need to contact him.

We are most happy to welcome him to our staff and Laine to our Church community and we look forward to our association with the Randalls!

PICTURES FOR SCRAPBOOK: Please bring any church-family pictures or any other pictures you would like to contribute to a "Memory Scrapbook for Margaret Anne Biddle." There is a collection box for these pictures in the library. Have pictures in by Wednesday, October 21.

HOLY COMMUNION is scheduled for Sunday, 1 November, at 9:00 in the sanctuary. The service will be completed within a half-hour so that you can make Sunday School on schedule.

REFORMATION SUNDAY AND ALL SAINTS DAY will be celebrated in our morning service Sunday, 1 November. The Junior and Carol choirs will sing and a processional will allow some of the childrens' Sunday School classes to express something of their ideas and understanding of great Christian leaders.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 18 October 1981
Church School.....324
Morning Worship.....252

HOSPITALIZED:

DCGH: Marguerite Barton CU-3
Marvin Cole 6311

MARGARET ANNE BIDDLE, who is resigning her position at Duke Memorial Church, will be honoured at a luncheon Sunday, 1 November, following the morning service. Reservations (in the form of purchase of tickets) are necessary for attendance. Tickets are available by contact with Mrs. Alberta P. Lane, and after the morning service on 18 and 25 October. Deadline for purchase of tickets is October 25. Please act now. Thank you.

BAZAAR COMMITTEE requests all items to be sold November 12 be brought on Wednesday for pricing or leave in Church Office.

CHURCH CALENDAR OCTOBER 25 - 31, 1981

Sunday	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	5:00 p. m.	Carol and Junior Choirs
	5:00 p. m.	UMYF
Wednesday	7:00 a. m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Whitford Hall
	10:00 a. m.	Bazaar Workshop, Whitford Hall
	10:00 a. m.	Altar Guild
	6:00 p. m.	Cliff Visitation Supper, Whitford Hall
	7:30 p. m.	Council on Ministries, Bradshaw Room
Thursday	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal