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THIS MAKES IT HAPPEN!

John Ed Mathison is pastor of Frazer Memorial UMC, Montgomery, Alabama. Frazer Memorial is one of the fastest growing churches in the southeast. Montgomery is a town with a lot of inbound people - and also a large number who depart. Always I am interested in what makes a church grow. God wills that every congregation increase; some do, some do not. This little paragraph concerns the human factor. Hear John Ed:

We interviewed 524 people who joined Frazer Memorial UMC during 1980 to determine how they first heard about the church and why they joined it. Frazer Memorial has ideal visibility, excellent accessibility, superb music program, outstanding children's and youth ministries, and high community visibility through radio, television and the print media. The amazing thing is that most people first hear about the church and attend because somebody invited them. The best strategy is the utilization of the natural network of social contacts. Each United Methodist has a natural web of daily contacts which can be used to make a responsible witness. Nothing can take the place of person-to-person evangelism.

(Italics are John Ed's)

Montgomery is not Durham; Frazer Memorial is not Duke Memorial. Even so, I cannot avoid the conclusion that what "makes it happen there" can make it happen here. However, we cannot invite some one to come with us to church unless we come. We cannot invite a person to faith in Jesus Christ unless we have that faith ourselves. The listing of the "advantages" of Frazer Memorial is impressive. Yet this pastor says in effect that what makes it happen is the initial contact and the loving outreach of people, one-to-one. Without that, all else would be of little avail. Plant, programs, personnel, Christian vision - all these are great and needed. But without the personal touch, nothing happens.

You are the personal touch. You are Duke Memorial in this community. All the resources and assets here depend on your making it happen. What will you do?

-- Ed Smith

SUNDAY, 17 JANUARY 1982

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
The Gospel: St. Luke 19:1-10
The Sermon: 1040s and Other Forms
Acolytes: Dodd Browning and Lee Caldwell
Altar Guild Workers for January:
Lucille Cranford and Madge Wannamaker

A GIFT has been given to the Minister's Discretionary Fund of Duke Memorial by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Newberry of Fayetteville in loving memory of Mrs. R. R. Kissell, Sr.

THE MESSENGER DEADLINE is 10:00 in the morning of the second Thursday preceding the week of publication. The only way to comply with postal demands and the other activities for a very limited number of people in the church office is through such a schedule. It is a long "lead time". Your cooperation will help all of us. Thank you.

SYMPATHY: The pastor and congregation express their love and concern to Mrs. Paul Mallison and Mrs. W. B. Weaver because of the death of their brother in Melbourne, Florida on January 5, 1982.

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THE LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET will be distributed for use beginning 24 February. Contributions are invited from "whosoever will". Plan on about 150 words plus whatever directed readings and prayers are useful for your part in it. The deadline to get the booklet out is 31 January - and that is close upon us! Write now and turn it into the Church office, please.

THE SENG FAMILY would like to thank everyone who participated in making their first Christmas in the United States an especially memorable one. They received many tangible gifts but more important they received Christian love, concern and sharing. God bless you all for your generosity.

BAZAAR COMMITTEE NEEDS: Please save your commemorative stamps and Christmas cards for the Bazaar Committee. Bring them to the Church Office. Thank you.

OUR NEWEST MEMBER: Mrs. James G. (Jo Ann) Mentzer, 2008 Woodland Drive, transferred her membership from Grace Baptist, Durham, to Duke Memorial last Sunday. Her son, David Allen, becomes a preparatory member. Jo Ann's husband, Jim, is chairman of the Duke Memorial Council on Ministries. Their telephone is 477-8871. Welcome her as our newest member with a note, call or a visit. It's good for all of us!

SYMPATHY: The congregation and pastor express their love and concern to Mr. and Mrs. Byron K. Hawkins and family because of the death of Jean's mother, Mrs. Olivia Beal, Wednesday, January 6, 1982 in Pittsboro.

HOSPITALIZED: DUKE

Minnie Delamar

6325

THE DURHAM DISTRICT LAY RALLY is set for Monday, 8 February 1982, at the Durham Civic Center. Ed Hammond is the District Lay Leader and Duke Memorial is going to want a large representation not only for the worth of the occasion but also in support of Ed who has so long served so well in Duke Memorial. Set down the date now and be alert for other details to come.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 10 January 1982

Church School.....207

Morning Service.....259

HOSPITALIZED: DCGH

Ellie Lewis 4108

Margaret Gorham 7321

Tom Andrews 5323

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CHURCH CALENDAR JANUARY 17 - 23, 1982

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	5:00 p. m.	Jr. and Carol Choirs
	5:00 p. m.	UMYF
Mon.	3:00 p. m.	Circle 9 with Mrs. Arthur Kale, 500 E. Markham Ave.
	7:30 p. m.	Commission on Evangelism in Library
Tues.	10:00 a. m.	Circle 8 with Mrs. C. E. Jordan, 2507 Wrightwood
	6:30 p. m.	DCIA Dinner, Whitford Hall
Wed.	7:00 a. m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Whitford Hall
	12:10 p. m.	Devotions and Lunch, Leader: George Davis
	7:30 p. m.	Council on Ministries, Bradshaw Room
Thurs.	4:00 p. m.	Jr. High Sunday School Class Ski Trip to Junaluska
	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	7:00 p. m.	Singles Again