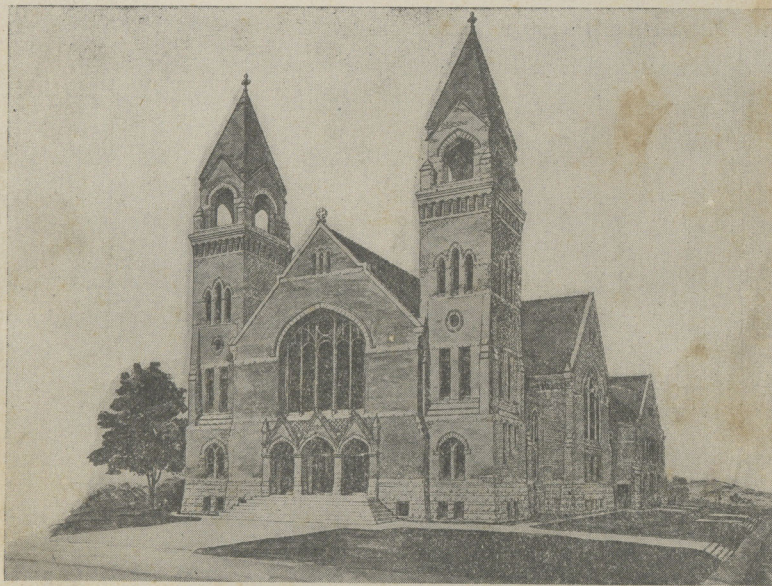


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## Announcements

Preaching each Sunday at eleven and at seven-thirty.

Sunday School at nine-thirty.

Epworth League each Sunday at four.

Young People's Mission Society the seventh and twenty-first at three.

Prayer Meetings on Wednesday evenings at seven-thirty.

Bright Jewels at three on the twenty-eighth.

Stewards' meeting Tuesday night, the sixteenth.

Woman's Mission Society November fifth at three.

Workers' Council for Sunday School Tuesday, the eighth.

Children baptized Sunday 14.

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Miss Roberta West, President Epworth League.

Miss Lily Jones, Leader of Bright Jewels.

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## Monthly Letter from the Pastor to His People

MY DEAR CONGREGATION :

I am thinking today especially of your personal religion and of the influence which you are exerting over others. The fact of your profession and membership in the church will cause people to be more critical of the way you live than they will be of outsiders. We should all hold our personal influence as a very sacred thing, and be sure that it is measured out only for good.

First of all it seems to me that those of you who are fathers and mothers should show the beauty and power of the Christian life in the home circle. Is it fault-finding, and nagging and fretting; is it peevishness and the loud, harsh tone to each other and to the children? Does selfishness rule there? Or is it fine, sweet courtesy and love? Is it self-control, and bearing and forbearing? Do the children see you often with the Bible in your hands, and do they hear you pray? I wonder what they think of Christianity as they have seen it in you, and whether any of them have been led to Jesus because of your influence. Go to your knees, parents, and ask God to sanctify your influence to the salvation of all of the children.

On the other hand, boys and girls, how are you doing your part? The religion of a child or young person is a very beautiful thing. Do others see you obeying father and mother and teachers because it is right? And are you trying to be truthful and clean and kind because Jesus would want you to be so? Have any of the other children decided to give their lives to the Lord and to come into the church on account

of associating with you? It will be a pleasant thing to remember that a schoolmate began to live right after seeing you live that way.

Teachers of the Sunday School and leaders of the various societies of the church, there is given to you, not only a great privilege, but a heavy responsibility as well. You who are teaching and leading others, do you let the Christ lead and teach you? The children hear you teach the glorious things of our religion on Sunday; I trust that they see you live them during the week. It would wound these little folks deeply to find their teachers in places where they should not go, and hear them speak and see them do things which are not becoming in any Christian. Let me beg that you make life and teaching conform to each other, and do every possible thing to keep these young lives in the way that leads to God.

Members of the choir, I feel somehow that you should be marvelously pure in thought and life. To you it is given to lead the great congregation in some of its most spiritual moments, and the people will be desirous of having your lives as good as the singing. Do you sing for the praise of men or for the glory of God? The pastor comes from his knees to the pulpit, and he asks very earnestly that the members of the choir pray in their assembly room before the service begins. Would this not add a finer strain to the music? What do you say over to yourself while singing? Is it something like this? "I wonder how I look today, and what they think of me?" Or is it rather, "God help me to lift the burden from some tired heart and save a soul from death?" I am praying very earnestly that all my musicians may be dedicated both in body and spirit to the Christ.

And what shall I say to you, my brethren of the official board of the church? You have been chosen to walk close to the pastor in the leadership of the congregation. Every one sees you and is quick to judge your life and to criticize if any faulty place is found. How clean and holy your lives should be. How careful in business; how truthful; how chaste of speech; how diligent to meet every obligation should they be

who are set apart as stewards and trustees of the church. For these three years I have asked God for you, and I have confidence that you will be true representatives of the Christ in those places where you are appointed to serve.

And all of my members, without regard to position in the church, let me urge you to be jealous for your personal influence over others. Try to be blameless in conversation and habits. Do not let any one stumble over you into sin on account of inconsistent living on your part. Be loving, unselfish and compassionate towards others, but be strict with yourself, keeping free from all that defiles, and consecrating the life to the noblest living. How sublime is the Christian life on earth. But you tell me it is hard to live unspotted from the world. Yes, I know it well, but I have prayed for you, and I am sure the Christ, by whose name you are called, will complete the good work He has begun in you. Only be faithful to Him.

With love and every good wish, I am,

Sincerely your friend,

HARRY M. NORTH.

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### Revival Meeting, Sunday, November 4

The pastor is announcing the above date as the time for beginning special services at Memorial Church, hoping for a revival of religion in the church and community. The congregation has one month in which to get ready for this occasion. It is not certain yet whether a visiting minister will do the preaching, or not. It may be that the pastor with the assistance of his people will conduct the meetings. After all, this is the work which counts when all can work together for the common good. At any rate the people need to make diligent preparation for the time. Let every one see that no other engagement interferes with attendance upon the services during the week. The members of the church should examine their own lives carefully and repent of all inconsistencies and sins. It should be a season of very earnest prayer for all concerned. Each unsaved person near us should have the matter

of personal religion brought to his attention. While every right human effort should be made to gather in the unsaved, still the church ought to recognize that the power and leadership must come from the Holy Spirit of God. With Him the cause succeeds; without Him it fails miserably. One of the psalmists prayed, "Lord, will thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee?" And Habbakkuk, the prophet said, "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known, in wrath remember mercy." With sentiments like these our people will pray and work until they are visited with showers of blessings from on high.

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### Prayer Meetings in Homes

A committee has arranged for thirty-six prayer services to be held in homes at various points in the city during the two weeks preceding the series of meetings mentioned above. Nine residences will be opened, and services will be held on four nights at each of them. The dates will be October 23 and 26 and 30 and November 2, being two Tuesday nights and two Friday nights at each home. Suitable leaders will be provided for all occasions. The names of those who have gladly opened their homes for this purpose are as follows:

- Mr. Geo. T. McCracken, 907 Mangum Street.
- Mr. J. W. Rodenheizer, 323 South Street.
- Mr. Charley King, 617 Duke Street.
- Dr. H. F. Wilson, 714 Shepherd Street.
- Dr. S. W. Tucker, West Chapel Hill Street.
- Mr. J. O. D. Gholson, corner Burch and Milton Avenues.
- Rev. H. E. Spence, 114 Watts Street.
- Mr. W. W. Card, 1110 Minerva Avenue.
- Rev. W. W. Peele, Trinity Park.

Kindly preserve this program for reference and attend the home most easily reached from your residence on each of the four nights already designated.

## The Church

The congregation is preparing to put a memorial in the church in honor of Rev. L. P. Howard, former pastor, who died at the beginning of his second year with us. The gift is to take the form of urns and vases to be placed on the altar and table for holding potted plants and cut flowers. The committee having this in charge are Mrs. S. W. Venable, Mrs. J. E. Stagg and Mr. N. Underwood, and all contributions should be sent to them. The sentiment behind this movement is of the finest kind and all the people should respond heartily to the call. It speaks well for those who keep fresh in their minds the names of those who labored and suffered in their midst.

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The treasurer of the church reports that about two-thirds of the money for the entire expenses of the church has been raised to date on the year's budget. This means that two-thirds was collected in ten months, and one-third will have to be raised in two months before the close of the year. Some of the members are keeping up with their weekly payments, others are giving but little, while still others have done nothing. Every one should feel the obligation, and should contribute his part. It is not fair to let the burden fall upon a few alone. It is very necessary that the church keep its finances up so that all debts may be met when they become due. The congregation cannot afford to let its accounts go over. Let all the people bring what they can on their assessments next Sunday so that the shortage may be remedied at once.

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The Epworth League has taken on new life for the fall. The four o'clock services on Sunday afternoons are attended well, and it is good to see the young people lead their own meetings. This is very fine training for them as well as being an occasion of devout worship. A prayer meeting is held each Sunday afternoon in a home somewhere in the city by members of the League. There are still many of the young men

and women of the city who do not attend these services; they are cordially invited to do so. A social meeting was held one night near the close of September, at which time about seventy-five were present.

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October 28 will be Bright Jewels' day for the month. Always on the fourth Sunday afternoon these little folks meet in the basement of the church to hold their worship and to transact the business of the kingdom. It is an inspiration to see the earnestness of these children and the beautiful way in which they go about the work. For several years they have taken the banner on the matter of contributions. All of the mothers should see to it that the boys and girls join this organization and attend its meetings. From this band will be drawn in the future the very best workers for the church. Depend upon it that these little children will be loyal to the church and the Christ. Miss Lillie Jones, who has been so successful in the city schools and the Sunday School, has charge of this most important branch of the work and deserves the co-operation of all the parents.

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Joe Breedlove and Cap Card and Quinton Holton are helping to put new life in the Intermediate Department of the Sunday School. Teachers are being added, interest is being aroused and a better spirit is put into the singing. These young men are bringing their finely trained minds and their excellent experience in directing the studies and activities of children, and are devoting them to this great, big work of instructing children for Christ and the church. The angels themselves might envy them such an opportunity.

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How is the Home Department getting along these days? All of you folks who for any reason cannot go to Sunday School ought to belong to this part of the work which can be done at home. Ask Dr. Boddie or one of his committee to enroll you and send you some literature and get right into the game even though you are shut in the home or away from the



city on Sunday. Or if you are too young for this, just put your name on the Cradle Roll and have them to send you a pink card and a ribbon. All of the babes from one minute old up to three years should have their names on this list. Now if for any reason these babies should feel a delicacy in applying for membership will not you mothers see that their names are sent in to Mrs. Blalock? Memorial folks from the cradle to the grave should be in the Sabbath School.

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At the beginning of the service on Sunday morning, October 14, the pastor would like to baptize all little children which have not been in this way presented to the Lord. Parents will please take note of this announcement. Not less than a score should be brought on this day. Occasionally the children slip by the period of infancy without being baptized, and other little ones come into the home. In a case of this sort all of them should be presented on the Sunday mentioned above. Father and mother, what more sacred act than this can you possibly perform? You do not want your child to grow up as do the children of the heathens without recognizing their allegiance to the Saviour who gave Himself for them. Sunday morning, October 14, is the time; do not forget it.

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Here is a Program of Service arranged under four heads and suggested to Wesley Bible Classes:

1. In the class. Increase the class membership; keep and operate a standard organization; win all members to the Christian life.
2. In the local church. Secure church attendance; provide trained workers for all departments of church work; assume some definite responsibility for boys and girls.
3. In the home. Promote systematic Bible study; seek to establish family worship; encourage good general reading and the study of parental responsibility.
4. In the community. Assume a definite social service task. Co-operate with other social service agencies; promote missionary effort.

John Wesley lived on \$150 per year and gave away the rest of his income. During his long life he spent \$15,000 on himself and gave away \$200,000. His motto was, "Make all you can; save all you can; give all you can. What a great rebuke his action was to the selfish and luxuriant living of the present day.

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### Class Meeting

On September third the Daughters of Wesley held their regular monthly meeting with Mrs. W. P. Clements. The meeting was opened by reading from the Scriptures and a prayer, then the roll call and payment of dues. Miss Lilly Duke, teacher, reported twelve on the honor roll, and also urged us to send cards to the absent members to ask them to return.

Mrs. Underwood was made delegates to the Sunday School convention which met at Memorial Church.

There were about thirty members present and four visitors. Delicious cream and cake were served. The next meeting will be held at the church on October eighth.

A knitting club has been formed in the class to knit for the soldiers and sailors. This meets each week at the different homes and Mrs. W. S. Borland is in charge.

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### Young People's Mission Society

This is one of the most active organizations of the church. There are sixty members with an average attendance for the three Sundays of the past quarter of nineteen. During the entire year they have raised \$81.46; of this \$27.70 was raised the last quarter. It is worthy of note that all of this was given voluntarily by the young people, and was not raised by suppers or bazaars. The membership is divided into four groups with a captain over each who is responsible for leadership and attendance. For the next four meetings the class will carry on a program of mission study. The book used as a basis will be, "Comrades in Service." The several chapters will be as-

signed to eleven boys and girls who will be responsible for presenting these subjects to the class. On the second Sunday of September Mrs. Walter Patten, of Chapel Hill, the superintendent of Social Service in the conference, made a most instructive address before the society, at which time fifty were present.

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### Woman's Mission Society

This society has been holding its meetings regularly on the first Monday of each month. Every meeting includes a business session followed by an interesting literary program. Although many of the members were away during the summer the attendance has been quite good. Plans are being made for our Week of Prayer in November.

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### Babies

Here are some of the tiny little folks who have come in recent weeks to live in Durham and to make it a better city. Kendrick Sheffield Few, William R. Murray, Jr., Margaret Weatherspoon, Annie Turner Knight. THE MESSENGER throws a kiss to each and every one, praying heaven's richest blessing upon them all.

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The Bible reading for October is first and second Timothy and Titus. Paul wrote these three letters to the two men whose names they bear. It was shortly before the death of Paul, and this is one reason why the letters are of especial interest. The Apostle was now quite old and wrote out of a deep experience, while at the same time he was looking forward to the death of a martyr. Read over these thirteen chapters at one sitting, in an hour, and then take smaller portions each day for more careful study.

## Paragraphs on Many Things

The name of William Branson should be added to the honor roll of the young men who have gone to the service of the government. He will probably be identified with a medical unit formed at Charlotte, N. C.

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The marriage of Miss Viola Johnson to Mr. Joe Tisdale took place in the summer. Their home is on Gray Street. Miss Myrtle Stubbins and Mr. E. M. Mullen were married on September 27. They expect to make their home in East Durham. These young women are members of Memorial Church and carry with them the best wishes of our people.

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A special meeting has been announced for Trinity Methodist Church to begin on the fourteenth of October. Rev. E. K. McLarty of the Western Conference will be the preacher. He will be remembered as having held a series of services at Memorial Church several years ago.

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Rev. W. W. Peele has arranged for the Ministerial Band at the college to hold services at the County Home once a month. It will probably be on the first Sunday afternoon. This will be beneficial both for the young men themselves and for the inmates of the home.

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The next session of the North Carolina Conference will be held at Greenville on December the fifth. Bishop Warren A. Candler, of Atlanta, will be the presiding officer. Rev. J. M. Daniel, the host of the conference, is closing his fourth year at Greenville. Quite a number of the stations will have to change pastors this year.

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A stream of people return home after the session of the Sunday School is over. Should not the most of these go into the church for the preaching hour? Teachers ought to urge

their pupils to stay for the other service, and the older folks should set an example for them by going in with them. This would be better than to go home and read the mail or a book, and better than going to walk. How does your influence count just here?

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Rev. A. S. Barnes, superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage, announces that he would like to have the following things for the institution: Five hundred good books for the library; ninety eight pairs of sheets, fifty pairs of blankets, forty-eight chairs, for the new dormitory; forty bushels of apples, forty-seven bushels of pears, two crates of chickens, and two crates of eggs.

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The worshipper comes to his seat in the church and bows the head in silent prayer, first for himself that he may be enabled to worship aright. Then he prays for the whole service and all the worshippers, and especially he asks that the minister may have power to deliver his message and that it may be received by the people. He should not forget to find the Psalm in the back of the Hymnal as soon as the congregation has risen from the first prayer. He will find the number on the board, and should not wait for the minister to announce it.

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Look out for the visitors and strangers in the back of the church as well as at the front. They will appreciate having some one speak to them, bidding them welcome and asking them to come here regularly. It will be well also to hold them until they can meet the pastor. He would like to know where they live. Do not leave this important work to the ushers; it is for every member to perform when the opportunity is given.

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These have taken their letters elsewhere: Miss Maude McCauley, Mrs. F. M. Runnels and her three sons, Joseph, Forrest, and James; Mrs. Raymond Peele, Mrs. Lula Bivins and Miss Ione Bivins. Miss Emily Sturdivant lost her mother by

death during the last week of September. Her home was at Bynum and she had been in Durham for awhile for treatment. THE MESSENGER extends its deepest sympathy to the daughter.

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The following have been received: Mrs. L. B. Turner and her three sons, Louis, Sidney and Frank. They came from Oxford and have their home at 703 Watts Street. Mrs. A. M. McGlamery comes to us from Mocksville and is at home on Trinity Park where she will have charge of a boarding room for the Park School boys. Elizabeth Card joined the church by taking the vows on September thirtieth.

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### The Holy Communion

Before going to the Communion Table next Sunday let us say over the words of the invitation to see if they strike a responsive chord in our souls. "Ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins," is the way it begins. Yes, we will repent of our follies and neglects, and of the evil words and deeds against the Divine majesty of our Lord. "And are in love and charity with your neighbors." Well, that is how we feel towards them. We love them because they belong to Christ and we are His, too, and we wish for them to have as good things as we ask for ourselves. "And intend to live a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways." Certainly we want to lead a new life, for we are tired of the way the old life has been going; and we are anxious to keep his commandments more perfectly, and to walk more carefully in the holy ways of God. So we will draw near to the altar by faith and take this holy sacrament to our comfort, making our humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon our knees. And after we have eaten of the emblems of the broken body and shed blood of our Saviour, we will say, with the minister, "Here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this holy com-

munion may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord: by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen."

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### Joses, Brother of Jesus

Joses, the brother of Jesus, plodded from day to day,  
With never a vision within him to glorify his clay;  
Joses, the brother of Jesus, was one with the heavy clod,  
But Jesus was the soul of rapture, and soared, like a lark,  
with God.

Joses, the brother of Jesus, was only a worker in wood,  
And he never could see the glory that Jesus his brother could.

"Why stays he not in the workshop?" he often used to complain,

"Sawing the Lebanon cedar, imparting to woods their stain?  
Why must he go thus roaming, forsaking my father's trade,  
While hammers are busily sounding and there is a gain to be made?"

Thus ran the mind of Joses, apt with plummet and rule,  
And deeming whoever surpassed him either a knave or a fool;  
For he never walked with the prophets in God's great garden  
of bliss,  
And of all the mistakes of the ages the saddest methinks was  
this,

To have such a brother as Jesus, to speak with him day by day,  
But never to catch the vision which glorified his clay.

—HARRY H. KEMP, in *The Independent*.

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