

GREETINGS
FROM THE
WAKE FOREST
BAPTIST CHURCH

"Give us men!
Men who when the tempest gathers
Grasp the standard of their fathers
In the thickest fight:
Men who strike for home and altar,
Let the coward cringe and falter,
God defend the right!
True as truth though lorn and lowly,
Tender as the brave are only:
Men who tread where saints have trod,
Men for country, home and God;
Give us men! I say again -- again --
Give us such men."

February 14, 1949

YOU ARE INVITED to come to supper. We will have another Fellowship Supper Wednesday (February 16) at 6:30 o'clock at the Cafeteria. Bring the whole family and enjoy this period of fellowship with your Christian friends.

AT THE SUPPER the leaders of our Sunday School will take a few minutes to give you some interesting facts about the Sunday School. This will be interesting to everyone, and we don't want you to miss it.

WE SALUTE the two hundred boys and girls of our church who will soon have new quarters for their Sunday School and church activities. Before we have another supper we expect that they will be able to move in. We are anxious for you to see them in their new rooms and will give you this opportunity at the earliest possible moment.

WE CONGRATULATE the men and women of this community who have seen the opportunity to make a contribution by teaching and training our young people. The teachers of the Sunday School are to be congratulated upon the work they are doing and on the opportunity they have to mold the lives of so many youngsters.

THANKS TO DR. BEVERLY LAKE, Sunday School Superintendent, for the unusual program he has planned for the assembly period of the Sunday School during the next few months. During February Dr. J. A. Easley will speak on how the Bible came to be written. Other speakers are Dr. H. M. Poteat - March; Prof. Carlton West - April; Dr. G. W. Paschal - May; Dr. I. B. Lake - June; Prof. Thane McDonald - July; Dr. C. T. Wilkinson - August.

THE FOLLOWING are doing a fine job teaching the young people and adult classes of the Sunday School:
Prof. A. L. Aycock, Miss Vivian Hiers, Mrs. J. N. Bond, Mr. David Stroud, Miss Katharine Younts, Dr. D. B. Bryan, Mrs. Wade Bostick, Mrs. Everett Gill.

AT PRESENT we have a Sunday School enrollment of 400 with an average attendance in January of 206. With the excellent teachers and the new facilities soon to be available we want to see more of our people taking advantage of this opportunity to study the Bible and to grow in Christian character.

IN THE BASEMENT -- Many of our people are anxious to know just what we will have when the work in the basement is completed. We expect to be able to show you this soon. In the meantime we can tell you that the Nursery will have two good rooms to take care of the splendid group of small children who come. The Beginners will have a large, well lighted room for their department. Heretofore, they have met in the kitchen and have done a splendid job under difficult conditions. The Primary Department will have a good assembly room and four individual class rooms. The Junior Department will have an assembly room with four class rooms. At least one extra class room can be used by either department or by any other class as it is needed. Heretofore, these groups have had no class rooms at all. The kitchen space has been reserved, and we believe the ladies will be interested in equipping it. A large assembly room will be available for assemblies, prayer-meeting, and will be used by the Fellowship Sunday School Class. Other improvements have been made. When you see it we believe you will be grateful for what has been done and glad to have a share in it.

THE BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE is increasingly important to us. On February 6 we were asked to make an appeal for gifts to this worthy program. As a church we are not able to do much along this line now. We hope many of our members will make a special gift for this cause. Mark an envelope "B. W. A." It will help carry on the work of the Alliance and will help minister to the destitute people of other countries.

"Half the shadows in life come from standing in your own sunlight." -- Charity and Children.

ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL next Sunday. Be sure to be on time by coming at 9:40 o'clock. Come into the sanctuary immediately.

"It is easier to die for a cause than to live for it; for it means the setting aside of pleasure and self-interest in a host of little choices, where there is no glory, at least in men's eyes, on the one side, and no open shame on the other. Yet if life is to keep for us its dignity and value, we must find something to live and die for in peace as in war."

— William Temple

JACK HORNER: A HOMILETICAL COMMENTARY

Too many see their world through the eyes of Little Jack Horner. They see it as a place to learn how to make one's corner larger and more exclusive, how to ensure one's Christmas pie being bigger and better tasting, how to secure one's own personal satisfaction through the most trivial accomplishment -- as if pulling a plum out of a pie were a proper cause for excitement and self-congratulation.

Jackie Horner must have been an unendurable prig, insufferably smug and self-satisfied, completely engrossed in his own small existence and isolated from the world of human need. Dr. G. Roy Elliott has commented, "If he had handed his plum or even half of it to his younger brother he would have exclaimed with still more satisfaction, in private, of course, 'What a good boy am I!'"

The thought never came to Jack's restricted mind. Maybe his home was to blame, maybe his church, maybe his school. Jack's education was left ragged and incomplete. If Jack alone suffered, it would have been serious enough, but Jack's community suffered, too; it lost Mr. Horner as a responsible Christian citizen.

— Kenneth Irving Brown, LL.D.

President, Denison University
Granville, Ohio

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We are all tired of shams -- shams in religion, in education, in politics. We want reality. I suggest to you that reality is an actable thing rather than a speakable thing. Seek for reality in what you mean to do, not in what you are fond of saying. Treat Christianity as an actable religion, and distrust all forms of it which consist in merely saying this or saying that. Think of the universe about you as alive with a spirit that for ever acts the truths on which the universe reposes.

-- L. P. Jacks

-- WE SALUTE --

MR. J. L. GILL who has been secretary of our Sunday school for more years than he can remember. It is easy for us to take little things for granted. Many things are done to promote the work of the church without the public ever thinking about them or knowing who does them. At our church on Sunday morning we are so accustomed to seeing Mr. Gill go quietly about his work that it would not seem right if he were to miss a Sunday. In taking care of the literature, the record blanks and other items Mr. Gill has faithfully served his church and given true Christian devotion to an important job. For the beauty of his life, his service and his faith we are grateful. We congratulate him for a job well done. We want him to know that as he goes about his duties he is an inspiration to many of us.

SPECIAL SERVICES -- Sunday evening, May 15, Dr. Sankey L. Blanton will preach in a special service of dedication for the new B. S. U. officers and leaders of Student Religious Organizations. The pastor will be in charge of the service. May 22 at 8:00 p. m. we will have the High School Baccalaureate Sermon by the Reverend L. J. Morris of Raleigh. This service will be in the High School auditorium, and there will be no service at the church. May 29 at 8:00 p. m. we will have the Baccalaureate Sermon for the College by Dr. Edward Pruden, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C. This service will be in the Main Chapel. May 30 the Graduating Exercises will be held in the Main Chapel. Dr. Lee Humber will be the speaker. June 5 we will celebrate the Lord's Supper at the Morning Worship Hour.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 8-17 -- Miss Mary Broome and an excellent faculty will conduct this school. Let's have all our children present.

"When you point your finger accusingly at someone else you've got three fingers pointing at yourself."

-- Selected

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN -- For those unable to attend the services on Sunday and who listen to the broadcasts we will be glad to mail a bulletin to them in advance. Some have suggested that the broadcasts would mean more to them if they could follow the order of service and join in the reading and other parts of the service. If you want a bulletin mailed to you, call or write the church office.

A PARKING LOT is being provided by the College and the town for people attending church services and other programs on the campus. The College has given the use of the lot in front of the home of Mr. F. M. Swett, and the town is putting the lot in condition. We are grateful to the College and town authorities for this valuable service. We urge our people to observe the restricted parking area in front of the church. Please do not park in the area marked with yellow paint. On the Durham Road where white paint is used parking is permitted on Sunday morning. This is a dangerous corner, and we are glad an effort is being made to decrease the danger. We believe our people will cooperate with the officials in this movement.

THERE WILL BE a church conference Wednesday evening, May 18. The question of whether to have prayer-meeting during the Summer will be presented for a decision, along with any other matters of interest or concern.

"If a man marks time long enough he will dig a grave."

THE BAPTISMAL POOL is still giving us trouble. Every effort to fix it has failed. The committee is going at it again. Just as soon as it is ready we will administer the Ordinance of Baptism.

"We have learned in airplanes to fly through the air like birds and in submarines to swim under the sea like fish. All that remains for us is to learn to walk the earth like men."
-- Selected

LEST YOU FORGET we still owe \$5,000 for the work that has been done on the church this year. We are disturbed that the contributions to this program are not continuing as we believed they would. Let's not quit until the job is complete. Make your contribution as large as you can, as soon as you can and as often as you can. The work on the sanctuary will have to wait until this is taken care of.

"Sometimes people wonder why prayers are not answered promptly, or why the reply is not what they expected. The following story will help them to understand:

Three large trees in a forest prayed that they might choose what they would be converted into when they were felled. One prayed to be made into a beautiful palace; the second, to be a large ship to sail the seven seas; the third, to stay in the forest and always point toward God.

One day the woodman came and chopped down the first tree, but instead of a palace, it was made into a common stable, wherein was born the fairest Babe in all creation. The second tree was made into a small ship that was launched on the Sea of Galilee, on the deck of which stood a tall young man who told the multitudes: 'I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.' The third tree was made into a cross, and to it men nailed that young man, the loveliest personality that ever walked the earth. Ever since then, that cross has been pointing men to God. And so each prayer was answered."

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There is a time to rest in bed;
But it is not ON SUNDAY MORNING!
There is a time to read the paper;
But it is not ON SUNDAY MORNING!
There is a time to prepare a big dinner;
But it is not ON SUNDAY MORNING!
There is a time to visit the folks;
But it is not ON SUNDAY MORNING!
There is a time to entertain friends;
But it is not ON SUNDAY MORNING!
There is a time to wash the car;
But it is not ON SUNDAY MORNING!
There is a time to do your work;
But it is not ON SUNDAY MORNING!
There is a time coming when your
Greatest need will be for Jesus Christ.
Take time now to get acquainted
With Him, ON SUNDAY MORNING!

-- The Builder

OCTOBER 30 is an important date in the history of our church. A special offering will be taken for the purpose of meeting our obligation at the bank. All the work that has been done by the church during the last year and a half has been paid for except for the \$5,000 that is still due on the work in the basement. We believe that with the loyalty our people are showing we will be able to take care of this item by the first of December. Whatever you can do is important for the church, the community and you.

During the summer it was necessary to completely rebuild the Baptismal Pool. This cost approximately \$1,700. It is finished and paid for.

We hope the work on the Sanctuary can be done before much longer.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE will soon make recommendations for our church officers for another year. If you have suggestions, pass them along. The members of the committee are: S. W. Brewer, Chairman, Eugene Olive, Grady S. Patterson, Mrs. James H. Weaver, Mrs. I. O. Jones.

HELP OTHERS to worship by sharing your pew with them.

THE FELLOWSHIP SUPPER at the cafeteria was well attended by our people. After supper, there was a general meeting of the teachers and officers of the Sunday School. Dr. Lake, General Superintendent, made a brief talk and then dismissed the workers for departmental conferences. During these meetings the children were entertained in the Fellowship Room of the church. We are confident these monthly fellowship suppers and teachers' and officers' meetings will do much to inspire our workers in the Sunday School. Make your plans now to attend our next supper at the cafeteria on Wednesday evening, November 2, at 6:30.

LET US ALL come to Sunday School on time next Sunday.
Be at church by 9:40.

WE ARE GRATEFUL for the enthusiastic response of the young people of our church to the call of "Come to Training Union!" Our STORY HOUR (ages 4-8), with Mrs. R. L. Gay and Mrs. Glenn Blackburn as leaders, has been averaging a steady attendance of 17 each Sunday evening. Our JUNIOR UNION, with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Larrimore as leaders, has an average attendance of 12. Our INTERMEDIATES, with Mrs. Owen Herring as leader, have had an increasing attendance to match their increasing enthusiasm. We are happy to welcome Mrs. John Chandler as the new leader for the Intermediates.

In the future, on Sunday evening after church, we are planning to have a brief Fellowship Hour for our Intermediates. These socials will be held in the Fellowship Room of the church and occasionally in the homes of the young people and their leaders. We will try to keep these fellowship meetings brief so that our young people will start on the way home at 9:00. The leaders will take the responsibility for seeing that they get home safely.

Our COLLEGE DEPARTMENT of Training Union invites all students to come to one of its six unions. There is a place for everyone in this vital organization of the church. Come and bring your friends!

OUR ASSOCIATION meets October 27 in the Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh and October 28 at Franklinton.

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FOLLOW THE LEADER --- especially if he is an usher on Sunday morning.

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IF YOU KNOW of someone who is sick, the pastor would like to know it, too. Call the office and leave the information.

THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION will meet in Raleigh November 15-17. The afternoon session of the 16th will be held in the new Chapel at Wake Forest.

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OUR NEXT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER WILL BE NOVEMBER 2.

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THE COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE will begin on October 24. The goal is \$3,000 and will include the following agencies: local charity, recreation program, school lunches and scouts (boys and girls - white and colored).

"The Christian church is not a society of integrated personalities, nor of philosophers, nor of mystics, nor even of good people. It is a society of broken personalities, of men and women with troubled minds, of people who know that they are not good. The Christian church is a society of sinners. It is the only society in the world, membership in which is based upon the single qualification that the candidate shall be unworthy of membership. This is the genius and glory of the Christian church--not that it receives good people, saved people, but that it receives and positively seeks out for its membership those who are sinners."

WE ARE STILL having Evening Worship at 7:30 in case you have forgotten.

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October 19, 1949

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"With the monstrous weapons man already has, humanity is in danger of being trapped in this world by its moral adolescents. Our knowledge of science has out-stripped our capacity to control it. We have too many men of science, too few men of God. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount. Man is stumbling blindly through a spiritual darkness while toying with the precarious secrets of life and death. The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants."

— General Omar Bradley

PRE-EASTER SERVICES

April 3-7

We are fortunate in having as our guest speaker for the services on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings Dr. Hubert M. Poteat. On Thursday evening the pastor will be in charge of a Communion Service. Friday evening the Church Choir will present "The Crucifixion," by John Stainer. Mr. Seth Lippard will be guest soloist for the services. Professor Thane McDonald, organist and choir director, will play brief organ meditations of Easter music each evening. Let us all plan to attend all of these services.

FAMILY NIGHT has been well received by our people. So far the attendance has been much better than many of us expected. The attendance has ranged from 65 to 100.

There will be no FAMILY NIGHT March 29, and on April 5 we have a special service in the church. Join us April 12 at 6:30 at the cafeteria. A program is provided for all the family.

A PIANO has been given to the church by Mrs. Annie Gill Smith. It is an excellent piano and is now in the Nursery Department of our Sunday School. We appreciate this generous gift which will enable our leaders to better serve the youth of our church.

THE CHURCH COMMITTEE on the Improvement of the Sanctuary is still working on plans to be recommended to the church. We hope our people will be liberal enough with their gifts during this period to enable us to do much of the work this summer.

"Herein lies the tragedy of the age: not that men are poor—all men know something of poverty; not that men are wicked—who is good? Not that men are ignorant—what is truth? Nay, but that men know so little of men." — W. E. DuBois

MR. C. V. CUMMINGS, manager of the cafeteria, continues to show his genuine interest in the church. Since the basement was remodeled Mr. Cummings has furnished the men and equipment for waxing the floor at least once each month. Our thanks to him for this generosity.

WE WELCOME into the fellowship of our church the following people who have united with us during the past month: Miss Virginia Buckner, Miss Hilda Jordan, Mrs. Mahlon Fish, David Edens, Thomas H. Gibson and Bobby Goode.

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WE EXPRESS our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wilkinson and family in the loss of their daughter; to Mrs. H. H. Harris in the loss of her mother; and to Mr. John Worth McDevitt in the loss of a brother.

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WE ARE GRATEFUL for the splendid work being done by our Sunday School leaders. Many people have commented on the fine work the teachers are doing. Our Sunday School attendance last month averaged 335.

THE FELLOWSHIP CLASS, taught by Mrs. Everett Gill, held a class party March 20 in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Blackburn. Mrs. John Wooten, Jr., was in charge of the program. About forty guests were present. Mrs. Gill announced plans for a dedication service to be held by the class on Mothers' Day honoring the babies born to class members during the past year.

SEVERAL LADIES from our church attended the State W. M. U. Convention in Raleigh recently. Mrs. R. M. Squires and Mrs. Roland Gay were on the program.

"If God has called you, do not spend time looking over your shoulder to see who else is following."

MANY OF OUR PEOPLE have been sick during the past few weeks. We hope they can all be out again soon. The pastor will appreciate a call if there is some service he can render.

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HELP MAKE OURS A FRIENDLY CHURCH. SPEAK TO YOUR NEIGHBORS AND ESPECIALLY THE VISITORS AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

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It isn't enough to say in our hearts
That we like a man for his ways.
It isn't enough that we fill our minds
With paeans of silent praise.
Nor is it enough that we honor a man,
As our confidence upward mounts --
It's going right up to the man himself
And telling him so, that counts.

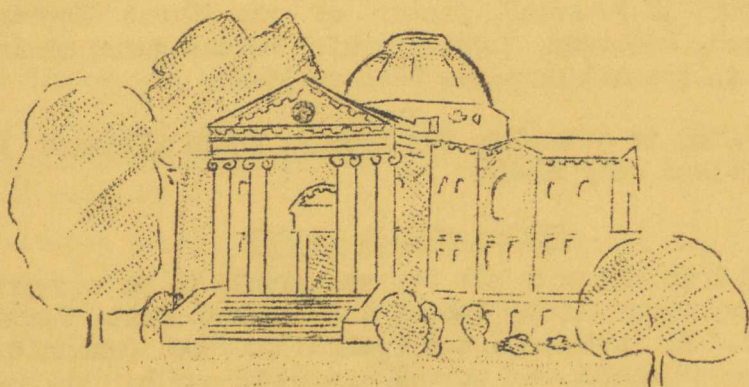
If a man does a work you really admire,
Don't leave a kind word unsaid
In fear that to do so might make him vain,
And cause him to 'lose his head.'
But reach out your hand and tell him,
"Well done!"
And see how his gratitude swells.
It isn't the flowers we strew on the grave,
It's the word to the living that tells.

-- from Baptist Life

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March 22, 1950

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WAKE FOREST, NORTH CAROLINA

~~THE SANCTUARY~~ - Good progress is being made with the work on the Sanctuary. We hope to have this work completed by September 1. In the meantime we will continue to worship in the College Chapel.

This is a good time for all who can to make a special contribution to the Church Improvement Fund. We are not too far away from being able to pay for the work as it is done. Your part in this is important and we believe you will welcome the privilege.

NEW PRESIDENT OF WAKE FOREST COLLEGE - It is expected that Dr. Harold W. Tribble, president-elect of Wake Forest College, will take up his new duties in the fall. We will look forward to his coming and will welcome him into our church and community. Dr. and Mrs. Tribble have three children. One son is now a student in Andover-Newton Theological School. Two daughters will attend our public school.

DR. THEODORE F. ADAMS, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, will be our guest minister in special services October 15-20.

THE PASTOR is attending the Baptist World Alliance in Cleveland July 22-27.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

AUGUST 2 is the date set for the picnic to be sponsored jointly by our Sunday School and the Methodist Sunday School. We invite all our friends in the community, college students, and any visitors who may be interested. The place is the College Baseball Field. The time is 5:00 in the afternoon. Come and bring a picnic supper. Drinks will be furnished. There will be planned recreation for all age groups. Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship for the entire family.

SOME MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH have furnished us with a copy of the Biblical Recorder of July 7, 1915. This issue gave special emphasis to the Wake Forest Church Day of the Baptist State Convention. One Sunday was set aside and all Sunday Schools in the

State were asked to make an offering to help the church at Wake Forest. It is of special interest to us at this time. Along with a picture of the church, committee reports, resolutions and appeals were included in this issue. You may be interested in some of the following quotations:

"For many years, those in closest touch with the religious situation and spiritual needs of Wake Forest College, have felt that one of the greatest needs of the student body was a house of worship. For many years this need has been on the hearts of a faithful few, and during the year 1912, the matter began to take shape in the minds of many brethren, and led by Pastor Walter N. Johnson, an agitation was begun for the building of the house of worship jointly by the local Wake Forest Church and the Baptist State Convention ...

"Pastor Johnson secured a leave of absence from his church and went over the State speaking in the churches and at general meetings, presenting the matter for the Committee and taking collections and subscriptions....

"The corner-stone of the church was laid at the Commencement of 1913, with simple ceremonies and great enthusiasm....

"Glorious progress has been made. The walls are nearly up, and the framework for the roof is going into place now. It is a beautiful, commodious building, simple, economical, convenient, majestic. It is already making a new and better religious condition at Wake Forest....

"Just as the interior work on the building was begun and material had been bought and delivered to finish the house, the great European war broke out and paralyzed every thing in America....

"It is in some respects the most impressive church building in the Southern Baptist Convention. It is a blending of plainness and beauty, of convenience and economy, of simplicity and dignity, of compactness and commodiousness, of cheapness and durability.... This

house sets a pace in Baptist architecture in North Carolina for years to come...."

On the day the Convention took steps for a final drive to liquidate the debt on the Wake Forest Church-house, "Pastor Walter N. Johnson, who had had entire charge of the undertaking since its beginning, was suddenly stricken with a nervous breakdown and was laid aside from the work.... He had been carrying on his mind and heart the burden of a dozen men....

"Let us complete this great undertaking for the glory of God and for the sake of thousands who shall come under the influence of Wake Forest College through the years to come." Biblical Recorder, July 15, 1915

A PARABLE FOR VACATIONISTS

"Now it came to pass as summer drew nigh, that Mr. Church Member lifted up his eyes unto the hills and said, 'Lo, the hot days are now at hand. Come, let us go where cool breezes refresh us and glorious scenes await.'

"'Thou speakest wisely,' said Mrs. Church Member. 'Yet three, yea, four things must we do before we go.'

"'Three things I can think of, but not four,' responded Mr. Church Member. 'We must arrange for our flowers to be watered, discontinue our paper, and have the mail forwarded, but the fourth eludes my mind.'

"'The fourth,' said Mrs. Church Member, 'is like unto the first three, yet more important than all. Thou shalt dig down into thy purse and pay our Church Pledge up to and including the first Sunday in September, that the good name of the church may be preserved and that it may be well with thee, for verily I say unto thee, thou now hast more money than thou wilt have when thou dost return.'

"And it came to pass that Mr. Church Member paid his pledge for the summer, and the Church Treasurer rejoiced greatly, saying, 'Of a truth there are those who care for the Lord's work.' And it was so."

— The Baptist New Yorker

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FROM THE

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OF

WAKE FOREST

N. C.

April 15, 1952

EXPANSION -For some time we have thought and talked of the need for an addition to our church building. The Building and Grounds Committee and the Diaconate have been studying the needs and trying to find the answer. Recently, tentative plans were studied by the Diaconate. The decision was made to pass the suggestions on to the people of the church. The plans include offices for the church staff, an all-purpose room to be used by the choir, the young people, and the Sunday nursery, and rest rooms with accommodations for candidates for Baptism. These plans will be presented for discussion and suggestions Wednesday, April 16, at Family Night. We urge everyone who can to be present for this important meeting. A church conference will be called if this group thinks it necessary or wise. The Diaconate is anxious that all of our people (1) understand the need (2) share in the effort to meet the need.

THE SEMINARY has agreed to give the church additional land around the present church property. The College joined with the Seminary in granting the request. This gives the church 40 feet in front and the plot back of the church. We are indeed grateful for this helpful gift.

BAPTISMAL ROBES were received recently as a gift to the church. Another member has provided robes for the Junior Choir making it possible to have 30 members in this choir.

MRS. C.M. ALLEN is doing a splendid work of enlistment and training with the Junior Choir as was evidenced by their leadership in the service last Sunday.

AT THE NEXT CHURCH CONFERENCE plans will be presented for securing a full time Educational and Youth director. Those who are helping us part-time are doing a fine job, but the increased interest and attendance require that we do more.

ORGAN RECITAL - By Dr. Hubert M. Poteat, will be Sun-

day Evening, April 20 at 7:45. Invite your friends.

A CHOIR CONCERT by the Wake Forest College Choir will be presented Sunday Evening May 11, in the Church. This will be the last of their Spring engagements.

DR. ROBERT J. McCracken, Minister of the Riverside Church, New York City, has agreed to be with us for a series of services in April of next year.

ATTENDANCE AT FAMILY NIGHT has been unusually good this year. To those who have helped to make this part of our program a success, we say a sincere "Thank you". Lets prove our appreciation by attending the remaining sessions.

IF YOU LISTEN to the broadcasts of any of our services and are helped by them, write a note of appreciation to James Gillespie at WFDD.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION will meet in Miami May 14-18. If those who are planning to go will call the office, we will supply identification cards.

SINCE JANUARY 1, we have received into the fellowship of this Church: By Letter: Lena Mae Laws, Clyde Moody, James Bullock, Earline Cooper, Laiz F. Lessa, Robert Murphy, Guy Walker, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. James N. Griffith and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Layton.

By Baptism: Mrs. J. S. Brown, Mike Long, Ed Osborne Willie Faison, Tolbert S. Wilkinson, Judy Long, Mrs. Furham Hall, George C. Mackie, Jr., Clark Parker, Earl E. Adams.

By Letter and Baptism: Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Hartsfield, Mrs. George C. Mackie, and Mrs. W. H. Holding.

My gracious Lord, I own Thy right
To every service I can pay,
And count it my supreme delight
To hear Thy dictates and obey.

-- Philip Doddridge

It were not hard, we think to serve Him,
If we could only see!
If He would stand with that gaze intense
Burning into our bodily sense,
If we might look on that face most tender,
The brow where the stars are turned to splendour;
Might catch the light of His smile so sweet,
And view the marks on His hands and feet,
How loyal we should be!
It were not hard, we think, to serve Him,
If we could only see!

It were not hard, He says, to see Him,
If we would only serve:
"He that doeth the will of heaven,
To him shall knowledge and sight be given."
While for His presence we sit repining,
Never we see His countenance shining:
They who toil where His reapers be
The glow of His smile may always see,
And their faith can never swerve.
It were not hard, He says, to see Him,
If we would only serve.