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Church Picnic Day--July 1st

HONESTY

David Livingston had a vivid remembrance of his father telling him that the Livingston family had never been rich or famous, but it had always been honest, and that if any of the new generation became liars or dishonest they would be betraying the generations that had gone before them.

Honesty refers not only to property but also to that which is felt but not seen, heard but not handled! Let us ask ourselves: Do we ever color up conversation with our emotions and imaginings? Honesty refers also to the use of time. Do we ever steal the time of others by being late in keeping appointments? Or do we take our employers' time by using it in our own pursuits? Honesty refers to others' reputations. Do we ever listen to the "they say" of folks and idly repeat it? To be honest in all things—how greatly we need God's help!

The Elim Evangel

IMPACT

If Christians and churches really believed their own doctrine, they would turn their communities inside out and upside down. When any number of people in a community are soundly converted and get down to business for God, they make an impact on everything around them. Such is the story of the Acts of the Apostles.

Because we are a minority in America, and the world, is no excuse for despairing of making any impression on the nation and the nations. Mankind has been moved again and again by minorities. God and one man make a majority. The early church was a minority. The Christians of the Reformation and the days of Wesley were a minority group, but they moved the world.

We are making very little impact on the community and the world because we have not felt the impact of the Gospel in our own hearts. In foreign fields the Gospel makes fresh impact, and missionaries on furlough often long to get back where the salt has not lost its savor.

—Vance Havner.

LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday

A.M.

9:10 - 9:40

10:45 - 11:00

12:00 - 12:15

P.M.

7:30 - 8:00

9:00 - 9:15

Wednesday

P.M.

7:00 - 7:30

8:30 - 8:45

Monthly W.M.U.

Meetings

4:30 - 5:00

Leath Directs Music at Ridgecrest

Roland Leath, our beloved Music and Education Director, has just returned from a most eventful week at our Baptist Conference grounds at Ridgecrest. He was selected to lead in this important job at one of the largest gatherings ever held at our Baptist Retreat in the mountains.

We are very proud of Mr. Leath and his fine family. God has been good to send them our way and we sincerely hope we shall have many years of service for Christ together.

ANNUAL PICNIC DAY AT COMMUNITY BALL GROUND 7 P.M.

Food! - Fun! - Fellowship!
Games for Children
1000 EXPECTED

The second annual church picnic sponsored by the Sunday School will be held on Wednesday night, July 1 at the Community Center. Everyone is urged to attend this gala occasion. If you missed it last year you missed a lot.

Bring a basket of food and put it with the rest. You'll enjoy the best meal you ever had in your life.

We shall have prayer meeting under the stars after the good gathering. Come and join with us in this inspirational hour as we worship our Lord.

Christian Education Week

The week of June 21 has been designated by our State Baptist Convention as Christian Education Week. We are happy to have the new Public Relations director of Gardner-Webb College, Mr. John Long, with us for Sunday at the 9 a.m. service, as a part of this observance.

W.M.U. NEWS

Last week we encouraged you to attend one of our W.M.U. camps. This week will you please think of those who never have a vacation — those afflicted with leprosy or Hansen's disease. This disease takes no vacation. Its victims suffer twelve months of every year.

We can help to relieve these victims suffering through our prayers and gifts. It is possible that this small phase of the large field medical missions covers can contribute more to extend the love of Christ among men than any other single aspect of our work. Where the missionary's words could not be understood or where his message was bitterly opposed, people have understood the meaning of love and kindness revealed in the healing of the sick.

Our program topic for July is **Lifting the Leper**. Be sure to be at our meeting July 1 and learn how we can help lift the lepers.

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They Serve For Us Let's Pray For Them

Sunday, June 28

Capt. Roland B. Elam, Jr.
118th Fighter Sqdn.
Suffolk Air Force Base
Long Island, N. Y.

Monday, June 29

A/1c Forrest D. Gold
AF 14365274
3200th E.T.S.
Box 34
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Tuesday, June 30

Cpl. Boyd H. Hendrick
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San Francisco, California

Wednesday, July 1

A/2c Jerry A. Short
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Thursday, July 2

Lt. Jack Eubanks
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3349 Tulage Place
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Friday, July 3

Bobby D. Lankford, D.C.F.N.
R. Division
USS Point Cruz CVE 119
c-o FPO
San Francisco, California

Saturday, July 4

Lt. Albert B. Suttle, Jr.
Building T32, Apt. 2
Fort Eustis, Virginia

God Hates The High Hand

Abominable to God are attitudes and actions that detract from His glory and exalt man. It was pride that made Satan fling out five "I will's" when he said, "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God" (Isa. 14:13, 14). For this he was cast out of Heaven. That same spirit came into the human race through Adam and Eve, when they set their own wills against God's; and it will be seen again in its most violent manifestations when the man of sin is revealed, "who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" (2 Thess. 2:4). Through Moses in the days of Israel's wanderings God warned the people of that same spirit when he said, "But the soul that doeth aught with a high hand, whether he be home-born or a sojourner, the same blasphemeth Jehovah; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Because he hath despised the word of Jehovah, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity shall be upon him" (Num. 15:30, 31, A.S.V.). God does not today, as in the early days of Israel, punish sinners suddenly and obviously, for this is the age of grace; but every form of sin, in the unbeliever or in the believer, is just as hateful to Him today as it was then. Mussolini's jutting jaw and upraised arm, and Hitler's stiff-armed salute were symbolic of their high-handed methods, but their power was soon broken; and now Stalin's arm has been put down by an enemy that even the Kremlin could not keep out. The pronoun "I" is at the center of "pride," "strife," and "sin," as Miss Ruth Paxson pointed out. The Pharisee used it five times when he "prayed thus with himself" in the Temple and thanked God that he was not as other men. Even we as believers must be on our guard against that same high-handed spirit, lest we think that, in our own strength, we can overcome Satan and do exploits for God. Defeat is prominent in the seventh of Romans, and in that chapter "I" is used thirty-three times; while in the eighth chapter, where victory predominates, it is used only twice, and the Holy Spirit appears eighteen times. To be high-handed is to be presumptuous (Num. 14:40-44; Deut. 1:43; 17-12, 13). The secret of the strength of all the heroes in the eleventh of Hebrews was not self-confidence, but faith in the almighty God, under whose hand they humbled themselves. Though Abraham was weak in body, yet he was "strong in faith, giving glory to God" (Rom. 4:20). And Peter, who knew by experience something of the falls that follow pride, said, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time" (1 Pet. 5:6).

Importance Of The Invitation

—The hymns have been sung, the offering taken, and the pastor has brought from God's Word a soul-stirring, heart challenging message to the great congregation that has gathered for worship. From the first note of the beautiful organ prelude to the final words of him who has preached, every effort has been directed to one thing—the grand climax—the invitation to lost people to accept Christ in humble repentance.

These final moments when the Holy Spirit is at work are by far the most important minutes of the entire service, and if at any time during the worship hour, the reverence and consecration of God's people should be manifest, it should be during the invitation. Yet, to many, the singing of an invitation hymn is merely a signal. To some it represents a time for gathering up quarterlies, books, and other belongings. To others, the invitation is a time for putting on coats and preparing for a hurried departure. Still others take these moments to get a headstart on all others and pushing out to the aisle, possibly disturbing one who is under conviction of the Power of God, leave the service at its highest point.

But many in humble gratitude for their own salvation, breathe a prayer for the saving of others.

These examples constitute the membership of every church. In which group are you classified?—Copied.

"Your daily duties are a part of your religious life just as much as your devotion."

—H. W. Beecher

He Overcomes Who Knows How To Pray

He overcomes the anxiety of the day who in the morning places his faith in God.
He overcomes the impatience of the hour who puts his trust in the God of the years.
He overcomes his small horizons who sees with the larger vision of God.
He overcomes his fears and worries who findeth the God that dwelleth within.
He overcomes the troubled spirit who rests in the peace of the everlasting arms.
He overcomes the importance of self who bows before God with the heart of humility.
He overcomes self-centered living who in the name of Christ goes about doing good.
He overcomes the coldness of heart who heals others' wounds with the ointment of love.
He overcomes his love for worldly gain who gives more for others; who wants less for self.
He overcomes the frustration of the times whose plans and purposes belong to God.
He overcomes his lonely days who walks with Christ, who walks with man.

—John Howard Blough

LIBRARY HAS NEW BOOKS

Listed below is a list of over 200 new books we have in our library. These are **FOR YOU** to use and value. There is a treasure in good books and we want you to share that treasure.

SURPRISE FOR NANCY
BIBLE STORY BOOK
CHRISTMAS BELLS ARE RINGING
ALL OF A KIND FAMILY
PILGRIMS PROGRESS
LETTERS TO YOUNG CHURCHES
THE WOMAN YOU WANT TO BE
CHRISTMAS PLAYS FOR YOUNG ACTORS
NO HIGH ABODE
CHRIST IN POETRY
CHARIOT IN THE SKY
YOUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE
GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW
ACCORDING TO LUKE
ACCORDING TO JOHN
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
PARABLES AND METAPHORS OF OUR LORD
CORINTHIAN LETTERS OF PAUL
GALATIANS
ABS STORIES OF JESUS
CHRISTOPHER O
BIBLE HOMES AND FAMILIES
300 ILLUSTRATIONS OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST
HOW TO WORK FOR CHRIST
CHRISTIANWAY
I QUOTE
WHY THE CHIMES RANG
GUARDINA HEART
VALIANT PILGRIM
LIVINGSTONS LAST JOURNEY
SAND AND STARS
BLOSSOM OF THE CRAG
STORMS AND STARLIGHT
BLAZING THE MISSIONARY
BROADMAN COMMENTS
BIBLICAL BACKGROUNDS
INTRODUCING THE OLD TESTAMENT
STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT
GLORY OF GOD IN THE CHRISTIAN CALLING
WORTHY IS THE LAMB
CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE
WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
THE GOOD SHEPHERD
DAVID
STANDARD BIBLE STORY READERS
FRANGANT JADE
WHAT GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER
TOMORROW YOU MARRY
THE LITTLE WORLD OF HOME
CHRIST AND THE FINE ARTS
THROUGH GOD'S EYES
THINGS WHICH SHALL BE HEREAFTER
ROBES OF SPLENDOR
THESE HISTORIC SCRIPTURES
WITH CHRIST AFTER THE LOST
HYMNS THAT ENDURE
STORIES OF FADELESS HYMNS

CHRISTIANITY IS PERSONAL
THE SINNER'S SAVIOUR
MY PATIENTS WERE ZULUS
YOUTH'S TALENTS FOR CHRIST
WHAT WOULD JESUS DO
WRITTEN IN THE STARS
THE APOSTLE OF THE AMAZON
AT THE GATES
NOTES ON THE MIRACLES OF OUR LORD
THE TRIAL AND DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST
CHATS WITH TEACHERS ABOUT COUNSELING
THE MONK WHO LIVED AGAIN
TEN FAMOUS MISSIONARIES
DOUGLAS-SNOWDEN SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS
PELOUBETS SELECT NOTES
TARBELLS TEACHERS GUIDE
A CHILD'S GRACE
TELL ME ABOUT THE BIBLE
TELL ME ABOUT JESUS
IF JESUS CAME TO MY HOUSE
READ ME ANOTHER STORY
STORY TELLER POEMS
A PONY FOR LINDA
PEANUT
WISHING PEAR
JUST LIKE DAVID
FLIP AND THE MORNING
SKIT AND SKAT
PETUNIA
LOST AND FOUND
PAPA SMALL
FLICKA RICKA DICKA AND THEIR NEW SKATES
PONCHO AND THE PINK HORSE
BROWNY BEARS PICNIC
FIRST BOOK OF INDIANS
BOYS AND GIRLS LIFE OF CHRIST
ONCE UPON A TIME
CHRISTMAS CAROL
SPOOKS AND SPIRITS AND SHADOWNY SHAPES
INDIAN LEGENDS OF AMERICAN SCENES
MAKE IT YOURSELF
HOLIDAY CRAFT AND FUN
PONY EXPRESS
PANAMA CANAL
OUR INDEPENDENCE AND THE CONSTITUTION
BUILDING OF THE FIRST TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD
ABE LINCOLN FRONTIER BOY
ABIGAIL ADAMS GIRL OF COLONIAL DAYS
AMELIA EARHART, KANSAS GIRL
ANTHONY WAYNE DARING BOY
BIRD GIRL SACAGAWEA
BOOKER T. WASHINGTON
BUFFALO BILL BOY OF THE PLAINS
CLARA BARTON GIRL NURSE
DOLLY MADISON QUAKER GIRL
FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT BOY OF THE FOUR FREEDOMS
GEORGE CARVER BOY SCIENTIST
JANE ADDAMS LITTLE LAME GIRL
JOHN PAUL JONES SALTWATER BOY
JULIA WARD HOWE GIRL OF OLD NEW YORK

LOU GEHRIG BOY OF THE SAND LOTS
POCAHONTAS BRAVE GIRL
STEPHEN FOSTER BOY MINSTREL
YOUNG AUDUBON BOY NATURALIST
JULIETTE LOW GIRL SCOUT
WILL ROGERS YOUNG COWBOY
LONE STAR TOMBOY
TROUBLE ON OLD SMOKY
SILVER HEELS
CLOUD GIRL
ANN OF BETHANY
BLACK PENNY
TWIG
WILLY WONG AMERICAN
A TREE FOR PETER
SUSAN
MYSTERY OF CRYSTAL CANYON
MYSTERY OF HIDDEN VILLAGE
SENTINEL IN THE SADDLE
GOLDEN SHADOW
WHISTLING STALLION
LUCKY
THE RED BOAN PONY
CAPTURE OF THE GOLDEN STALLION
THE THIRD WISH
TRADED TWINS
FAITH IS THE ANSWER
THESE WELL ADJUSTED CHILDREN
TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR SELF
TEENS HOW TO MEET YOUR PROBLEMS
HOW TO BE HAPPY THOUGH YOUNG
YOUR CHILD AND GOD
BILL AND HIS NEIGHBORS
IT MIGHT BE YOU
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ON BEING YOUR BEST
LYRIC RELIGION
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CHRISTMAS EVERYWHERE
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LIGHT FROM MANY LAMPS
ENCYCLOPEDIA OF WIT, HUMOR AND WISDOM
CHILDREN OF NOAH
STRANGE LANDS AND FRIENDLY PEOPLE
ROOT OUT OF DRY GROUND
SPUN BY AN ANGEL
DAUGHTER OF JAIRUS
ENDURING HILLS
MISS WILLIE
ESTHER
WINDOWS OF THE SOUL
CRY THE BELOVED COUNTRY
WHITE WITCH DOCTOR
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ALBERT SCHWEITZER LIFE AND MESSAGE
FIFTH CHINESE DAUGHTER
JOHNNY HONG OF CHINATOWN
MAGGIE ROSE HER BIRTHDAY
CHRISTMAS
JOE POLE NEW AMERICAN
SUPER DUPER CAR
GARDEN WE PLANTED TOGETHER

BRING YOUR FAMILY TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Interested In History?

Here's A Little

DECEMBER 16, 1910

A HISTORY OF CLEVELAND COUNTY AND HER CHURCHES.

A Little Sketch Deposited in the Corner Stone in the New First Baptist Church Now Being Erected in The Town of Shelby.

Prepared by Judge J. L. Webb.

The county of Cleveland was formed by an Act of the Legislature of North Carolina in the year 1841. It was named in honor of Col. Benjamin Cleveland, of Revolutionary fame. The Act of the Legislature establishing the county provided for Commissioners to locate the county site, and in the year 1841 the ground on which our beautiful little town is located was selected by said Commissioners as a county site for said county and the town was named Shelby in honor of Col. Issac Shelby, another gentleman of Revolutionary fame.

Only two or three buildings are now standing which were erected soon after the town of Shelby was incorporated. James Love, a noble citizen who then resided a little more than one-fourth of a mile from where the Court House now stands, donated to the Commissioners aforesaid the land for the town site. He also donated the lot upon which the old Baptist churches were erected and upon which the new church is now being erected.

The Baptist church in the town of Shelby, now known as the First Baptist Church, was organized in the year 1846. I find the following in one of the church records:

"Land for house given by James Love, a member of the church at Zoar, donates a parcel of ground in the town of Shelby for the purpose of building a Baptist church. During the year 1846 a house was erected, mainly by the efforts and liberality of William Roberts, Dr. Thos. Williams and David Warlick. Towards the close of the year 1846 Elder J. M. Webb, of Rutherford county, began to preach once a month in the new house. March 20 and 21st, 1847 a meeting was held in the new church to make arrangements for organizing a Baptist church. The names of the persons willing to become members of said church are enrolled as follows:

(I have not been able to ascertain the names of those enrolled).

The first deacons of the church were J. R. Logan, William Roberts, and David Warlick. William Roberts was the first church clerk.

The building first constructed was a wooden one and painted white. It was a very comfortable building and seated, I suppose, from 200 to 250 people. It was heated in the winter by stoves. This structure remained as

a church until about the year 1889 when it was pulled down and a brick structure was erected. When this church was provided for we though we were to have a modern and beautiful structure, but the architect and builders of this building were not as well informed about their business as were the designers and builders of Solomon's Temple. It was ill constructed, not very beautiful, cold in winter and very warm in summer.

The building of a new church had been talked of at times by the members for the past two or three years, but not until a few months ago were final steps taken for the erection of such a church. On the 7th day of November, 1909 our present pastor, Rev. C. A. Jenkins, suggested to the congregation that in his opinion the time had come when the church should take action in the matter and on that day a committee of twenty-two of the members were appointed by the church to investigate and see if means and ways could be provided for the erection of a new building. This committee met soon thereafter and at its first meeting about Nine Thousand Dollars were pledged by the committee alone and all of them went actively to work and within less time than forty days the sum of about Thirty Thousand Dollars was pledged and subscribed for the erection of a new building. The soliciting committee, appointed by the general committee, were very active and faithful and much credit is due to them for the splendid sum of money. I desire to state here that the most active and zealous sub-committee in the raising of this fund was a committee of ladies headed by Miss Selma Webb. As soon as the subscriptions were made the committee of twenty-two reported its action back to the church and the church unanimously decided that the committee should go forward and have a new church erected. Several architects submitted designs and after giving them all careful consideration, Messrs. Wheeler & Sterne, architects of Charlotte, N. C., were selected and the plan drawn by them accepted by the committee and immediately thereafter the contract for the construction of said church, according to the plans and specifications of the architects, was made with Mr. W. Lee Harbin, of Lexington, N. C., who has the church now under construction. The building committee of our new church consists of Chas. B. Blanton, O. M. Mull, Marion Putnam, M. N. Hamrick and Rev. C. A. Jenkins and Jas. L. Webb.

The committee of twenty-two referred to above are as follows: James L. Webb, C. C. Blanton, O. M. Mull, J. T. Bowman, T. D. Lattimore, M. N. Hamrick, J. R. Dover, A. H. Webb, Marion Putnam, E. Y. Webb, Geo. Blanton, Rev. C. A. Jenkins, J. H. Quinn, B. T. Falls, L. S. Hamrick, J. J. McMurphy, J. L. Suttle, Geo. L. English, W. B. Nix, H. D. Wilson, A. P. Weathers, E. M. Beam, Paul Webb and M. A. Grigg.

(To Be Continued Next Week)

The King's Business

SUNDAY:

8:50—First Worship Service
9:45—Sunday School
11:00—Second Worship Service
6:45—Baptist Training Union
8:00—Evening Worship

WEDNESDAY:

7:00—All church picnic at City Park

THURSDAY:

6:15—Training Union supper

FRIDAY:

7:00—Brotherhood Associational meeting, Flint Hill Baptist Church.
"Missions at Home and Abroad" Harlan Harris

"And The Lord Added To The Church"

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice McSwain, Mooresboro, N. C., by profession.

Wanda Lee Barger, 501 N. Morgan, by profession.

Lee McBride Wells, 901½ N. LaFayette, from Bethlehem Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

VISITORS

We were happy to have these worship with us Sunday:

Miss Nancy Bridges, Evelene Oliver, Miss Kay Holcombe, Miss Rebecca Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dover, B. F. Moser, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Whitmire, of Shelby; Mrs. W. C. Lattimore, Miss Mary Gordon Elliott, Ellenboro; Bill Eskridge, Forest City; Teresa Hawkins, Grover; Mrs. John Kester, Sue Kester, Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Waynick, Jr., Winston-Salem; Mrs. Jack Whitaker, Hendersonville; Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Spradley, High Point; Mrs. Willie R. Goodrum, Cornelius; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Elmore, Gaffney; Mrs. W. B. Micham, Lela Ann Micham, Chester; Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Elmore, Sr., Sumter; Marion P. Cooke, Mobile.

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OUR ENGLISH BIBLE IN THE MAKING
THE RELIGION OF A SOUND MIND
LIVING WITH TEENERS
THE MEN OF HIS GARMENT
CHICO