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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH — Shelby, N. C.

GENE L. WATTERSON

Senior Minister

My faith looks up to Thee, Saviour divine; As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee, pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire! —Palmer

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MEREDITH COLLEGE CHOIR SINGS HERE MONDAY NIGHT, 7:30 P.M., MARCH 23



We are fortunate to have this unusual choir to sing for us this Monday evening at 7:30 in the sanctuary. The choir is unusual in that it is an all girls choir. Meredith College for many years has been known for its excellence in music. Miss Jan Bost, daughter of Lloyd and Virginia Bost, sings in the choir and is majoring in music at the college. Many of you have opened your homes to these girls and we are very grateful for your generosity.

You can make them welcome by coming to hear them sing. To those who love good music, Monday evening will be a wonderful experience.

YOUNG WORLD

Presentation dates for our next Sing Out will be May 2, 3, 9, 10. Enrollment is 271. We are grateful for the use of the Short Building. While this building is not desirable in every way, it fits our needs for rehearsal exactly. Young People need a place to gather and since our choir has grown to such proportions the only other room large enough to house them is the sanctuary, which for rehearsal use is very undesirable. Come to the second floor of the building sometime and see our newly painted walls. Would you believe that the color scheme is red, white, blue, orange, yellow, green and brown! We rehearse every Thursday at 5:30.

ROLAND LEATH MAKES FIRST RECORDING

This new and first album is named "Onward Christian Soldiers". Seven hours of recording time was spent in securing the finest quality possible for this inspiring and uplifting album. When you hear these masterful arrangements, (all of which are Mr. Leath's) you will find it difficult to believe all the music is coming from one piano and two hands. The album will be released in just a few weeks. It will be in stereo and will sell for \$5.00.

EASTER MUSIC

The Resurrection Story

Claude Almand

This music demands a musically mature choir. I have been amazed how quickly our choirs have learned. The pitches and unusual intervals are extremely difficult. The text is "all important"; the music is actually nothing more than an accompaniment. Somehow, this is the way I've always thought it should be. Baroque music takes on an air of improvisation and ornamentation, whereas the period called "New Music" or "Contemporary" is atonal (absence of tonality) and uses the twelve-tone technique which results in dissonant harmonies. Baroque music is flowery, which tends to cover up the text. On the other hand, Contemporary Music, in the main, is not as contrapuntal and lends its style to accent the text. Understand?

The combined adult and senior high choirs will present this beautiful music Sunday evening at 7:30. Soloists will be Gwen Bisette, soprano; Chris Hudson, tenor; and I will sing the baritone solo. Mrs. Plaster will accompany.

Easter Sunday morning the choir will sing "Hallelujah" from the Mount of Olives, by Beethoven. I will sing "The Trumpet Shall Sound" from the Messiah, by Handel.
VHR

JEANNE GREALISH TO PRESENT CONCERT

You will be pleased to know that Miss Jeanne Grealish, mezzo-soprano, will be presented in concert in our church Thursday, April 9. Miss Grealish is on the faculty of the University of New Mexico and is associated with the Columbia Artists Association. I am told that Miss Grealish is a product of First Baptist Church, Shelby. More information will be given later.

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RUSSIAN CHOIR PROJECTS

Thank you for the many ways of support you have expressed for our efforts with the Russian Concert Choir. If all aid requested could be granted, it would take \$20,000. We are trying through projects and pledges to raise that amount of money. This is why we are depending on you to support these projects time and time again.

This Saturday at the Shelby High School we will have a turkey dinner. We begin serving at 5:00 p.m. You may pay at the door if you do not have a ticket. The adults are \$2.00, Children \$1.00 and Children under six free.

We will have a part in developing great Christians and Americans in this effort. This is one of the greatest direct missions efforts we will ever be privileged to have a part in. Along with giving our money to send others to carry on our missionary responsibilities, we now have an opportunity to send the products of our own teaching. I am anxious that people know that I am an American, but more than that I want them to know that I am a Christian American. For ten days behind the Iron Curtain we will have 150 telling this story.

REVIVALS

Beginning Sunday April 5 through Saturday, April 11, I will be at the First Baptist Church, in Hudson leading the music for their revival. Beginning here April 19 through April 24 we are happy to have Dr. Perry Ginn, pastor of the First Baptist, Gainesville, Ga. to preach and Paul Royal, minister of music at First Baptist Pensacola to lead the music. Let's work and pray for a great ingathering of souls.

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