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PASTOR'S

In only six weeks it will be Easter. Without doubt more people are spititually sensitive now than at any other time of the year. Because of what Christ did for you and me, there is a sense of awe and wonder at the love of God who gave so much for us.

Let us, then, all be in the spirit of prayer so that we can have the kind of spititual strength and determination to be better followers of God. We know it takes courage to be Christian when all too often we live in a society that is pagan on every hand. But we know that as we put our trust in God and act on His promises, we are blessed in amazing ways.

During this pre-Easter season of Lent, we can all get closer to God as we pray, as we read the Bible, as we attend worship expecting to receive a spiritual blessing and as we struggle to tell others about what the Christian faith means to us personally.

Today I would ask you to read Matthew 9:35--Matthew 10, the second discourse or sermon of Christ's. Ask yourself, "That would Christ have me to do today?" Then, following your best insights, seek to carry out some Divine mission to which He would commission you. "Are you able? said the Master." He still asks this question today.

STUDY

Monday evening at the Official Board meeting, Dr. C. Nelson Grote

presented the culmination of the Study Committee recommendations on the proposed renovation of our existing building. The Board unanimously approved the general principles of the report and asked that they be presented to the congregation. This will be done along with a few modifications suggested, at a congregational meeting immediately after church services, Sunday, March 30. At that time Dr. Grote will present the materials that were shown to the Board.

The presentation will include the Sanctuary arrangements complete with the addition of the new organ, the additional classrooms, and other such arrangements as outdoor improvements and a kitchenette. The entire congregation is being urged to set this important date aside so that we can all understand what is being proposed and give our own suggestions.

COUNSEL Your minister and some of the retired members of our congregation attended a meeting held on Transylvania campus to discuss some of the exciting programs some of our retired persons are doing in some of the churches throughout the state. It is hoped that our church can implement programs that will be of service and inspiration to this wonderful group of individuals.

NURSERY TOYS NEEDED If you no longer need per-school toys, games, books, etc, and if they are in good repair, the Nursery Department of our church needs them. The Nursery is fairly well equipped, but the above items are needed. We have a good group of nursery age children and they have a way of wearing out toys. Anything you have will be appreciated by the youngsters.

C W F EXECUTIVE BOARD The Executive Board of the CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will meet this Sunday evening, March 2, 1969 in the church library. All members of the Board should plan to be present.

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WORLD
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PRAYER

The WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be held on Friday evening, March 7th from 7:00 to 8:00 P. M. The service will be divided into fifteen minute intervals, thus providing a time suitable for everyone to attend. This service is held annually all over the world in every country, thus

providing a prayer period somewhere in the world at all times. This is sponsored in Morehead by a group of women from the various churches, United Church Women. Every person in the area is invited to attend this service.

YOUTH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETS Last Sunday afternoon, Mr. William Mitchell and Reverend Alvin Busby met with the steering committee of this area to plan a "Camp and Conference Day" which will be held at Carter Caves State Park on Sunday afternoon, April 20. All Chi Rho and CYF youth are invited for this day of fun and inspiration. Registration will start at 2:00 P. M. and the

program will be over at 7:00. You will hear more about this later.

SURPRISE

Last Sunday evening the husbands of the members of CWF group 3 were invited to a pot luck party in Fellowship Hall. After they arrived there, they were fed a great meal and were complimenting themselves on having such good cooks as wives, they were told the real reason for being there—work. So they all joined in on a great spring cleaning session in the nursery room. All toys, books, floors, furniture etc are now sterilized and sparkling clean. Three cheers for our rescurceful wives, Group 3.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Nora Allen is home from the hospital after a recent illness.

Mr. Alex Conyers is back at work after recent surgery. It was good to see him in his usual place Sunday morning.

Mrs. Clara Robinson is in St. Claire Medical Center, and we rejoice with her many friends and her family that she is no longer on the critical list.

After a winning season, Mr. Warren Cooper is giving up coaching at Rowan County. They will miss his devoted effort and work with his team.

Congratulations to Mr. Fred Cooper. He is the leading scorer for Rowan County's basketball squad. Hats off also to Mr. Nike Abner who is a first string member of the same squad.

ALL CHURCH DINNER MARCH 30. MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!!!

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