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CONCORD TOPICS

CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH, Old Highway 74 East, Bostic, North Carolina
Harvey Laughter, Pastor

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CONCORD LAUNCHES 1963 CAMPAIGN

"Give to Reach the Unreached" is the theme of the twenty-nine day stewardship campaign to begin Sunday, and the pastor lists five definite objectives of the emphasis: (1) To raise the spiritual level of every member (2) to help lead our people into a deeper fellowship with God in world redemption (3) to focus attention on the mighty potential of Concord Baptist Church (4) to help liberate people from the sins of covetousness and materialism (5) to lengthen the reach of Concord Baptist out into the darkness of the world with the light of the gospel.

The last objective "Pastor said, "will enable us to fulfill the demands of our theme, "Give to Reach the Unreached."

The first step will be to adopt a worthy budget goal for 1963. The new budget will be presented to the congregation next Sunday morning. Johnnie Bridges, chairman of the campaign will discuss the budget before the church Wednesday night. After his talk there will be plenty of time for discussion and questions. The new budget will go into effect the first week in October, putting our financial year on the same basis as our church year.

UNIQUE LOYALTY DINNER SEPTEMBER 22...On Saturday night, September 22, our campaign reaches a peak of inspiration and information. This will be the time for an unusual church family loyalty dinner. The anticipated attendance is so large that we have reserved the Corinth Community Clubhouse for the dinner and the good people of Corinth community will prepare the dinner for us. All church and Sunday School members are urged to attend. The invitation is also being extended to the immediate families of our members who may attend other churches. The cost of the dinner is included in our stewardship campaign expenses. A reservation is required, and NO OFFERING will be taken at the dinner. No solicitation at all...just information and inspiration. The time is 6:30 in the evening. Children Eight and under will be cared for here at Concord Church.

There is so much I would like to tell you, since it has been so long since our last published newsletter.

The first thing Marie and I and the family want to thank you again for allowing us six weeks to be away for the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco, and to spend several weeks traveling in the west. There were many wonderful experiences and we can never tell you how much we appreciate the opportunity. We'll be telling you about them for a long time. We think this is a great church and a great people.

Hats off to the nominating committee! Bob Silvers, Chairman, announced that all nominations were complete and a full slate can now be presented to the church. Because of this advanced preparation, it should mean a greater year for all our work.

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS MONTH has been moved up to September and will begin Sunday. This will bring our financial year in line with the church year beginning in October. If every member will cooperate what a great month and a great year we can have.

Thank you for all the wonderful fresh vegetables! ^{pastor}
~~A lot of folks ought to be ashamed because our financial secretary discovered~~
150 members who gave absolutely nothing to the support of our church this year. Of course, this includes ALL members active and in-active, 37 adults gave from one cent to fifty cents a week, and 27 adults gave from 51 cents to a dollar. 10 adults gave between a dollar and a dollar and a half, 20 adults gave between \$1.51-2.00, 7 adults \$2.01-2.50, 6 adults \$2.51-3.00, 4 adults \$3.01-3.50, 5 adults \$3.51-4.00, 6 adults \$4.01-4.50, 7 adults \$4.50-5.00, 1 adult \$5.01-5.50, 1 adult \$5.51-6.00, 1 adult \$6.51-7.00, 1 adult \$7.51-8.00, 1 adult \$8.51-9.00, 1 adult \$9.51-10.00, 1 adult \$10.01-11.50. Somewhere in these weekly statistics you belong. And you belong to the group in our membership who gave to God that which was His, or you belong to the group that withheld from God as much offering as has been given. Study your own record carefully, and just think what it would mean to you and to the Kingdom of God if you would be faithful.

SEPTEMBER will be a BIG month for us... On Thursday night Sept. 20 and Friday night Sept. 21, brother M.R. Harvey will be our REVIVAL speaker on the theme "Stewardship of Life"... brother Harvey will be the inspiration speaker at our banquet on Sept. 22 (Saturday night) and will be with us for the services the following Sunday. He supplied for us one service while we were away, and so many have requested that we have him return, that it was a privilege to engage this man of God for these special services.

"THERE IS NO MAGIC IN THE FORWARD PROGRAM" said G.C. Owens, chairman of the budget pledging committee. "The Sunday School leadership of Concord holds the key to success."

On Wednesday night, August 29, my committee will meet with Sunday School workers (all incoming officers and teachers) to discuss their role in the 1963 campaign. We expect to distribute goals to all classes junior age and above. Primary age and under will be given goals by departments only. Owens stated that each class or department will have a goal for number of pledges, number of tithers, and number of dollars to be pledged. All Sunday School workers are requested to be present THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT AFTER PRAYER SERVICE to discuss these goals. Johnny Bridges, Sunday School Superintendent has pledged the support of the entire Sunday School organization in the current budget campaign.

Nick Cocca and G.C. Owens will give tithing testimonies at services Sunday, as announced by Nyal Harmon, chairman of the budget promotion committee.

OUR RECORD:

	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
OFFERING:	1196.89	1137.56	1302.99	1103.07
AVG. S.S. attend.	138	137	144	137
AVG. T.U. attend.	70	64	61	61

Welcome into our fellowship: Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ferguson, Eric, Irby & Shirley, Vivian Lowery, Pfc Larry Martin

ONE MONTH to go! September is the first month of our church year... get rid of all the slack... be faithful in all things September!

There have already been many birthdays since our last newsletter. We'll catch up by wishing all a "Happy Birthday" past and future...

JUNE--Bill Bridges 5, Sandra Kaye Haynes 6, Laura Reid Pace 12; Peggy Calton 12; Chucky Bailey 14; Christine Broome 16; Ada Blackwelder 17; Mary Lowery 18; Stanley Thornton 20; Eunice Bailey 22; Willie Champion 24; Roy Guffy 24; Ricky Silvers 27; Pam Harrill 27; Minnie Loa Merck 28

July: Roscoe Dobbins 2; Mrs Dewey Rhodes 3; Ola Dobbins 4. Rita Ellis Wells 6; Virgil Toney 6; Steve Davis 6; Robert Silvers 10; Billy Harrill 10; Gerry Merck 10; Susan Bridges 11; Bud Bailey 11; Johnny Walker 11; Champie Allen 14; Zear Dobbins 19; Dotty Bridges 20; Sam Bostic 20; Betty Jo Martin 22; Arthur Rhodes 27; Mildred Harmon 30;

AUGUST: Talan Merck 5; Bertha Dobbins 6; Sue Harris 6; Myra Laughter 8; Buddy Merck 8; Blance Toney 8; Bobby St. Clair 10; Penny Allen 14; Glenn Bailey 16; Bate Dobbins 16; Melvin St. Clair 16; Furman Lowery 18; Brenta Rhodes 18; Brenda Thornton 21; Lonnie Broome 21; Paul Blackwelder 22; Juanita Bailey 22; Helen Toney 23; Eva Helton 23; Clyde Merck Jr 24; Janet Cresanta 25; J. C. Toney 25; John Ledbetter 27; Johnny Bridges 29; J. C. Ledbetter 29; Robert Wells 31

SEPTEMBER: Aileen Martin 4; Harrill Biggerstaff 5; Walter Bridges 7; Randy Harmon 9; Sandra Harmon 9; Curtis Veir 10; Wayne Harris 10; Sara Owens 15; Gerry Street 15; John Johnson 24; Alonzo Magness 25; John Matheny 25; Peggy Harrill 26; Kenneth Bailey 27; Levisa Bridges 29

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