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BOND PROGRAM SUCCESS!

"O Lord, My God, may thine eyes be opened toward this house night and day...that thou mayest harken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place." I Kings 8:28-29

God has richly blessed our building program these days with good weather and a successful bond program to finance the construction. Every member had an opportunity to have a part in financing the Margaret Harrill Memorial by purchasing a bond, as the bonds began at \$50.00. We are grateful to those who made purchases, and we rejoice that so many called or spoke to the committee and said they could not afford to buy bonds, but would do all they could in other ways!

Our special thanks to the General Chairman of the Bond Program Central Committee, Bert Bostic for a job well done. Those who served on the committee were: Ed-in Morek, Johnny Bridges, T.W. Calton, and Virgil Toney. Team Captains were: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harrill, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whittamore, Mr. and Mrs. Furman Lowery, Mr. and Mrs. Nyal Harmon, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blackwelder.

As the construction continues, and the financial need is met, it will give a greater feeling of joy to all those who worked hard in hand to see this day come to pass.

We have given testimony to all the world, that CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH can meet the challenge of a changing community. With the construction of a new high school a few blocks away, opening of new streets, building of new homes, the coming of new people, our church has rallied with a new spirit of dedication that has aroused the interest of community, association, and former members and friends in far places. We like to think of our church as "An old church meeting a new challenge."

rogram had advanced far beyond our expectations, the REVIVAL scheduled for March was postponed. It will be held just as soon as possible after we enter the new building. So, in now to pray that our labor and efforts will result in greater fruits as souls are won to the Kingdom of God.

BUILDING NOTES

The building committee, Dewey Rhodes, Lester Bailey, and G.C. Ellis has met every construction snag quickly so that there has been a minimum of delay....the MARGARET HARMILL MEMORIAL will be one of the most modern buildings in the area...the one story, three wing building will be completely air conditioned. (God certainly blessed us this past month...a commercial building in town was being remodeled and they donated the fifteen ton air conditioning system to our church.) There will be an all weather car port at each wing...one complete wing will be used temporarily as a sanctuary but will seat as many people as our present church sanctuary...the temporary sanctuary will include a baptistry so that all church ordinances can be carried on in the new church... Concerned church is now a non-profit corporation. By issuing bonds to finance our construction, it was necessary to incorporate and mortgage all church property...directors or trustees of the corporation are Nyle Harmon, President, Paul Blackwelder, Secretary, and Leonard Hestie. The by laws of the church remain the same as we are governed by the constitution...and speaking of the constitution, it would reward every member to read and study the constitution carefully.

DECTIONS TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

For Baptism: Chumple Allen, April 9
for Visitation: Mr. George Street, Jr., April 23

Pictures of the ground breaking are available for \$1.50. This is the LAST unit. If you desire pictures, please call the pastor.

COMMUNITY CLUB:

Concord Community Club meets the first Saturday night of every month. The next meeting will be May 6th. Every community family ought to be represented. The club has taken as a project the sale of light bulbs. Every home uses bulbs, so buy the six pack carton for \$1.50 or the eight pack carton for \$2.00 from your community club. Proceeds will be used to pay on the community club building debt.

CHURCH CHOIR:

No church can claim a harder working choir than ours. In addition to the regular weekly rehearsals, the choir has been meeting twice monthly on Sunday afternoons with Jack Jenkins from Sandy Mush Church assisting.

WMU:

The W.M.U. is now meeting monthly in homes of the members. The executive meeting is held on organizational night at the church. There was an excellent study course with good attendance on February 28th...and the week of prayer was an inspiration to all. It is good to see the ladies working and planning to be a more effective organization as an arm of the church reaching out for Christ. The May 23rd meeting will be with Mrs. Leo Pace.

BROTHERHOOD:

Good news from the Brotherhood is the decision to reorganize the Junior and Intermediate K.A.'s. The boys meet each Saturday morning at nine o'clock and then after the meeting, play baseball. The teams are entered in the association K.A. league. Concord and Glenwood have combined their boys and prospects for a good team are reported from the coaches. The men have constructed a field behind the community club. Games will be played on Saturday mornings. The Brotherhood has been having excellent attendance at their fourth Saturday night supper meetings. Mr. Forrest Hunt was the March speaker and challenged the men to help develop the boys into good men for tomorrow. Rev. Guy Johnson spoke at the April meeting on "Personal soul winning."

QUOTES:

"If you play with sin, it will soon put you out of the society of decent people."

"Hold your temper for a moment and avoid a hundred days of sorrow."

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MEMORIAL DAY

Sunday, May 7th is MEMORIAL DAY at Concord Church. Former members and friends are given special invitation to be present and renew acquaintances. No special services are planned, but the church will provide tables so that those who bring their dinner will have a place to spread it. We have been informed that the Bland reunion will be held at Concord on Memorial Day.

Everyone who passes gives praise for the fine job our church does in keeping the cemetery beautiful. Every grave where the family would permit it has been leveled, sown in grass and kept clean and neat.

The upkeep on a cemetery as old as Concord's is a leading item in our budget. Former members and friends can show their appreciation by making a contribution on memorial day. It should be a source of real joy to friends who have moved away that the church is looking after the graves of their loved ones.

The pastor will celebrate his first anniversary as pastor Memorial Day.

Flowers for the sanctuary are furnished the month of April by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin St. Clair.

Flowers are furnished the month of May by Mrs. Delia Thompson in memory of her husband.

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