

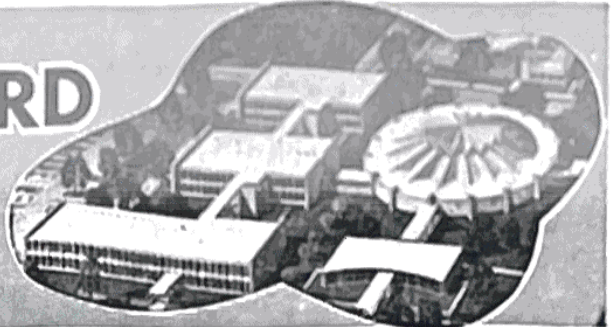
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SIGN UP SUNDAY FOR MINISTRY OF INTERCESSION

PASTOR'S CORNER



I BELIEVE IT! Intercession is the secret weapon of the church today. It is an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile that can be fired to any spot on the earth at the speed of thought, with deadly accuracy. It can even be armed with a delayed detonation! It's power-load is described in John 14:14 "I WILL DO IT," says Jesus. The most awesome aspect of this weapon is this: **THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO DEFENSE AGAINST IT.** The lost can stay away from church, refuse to listen to your witness, throw away the tract you hand him, but there is no way he can escape the thrust of your intercession!

I BELIEVE IT! Intercession is the main business of the church today. In Exodus 17 we have a good illustration of the relation of intercession to evangelism. Joshua is in the valley fighting Amalek, Moses is on the mount holding up the rod of God. When Moses lifts high the rod, Joshua prevails, when Moses relaxes his arm, Amalek prevails. There is revealed the principle and power of Intercession. Moses is interceding for Joshua and Joshua is able to win the battle in the valley **ONLY BECAUSE MOSES IS INTERCEDING ON THE MOUNT!**

As the church lifts high the Rod of Intercession, evangelistic victories will be won.

WHAT IS OUR ROD? The Name of Jesus! "IF YE SHALL ASK ANYTHING IN MY NAME, I WILL DO IT." John 14:14

I BELIEVE IT! Every born again believer has been given the authority to use the Name of Jesus to apply the Power and Provision of God to any situation. Intercession is the means of doing just that. Every Christian is called to be an Intercessor.

I BELIEVE IT! God is giving to MBBC a Ministry of Intercession. Be part of it. This Sunday you will have the opportunity to sign up as a part of our Ministry of Intercession. We're trusting the Lord to give us enough Prayer Ministers to have two people interceding every hour of the week. 336 is the number required to accomplish this. We're believing God for the Victory!

JERRAL DAVIS NEW CHAIRMAN OF DEACONS
God has been good to MBBC in many ways, but no blessing has been greater than the men he has given to serve as the leader of our deacons. This past year LAWRENCE SANDERS has served in this capacity and I'm unable to express how much this man's life and leadership has meant to my own life as well as the Deacon Fellowship. I praise God for Lawrence and Dorothy and their children.

JERRAL DAVIS is one of the choicest men God has ever given our church. He and his wife, Fran and their children came to our church from another denomination in 1966. Since the day they became a part of this church they've been among the most faithful AND fruitful in this church. Pray for Jerral as he undertakes this new task for the Glory of God.
Ronald Dunn

VITAL STATISTICS

Sunday School Attendance — 632
Training Union Attendance — 283
Budget Offering — \$4,590.70
TOTAL OFFERING — \$5,466.08



Reunion
Relatives rush to greet each other as East German guards open the Berlin Wall to allow Easter holiday visits for the first time in six years. In addition to permitting West Germans to go to East Berlin, authorities opened the East German countryside for trips, something which had not been allowed in 20 years.—(RNS Photo).

A WORD FROM WARD

1. Thanks, Pastor, for meeting with us Sunday night.
2. Discipleship Classes meet together this week at 3:00.
3. Children of Light meet with Youth Choir at 5:00.
4. Young Adult Sunday School . . . we will sing Sunday night. Meet me in the Choir Room at 6:00. Ward

As I See It!

MBBC AVERAGING OVER 1,000???
That's right. MBBC's Sunday School has been averaging more than 1,000 per Sunday and that's entirely too many. One thousand absentees on any Sunday is too many, but we have them nearly every Sunday. But I guess we shouldn't be too concerned. I can't find any place in the scriptures where it says our Sunday schools are better if they're bigger than every other church. Or where it says that we are supposed to be bigger this year than we were last year. So why get up tight about the attendance anyway.

Actually, our attendance for this year is by far the greatest in our church's history. And it is continuing to grow. And I am certain that in most classes and departments our worshipping, teaching, and ministering is better than ever. But this still isn't what God wants at MBBC.

None of us should get "up tight" or the least bit concerned over what our attendance is. But we should be concerned about doing what God has called us to do — to study, to teach, to minister, to proclaim, to praise.

I hope that we shall never go back to worrying over "How many" but I also hope that we shall always want to do our best. Many of you haven't been in Sunday School for several months or even several years. God has something special for you right now. Try Him this week. Bring your bible and come expecting something special — just for you.
Schoeppey

SPORTS NOTES

As a sort of experiment, we are doing two things to increase your enjoyment of our skating facilities. From now until school lets out, Monday evening will be set aside exclusively for skating. This will eliminate the problem of various activities conflicting with each other when the gym is crowded. Also, the skates have been repaired during these weeks while the gym has been closed, particularly the replacing of bent axles. So now the skates will stop trying to steer themselves.

On the other hand, Thursday evenings will be devoted to all other activities beside skating, meaning basketball players will no longer have to dribble in and out of the skaters. If this idea works out, it will be incorporated into the summer program. The complete schedule is below.

We need more boys for the high school-college softball team. Sign up with Alan Cavin or me. Boys who played on this year's Crusader basketball team please turn in your black jersey. When you do, you will receive a picture of the team.

SPRING SCHEDULE
Monday 3:30-5:30 PM Pre-School, 1-2-3 grades
7:30-10:00 Family skating (all ages)
Tuesday 3:30-5:30 4-5-6 grades
7:30-10:00 Youth Night
Thursday 3:30-5:30 Pre-School, 1-2-3 grades
7:30-10:00 Game Night (all ages — no skating)
Friday 3:30-5:30 4-5-6 grades
Evening available for reservations.
Rick Smith

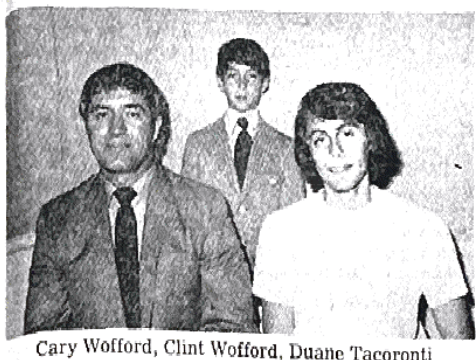
Welcome New Members



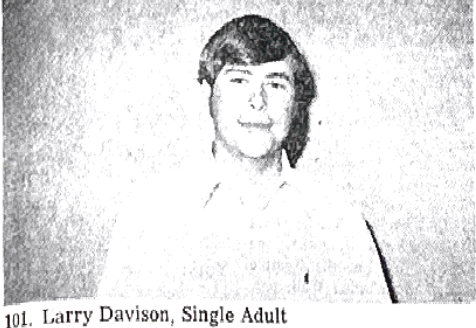
- (Letter)
131. Harold C. Clark, Jr., Med. Ad. 1, Holt
 132. Mrs. Harold (Anne) Clark, Med. Ad. 1, Calvert
Natalie, 4th, Debra, 2nd (deacon — Hulet)
3622 Windsor, 252-6448



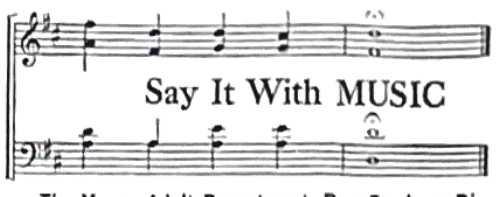
3. H. L. Taylor, Med. Ad. 2, Thompson (Deacon-Davis)
34. Mrs. H. L. (Dee) Taylor, Med. Ad. 2, Bell
Lori Taylor, 9th grade
36. Russell Taylor, 8th grade
1145 Jeffery Trail, 255-4729
37. Cary W. Wofford, Med. Ad. 1, Sears (deacon-Bell)
2314 MacArthur No. 104, 252-4994



- (Baptism)
99. Clint Wofford, 4th grade
 100. Duane Tacoronti, Single Adult
3223 W. Pentagon Pkwy No. 201, Dallas



101. Larry Davison, Single Adult
1513 N. Regina Ct., 255-4828



Say It With MUSIC
The Young Adult Department, Don Gardner, Director, will be filling the Choir loft this Sunday night. **YOUNG MUSICIANS**, reserve Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29, for special spring activities, which include the State Young Musician's Festival at Arlington and afternoon at Six Flags Over Texas and who knows what else!

All choirs will rehearse at their regular times: Youth Choir at 4:30 with Ward; I will be back for Young Musician's rehearsal and the Adult Choir rehearsal Wednesday night.

The Master's Minority will be on Channel 33, Monday, April 17 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in color.

Two of our groups will be singing at the revival at Northwest Baptist Church this week. The Carillons will sing Thursday night, April 20, and the Master's Minority will be singing for the services Saturday night, April 22. Mark Short, Manager of Glorieta, will be leading the music and Hyman Appelman, a converted Jew, will be preaching.
Jamel Badry

FOR THE LADIES

BAPTIST WOMEN Round Table meeting Tuesday, April 18, 10:00 a.m.
WMU HOUSE PARTY at Mt. Lebanon, April 21-22. Ladies interested in attending should contact the WMU Director, Mrs. Edna Hogue, 256-1649. The cost is \$5.00.

-World Religious News Roundup-

★ **LUTHERAN PRIMATE DIES**
UPPSALA, Sweden — Archbishop Ruben Josefson, primate of the Church of Sweden (Lutheran), died here recently. He was 69. The prelate had been ill for some time. He was nominated for the archbishop's post in May 1967 by King Gustav VI.

★ **\$750,000 RAISED FOR RELIEF**
ATLANTIC CITY — United Methodists have given \$750,000 for relief and rehabilitation in Bangladesh through a special "Bishops' Appeal."
Dr. J. Harry Haines, head of the denomination's Committee for Overseas Relief, reported on the fund to the executive unit of the United Methodist Board of Missions.

★ **AGENCY HEARS ABERNATHY**
UNITED NATIONS — The Rev. Ralph Abernathy of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference told the U.N. Apartheid Committee here that there is a crisis of racial suppression of the peoples of southern Africa. He said the situation demands attention because millions of black people there are suffering under "repressive police states."

★ **\$500,000 LOAN GRANTED**
NEW YORK — The Presbyterian Economic Development Corporation (PEDCO) has announced the granting of a \$500,000 loan to the Cherokee Boys Club in North Carolina. The Boys-Club of Cherokee, N.C., is an Indian reservation enterprise which operates bus services, restaurants, painting and construction businesses, and a number of native handicraft factories and stores catering to the tourist trade.

Touching Up

"Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. And their eyes were opened." Matthew 9:29, 30.

The father of a famous sculptor, himself equally renowned, was living with his son and working on a figure as his failing strength would permit. Each evening he would leave his work with a heavy heart because age had dulled his skill. His unhappiness worried his son until he hit upon a solution. After the old man retired, the son would steal down to the father's sculpture and with a few deft strokes would correct the mistakes the father had made, but would not, of course, finish the project. In the morning when the father returned to his work, he would notice what a fine piece of work it was and say (not knowing that his son had improved his work), "Not bad. I'll make something of this yet!" How fortunate it was to have a skilled sculptor in the house to "touch up" the mistakes each night!

While upon this earth Jesus Christ went about "touching" people. And at His touch something wonderful happened every time. When He touched blind eyes, their sight was restored. When He touched deaf ears, their hearing was returned. When He touched paralyzed limbs, they were instantly healed. Dreadful leprosy was cleansed by His touch. Even the dead were made alive by the touch of the Master's hand. How wonderful it is that we have a divine Sculptor always available to "touch up" the mistakes we make in our efforts to form a character fit for the mansions of glory! How reassuring and comforting it is to realize that He really wants to do this for us and upon invitation eagerly steps in and with His skill and power changes the undesirable results of our efforts and makes us fully acceptable to God! Let us come to Him with all the faith we can muster and ask Him to touch our lives today. — Still Waters

Humor Has its place Even in sermons

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