

Churchwomen Plan Meeting

The 70th annual meeting of the Women of the Church of Albemarle Presbytery will meet April 17 and 18 at the First Presbyterian Church in Goldsboro. The theme of the meeting will be "Agent of Reconciliation—Who, Me?"

For the first time in several years there will be an evening session to honor employed women and mothers of small children. Registration for this session begins at 6 P. M. and a fellowship dinner will be served at 6:30 o'clock. Business session will begin

at 7 o'clock, followed by a worship service in the sanctuary at 7:30 o'clock. Registration the following morning begins at 9:30 o'clock with call to order at 10 o'clock. The ladies are asked to bring a sandwich for lunch, at which time the meeting concludes.

The meetings will not be repetitious. Rev. Baxter M. Walker, evangelist of Fayetteville, will present the inspirational address.

This year's birthday objective will be presented by the district chairman. Since the birthday offering of the Women of the Church of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., was used overseas last year in Japan at the Kinjo University and Shikoku College, the offering will be used in the states this year to support the work of TRAV. This will help staff, train and equip students, ministers and missionaries in the use of electronic mass media of communication.

There is an Albemarle Scholarship Fund available to needy college students which is maintained with funds received at this annual meeting. Mrs. L. T. Harris of Washington will present this appeal.

Women's Work and minister of Englewood Presbyterian Church of Rocky Mount.

It is hoped that every Presbyterian woman will make a special effort to attend at least one of these meetings.

Dr. Everett K. Brown is the minister of the host church and Mrs. Horace H. Coward is president of the Women.

Death Claims

Mrs. Casper, 77

Mrs. Annie J. Casper of Portsmouth, Va., died Saturday following a recent illness. She was 77.

Mrs. Casper was a native of Bertie County.

Survivors include one son, Leroy Casper of Seaboard; two daughters, Mrs. Milton C. Brinkley of Portsmouth, Va., and Mrs. Christine Wiggs of Virginia Beach, Va.; one brother, Charlie Swain of Colerain, and one sister, Mrs. Mary White of Chesapeake, Va.

Also surviving are 13 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held in Williford Memorial Chapel at 2 P. M. Monday with Rev. Bennie Pledger of Colerain Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery in Colerain.



GLENN W. BROOKS

Brooks Added To Bank Staff

A veteran leader of North Carolina's insurance industry has joined First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina as vice president in charge of the bank's insurance program.

He is Glenn W. Brooks, who for the past seven years has been vice president and secretary of Beacon Fire Insurance Company and Southern Standard Life Insurance Company at Shelby.

Currently he is president of the Southeastern Claim Executives Association, and holds other important national and regional industry posts.

He also is a past lieutenant governor of Civitan International and recently was elected "Civitan of the Year" at Shelby.

M. F. Allen, Jr., president of the First National system which now has 24 branches in 16 cities from Boone to Wilmington, said Brooks will work directly with managers of all the branches in devising and maintaining better insurance services for customers of the bank.

Brooks will have headquarters at the bank's central offices in Jacksonville but will spend considerable time "on location" throughout the First National system.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

SERVING A LIVING SAVIOR

International Sunday School Lesson for April 14

Memory Selection: "Peace be unto you; as my Father has sent me, even so send I you."—John 20:21.

Lesson Text: John 20-21.

In our last lesson we studied the shameful act of Calvary; and—were we to end our studies there—we would be plunged into a sense of uselessness and tragedy.

Today, however, our lesson is concerned with the living Lord—the Resurrection which brought comfort and strength to His mourning disciples, and which brings that same comfort and strength to us today—also His disciples.

For in His death, and in His resurrection, was—and is—the assurance that there is a greater life beyond the Valley of Death than that in which we are presently engaged. The risen Lord assures us of victory over death. He is still the living Saviour of the world, and, as such, commands our obedience and service.

Certain it is that, as the disciples met in that back room, they were in despair—hiding from persecution at the hands of the Jews, bereft of their leader. And then—suddenly—the wonderful revelation. The doors were shut and locked, but there, in their midst—stood Jesus, the risen Christ. Can you imagine the sudden flood of hope, of joy, of renewed faith? Most surely, gloom and despair must have been chased away, and those present imbued with a renewed sense of purpose. For Jesus had a commission for these, His dearly loved companions of that part of His life which He had spent among men. They were to continue to preach the Gospel, even though He would not talk with them in human form; for He would assuredly be with them in the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' greeting to His followers (which is the text of our Memory Selection this week) holds as true for us, His present-day disciples, as it did the day it was spoken.

In Jesus' catechism of Peter it is obvious that the risen Lord demands love above all else. And total commitment. For these are the prerequisites of faithful Christian service.

If we have studied our Bible assiduously, it will be noted that there is a rhythm pulsating through it. Jesus continuously, during His life on earth, gathered people around him during His teaching periods. And—the chosen few—He sent forth to journey in the land and proclaim His message to many peoples.

This "rhythm"—this gathering, and the gleaming, are the heartbeat of the Church as it is known today. For the present-day Christian has a gathering place in his church—a secure retreat—and a command to go. The Christian obligation to action is an obligation of love. The flock must be fed—the flock must be tended. Thus commanded Jesus Christ, and that command must not fall on deaf ears.

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HALLELUJAH

Eddie was the smallest one in the choir today. He stood at the end of the front row, stretched tall as he could, and sang with his whole heart.

I looked up at his round freckled boy-face and wondered what he was thinking as the Easter anthem rose in crescendo and blessed the April air. Were his thoughts on chocolate bunnies and rainbow-colored eggs, or on the stirring story he was singing—"He is not here, but is risen"?

Of one thing I am certain. When he is grown and thinks of Eastertime back home, it won't be the candy eggs and Easter baskets he'll remember; but the smell of lilies at the chancel rail, the joy of joining his voice to a Hallelujah chorus.

Give your child a lifetime gift. Celebrate special Sundays and every Sunday by going to your church and taking him with you.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . . ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Sunday Isaiah 60:1-5	Monday Matthew 27:62-66	Tuesday Matthew 28:1-10	Wednesday Luke 24:28-35	Thursday John 20:11-18	Friday I Corinthians 15:12-22	Saturday Revelation 19:1-8
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Respectfully,

H. B. Williford, Jr.

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