



YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK April 7 Through 11

—SCHEDULE—

MONDAY	12:05 — Methodist Church; Speaker: Bishop Henry 7:30 — Episcopal Church; Speaker: The Rev. J. N. Binford
TUESDAY	12:05 — Methodist Church; Speaker: Bishop Henry 7:30 — Presbyterian Church; Speaker: Chap. J. H. Skelton
WEDNESDAY	12:05 — Methodist Church; Speaker: Bishop Henry 7:30 — Baptist Church; Speaker: Rev. W. D. Smith
THURSDAY	12:05 — Methodist Church; Speaker: Bishop Henry 7:30 — Methodist Church; Speaker: Rev. W. W. Preston 7:30 — Episcopal Church; Holy Communion; Speaker: Bishop Henry
FRIDAY	12:05 — Methodist Church; Speaker: Rev. J. R. McGregor 7:30 — Baptist Church; Speaker: Chap. H. C. Hubbard

Let It Be A New Experience For You

It is quite possible that many of you have not worshipped in any other Black Mountain church than the one you regularly attend. It is likely that you have wanted to visit but have never had the chance.

The evening services during Spiritual Emphasis Week will afford you an opportunity to worship in four denominational churches: the Baptist, the Methodist, the Presbyterian, and the Episcopal.

Proclamation

In recognition of the uncertainty of the times in which we live and of the detrimental effect which the present crisis is having on the well being of our community, we, the members of the Black Mountain Town Council, being cognizant of the need for spiritual as well as military preparation, do hereby issue the following Proclamation:

"That the week of April 7-13 be proclaimed as "Spiritual Emphasis Week", and that all citizens attend and give active support to the "Special Services of Worship" to be held in a different church each night, the message being brought by a local pastor."

The Town Council, wishing to cooperate in this endeavor, makes these further requests:

(1) That all organizations which have stated meetings scheduled for the week of April 7-13, postpone them to a later date in order that all citizens may have an opportunity to attend the Services of worship.

(2) That all Business Concerns close their doors between 12:00 and 12:45 each day during the week of April 7-13 to the end that all citizens may have the opportunity to attend the "Interdenominational Noon-Day Service" which will be held in the State Street Methodist church.

(3) That every organization, club, or Fraternal Order support this city wide endeavor. That the officers of each organization urge their constituents to cooperate in this undertaking so vital to the spiritual health of our city.

(4) That each Business Firm and Organization which will cooperate with the aforementioned program, sign the postals being sent out, and return to the designated address.

Adopted at a regular meeting of The Town Council, the evening of February 12, 1952.

Signed: G. L. Kirkpatrick, Mayor

Frank Howard Richardson  
J. M. Lance  
J. G. Northcott

Come In Your Working Clothes

The noonday services, Monday through Friday, are being held in the State Street Methodist Church, for the convenience of everyone in this community.

Places of business are closing shortly before the worship service is to begin in order to give their employees and workers an opportunity to participate in this pre-Easter spiritual experience.

Everyone plans to come in his working clothes. Storekeepers, clerks, accountants and professional people; employees of town and factory; repairmen and mechanics—everybody—plan to come as they are in their working clothes, and slip into a pew each of those days for a half hour's prayer, praise, and meditation.

LAYMEN TO PRESIDE

A layman will preside at each of the Monday services during Spiritual Emphasis week. He will announce the opening hymn, have the prayer, and read the scripture lesson.

At the Monday service, Ben Hunter will be the presiding layman; on Tuesday, Dr. Frank Howard Richardson will preside; William Hickey will preside on Wednesday, and Dean Willis, on Thursday. At the final noonday service, on Friday, Dr. W. D. Deatherford will preside.

Each of these persons is a popular and devoted layman, and his part in the daily noonday service will greatly enhance the spiritual consciousness of those who attend.

DEVOTIONAL PROGRAMS PLANNED FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Special devotional programs have been planned by the Black Mountain Ministerial Association for the students and faculty of the High School as a part of the community-wide Holy Week observance.

Chaplain James Rogers of the Swannanoa Division of the Veterans Administration will speak to a general assembly of the student body in the gymnasium Monday morning, April 7, at 10:30.

The Rev. W. H. Armistead, pastor of the Friendship Presbyterian Church, will be guest speaker over the school's public address system, at 8:45 Tuesday morning, April 8.

Dr. John R. Williams, pastor of Montreat Presbyterian Church, will speak on Wednesday morning to the students.

The Rev. Cecil M. Perry, pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, is scheduled to speak on Thursday, the last day before dismissal for the Easter holidays.

All of these devotional programs will be carried over the school's public address system with the exception of the general assembly on Monday morning.

Business Houses To Close Each Day 12:00 To 12:45

A total of 35 business houses, agencies and professional offices have responded generously to cooperate with the Spiritual Emphasis Week, April 7 through 11. The request is made by the Town Council in a recent proclamation that all stores, agencies and business houses close their doors from 12:00 to 12:45 noon each day to enable their employees to attend union services at the State Street Methodist Church.

The cards thus far received are the following: Potter Feed & Fertilizer Co., Black Mountain Ice Co., E. E. White Insurance Agency, Town of Black Mountain, Black Mountain Hardware Co., Gulf Oil Distributors, Broadway Builders' Supply, Inc., H&W 5-10c Store, Victory Cab Co., Valley Realty & Insurance Co., Acme Barber Shop, Black Mountain Lumber Co., Lucas' Office Supply, Western Auto Associate Store, Black Mountain Super Market, McMurray Chevrolet Co., Knight's Pharmacy, The Band Box, Climax Barber Shop, Black Mountain News, Chas. W. Stepp, Goff Radio, Bea's Beauty Shoppe, A&P Tea Co., The Northwestern Bank, R. S. Eckles, Realtor, Viverette Radio & Supply, J. M. Lance Esso Service, The Wash Spot, Harrison Funeral Home, Lormays, Black Mountain Insurance Agency, Pellom's Time Shop, Pix Theatre and Jones Food Store. One card was received unsigned.

Other cards are coming in to Mayor Kirkpatrick, or the information may be telephoned to the Rev. W. D. Smith, Secretary of the Black Mountain Ministerial Association at 3871 for publication next week.

This makes a total of 47 responses received to date. The community is looking forward to receiving a great blessing next week during Spiritual Emphasis Week.

Club Meetings Called Off During This Week

Many of the civic organizations, which have regularly stated meetings scheduled for the week of April 7-11, have signified their desire to cooperate in the community-wide Holy Week observance.

At the request of the Ministerial Association and the Black Mountain city council, so far 11 groups have either postponed or called off all evening meetings in order that their members may have ample opportunity to attend the evening services of worship to be held in Black Mountain churches.

Although the cards are still coming in, it is felt that others will be received this week to be published next week in the NEWS.

The following cards have already been received: Woman's Club, Jr. Woman's Club, Lions Club, Jaycees, Hatch'n Patch, Tea and Topic Club, Black Mountain Chamber of Commerce, Black Mountain Arts Club, Order of the Eastern Star, Masonic Lodge and the American Legion Auxiliary. One card was returned unsigned. Other groups may mail in their cards or telephone the Rev. W. D. Smith at 3871.

The Black Mountain Ministerial Association wishes to take this opportunity to express appreciation to all groups in the community for their fine cooperation in this spiritual effort. We feel that a great blessing will result from the community as a whole thus working together.

Evening By Evening

MONDAY EVENING:

The Rev. J. N. Binford, Pastor, The First Baptist Church, will preach at the union service to be held in St. James' Episcopal Church. His sermon will be on "The Meaning of the Cross."

TUESDAY EVENING:

"Witness For Christ" will be the sermon subject when the Rev. James H. Skelton, chaplain, WNC Sanatorium, preaches at the union service in the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

On this evening, at a union service in The First Baptist Church, the Vicar of St. James' Episcopal Church, the Rev. Winfield D. Smith, will deliver a sermon entitled: "Face Up . . . To Reality."

THURSDAY EVENING:

The Rev. W. W. Preston, pastor, Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, will preach on "Christian Fellowship" at the union service to be held in the State Street Methodist Church. For those who desire Communion, there will be a service of the Lord's Supper at St. James' Episcopal Church. Bishop M. George Henry will officiate and preach.

FRIDAY EVENING:

The final service of the week will also be a union service in The First Baptist Church. On this evening, the Rev. Harry C. Hubbard, chaplain, VA Hospital, Oteen, will preach on the subject: "Words From the Cross."

