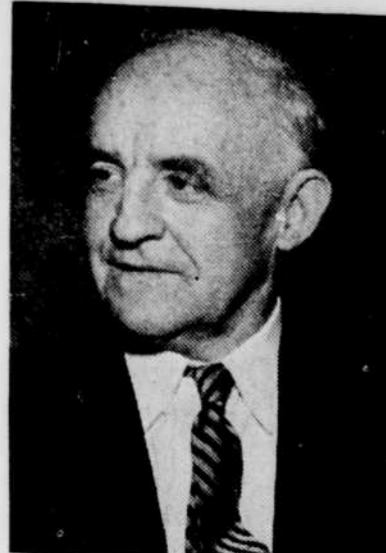


# Bushels Corn Growers To Meet February 5

In all over Western North Carolina corn growers who produce 100 or more bushels of corn measured acre of land will meet at the George Vanderbilt Hotel in Asheville at 12 o'clock on February 5 for the annual 100 Bushel Corn Growers luncheon presided by the Farmers Federation.

First prize of \$100 will be awarded to the grower who harvests the largest number of bushels of corn measured acre of land, it was announced by James G. McClure, Federation president.

Because our mountain soils are suited to growing corn, a 100 bushel crop is within the reach of farmers in this area, and we look forward to seeing many more members of the 100 Bushel Corn Club attend our luncheon," McClure declared.



Dr. Frank P. Graham of Chapel Hill, prominent educator and statesman, has accepted appointment as a national vice-chairman of the 1955 Red Cross campaign for members and funds, according to Stanley C. Allyn of Dayton, Ohio, national campaign chairman.

Dr. Graham, United Nations mediator for India and Pakistan, is one of 50 volunteer vice-chairmen, selected from eminent national leaders, who will serve. He will advise and assist Red Cross chapters in North Carolina in planning and organizing for the 1955 campaign, which gets underway March 1.

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# UNIFORM Sunday School Lesson

William R. Klein, Pastor  
 Black Mountain Presbyterian Church  
 Sunday, Jan. 23.



## THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Scripture: John 16:7-11; Acts 2:1-4; 4:8-12.

It goes without saying that the doctrine of the Holy Spirit is one of the most neglected of Biblical truths. Few of us ever hear sermons preached on the Holy Spirit; few of us ever consider Him very profoundly in our religious experience. We mention Him occasionally in our prayers and in our creeds, but when it comes down to an actual understanding of His work, we are quite lacking. Perhaps this lack of understanding is due to the fact that He is not presented as clearly in the Biblical records as are God and Jesus Christ. But it is rather striking, isn't it, that the very One who brings home to our hearts the truths and the realities of our Christian faith; the One who leads us into a personal understanding of Jesus Christ; the One who reveals truth to us should be so significantly neglected.

In the Old Testament the Spirit of God is seen as the giver and maintainer of life, and this is a general function of the Spirit. But principally the Spirit is seen as the giver of particular endowments to citizens of Israel. Wisdom and discernment are gifts of the Spirit. The judges — Gideon, Deborah, Jephthah, and the rest — were all what is known as charismatic leaders. That is, when a particular problem arose, usually in the form of an invasion of Israel, the Spirit would rush upon some individual and endow him with particular abilities, recognizable by all, which would enable that leader to inspire his people and deliver them from their oppressor. But as soon as the job was done, the charismatic gifts would leave the particular leader, and he would return to his normal way of life. Everyone will remember especially when the Spirit left Saul — making him depressed and hateful — and entered David, thereby signifying that a new charismatic leader had been chosen by God to lead His people. Incidentally, when the monarchy was established under Saul and David (note the opposition of Samuel to this move), it thereby meant that the leaders of the people of Israel would no longer be selected by charismatic endowment by the Spirit, but rather by natural succession from father to son. Hence, we hear no more of a ruler or a king being endowed with special gifts by the Spirit; after David and Solomon, the charismatic gifts of the Spirit were given to the prophets.

Note, however, that in the Old Testament the special possession of the Spirit was given only to selected individuals. The Spirit was not the possession of the people of Israel. Neither king, nor priest, nor ordinary prophet could possess the Spirit, but only the select few that God chose to be instruments of His revelation. Thus the prophet Joel looked forward to the final age when the Spirit would be poured out upon all flesh. I. John 16:7-11, The Comforter.

In the Upper Room Jesus announced that He would soon leave His disciples and return to the Father. We cannot imagine the sadness that stole over the disciples as they were confronted with this terrible news. And yet Jesus would turn this into a time of joy for them by revealing the great fact that His departure will mean the coming of the Comforter, (Paraclete, meaning one who is called in to stand beside and to aid another). This Comforter, the Holy Spirit will continue the work which Jesus began and will carry it to its final fulfillment when Jesus Christ will be all in all.

During His early ministry our Lord was limited by time and space to the environs of Palestine. As a man He was limited to the same spatial and temporal confinements that hinder us. Thus only in departing to be with the Father can His work really be completed, for then the Holy Spirit can come who is omnipresent and

can carry on Jesus' work in all places. The principal work of the Spirit is to lead the followers of Jesus into the truth. The primary work of the Spirit is to witness to the revealed truth of God as it is found in Scripture by creating an evangelical experience of reality in the heart of the believer. Thus, in accordance with the teachings of the New Testament, the early Church Fathers, and the Protestant Reformers, our authority can never be the Bible by itself, or the Holy Spirit by Himself, but only the inner witness of the Spirit to the objective truth of Scripture that creates a confrontation with God the Redeemer in the human heart.

Thus it is easier for us to become Christians than it was for the people who met Jesus during His earthly ministry, for now the Spirit has the objective, accomplished facts of our redemption with which to work. The Cross is behind us as a historic fact, and the Holy Spirit can now lead us into a deeper and deeper awareness of spiritual reality. But not only us, the New Testament affirms that the Holy Spirit is also operative in the secular orders — government etc., though they do not know it, convicting them of evil and bringing history to its consummation.

II. Acts 2:1-4; 4:8-12, Pentecost.

The day of Pentecost marks the coming of the Holy Spirit as Jesus had promised. He rushes upon the disciples and brings home to

**LAST RITES HELD.**  
 Last rites for Mrs. Isabel Stepp, 46, who died in an Asheville hospital following a short illness were held Wednesday, Jan. 12, in the Mills Chapel Baptist church.

their hearts the power of their new relationship with God. Immediately they are transformed into men of boldness who previously had fled from the guards of the High Priest in Gethsemane. They spoke out openly in the very city that had crucified their Master. And the spokesman for the Christian community is Peter who earlier had denied the Master with oaths. Also, the healing powers which Jesus possessed now are operative through the disciples, for the very power of the in-breaking Kingdom of God, the Holy Spirit, is now actively present convicting the world of sin and turning hearts toward the truth.

It is significant that Peter quotes the prophet Joel who had prophesied the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon all flesh. Peter is boldly announcing that the day has come, the final age of human history of which Joel spoke has now arrived, the time is at hand. What remains now is a mopping-up exercise, the following up of the decisive victory that has already been won on the Cross.

We sometimes wonder why the Holy Spirit is not operative in our lives as He was in the lives of the early Christians. It is due to our lack of faith in the Spirit. We waste our energies asking that the Holy Spirit will direct us aright, and then we continuously ponder whether this or that action is in accordance with the Spirit's direction. Thus we lose our vital enthusiasm through a lack of assurance. The disciples did not spend their time asking for the guidance of the Spirit and then sit back waiting for something climatic to move them. They knew that the Holy Spirit had been given, and they acted in the faith that the Spirit was already waiting for them to move. Paul did not sit around waiting for some mystic sensation to direct him to travel to Rome, he had the faith that the Spirit was already in Rome waiting for him to act so that the Spirit might have an instrument through whom to work. If we had the faith of the early Church, we would begin our day by asking for the direction of the Spirit and then go out and live as if the Spirit is really present and waiting for us to act. The coming of the Spirit into our lives is an accomplished fact, if we be Christians, we need to act as if we believed it.

# We Salute —

We salute you on your birthday:

JAN. 18 — Joe Mackney, Violet Costner, Grace Teems, Claude Foster, Frank R. Gauthier, Beatrice Causey, Charles H. Aiken, Jr., George Carringer.

JAN. 20 — William Quinn, Jr., Everett Stephenson, Grant L. Donnelly, Lorraine Vinson, Harold Davidson, Brenda Louise Cordell.

JAN. 21 — Julia Blankenship, Thelma C. Wallin, Edith Bennett, Carl Wade Dehart.

JAN. 22 — Ethel Childers, Russell Rowland, Danny Hensley, Mrs. G. C. Earle.

JAN. 23 — Margie Doss, Cynthia Copeland, Virginia Metcalf.

## WOMEN IN CIVIL DEFENSE

The press has reported the sober statement of eminent spokesmen who have called these the gravest days of our history. Informed people do not doubt that fact," FCDA Adm. Millard Caldwell stated before the American Society of Newspaper Editors, April 19, 1951.

A grim undercurrent in the President's message on the state of the Union, showed that he was cognizant that the world is "balanced on a sword edge; the next few years will be a time of danger and, possibly, of crisis, without parallel in our history."

Our "deceptive peace" is merely an absence of actual fighting — a "world stalemate", our President called it.

Administrator Caldwell says, as we know well, "The Russians are capable and ready to deliver this destruction (atomic bomb) whenever they feel like it—whenever it is most profitable for them to do so . . . That attack can come with little or no warning—the best we can hope for is a few minutes notice."

We cannot relax our guard. We MUST keep our defense. We must be alert.

Mt. Mitchell radio station warns us nightly that radar has its limitations. Low flying planes can get under our screens."

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Foreign purchases of cotton, tobacco, and wheat are likely to increase next year, with total farm exports for 1954-55 probably up a tenth or more from the relatively low 1953-54 level of \$2.9 billion.

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