



DR. BIGELOW FETED AT DURHAM CHURCH—Dr. W. T. Bigelow, pastor of the Greater Saint Paul Baptist Church's fourth anniversary was climaxed on Sunday, June 15th, with Dr. L. A. Miller and members of the Saint Mark AME Zion Church appearing. The anniversary committee presented him with a love offering of the week and climaxed the day with \$1,209.00 and many kind expressions of love. Left to right—Deacon A. L. Murphy, Chairman of Deacon Board; Ernest Allen, Chairman of Trustee Board; Mrs. E. Young, President, Pastor's Aid Club; and the Pastor, Dr. W. T. Bigelow. (See story).

Dr. W. T. Bigelow Observes Fourth Anniversary At Greater St. Paul

DURHAM—The Fourth Anniversary of the Rev. Dr. W. T. Bigelow was climaxed by the appearance of the Rev. Dr. L. A. Miller and members of the Saint Mark AME Zion Church congregation on Sunday, June 15. Dr. Bigelow is a native of Greensboro, where he received his public school education. He received the Bachelor of Theology Degree from the Goldsboro Institution of Theology and also earned a Certificate of Commendation from Shaw's School of Divinity, Raleigh. In 1965, he was awarded the degree of Evangelism from the National Baptist Convention, and in June, 1967, he was awarded the Doctor of Divinity Degree by the Virginia Seminary and College, of Lynchburg, Virginia. Dr. Bigelow is married to the former Miss Lillian Hughes, also of Greensboro, and they are the parents of three children,

Ronnie, Patricia and Stephen. He has pastored New Hope Baptist Church of Chatham County, and the First Baptist Church of Wake County; and he accepted the call to the Greater Saint Paul Baptist Church in June 1965. Some of his accomplishments are: The Hour of Power, a one-hour inspirational service held each Sunday morning at 7 a.m., for the benefit of persons from all over the city and of every denomination, and for persons who may have jobs that may prevent them from attending the regular Sunday morning services; the very sacred and impressive Candlelight Communion, which is held the first Sunday of each month at 7 p.m.; the development of the Children's Chapel, where children are taught Bible stories in a language of their understanding.

Under the administration, the membership has increased to over 900 members, with over 400 being baptized and five choirs have been added. The other speakers of the week included Rev. E. T. Thompson, pastor of the Community Baptist Church, with the joint board and the Male Chorus as hosts; Rev. W. E. Daye, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, with the senior choir, Willing Workers and Gleaners as hosts; Dr. William Fuller, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, with the Supply Club, Chancellor Choir and Junior Church Committee as hosts; Reverend B. A. Mack, pastor of Morehead Avenue Baptist Church, with the Usher Board, Vets Choir and Daughters of Lydia as hosts; Rev. L. E. Daye, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, with the Gospel Chorus, Young Adult Choir and Sunday School Staff as hosts. The groups serving as hosts of the Sunday services were the Pastor's Aid Club, the Men's Striving Club, the Missionary Circle, the Junior Choir and the Children's Choir. The week of services was inspiring to the congregation each night, which came in honor of Dr. Bigelow. Expressions of love, along with the visiting churches proved the anniversary to be a complete success.

MEDITATION

A SERMONETTE
BY COLIN DOUGLAS

"I therefore . . . beseech you to walk worthily of the calling . . . forbearing one another in love; giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." --Eph. 4:1, 2, 3.

One of the surest ways to promote your own happiness is to work with the thought of making others happy, to practice beholding them as children of the One Father. You can help to create harmony at home, in an organization, or in a place of business by seeing only the good in others and working always with good will.

Another person may seem to all appearances to be harsh or thoughtless or unjust, but in reality he is as you are, a divine child of the divine Father. If you will see through the seeming faults of the perfection within him, you will help to bring him to a realization of his divine nature. The love you hold for others will bring untold blessings to you.

If you are inclined to feel bitter toward anyone, reverse your attitude. Do not wait for the other person to change, but change your own thought. You will bring good to both, for that is the law of God. You cannot bless another person without being blessed yourself.

Giving of our love and friendship to those about us is a determining factor in experiencing deep satisfaction, happiness, and joy. Giving of our love and understanding to others widens the circle of our friends, which in return brightens our life and adds spiritual grace and beauty to it.

"A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples." -- John 13:34, 35.

"O Lord so many of us who have strayed from Thee, please be merciful and accept Thy wayward flock to Thy precious side with understanding and forgiveness."

TWO MINUTES WITH THE BIBLE

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PEACE ON EARTH?

When Christ was born of Mary, the angels praised God and sang: "Glory to God in highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14).

This glad carol of the angels seems farther from the truth today than it ever was, and as a result many have become cynical and have concluded that the Bible is not true; that the angel's song was but a pleasant, hopeful thought. Those who feel this way don't know their Bibles very well, though, or they would know why we have such unrest today, instead of peace.

Our Lord was indeed the long-promised King, through whom His people and the whole world were to enjoy peace and true prosperity. John the Baptist appeared as the King's herald. The twelve apostles went forth "preaching the gospel of the kingdom" (Matt. 4:23). The four Gospel records are filled with proofs and demonstrations of Christ's royal rights. But the King was rejected, as God has prophesied He would be at His first advent (1 Pet. 1:11). Over His cross Pilate placed a sign,

saying: "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Today, then, the King is a royal exile from the world over which he should be reigning.

Is it strange, then, that we do not yet enjoy peace on earth. The second Psalm describes the folly of the nations and their rulers in ignoring this basic fact and predicts that God will laugh, as it were, at their derision as they seek to run the world without His Son.

Thank God, this period of Christ's rejection is also a wonderful period of grace. When sin has risen to its height, God saved Saul of Tarsus, the leader of the world's rebellion against Christ, and sent him forth to proclaim "the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24) the good news that "Christ died for our sins," and that any sinner may be reconciled to God by faith in Christ. This is why the Bible calls the divine administration under which we are living "the dispensation of the grace of God" (Eph. 3:2). So, while "peace on earth" awaits a future day, we may now have "peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1).

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"We had a VERY interesting Sunday School lesson on delinquent parents!"

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REACHING NEW

Heights

Man has explored most of the earth, and has now set out to conquer space.

While achieving these marvelous works, let us not forget our creator.

"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet..."

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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