

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

First Methodist
4th & Roanoke Ave.

Rosemary Methodist
10th & Jackson St.

Presbyterian
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First Baptist
4th & Roanoke Ave.

Rosemary Baptist
10th & Jackson St.

Catholic
9th & Hamilton St.

Christian
9th & Roanoke Ave.

Episcopal
7th & Roanoke Ave.

Pentacostal

Holiness
8th & Vance St.

Pastor Fires Parting Blast

Grantham, Leaving, Says Certain Leaders In His Church Were Dishonest

The Reverend V. H. Grantham, for several years pastor of the Roanoke Rapids Christian Church, leaving to take the pastorate of a church in Florida, fired a parting blast at "certain leaders" in his church here whom he accuses of trying to disown the obligation which he says the church owes him.

Grantham, who was prominent in the past primary election when he visited the county in behalf of certain candidates, claims the church owes him back salary of \$1,900, representing two years back salary.

In an open letter to The Herald, the departing minister says a number of the congregation want him paid but a number are working to prevent it. He leaves it to the future to see whether right or wrong will prevail.

Mr. Grantham's letter is as follows:

It is with regret that I write this letter but in fairness to all and justice to my friends I feel that I owe this to the people of Roanoke Rapids since so many people have asked about the church relationship to me in regard to my salary.

I have never found a more consecrated, sacrificing, loyal people than many of the people in this congregation and I owe it to them to speak it openly and boldly. But a faithful few cannot carry all the financial burdens of the church; however the faithful part of the church have struggled under the load of church debts and tried to pay my salary but an opposing element has worked to bar me from getting what the church owes me, although we had a mutual agreement between the church board and myself that the church was to have paid me in full January 1st of this year.

I have endeavored to render my best service to the church for eleven years under very trying conditions which has brought joy mingled with bitterness for our people were discouraged and burdened with old debts, and worshipping in a hall and many said it was impossible to get their church building erected for the church property was called the eye sore in this part of town. With the faith and courage of those who were willing to go forward we accomplished the task of building the church and it stands today a monument to the faith of the faithful.

The church was happy in its progress for several years. Then some began to scatter seed of doubt and dissatisfaction which brought factions into it and in August 1935 I decided to resign as pastor, my resignation being effective Jan. 1st, 1936 when the church was to pay me the balance of salary due which we agreed upon and I have waited to receive it but now they owe me more than \$1900.00 which represents two years' salary including the amount I gave off to make my contribution in the work and try to make it agreeable to get the settlement. Certain leaders have tried to disown the obligation which they owe and seemingly are willing to ignore it but they were not under the load of

burdens in our building campaign and I fear such dishonesty will treat other obligations lightly.

Moses commanded the Israelites to go forward and they would not go but later they said they would go and Moses told them the Lord would not be with them but they went on and met disaster. I believe church people ought to be outstanding in honesty, truthfulness, morality and righteousness and the religion of Christ will do us that much good if we are His. I don't believe any church will prosper long without it plays the game of life fair to God and man. By their fruits ye shall know them, is the standard Christ gave to us for measurement.

Many people have asked me about how the church was doing on its obligation and lest all should be measured by some, I want this letter to make it plain that a number of the members want me paid, and have, and are doing their duty on it, but a number of them are working to prevent it, so it remains to be seen what the future will bring to us right or wrong. Truth crushed to earth will rise again and I believe right will win in the battle against sin.

My best wishes are that the church will always exalt Christ as head of the church and serve Him acceptably.

V. H. Grantham.

Take Y.M.C.A. Work

John Ogletree visited his mother and sister, Mrs. C. F. Ogletree, and Miss Virginia Ogletree, house guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Bell of Weirwood, Va. on Thursday and Friday. He was enroute to New York where he is taking a course in Y.M.C.A. work.

Holds Norlina Revival

Rev. J. J. Boone is conducting a revival meeting at Norlina this week.

Rosemary Meth. Ice Cream Supper

The Young Peoples Division of the Rosemary Methodist Church will give an ice cream supper on Saturday night on the church grounds. The public is most cordially invited.

Christian Church Elects Officers

At the business meeting last Sunday the following were elected as the Official Board of the Church: F. L. Price, W. A. Boyd, Jim Shell, Buck Taylor, H. M. Waters, T. L. Williams, J. E. Pugh, Cumber Radcliffe, D. A. Hudson, Robert Lanier, Mary Walter Shell, Thelma Boyd, Mrs. Virginia Gureley, Rena Dell Radcliffe. These officers will be installed the first Sunday night in August, when a special service will be held in their honor.

The subject for Bro. Traylor's sermons Sunday are: 11 a.m., "Choosing the Hard Path," and 8 p.m., "What Can We Believe Today?" The public is cordially invited to attend these services. Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Public also invited to Sunday School.

Fidelis Class In Monthly Meeting

The Fidelis Class of Rosemary Baptist Church held the regular monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. W. T. Burke, July 17th, with eleven members present.

After the business session a social hour was enjoyed. The hostess served ice cream and cake to the following members: Mesdames P. L. Matthews, R. M. Pair, M. M. Williams, R. E. Clary, J. O. Hockaday, D. L. Mahaffey, W. T. Floyd, W. S. Hasty, R. L. Bryant and L. F. Wood, W. T. Burke.

Miss Evelyn Howard is spending her vacation at Greensboro Girl Scout Camp.

Ebenezer Church

Pastor, Rev. J. B. Hurley
We're indeed glad to have as our leader and teacher this week in our Cokesbury Training Class, Mr. Richey of Duke University at Durham, N. C. Mr. Richey is very interested in this work and it is our wish that his teachings will not only serve for the present, but also in the future of our church work. Rev. J. B. Hurley, our pastor, also has been present thus far, thereby making the young class more homelike and enthusiastic. We wish that all members could attend. Visitors are appreciated, also.

Sunday School Sunday A. M. at 10:00. May this "course" prove effective in all our work, is our aim.

Misses Ann Campbell and Margaret Taylor left Tuesday for Greensboro Girl Scout Camp to spend two weeks.

Miss Dorothy Askew spent Monday in Raleigh.

Miss Leslie Darden of Rocky Mt. spent the week-end with Miss Evelyn Johnson.

Baptist Y.W.A.

Mrs. A. O. George entertained the Y.W.A. of Rosemary Baptist Church at her home on Monroe Street Friday night.

The president, Miss Lillian Bell Jenkins, presided. Devotions were led by Miss Pauline Kendrick. A business session followed by a most interesting program on "Stewardship" was given by Misses Evelyn Johnson, Ella Brown, Lillian Bell Jenkins, Mesdames A. O. George and George Pappendick. At the close of the program the hostess served refreshments.

Christian Science

Sunday services, 11 a.m.
Wednesday services, 8 p.m.
Reading Room open every Tuesday and Friday from 3 to 5. The public is cordially invited to visit our Reading Room and attend our service.

Subject Sunday: "Truth."
923 Roanoke Ave.

Miss Marjorie Keene returned Saturday from Suffolk.



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