

BECONTREE AVENUE  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
NEWS-LETTER.

MAY, 1989.

60

YEARS

OLD!

1929-1989

"Hitherto hath the LORD  
helped us."  
(1. Sam. 7:12)

## Verse for the month

"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me." (Acts 1:8)

I was very interested to learn recently that this church, in Becontree Avenue, had a very small beginning. The first meetings were held in 1928/9 in the fish-and-chip shop at Andrews Corner. The children had meetings in the fish bar on Sunday evenings, and the adults met in the flat upstairs. And how the work grew! Soon, this church had to be built to hold the numbers.

The church at Jerusalem, nearly 2,000 years ago, consisted of only 120 men and women who met in an upper room. 'But look what happened on that Pentecost day when the Holy Spirit baptised them! They were turned from timid people into spiritual giants! They lived victorious Christian lives, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and witnessed for Jesus, and people were converted every day.

Today, many of us ask, Why do WE not seem to achieve much these days? Why don't WE see such things happen as they did then? They can, and WILL do, if we will only realise that the same Holy Spirit is still here in the world today, and is only waiting to baptise us and empower us to live and witness for Jesus. We have only to ask Him, submit ourselves to Him and obey Him. Then things WILL happen!

Graham Glen

God willing, the arrangements for MAY are as follows:-

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

MONDAY, May 8th

8p.m.

Subject:

"ZAIRE"

PREACHERS FOR MAY7th MAY

a.m. Mr. Hewett

p.m. To be arranged

14th MAY

a.m. Rev. J. Buckley

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21st MAY

a.m. Rev. R. Smalley

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28th MAY

a.m. Rev. T. Noles

p.m. Mr. J. Dundon

LADIES' AFTERNOON MEETINGS2nd MAYMrs. Churchill  
Chadwell Heath9th MAYMrs. Smy  
Chaplin Road16th MAYMrs. Reilly  
East Ham23rd MAY

ANNIVERSARY

Speaker: Mrs. B. Wright  
Soloist: Mrs. J. WilsonMID-WEEK MEETINGS5th MAY

CHURCH MEETING

17th MAY

Mr. F. Willmer

10th MAY

Mrs. E. Glen

24th MAY

Mr. L. Wilson

31st MAY

CHURCH MEETING

LADIES' FRIENDSHIP GROUP

FRIDAY, MAY 26th

7.30p.m.

## MINISTRY OF MONEY

Offerings for the four weeks ended 16th April totalled £663.78 - an average of £165.94 per week. Gifts to the Building Fund totalled £210.61: to the Home Mission Fund £75.38, and the Baptist Missionary Society £89.94. Thank you, in the Lord's name, for this splendid giving.

L. Wilson

## N E E D E D

A piano for the Church Hall

## CHURCH SPRING CLEANING

Many thanks to those who came and helped. We were few in number, so not everything was done. If you would like to do 'your bit' before the Anniversary, please see me, and I will tell you what is needed to be done.

Pamela

## MISSION '89

Lists are now on the Notice Board in the Foyer for names of those who will be coming and bringing friends with them to hear Billy Graham at West Ham on Wednesday 14th June and Friday 30th June at Earls Court.

## ANNIVERSARY-CRECHE

There are plans to have a creche for the under 5's during the Anniversary Thanksgiving Service on Saturday afternoon 13th May, but two or three volunteers are needed for this to be possible. Anyone who does not mind too much missing the service, and is willing to help, please see Helen Pattle.

60th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

13th & 14th MAY, 1989

THANKS-GIVING SERVICE

13th May at 4.0p.m.

TEA AND FELLOWSHIP AT THE CLOSE OF THE  
MEETING.

E V E R Y O N E      W E L C O M E !

ON SUNDAY, May 14th, OUR FORMER MINISTER -  
Rev. J. Buckley - WILL BE SPEAKING AT THE  
MORNING AND EVENING SERVICES.

## "CHRISTIAN CRACKER"

Pastor: (Preaching to a drowsy congregation about the relationship between "Fact and Faith")

"That you are sitting in front of me in church is fact, that I am speaking to you from the pulpit is fact. But it is only faith that makes me believe that any of you is listening!"

### C H O R U S

Jesus is with me wherever I go,  
Jesus is with me, I know.  
Over the mountains, on land and on sea,  
Jesus, I know, is with me.  
As oft' through the valley of sorrow  
I go, his hand is upon me, I know, I know.  
Jesus is with me wherever I go,  
Jesus is with me I know.

### THOUGHT FROM CHARLES H. SPURGEON (1834-1892)

"The happiest state of a Christian is the holiest state - As there is most heat nearest to the sun, so there is most happiness nearest to Christ."

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NEXT ISSUE will be available on SUNDAY, 4th JUNE