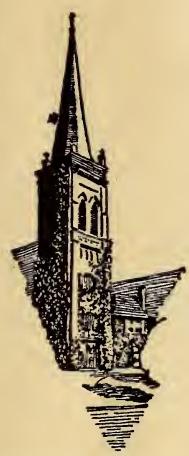


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"O Come, Let Us Worship  
And Bow Down:  
Let Us Kneel Before The Lord  
Our Maker."



# The First Presbyterian Church

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

ROBERT F. CAMPBELL, D.D.  
*Minister Emeritus*

CALVIN GRIER DAVIS  
*Minister*

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SUNDAY DECEMBER THIRTEENTH—NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-TWO

Morning Worship  
Eleven O'Clock

- Organ Prelude—  
"Meditation Elegie" ..... Borowski
- Doxology.
- Invocation and the Lord's Prayer.
- \*Hymn 205—"How Firm A Foundation."
- Responsive Reading: Selection 21.
- Anthem—  
"Sanctus" ..... Gounod
- \*Meditation.
- Scripture Reading.
- Pastoral Prayer.
- \*Hymn 345—"The Church's One Foundation."
- Offertory Solo—"I Was The Tree" ..... O'Hara  
Mr. Edwin Beach
- Sermon—"Our Presbyterian Heritage."  
Rev. Walter L. Lingle, D.D.
- Benediction.
- Organ Postlude.

Evening Worship  
Seven-Thirty O'Clock

- Union Anniversary Service honoring  
Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D.  
Rev. C. Grier Davis Presiding.
- Organ Prelude—"Be Thou Faithful Unto Death" ..... Mendelssohn
- \*Hymn 20—"O God Whose Law From Age To Age."
- Reading of Scripture—The Twenty-Third Psalm: Rev. J. C. Plexico.
- Prayer—Rev. Paul N. Gresham.
- Greetings from the Congregation—James S. Howell.
- Greetings from the Ministerial Association — Rev. G. Floyd Rogers, President.
- Greetings from the Catholic Church—Mayor John V. Erskine, of Weaverville.
- Greetings from Congregation Beth H-Tephila—Rabbi Robert P. Jacobs.
- Offertory Solo—"How Beautiful Upon The Mountains" ..... Harker
- Greetings from the City of Asheville—City Manager P. M. Burdette.
- Greetings from the Good Samaritan Mission — Written by Rev. J. S. Williams. Delivered by Rev. H. W. Baucom.
- Reading of Letters—  
Rev. C. Grier Davis.
- Anthem—"Te Deum" ..... Kotzschmar
- Address—"Dr. Campbell and the Asheville Presbyterian." Rev. Henry B. Dendy, D.D.
- Response—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D.
- Doxology.
- Benediction.
- Organ Postlude.

\*The ushers will be glad to seat you at these times.

USHERS

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Dr. C. N. Burton  
Moore Lantz  
Ian Stalker

Charles Runnion  
W. H. Lashley  
Claude Bruton  
George Mueller

"To all who mourn and need comfort—to all who are tired and need rest—to all who are friendless and want friendship—to all who are lonely and want companionship—to all who are homeless and want sheltering love—to all who pray, and to all who do not, but ought—to all who sin and need a Saviour, and to 'whosoever will'—this Church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord, says, 'Welcome.'"

Visitors, please sign the register in the vestibule.

The Session will meet immediately after the morning service to receive any who wish to unite with this Church on profession of faith in Christ, by restatement of faith, or by church letter. We cordially invite any one who does not have a church home in Asheville to become a member of this Church.

The  
Rev. Robert F. Campbell, D.D.



In Observance Of Two  
Anniversaries

# THE REV. ROBERT F. CAMPBELL, D.D.

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## *In Observance Of Two Anniversaries*

It is with a feeling of joy and gratitude and a sense of great privilege that the members of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville join today in extending felicitations to the Rev. Robert F. Campbell, D.D., pastor emeritus, on the occasion of the double celebration of his eighty-fourth birthday anniversary, December 12, and the fiftieth anniversary, December 11, of his connection with this Church. Few churches have had the distinction of participating in an observance of this kind. For eighty-four years Dr. Campbell has been climbing the Spiritual Mountains. He may well pause today, at this milestone in his life, and look back for a moment and hear others say that his work has been "well done."

The value of Dr. Campbell's life and service cannot be estimated by any material means, but the members of this congregation are grateful to him for many things. We are grateful for his fifty years of consecrated ministry to this Church, for his alertness in guarding the spiritual and moral life of this community, and for his devotion to the causes of the Presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly. We are grateful for his able, clear and forceful preaching and exposition of the Gospel, for his love for, his understanding of, and his work in behalf of young people, for his tact and wisdom, his comfort to those in sorrow, his assistance to those in need, his sympathy for those in trouble, for his wise counsel and fatherly advice. And we are grateful, too, that we have him with us now, in these difficult war days, so that we may feel his steady hand and hear his words of comfort and hope and faith. He is the beloved first citizen of the Presbytery and the Synod and as such we pay tribute to him today. May he continue among us for many years to come and, in the words of the Psalmist, may his youth be "renewed like the eagle's."

### **Is Native Of Lexington, Va.**

Robert Fishburne Campbell, whose life and career exhibit in full measure his great inheritance of the fine traits of the Scotch-Irish and the Pilgrim, was born in Lexington, Va., on December 12, 1858, of distinguished Virginia and Massachusetts ancestry. His father, John Lyle Campbell, LL.D., a native of Rockbridge County, Virginia, was of Scotch-Irish descent. In 1851 he was appointed to the chair of chemistry and geology at Washington College, now Washington & Lee University, at Lexington, and continued to serve with distinction in that position until his death thirty-five years later. His mother, Harriet Hatch (Bailey) Campbell, a native of Pittsfield, Mass., was of English descent, and was the great-granddaughter of Colonel John Bailey, of the Second Massachusetts Regiment in the War of the American Revolution.

Robert Campbell grew to manhood in a home and university environment

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of ideals and culture at a time when plain living was both necessary and preferred and high thinking was the accepted rule. He was almost seven years of age when Robert E. Lee became president of Washington College on October 2, 1865. During the five succeeding years, young Robert, closely connected with the institution through his father, had the great privilege of seeing and hearing the General. Without doubt the character and personality of Lee helped shape in no small measure the life of the boy. The Campbells and Lees were next-door neighbors.

As he was nearing his fifteenth year, Robert Campbell matriculated at Washington & Lee and in the succeeding five years won high honors in scholarship. He graduated in 1878 with the Bachelor of Arts degree, being the fourth generation of his family to be connected with the institution. Following a year of graduate study there, he also received the Master of Arts degree. In 1878 he won the Santini Prize Medal for the best essay in the university magazine, and in 1879 the Robinson Prize Medal in modern languages and English literature.

### **Taught School For Three Years**

The next three years, 1879 to 1882, Dr. Campbell devoted to teaching. He taught one year each in the Kable Academy at Charles Town, W. Va., in Tinkling Spring High School in Virginia, and in McGuire's School at Richmond, Va. Then, having determined upon the ministry as his life's work, he entered Union Theological Seminary at Hampden-Sidney, Va., now at Richmond, and studied there three years. He was licensed by Lexington Presbytery August 30, 1884, and was ordained May 18, 1885. At Lexington, on October 8, 1885, he and Miss Sarah Montgomery Ruffner were married. Mrs. Campbell's parents were Dr. William Henry and Harriet Ann (Gray) Ruffner. Dr. Ruffner was the organizer and first superintendent of the public school system of Virginia and was referred to as "The Horace Mann of the South." Mrs. Campbell graduated at the New Jersey State Normal School at Trenton and studied piano at the Boston Conservatory of Music.

Upon his ordination in 1885, Dr. Campbell began a career that was to place him among the foremost ministers of the South. Although he has been in the ministry more than 57 years, he has filled only four pastorates, the first three during the first seven years of this period. From 1885 to 1889 he served the Millboro and Windy Cove Churches in Bath County, Virginia, and then became pastor of the Davidson College Church at Davidson, N. C., where he remained one year, 1889 to 1890. It was at Davidson that Dr. and Mrs. Campbell's son, Ruffner, was born December 17, 1889. Dr. Campbell and his family moved to Virginia in 1890 and he was for two years pastor of the Buena Vista Church in that State. He was at Buena Vista when he was called to become Stated Supply of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville. His immediate predecessor here was the Rev. W. S. P. Bryan, D.D., who held the pastorate from 1887 to 1892.

Dr. Campbell arrived in Asheville on December 8, 1892, and he preached his first sermon from the pulpit of the First Church on Sunday, December 11,

1892, one day before his thirty-fourth birthday anniversary. He thereby began a relation with one church and field of service that, considering its great length, constructiveness, and fruitfulness, has few parallels among the ministers of any denomination. At that time the First Church had a membership of 333, and the population of the city was approximately 12,000. Now the First Church has 1,399 members, the Kenilworth and West Asheville Churches have an aggregate of 882, bringing the membership of the three Presbyterian Churches in Asheville to a total of 2,281. Dr. Campbell continued as Stated Supply until July 2, 1893, when he was installed as pastor. In that year, Davidson College, recognizing his spiritual and intellectual attainments and his great qualities as a man and as a minister, conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

### **Asheville Presbytery Organized**

Dr. Campbell had been serving the First Church but a short time when, in the words of the late Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., "a Macedonian cry came from the mountain people" which was answered with the organization of Asheville Presbytery in 1896. Dr. Campbell, among others, had made a study of the spiritual and material needs of the mountain territory of which Asheville is the center and he responded to the "Macedonian cry" with characteristic zeal and energy. At that time, the First Church was under the jurisdiction of Mecklenburg Presbytery in the Synod of North Carolina. The Presbytery extended from a point about sixty miles east of Charlotte westward to the North Carolina - Tennessee State Line. Eleven North Carolina counties—Henderson, Buncombe, Madison, Transylvania, Macon, Clay, Cherokee, Graham, Swain, Jackson, Haywood—with a total population of 140,000, constituted what has been described as the backyard of Mecklenburg Presbytery. The mountain churches were weak financially, the First Church of Asheville being the only self-supporting church in that large area of the Presbytery, and the home mission field was not being cultivated in an adequate manner. With these great needs in mind, Dr. Campbell and the First Church, together with Dr. Smith and others, initiated a movement for the organization of a new Presbytery. Success, finally, was achieved and Asheville Presbytery was organized at a meeting held in the Asheville First Church December 2, 1896, the eleven mountain counties having been separated from Mecklenburg Presbytery by the Synod of North Carolina to form the new field.

The splendid results achieved in Asheville Presbytery in the past forty-six years prove the wisdom of Dr. Campbell and the other persons who fostered its organization. Dr. Campbell became chairman of the Home Mission Committee of the new Presbytery and has continued in that position since. He also has been moderator of the Presbytery on several different occasions. Dr. Smith became the Presbytery's superintendent of home mission work and served thirty-three years. As such, Dr. Campbell and Dr. Smith were the co-founders of the Mountain Orphanage near Swannanoa in Buncombe County. It opened its doors January 19, 1904. Since then it has met a great need in caring for orphaned children.

In 1897, the year following the organization of Asheville Presbytery, Dr. Campbell was elected a trustee of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia and has served continuously as a member of the board since, a period of 45 years.

Dr. Campbell had been pastor of the First Church a little longer than a decade when he had the pleasure of presiding at exercises held to dedicate the present church building, the main part of which was erected in 1884-1885. It is the second church building to occupy the site, the first having been completed in August, 1841. A. T. Summey, who attended the dedication of the present building on January 25, 1903, described the occasion in a letter to the editor of *The Asheville Citizen*, saying, in part: "The sermon . . . was one of Dr. Campbell's able presentations of Gospel truth . . . His labors here among the people speak more than I can hope to say. May he long remain the beloved shepherd going in and out before his flock."

During Dr. Campbell's ministry the Sunday School building was erected, the Church House was purchased, and the Church Auditorium enlarged. Under his leadership the West Asheville Presbyterian Church was organized in 1916, and the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church was established in 1934.

The year 1911 marked another highlight in Dr. Campbell's career and gave him an opportunity to exercise again his splendid talent for organization and to express in a practical manner his concern for those who are ill or otherwise in need of spiritual counsel or material aid. In that year he was responsible for the organization of the Good Samaritan Mission in Asheville and since that time—for thirty-one years now—he has served as its president. On his eightieth birthday anniversary, Dr. Campbell said of this work: "The Good Samaritan Mission is the most fruitful organization, outside the church, that I have had anything to do with."

### **Led Movement For New Synod**

One of the most important contributions made by Dr. Campbell to the work of the Presbyterian Church in the United States was his leadership of the movement which resulted in the organization of the Synod of Appalachia in 1915. The first formal step in this direction was taken at a meeting of the Synod of North Carolina in Greensboro in October, 1913, in connection with the commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of that body. Dr. Campbell, in delivering one of the centennial addresses, spoke on "The Last Fifty Years of the Synod's Work." He emphasized the impetus given to home mission work in this State by the Synod's policy of organizing new Presbyteries in needy territories. "This policy," Dr. Campbell said in his address, "should be projected to a higher plane in an overture from the Synods concerned, asking the General Assembly to erect the Synod of Appalachia, to be constituted of the territory in the Appalachian Mountains. Why should not this venerable body signalize the beginning of the second



century of its life by requesting the other Synods having mountain mission fields to unite with it in appointing a joint committee to investigate this question and report the results as a basis for future action?"

The Synod accepted Dr. Campbell's suggestion, appointed a committee of three ministers and two ruling elders, and asked the Synods of Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee to appoint similar committees to confer jointly and report to the Synods concerning the advisability of presenting an overture to the General Assembly to erect a Synod in the Southern Appalachian Mountains in order to prosecute more thoroughly the work of evangelization and religious education in that field. The Synod of Tennessee was the only one to respond. The committees of the Synods of North Carolina and Tennessee, in joint session at Montreat in 1914, voted unanimously in favor of erecting a new Synod, and appointed Dr. Campbell and Dr. C. C. Carson, of Bristol, Tenn., to present the case to all four of the Synods. After long and serious debate, all four Synods agreed to the proposal after it was pointed out clearly that a new Synod would unify the work in the mountains, permit intensification of home missions, and emphasize to the Church the importance of the problems and opportunities in the field.

### **First Moderator Of Synod**

The four Synods sent an overture to the General Assembly and that body, in session at Newport News, Va., in May, 1915, created by unanimous vote the Synod of Appalachia. The new Synod was organized on November 2, 1915, in the First Church of Bristol, Tenn., with Dr. Campbell being elected moderator after preaching the opening sermon by appointment of the General Assembly. Included in the Synod's jurisdiction were the Presbytery of Abingdon in Virginia, the Presbytery of Asheville, and Avery, Mitchell, Yancey and Watauga counties in North Carolina, the Presbyteries of Holston and Knoxville in Tennessee, and the counties of Bell, Harlan, Leslie, Clay, Knox, Whitley and McCreary in Kentucky, all having been ceded by the four Synods. The Kentucky counties were added later to Knoxville Presbytery, and the North Carolina counties of Avery, Mitchell, Yancey and Watauga became part of Holston Presbytery.

The wisdom of Dr. Campbell and others who sponsored the movement for erection of the Synod of Appalachia has been proved by the great results obtained in this field in the past 27 years. There has been a steady growth in the number of churches, church and Sunday School enrollments, contributions to local expenses and benevolent causes, in religious education enterprises, in the care of orphaned children, and in evangelism.

With the organization of the Synod of Appalachia, Dr. Campbell became general chairman of the Synod's Work Committee. This committee was constituted of the five sub-committees on Home Missions, on Schools and Colleges, on Evangelism, on Religious Education and Young People's Work, and on Stewardship. At the meeting of the Synod in 1938, this committee was dissolved, and the five sub-committees became independent committees.



In the field of Christian education, Dr. Campbell has given freely of his talents and energy and has distinguished himself as a constructive leader. He has served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Montreat Junior College for Girls at Montreat, N. C., since 1916; as a member of the Board of Directors of the Mountain Retreat Association at Montreat since the beginning of that organization, and as a trustee of King College since 1931. The latter institution, founded at Bristol, Tenn., in 1867, was adopted by the Synod of Appalachia.

Dr. Campbell also holds high rank in the field of Christian statesmanship, having devoted his great abilities to advancing the work of the entire Church. It is said that he has served on more **ad interim** committees of the General Assembly than any other man of his generation. As a commissioner to the General Assembly on numerous occasions, he has worked untiringly in behalf of the causes of the Church. His knowledge of parliamentary law and church history and his sound judgment have proved invaluable to the General Assembly at its annual sessions and at meetings of its committees. He has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, with headquarters at Montreat, since the beginning of that institution in 1927 and chairman of the committee since 1937.

### **A Leader In Civic Betterment**

In the field of Christian citizenship, Dr. Campbell has co-operated through the years with ministers of all other Asheville churches—Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish—for the promotion of civic righteousness and the improvement of moral conditions. He has devoted much time toward the betterment of relations between the white and Negro races. A life-long friend of the Negro, he has studied his problems and worked for his advancement. He was chairman of the Interracial Committee of Asheville from the creation of that committee more than 25 years ago until his resignation of that office last year. He continues to serve as a member of the committee. He has, also, taken an active part in the work of the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States and has served as its vice-president for North Carolina. For many years he has been interested in measures for the protection of the weekly day of rest and has advocated legislation to this end, holding that "the Sabbath was made for man" and that man should be safeguarded in his rights to this day just the same as secular law protects the sanctity of the home and the rights of property.

One of Dr. Campbell's strongest characteristics is his patriotism. In February, 1917, before the United States had formally entered World War I, he wrote to the Secretary of the Navy, Josephus Daniels, asking what he could do to help in a practical way in the war effort. In reply, Mr. Daniels stressed the need of his leadership in maintaining morale on the home front and in promoting the work of the Red Cross and other patriotic organizations. During the war, Dr. Campbell was often called upon for civilian service outside the Church and he responded with energy and devotion. He was a member

of the Executive Committee and chairman of the Civilian Relief Department of the Buncombe County Chapter of the American Red Cross and he made numerous addresses in behalf of Liberty Loans, the Red Cross, and other patriotic causes.

It was in the strenuous days of America's first year of participation in World War I that grief came to Dr. Campbell. Mrs. Campbell died in Asheville on August 20, 1917.

### **Offered Resignation In 1918**

In the spring of 1918, Dr. Campbell, alone at home, his son, Ruffner, being away as an ensign in the Navy, and having excellent opportunities offered to him elsewhere, decided to resign the pastorate of the First Church. In a letter to the Session, presented on April 6, 1918, he requested the congregation to join with him in asking the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation. On April 14, the congregation met and protested; the Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church protested; the Ministerial Association of Asheville and Buncombe County protested, and other churchmen and civic leaders of the city joined in a strong demand that he remain as pastor. On April 21, Dr. Campbell preached a sermon in which he explained his reasons for his decision and then, acceding to demand, withdrew his resignation and began a second quarter of a century of ministry to the Church.

Dr. Campbell's second marriage, on June 18, 1919, was to Miss Julia T. Berryman, a native of Shelbyville, Ky., a graduate of Wellesley College, and a teacher for a number of years in a large girls' school in Birmingham, Ala. They have one son, Robert Fishburne, Jr., born January 10, 1921, in Asheville, who, following in the footsteps of his father, was graduated from Washington & Lee University in June, 1942. Because of his scholarship, he was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Dr. Campbell in 1911 became a foundation member of Gamma Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Washington & Lee. Since his graduation, Robert Fishburne, Jr., has received a commission as ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

Dr. Campbell has been the recipient of two of the greatest honors in the gift of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. In May, 1927, at El Dorado, Ark., he was elected moderator of the General Assembly on the first ballot. In 1930, he was chosen to deliver the James Sprunt Foundation lectures at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. Under the title of "Freedom and Restraint," these lectures have been published in book form. Dr. Campbell is also the author of brochures on a variety of subjects, including the following: "Some Aspects of the Race Problem in the South," "Mission Work Among the Mountain Whites," "Classification of the Mountain Whites," "The Church Fair," "The Use and Abuse of Animals," "The Dog in Literature and Life," "Inter-relation of the Individual and the Institutions of Society," "A First-Day Duty for Everyone," "Union Seminary in the Pastorate," an address at the one hundredth anniversary celebration of the Seminary in 1912, "Centennial Address, Synod of North Carolina in the Last Fifty Years, or the Presbyterian Church an Evangelistic Agency,"

1913, "Harmful Child Labor in the United States," "Sunday Laws and Liberty" and "Christ's Words on War and Peace."

At meetings of the Pen and Plate Club of Asheville, of which he is a charter member, Dr. Campbell has often participated in literary discussions and read papers which he prepared. At a meeting of the club on June 17, 1909, he read a paper on "The Children's Court." This led to the establishment of the Asheville Juvenile Court which has developed into the present Domestic Relations Court of Buncombe County. Dr. Campbell was a member of the North Carolina Child Labor Committee which, with the co-operation of North Carolina manufacturers, recommended to the General Assembly of the State certain improvements in the child labor law. These were adopted by the General Assembly in 1907 and became effective on January 1, 1908.

### **Became Pastor Emeritus In 1938**

In 1937 Dr. Campbell decided he should relinquish the pastorate of the First Church in favor of a younger man, and at services on Sunday, March 7, he announced to the congregation that his resignation would become effective on December 12, 1937, the date of his seventy-ninth birthday anniversary and the day after the forty-fifth anniversary of his pastorate, or as soon thereafter as a new pastor could be obtained to take his place. The Rev. Calvin Grier Davis was called as his successor and he assumed the active pastorate on May 8, 1938. Dr. Campbell then became pastor emeritus, but he did not retire in the strict meaning of that word. Retirement had no allurements for him. He has continued his work on a modified schedule, often preaching in the First Church of this city and in other churches of the Presbytery, and engaging in work of various kinds in behalf of the denomination. "I feel," he said, "that I have been called to preach the Gospel as long as I am able, and as opportunity offers."

Since his retirement from the active pastorate, Dr. Campbell's birthday anniversaries have been happy occasions, giving his host of friends an opportunity to express their affection and admiration. On his eightieth anniversary, Clyde R. Hoey, then Governor of North Carolina, sent Dr. Campbell this telegraphic message: "I wish to warmly congratulate you upon your eightieth birthday anniversary. Your life has been a benediction to your city and state and you have given us all an example of how to live simply and grandly. I covet for myself and the people of North Carolina a double portion of your spirit."

## LETTERS OF TRIBUTE TO DR. CAMPBELL

Dear Mr. Ordway:

Twenty-five years ago Dr. R. F. Campbell organized the local Interracial Relationship Committee, and until May, 1942, served as its President. Space will not permit the citation of the work of this committee, but having been a member from its beginning, I know of numerous difficult interracial situations having arisen which demanded prompt and earnest attention. Under his leadership and wise counsel the committee of white and colored men undertook their solution without the fanfare of publicity. Many of its aims were attained and this community saved embarrassment and interracial friction. He spared neither time nor energy in this work. Time after time he appeared before the city and county officials to elicit their aid in the amelioration of racial misunderstandings.

The Interracial Committee and the community have been fortunate in having had Dr. Campbell to foster and nurture the movement. The citizens of Asheville are indebted to this man of God for bringing much nearer the goal of racial understanding today than they were twenty-five years ago.

My hearty congratulations upon this occasion. May peace abide with him in his retirement and may the memory of this eminent and useful citizen ever remain in the hearts of thoughtful men.

Sincerely yours,

L. O. MILLER, M.D.



Dear Mr. Ordway:

I am happy to congratulate both Asheville and Dr. R. F. Campbell on his half century of service in our community—and especially on behalf of our boys and girls.

His early interest and activity helped much in the establishment of our Juvenile Court, and I recall with gratitude his help and leadership in the program of our Young Men's Christian Association—particularly in the days of my youth at the "Y."

Like many other non-members of his Church, I am personally indebted to him for his wise counsel, friendly interest and helpful co-operation in many matters.

Dr. Campbell has been—and still is—a community asset. Not only has he served his own day and generation well, but the lives of children still unborn will be better and brighter because of his influence and good works.

Sincerely yours,

HUBERT C. JARVIS,

Judge of Domestic Relations Court and  
President of the Asheville Y.M.C.A.



Dear Mr. Ordway:

"A wise son maketh a glad father."

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth."

How the heart of Dr. R. F. Campbell must throb with gladness and joy as he contemplates those whom he has begotten in the gospel. There is the First Church of Asheville, which though not strictly speaking his spiritual offspring, came into his hands while still in swaddling clothes. See how it has grown into one of the three mightiest of our King Davids among the churches of Appalachian Synod! See the two grandchildren, West Asheville and Kenilworth, already developed into stalwart adults. Was it not through him also that Asheville Presbytery was begotten in the Lord? Unquestionably he is the father of the Synod of Appalachia, whose birth marked one of the significant forward steps of recent decades in our Assembly's work.

On this date, so full of meaning to us, we would felicitate you, Dr. Campbell, and renew our thanks to God for the Glorious Gospel, which was committed to your trust and care.

In His name and for His service.

ROBERT KING,  
Moderator, Synod of Appalachia.

Dear Mr. Ordway:

It is indeed pleasing to know that the officers and members of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, N. C., as well as many other friends, will endeavor to express their love for Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his ministry to the Church and community.

As the present Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, it is my pleasure and privilege to express to him the love and appreciation of the entire membership of our beloved Church for his faithful and efficient service in the Master's Kingdom, as Moderator of the General Assembly, as senior member of the Board of Trustees and Directors of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond—having served faithfully and continuously on the Board since 1897—as one of the organizers and faithful directors of Montreat, and as a Presbyter in all the Courts of our Church since his ordination.

His life has been a living example, "Know and read of all men," of the great truth, "That man's chief end is to glorify God, and enjoy Him forever."

The record of this servant of God deserves the plaudit: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

We pray that, like Moses, he will be privileged to render even greater services to the Master after reaching the age of "four-score" years.

Cordially yours,  
CHARLES G. ROSE, Moderator.

## Calendar For The Week

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### SUNDAY, DECEMBER THIRTEENTH.

- 10:00 A.M.—Church School: James S. Howell, Chairman; Mrs. P. P. Thomas, Mrs. J. R. Johnson, Mrs. George Hunter, Mrs. Lucille Chinnock, Mrs. J. C. George, Mrs. I. W. Bingham, Mr. Walter I. Abernethy, Religious Education Committee.
- 10:00 A.M.—Bible Classes for Men and Women.
- 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship.
- 11:00 A.M.—A nursery for children under six years of age is provided in the Beginners' Department during the Morning Worship under the supervision of Mrs. Lucille Chinnock, Superintendent of the Beginners' Department.
- 11:00 A.M.—An expanded session for children in the Primary Department.
- 6:00 P.M.—Pioneers: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wilson, Adult Advisers. Jack Davis will be the leader. Mrs. Dumont Clarke will lead the singing of Christmas Carols, telling something of their history. With Mrs. Clarke at the piano, the following group will render instrumental music: Dorothy Detlie, violin; Dumont Clarke, Jr., cornet; Angus McKellar, cornet; Billy Reed, second cornet; Charles Parker, French horn; Bruce Frye, trumpet.
- 6:00 P.M.—Senior Young People: Mrs. C. R. Bailey, Adult Adviser. Dabney Adams will lead the program, which will be a carol service.
- 6:45 P.M.—Pioneers' and Senior Young People's Supper.
- 7:30 P.M.—Evening Worship: Union Anniversary Service for Dr. R. F. Campbell.
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### MONDAY, DECEMBER FOURTEENTH.

- 7:00 P.M.—A Supper Meeting for the Single Young Adults and the Young Married Group. This is an annual holiday event. Rev. George Floyd Rogers, D.D., of Trinity Episcopal Church, will be the guest speaker.
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### TUESDAY, DECEMBER FIFTEENTH.

- 10:00 A.M.—The Red Cross Circle, sponsored by the Women's Bible Class, will meet in the Church House for an all-day sewing.
- 7:30 P.M.—Persons having parts in the Christmas Pageant will meet for practice.
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### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER SIXTEENTH.

- 1:00 P.M.—Luncheon Meeting of the Committee on Religious Education in the S. & W. Cafeteria.
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### THURSDAY, DECEMBER SEVENTEENTH.

- 6:15 P.M.—Fellowship Supper: Mr. Davis is continuing the series on "The Parables of Jesus."
- 7:30 P.M.—Choir Rehearsal: Mr. Edwin Beach, Director.
- 7:30 P.M.—Persons taking part in the Christmas Pageant will meet for rehearsal.
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### FRIDAY, DECEMBER EIGHTEENTH.

- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts: Mr. Fred Lockwood, Scout Master.

## DR. WALTER LEE LINGLE

We welcome to our pulpit this morning, Dr. Walter L. Lingle, D.D., President Emeritus of Davidson College, former Moderator of the General Assembly and Associate Editor of The Christian Observer. Mr. Lingle is well known to most of our congregation, having spoken for us on various other occasions. It is always a pleasure to have Dr. Lingle with us, as we are sure of hearing a message that will be helpful in our daily living.

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### NEW MEMBER

On last Sunday, December 6, immediately following the morning service, Mr. Sanford Lawson, of 143 Tacoma Circle, united with this Church and received the sacrament of baptism.

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### WEDDINGS

In the past few months, since any report was made, the following young people from our congregation have been united in marriage:

Laban Tyson Betty and Catherine Anne Mitchell, August 1, 1942.

George Sanders Mackelfresh, III, and Catherine Greene, September 26, 1942.

Meredith Moore and Anne Virginia Shuford, November 16, 1942.

John Henry Adams, Jr., and Mary Eleanor Abernethy, November 27, 1942.

Paul L. Ritch and Ruth Trembley, December 4, 1942.

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### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Annual Community Sing will be held at the City Auditorium on Sunday December 20, from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. On the same date at our own Church, at 5:30 P.M., a Christmas Pageant will be presented by members of the Church School. About seventy-five persons will take parts, tiny tots to adults. The program is a cantata, carrying out the Christmas story, with the angels, shepherds, wise men, and the Bethlehem scene. There will be carol singing interspersed throughout the scenes.

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ADVANCE

The Sunday School attendance has grown to 365, and the number of new members reported is now 52. The adult classes are still leading the rest of the school by a small margin.