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OUR PASTOR'S PEN . . .

We have had ample opportunity to see God at work in our midst in these days of revival. His gracious presence has been felt by all who have placed themselves in reach of revival blessings. How we have rejoiced as we have seen scores at the altar confessing Christ and asking for church membership! The acts of rededication on the part of so many of us, while not in public, will be reflected in the life of our church for many days to come.

We are grateful to Dr. Edington and Brother Jones for the far-reaching contributions which they have made to our church, our homes and our lives. It was good to have them in our midst. Weren't they fine? All of us were inspired by their preaching and singing.

Let us remember that our responsibility is even greater now than it was before the revival. We must provide for the spiritual care of our new members. Too, there are many others who are on the verge of decision. An aggressive program of Christian witnessing must be maintained. I have confidence in the ability of our splendid staff of workers. I know that you will give the full measure of your devotion in service to our Lord and His church.

Onward, Christian Soldiers

SUNDAY'S SERVICES

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| 8:30 | Worship |
| 9:40 | Sunday School |
| 11:00 | Worship (Broadcast over WCGA and WEAR) |
| 6:10 | Training Union |
| 7:30 | Evening Worship Baptismal Service |

REGIONAL CONFERENCES AND LAYMEN'S RALLIES

MARCH 17

On Monday, March 17 in the Pilgrims Rest Church near Baker, Florida, the Regional Conference and Laymen's Rally will be held. This will be a time of conferences designed especially for church and associational leaders. The conferences will meet each morning and afternoon and the laymen's rally will be held at 7:30 p.m. Inspirational messages will be brought by Dr. Preston Sellers, East Hill Baptist; Dr. E. C. Abernathy, Riverside Church, Tampa; Dr. R. S. Jones, Associate Secretary, Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, Texas; Dr. James Middleton, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia; and Dr. H. C. Sivells, Associate in the Brotherhood Department, Baptist General Convention, Dallas, Texas. Plan now to attend.

WHAT FIRST BROUGHT YOU?

A questionnaire was presented to all who were present at the morning worship service in a certain church. One of the most revealing facts was that a large percentage of the people indicated that what first brought them to church was an invitation of a friend. Newspaper and other forms of publicity are important, but all of them together are less effective than members who are enthusiastic about their church and who invite their friends to come and share in the worship and fellowship.

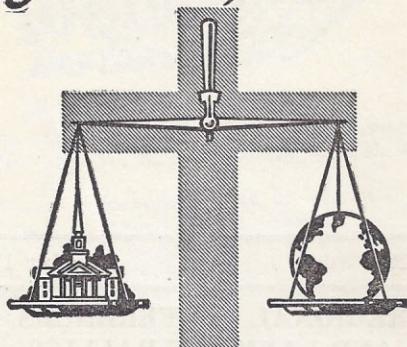
"Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city . . . and compel them to come in that My house shall be filled."

—Copied

USE YOUR OWN CHURCH ENVELOPES
This Will Assure Proper Credit

MARCH TO CHURCH IN MARCH

The Love of Christ



Should Balance Our Giving

IS THE CHURCH COSTING TOO MUCH?

Once upon a time there was a chronic complainer in the church who went to one of the deacons and said, "Our church is costing too much. They are always asking for money. I am sick and tired of these repeated requests."

The deacon replied, "I want to tell you a story right out of my own life. Some years ago a son was born in my home, and from the time he was born, he cost me money. I had to buy food, clothing and medicine. Then, when he started to go to school, he cost me more, and when he went away to high school and later to college the expenses were even greater. When he was in college he started to go out with girls, and you know how that costs. In his senior year at college he suddenly took sick and died, and he hasn't cost me a cent since, no, not one cent."

A dead or dying church never makes requests for money but a church that is alive—with a glowing, going and growing program—will continually remind its members to bring their tithes and offerings into the storehouse, even as God has commanded.

—John S. Wimbish

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JUNIOR R. A. FATHERS AND SONS BANQUET

Dads, you are invited to be present at this event on next Friday, March 21st at 6:30. Football and basketball letters will be presented to those boys who qualified on a basis of dependability and attendance at practices and games.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY NIGHT 7:00—Recreation Hall Open.

SUNDAY NIGHT 8:30—Recreation Hall Open.

Singspiration Time.

LIBRARY NEWS

... Kitty Sue Wiggins, Librarian



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BASKETBALL TEAMS

We are proud of the fine record of our Junior R. A. and Young Men's Basketball teams. The R. A. boys lost by one point in the finals. Our young men's team finished the regular season in second place. Both groups displayed a fine spirit of good sportsmanship throughout the season. Thanks to Roger Harrington and Charles Danforth for their help in coaching these teams.

Baseball and softball practice will begin next week.

ATTENDING W. M. U. CONVENTION

Mrs. M. B. Dawson and Mrs. John Busey are attending the State W. M. U. Convention in Orlando during this week. Our prayers are with them as they participate in this great meeting.

GREAT MEN

Gladstone once said, "I have known 95 great men of the world in my time, and of these 87 were all followers of the Bible." We would also add to this statement from Dr. William Lyon Phelps: "I believe a knowledge of the Bible, without a college course, is more important than a college course without a knowledge of the Bible."

—Biblical Digest

TRAINING UNION

HAYWOOD ARNOLD, Director

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY—304

Welcome, New Members

Junior I—John Parish; Calvin Smith.

Junior II—Sue Revis; Ann McLeod; Linda Patterson.

Adult I—Mrs. Milton Spell.

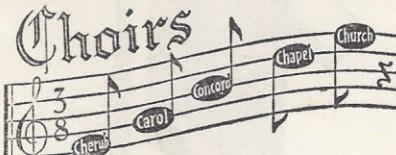
OUR CHURCH FAMILY

SYMPATHY TO: Mr. G. R. Lee upon the death of his brother; Mrs. J. L. Ingram and family upon the death of Mr. Ingram; Mrs. James Dracas upon the death of her father, Mr. Al James; Mrs. Van Santord upon the death of her father in Birmingham Ala.

WEDDING BELLS FOR: Miss Margaret Reese and Mr. Elbert Gentry III in Forsyth, Missouri, March 9.

IN BAPTIST HOSPITAL: Mrs. W. L. Reeves.

IN HOSPITAL, Dothan, Ala.: Mr. C. T. Davis.



... Mrs. Maurice Davis, Choir Director

REHEARSALS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 7:00—Adult Choir Practice.

Wednesday, 6:45—Young People's Choir Practice.

Friday, 4:15—Carol Choir Practice.

CONGRATULATIONS, CHOIRS

Again our choirs give us reason to be proud of them. At the Northwest Florida section of the State Baptist Music Festival held in Panama City last week both our Carol and Young People's Choirs received the excellent grade rating of "A." Under the direction of Mrs. Davis, these choirs have both worked hard during the past weeks and we're very proud of them as representatives of our own church. Keep up the fine work, choirs. We're behind you.

And we would not forget the "A" rating given to Miss Betty Fowler for her hymn playing at the piano. Congratulations to you, too, Betty.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

HERON GUTHRIE, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY—1040

Welcome, New Members

Beginner I—Susan Patterson.

Primary I—Betty Ann Smith.

Primary III—Ray Faye Brown.

Young People I—Jack Rogers; Hugh Gonzalez.

Young People II—Mrs. Ervin England; Mrs. James LaCarter.

Adult I—Raymond Bennett; John C. Smith; Mrs. Milton Spell; Miss Marian Virginia Lewis.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, 6:10—Sunday School Supper Meeting.

7:00—Departmental Meetings.

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"AND HIS PEOPLE BROUGHT INTO THE STOREHOUSE . . . "

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| Envelopes used | 701 |
| Special | \$ 121.20 |
| Revival | \$ 962.15 |
| Budget | \$2,197.20 |
| Total..... | \$3,280.55 |

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BAPTISMAL SERVICE

On Sunday evening at the beginning of the worship service the ordinance of Baptism will be administered to the candidates waiting.

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OUR CHURCH YARD

Have you noticed our grounds around the church? We owe our thanks to the Brotherhood and other men of the church for giving their time and efforts in making our church yard a more attractive one. Let's cooperate with these men as they finish their job by using the walks rather than cutting across the newly worked grounds. We appreciate the interest and the work of these men toward beautifying our church grounds.

PLEASE CALL MR. M. B. DAWSON OR THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE AZALEA PLANTS WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLACE ON THE CHURCH YARD. WE HAVE ROOM FOR SEVERAL DOZEN OF THEM.



By Letter:

75—Mrs. Betty Mullinax, 1513 E. Brainerd.
76—Mrs. W. A. Montgomery, 814 E. Moreno.
77—Al Montgomery, 814 E. Moreno.
78—J. E. Kelly, 1516 E. Lloyd.
79—Mrs. J. E. Kelly, 1516 E. Lloyd.
80—Gene Penning, Saufley Field.
81—A. L. Hayes—606 E. Palmetto.
82—Mrs. A. L. Hayes, 606 E. Palmetto.
83—Mark Frederick, 4432 Lillian Hwy.
84—Mrs. Mark Frederick, 4432 Lillian Hwy.
85—Jean Frederick, 4432 Lillian Hwy.
86—Mrs. Rodney Bell, 262 Pine Court.
87—Anne Hamilton, 20 W. Lee.
88—Mrs. A. J. Parker, 1609 W. Cypress.
89—Mrs. S. J. Bell, 821 N. "N" St.

By Baptism:

27—Bill Williams, BTU-2, Corry Field.
28—Berman Kent, 2500 W. Desoto.
29—Wayne Martin, 1828 N. "O" St.
30—Cecu Ray, 922 E. Cervantes.
31—Mrs. Cecil Ray, 922 E. Cervantes.
32—Hernan Hudson, 21 E. Gonzalez.
33—Ann Goodwin, 2520 N. Magnolia.
34—Calvin Smith, 800 N. Haynes.
35—Aubrey Watts, 217 N. DeVillier.
36—Louis Mayo, 238 N. "C" St.
37—Ernest Nolen, 1524 N. Bayien.
38—Marietta Philpot, 18 4th St., EPH.
39—Judith Jernigan, 1409 E. Blount.
40—Frank Bell, 211 W. Hernandez.
41—Judy Cann, 1609 W. Cypress.
42—Bill Roberts, 11 Lt. St., Corry Hgts.
43—Lorna Joy Stanley, 1421 N. "O" St.
44—Lawrence Foxworth, 916 W. Gregory.
45—Judy Wash, 1660 E. Hatton.
46—Neely Ann Watson, 131 Corry Ave.
47—A. J. Parker, 1609 W. Cypress.
48—Craig Hurt, 1815 E. Lakeview.
49—Betty Laworn, 704 W. Lee.

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Instruction for New Members is given by the Pastor each Wednesday at seven o'clock. This class is held in the class room which opens onto the north wing of the auditorium. There are four forty-minute periods of instruction.

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MID WEEK PRAYER SERVICE

NEXT WEEK AT OUR PRAYER SERVICE WE WILL BE CONTINUING IN THE STUDY OF REVELATION. JOIN WITH US AT 7:45 FOR THESE UPLIFTING CLOSING CHAPTERS OF THIS BOOK. THIS WILL BE THE MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING OF THE CHURCH.

W. M. U.

MRS. M. B. DAWSON, President

AUXILIARY MEETINGS

Monday 6:00—Virginia Wing YWA meeting at the church.

Monday 6:00—Johnni Johnson YWA meeting at Wayside Park.

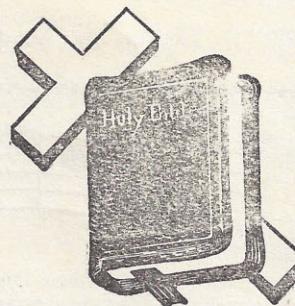
Wednesday 5:00—Intermediate G. A. meeting.

Friday 3:15—Beginner and Primary Sunbeams.

Friday 3:15—Junior G. A. and R. A. meetings.

W. M. U. MEETING

Tuesday, 10 a.m.—The monthly W. M. U. meeting with the Bible Study, business session and missionary program. Luncheon will be served.



PEOPLE WHO LIVE CLOSE TO THE
LORD READ THE BIBLE DAILY—
DO YOU?

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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| Pastor..... | Dr. E. L. Skiles |
| Pastor Emeritus..... | Dr. G. J. Rousseau |
| Minister of Education..... | Thomas J. Draper |
| Church Secretary..... | Miss Sarah Dean |
| Enlistm't Secretary..... | Mrs. George McNeely |
| Financial Secretary..... | Mrs. G. T. Sutton |
| Treasurer..... | Mr. Paul Carr |
| Director of Music..... | Mrs. Maurice Davis |

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