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FROM OUR PASTOR'S PEN . . .

The President of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. J. D. Grey of New Orleans, has asked our church to cooperate with other churches of the convention in observing A SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER ON NEXT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26. This church will be open, as always, for people to enter for a quiet period of meditation and prayer. Let us have a great all-church prayer service on Wednesday night at 7:45. We shall spend the hour in confession, repentance, and intercession.

In his call to prayer, Dr. Grey writes as follows:

"We must pray for our political leaders, from our President to our local peace officer. Let us pray for the party conventions soon to meet, that only honorable, decent, God-fearing men will be nominated. Then pray that our citizens will elect the man with the most character, integrity, and ability. We must pray for a speedy, just, and abiding peace throughout the world. Pray even for our enemies as the Bible enjoins us. Ask for God's forgiveness of our national and personal sins. Let us beg for a spiritual awakening in all our churches, making revitalized and consecrated Christians with a concern for the lost. Remember our pastors who labor among us and for our noble missionaries in fields near and far. Pray for revival in our time!"

Concerning Those Who Are Ill, Bereaved or Distressed

Please call the church office—2712 or 8-4280—and give information concerning the ill, bereaved or distressed of our church family to a member of the church staff. The cooperation of all our members in this respect will assist us in the performance of a more helpful ministry.

And please, when entering a hospital, indicate that you are from this church. The Baptist Hospital has a file for ministers. As yet we must depend upon your calls or notes for information regarding patients in all other hospitals.

Sunday Services

8:30 and 11:00 o'clock....Worship Hours	
Sermon: "THE WAY OF THE CROSS"	Pastor
(11:00 service broadcast over WCOA and WEAR)	
9:40.....Sunday School	
6:10.....Training Union	
7:30.....Evening Worship	
Sermon: "CHRIST OF THE UPWARD WAY"	Pastor

THE GREATEST OF THESE IS EVANGELISM

Though I speak with the tongues of scholarship, and though I use approved methods of education, and fail to win my pupils to Christ, or to build them up in Christian character, I am become as the moan of the wind in a Syrian desert.

And though I have the best of teaching skill and understand all mysteries of religious psychology, and though I have all Biblical knowledge, and lose not myself in the task of winning others to Christ, I become as a cloud of mist in an open sea.

And though I read all Sunday School literature, and attend Sunday School conventions, and institutes and summer schools, and yet am satisfied with less than winning to Christ and establishing my pupils in Christian character and service, it profiteth nothing.

The soul-winning teacher, the character-building teacher, suffereth long and is kind; he envieth not others, who are free from the teaching task; he vaunteth not himself, is not puffed up with intellectual pride.

Such a teacher doth not behave himself unseemly between Sundays, seeketh not his own comfort, is not easily provoked.

Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things.

And now abideth knowledge, methods, evangelism, these three; but the greatest of these is evangelism.

—A paraphrase of I Corinthians 13, by Dr. Joseph Clark.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY NIGHT 7:00—Fellowship in the Recreation Hall.

SUNDAY NIGHT 8:30—SINGSPIRATION TIME and Recreation Hall open.

LIBRARY NEWS

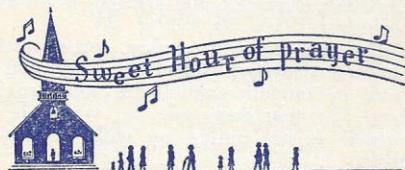
... Kitty Sue Wiggins, Librarian



ATTENTION, READERS

"STRENGTHENING THE SPIRITUAL LIFE" by Nels F. S. Ferre is the book our librarian suggests for you this week.

A theologian of unusual depth and notable accomplishment writes simply and helpfully in this little book for all Christians who yearn for deeper spiritual experiences. He summarizes his guidance in that direction in chapter 1: worship, work and wait. Chapter 3 on "Strengthening Through Family Devotion" is the best brief treatment on this subject that Dr. William J. Fallis has ever seen. Although some non-Christian devotional material is suggested for guidance, most readers will find practical help and warm inspiration in this book for strengthening their own spiritual lives.



Prayer Meeting

Wednesday Evening, 7:45

Come and Receive a Blessing

BIBLE TEACHING CLINIC

APRIL 21 - 25



... 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.

ATTENTION, CHOIR MEMBERS

All choir members are urged to be faithful to their rehearsals during these next few weeks as you will be making special preparation for the Easter music.

On the evening of Easter Sunday the entire worship service will be under the direction of the choir as they present the sacred cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Dubois.

PRAYER BEFORE SINGING

A song is a beautiful thing!

Voices join in full-throated melody,

And lift to blend in glorious harmony.

Men's hearts are moved, e'en lifted to

ecstasy

With a song; for a song is a beautiful thing!

But when I sing, Lord,
Let it not be for this alone,
Lest fruitless I be when the day is gone;
Touch Thou my lips; Thy beauty let me
see,
And fill my heart with love eternally,
That men may come to know and adore
Thee;

Lord, this prayer I bring;

Lord, for Thee I sing!

—Don Hustad

BIBLE TEACHING CLINIC

APRIL 21 - 25

ARE YOU THIS KIND OF A TEACHER?

This is the note received by one of our Sunday School teachers: "How thankful we are to have you for our son's Sunday School teacher."

"If there were more teachers like you this world would be better. May God bless you is our prayer."

Could that have been you? Are you that kind of a teacher? Are you faithful in the preparation of your life? Are you faithful in visiting those in your group? Many of our workers are, are you?

—Copied

SUNDAY SCHOOL

THERON GUTHRIE, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY—943

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Nursery 4—Jimmy Bell

Primary 1—Robert Bell

Primary 2—Jo Ann Herrington

Junior 1—Betty Lawhon, James Nash

Junior 2—Patricia Elliott

Young People 2—Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ray, James T. LaCarter, Mrs. G. G. Lindstrom

Adult 1—Zuila Mae Greer, Wayne Martin, Lon Roberts, Mrs. Rodney O. Bell.

Adult 2—Mrs. Charles Brown

Adult 3—F. A. Baird

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday, 9:30—The T. E. L. Class will meet at the church to go visiting and will return to church afterward for a covered dish luncheon at 12:30.

Tuesday, 7:30—The Lydia Bible Class will meet with Mrs. Doris Berlin, 1601 East Lakeview. Groups 4 and 5 will serve as co-hostesses.

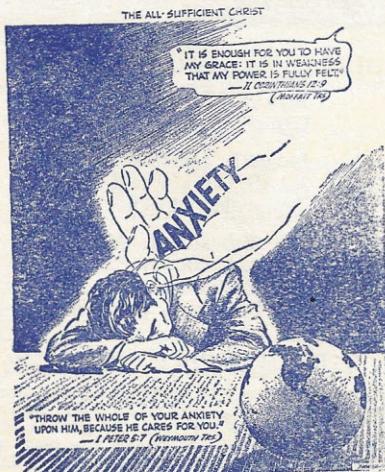
Wednesday, 6:10—Sunday School Supper meeting.

7:00—Departmental meetings.

Thursday, 3 p.m.—The Convention Bible Class will meet with Mrs. N. W. Pilcher, 2900 West Jackson.

Friday, 7:30 p.m.—Fratres Class will meet with Mr. Clarence Dannelly, 1915 East Avery.

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TRAINING UNION

HAYWOOD ARNOLD, Director

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY—253

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Adult 1—Lucy Clark.

Young People—Inez Burnham, Daisy Nall.

FILM TO BE SHOWN

The informative sound film, "THE RAISING OF LAZARUS" will be shown at the general opening assembly of Training Union on April 6. The film will be in keeping with the Training Union theme for the month, "Because I Live, Ye Shall Live." Keep this on your calendar.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

BAPTIST HOSPITAL: Mrs. Ella Richbourg; Mrs. Marie Reynolds; Mr. C. T. Davis; Mr. B. D. Swain.

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. L. D. Allen upon the death of her brother.

RECOVERING at home following Hospital Care: Dr. Francis Cassidy; Mr. T. H. Blackmon.

I AM THE BABY

I am the youngest institution in the world and the oldest.

The earth is my heritage when I came into being, and when I go I leave it to the next generation of babies.

My mission is to leave the earth a better place than I found it. With my millions or so brothers and sisters I can do this if the world does not impose too many handicaps.

I need pure milk, fresh air, and cleanliness every day.

I need influence of a Christian home and early religious training. I need a place in the heart of the pastor, and the manifestations of loving interest on the part of the church.

When I am a little older I shall need good schools where I can grow in knowledge.

By and by I will want to hear good music, read good books, see beautiful pictures.

I want to live, laugh, love, work, play.

I will want to build houses and roads and railroads and cities.

I will want to make laws, and to teach, and preach.

I am YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW.

If you will make my way easy now, I will help you when I grow up.

I am your hope—I AM THE BABY.

Start me right by putting my name on the CRADLE ROLL of your Sunday School.

—Selected and Adapted



By Letter:

90—Thomas E. Edmonds, Building 533, Corry Field.
91—O. E. Nolen, 1341 East Scott.
92—Mrs. O. E. Nolen, 1341 East Scott.
93—Joyce Nolen, 1341 East Scott.
94—Robert L. Mueller, Corry Field.
95—Miss Marian Lewis, 309 North Spring.
96—Miss Zulila Mae Greer, 815 W. Moreno.
97—William Watkins, BTU-2 NAS, Corry Field.

By Baptism:

50—Audrey Watts, 217 N. DeVillier.

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

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

Envelopes used	586
Specials	\$ 68.58
Budget	\$1,827.69
Total	\$1,896.27

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. . . all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

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IF GOD IS REAL

A prominent man in the business world expressed to a friend his keen desire for something real in life.

"How about God?" asked his friend. "He is very real to some of us."

"Well," was the reply, "if he is, why don't all of you begin to make Him real to the rest of us? He can't be very real to most Christians, or they would not succeed so well in keeping Him out of their conversation."

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BIBLE TEACHING CLINIC APRIL 21 - 25

W. M. U.

MRS. M. B. DAWSON, President

Auxiliary Meetings

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

Friday, 3:15 — Beginner and Primary Sunbeams.

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

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, the Executive Board meeting of the W. M. U. will be held with Mrs. J. E. Rucks, 2333 North Escambia. Mrs. Wilson Harris will serve as co-hostess.

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ATTENTION, R. A.'S

Due to a conflict with school activities, the R. A. Father and Son Banquet will be postponed from March 21 to March 28.

Remember Our Service Personnel



Lt. Olaf H. Stoesen
Btry A 27th AAA AW Bn
Camp Stewart, Ga.

James L. Stratton
NAAS Corry Field
Pensacola, Florida

Pfc. Edward A. Allen
Hdqrs. Company EUSAK
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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