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How Far Does God Hear?

It was just after our evening dinner and I was sitting in the living room preoccupied with depressing thoughts. My young daughter was in the hospital—for the fourth time—with a recurrence of rheumatic fever. How long, I was wondering, could I endure the anxiety, the ache of worry and distress which this disease was causing me? What could I do about it.

Those words were an unconscious refrain in my mind. What could I do? Over and over and over, what could I do? And the overwhelming conviction that there was nothing I could do. The helplessness of it.

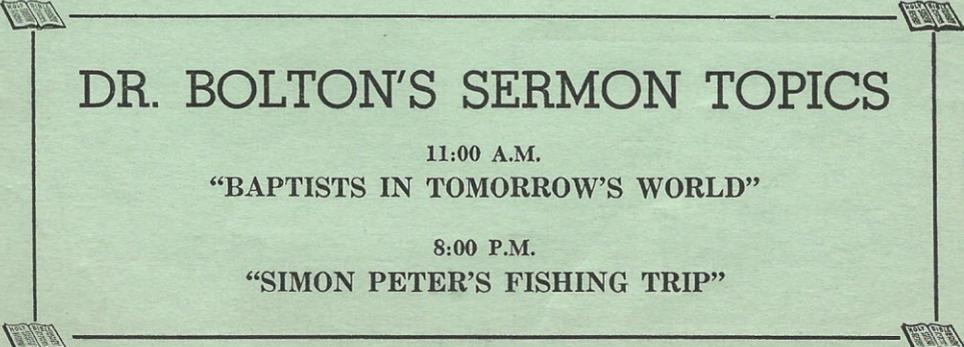
On the floor before me my three-year-old was playing with paper dolls. Suddenly she looked up and, as if the question had strangely just occurred to her, asked seriously. "Mamma, how far can God hear?"

Then she laughed merrily, the laugh of a child confident and sure. "Don't tell me," she cried. "I know! God can hear from anywhere, can't he?"

And suddenly I knew what I could do. I could put my worries into hands more capable than my own, and leave them there with confidence. For awhile I had forgotten God; now I remembered him. And I knew he would listen if I asked him.

I did ask and he did listen. And it was a lesson I have carried with me through other trials. When the burden is too big for me, alone, I think, "How far can God hear? He can hear from anywhere."

—Nell Stewart,
From the Second Baptist Visitor



DR. BOLTON'S SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"BAPTISTS IN TOMORROW'S WORLD"

8:00 P.M.

"SIMON PETER'S FISHING TRIP"

TIME CHANGE EFFECTIVE

2:00 A.M.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

NO CHANGE IN SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Our Children

By EVELYN HEINTZ

INFORMING YOUNG GIVERS

Have you ever been guilty of telling your child that the money he brings to Sunday School is to pay the pastor, and stopping there? It is true that a part of his money is used for paying the church staff, but we are limiting his joy in giving when we stop there. It would be well for parents and workers alike to take another look at the church budget to see just how the money is used that comes into our church.

A few suggestions for parents to use with their children concerning the money they bring to Sunday School or put in the offering plate might include:

- Pay for books which have in them songs about Jesus.
- Pay for our Bible that tells us it is kind to thank people.
- Buy the Sunday School papers you take home to show Mother and Daddy.
- Pay for our church building where our neighbors can come to hear about Jesus.
- Pay for the houses for the people who go across the ocean to tell those there about Jesus.
- Pay for churches in places where there are none.
- Buy plane and boat tickets for people who go to tell children on the other side of the ocean that Jesus loves them.
- Pay for schools where preachers learn how to tell people about Jesus.
- Buy food for boys and girls who do not have mothers and fathers to buy it for them.

“. . . God loveth a cheerful giver.”—
(II Cor. 8:7c).

LABOR DAY PICNIC

Ages 13 - 24

September 1, 1958
Pensacola Beach

Leave Church at 3:00 P.M.

Eat at 6:00 P.M.

(Central Standard Time)

Bring Picnic Basket
Drinks Furnished

AGGRAVATIONS

I sometimes wonder just why we have so many things to aggravate us. Every dog, unless his owner comes to his rescue, has to scratch his fleas; the mocking bird's nest will have an army of mites; every chicken will have to keep an eye peeled to keep from being carried off by some hungry hawk; and the little fish have to keep on the run or be swallowed up by the larger fish—so it is with nearly everything in life. We human beings have many things with which to contend. Insects come after our blood with suction pumps; disease germs make our bodies their headquarters and poor, lazy, no-count relatives want us to feel that their care is our particular responsibility as long as we live and when we die they come to the funeral more concerned about what little we leave behind than the fact that we have died. What about all the aggravations anyway? Jesus said, "In the world ye shall have tribulations". And we have them.

Maybe these things bring us a blessing after all. They keep us on the move. They remind us that we are creatures of circumstances and therefore need the Lord's help. Things that drive us to the Lord are good for us. Do not ask to be freed from every aggravation, but rather ask the Lord for the grace needed to cope with them. "My grace is sufficient for you," said the Lord.

—C. H. Bolton

SEPTEMBER— CHURCH MUSIC MONTH

Complete Graded Choir Program to Begin. Watch Builder next week for schedules.

THE STEWARDSHIP OF SINGING

When we speak of stewardship there is a tendency to think it deals only with money. It encompasses much more for it also includes one's time, talents, capacities, abilities and personality. Each person is entrusted with these things as a steward and must answer to God for their use.

Singing is an endowment which every person receives at birth. Anyone who can talk can sing. The same mechanism is used for both. True, some people sing better than others at the beginning, but all can sing with adequate encouragement and teaching.

Singing is one way in which the average person attending church can actively participate in worship. Herein lies real opportunity for the church; we must recognize that if the church fails to develop in her people that which will enable them to worship God more acceptably, she fails to that extent in her stewardship.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kindergarten begins September 2nd. Enroll your child now by contacting the church office.

SUNDAY SERVICES: Sunday School, 9:30
 Morning Worship, 11:00
 Training Union, 6:10; Evening Worship, 7:30

SEPTEMBER, 1958

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES: 6:00 Supper;
 6:25—Sunday School Officers' and Teachers' Meeting.
 6:40—Sunbeams, R. A.'s and G. A.'s.
 7:45—Prayer Service.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 LABOR DAY Office Closed 3:00 p.m.—Beach Party	2 8:45—Kindergarten Opens 10:00—W. M. S. Circles	3	4 9:30-2:30-7:00 VISITATION 7:30—Church Choir Rehearsal Chapel	5 Teacher Training Class Boatribe	6 9:30—Carol Choir Rehearsal
7 5:00—Chapel Choir Rehearsal	8 7:00—Boy Scouts 7:15—Deacons 7:30—Brooks Circle	9 10:00—WMS Exec. 10:30—WMS Prog. 11:15—WMS Bus. 11:45—WMS Bible Study 12:30—Luncheon 7:30—Bro. Exec. 7:30—BWC's	10 7:45—Prayer Service and Bus. Conf.	11 9:30-2:30-7:00 VISITATION 7:30—Church Choir Rehearsal in Chapel	12	13 9:30—Carol Choir Rehearsal 2:30—R.A. Conclave Cantonment
14 State Mission Day in Sunday School 5:00—Chapel Choir Rehearsal	15 7:00—Boy Scouts 7:30—Assoc. T. U. Meeting Pleasant Grove	16	17	18 9:30-2:30-7:00 VISITATION Teacher Training Banquet 7:30—Church Choir	19	20 9:30—Carol Choir Rehearsal
21 5:00—T. U. Exec. 5:00—Chapel Choir Rehearsal	22 WMS Day of Instruction First Baptist 7:00—Boy Scouts 7:30—Assoc. S. S. Mtg. Highland	23 Brotherhood Supper Meeting 7:30—BWC Joint Prog. Meeting Adult "A"	24	25 9:30-2:30-7:00 VISITATION 7:30—Church Choir Rehearsal Chapel	26	27 9:30—Carol Choir Rehearsal
28 PROMOTION DAY 5:00—Chapel Choir Rehearsal	29 September 29	30 October 3—	OCT. 1 Central Church	OCT. 2 Training School	OCT. 3 First Baptist	
	7:00—Boy Scouts		AUXILIARIES		CHOIRS	
			6:40—Wednesdays: Jr. G.A., Int. and Sr. G.A. 6:40—Wednesdays: Jr. and Int. R. A. 6:40—Wednesdays: Sunbeams.		5:00 Sundays: Chapel Choir 4:45—Wednesdays: Concord Choir 7:30—Thursdays: Church Choir 9:30—Saturdays: Carol Choir	

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CHURCH OFFICERS

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T. A. Guthrie, Sunday School Supt.....HE 2-6683
Clarence L. Taylor, Train. Union Dir.....HE 8-5967
R. L. Kendrick, Brotherhood Pres.....HE 2-5268
Mrs. Henry L. Ashmore, WMU Pres.....HE 3-4743

CHURCH STAFF Residence Phones

C. H. Bolton, Interim Pastor.....HE 3-1502
Clyde K. Bizzell, Assistant to Pastor.....HE 3-2580
Mrs. Jesse Miller, Organist.....HE 3-7596



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	930
Members Present	855
New Members	7
Visitors	68
(Attendance one year ago.. 1003)	
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	930
Training Union Attendance.....	315
Members Present	274
New Members	4
Visitors	37
(Attendance one year ago.. 000)	
Additions to church membership.....	5
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$2,779.45
Specials	442.41
Missions	1.00
Building Fund, First Baptist.....	126.62
TOTAL OFFERING	\$3,367.48

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

LETTER—

- 138. Miss Jane Rogers, 2740 N. Magnolia.
- 139. Mr. John B. Little, Jr., 1584 E. Cervantes St.
- 140. Miss Charlotte Davie, 1310 E. Gonzalez St.
- 141. 2nd Lt. Stanley C. Wiggins, BOQ 600, NAS.

BAPTISM—

- 56. Mr. John Burks, 3811 Menendez.

PROFESSION OF FAITH—

Miss Dale Duke

DEDICATION TO FULL TIME CHRISTIAN SERVICE

- Miss Ann Hardy, 1805 E. Hernandez.
- Miss Marilou Gentry, 2025 E. Hatton.

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS FOR DEACONS

Nominations must be made by
Wednesday, September 10

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MISS WORLEY LEAVING

We regret to announce that Miss Lorraine Worley has resigned effective September 10 to go to the Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, as Educational Secretary.

CLASS MEETINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2—

7:30 p.m.—Lydia Bible Class meets with Mrs. Louise Gibson, Route 3, Box 322.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4—

7:30 p.m.—Business and Social Meeting of the Faithful Workers Class will meet with Mrs. Sue Adams, 609 Whitney Avenue, Cordova Park.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5—

2:00 p.m.—Convention Bible Class meets with Mrs. Amzie Wilson, 1502 E. Strong Street. Class Officers will be co-hostesses.

2:30 p.m.—Willing Workers Class will meet with Mrs. A. S. Edwards, 1517 N. 9th Avenue.

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CIRCLE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, SEPT 2—10:00 a.m.

- T. N. Calloways Circle, with Mrs. S. G. Kennedy, Jr., 2100 E. Mallory St.
- Stanley Davis Circle, with Mrs. S. L. Davis, 1503 E. Jackson St., and for a covered-dish luncheon.
- Mary Gullat Circle, with Mrs. Carlton Fendt, 1720 N. Magnolia.
- Jane Hickman Circle, with Mrs. Judson Gillespie, 1815 Escambia.
- Jane McRae Circle, with Mrs. Elwood Burks, 3811 Menendez.
- Dotson Mills Circle, with Mrs. J. A. Frye, 1012 N. Palafox.
- R. C. Moores Circle, with Mrs. Amos Garrett, 12 E. Gadsden.
- Bernice Neel Circle, with Mrs. O. H. Smith, 306 W. Lloyd.
- Laura Frances Snow Circle, with Mrs. Walter McNeil, 320 Clematis.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 2—3:00 p.m.

Harvey Headrick Circle, with Mrs. Grady Wilson, 420 S. Second St., Warrington.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 4—10:00 a.m.

Virginia Cobb Circle, with Mrs. Lewis White, 3781 Molaree Drive.

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Baptist Hospital— Mrs. S. L. Fulghum. **Sacred Heart Hospital—** Mr. Jack Whitlock. **Home from Hospital—** Tommy Gregory.

WEDDING BELLS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Gillespie (former Nellie Faye Redd) who were married August 2.

SYMPATHY TO: Mr. R. S. Rouse in the loss of his mother. Mrs. Charles Deese, Sr., in the loss of her mother.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. John Lovvorn (Nita Eickler) on the birth of their daughter, August 22.