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DR. JAMES A. STEWART SUNDAY'S PULPIT GUEST

Dr. Stewart is a native of Northern Ireland, and was educated in the University of London, the Baptist Theological College of Ireland, Eastern University, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He came to America in 1927; spent one year as Professor of Theology in the International College, Cristo, Cuba. From 1930 to 1955 he was in the pastorate serving churches in Oklahoma, Mississippi, Louisville, Kentucky, and Jacksonville, Florida. He resigned the pastorate of Riverside Baptist Church in Jacksonville in 1957 to become Dean of the Chapel and Professor of Philosophy at Stetson University.

DR. STEWART'S SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.—“Today's Threat to the Christian Faith”
7:30 P.M.—“The Test of the Christian Faith”

CHURCH CALLS PASTOR

At the close of the Morning Service last Sunday the church in conference voted to extend a call to Reverend James L. Pleitz to come as pastor.

It is anticipated that we will have his answer by Sunday. Let us be much in prayer concerning this matter.

Our Children

By EVELYN HEINTZ

Your Child and Easter

Since Easter Sunday is only a week or so away, let each of us—parent and worker alike—take a new look at how we can better prepare these our children for the day.

The first step in helping little children know the true meaning of Easter is for us to demonstrate a loving faith in the living Christ.

The significance of Easter is diluted for many small children by the artificial manner in which it is observed. For example there are many parents who attend church only on Easter. This surely will not give the child a sense of importance to the day. Indeed, if Easter is the only time the child is taken to church, what will there be to distinguish "church on Easter" from going to the yearly fair or attending a Fourth of July picnic?

In addition to irresponsible church attendance, the matter of dress on Easter can quite easily affect the young child adversely. Many households are so hurried and tense the day before Easter with shopping details, frantic sewing, the trying on of new shoes or scratchy dresses that tempers run short, and feelings get hurt. In some homes they wear their new spring clothes at the first signs of spring. They explain to their children that as God's world takes on new dresses, so they too put away their winter clothes and don spring ones.

A third hazard to the Christian interpretation of Easter is the exaltation of the Easter Bunny. Some feel that the Easter Bunny should never be taught to children, or should not be represented as true. Others feel that children can get a lot of excitement of waiting for the Easter Bunny, hunting eggs, et cetera, without missing the true significance of Easter. Whatever view you hold, we would probably all agree that there is some danger that this mythical figure will usurp Christ's place in our children's thinking. Non-elaborate egg hunts can be great fun for all the family, but let us resist the temptation to buy expensive gifts or place so much emphasis on the Easter Bunny that the spiritual significance is lost.—Copied.

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"The Challenge of the Cross"

to be presented at
the Prayer Service Hour
next Wednesday

As I See It!

By CLYDE K. BIZZELL

Two Unusual Experiences

Two rather unusual opportunities for service were mine last week. One of these was the opportunity of talking with a pastor of a church of another denomination who wanted to start a library in his church. He said that he saw the value of a library and wanted one but that his denomination did not promote libraries and had no material or help available. How fortunate we are to have the resources of the Church Library Service and all of the other helps of our Sunday School Board.

The other unusual experience was the privilege of talking to a lay member of a church of another denomination who is concerned about the Sunday School program of his church. He was very interested in what we do and how we do it.

Fifty Years Ago

The Pensacola Journal carried in the "50 Years Ago" column this item from the issue of March 13, 1909:

"There will be no preaching Sunday at the East Hill Baptist Church. The congregation will unite with that of the First Baptist Church in the morning to hear Dr. Henderson who is to speak at the latter church."

The Dr. Henderson referred to was probably Dr. J. T. Henderson, Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, which later became the Baptist Brotherhood.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday afternoon is the time for our monthly Executive Committee Meeting. The meeting is scheduled for 5:15 p.m. in the Adult A Department.

LOST

A brass vase, approximately 9" tall and 12 - 14" wide disappeared a couple of weeks ago from the vestibule. Someone may have picked it up to use in a department. This vase does not belong to the Church but to one of our members. If you know of its whereabouts, please call the church office.

"One who ignores the church is like a man who builds a house without windows and then blames God because he has to live in the dark."



W.M.U.

Last week I went by where one of our Sunbeam groups was meeting. After talking to their leader about their aims of achievements they started singing "Jesus Loves Me" the way little Eskimo children sing it. As I left I wondered how much we are going to give this month to Home Missions that other children might be able to sing "Jesus Loves Me" in their language. If you haven't used the pink envelope in your box of church envelopes, won't you do it now? Have you ever heard a blind person sing "The Lord's Prayer" as a solo? If not, you have missed a blessing! Through our Home Mission Offering we can have a part in helping the blind to have a song in their heart. Many others who have their sight are spiritually blind in our Homeland. Miss Annie Armstrong realized this years ago. Wouldn't you like to teach in a school for the blind, help in a Children's Home, help in a Goodwill Center, operate in a hospital, organize a new church, or help in a kindergarten? You can, go now and get your pink envelope!

—MRS. JOHN F. BUSEY

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MISSION STUDY

For

Business Women's Circles
Studying "Ways of Witnessing"
Monday, March 23

5:30 P.M. in Adult A Department

Chapter 1—"Ways of Witnessing", taught by Mrs. Anne Wright.

Chapter 2—"Heralds in the Highlands" taught by Clyde K. Bizzell.

Chapter 3—"Winning the Wayward", taught by Miss Sue Coleman.

Chapter 4—"Helping the Harassed", taught by Mrs. Joe D. Rankin.

Chapter 5—"The Witnessing Word", taught by Mrs. A. R. W. Stoesen.

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Ill at Home—Mrs. Fred Baird, 17 E. Brainerd Street. Home from Hospital—Mr. Herbert Kimbel, Mr. Charles Overman. Naval Hospital—Stanley Wiggins.

SYMPATHY TO: Mr. J. T. McNair and Mrs. M. B. Griffith in the loss of their brother. Mrs. Allen Cradeux (nee Lynda Kersh) in the loss of an infant daughter.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Larry G. Jeffcoat upon the birth of their daughter, Janice Lynn, on March 7.



SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING

The monthly meeting of our Superintendents will be held Tuesday, March 24, 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

This meeting is an important one. We have much planning to do in connection with our coming revival and need every Superintendent present.

YOUTH WEEK OFFICERS

Pastor.....	Paul Ward
Assistant to Pastor.....	Lon Roberts
Minister of Music.....	Luther Eason
Sunday School Supt.....	Harry Wash
Training Union Dir.....	Bill Kreitlein
W. M. U. President.....	Mary Ann Overman
Brotherhood Pres.....	Jack Anderson
Librarian.....	Judy Wash

Youth Week is April 5 - 12

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BAPTIST HIGHLIGHTS

. . . Southern Baptists now have a mission in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The New Hampshire mission received official Southern Baptist status February 22, when its sixty-four members were voted into fellowship of Manhattan Baptist Church, New York City, the nearest Southern Baptist Church.

. . . James V. Lackey, superintendent of Young People's work, Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, has announced the idea and offered suggestions for carrying out a new approach to an old problem in Sunday School. The problem—young people away from their home church. The suggestion—have a Young People Away Department in every Sunday School! The new department is now being promoted by the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board.

. . . The Southern Baptist Convention Radio and Television Commission has been selected by the Freedoms Foundation as the winner of the George Washington Honor Medal for the television film, *The Rich Fool*.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "You will be a lot happier if you do not say what you mean, if it is mean."

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our Men's Basketball Team for winning the first half and second half in the YMCA Church League. They are this week participating in the Single Elimination Tournament.

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March To Church In March

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All material to be included in The Builder
should be in the office, preferably in writing,
not later than 9:00 A.M. Tuesdays.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1011
Members Present	951
New Members	6
Visitors	54
(Attendance one year ago...1080)	
Training Union Attendance.....	291
Members Present	268
New Members	3
Visitors	20
(Attendance one year ago... 279)	
Additions to church membership.....	10
Baptized	8
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$3,790.63
Specials	186.10
Building Fund	104.20
Annie Armstrong Offering	771.06
Kindergarten	57.75
TOTAL OFFERING	\$4,909.74

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:

77. Miss Jane Ash, 315 E. Gadsden St.
78. Marvin P. Garrett, 1316 E. Bobe St.
79. Mrs. Marvin P. Garrett, 1316 E. Bobe.
80. Aubrey E. Gomillion, 620 E. Burgess Rd.
81. Mrs. Aubrey E. Gomillion, 620 E. Burgess Road.
82. Charles J. Pugh, BOQ 843, Saufley Field.
83. Rodney Whalen, BOQ, Saufley Field.

FOR BAPTISM:

18. George W. Markham, Sr., 711 South "C" Street.
19. Miss Victoria Hosler, 1701 Osceola.
20. Lilburn Wilhite, 1805 W. Wright St.

FOR REDEDICATION:

Miss Lilace Wilhite, 1805 W. Wright St.
Miss Robilyn Wilhite, 1805 W. Wright St.

BAPTIZED SUNDAY:

Mrs. E. H. Hawsey
Miss Barbara Hawsey
Miss Judith Ann Hawsey
Mr. George W. Markham, Sr.
Mr. George W. Markham, Jr.
Mr. Nathan Markham
Mr. Lilburn Wilhite
Miss Sharon Hart



SUNDAY, MARCH 22—

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
 THERON GUTHRIE, Superintendent.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service.
 Broadcast over WCOA
 Sermon by Dr. James A. Stewart.
1:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WCOA.
 Subject: "When Shadows Flee".
 Speaker: Dr. H. H. Hobbs.
5:00 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal.
5:15 p.m.—Training Union Executive Committee Meeting.
6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
 CLARENCE L. TAYLOR, Director.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship Service.
 Dr. James A. Stewart,
 Guest Minister.
8:30 p.m.—Intermediate Fellowship in Married Young People's Dept.
8:30 p.m.—Chapel Choir Fellowship.

MONDAY, MARCH 23—

3:30 p.m.—Cherub (6-7-8) Choir Rehearsal in Primary 6B Dept.
3:30 p.m.—Carol (9-10-11) Choir Rehearsal in Chapel.
5:30 p.m.—B. W. C. Mission Study.
7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts, Lower Auditorium.
7:15 p.m.—Recreation Committee Meeting, Chapel.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24—

10:30 a.m.—Celestial (4-5) Choir Rehearsal.
7:30 p.m.—Superintendents' Meeting, Chapel.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25—

4:45 p.m.—Concord (12-13-15) Choir Rehearsal, Chapel.
6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Officers' and Teachers' Meeting begins with supper. Beginner 5 Department serving.
6:40 p.m.—Beginner Sunbeams Meet.
6:40 p.m.—Primary 6-7 Sunbeams.
6:40 p.m.—Primary 8 Sunbeams.
6:40 p.m.—Junior 9 G.A. meets in Room 23.
6:40 p.m.—Junior 10 G.A. meets in Rm. 25.
6:40 p.m.—Intermediate G.A. meets in Rm. 24
6:40 p.m.—Senior G.A. meets in Senior 16.
6:40 p.m.—Junior R.A. meets in Married Young People's Dept.
6:40 p.m.—Intermediate R.A. meets in Lower Auditorium.
6:40 p.m.—Girls' Ensemble Practice.
7:45 p.m.—Prayer Service.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26—

6:30 p.m.—Senior 15 Departmental Social in Educational Building, Recreation Hall.
7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.
7:30 p.m.—R.A. Counselors Meeting, East Brent.

MARCH 27-28—

R.A. Trip to New Orleans.

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REVIVAL RESCHEDULED

The Baptist Churches in this area will be engaged in a Simultaneous Revival Crusade April 12-19. Dr. Bolton is scheduled to be in Revival Services in Nashville during this same week. We have therefore rescheduled our Revival date for the week of April 26-May 3. You will want to make this change on your personal calendar.