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REV. JAMES L. PLEITZ

Introducing . . .

OUR NEW PASTOR

At the Morning Worship Service last Sunday, Mr. J. Nixon Daniel, Chairman of the Deacons, read to the congregation a letter from Rev. James L. Pleitz accepting the pastorate of our church.

Mr. Pleitz is a native of Jonesboro, Arkansas, and is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas. While in college, he was listed among Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. He did his theological work at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, graduating with the B. D. Degree in 1953. Following graduation from the Seminary, he served as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bentonville, Arkansas. For the past four years he has served as pastor of the Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas. He is a member of the State Executive Board and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Baptist Children's Home. Mrs. Pleitz is the former Miss Margaret Ann Shute. Rev. and Mrs. Pleitz have two children, Danny, age 8, and Nancy, age 6.

We are grateful to God for the assurance of His leadership in the calling of a pastor. We are appreciative of the fine work of our Pulpit Committee. We are looking forward to the coming of the Pleitz family in early May.



As I See It!

By CLYDE K. BIZZELL

A BELATED "THANKS"

We are grateful to the ladies who did such a good job in telephoning our church membership week before last. Miss Sarah Andress helped to enlist the ladies to do the work. Mrs. S. L. Fulghum worked two afternoons to get the lists ready. Thanks to all who helped.

REVIVAL

Now that the date of our revival is definitely scheduled, we need to begin praying and working that we shall have a genuine Revival April 26-May 3. We shall want to participate in the plans of the Associational Committee, especially in the Rally to be held in the Municipal Auditorium on Thursday, April 9, and the Noon-Day Prayer Services to be held at the Saenger Theatre.

KEEPING THE SABBATH

It is to be regretted that many of the special events scheduled in our community within the next few months are scheduled for Sunday with a total disregard for the Lord's Day. The fact that they are so scheduled is no excuse for God's people to participate. God's word still says, "Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy."

OUR PULPIT COMMITTEE

We, as a church, are greatly indebted to our pulpit committee for the fine work that they have done. For almost ten months this committee has worked and prayed seeking out God's man to recommend as pastor. Many letters were written, many telephone calls made, and many trips made, all at no expense to the church. I believe that most of us know that members of the Pulpit Committee paid their own expenses on the various trips made.

EASTER SUNDAY IN OUR CHURCH

9:30 A.M.

Record Day In Sunday School

"1429 ON MARCH 29"

11:00 A.M.

"The Meaning of Easter"

Dr. C. H. Bolton

7:30 P.M.

"A Tax Collector Meets Jesus"

Dr. C. H. Bolton



MONTHLY OFFICERS' COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 30

6:30 p.m.—Supper (Adult C Dept. serving)
6:55 p.m.—General Promotional Period. (If you don't come for supper, join us in the dining room by 6:55).
7:15 p.m.—Youth and Adult workers planning together for Sunday, April 5th.
8:00 p.m.—Intermediates, Seniors, and Young People will meet with their regular departments to plan for the remainder of the month. All other departments will be planning for the remainder of April.

Youth Week is April 5-12

BAPTIST HIGHLIGHTS

... State Sunday School, Training Union, and music secretaries met with personnel of the Sunday School Board in Nashville March 5-6 to complete plans for adopting and promoting the new Church Study Course for Teaching and Training. The course incorporates the present separate study courses (Sunday School, Training Union, and music) into one comprehensive course with a single system of credit and awards. A number of new books will be written especially for the course to supplement certain books now offered.

... The Manhattan Baptist Church, New York City, has signed a long-term lease for its new home located at 311 West Fifty-seventh Street, near Eighth Avenue. The new location was formerly the worship center of The Church of the Strangers. The church, organized more than a year ago, now operates three mission chapels in addition to the services on Manhattan.

FACTS OF INTEREST

... No other nation spends more on gambling than does the United States. Current estimates stand at \$30 billion yearly, compared to Britain's \$1.8 million (which nonetheless makes gambling its seventh largest industry). Gambling interests will make their biennial efforts this year to tempt state legislatures into legalizing various operations presently illegal. The bait—increased tax revenues.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

... "Unless there is within us that which is above us, we shall soon yield to that which is about us."

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

APRIL, 1959

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES: 6:00 Supper;
6:25—Sunday School Officers' and Teachers' Meeting.
6:30—Sunbeams, R. A.'s and G. A.'s.
7:45—Prayer Service.

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not later than 9:00 A.M. Tuesdays.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1044
Members Present	993
New Members	6
Visitors	45
(Attendance one year ago 1044)	
Training Union Attendance.....	304
Members Present	282
New Members	2
Visitors	20
(Attendance one year ago. 303)	
Additions to church membership.....	3
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$3447.90
Specials	177.00
Missions	152.00
Annie Armstrong	43.00
Building Fund	64.00
Kindergarten	30.00
TOTAL OFFERING	\$3,913.90

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:

84. Mrs. G. E. McDonald, 439 Fairpoint Dr.

FOR BAPTISM:

21. Rella Smith, 680 E. 44th St.
22. Gary Smith, 680 E. 44th St.

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Baptist Hospital —
Mrs. H. L. Drown, Miss Christine Hart.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs.
B. M. Hamrick, 607 Edgewater Dr., upon
the birth of their son, William Scott,
March 17, 1959.

SYMPATHY TO: G. T. Sutton and Mrs. Al-
bert J. Anderson in the loss of their sister.

ANNUAL EASTER SUNRISE SERVICES

5:42 A.M.

AT BAYVIEW PARK

Sponsored by the Junior Chamber of
Commerce

DR. C. H. BOLTON will bring the message
This Service will be broadcast
over Station WCOA

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

April 1—Primary 6A
April 8—Primary 6B
April 15—Library Staff and Committee
April 22—Primary 7A
April 29—Primary 7B

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CLASS MEETINGS

Convention Bible Class will meet with
Mrs. W. N. Hartgrove at 816 N. 16th Ave.
at 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 3. Group II will
be co-hostess.

The JOY Class meeting will be held Tues-
day, March 31, 7:30 p.m. in the home of
Mrs. Charles Wamble, 1610 N. Spring St.

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W. M. U. NOTES

I have been substituting in one of our
public schools. I was at the blackboard ex-
plaining the meaning of perimeter and real-
ized I didn't have the attention of the class.
A nice looking boy, well dressed, had their
attention as he was trying to sit on the radi-
ator. To make the story short, I inquired
about the boy during my lunch period in
the teachers' lounge. One teacher made a
remark that opened my eyes when she said
he had been in Youth Harbor. "Now that I
am in the know," so to speak, the next day
we accomplished a little more. I feel that
we get two of our fundamentals confused,
Stewardship and Community Missions. It
would be impossible to completely separate
missions and stewardship, however, there is
a difference in their functioning in our cir-
cles. In the circles it's Community Missions.
Our stewardship offering supplements our
love offerings during our special weeks of
prayer for Foreign, Home and State Mis-
sions. I believe we too, would accomplish
more when we have a better understanding
of our four fundamentals.

—MRS. BUSEY

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Y. W. A. will meet Tuesday, March 31,
3:30 p.m., with Miss Joan Givens and Miss
Mary Virginia Alred, 100 W. Jackson St.

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WRITE OUR NEW PASTOR

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