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The Ideal Church Member

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving."

He knows why he is a church member, and he knows why he is a member of the particular church to which he belongs. People who are equally at home in all churches and can belong to one just as well as another usually are of little value to any.

He tries, first of all, to be loyal to Jesus Christ, and then to be loyal to the church that he believes most nearly follows the teachings of Christ. He will not put comfort or convenience before conviction.

While being true to his church, he will not assume an "I-am-holier-than-thou" air and belittle other people who are equally as sincere in their religious convictions. He will cooperate with all good people in every good movement, providing he can do so without violence to his own convictions, or injuring the work of his own church. He reads his Bible to keep in touch with God, his church paper to keep in touch with the denomination, and the missionary journals to keep in touch with the Kingdom needs of the world.

He is regular in his attendance upon the services of the Lord's house; is always on time at Sunday School and Training Union, and never misses the Wednesday Night Prayer Service unless providentially hindered.

He is always ready to bear his share of the burden cheerfully, and counts it a privilege to work and sacrifice for the church and the Saviour he loves. While he doesn't make much noise about it, he is always doing things for somebody else, and bears many in the arms of his petitions to the throne of grace.

He is loyal to his pastor, prays for his success, is jealous of his reputation, has regard for his benefit.

Finally, he tries himself to be the kind of church member he would have everyone else to be.



From the PASTOR'S STUDY

Communism and Training Union

In a recent issue of CHRISTIANITY TODAY, there is an article on Communism by Mr. J. Edgar Hoover. In his analysis of this "bitter enemy of religion" he says:

"The Communist is indoctrinated in an ideology-Marxism-Leninism. He is taught in party indoctrination schools, he is forced to read the Party press, he is compelled to listen to Party policy. Never does a member finish going to school. Even if he's a tested veteran, he must continue to secure Party training. The Communists live in perpetual fear that a member may "backslide", or in Party language, become a "traitor"—that is, his enthusiasm for communism might wane. To become disinterested is to become a danger to the security of the Party."

This, I think explains why Communism is now making greater strides than Christianity! This certainly proves the wisdom of the BAPTIST TRAINING UNION. Of course, we do not believe in forced training. The need for continuous indoctrination and training in Christian work is now obvious! What applies to Communist "backsliders" applies to a Christian—only more so!

JAMES L. PLEITZ

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Jesus Only"
(Matthew 17:1-8)

8:00 P.M.

"The Blessed Hunger"
(Matthew 5:6)

IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

... Women college graduates of the class of 1957 who went into religious work received an average starting salary of \$5,167 a year, according to a survey by the Women's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor. The survey was based on 68,945 graduates throughout the nation. Of this group, 370 went into full-time religious work upon graduation. They received 20 per cent less than their classmates. Starting salaries for all women graduates averaged \$3,739. The chemist graduates started at \$4,847; mathematicians and statisticians, \$4,675; and teachers (representing half of the group) started at \$3,799. The number going into religious work sharply declined in 1957, as compared with 1956.

As I See It!

By CLYDE K. BIZZELL

I Would Not Miss It

Last Sunday when the Pastor had finished his message and we stood to sing the hymn of invitation, 15 people came forward almost at once. What a thrilling sight to see! I am glad I was present to witness this most important part of the service. I am sorry for those members of our church who leave the service just before this most important part. I believe if they would stay through the invitation period once, they would be "converted."

Vacation Bible School

Last Week's Builder carried the report of our Vacation Bible School and a list of the faculty. The report showed that we had a good school. All of this is made possible by the willingness of people like the 64 who helped us this year.

The prayer of many a child in the last few weeks has started "Dear God, We thank Thee for Vacation Bible School . . ." I would like to again express our deep appreciation for each one who helped in the school this year. Without the willingness, cooperation and enthusiasm of all of these, such a good school would have been impossible.

W. M. U. NOTES

You will be interested in a remark that was made by one of the service men that attended the Sunday luncheon. He said, "I have been in Pensacola a year and I have not found such wonderful fellowship as I have experienced here." Aren't you glad that we have the opportunity of making this kind of fellowship possible? I firmly believe that this could be the beginning of the First Baptist Church witnessing in another way to all parts of the world as our service men go from one country to another.

It has been said that man is not a combination of parts put together on one assembly line, but one mysterious whole, a body and a soul. It has been said that men and women can carry on heroic exertion over a long period of time with little or no rest, and yet suffer no great fatigue, provided their task is supported by enthusiasm and belief in what they are doing.

MRS. JOHN BUSEY

W. M. S. MEETING TUESDAY

During the meeting next Tuesday, there will be Planned Activities for children through the Primary age group.

Our Children

By EVELYN E. HEINTZ

O happy home, whose little ones are given
Early to Thee in humble faith and prayer,
To thee, their Friend, who from the heights
of heaven

Guides them, and guards with more than
mother's care.

—Carl Spitta

CRADLE ROLL



A Christian home for every baby is the motto of the Cradle Roll Department. What can the Cradle Roll Department do for our church? It can be a discoverer of evangelistic possibilities, actually it can be a church feeder. As our church shows an interest in the baby in a home, it is frequently the key which unlocks the cold hearts of unsaved parents.

For those who are Christians the Cradle Roll Department is a Christian home builder.

The Cradle Roll Department is a department of our Sunday School ministering to children in the home birth through three years of age. The Cradle Roll worker's ministry is in the home rather than teaching a class on Sunday morning. This does not make the task for this worker any less important for as the worker enters the home he must be prepared spiritually and otherwise to meet many needs.

The objectives of the Cradle Roll Department is to 1) manifest the interest of the church in the home. 2) win unsaved parents to Christ and to contribute to the spiritual growth of those parents who are Christians. 3) to cooperate in providing religious background and training for the child. 4) and to encourage the attendance of the child and parents in Sunday School.

The Cradle Roll Department carries out its ministry by regular and purposeful visitation in the home. A minimum of two visits a month is suggested. One is made around the 10th of the month to give and discuss with the parents the "Messages to Cradle Roll Parents." A very helpful leaflet which helps parents meet the needs of their child as he grows month by month. A second visit is made the last of the month, delivering the "Home Life" for the following month.

One visitor should have only from six to eight homes to visit. Each visitor will have a certain territory in which he will visit and seek out prospects.

Now what is my purpose in giving you these facts about the Cradle Roll Department—it is to let you know how vital its

Use our NURSERY

On Sunday morning during the church service we have a paid worker and a volunteer worker in each department, babies through five years of age. Our volunteer workers carry on the same teaching that has taken place during the Sunday School hour. We are grateful for all these fine workers who take their turns working with our children each Sunday morning. Attend the morning worship service while your child has a happy time in his department.

LIBRARY NOTES

We broke all previous records in the Library in June when our circulation soared up to 1615 or about 50% of our total books. Our previous high was June 1957 with 1279 circulation. 820 were checked out by Primaries and Beginners and we only have 375 children's books, so there we had about a 200% circulation which indicates the turnover in that section. The Juniors checked out 475 of the 630 books or about 75%. We had 71 new readers to sign membership cards; 43 new books were added and 34 old books were repaired and put back into circulation. The Reading Clubs have been the big stimuli and they will continue three more weeks until July 26. We appreciate the good response we have had.

MRS. A. R. W. STOESEN

LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday: 9:00- 9:25 a.m.
10:45-10:55 a.m.
12:00-12:20 p.m.
5:30- 7:55 p.m.

Wednesday: 5:00- 7:45 p.m.

SUPPER RESERVATIONS

Now that we are in the midst of vacations we must all be doubly careful to make our reservations for all supper meetings. If you are on the "permanent supper list," please give the church office a call when you are not to be there. This will enable us to provide only the correct number of plates.

ministry could be to our church and to let you know that we now have children enrolled and prospects, but we have no workers to minister to the needs of these. If you are not already working in Training Union or Sunday School, won't you prayerfully consider working for your Lord in this capacity?

If your decision is yes, please call us and let us know so we may help you start your work.

Our Church Family

WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST
SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Maggie Brown in the loss of her aunt.

Mrs. A. E. Taylor in the loss of her mother.

Mrs. J. E. Kelly in the loss of her sister.

OUR KNOWN SICK:

Mrs. Bob Drew is in Tampa Municipal Hospital, Tampa, Florida.

Baptist Hospital: Mr. Thomas N. Jernigan, Mrs. Amos Garrett.

Sacred Heart Hospital: Mrs. P. O. Davis, Mr. M. H. Holt.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mr. R. L. Reddick, Mr. William Thomas.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Cassie Harrison.

SACRED HEART HOSPITAL:

Mrs. J. T. McNair.

NOTES OF INTEREST:

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Stark will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, July 12. There will be an open house in their home, 440 Creary Street, Warrington, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Sunday. Members of our church are invited to drop by.



Music Notes

SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Summer music activity will be offered for the following age groups beginning next week (July 13):

Beginners—Tuesday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Primaries—Monday, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Juniors—Monday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Class instruction will be offered in organ, piano, and voice also. There will be a meeting of all those interested following the Sunday night service, July 12, in the chapel.

New Service Offered

The Music Department has recently purchased a record player and several nice devotional music records. They may be checked out by any department or class for use in programs, etc.

WENDELL CARPENTER

There Is No Substitute
For Prayer and
Bible Study



J. Dudley Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Davis, was married Sunday, July 5, to Miss Lillian Crabtree at Atmore, Alabama.

John E. Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gray, was married Wednesday, July 1, to Miss Thelma Nellie Ogle.

Mr. Lewis Edward Summerlin and Faye Strickland Holder were married on July 3.

Miss Nancy Larson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Larson, was married June 27 to Ervin Alvin Rotta.

GAMBLING

By JOHN R. CHILES,
Loxahatchee, Florida

This is written especially about racing, but is true of gambling in all its phases.

Suppose the community consists of only ten families, and one of them lives entirely off of gambling with the others. Then they are supported entirely from the labor and economy of the other nine.

The morals and good citizenship of all the others are hurt too, because "gambling is a mutual consent to a fraud."

Multiply the ratio above by any number, and the result is the same, or you change the numerals, and the percentage of harm and loss is still the same.

Gambling has no defense among honest people.

Horses that eat hay, but raise none; dogs that are not allowed to catch rabbits and cats that run around fast in circles, but go nowhere; all three, are a menace to any true economy.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

We are beginning Sunday evening a new CLASS FOR NEW MEMBERS. This class is designed for all new church members who have joined in recent months. This class will meet during the Training Union hour (6:40 p.m.) each Sunday evening for seven weeks. The class will meet in the Junior 12 Department (ground floor of Elementary Building).

Those who are already members of the Training Union will go right ahead to their Training Union Departments and will not be expected to attend the New Members Class. We hope that all new church members will attend this class designed to help them know more about their church.



News Items

The Married Young People's Sunday School Dept. will have a beach party and hamburger supper, Saturday, July 18, at 4:00. Meet at the church. All members and prospects are invited. For information, call Frances Russell, HE 8-5385. The Nursery will be open.

Tuesday, July 14, 7:00 p.m.—ASSN. BWC FEDERATION MEETING. Members of Business Women's Circles will make reservations through their Circle Chairmen. Miss Lila Watsott, Missionary from Hong Kong, will be the speaker.

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Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING

The Sunday School Superintendents have begun a new plan, which all of us believe will be helpful to our work. The Superintendents are meeting each Wednesday at 5:40 p.m. prior to the supper meeting. They will meet in the Adult A. Department, and we hope that every Superintendent will be present every Wednesday.

SERVICE MEN'S CLASS

We are beginning a new class in Young People's B Department of our Sunday School next Sunday. This is to be a Class for Service Men and will be taught by Commander Robert E. Sparks. This Department meets in the Lower Auditorium of the Educational Building. All service men are urged to be present next Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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FACTS OF INTEREST

... If the total population of the world (now more than 2.5 billion persons) could, in our imagination, be compressed into a community of 1,000 persons, the following contrasts would be vividly seen: Sixty persons would represent the United States; 940, rest of the world. The 60 Americans would be receiving half of the total income of the entire community; the 940 would share the remaining half. The 60 Americans would have an average life expectancy of 70 years; the rest, 40 years. The 60 Americans would have twelve times as much electric power as the 940, twenty-two times as much coal, twenty-one times as much gasoline, and fifteen times as much personal goods as all the rest. And, tragically, half of the community would never have heard of Jesus Christ.



New Members

REDEDICATION:

Mr. John E. Gray, 816 E. Jackson St.

BY LETTER:

152. Mr. J. D. Cunningham, Sr., 1904 E. Lakeview Ave. From: First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
153. Mrs. J. D. Cunningham, Sr., 1904 E. Lakeview Ave. From: First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
154. Mr. Donald E. Fitts, 10 Randolph Dr., Pen Haven. From: Calvary Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
155. Mrs. Donald E. Fitts, 10 Randolph Dr., Pen Haven. From: Calvary Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
156. Mrs. John E. Gray, 816 E. Jackson St. From: First Baptist Church, Asheville, North Carolina.
157. Mr. J. Frank Hicks, 891 N. 10th Ave. From: First Baptist Church, Brewton, Alabama.
158. Mrs. J. Frank Hicks, 891 N. 10th Ave. From: Siloam Baptist Church, Marion, Ala.
159. Mr. James M. Loftin, 5027 N. Davis Highway. From: First Baptist Church Magee, Miss.
160. Mrs. James M. Loftin, 5027 N. Davis Highway. From: Pine Ridge Baptist Church, Sunnall, Miss.
161. Mr. Jimmie B. Price, 3580 W. 10th St., Bayou Grove. From: Jackson Hill Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.
162. Mrs. Jimmie B. Price, 3580 W. 10th St., Bayou Grove. From: Jackson Hill Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.
163. Dr. John M. Yarborough, Jr., 100 W. Moreno St. From: St. Charles Ave. Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.

FOR BAPTISM:

70. Susan Brown, 1707 E. Scott St.
71. Mr. George Jenista, 4512 Le Moyne Lane, Montclair.
72. Mrs. George Jenista, 4512 Le Moyne Lane, Montclair.
73. Mary Ann Ogle, 207 Donald Drive, Aero Vista.

BAPTIZED:

Mr. George Jenista, Mrs. George Jenista, Bradley Baldwin.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "When a person says he has a well-trained conscience, he usually means it obeys him."

Attend Church Twice Sunday!

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CHURCH STAFF Residence Phones

James L. Pleitz, Pastor..... HE 3-1502
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Miss Mary Lee Pitts, Edu. Sec. HE 3-3235
Evelyn Heintz, Elementary Dir. HE 3-3235
Ernest Barrineau, Treasurer..... HE 2-5079
Mrs. Kittle Manning, Dietician..... GL 6-2124
S. R. Rutherford, Custodian..... HE 3-3032



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sun. ay School Attendance.....	948
Members Present.....	833
New Members.....	7
Visitors.....	106
(Attendance one year ago. 793)	
Training Union Attendance.....	332
Members Present.....	214
New Members.....	3
Visitors.....	35
(Attendance one year ago. 277)	
Att'd to church membership.....	16
Baptized.....	3
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget.....	\$3,829.32
Special:	
Local.....	49.40
Missions.....	2.10
Building Fund.....	140.74
TOTAL OFFERING	\$4,081.56

LAST MINUTE REMINDERS

Willing Workers Class

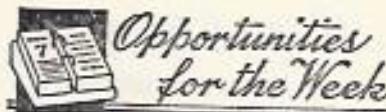
The Willing Workers Class will have their monthly meeting Friday, July 10, at 2:30 with Mrs. J. G. Lambeth, 522 East 44th Street.

Royal Ambassador Conclave

The Royal Ambassador Conclave at Northside Baptist Church Saturday, July 11, at 2:30 p.m. Come and join in the fun and fellowship, and hear the featured speaker, Rev. James L. Pleitz of the First Baptist Church, Pensacola. Bring your supper. Drinks will be furnished by the host church.

Junior Family Night

Junior Family Night: Friday, July 10, 7:30 p.m. Church Dining Room—for all Juniors, Junior Workers and their parents. The Nursery will be open.



SUNDAY, JULY 12—

9:10 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages. Theron A. Guthrie, Supt.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service. Pastor, Broadcast over WCOA.
1:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WOCA. Speaker: Dr. H. H. Hobbs. Subject: "More Than Wisdom."
5:30 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal.
6:45 p.m.—Training Union for all ages. Clarence L. Taylor, Director.
8:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor, Ordinance of Baptism.
9:00 p.m.—Intermediate Fellowship in Married Young People's Dept.
9:30 p.m.—Chapel Choir Fellowship.

MONDAY, JULY 13—

2:30 p.m.—Primary Music Activity.
3:30 p.m.—Junior Music Activity.
7:15 p.m.—Deacons Meeting, Chapel.
7:30 p.m.—Eleanor O'Haver Howell Circle will meet with Mrs. Alberta Davis McCown, 1530 East Blount Street.
7:30 p.m.—The Charles Mullins Circle will meet with Misses Annie and Genevieve Averitt, 2036 North 13th Ave.

TUESDAY, JULY 14—

9:45 a.m.—WMS Executive Committee Meeting. Adult A Dept.
10:30 a.m.—WMS Missionary Program.
10:30 a.m.—Beginner Music Activity.
11:15 a.m.—WMS Business Meeting.
11:45 a.m.—WMS Bible Study.
12:30 p.m.—WMS Lunch.
7:00 p.m.—Assn. BWC Federation Meeting, East Hill.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15—

5:40 p.m.—Superintendents' Cabinet Meeting. Adult A Department.
6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Officers' and Teachers' Meeting begins with supper. Young People A Dept. serving.
6:40 p.m.—Beginner Sunbeams meet.
6:40 p.m.—Primary 6-7 Sunbeams meet.
6:40 p.m.—Primary 8 Sunbeams meet.
6:40 p.m.—Junior 9 G.A.'s meet in Rm. 23.
6:40 p.m.—Junior 10-11 G.A.'s meet in Rm. 24.
6:40 p.m.—Intermediate G.A.'s meet in Rm. 24.
6:40 p.m.—Senior G.A.'s meet in Senior 16.
6:40 p.m.—Junior R.A.'s meet in Married Young People's Dept.
6:40 p.m.—Intermediate R.A.'s meet in Lower Auditorium.
6:40 p.m.—Girl Ensemble Practice.
7:45 p.m.—Prayer Service and Business Conference.

THURSDAY, JULY 16—

10:00 a.m.—Nursery Leadership Study.
7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.
8:30 p.m.—First Baptist vs. Richards Memorial, Softball. Exchange Park.

SATURDAY, JULY 18—

4:00 p.m.—Married Young People's Dept. Beach Party and Hamburger Supper. Meet at church.

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PHILIP B. HARRIS, professor of adolescent religious education at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, was elected secretary of the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board, to succeed J. E. Lambdin who retires December 31 of this year.