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A Gift

Into each of your hands was placed, on January 1st, a priceless gift. Let us look at it closely. There is no price mark stamped on it. It cannot be weighed because no scale can balance its value. A King's ransom in comparison is as nothing yet it is given to beggar and prince alike. The giver asks only that it be used wisely and well.

This jewel, rare and unique, is not displayed in any shop window. It cannot be purchased, cannot be sold. No other treasure holds the possibilities this gift offers—none can surpass its golden splendor. Of all gifts this is the most precious, from the depths of a boundless love it is given. It will be left to you to find the golden thread running through it. Only with great care will the jewel retain its luster. Carelessness, ingratitude and selfishness will tarnish the brilliancy, break the unspoiled thread, mar the perfection.

Let us guard it closely, lest through weak fingers, it slip from the hand. Look often at its faultless beauty. Accept it as it is offered from the heart of the giver. Consider it the most treasured of possessions, for of all gifts, it is by far the greatest. **It is the gift of The New Year!**

JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS



One of the rare privileges that belongs to the pastor is that of visiting in the homes of his church family.

In making the rounds, I find that we have a large number of people who are physically unable to attend our services or who can attend occasionally. Among this group are many of our older people. We call them "shut-ins," but they are

certainly are not "shut-out." What I mean is that they are still a part of us. Many of them have already fought the battles of the Christian, have contended for the faith, and are now stepping aside that others may take their place. I want to say to every "shut-in" that no one can take your place in the heart of the church. We love you for all that you have meant to the church in the past, for your prayers in the present, and for the future that you have made possible for us. Somehow, I can't help but believe that you are living in the best part of life, as the poet has said:

"Grow old along with me,

The best is yet to be:

The last of life for which the first was made."

Prayerfully yours,
JAMES L. PLEITZ.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Bride of Christ"

(Ephesians 5:22-32)

7:30 P.M.

"The Tree of Salvation"

(Luke 19:1-10)

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:

Mrs. Geneva Howard in the loss of her mother . . . Mrs. Cassie Harrison in the loss of her brother.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL:

Mrs. George Holladay

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Miss Annie Averett, Mrs. Kermit Southern, Mr. Harold Ackman, Mrs. Phyllis Morris.

BROTHERHOOD

this week



Regular monthly meeting of the Brotherhood will be held next Monday evening with supper at 6:30 p.m. The meeting of the deacons will follow at 7:30.

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DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Our deacons of the month for January are:

MR. NORWOOD COBB

and

MR. CLARENCE TAYLOR

MR. COBB joined our church by letter in 1948 from the Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama. He was ordained a deacon in 1940. Mr. Cobb is presently serving as a teacher in Senior 15 S. S. Department and as Chairman of the Finance Committee. For the past two years, he has served as Chairman of the Budget Pledging Committee in our financial campaign. He is the President of Pensacola Office Supply.

MR. TAYLOR joined our church by baptism in 1954. He was ordained a deacon in 1957. He has served as Training Union Director and has also taught in the Sunday School. At the present time, he is serving as Director of Adult E Department in the T. U. Mr. Taylor is owner of Gulf Electric Supply and Taylor Restaurant Supply. He is the father of four sons.

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R. A. CONCLAVE MEETING SATURDAY, JANUARY 9th

BROWNSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

2:30 p.m.—Playtime.

5:00 p.m.—Eating time. Bring Sandwiches—drinks furnished.

5:30 - 6:30—Learning Time.

If you need transportation to the Brownsville Church, please be at our church at 2 o'clock.

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THANKS

Everyone of us would like to express our thanks for the many cards and expressions of appreciation received at the Christmas Season. You make it a real joy to serve.

Sincerely,
YOUR CHURCH STAFF

ATTENTION ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH

To honor the W. M. U. during their Focus Week, all the ladies of the church are invited to attend a tea at the home of Mrs. James L. Pleitz, 1400 North Spring, on Friday afternoon, January 15, from 4.00 - 6.00.

BIBLE SURVEY RESUMES NEXT WEEK

The Bible Survey course will resume with sessions next week. We will begin our study of the third book in the Bible Survey Plan. This book is entitled "From Joshua to David" and was written by Dr. John L. Hill. Any person can study any one of the books and receive credit in The Church Study Course for Teaching and Training. The night class meets from 7:00 to 9:00 on Tuesday evenings. The morning class meets from 9:30 to 11:30 on Thursday mornings.

As a part of the Bible Survey sessions for the next three weeks, we shall be using a series of dramatic documentary films entitled "Our Bible — How It Came to Us." These films produced by the American Bible Society cover 20 centuries of the history of our Bible. We believe that there will be those who are not in Bible Survey who will want to see these three films. They will be scheduled during the first part of each session so that these may come and leave after the film. If there are those who would like for these three films to be shown following the Prayer Service on Wednesday, we will be happy to do so. Let us know if you are interested enough in seeing these three films.



FILM NEXT WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday night at the Prayer Service Hour we will be showing the film entitled "Salvation and Christian Fellowship." This is the seventh in the Book of Acts Series. The dominant note in this film is salvation by grace through faith, and the true brotherhood of all those who have been saved through a personal experience with Christ. It is based on Acts 15:1-35 and presents a very accurate visualization of the Bible material. Since this film is the portion of the Bible material to be covered in the Sunday School lesson for Sunday, January 17, it is our hope that every teacher and pupil in our Sunday School will be present next Wednesday night at 7:25.



When we truly pray, "Thy will be done," it is like entering the fresh water harbor. God can cleanse our lives, scraping them clean.—Isole Baker.



"I LOVE BOOKS"

That is the title of one of the books in our church library. I love books! Do you?

In this particular one, you will find fascinating reading under such chapter headings as "The Magic Key," "Building Your Library" and others.

With good books to read, one need never be lonely. You can, by the magic of a story well written, visit far-away places whose very names intrigue you, visit interesting people in their own homes, and read inspiring accounts of God's servants at work around the world.

We read some books and say we enjoyed them, then return them to the library or a friend from whom we have borrowed them. Others we read and say we would like to have for our own. This book is just such.

Read it and then visit your church library again.

MRS. ALMA BRANCH,
Library Committee Worker



The announcement is made of the marriage of Betty Louise Adkison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Adkison, to Giles Kennard Wood of Silsbee, Texas on January 2, 1960 at the First Baptist Church, Port Arthur, Texas. Congratulations!



BY LETTER:

84 Mrs. Edna H. Drake, 521 N. Hayne St.
From: First Baptist Church, Denmark, S. C.
85 Mr. Kenneth Bruce Gosnell, 5211 W. Jackson St.
From: Westville Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C.
86 Mrs. Henry O. Johnston, 936 Underwood Ave., Cordova Park.
From: First Baptist Church, Anderson, S. C.

BY STATEMENT:

87 Mr. Ed S. Goodin, 2041 Peacock Dr.,
Scenic Hills
88 Mrs. Ed S. Goodin

FOR BAPTISM:

21 Mr. Raymond Hoxsey, 298 Chestnut,
Pinehurst
22 Mrs. Kenneth Bruce Gosnell, 5211 W. Jackson St.

BAPTIZED:

Mrs. Warner R. Tyler
Mrs. Warner R. Tyler

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron A. Guthrie, Supt.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastor
Broadcast over WCOA.
1:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour over WCOA.
Subject: "Adoption Into God's Family"
2:30 p.m.—G. A. Federation Meeting.
Beulah Baptist Church
5:00 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal
6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
Comdr. R. E. Sparks, Director
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor
Ordinance of Baptism.
8:30 p.m.—Intermediate Fellowship in Mar-
ried Young People's Department.
8:30 p.m.—Chapel Choir Fellowship.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

6:00 p.m.—Basketball—First Baptist vs
Eighth Avenue Baptist at the
YMCA
6:30 p.m.—Brotherhood Supper Meeting.
7:30 p.m.—Charles Mullins Circle will meet
with Mrs. Lawren Meacham, 1550
N. 13th Avenue.
—Ernelle Brooks Circle will meet
with
7:30 p.m.—Deacons Meet.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

10:00 a.m.—T. N. Callaway Circle will meet
with Mrs. Cecil Butler, 2500 N.
Whaley Ave.
—Virginia Cobb Circle will meet
with Mrs. E. H. Hawsey, 912 E.
Hernandez St.
—Stanley Davis Circle will meet
with Mrs. Roy Ingram, 4423 N.
12th Avenue.
—Mary S. Guliatt Circle will meet
with Mrs. W. H. McCaskill, 1816
E. Jordan St.
—Jane McRae Circle will meet with
Mrs. Clarence Taylor, 724 N. 12th
Ave.
—Dotson Mills Circle will meet with
Mrs. George Markham, 711 S.
"G" Street.
—R. C. Moore's Circle will meet
with Mrs. W. L. Patterson, 1901
E. Hernandez St.
—Bernice Neel Circle will meet with
Mrs. W. H. Coker, 1723 E. Gads-
den St.
—Laura Frances Snow Circle will
meet with Mrs. Charles Wiggins,
1708 E. Bobe Street.
—Charles Shirley Circle will meet
with Mrs. Herman Hobbs, 3905 W.
Gadsden Street.
3:00 p.m.—Harvey Headrick Circle will meet
with Mrs. T. B. Shell, 1216 E.
Avery Street.
7:00 p.m.—BIBLE SURVEY—
Film "Formation of the Bible"
7:30 p.m.—Bill Cowley Circle will meet with
Mrs. W. A. Everitt, 1324 E. Bobe
Street.
—Rebek Goldie Circle will meet
with Mrs. Janie Fulghum, 1306 E.
Mallory Street.
—Eleanor O'Haver Howell Circle will
meet with Mrs. Ruth Vice, 112
North "C" St.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

4:45 p.m.—Choirs
5:30 p.m.—Superintendents' Cabinet Meeting.
Adult B Department.
—Training Union Directors' Meet-
ing—Room 121.
5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner.
7:25 p.m.—Prayer Service.
8:00 p.m.—Visitation.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

9:30 a.m.—BIBLE SURVEY PLAN.

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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. Mondays.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1022
Members Present	973
New Members	9
Visitors	40
(Attendance one year ago	977)
Training Union Attendance	322
Members Present	299
New Members	3
Visitors	20
Additions to church membership	7
Baptized	2
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$4,857.88
Specials	4125
Building Fund, First Baptist	72.36
New Property Fund	896.48
TOTAL OFFERING	\$5,867.97



SPAGHETTI SUPPER FRIDAY NIGHT

Everyone is invited to attend a Spaghetti
Supper, sponsored by Boy Scout Troop No.
10, on Friday night, January 15, at 6:30
p.m. in the Lower Auditorium of the Old
Building. Tickets are \$1.00 for adults
and 50c for children.



"Jesus took a handful of nobodies —
fishmongers, taxgathers, men without
standing in the community, and so trans-
formed them that they literally lifted the
gates of empires off their hinges and forced
history down new channels." — Bishop
Donald Harvey Tippett, San Francisco.

Film: "Formation of the Bible."
7:00 p.m.—Basketball—First Baptist vs. Greek
Orthodox at YMCA.
7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 15
6:30 p.m.—Spaghetti Supper sponsored by
Boy Scout Troop No. 10, Lower
Auditorium of Old Educational
Building.