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THE DOWNTOWN CHURCH

"It is my very firm conviction that God wills that we should have a strong and conquering church at the heart of the city. Vigorous churches are needed everywhere, but nowhere, it seems to me, so much as in the downtown section of the city. A downtown church is to be the spiritual life of the city a bit like the heart is to the human body. If the heart is strong it pumps the stream of life and power into every part of the body. If it is weak, it weakens the whole body. Even so, if a downtown church becomes weak, it tends to weaken the spiritual life of a whole city. If it is strong, the spiritual life of a city is strengthened. But, how are we to have a conquering church? It is up to you and to me. God cannot do it alone."

—Clovis G. Chappell

JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

AN OLD NEED



What a contrast there is between the vast multitude that worships in our morning service and the faithful few who take their place in God's House in the evening for the Training Union and worship service! Beloved, God's day does not end at twelve noon on Sunday. Every child of God should arrange

his or her schedule to include all the Sunday services as well as the mid-week hour of prayer. The work of our blessed Lord and Savior depends in large measure on our faithfulness. Please make a special effort to be in God's House for all these important services.

A NEW MINISTRY

Beginning next week, we will inaugurate a "SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK" program. I am most anxious that we not forget these dear friends who, not by choice but by necessity, are no longer able to be active in the work of the church. You can help the pastor a great deal by calling into the church office and giving us the names of our shut-in friends. We don't want to miss anyone. Each week the name and address of one shut-in will be printed in our BUILDER. I am hopeful that many of us will then seek to remember that person in a special way at sometime during that week. Think what it would mean to some of these dear souls to receive dozens of cards and letters, as well as phone calls and personal visits. This should prove to be a blessed ministry for our church.

The sermon Sunday morning, "God and the Golden Years", is being prepared especially with this group in mind. Be in God's House this Lord's Day with your family and friends. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with each one of you.

James L. Pleitz Pastor

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"God and the Golden Years"

Acts 21:16

7:30 P.M.

"Proof Positive"

Matthew 7:15



Training Union

Ridgecrest

We have rented a cottage at Ridgecrest for the first Training Union Week, July 7-13. The cottage will care for approximately 25 persons. We want our Training Union leadership to have the first chance at these places. If you can go, you will need to get in your reservation fee (\$2.50) immediately. We already have more people interested in going than we have places, but we will give first choice to our Training Union leadership. Act immediately if you are interested.

Be Listening

Be listening and watch next week's Builder for an important announcement regarding our Training Union.

Another Training Opportunity

March 14-18 there will be some Training Union group schools scheduled in various churches in our Association. This will give an opportunity for Training Union Leadership to study methods under competent teachers.

Sword Drill and Speakers' Tournament

The Associational elimination for the Intermediate Sword Drill and Young People Speakers' Tournament will be held on Friday, March 18. The date of an elimination in our church will be announced soon.

Baylor A Cappella Choir Concert

First Baptist Church

January 28

7:30 p.m.

Housing needed for group. If you have available space, please call the church office (HE 3-5451).



New Members

BY LETTER:

96. Mrs. James H. Blesteh, 909 N. Spring St. From: First Sou. Baptist, Chula Vista, California.
97. Mr. John Franklin Rogers, 520 Pelham Rd., Edgewater From: Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.
98. Mrs. John Franklin Rogers.

BAPTIZED:

Raymond Hoxsey
James Daniel Pleitz



A person should be tactful, diplomatic, well-mannered, and friendly to his own family as well as to outsiders.

Our Children

By EVELYN E. HEINTZ

A Nursery Child Speaks

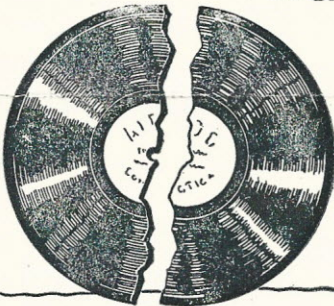
—It just seems to me that only one of my parents should take me inside the nursery room. With so many grown-ups around, it scares me speechless—and rank strangers, too!

—Oh yes, the same goes for coming after me. All that confusion when parents come piling in just as I get quiet and comfortable! Why, I'll be a nervous wreck at two!

—While we are on the subject—would you please not upset me by sticking your head in the Nursery between Sunday School and the Worship Service? I know I'm irresistible, but it is so disappointing after you have smiled and waved to have you go away!

—Sometimes we nursery children get so exasperated with you Adults! Just because I yell my head off when you leave me does not mean I won't get over it. Give me a chance. I am just trying to get adjusted and if you bring me every Sunday, not just now and then, I will soon feel like this is my second home. But if I can't possibly make it, my teacher will let you know.

— Copied



**We Are Out to
Break Records**

And we can if every Cradle Roll, Nursery, Beginner and Primary Superintendent and worker will plan now to attend the Associational Study Course February 8-12. The administration books will be taught for each of these age groups. The new nursery book, "Improving Nursery Departments" will be taught for Nursery workers.

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Whose day is Sunday anyhow? In the New Testament we read that it is "the Lord's Day." Why not keep it for Him and the things of the soul? May we not agree that this excuse of having too much else to do is for the Christians just a cobwebby room that needs sweeping?—Dr. G. S. Dobbins.

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of anyone else."



W.M.U.

I am your W.M.U., join me.

Since the time of my birth I have helped others. I was born of the craving for wider knowledge, more efficient work, and deeper spirituality.

My footprints are found in many churches. I am a dynamo of missionary enthusiasm, sending out power through every department.

I dispel ignorance, remove prejudice, overcome indifference and arouse interest. I stir people to action.

I increase and vitalize prayer. I encourage benevolence. Give me a chance when we meet.

—Selected

ATTEND PRAYER SERVICE

Every Wednesday, 7:25 p.m.

Is your life bowed down in sorrow?
Your heart overcome with woe?
Does trouble seem to beset you
Whatever direction you go?
Are you seeking release from burdens?
Has your outlook on life turned sour?
There's an answer to all of your problems
At the wonderful HOUR OF POWER.

There you'll find comfort for sorrow,
Courage your burdens to bear,
Strength to face daily temptations,
Friendship of others who care—
By seeking God's will in your life
On you joy and peace He will shower—
These bountiful blessings from Heaven
You'll find at the HOUR OF POWER.

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Sunday School

A convention-wide Sunday School convention is being held in Fort Worth, Texas, March 29-31. Mr. Bizzell has in the church office the list of Fort Worth hotels and we will be happy to make reservations for you if you are interested in attending this important meeting.

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Weddings

CONGRATULATIONS to June Nevell Baird and Mike Albert Guerra who were married on October 9, 1939 in Dallas, Tex.

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All material to be included in The Builder
should be in the office, preferably in writ-
ing, not later than 9:00 A.M. Mondays.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1130
Members Present	1065
New Members	13
Visitors	52
(Attendance one year ago..1030)	
Training Union Attendance.....	299
Members Present	280
New Members	3
Visitors	16
(Attendance one year ago...288)	
Additions to church membership.....	3
Baptized	2
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$3,944.62
Specials	218.78
Rent	140.00
New Property Fund.....	38.06
Building Fund	64.30
Lottie Moon	128.70
TOTAL OFFERING	\$4,584.46

Suppose the membership in a church were
limited to 300 of the most faithful mem-
bers. Would you be in or out? Suppose
you had to be elected as in a secret fra-
ternity. Would you be blackballed? If
your membership was limited to a year, re-
election depending on the good you had
done during the year, would you make it?
Suppose four absences automatically caused
you to be dropped from membership; would
you stay in?—John W. McKelvey, Church
Management.

Do you ever stop to think how much more
comfortable home life would be if we were
all as polite to our families as to the stran-
gers with whom we have business relations?

It is good to have the things that money
can buy, but make sure you do not lose the
things that money cannot buy.

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24—

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: "The Conquest of Fear"
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.
8:30 p.m.—Chapel Choir Fellowship.
8:30 p.m.—Intermediate Fellowship in Mar-
ried Young People's Dept.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25—

7:00 p.m.—Basketball—First Baptist vs. Greek
Orthodox. YMCA.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26—

7:00 p.m.—Bible Survey—Adult A Department
Film "Making of the English
Bible."

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27—

4:45 p.m.—Choirs.
5:30 p.m.—Superintendents' Cabinet Meeting.
Adult B Department.
—Training Union Directors' Meet-
ing. Room 104.
5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner.
6:30 p.m.—Teacher Improvement Period.
7:25 p.m.—Prayer Service.
8:15 p.m.—CHURCH CHOIR REHEARSAL.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28—

9:30 a.m.—Bible Survey Plan.
Adult A Department.
Film "Making of the English
Bible."
7:00 p.m.—Basketball: First Baptist vs. War-
rington Baptist at YMCA.
7:30 p.m.—BAYLOR CHOIR CONCERT.
7:00 p.m.—B. W. C. Federation Quarterly Sup-
per Meeting. Whitfield Baptist
Church.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29—

9:30 a.m.—Associational Music Festival.
East Hill Baptist Church.
(7:00, Y. P. and Ints.; 8:30, Adults)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30—

9:30 a.m.—Associational Music Festival.
East Hill Baptist Church.
(Children's Choirs)

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations To:

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Shell upon the birth
of a baby boy, Stephen Brooks, on Jan-
uary 15. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams
upon the birth of a baby boy. Sam Ken-
neth Edward, born January 18.

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:

Mrs. Charles W. DuBois and Mrs. Wil-
liam O. Cloud in the loss of their father.

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. Harold Drown, Mrs. Sam Williams
(baby boy), Mrs. Marvin Garrett, Sr., E.
Dixie Beggs, Jr., Mrs. C. J. Stone.

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mrs. John F. Kelly.

Navy Hospital:

Mr. L. M. Sheehee.

Home from Hospital:

Ann Blackmon, Peter Paul Belser.
Mrs. T. A. Shell, Mr. Clarence Dannelly.