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Some Greatest Things

MY GREATEST LOSS—To lose my soul.
MY GREATEST GAIN—Christ my Saviour.
MY GREATEST OBJECT—To glorify God.
MY GREATEST PRIDE—To win souls for Christ.
MY GREATEST JOY—The joy of God's salvation.
MY GREATEST INHERITANCE—Heaven and its glories.
MY GREATEST VICTORY—Over death through Christ.
MY GREATEST NEGLECT—To neglect so great salvation.
MY GREATEST CRIME—To reject Christ, the only Saviour.
MY GREATEST PRIVILEGE—Power to become the Son of God.
MY GREATEST BARGAIN—The loss of all things to gain Christ.
MY GREATEST PROFIT—Godliness in this life and that to come.
MY GREATEST PEACE—That peace that passeth all understanding.
MY GREATEST KNOWLEDGE—To know God and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent.

—Selected

JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

The Count Down Has Started



The count down for the year 1960 has begun. Eleven more months remain in which we will have the opportunity to grow spiritually and to serve effectively. If you are not happy with your spiritual achievements for January, let me encourage you to redouble your efforts rather than falling by the wayside.

Money Matters

I trust each one of us will make a special effort to be faithful in the financial support of our church. The Bible plan is for each one of us to bring God's tithe into the storehouse on the first day of the week. Please, friends, let's not fall behind. When we do so, God's work suffers.

Napoleon Said . . .

It was the great strategist, Napoleon, who once said, "There comes a time in every battle when the victory can go either way, depending on the dedication and determination of the soldiers." As we face these opening months of 1960, I am profoundly impressed that we have come to that place in the life of our church. Your undivided allegiance will assure victory. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

New Members Class

The new members class which will begin this Sunday evening, will prove to be a great blessing to the life of our church. It will be most worthwhile not only for the new people coming into our church, but for all those who are not, at present, attending the Training Union. Mr. Bizzell is an excellent teacher. He will be leading this study.

Faithfully yours,

James L. Pleitz Pastor

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Brother Who Stayed Home"

(Luke 15:25-32)

7:30 P.M.

"The Atonement"

(Romans 5:6-11)

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Our deacons of the month for February are:

MR. ERNEST GENTRY

and

MR. BO MITCHELL

MR. GENTRY joined our church by letter in 1940 from the First Baptist Church, De-Funiak Springs, Florida. He was ordained in 1940. Mr. Gentry is presently serving as Superintendent of Senior 16 Department in Sunday School. He has served on the Youth Activities Committee and on the Missions Committee. He is employed by the Richardson Agency. Mr. Gentry is the father of two daughters.

MR. MITCHELL joined our church by baptism in 1955. He was ordained a deacon in 1958. Mr. Mitchell is presently serving as Superintendent of Adult D Department in Sunday School. He is also chairman of the Publicity Committee. He is Sales Manager for Radio Station WBSR. Mr. Mitchell is the father of three sons.

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CIRCLE MEETINGS

MONDAY—7:30 P.M.

7:30 p.m.—Charles Mullins and Ernele Brooks Circles will meet with Miss Betty Sue Holt, 100 W. Brainerd Street.

TUESDAY—10:00 A.M.

10:00 a.m.—T. N. Callaway Circle will meet with Mrs. Everett McGowin, 2121 N. 20th Avenue.

—Virginia Cobb Circle will meet with Mrs. John Berry, 748 Peyton Drive.

—Stanley Davis and Dotson Mills Circles will meet jointly at the church, Adult A Department. Mrs. Earl Gaston, Mrs. Irvin Roberts, Mrs. Tate Bousman and Mrs. A. H. Arnold co-hostesses.

—Mary S. Gullatt Circle will meet with Mrs. Carlton Fendt, 1720 N. Magnolia Avenue.

10:00 a.m.—Jane McRae Circle will meet with Mrs. James Nelson, 689 Copley Dr., Cordova Park.

—R. C. Moore Circle will meet with Mrs. Sam Jordan, 1217 E. Mallory.

—Bernice Neel Circle will meet with Mrs. J. E. D. Yonge, 122 W. Lloyd.

—Laura Frances Snow Circle will meet with Mrs. O. A. Biles, 2019 N. 17th Avenue.

—Charles Shirley Circle will meet with Mrs. Charles R. Mitchell, 800 N. Kirk Street.

TUESDAY—3:00 P.M.

3:00 p.m.—Harvey Headrick Circle will meet with Mrs. Myrlin Brooks, 2006 N. Barcelona St.

TUESDAY—7:30 P.M.

7:30 p.m.—Bill Cowley Circle will meet with Mrs. Ann Wright, 1620 E. Anderson Street.

—Eleanor O'Haver Howell Circle will meet with Mrs. C. C. McCurley, 1403 E. Brainerd Street.

—Robert Goldie Circle will meet with Mrs. M. A. Farmer, 730 W. Jordan Street.

WHO IS THIS MAN?



Please notify the Pastor immediately if you should see the man pictured here. It is hoped that someone in the congregation may be able to identify him. It is quite urgent that his name be discovered. He has been seen in and around St. Louis, Missouri, in recent weeks. So far, no report has been received of his being in Pensacola though records have been published that he has intentions of comin' here.



New Members

FOR BAPTISM:

- 25. Kathleen Moore, 4973 Springhill Dr., Springdale.
- 26. Mrs. Wm. D. Minter, 623 Linden Road.

BY LETTER:

- 105. Mr. Wm. D. Minter, 623 Linden Road. From: First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.
- 106. Mr. Lanier McDavid, 5110 West Fairfield Dr. From: Highland Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.
- 107. Mr. Basil M. Wakefield, 1219 E. Moreno St. From: G. eensboro Baptist Church, Greensboro, Ga.
- 108. Mr. Joe P. Tillman, 160 Berkley Drive. From: Van Winkle Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.
- 109. Mrs. Joe P. Tillman.

BAPTIZED:

Kathleen Moore.
Mrs. William D. Minter.
Mr. Francis J. Boucher.



NEW MEMBERS RECEPTION

The entire church membership is invited to an informal reception honoring the new members who have come into the fellowship of our church since the coming of Mr. Pleitz on May 10th. We trust that each of these new members will be present and that every member of the congregation will plan to be present for this period of fellowship.



REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 8 - 12

WHAT: Associational study of administration books Cradle Roll through Primary.

BY WHOM: Cradle Roll—Dr. C. F. Barry.
Nursery—Mrs. C. F. Barry.
Beginner—Mrs. J. F. Vagts.
Primary—Miss Carolyn Madison.

WHERE: Meet Monday Night in Sanctuary of First Baptist Church.

Meeting places of each age group will be announced.

TIME: 7 to 9 p.m. each evening except Wednesday evening in which our regular schedule will be followed.

There will be NO CHERUB CHOIR next week, February 10.

BROTHERHOOD MEETING

Monday night, February 8, is the regular time for our monthly Brotherhood supper meeting.

The meeting this month will be held in the dining room of the Educational Building. The menu will consist of fried fish prepared by Mr. P. C. Sutton and his helpers. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The program will include a devotional by T. A. Shell and a report of the Fifth Laymen's Leadership Institute held January 13-16 in Miami Beach. Mr. Mahlon Weis who attended this meeting will bring the report. This meeting featured addresses by Howard Butt, Duke McCall, Maxey Jarman and Billy Graham, whose names are well known to Baptist, and many other outstanding Christian leaders of other faiths.

YOUTHS' SWEETHEART BANQUET

Friday, February 12

7:00 P.M.

Theme: "Cupid's Card Shop"
(Formal)

Tickets: \$.75 each

(Call the church office today and make your reservation)

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1147
Members Present	1090
New Members	15
Visitors	42
(Attendance one year ago.. 949)	
Training Union Attendance.....	334
Members Present	312
New Members	4
Visitors	18
(Attendance one year ago.. 271)	
Additions to church membership.....	7
Baptized	3
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$5,342.16
Specials	323.41
Rent	40.00
Building Fund	110.29
Expansion Fund	146.10
TOTAL OFFERING	\$5,961.96



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations To:

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Curtis Lehmann upon
the birth of a baby boy, Leroy Curtis, Jr.,
on January 22.

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. Eleanor Kennedy.

Mr. Homer Jones.

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mrs. Marvin Garrett, Sr., Mrs. J. E. Kelly.

Navy Hospital:

Cynthia Kay Trowbridge.

Home from Hospital:

Mrs. Harold Drown, Mrs. Phyllis Morris,
Mrs. John P. Kelly, Mr. L. M. Sheehee,
Mr. B. T. Dean.

"SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK"

MRS. R. A. BARROW

1320 East Gadsden

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7—

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.

 T. A. Guthrie, Supt.

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastor.

 Broadcast over WCOA.

1:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour over WCOA.

5:00 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal.

6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.

 Comdr. R. E. Sparks, Director.

 New Members' Class.

7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.

8:30 p.m.—New Members' Reception. Church

 Dining Room.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8—

6:30 p.m.—Brotherhood Supper. Lower Audi-

 toium, Educational Bldg.

7:00 p.m.—School for Primary, Beginner,

 Nursery and Cradle Roll Workers.

7:00 p.m.—Married Young People's Valentine

 Banquet. Church Dining Room.

7:30 p.m.—Deacons Meet.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9—

12 Ncon—Elementary Workes Luncheon.

 (Nursery will be open).

7:00 p.m.—Bible Survey Plan.

7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts will meet, Lower Au-

 ditorium, Educational Bldg.

7:00 p.m.—School for Primary, Beginner,

 Nursery and Cradle Roll Workers.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10—

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.

6:00 p.m.—Teachers' and Officers' Meeting.

7:25 p.m.—Prayer service.

8:00 p.m.—Visitation.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11—

9:30 a.m.—Bible Survey Plan.

7:00 p.m.—School for Primary, Beginner,

 Nursery and Cradle Roll Workers.

7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12—

7:00 p.m.—School for Primary, Beginner,

 Nursery and Cradle Roll Workers.

7:00 p.m.—Sweetheart Banquet for Interme-

 diates, Seniors, and Young People.



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

We are beginning next Sunday a New Members Class especially designed for every new member who unites with our church. It is our hope that every new member who has joined within the last year and has not attended a New Members Class will attend these special classes for the next seven Sunday evenings. This will be an orientation class during which we will touch briefly on Baptist doctrine and policy, the history and ministry of the First Baptist Church and other matters of importance.

In addition to new church members, it is believed that there are two other groups who might profit from attendance of these sessions: (1) Any church member not enrolled in the Training Union; (2) Those persons who are considering uniting with our church.

It is our plan for this sort of class to be offered continuously. We are very anxious for this first series to get off to a good start next Sunday.