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PASTOR

THE CONTAGION OF ENTHUSIASM

Bruce Barton said, "Give your son enthusiasm and he will gain the world."

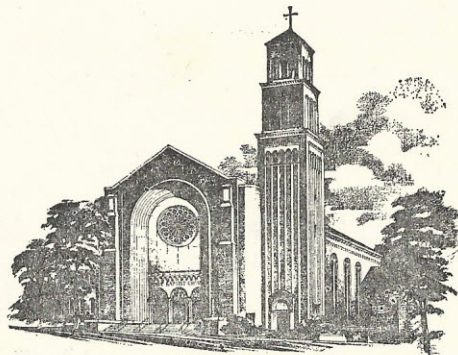
Enthusiasm is a prime element or ingredient in a healthy, working and growing church. When members love their church, are interested in its welfare and witness, and give attention to attendance and support, they may be labeled as enthusiastic workers.

Contagion means communication by contact and transmission from one to another. It's infectious and is likely to spread. It's "catching" and other folks are sure to "get it".

When church members, by their contacts and communications with others, are able to infect them and cause them to "catch" their own spirit of enthusiasm, then the church is being sold.

We the members of our church, are selling our church every day only as we bear an enthusiastic testimony. "This is MY church, and I proudly claim membership as I enthusiastically tell other people about Christ and MY church."

—Selected



PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

A Personal Letter . . .



Dear Members:

I feel that a word of explanation is due concerning my absence from the pulpit last Sunday morning. I had not anticipated it causing such an uproar among the members, but I feel that when you hear of the circumstances you'll understand.

I had fully intended to be present as usual, but Saturday afternoon a whole carload of my wife's folks from Arkansas pulled into the driveway. We hadn't seen them in almost a year and since they had their children with them, we packed a hurried picnic supper and headed for the lake. It was after dark when we got back and aside from the fact that I hadn't been able to finish my sermon preparation, my wife's relatives had decided that they would spend the night with us and leave right after lunch Sunday to drive on to the mountains.

I tried to phone the chairman of our deacons, but as most of you know he is out of town a great deal and I was unable to contact him. However, I did leave a message with his wife and she promised to let him know as soon as he got home. Naturally, I felt that this was all that was necessary and that everything would work out fine.

I stayed home Sunday morning visiting with the folks, and it wasn't until Sunday afternoon, when the committee from the deacon's came to visit me, that I found out that you hadn't been able to line up a supply preacher. I had just taken for granted that the chairman's wife would tell her husband when he came in Saturday night and that he would work something out. And besides this, how was I to know that this was the Sunday our organist had planned to be out of town, and that our choir director would be called away to announce a Sunday baseball game.

I regret that you had to dismiss the services. It just never occurred to me that the more than 1,000 people present had come expecting to hear me preach. And, I was deeply sorry to hear from the deacon's committee that there were four people present who had come to make a profession of faith but had to leave disappointed. I'll try not to let this happen again, but I can't promise anything, at least until vacation season is over.

So, as my favorite barber tells me when I get my hair cut, "I'll see you next Sunday, unless company drops in."

Almost sincerely,
Your Pastor

P. S.—Absurd? Unthinkable? Yes, but the same Person who expects the pastor to be present is depending just as much on every Sunday school teacher and officer to be present too—Jesus Christ. He's the one whom we fail.

—Copied

BIBLE SURVEY

Twenty-seven of our people have completed requirements for Individual Recognition Award in Bible Survey. In addition to attendance and completion of the six study course books, they have read the Bible in its entirety and completed a notebook.

Congratulations to these: Mrs. Henry L. Ashmore, Mrs. James L. Drexler, Mrs. Alma Branch, Mr. Micajah H. Cranmer, Mrs. Paul J. Fleming, Mr. Theron A. Guthrie, Mrs. Theron A. Guthrie, Mrs. Wilson Harris, Miss Dessie Hart, Miss Iva Hart, Mrs. Neil P. Johnson, Mrs. James A. Johnston, Mr. J. Letcher Lamkin, Mrs. J. Letcher Lamkin, Mrs. Curtis Morris, Mrs. J. T. Murphy, Miss Joan Peterson, Mrs. Leslie Sasnett, Mrs. L. H. Stacey, Mrs. A. R. W. Stoesen, Mrs. Claude Vice, Mrs. T. W. Wentworth, Mrs. Herman O. Williams, Miss Gladys Windsor, Mrs. Felix Woolf, Mrs. R. E. Morley, Miss Elva Gomillion.

There are others who are now finishing the necessary reading.



Brotherhood

BROTHERHOOD MEETING

Dr. Carlton F. Whirley is to be our speaker for the Brotherhood meeting next Monday, July 11. Dr. Whirley is a native of Bagdad, Florida, and is now home on furlough. He is to return to Nigeria at the end of the month. We are thrilled that he is able to be with us for this meeting. Because we knew that so many would want to hear him, our Brotherhood officers have suggested that this be Family Night with the women of the Women's Missionary Society invited and whole families coming together. Remember to make your reservations for you and your family next Sunday. Nursery will be open only upon request.

LAST MINUTE REMINDER

Associational Brotherhood Fish Fry Saturday, July 9. Camp Ada. If you have not already gotten your ticket, call Mr. W. T. Osborn. Mr. W. E. Ambrose of the Escambia County Sheriff's Department will speak on "The Parent's Roll in combating Juvenile Delinquency."

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to These New Parents:

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kingry on the adoption of their new baby girl, Gail Ann.
Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Husted on the birth of a baby girl on June 10.
Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Corbett on the adoption of their new baby girl, Cindy.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Cox, baby girl, born June 28.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Thompson, baby boy, born June 29.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Morris, baby boy, born July 7.

Congratulations Upon These Recent Weddings:

Bob Bunce and Elizabeth Thomas married in Memphis, Tennessee, on June 25.
Patricia Lorene Taylor and Lawrence Dean Gosen married in Corpus Christi, Texas, on July 2.

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. Hugh Reeves, Mr. Clyde Ellis, Mr. Claude Vice, Mrs. Oswald Minieris.
Mrs. Elbert C. Genry, Jr., Mrs. Ralph J. Morris.

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mr. P. O. Davis.

Navy Hospital:

Mr. Marshall King

Home from Hospital:

Mr. Grady White, Mrs. C. E. McNabb, Mrs. C. J. Rice.



W.M.U.

MONDAY, JULY 11—

7:30 p.m.—Ernelle Brooks and Charles Mullins Circles will meet with Mrs. Genevieve R. Smith, 210 W. Highland Drive.

TUESDAY, JULY 12—

10:00 a.m.—T. N. Callaway Circle will meet with Mrs. Henry Ashmore, 2960 N. Magnolia Avenue.
—Virginia Cobb Circle will meet with Mrs. James Roth, 3752 Gerhardt Road, Cordova Park.
—Stanley Davis Circle will meet with Mrs. R. A. Sansing, 3507 Firestone Boulevard, Cordova Park.
—Mary S. Gullatt Circle will meet with Mrs. H. W. Richburg, 1815 E. Strong Street.
—Jane McRae Circle will meet with Mrs. Norwood Cobb, 2775 Escambia Avenue.
—Dotson Mills Circle will meet with Mrs. R. C. Keith, 1501 E. Brainerd Street.
—R. C. Moores Circle will meet with Mrs. T. H. Miller, 1718 E. Lee Street.
—Bernice Neel Circle will meet with Mrs. Judson Gillespie, 1815 Escambia Avenue.
—Laura Frances Snow Circle will meet with Mrs. R. E. Mabry, 360 Drew Circle.
3:00 p.m.—Harvey Headrick Circle will meet with Mrs. W. T. Osborn, 304 W. Moreno Street.
7:30 p.m.—Bill Cowley Circle will meet with Mrs. Margaret Berrisford, 110 Euclid Drive, Pine Glades.
—Robert Goldie Circle will meet with Mrs. W. C. Carr, Jr., 5704 N. Davis Highway.
—Eleanor O'Haver Howell Circle will meet with Mrs. Naomi Holbrook, 1930 Barrancas Avenue.



Library Notes

For further thinking and reading on the subject of the splendid sermon we heard a week ago Sunday ("God's Cure For Despondency"), we would suggest the following library books:

"Prescription For Anxiety" by Weatherhead.

"Live With Your Emotions" by Werner.
"Finding Your Way In Life" by Weston.
"The Conquest of Fear" by King.
"Understanding Fear" by Overstreet.
"Quiet Talks on Power" by S. D. Jordan.

Our circulation for the two weeks of Vacation Bible School was 1,272, a record high. The reading clubs will continue four more weeks until July 24, so keep on coming and getting more books.

MRS. A. R. W. STOESEN

SOFTBALL

Tuesday, July 1, 7:00 p.m.

Exchange Park

First Baptist vs. Richards Memorial

God will not let you look beyond the bend of the road, but He will assure you that whatever lies beyond the bend you need not walk alone.

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Mrs. E. A. Allen, WMU Pres.....HE 2-6275
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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance..... 879
Members Present 771
New Members 5
Visitors 103
(Attendance one year ago. 948)

Training Union Attendance..... 272
Members Present 234
New Members 2
Visitors 36
(Attendance one year ago. 252)

Additions to church membership..... 5
Baptized 1

Tithes and Offerings:
Budget\$4,124.94
Specials 553.05
Building Fund 73.06

TOTAL OFFERING\$4,753.05



DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Our deacons for the month for July are:

MR. JUDSON GILLESPIE

and

MR. ERNEST BARRINEAU

Mr. Gillespie joined this church by letter from the First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee in 1939. He was ordained in 1940 and has served as Chairman of the Board of Deacons. He is presently serving as Chairman of the Radio and Television Committee and handles the broadcasting of the morning worship services. Mr. Gillespie is employed by Gulf Power Company. He is the father of one son and one daughter.

Mr. Barrineau joined this church by letter from the Gonzalez Baptist Church, Gonzalez, Florida, in 1943. He was ordained there. He is currently serving as Church Treasurer and as an usher. Mr. Barrineau is employed at the Naval Air Station. He is the father of three daughters and one son.

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

Mrs. R. A. Barrow
1320 East Gadsden



SUNDAY, JULY 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.
5:30 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal.
6:30 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
Comdr. R. E. Sparks, Director.
7:45 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.
8:45 p.m.—Intermediate fellowship in Lower
Auditorium of Educational Bldg.
8:45 p.m.—Chapel Choir fellowship.

MONDAY, JULY 11—

- 6:30 p.m.—Mary-Martha Class meeting and
picnic at Mrs. Grady Wilson's, 420
Second Street, Warrington.
6:30 p.m.—Brotherhood Supper.
7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts meet in Lower Audi-
torium of Educational Bldg.
7:30 p.m.—Deacons Meeting.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13—

- 5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner.
6:30 p.m.—Teachers and Officers meeting.
Auxiliaries.
7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service.

THURSDAY, JULY 14—

- 7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.



NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:

226. Rev. B. B. Burks, 505 Navarre, Gulf
Breeze, Fla. From: First Baptist Church,
Thorsby, Ala.
227. Mrs. B. B. Burks.
228. Mr. Bob Webb, BOQ 662, Room 118, NAS,
From: First Baptist Church, Monterey,
California.
229. Mr. William R. Fussell, Jr., 521 N. Spring
St. From: Gentilly Baptist Church, New
Orleans, La.
230. Mrs. William R. Fussell, Jr., 521 N.
Spring St. From: Memorial Baptist
Church, Metairie, La.

BAPTIZED:

Bobby Wilson

REDEDICATION:

Miss Lynnette Overman, 3595 Forest Glen Dr.,
Scenic Hts.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PICTURES

Copies of the picture made of this year's
Bible School may be ordered through the
church office. An 8x10 black and white
print costs one dollar.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"A Universal Necessity"
(Luke 13:3)

7:45 P.M.

"The Children of God"
(Ephesians 5:14)