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PASTOR

MINUTE SERMON *If*

If you are not made better by giving, double your gift.
If you have God's promise for a thing, isn't that enough?
If some people are really on their way to heaven they are
traveling in a sleeping car.

If you cannot give a good reason for what you are doing,
there is a good reason why you should not do it.

If some men are as tender in heart as they are in pocket,
what wonderful things they would do for the Lord.

If God had no more mercy on us than we have on one another,
the world would have burned up long ago.

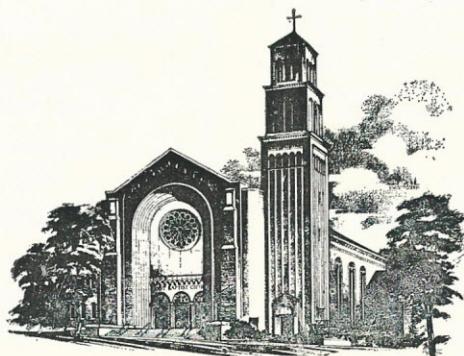
If some people would be a little more careful about where
they step, those who follow them wouldn't stumble so
much.

If God's light is shining in you, it will be sure to be seen by
somebody who is traveling in the dark.

If we are faithful, God will look after our success.

If we do not rejoice in the Lord, the world will not believe
that we know Him.

—Selected



PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS



Little did your pastor realize what a stir would be caused by the article in last week's Pastor's Paragraphs. Of course, I was in the pulpit, and it will take more than "a whole carload of my wife's folks from Arkansas" to keep me out of it! The whole idea of the article was that each one of us have a place to fill in the Lord's work, and no one can fill our place for us. So many times we allow anything and everything to come between us and the service of the Lord.

Our Nominating Committee is now prayerfully at work seeking to staff our various organizations for the coming year. Beloved, I sincerely hope that each one of us will pray for this committee and that we will be willing to serve if called upon. It is so easy to say, "Let someone else do it this year." The following true story impressed my heart, and I share it with you:

While ministering to a dying soldier, the Chaplain asked him if he had any message for his mother.

"Yes," he said, "tell her I am dying happy."

"Anything else?" "Yes, write to my Sunday School teacher. Tell her I die a Christian, and I have never forgotten her teaching."

"A few weeks afterward," said the Chaplain, "I received a letter from the Sunday School teacher, one of the most remarkable I have ever received in my life. I have forgotten the details of the letter, but this is the substance of it:

"God have mercy on me! Only last month I resigned my Sunday School class for I felt that my teaching was doing no good; and scarcely had I, through my cowardly, faithless heart, given up my appointed work that I got the message from you telling me that my teaching had been a means of winning a soul to Christ. I am going back to my pastor at once to tell him I will try again in Christ's name, and I will be faithful to the end."

Only eternity can measure the results of our faithful service. Be sure and be in your place Sunday. I will be looking for you then—1100 Bibles strong.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz



SOFTBALL

Tuesday, July 19, 8:20 p.m.
Exchange Park
First Baptist vs. Park Place

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING CLASS

For several months we have been seeking to find the best approach to a class for new members. We believe that the seven Sunday evening topics should prove interesting and helpful to every new church member. We also believe that these discussions would prove helpful to any member of our church, and we cordially invite you who are not in Training Union already to attend the new cycle which begins Sunday night, July 17. The topics for the seven Sunday nights are as follows: The Meaning of Your Christian Experience; The Doctrine of Christian Growth; The Meaning of Church Membership; The Ordinances of Your Church; What We Believe; The History of Baptists, the Southern Baptist Convention, the First Baptist Church; Our Ministry and Outreach.

This group meets in the sanctuary during the Training Union hour.

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

Mrs. Annie Belford
1220 East Lakeview Avenue

LOST — A BOY

Not kidnapped by bandits and hidden in a cave to weep and starve and raise a nation to frenzied searching. No, his father lost him.

Too busy to sit with him at the fireside and answer his trivial questions during the year when Dad is the only great hero to a boy he let go his hold.

Yes, his mother lost him, too. Engrossed in worth-while programs; clubs with high aim, she let the baby-sitter hear his prayers and abdicated her place of influence.

The church lost him. Amid sermons for the wise and well-to-do, with care for dignity and decorum, there was no place for the restless boy in worship or in sports. Was this your boy?

You're a "Sunday widow" . . .

"If You can't Get Your Husband to Church"

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July issue of
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SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

**"Faith—The Key That
Unlocks All Doors"**
(Hebrews 11:1-6)

7:45 P.M.

"Unto The Uttermost Parts"
(Matthew 28:16)

As I See It!

By CLYDE K. BIZZELL

FROM THE LAND OF THE SKY

Greetings from Ridgecrest! Our group is having a wonderful time, and we are profiting from the sessions. Staying together in our cottage are: Mrs. A. T. England, Mrs. Robert F. Jernigan, Billy and Lon Roberts, Craig Hurt, Larry Stephens, Karen Snider, Betty Carr, Patsy Robertson, Mrs. John Busey, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Fendt, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lee and I. The Sparks family are just across the road, and the Gerald Garretts are down the way.

This is the fifty-third season of Ridgecrest. More than 30,000 persons are expected to attend Ridgecrest's 19 conferences this summer.

This is the first of three Training Union weeks. Dr. Philip B. Harris, the new Convention-wide Training Union Secretary, is directing the conference. Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, President of the New Orleans Seminary, is the preacher for the week. The theme for the conference is "Keep the New Life Growing."

I wish that more of our Training Union workers were here to receive the information and inspiration to help us to building a greater Training Union.

Sarah Jane Williams is here. Bill Peters and Anne Austin are on the assembly staff. Alma Carlisle is on the staff at the Girl's Camp, and Sonny Cushing is on the Boy's Camp staff.



"The cross of Calvary received the storm of sin and gave sunshine to the ages."

In Memoriam

MRS. ADA McLELLAN

Joined this Church 5-13-12
Died 7-9-60



Library Notes

"Tonic for Our Times" by Richard L. Evans is a refreshing book. The chapters are short under headings like these: Self-searching; For difficult days; For perplexed parents; Some habits and hazards; Judging and Misjudging people; The search for ultimate answers.

The spiritual common sense contained in these comments will appeal to many. Clear, crisp language is used to express Mr. Evans' inspiring philosophy that the way of simple goodness is most interesting; the most inspiring and the most rewarding way of life.

NEW MEMBERS

FOR BAPTISM:

51. Gary Jay Price, 630-c Leonard Drive, Warrington.

BY LETTER:

231. Mrs. Bobby G. Bunce (Elizabeth), 241 Willow St., Pinehurst. From: Lamar Terrace Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.
232. Mr. Everett D. Craycraft, 730 Valley Dr., Springdale. From: Woodlawn Baptist Church, Pensacola.
233. Mrs. Everett D. Craycraft (Lillian).
234. Miss Becky Ann Craycraft.
235. Mrs. Gary Jay Price (Joyce), 630-c Leonard Dr., Warrington. From: First Baptist Church, Eugene, Oregon.
236. Lt. Donald R. Stanton, BOQ 675, Box 151, NAS. From: Memorial Ave. Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va.
237. Ens. Ronald Stoops, BOQ 674, Rm. 236, NAS.

SPECIAL SERVICE:

Edward Lewis, Jr. 222 Betty Rd., Warrington.



PERFECT ATTENDANCE

The following persons had a perfect attendance record for the 30 sessions of Bible Survey: Mrs. A. E. Bass, Mr. Joseph G. Brookins, Mrs. Paul W. Caro, Mrs. Charles Deese, Sr., Mrs. Tate Bousman, Mrs. R. C. Eickler, Mr. Theron A. Guthrie, Mrs. Theron A. Guthrie, Mr. Bennie C. Johns, Mrs. James A. Johnston, Mrs. Neil Johnson, Mr. J. Letcher Lamkin, Mrs. J. Letcher Lamkin, Mr. Marvin Lee, Mrs. Marvin Lee, Mrs. R. E. Morley, Mrs. Curtis Morris, Mr. A. M. Smith, Mrs. L. H. Stacey.



Martin Luther is reported to have said: "I have held many things in my hands, and lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."

In Memoriam

MR. CLAUDE W. VICE

Joined this Church 4-23-33
Died 7-8-60

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday School Attendance..... | 1056 |
| Members Present | 945 |
| New Members | 16 |
| Visitors | 95 |
| (Attendance one year ago..1009) | |
| Training Union Attendance..... | 263 |
| Members Present | 238 |
| New Members | 5 |
| Visitors | 20 |
| (Attendance one year ago.. 297) | |
| Additions to church membership..... | 8 |
| Tithes and Offerings: | |
| Budget | \$4,636.19 |
| Specials | 126.60 |
| Building Fund | 23.30 |
| TOTAL OFFERING | \$4,786.09 |



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:
The Claude W. Vice family in the loss
of Mr. Vice on July 8.
The family of Mrs. Ada McLellan in her
death.

Baptist Hospital:

Mr. A. E. Bass, Mrs. Oswald Minieris

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mr. P. O. Davis, Mr. G. T. Sutton.

Navy Hospital:

Mrs. Frances Cox

Home from Hospital:

Mrs. Hugh Reeves, Mrs. Elbert C. Gen-
try, Jr., Mrs. Ralph J. Morris, Mr. Mar-
shall King, Mr. Clyde Ellis.

Congratulations To:

Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Donner upon
the birth of a baby boy, Richard Elroy,
Jr., on July 6.

Congratulations To:

David Riddle for winning the Ping Pong
Championship at West Florida Assembly
last week.

ANNOUNCING!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH JUNIOR CAMP

to be held at Camp Ada
(About 25 miles from Pensacola)

August 15-19, 1960

Registration Begins Sunday



SUNDAY, JULY 17—

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.
 New Members Class.

7:45 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.
 Ordinance of Baptism.

8:45 p.m.—Intermediate fellowship in Lower
 Auditorium of Educational Bldg.

8:45 p.m.—Chapel Choir Fellowship.

MONDAY, JULY 18—

7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts meet in Lower Audi-
 torium of Educational Bldg.

7:30 p.m.—Library Staff and Committee
 Meeting in Library.

TUESDAY, JULY 19—

10:00 a.m.—MARY-MARTHA CLASS VISITATION.

10:00 a.m.—CHARLES SHIRLEY CIRCLE will meet
 with MRS. C. E. NEWTON, 3705 W.
 GADSDEN STREET.

12:00 NOON—MARY-MARTHA CLASS COVERED DISH
 LUNCHEON with MRS. R. S. ROUSE,
 313 NORTH BARCELONA.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20—

5:00 p.m.—CONCORD CHOIR.

5:50 p.m.—FELLOWSHIP DINNER.

6:30 p.m.—TEACHERS AND OFFICERS MEET.

 AUXILIARIES.

 SPECIAL STUDY GROUP.

7:30 p.m.—PRAYER SERVICE.

THURSDAY, JULY 21—

7:30 p.m.—CHURCH CHOIR REHEARSAL.

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Temptation"

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