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PASTOR

AN OPEN LETTER TO GOD

Dear God:

YOU HAVE BEEN PUSHING MY CONSCIENCE PRETTY HARD LATELY—ON THE MATTER OF BEING A RESPONSIBLE CHURCH MEMBER—AND I THINK IT'S TIME FOR ME TO SAY SOMETHING BACK TO YOU.

Since your prodding has disturbed my tranquility and peace of mind, I may as well tell you the whole truth. You see, I started out with a firm resolution to go to every service of the church—Sunday morning, Board Meetings, all of 'em! But since I joined the church the other members seem to have forgotten me. All of them were right after me 'til I joined". and it made me feel real important. But, God, the letdown has really cooled my enthusiasm.

Besides that, I've been invited to join a square-dance club and bowling team. And with the P.T.A., lodge, fishing and hunting, I don't have much time for You and the Church anyway. A person can't do everything, you know!

I really hadn't meant to mention this, God . . . but since I've gone this far, I guess I might as well. You remember back a couple of Sundays ago . . . the Sunday the associate minister hit pretty hard on this matter of Christian stewardship and tithing—money—money—Money! Every other word "Money". I didn't appreciate that, God, to be quite frank! He sure has the right title, associate minister, because you sure can tell he has been associating with the regular minister, who is always harping on money. The scriptures they are always quoting do not impress me much, because I know You couldn't have really meant those things, could you, God? What do those preachers think I am, a banker? Did I not give \$2.00 to the orphans home last Christmas, and \$5.00 to the Community Chest and when I am in church I always put in from 50c to a dollar! What more can you ask of a person. I just don't have that kind of money . . . 10 per cent indeed . . . besides, I've already put out over \$600.00 this year for club dues, fishing tackle and license . . . also bought a new gun and outboard motor, and must save money for a new car and color TV set! I tell you, God, if those folks down at the church are more interested in my money than they are in me . . . I can just stay home. If they want to spend money on church buildings, youth programs, etc., let someone else do it!

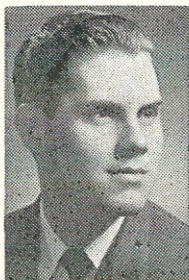
Well, there you have it, God. And if you don't mind . . . lay off my conscience from now on about this church attendance stuff and especially money! I'll get in touch with YOU whenever I need YOU for something.

Yours forever,

Luke Warm

—Copied

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS



Just what is to be the ministry of our beloved First Baptist Church in the city of Pensacola? Many of you have heard me say that our responsibility is the entire city, and I firmly believe this to be true. We have no area as such. The people who make up our congregation come from far and

wide. This means that many of our members must drive past other Baptist churches in order to worship here. The thing of supreme importance is not which church is near to you, but which church is dear to you. Our task is to make this church dear to the heart of each one of us—a great citadel of righteousness in the heart of the city.

Dr. Clovis Chappell, the Methodist preacher, said regarding 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 be a conquering church? It is up to you and to me. God cannot do it alone."

Be sure and be in all of the services Sunday. No one can take YOUR place. Larry Mayo will bless your heart.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pletitz

BROTHERHOOD MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

Brother Paul Carmichael, Pastor of the East Hill Baptist Church, here in our city, will be the speaker for the Brotherhood meeting next Monday evening. Supper will be at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to make your reservations Sunday or by calling the church office. This will be "sport shirt" night. Ties and coats will not be needed.

As parents we must be careful to practice what we preach before our children, because "Some Ruffs Off." Read this article in August Home Life.



Library Notes

Congratulations are in order for Elwin Garrett and John Ladner who made four round trips to the moon during the six weeks of our "Trip to the Moon" Reading Club for Primaries. That means they read 40 or more books each.

The following Juniors qualified by reaching Pluto in the "Planet Hopping Club". Sharon Holladay 39 books, Pat O'Neill 32, Deborah Arnold 30, Katherine Kickliter 28, Kahl Edwards 25, Kathy Stuart 25, Ronnie Minshew 25, Carol Caton 24, and Linda Russell 22. Congratulations to these Juniors.

We are pleased to see the circulation keeping up so well, and we hope you will continue the good work and read many more of our splendid selection of books in the Library.

MRS. A. R. W. STOESSEN

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Our "deacons of the month" for August are:

MR. CLARENCE E. DANNELLY
and
MR. B. T. DEAN

MR. DANNELLY joined this church by baptism in 1937. He was ordained in 1943. He has taught in the Sunday School and has served as Brotherhood President. Mr. Dannelly is presently serving as Chairman of the Church Benevolence Committee. He is the resident manager for the Delchamp Groceries. He is the father of two daughters and two sons.

MR. DEAN joined this church by letter from the Towson Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland, in 1956. He was ordained a deacon in Maryland in 1954. He has taught in the Sunday School and also worked in the Training Union. At present, he is the Chairman of the Library Committee. Mr. Dean is a Chemical Engineer for Chemstrand and is head of the Water Treatment Department. He is the father of one daughter, Marcia.

NEW MEMBERS

Wednesday, July 27, 1960

FOR BAPTISM:

56. Miss Mary Estes, 1622 East Avery.

ATTEND PRAYER SERVICE

Next
Wednesday Evening

Pastor's Topic:

"This Old House"
(Luke 11:23-26)

LOVE (Cor. 13:4-8)

(In the opposite column is the opposite of Christian love, which is not hatred but love turned in upon itself.)

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"Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."

LOVE NEVER FAILS

SELF-LOVE

"Self-love is impatient and uncharitable, and is a mass of jealousy; it keeps all its goods in the shop window, and cherishes inflated ideas of its own importance. Self-love has little consideration for others, is always out for "Number One"; it is touchy and highly critical of other people's conduct. Self-love has a secret sympathy with sin, and is always rather scared of the plain truth. It must never be put upon, it is cynical and suspicious and has little power of endurance."

SELF-LOVE SOON TIRES OF DOING GOOD.
—J. B. Phillips

DR. LARRY MAYO TO PREACH SUNDAY

Dr. J. Larry Mayo will preach at both services on Sunday.

Dr. Mayo is a native Pensacolian and is the son of our deacon J. L. Mayo. He is a graduate of the University of Florida and of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. and Mrs. Mayo have three children.

For more than eight years, Dr. Mayo has served as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Smithville, North Carolina. He has preached in our church many times before, and we look forward to having him bring the messages on Sunday. Mrs. Mayo will sing in the morning service.

JUNIOR CAMP

As of press time, we have registered as many Juniors as we can take care of adequately at our Junior Camp. Those who have already registered will receive a letter this week about what to take, etc. Any others interested in going may inquire in case extra spaces are available.



Mrs. Marguerite Howell Agee

requests the honour of your presence
at the marriage of her daughter

Marguerite Celeste

to

Mr. Louie Wendell Carpenter

on Friday, the twelfth of August
nineteen hundred and sixty
at seven o'clock in the evening

First Baptist Church
Pensacola, Florida



W. M. U.

MONDAY, AUGUST 15—

7:30 p.m.—Ernelle Brooks and Charles Mullins Circles will meet with Misses Annie and Genevieve Averett, 2056 N. 13th Avenue.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16—

10:00 a.m.—T. N. Callaway Circle will meet with Mrs. C. S. Jones, 1811 East Hayes Street.

—Virginia Cobb Circle will meet at Wayside Park for picnic.

—Stanley Davis Circle will meet with Mrs. Roy Ingram, 4423 North 12th Avenue for covered dish luncheon.

—Mary S. Gullatt Circle will meet with Mrs. J. C. Baldwin, 2013 E. Lakeview Avenue.

—Jane McRae Circle will meet with Mrs. W. T. Creel, 1300 Ariola, Pensacola Beach, for covered dish luncheon.

—Dotson Mills Circle will meet with Mrs. Guy Spearman, 320 W. Lloyd Street.

—R. C. Moore Circle will meet.
(Place to be announced in Sunday's bulletin).

—Bernice Neel Circle will meet with Mrs. C. M. O'Neill, 3960 Bayou Boulevard.

—Laura Frances Snow Circle will meet with Mrs. Walter McNeill, 320 Clematis, Pine Glades.

—Charles Shirley Circle will meet with Mrs. R. C. Eickler, 2300-B W. Jackson Street.

3:00 p.m.—Harvey Headrick Circle will meet with Mrs. York Colson, 2720 Bayou Boulevard.

6:30 p.m.—Eleanor O'Haver Howell Circle will meet with Mrs. Miriam Swain, 1121 Barcia Drive.

7:30 p.m.—Robert Goldie Circle will meet with Miss Sarah Andress, 3011 Blackshear Avenue.

—Bill Cowley Circle will meet with Miss Mary Ethel Harrison, 851 N. 10th Avenue.

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....1082
Members Present 974
New Members 4
Visitors 104
(Attendance one year ago. 963)

Training Union Attendance..... 288
Members Present 250
New Members 3
Visitors 35
(Attendance one year ago. 257)

Additions to church membership..... 1

Tithes and Offerings:
Budget\$4,564.64
Specials 144.00
Building Fund 55.22
Baptist Children's Home..... 1.00

TOTAL OFFERING\$4,764.86

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mr. John H. Godwin.

Baptist Hospital:

Antonette Linn

Home from Hospital:

Mr. G. T. Sutton, David Raley, Mrs. E. H. Guilbert, Gayle Cvitanic, Jerri Ashmore, Mrs. B. T. Smith, Sr.

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:

Mrs. Carmen Daniel in the loss of her mother last Monday at Bluffton, Georgia.

Congratulations To:

Ted Andrews and Vicky Brigman who were married recently. They are residing at 1501 East Brainerd.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Resmondo upon the birth of a son, James Everette, Jr., on July 26.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Sands of Time"

(Dr. J. Larry Mayo)

7:45 P.M.

"Cheer Up—The Worst Is Yet To Come"

(Dr. J. Larry Mayo)



SUNDAY, AUGUST 7—

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron A. Guthrie, Supt.

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
Dr. J. Larry Mayo, Speaker.
(Broadcast over WCOA).

1:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour over WCOA.
Speaker: Dr. J. Winston Pearce.
Subj.: "The Greatness of God."

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.
Dr. J. Larry Mayo, Speaker.
8:45 p.m.—Intermediate Fellowship in Lower Auditorium of Educational Bldg.

MONDAY, AUGUST 8—

6:30 p.m.—Brotherhood Meeting.
7:30 p.m.—Deacons Meeting.
7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts meet in Lower Auditorium of Educational Bldg.
8:00 p.m.—Deborah Class Meeting and birthday party at the home of Mrs. Marguerite Sewell, 3007 Torres Avenue. Members are urged to be present.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9—

See W. M. U. Circle meetings.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10—

5:00 p.m.—Concord Choir Rehearsal.
5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner.
6:30 p.m.—Teachers and Officers meet Auxiliaries.
Special Study Group.
7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service.
8:30 p.m.—Reception for Mr. Wendell Carpenter. Church Dining Room.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11—

6:30 p.m.—Mary-Martha Class will meet at the home of Mrs. W. H. Ferry, 1808 N. 16th Avenue, for a picnic and business meeting.
7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

YOUNG PEOPLE TO MOVE NEXT SUNDAY

Our Married Young People's Department in Sunday School has outgrown its present quarters and will move next Sunday to the lower auditorium of the educational building (old building). Members of this department will find it easier to get to their meeting place by coming in from LaRue street. There will be signs to guide you Sunday.

Young People B Department will move into the space vacated by Married Young People. If you are not sure as to its location, come on to Sunday School and ask somebody.

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

Mrs. Florence Dyson

251 East Gregory