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JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



FROM OUR PASTOR

A Plea for Faithfulness

Just prior to the Revolutionary War, Thomas Paine wrote these immortal words, "These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the winter patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country . . ." It was indeed a time of crisis. Paine realized that the ALL OUT DEDICATION of the American people was necessary to meet the challenge of that hour. Without that dedication, the cause of American freedom would be lost.

It is not necessary for one to be a student of History in order to recognize the great world crisis that we are in today. These are times that try men's souls! Several years ago, Mr. Quincy Howe wrote a book entitled, "World History In Our Times." In the very first paragraph of that book, Mr. Howe said, "The 20th Century has put the human race on trial for its life." Dear friends, these sobering words are literally true. WE ARE ON TRIAL FOR OUR VERY LIVES.

The great need of our day is for dedication to Christ. HE IS THE ONLY HOPE OF OUR WORLD. The heart of our Saviour must surely bleed to see how lightly so many of us take our commitment to Him. So many times we let anything and everything come between us and our devotion to God. THIS IS TRAGIC.

There was a time several years ago when I could keep in very close contact with the members of the congregation. Each week, a personal contact would be made with those who seemed to be slipping in their loyalty. Unfortunately, this is no longer possible. With the resident membership in excess of 2,000 people, the pastor's time is consumed in winning the lost, ministering to the seriously ill and helping those with serious, personal problems.

GOD IS DEPENDING ON US TO BE LOYAL. Indeed, Christ said we must put Him first. "Whosoever doth not bear his cross and come after me, he cannot be my disciple." Christ isn't Lord at all unless He is Lord of all. The new year has arrived. Let me challenge you to a complete rededication of heart and life. Let us give God complete control. My prayer is that God will bless mightily in the services Sunday. I will be looking for you and yours at that time.

Faithfully in Christ,

James L. Pleitz

**"DEACONS OF THE MONTH"
FOR JANUARY**

MR. BO MITCHELL
MR. BILLY RENFROE



Jan. 3, 1961

**TOTAL LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING:**

\$5,539.33



Brotherhood

BROTHERHOOD MEETING

Monday, January 9

6:15 P.M.

The program for our January Brotherhood meeting will be under the direction of Clarence L. Taylor and his Christian Witness Committee. The program will be on the theme of personal witnessing.

Sometimes new men wait for some special invitation to attend the Brotherhood meetings. Let this constitute your personal invitation. Make your reservation Sunday or by telephoning the church office.



**ATTENTION
HYMN PLAYERS AND SONG
LEADERS**

If you are interested in participating in the Associational Music Festival as a hymn player or song leader, please get your name in to Mr. Kennedy not later than Sunday night. These names must be sent in of those who are to represent our church. Information is available from him.



**"A Family Altar Would Alter
Many A Family"**



**IN
MEMORIAM**

MRS. JOHN P. KELLY

Joined This Church 5-10-31

Deceased 1-4-61



Sunday School

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
VISITATION DAY**

Thursday, January 12, has been set aside for a special visitation emphasis sponsored by the Sunday School. It is our hope to have every Sunday School department represented in visitation on this day. Associate Superintendents, this is your opportunity and responsibility.



WHY NOT A GARDEN IN 1961?

"To watch things grow and help them survive is the greatest opportunity in the world. Do you have a garden? This is what I would like to suggest that you plant in your garden:

"First, plant five rows of peas: preparedness, promptness, perseverance, politeness, and prayer.

"Next to them, plant three rows of squash: Squash gossip, squash criticism, squash indifference.

"Then five rows of lettuce: Let us be faithful, let us be unselfish, let us be loyal, let us be truthful, and let us love one another.

"No garden is complete without turnips: Turn up for church, turn up for prayer meetings, turn up with a smile, and turn up with determination."

—Copied



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations To:

Sue Jernigan and Ens. Emmett A. Mathews who were married last Friday night in the Church Chapel. Ens. and Mrs. Mathews will be living at Milton where he is stationed at Whiting Field.

Escambia General Hospital:

Mrs. J. F. Holder

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mrs. A. L. Stanton, Mr. Mack Holt, Mrs. Angie Wiggins.

In the Hospital Out of Town:

Mrs. P. O. Davis, Sr., Memorial Hospital, Hollywood, Florida.

Home from Hospital:

Mrs. John Feldman, Miss Bessie Yates, James A. Reeves, Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Mrs. R. C. White.

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:

The John Kelly Family in the loss of Mrs. Kelly; Mr. John Register in the loss of a brother; Mr. Mack Holt in the loss of a sister.

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THANK YOU

Every one of us would like to express our thanks for the many cards and expressions of appreciation received at the Christmas season. You make it a real joy to serve.

Sincerely,

YOUR CHURCH STAFF

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LIFE'S ARITHMETIC

We have the wisest teacher,
 And she has given us this rule
 That helps us in our lessons—
 You can use it in your school.

Always add a smile or two
 When things are going wrong,
 Subtract the frowns that try to come
 When lessons seem too long.

Then multiply your efforts when
 The figures won't come right,
 Divide your pleasures, day by day,
 With every one in sight.

Now if you always use this rule
 You'll have a happy day,
 For lessons then are easy,
 And the hours fly away.

—M. S. Van Der Veer, in
 Youth's Companion.

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NEW MEMBERS

BY BAPTISM:

21. Mr. Robert B. Workman, Jr., 901 Crystal Springs Ave.

BY LETTER:

68. Mrs. Robert Workman, Jr., 901 Crystal Springs Ave. From: First Baptist Church, Gleville, West Virginia.
 69. Mrs. Shelley Fillingame, 1600 West Romana. From: South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas.
 70. Miss Carolyn Fillingame.
 71. Mr. Willis A. Cobb, 1011 Trenton Drive. From: Bellview Baptist Church, Pensacola.
 72. Mrs. Willis A. Cobb. From: Calvary Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

BAPTIZED:

- Mr. J. W. Fields
 Mr. Tom Sickman
 Mr. Robert B. Workman, Jr.

(Mr. J. W. Fields, who joined the church 12-25-60, was incorrectly listed in last week's BUILDER as coming by Statement into our church. He joined our church by baptism).

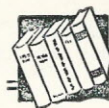
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 Too many things we wait for are not worth the delay.

It is the business of faith to see things that are out of sight.

Tomorrow will be a better day if you begin this morning to improve it.

The more you wait for something to turn up, the more you risk getting turned down.

The question is not always, Where do we stand? but in what direction are we going?



Library Notes

**NEW BOOKS
 FOR THE NEW YEAR**

Beginning to read books:

"A Hole in the Hill"
 "Too Many Dogs"
 "Benny and the Bear"
 "The Curious Cow"

Now, we have a special section for 7 and 8 year olds with the call letter of P for Primary. Here are a few of the new books in this section:

"Wigwam Stories"—Balch
 "Dog Stories"
 "Becky's Birthday"—Tudor
 "Tough Enough Indian"—Carroll
 "Quarterback's Aim"—Lord

For Juniors:

"Hucklebery Finn"—Twain
 "Printing for Fun"—Ota
 "Pets at the White House"—Cormer
 "Famous Horses of the Civil War"—Downey

For Intermediates:

"Between You and Me and the Gatepost"—Boone
 "Bonus Kid"—Archibald
 "Destination Success"—Nickerson

Adults:

"Meditations on the Lord's Supper"—Clark
 "Lively May I Walk"—Asquith
 (54 devotions especially for older people).
 "We Made Peace with Polio"—Robinson
 "Dr. Ida"—Wilson
 "Victorious Praying"—Redpath

Let's make 1961 a great year for reading good books!

MRS. A. R. W. STOESEN



CHURCH ENVELOPES

Church offering envelopes for the year 1961 have been mailed. If you have not received yours, please call the church office.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Second Birth"

(John 3:1-21)

7:15 P.M.

"How To Deal With Worry"

(Matthew 6:24-34)

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CHURCH OFFICERS

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CHURCH STAFF Residence Phones

James L. Pleitz, Pastor.....HE 3-1502
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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..... 961
Members Present 901
New Members 5
Visitors 55
(Attendance one year ago. 1022)
Training Union Attendance..... 310
Members Present 289
New Members 2
Visitors 19
(Attendance one year ago. 322)

Additions to church membership..... 6
Baptized 3

Tithes and Offerings:

	1960 Credit
Budget	\$6,015.15 \$ 687.91
Specials	204.78 470.37
Building Fund	634.02 150.00
TOTAL OFFERING	\$6,853.95 \$1,308.28

BIBLE STUDY WEEK JANUARY 16 - 19

Dr. Millard J. Berquist has prepared the guidebook "Studies in I Corinthians", which will be used by many Southern Baptist churches during their January Bible Study Week. Dr. Berquist was formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida. He did an outstanding job as pastor there and was highly respected by Florida Baptists. He was elected to serve as the first president of the new Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri. How fortunate we are to have him come to lead us in our study of I Corinthians. Plan now to attend Bible Study Week.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 8—

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.
2:30 p.m.—G. A. Federation.
Park Place Baptist Church.
4:30 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal.
6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
Capt. R. E. Sparks, Director.
7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.
8:30 p.m.—Intermediate fellowship in lower
auditorium of Educational Bldg.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9—

6:15 p.m.—Brotherhood Meeting.
7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts meet in lower audi-
torium of Educational Bldg.
7:30 p.m.—Deacons Meeting.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10— SEE WMU CIRCLES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11—

5:00 p.m.—Children's Choirs
5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
6:30 p.m.—Teachers and Officers meeting.
Sunbeams, G.A.'s R.A.'s, Y.W.A.'s.
Study of "Mastering Life's Prob-
lems."
7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12— SUNDAY SCHOOL VISITATION DAY 7:30 p.m.—Church Choir meets.



W.M.U.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

10:00 a.m.—T. N. Callaway Circle will meet
with Mrs. C. S. Jones, 1811 E. Hayes St.
—Virginia Cobb Circle will meet with Mrs.
J. C. Roth, 3732 Gerhardt, Cordova.
—Jane McRae Circle will meet with Mrs.
J. E. Driskell, 3551 Bonner Rd. Cordova.
—Stanley Davis Circle will meet with Mrs.
B. W. Matthews, 115 W. LaRue St.
—Dottson Mills Circle will meet with Mrs.
Tate Bousman, 231 Dean Road, Cordova.
—Laura Frances Snow Circle will meet with
Mrs. Harvey Page, 2014 Escambia Ave.
—R. C. Moore Circle will meet with Mrs.
Edwin Frank, 2020 E. Lakeview Ave.
—Bernice Neel Circle will meet with Mrs.
Paul Caro, 2020 E. Maxwell St. Mrs. N. C.
McMillan co-hostess.
3:00 p.m.—Harvey Headrick Circle will meet
with Mrs. Grady Wilson, 420 S. 2nd St.,
Warrington.
7:30 p.m.—Bill Cowley Circle will meet with
Mrs. Margaret Berrisford, 110 Euclid, Pine
Glades.
—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. Folmar, 730 W. Jordan Street.