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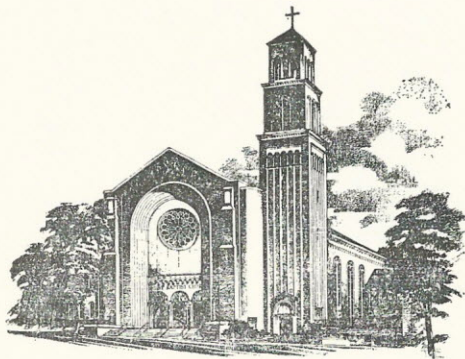
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PASTOR



WILL IT HAPPEN IN 1961?

“When Jesus came to Golgotha they hanged Him on a tree,
They drove great nails through hands and feet, and made a Calvary,
They crowned Him with a crown of thorns, red were His wounds and deep,
For those were crude and cruel days, and human flesh was cheap.

“When Jesus came to our town, they simply passed Him by,
They never hurt a hair of Him, they only let Him die;
For men had grown more tender, and they would not give Him pain,
They only just passed down the street, and left Him in the rain.

“Still Jesus cried, ‘Forgive them, for they know not what they do,’
And still it rained the winter rain that drenched Him through and
through;
The crowds went home and left the streets without a soul to see,
And Jesus crouched against a wall and cried for Calvary.”

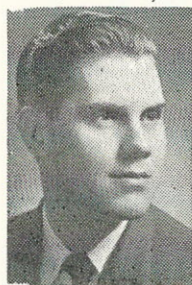
—G. A. Studdert-Kennedy

WISE MEN WILL WORSHIP HIM

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

BAPTISTS AND MEETINGS

We Baptists have quite a reputation for our many meetings. Perhaps you heard about the lady who said she would like to



be a Baptist, but she just wasn't physically able to be one! For the most part, I have found that our meetings, (and actually we don't have nearly as many as some folks think) are most helpful.

Last week your pastor attended the State Evangelistic Conference in Jacksonville.

This was one of the finest meetings I have ever attended. Dr. Paul Meigs, our State Secretary of Evangelism, did a superb job in preparing for this conference. Along with some 1500 of our Baptist brethren, my heart was thrilled by the preaching of such men as Dr. Charles Howard, Dr. Herschel Hobbs, Dr. Leo Eddleman, and Dr. Billy Graham.

The sermons preached at this meeting were on various themes, but in all of them, two truths were proclaimed again and again. One was the truth that ours is a critical day in world history. Not one of the speakers "pushed the panic button", but all were realistic enough to recognize the grave condition of our world at this hour. Dr. Graham said quite frankly that we are rapidly losing the battle with world Communism. He went on to say, "if we have anything to say to the lost world, we better say it NOW."

The other truth proclaimed by every speaker who had a part on the program was that the great need of this hour is for COMPLETE DEDICATION on the part of every person who names the name of Christ. The words recorded in Matthew 5:13 kept coming into my mind: "Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men."

Make a special effort to be in God's House this Sunday. I will be looking for you then.

Faithfully in Christ,

James L. Plettz



The penalty good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men.—Plato.



"Brightening up the life of someone else will put a fresh shine on your own."



Library Notes

In the Pensacola Journal article, "Strength for the Day," January 9, under the title "Just Keep At It" are these remarks:

"Wouldn't this be a good time to start a year of consistent and scheduled reading? It is amazing how much you can read you go about it regularly . . . Try reading just sixty minutes every day . . . How many books would this make each year? Probably fifty to seventy. It may mean much to the prolonging of our intellectual life if we do."

In checking our Individual Reading Record books last week we became interested in a ten-year-old Junior girl who is a consistent, regular reader. We have her record since February 1957 when she was six and she has read 376, or averaged 94 books a year. At this rate, if "she keeps at it", and we are sure she will, during the next ten years she will have read 940 books—certainly a liberal education in itself. She also reads books from public and school libraries. She has already acquired invaluable good reading habits which shall bless her all her life.

How about some of you trying out this idea of consistent reading this year and then January 1962 come in and check your individual record? You will be pleasantly surprised at what you have done because you "Just kept at it."

MRS. A. R. W. STOESEN

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations To:

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stewart upon the birth of a baby girl, Wendy Lynn, born December 7. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart live in Meridian, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald E. Thomas upon the birth of a baby girl, Patricia Pomette, January 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Jere Schroeder upon the birth of a baby girl. The Schroeders are now residing in Knoxville, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Pearson upon the birth of a baby boy, Eric Brian, born January 9.

Baptist Hospital:

Mr. Charles F. Cox, Mr. Sam Ellis.
Mrs. Albert Anderson.

Home from Hospital:

Mrs. Lois Little, Mrs. Will Fagler, Mrs. J. F. Holder, Mrs. Gerald Thomas, Ed Green, Mrs. John R. Feldman, David Napier, Mrs. Kitty Redd, Joan Pitman.

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:

Mr. Lilborne M. Parvino in the loss of his sister. Mr. Espin Bullock and Mrs. Lewis Steele in the loss of their bother.

Sweetheart Banquet

Tuesday, February 14, has been set as the date for our Sweetheart Banquet. This event will be for Intermediates, Seniors, Young People, and members of the Business and Professional group. Details will be forthcoming.

NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, January 15, 1961

FOR BAPTISM:

26. Miss Ruth Stewart, 121 High Pines Place. Place.

BY LETTER:

78. Miss Sue Lovelace, 1816 East Moreno. From: East Hill Baptist Church, Pensacola.
79. Miss Marie Ross, 423 North Barcelona. From: Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss.
80. Mr. James M. Thayer, 517 North Baylen. From: First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Alabama.

THE SECRET OF BIBLE STUDY

1. Study it through. Never begin a day without mastering a verse.
2. Pray it in. Never leave your Bible until the passage you have studied is a part of your very being.
3. Put it down. The thought God gives you, put it in the margin of your Bible or your notebook.
4. Work it out. Live the truth you get through all the hours of the day.
5. Pass it on. Seek to tell somebody what you have learned.

—Wilbur Chapman

I WILL

I am only ONE

But I AM one.

I cannot do everything

But, I CAN do something.

What I can do, I OUGHT to do,

and what I OUGHT to do,

By the grace of God,

I WILL do.

—Author Unknown

“Not inert but alert;

Not dead but dedicated;

Not seat-warmers but soul-winners;

Not worriers but workers;

Not masters of men but servants of God;

Not possessive but progressive;

Men of vision and vim, who will venture for Christ and His Kingdom until Victory!”

—Copied

“The trouble with some folks who give until it hurts is that they’re so sensitive to pain.”

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR PARENTS!

A few years ago a research-minded Sunday School secretary made a study of why people dropped out of Sunday School. He made an analysis of 700 cases of persons who had dropped out for “other-than-good-reasons” over a period of 20 years. He found that only three of these 700 had dropped out in cases where either the father or mother was enrolled in Sunday School.

Again, he traced 69 members of a Sunday School throughout the time that they were members from the Beginner department to the date of their withdrawal. It was found that more than 90 per cent of the other-than-good-reasons for their leaving stemmed directly from parental influence of example or act, intentionally or selfishly.

Again, he stationed himself in front of a church while people were coming to Sunday School. With the aid of an assistant who knew the people he took down the names of all those whose father or mother brought them in the family car, left them, but did not themselves remain for Sunday School. A recheck a year later revealed that more than 50 per cent of all such children had already been lost to this Sunday School, whereas only 15 per cent of those who were accompanied by their parents into the Sunday School had dropped out.

Most parents want their children to grow up as Christians. Few realize, however, how important it is that they as parents also participate in the religious activities which they expect of their children. More of them would be willing to make the necessary effort to share the Sunday School with their children if they realized its importance.

THIS COMES FIRST!

Giving to the Lord is the first obligation we have as Christians. It comes ahead of all other giving, and all personal expenses. “The tithe is holy unto the Lord.” (Lev. 27:30). “Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings . . . Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.” (Mal. 3:8, 10).

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**ATTEND
TRAINING UNION
SUNDAY**

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should be in the office, preferably in writ-
ing, not later than 9:00 A.M. Mondays.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday School Attendance..... | 1235 |
| Members Present | 1198 |
| New Members | 3 |
| Visitors | 34 |
| (Attendance one year ago.....) | 1123 |
| Training Union Attendance..... | 302 |
| Members Present | 285 |
| New Members | 4 |
| Visitors | 13 |
| (Attendance one year ago.....) | 299 |
| Additions to church membership..... | 4 |
| Tithes and Offerings: | |
| Budget | \$4,931.36 |
| Specials | 285.58 |
| Building Fund | 19.89 |
| TOTAL OFFERING | \$5,236.83 |



Music Notes

ASSOCIATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Associational Music Festival will be held next Friday night and Saturday morning, January 27-28, at the Brownsville Baptist Church. At 7 p.m. on Friday evening the young people and intermediate groups will participate; at 8:30 the adult groups will participate. The children's groups will sing on Saturday morning beginning at 9:30.

We will have representatives in this festival and members of our congregation are invited to attend.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 22—

- 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.
- 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.
Ordinance of Baptism and
Lord's Supper Observance.
- 8:30 p.m.—Intermediate fellowship in lower
auditorium of Educational Bldg.
- 8:30 p.m.—Meeting of Assemblies Committee.

MONDAY, JANUARY 23—

- 6:30 p.m.—JOY Union of Young Adults
Training Union Dept. will have a
social at the home of Mrs. James
L. Pleitz, 1400 N. Spring Street.
- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts meet in lower audi-
torium of Educational Bldg.
- 7:30 p.m.—Library Committee meeting in the
library.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24—

- 7:30 p.m.—Educational Building Advisory
Committee meeting, Church Din-
ing Room.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25—

- 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.
Special study group.
- 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26—

- 7:00 p.m.—Associational BWC Meeting,
Church Dining Room.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27—

- 7:00 p.m.—Associational Music Festival.
Brownsville Baptist Church.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28—

- 9:30 a.m.—Associational Music Festival—
Beginners, Primaries, Juniors,
Brownsville Baptist Church.



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SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Tame The Tongue"
(James 3:1-12)

7:15 P.M.

"Our Lord's Body"
(I Corinthians 11:24)

(The Lord's Supper will be observed
during the evening service.)