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JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



No Time . . . For God?

No time for God?
What fools we are, to clutter up
Our lives with common things
And leave without heart's gate
The Lord of life and Life itself—
Our God.

No time for God?
As soon to say, no time
To eat or sleep or love or die.
Take time for God
Or you shall dwarf your soul,
And when the angel death
Comes knocking at your door,
A poor misshapen thing you'll be
To step into eternity.

No time for God?
That day when sickness comes
Or trouble finds you out
And you cry out for God;
Will He have time for you?

No time for God?
Some day you'll lay aside
This mortal self and make your way
To worlds unknown,
And when you meet Him face to face
Will He—Should He
Have time for you?

—Norman L. Trott

KEEP YOUR SUNDAYS FOR GREAT THINGS OF THE SOUL

Pastor's Paragraphs



BAPTISTS AND THE BOOK

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." (Psalm 119:11).



It is always a rewarding experience to feed on the Word of God. Our church was richly blessed through the ministry of Dr. Millard Berquist last week. We found, as did the prophet Ezekiel, that God's Word is "like honey for sweetness." — (Ezekiel 3:3).

I would like for our church to make the January Bible Study one of the BIG events of the year. How wonderful it would be if all of us would make this week of Bible Study a MUST. The importance of knowing God's Word cannot be overemphasized. The prophet Hosea said, "My people are destroyed for their lack of knowledge." In this day of great emphasis on education, there is much ignorance concerning the Word of God.

Next year the study will be from the prophecy of Jeremiah. Dr. Clyde Francisco, who heads the Old Testament Department in Louisville Seminary, is writing the book and has already consented to come and lead us in our study. Don't miss it.

For the next several weeks, I will be preaching both morning and evening from Matthew 6:5-13. This is the passage that we commonly refer to as "The Lord's Prayer." I will be looking for you in God's House on His day. Bring your Bible and come.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Preity



SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Our Father Who Art In Heaven"

(Matthew 6:5-13)

7:15 P.M.

"Hallowed Be Thy Name"

(Matthew 6:5-13)

Sweetheart Banquet

Plans are shaping up for our Sweetheart Banquet on Tuesday, February 14. The following committees are at work: General Chairman, C. H. Overman, Jr.; Decorations, Frank Gibbs, Chairman; Program, Mrs. Lawren Meacham, Chairman; Publicity and Tickets, Ernest M. Gentry, Chairman; Serving and Menu, Mrs. E. A. Allen, Chairman.



Library Notes

This past week a new President of the United States was inaugurated. We have an excellent book in the Library many of you will want to read. It is titled, "The Presidents—Men of Faith" (from Washington to Eisenhower) by Iseley. In comparison to other nations, the United States has been fortunate in its chief executives. The Bible, the church and their homes so influenced their lives that they wished sincerely, and with high patriotism, to serve well. With God, they helped to build a great republic.

The mother of one President was a minister. The fathers of three others were clergymen. Five married parsonage-born women. One President was a clergyman and filled a regular charge. These interesting facts and much more you will find in this book.

Another book is titled "These Historic Scriptures" by Storer. Dr. Storer discovered, after research, the chosen Bible passages for all inaugurations from Abraham Lincoln to Harry S. Truman. After a brief biography, he has used each passage as the heart of a devotional essay.

These two books make timely and rewarding reading.

MRS. A. R. W. STOESSEN

JOINT MEETING

OF SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND TRAINING UNION WORKERS

Next Monday evening, January 30, 6:30 p.m. is the time for the next joint meeting of our Sunday School superintendents and Training Union Directors. These meetings have been very helpful in the past and we are looking forward to a full attendance next Monday.

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Remember to pray for our Revival
APRIL 2-9

Dr. W. O. Vaught, Preacher

WORDS OF WARNING TO *Wise* PARENTS

APPROXIMATELY 400 CAMPERS WERE TURNED AWAY LAST
SEASON — KINDLY GET YOUR RESERVATION
IN EARLY, PLEASE!

CAMP CRESTRIDGE FOR GIRLS
RIDGECREST, NORTH CAROLINA

QUIT WORRYING

The hardest part of my job is worrying about it; your joy to kill, your rest to rob, is worrying about it. The lowest spot to view a hill is from the bottom; higher still it looks each moment that you kill worrying about it.

But, if you start to climb, you soon quit worrying about it. Quit waiting, wishing for the moon and worrying about it. A human task just grows and grows by putting off; time may disclose 'twas easier than you suppose—quit worrying about it. . . .

Just buckle up and buckle in—quit worrying about it. By work, not worry, you will win—quit worrying about it. A task is easy, once begun; it has its labor and its fun; so grab ahold and get it done—quit worrying about it.

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STATE G. A. DIRECTOR TO MEET

Miss Carolyn Weatherford, the State G. A. Director, will speak to our G.A.s at their regular meeting time next Wednesday, February 1. Miss Weatherford will be in Pensacola at the Associational W. M. U. meeting on Thursday and we are delighted that she can speak to our group next Wednesday.

USE OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

LOOKING FOR PROGRAM HELPS—
PLANNING A SOCIAL—AN ASSEMBLY
PROGRAM ??? OUR LIBRARY HAS
BOOKS TO HELP YOU !!!—VISIT IT
OFTEN!!!! (THE CHILDREN DO—
WHY DON'T YOU?)

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:
The Carey L. Morris Family in the loss
of Mrs. Morris.
Mrs. O. A. Biles in the loss of her brother.
Mrs. Charles Deese, Sr. in the loss of her
sister.
Monaree Morgan in the loss of her father.
Mrs. E. B. McCloskey in the loss of a
brother.
M. W. E. Wilson, Sr. and Mrs L. W.
Bell in the loss of their brother.

Congratulations To:
Mr. and Mrs. Percy Pentecost upon the
birth of a baby girl, Laura Lynn, on
January 19.

Baptist Hospital:

Mr. John G. Lambeth

Home from Hospital:

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

Congratulations To:

Pat Stricklin and James Doyal Roberts
who were married in our church on Jan-
uary 14, 1961. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts are
residing at 106 Corry Place, Warrington.



IN MEMORIAM

MRS. CAREY L. MORRIS

Joined This Church 11-15-59

Deceased 1-18-61

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All material to be included in The Builder
should be in the office, preferably in writing,
not later than 9:00 A.M. Mondays.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1194
Members Present	1131
New Members	14
Visitors	49
(Attendance one year ago. 978)	
Training Union Attendance.....	316
Members Present	297
New Members	5
Visitors	14
(Attendance one year ago. 309)	
Additions to church membership.....	8
Baptized	3
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$4,987.92
Specials...	343.87
Building Fund	21.20
TOTAL OFFERING	\$5,352.99

NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, January 23, 1961

FOR BAPTISM:

27. 2/Lt. Lawrence L. Downey, 913 South Madison Drive.
28. Mrs. Lawrence L. Downey

BY LETTER:

31. Mr. Richard E. Giles, 27 Patton Drive.
From: Circle Baptist Church, Pensacola.
32. Mrs. Richard E. Giles
33. Mr. Conrad McDaniel, 500 13th Street,
EPH. From: First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg,
Mississippi.
34. Mrs. Conrad McDaniel
35. Mr. Charles A. Griffin, 1715 East Lloyd.
From: Calvary Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa,
Alabama.
36. Mrs. Charles A. Griffin

BAPTIZED:

Ruth Stewart
2/Lt. Lawrence L. Downey
Mrs. Lawrence L. Downey



SUNDAY, JANUARY 29—

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.—Monthly Officers' Council.	
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 30—

6:30 p.m.—Joint Meeting of Sunday School Superintendents and Training Union Directors, Church Dining Room.	
7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts meet in lower audito- rium of Educational Bldg.	

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31—

7:30 p.m.—Lydia Bible Class will meet with Mrs. Helen Caro, 1010 E. Cervantes	
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1—

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, FEBRUARY 2—

9:30 a.m.—Associational WMU Meeting.	
Plainview Baptist Church.	
6:30 p.m.—Faithful Workers Class will have their annual dinner meeting in the church dining room.	
7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.	

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3—

2:00 p.m.—Convention Bible Class will meet with Mrs. W. N. Hartgrove, 816 N. 6th Avenue, Group 3 will be hostess.	
2:30 p.m.—Willing Workers Class will meet with Mrs. George Smith, 2029 Summit Avenue, Cordova Park.	



TRAINING UNION OFFICERS
COUNCIL MEETING
SUNDAY AFTERNOON 4:30 O'CLOCK

ALL GENERAL OFFICERS
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
UNION OFFICERS
are urged to attend

4:30 p.m.—Meet in your department.
5:30 p.m.—Snack for those attending.



COMING FEBRUARY 13TH
GRADY B. WILSON

Billy Graham's associate evangelist for an
Associational Evangelistic Rally to be held
in our church, 7:30 p.m.