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CHURCH LIBRARY WEEK---APRIL 23-30

Limited resources for education and information endanger free people. Be glad you live in a country where the press is free to print and you are free to read. "For a fuller, richer life — Read!"

Pastor's Paragraphs

Many of you have made favorable comments regarding the good job done by our young people during Youth Week. All of



us are grateful to our young people for the splendid way in which they served. Certainly, not all of the young people this day are "going to the dogs."

There are many fine, consecrated Christians in this group. May their number ever increase!

Mr. Howell is working hard even now formulating plans for an outstanding youth program. Our young people are going to be used more and more in the activities of the church.

You recently received your quarterly financial statements. This is a spiritual thermometer for you, and by it you can gauge your faithfulness in Christian stewardship. If you have made no contribution for the three months, you're spiritually sick. If your contributions have been spasmodic and small, then you're running a fever that indicates trouble ahead. If you are one of the host of loyal members of the First Baptist Church who tithe and even go beyond the tithe "as God hath prospered you," then you are blessed with a good conscience toward God, and you can rejoice in the part you are playing in securing the victories that are being won on the spiritual battle front by the First Baptist Church.

I will see you in the services Sunday—1300 Bibles strong. God bless you.

Faithfully in Christ,

James L. Pletty

Every Baptist a Tither



SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"What's In A Name?"

(Acts 11:19-26)

7:15 P.M.

"The Unseen Factor—God"

(Acts 13:30)

As I See It!

By CLYDE K. BIZZELL

WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

One of the members of our congregation related this incident which occurred in her home recently. She was telling the family that she had been to a meeting at Mrs. Stoesen's home. One of the younger members of the family asked, "Does she live in a house?" Some of us, like this little girl, see her only here at the church. Few of us realize the number of hours this faithful woman puts in to make our library ministry what it is. This verse from the Psalms sums up her attitude: "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to enquire in His temple." (Psalm 27:4).



Training Union

TRAINING UNION OFFICERS' COUNCIL AND PLANNING MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 30

4:30 p.m.—Meet by departments except for adults who meet together in Adult B Dept.

5:30 p.m.—Snack and general meeting in lower auditorium of Educational Building.

Chapel Choir Schedule:

4:30 - 5:15—Training Union Meeting
(Meet in your Departments)

5:15 - 5:30—Snack (Lower Auditorium of Educational Building).

5:30 - 5:55—Chapel Choir Rehearsal.

Sunday, April 30th, at 4:30 p.m. in Adult B, all adult group captains will find maps, posters and other helps for the month of May in Training Union. Posters displaying the need of Christian homes will be available, also posters that show that character is "Home Grown." Tracts will also be available. The tract, "The Family Teaches," will be most helpful. On May 28, we will get acquainted with what a missionary thinks and feels. "Pearl of Peru" will be the subject. Individual maps of Peru will be ready to use.

MRS. JOHN BUSEY

Your Sundays Belong to God

YOU...TH *in Particular*

By JERRY HOWELL



Library Notes

Our eyes are toward the future as many exciting and challenging activities make their way to the church calendar. We will be calling on leadership from each area of church life in which our youth are involved. All of us working together will find the task of providing a well rounded youth activities program a most enjoyable one.

Just what does your youth need today?

"Not more light but eyes to see what is,
Not sweeter songs but power to hear the
present melodies,
Not greater strength but dedication in the
use of what he now possesses,
Not more of love, but skill to turn a frown
to a caress;
Not more joy, but power to feel its kindly
presence near.
Not more truth but willingness to speak
the truth I know."

Each one who had a part in Youth Week events and services is to be commended for his Christ honoring effort. It is after a week such as we have just had that a greater respect is given the very important positions in our church—each doing his part for the sake of our Lord.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations To:

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ingram upon the birth of a baby boy, Andrew Ross, on April 9.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Van Pelt upon the birth of a baby girl, Cynthia Merline, on April 10.

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:

Mr. C. C. McCurley in the loss of his brother.

The G. T. Sutton Family and Mrs. Albert Anderson in the loss of Mr. Sutton.

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. Carlie Littlefield, Mrs. Douglas Busey, Mr. R. L. Kendrick, William Taylor Butler, Mrs. J. Claude Adkison.

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mrs. Annie Belford, Mrs. Loam Brown, Jr., Mrs. E. H. Hawsey.

Navy Hospital:

Mr. E. A. Guillot.

Home from Hospital:

Mr. Hugh Phillip Peake, Mr. R. L. Kendrick, Mrs. E. M. Hall, Mrs. Everett McDowell, Mrs. Barbara Shivers, Barbara Yonkers.

Ill at Home:

Mrs. N. C. McMillan.

Have you wondered when and where the earliest church libraries existed? This interesting item is taken from Halley's Bible Handbook. In 2000 B. C., in Ur, Abraham's own city, in Lagash, Nippur, Sippar, indeed in every important city in Babylonia, in connection with the schools and temples, there were libraries with hundreds of thousands of books: dictionaries, grammars, reference works, encyclopedias, official annals, works on mathematics, astronomy, geography, religion and politics. It was a period of great literary activity, and there were produced many of the masterpieces which Assurbanipal, king of Assyria, had his scribes copy for his great library in Nineveh.

The name of the city of Sippar means "book town" which indicates it was famous for its libraries.

In 1900 when excavations were made in Nippur, there was found a library of 20,000 volumes; archives of kings; schools with large reference cylinders mounted on revolving stands, dictionaries, encyclopedias, complete works on law, science, religion and literature.

If you do not have a Halley's Bible Handbook of your own, come and get one in the library and read further on this subject as well as many other excellent, informing articles.

MRS. A. R. W. STOESSEN



W.M.U.

W. M. S. GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 2

- 10:00 a.m.—Executive Committee Meeting
- 10:30 a.m.—Missionary Program
- 11:15 a.m.—Business
- 11:45 a.m.—Bible Study
- 12:30 p.m.—Lunch

Opportunity has been given at the last two meetings for the women to make permanent luncheon reservations. If you do not have a permanent reservation, be sure to call the church office by five o'clock Monday. If you have a permanent reservation and find that you cannot attend, be sure to call and cancel.



R. A. CONCLAVE SATURDAY, MAY 6

WARRINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

- 2:30 p.m.—Recreation
- 5:00 p.m.—We Eat
- 5:30 p.m.—Conclave Meeting

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....1259
 Members Present1162
 New Members8
 Visitors59

Training Union Attendance.....319
 Members Present297
 New Members1
 Visitors21

Additions to church membership.....3
 Baptized1

Tithes and Offerings:
 Budget\$5,374.40
 Specials278.25
 Revival Offering20.22
 Building Fund38.30
 Expansion Fund1.00

TOTAL OFFERING\$5,712.17

NEW MEMBERS

April 2, 1961

FOR BAPTISM:

50. Peggy Butterbaugh, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.*
51. Johnny Butterbaugh, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.*

(*Our church authorized Chaplain Gordon H. Griffin to baptize the children of Mrs. J. O. Butterbaugh, who is already a member of our church).

April 23, 1961

FOR BAPTISM:

52. Mr. David Howard Lowe, CMR, Box 2589, Eglin AFB, Florida.

BY LETTER:

143. Mr. Jerry Howell, 4943 Springhill Drive, Springdale. From: Riverside Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida.
144. Mrs. Jerry Howell (Corine).

BAPTIZED:

Robert Julian Powell, Jr.



SUNDAY, APRIL 30—

- 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 WDEB. Speaker: Dr. H. H. Hobbs. Subj.: 'Turning Life's Tables On Us'
- 4:30 p.m.—Training Union Officers' Council Meeting.
- 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages. Capt. R. E. Sparks, Director.
- 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor. Ordinance of Baptism.
- 8:30 p.m.—Welcome Reception for the Howells.

MONDAY, MAY 1—

- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts meet in lower auditorium of Educational Bldg.

TUESDAY, MAY 2—

WMS GENERAL MEETING

- 10:00 a.m.—Executive Committee Meeting.
- 10:30 a.m.—Missionary Program "Christ For West Africa".
- 11:15 a.m.—Business.
- 11:45 a.m.—Bible Study.
- 12:30 p.m.—Lunch.

- 7:30 p.m.—Mary-Martha Class business and social meeting at home of Mrs. Herbert Johnson, 1211 North 14th Avenue.

- 7:30 p.m.—Lydia Bible Class at the home of Miss Annie Mertins, 1106 East Jackson.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3—

- 5:00 p.m.—Children's Choirs.
- 5:00 p.m.—G. A. Counselors meet.
- 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 "Progress in the Christian Life."
- 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service.

THURSDAY, MAY 4—

- 2:00 p.m.—Faithful Workers' Class business and social meeting at the home of Mrs. R. C. White, 1520 N. 15th Avenue.
- 7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

SATURDAY, MAY 6—

- 2:30 p.m.—R. A. Conclave. Warrington.



IN MEMORIAM

MR. G. T. SUTTON

Joined This Church 3-8-42

Passed Away 4-24-61