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PASTOR



## CHURCHES

BEAUTIFUL IS THE LARGE CHURCH,  
WITH STATELY ARCH AND STEEPLE;  
NEIGHBORLY IS THE SMALL CHURCH,  
WITH GROUPS OF FRIENDLY PEOPLE;  
REVERENT IS THE OLD CHURCH,  
WITH CENTURIES OF GRACE;  
AND A WOODEN CHURCH OR A STONE CHURCH  
CAN HOLD AN ALTAR PLACE.  
AND WHETHER IT BE A RICH CHURCH  
OR A POOR CHURCH ANYWHERE,  
TRULY IT IS A GREAT CHURCH  
IF GOD IS WORSHIPPED THERE.

—Selected

# Pastor's Paragraphs

Our dream of a new Educational Building will be a reality in the not too distant future. At our last business meeting,



the church voted to have the Building Committee instruct the architect to continue with the working plans. When this building is constructed, we will have facilities for a Sunday School in excess of 2,000 in attendance.

In just twenty-five short days, Bible School begins. With it comes ten days of fun, laughter and Bible study; thirty hours of character building activity; learning by doing. This your church is providing for your children and your friends.

## Did You Know . . .

- \* That the average child in most Protestant churches can give no adequate reason for their faith?
- \* That we offer only 25 Bible teaching hours in the Sunday School year?
- \* That the Roman Catholics give some 300 hours of religious instruction to each pupil?
- \* That the Jewish synagogue schools give 305 hours per year?
- \* That Vacation Bible School offers your child the equivalent of six months of Bible teaching in a few days of intensive training?

The need is great for additional workers. Please contact Mr. Bizzell today if you can assist in the Bible School.

I have asked Senior Jose Beltran to have Prayer Service next Wednesday evening. This man has a testimony that every Christian needs to hear. Let me urge you to hear this Spanish Baptist Pastor.

I will see you Sunday—1300 Bibles strong.

Faithfully in Christ,

*James L. Pletitz*

## ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD MEETING

The next meeting of the Associational Brotherhood is to be a Man-Boy meeting on Monday evening, May 29. Tickets are now available from Brother Bill Osborn, our Brotherhood President.

“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in faith, in purity.”—I Tim. 4:12.

# As I See It!

By CLYDE K. BIZZELL

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Vacation Bible School Department Superintendents will meet next Wednesday, 5:00 p.m., in Adult B Department. Then, a full faculty meeting is scheduled later.

If you can assist in Vacation Bible School and have not yet been lined up, please get in touch with me and indicate your willingness to work.



## Library Notes

“Without competing in any way with the evangelist whose work for God is so mightily needed, but rather to reinforce it, I plead for a reading revival. I plead for reading, not alone because of books and libraries, but as a way to that inner calm so necessary to national health. The very act of reading calls for some quiet and repose—necessary preludes to thought. I call for upping the national daily average of book reading from the present five minutes to at least fifteen. I promise the nation a revelation in reducing jitters and calming nerves.

One of the greatest sources of mental power in the United States is our libraries. In them is everything great and good man has ever thought or done. Our people need to be armed with good deeds and great thoughts of all times—the eternal verities.

The return to reading seeks to balance action with meditation, activity with thought, materialism with spirituality. Only in such a balance is there any future for all of us.”

(By Dr. Shores, dean of Library School, F. S. U. in an article “Return to Reading” in the January Church Library Magazine.)

## SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

### “Wanted—Ten Righteous Men”

(Genesis 18:23-33)

7:15 P.M.

### “Traveling Without Lights”

(Genesis 12:1-5)



# YOU...TH *in Particular*

By JERRY HOWELL

This week we will be welcoming back a group of our youth who have been on tour with the high school choir. How exciting the trip must have been. These next few weeks will be very busy ones, and we are concerned that each young person maintain his correct sense of direction and purpose. This prayer will help:

Dear Lord, help me to

Take time to work honestly  
for it is the price of success;  
Take time to think purely,  
for it is the source of power;  
Take time to play vigorously  
for it is the secret of youth;  
Take time to love joyfully  
for it is the grace we show to God;  
Take time to worship  
for it is the highway of reverence  
and washes the dust  
of worldliness from our eyes.

—Adapted.

DON'T FORGET FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY NIGHT. ALL YOUTH ARE INCLUDED.



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Congratulations To:

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Shell upon the birth of a baby boy, on May 10.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn C. Robinson upon the birth of a baby girl, on May 11.

### Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. A. J. Williams, Mrs. Aubrey Gommillion, Jerry Hobbs, Danny Morgan, Kirk Johnson, Mrs. A. O. DeWeese, Mrs. V. L. Powers.

### Home from Hospital:

Mrs. Carlie Littlefield, Mrs. W. A. Everett, Miss Gladys Windsor, Mrs. Robert Kenneth Godfrey, Debbie Hartsfield, Mrs. T. A. Shell, Mrs. Wilburn C. Robinson, Mrs. Espin Bullock, Mr. C. A. Strickland, Merlyn Frances Harrison.

### Navy Hospital:

Mr. H. B. Parker, Mrs. Frances Cox.

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:  
Mrs. Mose Penton in the loss of her brother.

WE CANNOT SPELL

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# THE *Singing* CHURCH

By JERRY HOWELL

## THE TRUE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

If, in a worship service, the choir sings an anthem or a solo is presented which seems to lift you from your pew, leaving your heart excited, a feeling of gladness welling inside, and the desire to "praise God from whom all blessings flow" seeking release, then be glad and allow yourself to praise this God, for it isn't by chance that this music was such to cause this reaction, nor is it by chance that the choir sang it that way.

For any composer to write anything capable of inspiring you, he first had to be inspired. It is this welling up inside him, this gladness, this desire to praise the Living God which has overflowed and has expressed itself in worthy music capable of reaching you. Moist eyes very often explain that the heart has worshipped; the soul has felt communication; fellowship with our Divine Redeemer has been ours.

But, we must understand that this ecstatic feeling has not come to us free of charge, for it has been born by pain by our Creator; nor may we enjoy it without cost, for when we come face to face with the Almighty, we suddenly become aware of the sin and injustice within us. This realization is the first step toward repentance and our restoration to a more perfect fellowship. If through beautiful music we can help this happen to you, then the ministry of music is beginning to minister.



## MEMORIAL FLOWERS SUNDAY

The memorial flowers in the church Sunday will be given by the Barrineau Family in memory of their mother, Mrs. T. L. Barrineau.



## WHO DOES IT HURT

When you are absent from Sunday School, who does it hurt?

1. You are hurt. Absenteeism is habit-forming, thus, the continuity of your Bible study is destroyed.
2. Your children are hurt. Usually they too must remain at home if you do not attend. Their religious instruction is piecemeal.
3. The new members and visitors of your class are hurt. Their discouragement is brought about by your poor attendance habits.
4. Your church is hurt. Your very presence on Sunday bolsters the spirit. Your absence causes you to develop poor giving habits, of course it hurts your church.

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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

Sunday School Attendance.....	1194
Members Present .....	1132
New Members .....	3
Visitors .....	59
Training Union Attendance.....	271
Members Present .....	255
Visitors .....	16
Additions to church membership.....	10
Baptized .....	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$3,395.77
Specials .....	260.63
Building Fund .....	40.50
<b>TOTAL OFFERING</b> .....	<b>\$3,696.90</b>

## GRADUATION

As we come to the close of another  
year, many of our young people will be  
graduating from high schools, colleges and  
graduate schools. We earnestly seek each  
year to include the name of every gradu-  
ate, and you can help us by giving the  
name of the graduate immediately. We  
need this information as we compile our  
lists so as not to omit anyone.

Please use the form below, detach it and  
let us have it in the church office or call  
the information in.

### Graduate, 1961

Name.....

School.....



#### SUNDAY, MAY 21—

- 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.: "The Eternal Purpose  
of God."  
4:30 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal.  
6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.  
Capt. R. E. Sparks, Director.  
New Members' Class.  
7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.  
8:30 p.m.—Youth fellowship in lower audi-  
torium of Educational Bldg.

#### MONDAY, MAY 22—

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

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 24—

- 5:00 p.m.—Children's oChirs.  
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 Chris-  
tian Life."  
7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service. Senor Jose Beltran

#### THURSDAY, MAY 25—

- 7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

## NEW MEMBERS

#### FOR BAPTISM:

53. Miss Katie Sue Van Pelt, 4 West DeSoto.  
54. Mr. Robert E. Broxton, 3 Ruberia Ave.,  
Warrington.

#### BY LETTER:

148. Mr. Stanley E. Gustin, 1604 West Chase.  
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154. Mr. J. D. Cunningham, 10 High Point,  
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#### BAPTIZED:

Nancy Pleitz  
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Robert E. Broxton  
David Lowe



There Is No Substitute  
For Prayer and  
Bible Study