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JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



An Open Letter From the Pastor

Dear Christian Friends:

In just a few brief days, the month of June will arrive. Of all the months of the year, June is one of the best loved. It is the time our schools are dismissed for the long summer holiday. Little do the children realize what a welcomed time this is for the teachers!

There are, however, those who are not so enthused about the arrival of June. In this group are many ministers. Some churches all but go out of business with the arrival of this month. A Philadelphia church has a marble plaque over the entrance, bearing the words: "Gate of Heaven." Beneath this was the legend on the church signboard: "Closed during June, July and August."

The First Baptist Church is indeed for many the very gate of heaven. Your church is counting on your ALL-OUT support during the summer months. Please be faithful in both your attendance and the giving of your tithes and offerings to support His causes around the world.

We are well on the way in making this the best year in the history of our church. Please do not let down with the arrival of the summer months.

Faithfully yours,

James L. Pleitz

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." (Rev. 2:10)

As I See It!

By CLYDE K. BIZZELL

Vacation Bible School Faculty Meeting

A meeting for all those who are to work in our Vacation Bible School will be held on Thursday, June 1, beginning at 9:30 a.m. At this time we will have a general meeting to discuss the general plans for Vacation Bible School. Following this, there will be time for the departments to meet. The date of our Vacation Bible School is June 12-23.

G. A. Coronation

Congratulations are in order to the leadership of our Girls' Auxiliary for the very beautiful coronation service last Wednesday evening. Elsewhere in the BUILDER you will find a list of the girls who were recognized for Forward Steps attained.

Vacation Bible School Transportation

One of the problems we face in our Vacation Bible School is a transportation problem. We have some very fine workers who could work in Bible School if they had transportation to get here. It may well be that some who cannot work in Bible School can help by bringing others. It may also be that some of you will be coming with a half empty car and could bring somebody else with you. Let me know if you can help in these ways.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations To:

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Williams, Lubbock, Texas, upon the birth of a baby boy. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William H. Williams.

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. V. L. Powers, Jerry Hobbs, Mrs. Everett McDowell.

Home from Hospital:

Mrs. Aubrey Gomillion, Mrs. A. J. Williams, Dick Jones, Kirk Johnson, Mrs. A. O. DeWeese, Mrs. Frances Cox, H. B. Parker.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS SUNDAY

The memorial flowers in the sanctuary Sunday will be given by Mr. and Mrs. Walter McNeil in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Albro W. Dobson.



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

THE Singing CHURCH

By JERRY HOWELL

The Choir Deserves An Interest In Your Prayers

Have you ever heard a choir member referred to as "just a choir member?" Certainly, no one should ever minimize or dispraise such a vital responsibility in Christian service. The choir has as its purpose the leading of people into a truly significant worship experience. Have you ever thought of the choir as another minister of the Gospel? In a very real sense, the people who make up the choir are ministers. Sometimes the music offered directly quotes the scripture or a paraphrase of a passage will be used—always "preaching" the message of the Lord and striving to lead men to a closer fellowship with Him.

The telling of Christ's love is the greatest business in the world. Let us always remember that each singer has a sacred trust and when he faithfully fills his place of service, he is truly honoring Christ whom we all serve. Pray for your choir! Whether you are a member of it or a worshiper in the pew, ask God to move in the hearts and lives of the singers so that their lives will always be weekday testimonies of their Lord's Day message through music.

Service Music For Sunday

Morning worship: "How Lovely Are Thy Messengers" from St. Paul by Mendelssohn.

Evening worship: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," Old Southern Hymn Tune.



MEMORIAL DAY

President Kennedy has called upon the people of the United States to observe Memorial Day as a Day of Prayer "for a new world of law where peace and justice shall prevail and a life of opportunity shall be assured for all." The hour of 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 30, has been set by the President "as the time to unite in such prayer."

The Spanish-American War Veterans will sponsor a Memorial Day service at the National Cemetery, Naval Air Station, at 10 a.m. on May 30. Reverend Robert G. Balnicky, pastor of the Fairfield Presbyterian Church, will be the speaker.



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

The date, Wednesday, June 7, has been set for our church picnic. Again this year, it will be held at the Chemstrand recreation area. Watch next week's BUILDER for details.

YOU...TH in Particular

By JERRY HOWELL

"As We Sang Love's Old Sweet Song . . . On a Moonlight Cruise"

This is something great! Unusual! Exciting! And Romantic! Each of you high school seniors and dates are invited to come along for a whole night of fun. Following the graduation exercises on Monday evening, June 5, our moonlight sailors will don their casual clothing and prepare to weigh anchors at 11:00 p.m. When we leave the harbor lights, our activities from then on must remain a top secret and will be sealed and opened at a prescribed time. The jolly crew will be limited and thus we must ask each person planning to "step aboard" to make reservation with the church office.



BEATITUDES OF THE RISEN LIFE

Blessed is the man whose heart today burns as he walks with Jesus by the way.

Blessed is the man who having not seen, yet believes.

Blessed is the man who hears the voice of the Risen Lord saying, "Peace be unto you."

Blessed is the man who accepts the glorious Master, Jesus Christ, as his Lord and his God, and worships Him.

Blessed is the man who thus lives the power of the endless life through fellowship with the Risen Lord.

Blessed is the man whose words and deeds are day by day and every day a witness to the living and loving Lord.

Blessed is the man who obeys the Risen Lord's last great command and commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel," for unto him shall be fulfilled the Lord's promise. "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end."

—Copied

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Jesus, The Good Shepherd"
(John 10:1-16; 27-29)

7:15 P.M.

"Skin Deep Beauty"
(Genesis 13:10)



MONTHLY OFFICERS' COUNCIL MEETING SUNDAY AFTERNOON

4:30 p.m.—Adults will meet in Adult B Department. Others will meet in their own departments.

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

The theme for the month of June in Training Union is "Be Ye Holy." Just what does the word "holy" mean. Ungers says, "Holy means to be 'separated,' set apart, or dedicated to holy service, to be inwardly dedicated." During the month we will be considering the real need of Holiness, the neglect of Holiness and the achievement of Holiness.

The last Sunday in the month we will consider the problems, the opportunities, and our Baptist work in Hawaii, "Paradise of the Pacific." In Adult B Department Sunday, May 28, 4:30 p.m., will be maps of Hawaii, leis and other information about our work in the islands of Maui, Kauai, and Oahui, also posters, maps and tracts that will help carry out our theme for the month.

MRS. JOHN BUSEY



CONGRATULATIONS

These girls were recognized in the G.A. Coronation Service last Wednesday evening for the step indicated in the Forward Step work of Girls' Auxiliary:

QUEEN REGENT: Marcia Dean

QUEEN WITH SCEPTER: Jeanene Boucher

QUEENS: Judy Sparks, Margaret Ann O'Neill, Deborah Arnold, Diane Danforth

PRINCESSES: Susan Sparks, Linda Parker, Beth Barrineau

LADIES IN WAITING: Cindy Hobbs, Kay Stewart, Patricia Roberts

MAIDENS: Kathy Oppenheim, Ellen Hooper, Jenny Andrews, Linda Russell, Linda Eubanks, Priscilla Loof, Gail Sassett, Donna Garrett, Michelle Cavenzasi, Mary Estes, Emily Booker, Judy Jones, Barbara Babcock, Edwina Fitzhugh, Carol Gonzalez, Ann Fields, Mary Roth, Mary Gail Lenz, Karen Drew, Susan Patterson.

GIRLS WORKING ON QUEEN WITH SCEPTER STEP: Lynn Brantley, Kathleen Estes, Jackie Aultman, Jackie Neuman, Jackie Pipkin, Marsha Creel.



"... For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also . . ." —Matt. 6:21.

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



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1231
Members Present	1172
New Members	4
Visitors	55
Training Union Attendance.....	305
Members Present	288
Visitors	17
Additions to Church Membership.....	6
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$4,979.52
Specials	379.31
Building Fund	17.00
Expansion Fund	1.00
TOTAL OFFERING	\$5,376.83



LIBRARY NOTES

Sunday, June 4, we will start our Airplane Fliers Reading Club which will continue till July 30. Primaries, Juniors, and Intermediates—get all set for a lot of good times reading this summer. We are processing quite a number of new books and will be getting more, but someone has said "A book you have not read is a new book," so there are some on our shelves which are "new" to many of you. We will depend much on the various department library representatives to keep up the interest in the Reading Club. We hope we may have the biggest and best Club we have ever had and that many may qualify as "Round-the-World Jet Fliers."

MRS. A. R. W. STOESEN



SUNDAY, MAY 28, 1961—

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 Verdict of History."
4:30 p.m.—Training Union Monthly Officers' Council Meeting.
6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
 Capt. R. E. Sparks, Director.
 New Members' Class.
7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor.
 Ordinance of Baptism.
8:30 p.m.—Youth fellowship in lower auditorium of Educational Bldg.

MONDAY, MAY 29—

7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts meet in lower auditorium of Educational Bldg.
8:20 p.m.—Softball Game: First Baptist vs. Whitfield Baptist, Exchange Park.

TUESDAY, MAY 30—

10:00 a.m.—Quarterly Executive Committee Meeting of W.M.S. at the home of Mrs. Elwood Burks, 3801 Menendez.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31—

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 "Progress in the Christian Life."
7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service

THURSDAY, JUNE 1—

9:30 a.m.—Vacation Bible School Faculty Meeting.
7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2—

10:30 a.m.—Willing Workers Class will meet at Bayview Park for business meeting and picnic.
8:20 p.m.—Softball Game: First Baptist vs. East Hill Baptist, Exchange Park.



NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, May 21, 1961

FOR BAPTISM:

55. Mr. Julian H. Maynard, Jr., 1720 East LaRue St.
56. Mrs. W. H. McRee, 4061 Bayou Blvd., Cordova Park.

BY LETTER:

156. Miss Frances Acker, 1505 North "E" St. From: First Baptist Church, Selma, Ala.
157. Mr. W. H. McRee, 4061 Bayou Blvd., Cordova Park. From: Louin Baptist Church, Louin, Miss.
158. Mrs. Julian H. Maynard, Jr. (Janis), 1720 E. LaRue St. From: Highland Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.
159. Mrs. E. A. Osborne, 1309 E. Hernandez St. From: Jefferson Avenue Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo.



"This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24).