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JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



Importance of Worship

Dr. Charles E. Jefferson once said: "Laymen, as a rule, do not realize the importance of church attendance. If they did they would not so often allow a cloud, or a shower, or a wind, or a snow, or a caller, or a newspaper, or a headache, or a fit of laziness to keep them home. A minister deserted by his leading laymen dies. He dies by inches. No man can preach with sustained fire and hope whose leading people show by their desultory attendance that public worship is to them one of the incidentals or electives of life."

"Of course you respect the church, but do you prove it to your children by attending? Actions speak louder than words."

"I WAS GLAD WHEN THEY
SAID...LET US GO INTO
THE HOUSE OF THE LORD."

Pastor's Paragraphs

One of the finest sermons preached at the convention at St. Louis was delivered by Dr. Earl Guinn, President of Louisiana College. Several



years ago, Dr. Guinn preached a revival here in our church. Here is an excerpt from his message that I would like to share with you.

"Why are so many of our churches failing to meet their budgets? We can speak of the recession, the normal let down from the forward

program emphasis, and other factors. The real cause is that our plans and projections have exceeded the spiritual depth of our people. The foundation is not strong enough to support the superstructure. The gap between budgets and receipts is not simply financial. Our people have the money. The problem is spiritual. For many of them, mammon is still God. When they say they cannot give, they mean that they cannot give and still have the comforts they have come to want and expect.

We need to take a new look at ourselves and then apply the divine remedy to the area where the breakdown has really come in character, ideals, motives, and faith. No sort of administrative juggling or staff expansion will solve the problem. When the timbers under the bridge are crumbling, the answer is not to put more men on the payroll to direct traffic. We have enough promoters and cheerleaders. We have had enough bonfires and pep rallies. We need a better team on the field. What we need is a revival of old-time religion on the level of the local church."

The Lord has a blessing in store for all of us Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

BUILDING PLANS

If you have not seen the floor plans and exterior sketch of the proposed educational building, be sure to take time to see the sketches on the bulletin boards in the vestibule and the ground floor entrance to the sanctuary building. The plans are now in the hands of contractors with bids due on July 27. Following the opening of the bids, the building committee will then be in position to bring a definite recommendation to the deacons and to the church. Continue to pray for our building committee and our building program.

THE *Singing* CHURCH

By JERRY HOWELL

Our Sincere Thanks

We appreciate so very much the excellent work of Mr. Bob Webb and Miss Susan Lurton who played the organ for our services during Mrs. Adams' vacation. How good it is to have dedicated people who are selflessly giving their talent to the Lord.

When You Encounter An Unfamiliar Hymn

Do not condemn an artistic creation because you do not immediately appreciate it.

Do not miss the value of the poetry because you do not immediately appreciate the melody.

Do listen carefully when the music is played on the organ. You may learn to like it.

Do remember that the hymns of our hymn book have been selected by musicians and ministers of high repute in their field. Out of thousands of possibilities these have been thought most appropriate and worthy of the common worship of the church.

Do thank God for the privilege of extending our cultural horizon in something new; that you are not confined to the limitations of your past experience; that the created hymnody of the church is so extensive. This is God's word: "O Sing A New Song Unto The Lord."

—Copied

"It is not so much what talent a person has to offer to Jesus that determines what Jesus can do through him, but rather, whether or not the individual is willing to permit Jesus to have every 'loaf and fish' of his limited life."

—Chester Swor

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W. M. S.

LUNCHEON MEETING

The monthly luncheon of our W. M. S. will be held next Tuesday, July 11. Those having permanent reservations are reminded to call the church office if you are not going to attend. Others without permanent reservations will need to call the church office.

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This would be a better world if every man were as good as he wants his neighbor to be.

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Some are born good; others make good.

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A little push may eliminate a great deal of pull.

YOU...TH *in Particular*

By JERRY HOWELL

A sincere, yet fun-loving, group of First Baptist youth are enjoying a good time at Panama City this week where they are representing our church at the West Florida Baptist Assembly.

Attending the Assembly this year are: Ronnie Bullock, Alan Barrineau, John Fields, Linda Bales, Harold Garrett, Elaine Edwards, Roy Gammell, Sylvia Lackey, Leroy Lackey, Pete Marshall, Lisa Hall, Tommy Moore, Miss Kay Jernigan, and Mr. Howell. Our Special Thanks to Mrs. Adolph Fields, Mr. Gerald Garrett, and Mr. Jessie L. Smith for providing transportation to the Assembly. Please ask the Lord's blessings upon this splendid group as important decisions are made this week.

Youth Workshop Is Big Success

Enrollment climbed to 53 Intermediates and Seniors and 43 attended the final meeting which was a Sunrise Breakfast at the beach. We begin next week planning for next year. We hope to double our enrollment. All of you who helped to make it a good workshop, please accept our thanks.

Food For Thought

There is an old story about two buckets in a well. One complained that no matter how full it was when it came up to the surface it always went down empty. The other rejoiced because no matter how empty it was when it descended it always came up full of sparkling water.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:
Misses Ednell and Georgia Chandler in the loss of their father who lived in Linden, Alabama.

Mrs. G. R. Lee in the loss of her brother.

Miss Olive Swearingen in the loss of her brother.

Mrs. M. E. Peake in the loss of her son.

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. C. J. Rice, C. M. O'Neill, J. Claude Adkison.

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mrs. Byron Lane, George Peterson, Mrs. E. A. McAdams.

Home From Hospital:

Mrs. William H. Balfour, Mrs. E. B. McCloskey, Henry Holt, Sr., Mrs. Merle Gilmore, Mrs. Herbert L. Larson, Mrs. Jim Brinson.

In Hospital Out of Town:

Mr. David Riddle, National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Maryland.

As I See It!

By CLYDE K. BIZZELL

Last Sunday

Even with many of our people out of town, last Sunday was a good day. We are grateful to God for the three additions to our church membership and for the excellent messages brought by our missionary to Peru and our own associational missionary.

Visitors and Vacations

I read this statement somewhere: "Observing the license plates on the highways brings the comforting assurance that we have 50 great states, each full of people who don't want to spend the summer in them." We have had a large number of visitors in our services for the last couple of Sundays. The coming of these friends are always a blessing to us. Be sure to speak to those sitting close to you.

Next Sunday

Be much in prayer for next Sunday's services and come praying for God's presence and power.

KEEP THE ONE LIGHT, BURNING!

Some people ask, "Since there are so many good causes, why should I give all my tithe to my church? The following story gives a good answer.

The keeper of a lighthouse on a rugged coast was given a month's supply of fuel at a time. He was warned to make the supply last. One night a mother knocked at his door and pleaded for fuel to warm her only child. The keeper was moved and gave her some. He did the same with other requests, all of which were genuine cases of hardship.

Toward the end of the month his fuel ran out. The last two or three nights his lighthouse was dark. A tragic ship wreck resulted with a loss of a hundred lives. When a government official investigated the keeper cited the many cases of need. "Yes," replied the official, "but remember you had one supreme responsibility: to keep the main light burning. There can be no excuse."

If we divide our tithes hither and yon, there will not be enough to keep the main lights burning in our churches, which is our first responsibility.

—Robert J. Hastings

SOFTBALL GAME

Tuesday, July 11—First Baptist vs. Richards Memorial, Exchange Park—8:20 p.m.



Brotherhood



REV. LOWELL LEDFORD

BROTHERHOOD SUPPER MEETING

Reverend Lowell Ledford will be the speaker for the Brotherhood Meeting next Monday, July 10. Brother Ledford will be in Pensacola assisting with the R. A. Camp being held July 10-14. at Camp Ada. He is one of our Southern Baptist missionaries serving in Lima, Peru. There he serves as pastor of Miraflores Baptist Church, teacher of Old Testament at the Peruvian Baptist Theological Institute, and Director of a Baptist Book Store. He also assists with Baptist work in other parts of Peru.

He is a friend of our pastor and we look forward to hearing him at the meeting next Monday.



Being overcome with envy is like running into the ocean: the deeper you go in, the harder it is to get out.



IN MEMORIAM

MR. HUGH PHILLIP PEAKE

Joined This Church 3-20-27

Deceased 7-5-61

DEACONS OF THE MONTH FOR JULY:

Mr. Jim Drexler
Mr. Myrlin Brooks



Library Notes

Armchair Travel

How about doing some traveling this summer right in your own choice armchair? Here are a few suggestions for such a thrilling adventure.

"I Cannot Rest From Travel" by Willard Price will take you into 70 different countries. You will go with him hunting tigers and sharks, riding a runaway elephant, seeing the Sahara from the hump of a camel, etc. He tells his tales with humor, color and speed.

"Around the World on Eighty Dollars" by Robert Christopher is a completely fascinating true account of a young man from Manhattan. How did he do it? Read this book and go with him on this thrilling adventure.

"Ship's Doctor" by Rufus Hooker is a story of a seafaring surgeon — at once dramatic and entertaining. He has traveled more than a million miles and has been around the world 20 times. You too will feel you have met dozens of interesting people and visited many fascinating countries when you leisurely travel with Dr. Hooker.

If you prefer missionary adventure on the jungle trail, we suggest "Sand and Stars" by Ruth Stull who went to the Campa Indians of Peru. Or, if you prefer an out-of-the-way place in Africa, we have "Backside O' Nowhere" by Kathleen Manley and Dr. Roberta Edwards.

Come and take your pick and let's go traveling!

Mrs. A. R. W. STOESEN

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Hearsay or Experience?"

(John 18:34)

(Clyde K. Bizzell)

7:15 P.M.

"You Have A Visitor"

(Revelation 3:20)

(Clyde K. Bizzell)

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



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	961
Members Present	892
New Members	6
Visitors	63
Training Union Attendance	249
Members Present	214
New Members	1
Visitors	34
Additions to church membership	3
TITHES AND OFFERINGS:	
Budget	\$4,337.01
Specials	129.75
Building Fund	110.05
TOTAL OFFERING	\$4,576.81

MAKE A NEW DEPOSIT

Oliver Wendell Holmes once said, "Just as sure as you keep drawing out your soul's currency without making new deposits, the next thing will be 'No Funds.'"

"Souls' deposits and checks must more than just balance if we are to be spiritual-ly dynamic."

The worst bankrupt in the world is the man who has lost his enthusiasm, one who keeps drawing from his spiritual re-sources without subjecting himself to the sources of spiritual reinforcement and up-building.

These sources are available at the Prayer Service each Wednesday evening at 7:30.

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SUNDAY, JULY 9

- 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
 Theron Guthrie, Superintendent
- 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service
 Clyde K. Bizzell
 (Broadcast over WCOA)
- 1:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour over WDEB
 Speaker: Dr. H. H. Hobbs
 Subj.: "Happiness Is What You Are"
- 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 Service
 Clyde K. Bizzell
- 8:30 p.m.—Intermediate and Senior Youth
 Fellowship. Dining Room
 Young People's Youth Fellowship
 Adult A Department

MONDAY, JULY 10

- R. A. CAMP AT CAMP ADA BEGINS
- 6:15 p.m.—Brotherhood Supper-Meeting
- 7:30 p.m.—Deacon's Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 11

- WMS GENERAL MEETING
- 10:00 a.m.—Executive Committee Meets
- 10:30 a.m.—Missionary Program
- 11:15 a.m.—Business
- 11:45 a.m.—Bible Study
- 12:30 p.m.—Lunch
- 6:30 p.m.—Robert Goldie Circle Picnic
 Supper with Miss Sarah Andress,
 3011 Blackshear Avenue
- 6:30 p.m.—Mary-Martha Class business
 meeting and picnic at the home
 of Mrs. Grady Wilson, 420 S.
 Second Street, Warrington
- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts meet lower
 auditorium of educational
 building.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

- 5:00 p.m.—Intermediate Choir Rehearsal
- 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
- 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service

THURSDAY, JULY 13

- 7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal

NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, July 2, 1961

BY LETTER:

191. Mr. Constantine Charles Asters, 1811 E. Hernandez St., From: East Tupelo Baptist Church, Tupelo, Miss.
192. Miss Lois Jean Parker, Route 1, Box 468, Pleasant Grove. From: First Baptist Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
193. Miss Phyllis S. Polk, 1814 East Lake-view Ave. From: Starling Avenue Baptist Church, Martinsville, Va.

JUNIOR CAMP

Plans are now being made for our Junior Camp to be held at Camp Ada August 14-18. This is always a wonder-ful activity and we would urge parents of Juniors to make plans to include this activity in your Junior's schedule.