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JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



All Can Be Faithful

God does not give to everyone the same ability. There are those with one talent, those with three and those with five. Some gained the advantage in heritage, in training or through opportunities.

God, however, did give to each the ability to be dependable. He requires of a steward that he be found faithful over that to which he is entrusted.

Our churches have their troubles with those who are undependable.

They are the ones who find it easier to accept a responsibility than to announce by words, instead of later actions, that they will not give the required performance.

God will reward the person who did the best with his given talents. He will bless that one who accepted responsibility and was loyal to it. But, in none of his teachings do we find leniency for those not found faithful.

God's church depends upon his people being faithful. The responsibility is theirs.

—Christian Index.

Pastor's Paragraphs

DO PEOPLE GET IN YOUR WAY?

Riding down a crowded street on his bicycle, Missionary Ross Coggins thought to himself: "Here I am trying to do the will of God and all these people are getting in my way!" Immediately there followed the realization in the mind of the young missionary that "doing the will of God" certainly included his attention to and concern for those very people.



This incident reminds us of the preacher who said he loved the ministry but despised people! Or of Thomas Gray, the English poet who said: "As to humanity . . . you know my aversion to it."

Is it possible to serve God without serving people? The apostle John said one cannot love God and hate people. Jesus said to serve him we must feed hungry people, clothe ill-clad people, visit sick people, house homeless people and minister to people in prison. (See Matthew 25).

One day a friend asked Guiseppi Verdi, the famous composer of such works as "Rigoletto" and "La Traviata," which of his works he liked best. "Of my works," answered Verdi, "The one that is dearest to me is the home I had built in the land for old artists who were not favored by fortune and not endowed with the virtue of thrift." Then he said, "Believe me, my friend, this home is really my most beautiful opera." Can you beat that for "good works"?

I will be looking for you in God's House Sunday.

Faithfully in Christ.

James L. Plettz

The youth who pretends to laugh at love is like the child who sings at night when he is afraid.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Measure Of A Man"

(Hebrews 11:23-29)

7:15 P.M.

"Witnesses For Christ"

(Isaiah 43:10)



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Barrineau

request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Judith Frances

to

Perry Donald Lyons

First Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps

on Saturday, the second of September
One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one
at four o'clock in the afternoon

First Baptist Church
Pensacola, Florida

Reception
immediately following
the ceremony
at the church

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Antone Joseph

request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Carolyn Fay

to

Mr. Emory Wade Rogers, Jr.

on Friday, the first of September
at eight o'clock in the evening
Heights Baptist Church
Pensacola, Florida

Reception
following ceremony
George Axelson Building

ROUND-UP DAY SET FOR SEPTEMBER 10

The Sunday School will observe Sunday, September 10, as Round-Up Day. An all out effort will be made to get all of our members in attendance on this Sunday. Sunday School classes and departments are setting themselves goals equal to or surpassing their highest attendance in this Sunday School year. "LET'S BEAT OUR BEST" on Round-Up Sunday.



Training Union

MONTHLY OFFICERS' COUNCIL
MEETING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

4:30 p.m.—Meet in departments.

5:30 p.m.—General meeting and snack.

As I See It!

By CLYDE K. BIZZELL
JUNIOR CAMP

Our 1961 Junior Camp was in every way a good one. We had 51 Juniors in addition to the staff of 12. Brother Otis Brady, missionary to the Bahamas, did an excellent job as our camp pastor. Mrs. Manning and her two helpers did an excellent job providing meals. Mr. Howell directed our music and helped in so many ways. Miss Susan Lurton served as our pianist. Mrs. W. E. Jackson did a good job teaching. Miss Florence Watson helped with recreation, Miss Kay Jernigan helped with the fellowship periods, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hardy, Miss Ann Hardy and Mr. Ed Scott served as counselors. Mr. Ronnie Bullock served as our life guard. Our thanks to each of these for a job well done.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. Melvin Myrick, Mrs. Pearl Downey, Mrs. Cassie Harrison, Jerry Hobbs, Mrs. Tommy Lee Husted (baby boy).

Escambia General Hospital:

Mrs. Phyllis Busey

Navy Hospital:

Ens. John Cooper, Mrs. W. W. Foster

Home From Hospital:

Rev. A. M. Smith, Mrs. Lillian Gareau, James Strawbridge, Miss Nell Smith

Congratulations To:

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lee Husted upon the birth of a baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fussell upon the arrival of their new baby. The Fussell's now live in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Congratulations To:

Lynn Henderson and Robert Owen Clayton, Jr. who were married last Friday night in the church sanctuary. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton will reside in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:

Mr. Wilson Harris in the loss of his brother..

Mrs. F. V. Brahan in the loss of her mother.

The family of Mrs. C. J. Rice in her death.

"EXTENSION MEMBER
OF THE WEEK"

Mrs. A. N. Aldredge

1326 East Jackson

THE *Singing* CHURCH

By JERRY HOWELL

SEPTEMBER IS CHURCH
MUSIC MONTH

1. All choirs resume rehearsals.
2. Music survey to be taken
3. Choir Mothers, Sponsors, and Director's Workshop
4. Private and class voice instruction scheduled.
5. Youth quartets and ensemble organized.
6. Congregation hymn rehearsal.
7. Instrument maintenance survey.
8. Song leader's and department pianist's classes.
9. Sanctuary Choir Clinic.
10. Youth Choir retreat.
11. Special seasonal productions.
12. Church Music Festivals.
13. Youth Choir Tour
14. Summer Singing School for Juniors.
15. Music Training Course.

These are some of the elements of our work for the coming season. What an exciting time it will be. We look forward to having your family serving through singing.



IN MEMORIAM

MRS. C. J. RICE

Came Into Church 1-16-49

Deceased 8-23-61

(Mrs. Rice first came into our church 6-15-02, then moved her letter to Mobile in 1935 and came back to Pensacola in 1949).

YOU...TH *in Particular*

By JERRY HOWELL

The idea of a Moonlight Cruise has caught on strongly! We are having to schedule others to take care of all who want to participate. This week, Friday, August 25, the first is scheduled. Many Intermediates did not get to register for it, and the list was filled very quickly. You will receive an announcement concerning the time and date right away!

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....1110
 Members Present.....1012
 New Members 14
 Visitors 84

Training Union Attendance.....266
 Members Present.....236
 New Members 10
 Visitors 20

Additions to church membership..... 5

TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Budget\$4,617.35
 Specials 231.04
 Building Fund..... 89.50

TOTAL OFFERING.....\$4,937.89



Library Notes

"Great Personalities in the New Testament" by W. A. LaSor has chapters about Timothy and Titus; Aquila and Priscilla and many other personalities which would be helpful to teachers of adult Sunday School classes. "Who's Who in the Bible" by Frank S. Mead is a similar book on our library shelves, that will give additional background for coming lessons.

Conscientious parents of school age children will be set to thinking when they read "What Makes Johnny Cheat" and "Putting on the Brakes" which are on pages twelve and fourteen of the September issue of "Home Life!"

MRS. E. G. NEWMAN,
 Associate Librarian

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
 Theron A. Guthrie, Supt.
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor
 (Broadcast over WCOA)
 1:35 p.m.—Baptist Hour over WDEB
 Speaker: Dr. H. H. Hobbs
 Subject: "The Lord's Prayer"
 4:30 p.m.—Training Union Officers' Council
 Meeting
 NO CHAPEL CHOIR
 REHEARSAL
 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
 R. F. Jernigan, Director
 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor
 Ordinance of Baptism
 8:30 p.m.—Intermediate and Senior Youth
 Fellowship, Dining Room.
 Young People's Youth Fellowship
 Adult A Department

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

5:00 p.m.—Lydia Bible Class will meet with
 Mrs. Aleene Wood, Gulf Beach
 Highway for monthly business
 meeting and picnic. Bring
 covered dish.
 6:45 p.m.—Associational Brotherhood Meeting,
 Olive Baptist Church.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts meet lower auditorium
 of educational building.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

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, AUGUST 31

7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

2:30 p.m.—Willing Workers Class will meet
 with Mrs. J. H. Holley, 512 Tenth
 Street, EPH

NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, August 20, 1961

BY BAPTISM:

64. Debbie Johnson, 1570 North "A" Street.
 65. Donald L. Miller, NATTU, Box 56 NAS.

BY LETTER:

212. Mrs. Jane Austin Wright, 108 Kilbee
 Lane, From: Chase Street Baptist
 Church, Gary, Indiana.
 213. Miss Glenda Raye Roberson, 28 East
 Brainerd, From: Immanuel Baptist
 Church, El Dorado, Arkansas.
 214. Wayne E. Steward, BOQ 661, Room 120
 NAS, From: First Baptist Church,
 Festus, Missouri.

ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD MEETING

August 28, 6:45 P.M.
Olive Baptist Church

Get your ticket now from Mr. W. P.
 Mooty and plan to attend this meeting.