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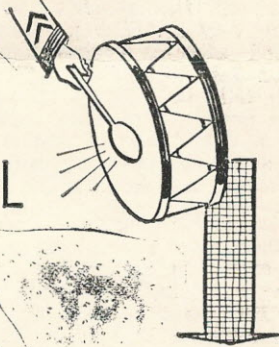
Calling You

TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bring All the Family...

Study God's Holy Word...

Enjoy Christian Fellowship...



REGULAR SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

IS ONE OF LIFE'S BEST HABITS

© ATTEND SUNDAY

SUNDAY IS
"ROUND-UP DAY"

Our Goal: 1456

Pastor's Paragraphs

'PRAYER FOR RATTLESNAKES'

Sunday should be a grand and glorious day! We hope at this time to "round up" many people who have been out of Sunday



School for the past several weeks.

Sometimes I wonder just what it would take to get some people to God's House. Perhaps, the answer is "rattlesnakes":

"Once upon a time there was a family of wayward church members who had once been active, but had lost an interest and had fallen away. There was the father and three sons, Jim, John, Sam. The deacons had talked to them about their lost condition, the preacher had visited them, and many of the brethren had tried to get them to come back to church—but all this did not seem to do the least bit of good.

One day when the boys were out in the pasture, a large rattlesnake bit John and he became very ill. The physician was called, and after an examination, he pronounced John to be in a very critical condition. Said he, "About all you can do now is pray." The father called the preacher, and told him of John's condition. He asked the preacher to pray for John's recovery and this was his prayer:

"O wise and righteous Father, we thank Thee, for Thou hast in Thy wisdom sent this rattlesnake to bite John, in order to bring him to his senses. He has not been inside the church for years and it is doubtful that he has in all that time felt the need for prayer. Now we trust that this will prove a valuable lesson to him, and that it will lead to genuine repentance.

"And now, O Father, wilt Thou send another snake to bite Sam, and another to bite Jim, and another BIG ONE to bite the old man. We have all been doing everything we know for years to restore them, but to no avail. It seems, therefore, that all our combined efforts could not do what this snake has done. We thus conclude that the only thing left that will do this family any good is rattlesnakes; so Lord, send us bigger and better rattlesnakes. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen."

I will see you Sunday — 1456 Bibles strong.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

As I See It!

By CLYDE K. BIZZELL

A GOOD BEGINNING

It has been a good summer. We began September well with a good Sunday School attendance, good Training Union attendance, and a good spirit in every way. This is evidence that most of us are back from vacations and are now ready to begin our Fall program with new vigor, great enthusiasm, and a more complete dedication. Let's place our best and our all on God's altar of service.

September is the month when we complete one church year and at the same time prepare for the new year. I like these lines written by J. T. Sisemore of our Baptist Sunday School Board:

"Thirty days hath September
Make them days to remember:
Fill them full of joyous labor
for the Lord,
Do not let them pass unheeded.
For these days are sorely needed;
They are golden days of harvest
and reward!"

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday, September 10, has been proclaimed Round Up Sunday. Our Sunday School forces are working hard to contact all of their members including some who have been out all summer. Some departments have already signed up their goal, meaning that these have committed themselves to be present on next Sunday. We need to continue to work hard these last few days and achieve our goal of 1456 in Sunday School Sunday.

OPERATION HOME STUDY

A number of our Sunday School workers and members have completed a book by Home Study during the summer months. Some who started out to do so have not yet turned in their papers. It is not too late to get yours in.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUP

"We Southern Baptists" is the title of the study course book being taught on Wednesday evenings between 6:30 and 7:20. Mrs. E. A. Allen is the teacher for this study designed for young people and adults who have no responsibility in Sunday School or the auxiliaries during this period between supper and prayer meeting. A cordial invitation is given to these and to others who may want to come especially for this informative and interesting study.

THE *Singing* CHURCH

By JERRY HOWELL

SEPTEMBER IS CHURCH MUSIC
MONTH

THOSE SINGING YEARS

The power of church music was brought home to me in a rather dramatic manner recently. A friend stopped by with a gift for me. It was a songbook with 142 well-known hymns in it. At least they are well known to me, and that is what amazed me. There were only six songs in the book that I did not know and could not sing! And I had learned all of them as a Sunday School pupil.

It doesn't seem possible that choirs and music directors could present that many messages of salvation and make all of them mean something. For the whole story is told in these songs, from the birth of our Saviour to our own part in the great scheme of things as present-day disciples. And they have been singing in my heart all these years, these story songs.

So, to those of you who may get tired of choir practice, or to you directors who may be disappointed at the lack of Metropolitan Opera voices among your volunteers, these words of encouragement and praise are offered: There are hundreds who join me in saying, "Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life!"

—From The Church Musician.



Library Notes

Have you put your foot in your mouth lately? Do you have a feeling of being ineffective in your church work? Have you wondered why some of your efforts seem to fall flat? Most of us need to improve the art of dealing with people instead of "the art of putting our feet in our mouths."

A very fine book that deals with the matter is "How to Get Along With People in the Church" by Donald Bell. A treat is in store for all who read this book. Visit the church library for this publication now.

O. F. AULTMAN,
Library Committee Member



DEACONS OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER

Mr. Clarence Dannelly
Mr. William E. Jackson
Mr. Clifford Lenz

YOU...TH *in Particular*

By JERRY HOWELL

INTERMEDIATE RETREAT

Here we go again! What a time we will have! Our thanks to the workers in the Intermediate Departments for planning and executing this fine sort of outing with the spiritual plus.

Let us give some due praise to our works. Special thanks to the Berrisfords for letting us come to their home for our "Off-To-College" Fellowship. We wish to say how grateful we are to Mr. and Mrs. Theron Guthrie and to Mrs. Pleitz for their assistance.

Here's an interesting fact: Out of 30 high school graduates last Spring, only 5 are not attending college this fall.



AMERICA NEEDS THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The well-known columnist H. I. Phillips, lists, among other things, the following needs of America:

A spiritual awakening and one deep enough to remove the notion that a man is doing okay spiritually when he manages to listen to a sermon over the radio once a month.

A little more respect for the ancient truth, the lessons of history, and the work of God.

A return to the faith of our fathers, to the teaching of Holy Writ, and the impulse in all crises to turn God in humility instead of to politicians in anxiety.

Restoration of the church to its place of first importance, even if it interferes with golf, baseball the week-end auto trip or the boating trip.

The immediate restoration of the Ten Commandments as a guide to living and the return to the Bible to top place on all lists for preferred reading.—The Word and Way.

(Beginning Sunday, our Pastor will begin a series of messages on "The Ten Commandments!")



SAVE THIS NIGHT MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Of special interest to Sunday School officers and teachers is "Action Night", September 18. This meeting sponsored by our Associational Sunday School Organization will be held in our church. Its purpose is to launch the new Sunday School year. The information and inspiration of this meeting will give needed impetus to our Sunday School work.



"Nobody dreams of music in hell, and nobody conceives of heaven without it."—Cadman.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"God Must Come First"

(Exodus 20:1-3)

7:15 P.M.

"The Looking Glass"

(James 1:22-25)

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations To:

Jere Lee Somervell and James Michael Lindsey who were married August 19 at the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey are residing at 7C Ellinor Courts, Warrington, while he is in the Navy here.

Judy Barrineau and Don Lyons who were married last Saturday afternoon in our church sanctuary. Lt. and Mrs. Lyons will live in Santa Ana, California while Don is in the the U. S. Marines there.

Carolyn Joseph and Wade Rogers who were married last Friday night in the Heights Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers will reside in Clinton, Mississippi where they will attend Mississippi College.

Escambia General Hospital:

Mrs. Melvin Myrick

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. Pearl Downey

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mrs. W. H. Crawford, Mrs. Agatha Wolff

Ochsner Clinic, New Orleans:

Jan Jensen

Home From Hospital:

Mrs. Francis J. Boucher, Mr. Troy Booker

Congratulations To:

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Ray upon the birth of a baby girl, born August 29, in Jackson, Mississippi. Mrs. Ray is the former Barbara Hendrickson.

News Here and Yon . . .

Ramon Rogers has been called as Music and Education Director for the Bethel Baptist Church, Poplarville, Mississippi. Ramon is a student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

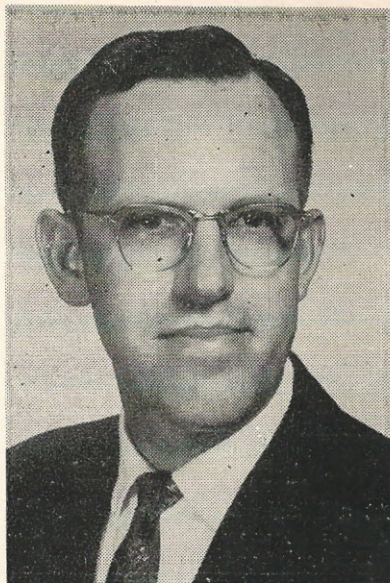
We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:

Mrs. Vincent P. Maggio and Mr. Ben Stevens, Sr., in the loss of their brother who lived in Birmingham.



Some young men would go farther toward success if they started with an alarm clock rather than an automobile.

MISSIONARY TO SPEAK TO BROTHERHOOD



Reverend J. Earl Posey, Jr., missionary to the Philippines, will speak at the Brotherhood Supper Meeting next Monday evening. Mr. Posey is a native of Boyles Alabama, a graduate of Auburn University and Southwestern Seminary. He was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1956 and served briefly in Manila before moving to Baguio in 1959. He has just completed his first term of overseas service and is making Mobile his headquarters while on furlough.

Reservations for the 6:15 supper meeting should be made next Sunday. President W. T. Osborn, extends a special invitation to the ladies of our church to come to this meeting and hear the missionary speaker. The deacons will meet following Mr. Posey's message.



IMPORTANT MEETING Of Sunday School Superintendents and Training Union Workers Tuesday, September 12

6:30 p.m.—Supper followed by brief general meeting and separate meetings of Sunday School Superintendents and all Training Union Workers

"EXTENSION MEMBER OF THE WEEK"

Miss Lorene Coburger
410 North Barcelona

COLLEGE STUDENTS CONTINUED . . .

Mississippi Southern
Florence Watson
Auburn University
Ted Roberts
Riverside Military School
Curtis Brown, Jr.
University of Florida
Thomas C. Sutton
University of Alabama
Hugh C. Brahan
Pensacola Junior College
Larry Bulger
Larry Foxworth
Thomas L. Harrell
Ronald A. Maddux
Richard Nettles

(These names were omitted from our list of college students in last week's BUILDER.)

A PRICE TO PAY

At a Martin Niemöller testimonial dinner given by the World Council of Churches meeting in Amsterdam after World War II, a Dutch girl spoke. She had difficulty not only with her English but with herself. Soon she broke down and said:

I have no right to call myself a Christian. I have no right to speak to this group. When the Nazis came and occupied my land, there came a knock at the door one day. I opened it and there stood a young man in Nazi Storm Trooper's uniform. He handed me a slip of paper and said: "Read it and sign it." It demanded that I give no food, clothing, or shelter to a Jew.

I handed it back and said: "I'll not sign it—I am a Christian and I don't believe in that."

"You will sign it or else you will go to a concentration camp," replied the soldier. I thought to myself: "I'm 23 years of age, I don't want to go to a concentration camp," and so I signed."

"You Christians—every one of you is just alike," the soldier sneered. "You talk high ideals, but when the chips are down you sign."

I looked at him and thought to myself, "Here is a young man who has left his hope, gone to a strange land, and is willing to die for his cause. But I did not believe my faith—not even enough to keep from signing my name."

That's the problem. Somehow we've got to infest this faith of ours with a challenge. We have to become Christians in fact

—Copied

Sooner or later youth may have to learn that the world will not pay him, as his parents did, for taking his medicine.

Youth is influenced more by love than by faultfinding.



W.M.U.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

10:00 a.m.—T. N. CALLAWAY CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. S. G. Kennedy, 2100 E. Mallory

—VIRGINIA COBB CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. E. A. Allen, 100 W. Brainerd.

—JANE McRAE CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Glen Brantley, 1807 N. Barcelona.

—STANLEY DAVIS CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. J. A. Frye, 1012 N. Palafox.

—DOTTSON MILLS CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Al Worner, 355 W. Lloyd.

—R. C. MOORE CIRCLE will meet at Bayview Park—covered dish lunch.

—BERNICE NEEL CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. C. M. O'Neill, 3960 Bayou Blvd.

—LAURA FRANCES SNOW CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Wilson Harris, 1900 E. Lakeview.

11:45 a.m.—HARVEY HEARDICK CIRCLE will have covered dish lunch at Mrs. H. O. Williams, 3636 Menedez.

7:30 p.m.—BILL COWLEY CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. W. A. Everett, 1324 E. Bohe Street.

7:30 p.m.—ROBERT GOLDIE CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Janie Fulghum, 1306 E. Mallory.

—ELEANOR O'HAVER HOWELL CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Doris Berlin, 1601 E. Lakeview.

REQUISITES TO BAPTISM

There are five requisites to Scriptural baptism:

1. A proper subject, a believer.
2. A proper authority, a New Testament church..
3. A proper act, burial in water and rising from the watery grave.
4. A proper formula, "In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."
5. A proper design or purpose, a symbolic memorial of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ for our sins, and the declarative purpose of the believer to "walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4).

—Texas Baptist Standard

"Just whistle a bit if the day is dark,
And the sky be overcast;
If mute be the vote of the piping lark,
Why, pipe your own small blast!"

—Dunbar.

"Since to sing is a good thing, let everybody learn to sing."—William Byrd.

"Wouldst thou know if a people be well governed, if its laws be good or bad? Examine the music it practices!" — Confucius.

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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.....	1234
Members Present	1126
New Members.....	12
Visitors	96
Training Union Attendance	319
Members Present	283
New Members	5
Visitors	31
Additions to church membership	5
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$4,534.46
Specials	174.80
Building Fund	149.40
TOTAL OFFERING	\$4,858.66

NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, September 3, 1961

FOR BAPTISM:

69. Mr. Thomas Oren Bales, 199 Mango, Pine
 Glades.

BY LETTER:

224. Miss Betty Downing, 110B Lorena Avenue,
 Ellinor Village. From: Siloam Baptist
 Church, Marion, Alabama.
 225. Miss Sara Scott, 110B Lorena Avenue,
 Ellinor Village. From: Central Baptist
 Church, Decatur, Alabama.
 226. Mr. Albert J. "Buddy" Rhodes, Jr., 203
 Henry Street, Warrington. From: Temple
 Baptist Church, Pisgah Forest, North
 Carolina.
 227. Mrs. A. J. (Jeannette) Rhodes. From:
 First Baptist Church, Breward, North
 Carolina.

Love lifts, kindness counts, smiles
 sweeten, and youth triumphs.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 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: "When Righteousness
 Becomes Ridiculous"
 4:00 p.m.—Beginner 4 Sunday School Party.
 Beginner 4 Department.
 4:30 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages
 R. F. Jernigan, Director
 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor
 Baptismal Service
 8:30 p.m.—Intermediate and Senior Youth
 Fellowship. Dining Room
 —Young People's Youth Fellowship.
 Adult A Department

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 6:15 p.m.—Brotherhood Supper Meeting
 7:30 p.m.—Deacons Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

SEE WMU CIRCLES

- 6:30 p.m.—Supper Meeting of Sunday School
 Superintendents and Training
 Union Officers.
 Church Dining Room
 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts meet lower auditorium
 of educational building
 7:30 p.m.—Dorcas Sunday School Class will
 meet at the home of Mrs. Harry
 Maddox, 200 Maura Road. All
 members of Deborah Class, Adult
 A, to be promoted and all as-
 sociate members of Dorcas Class
 invited.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 5:00 p.m.—BEGINNER, PRIMARY, JUNIOR,
 JUNIOR HI CHOIRS REGISTER
 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 meet
 Special Study Group
 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 7:30 p.m.—Church Choir

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 3:00 p.m.—Junior 9 Sunday School Party.
 Bayview Park
 Football—Pensacola High vs. Tate
 Fellowship lower auditorium of
 educational building immediately
 following game.

YOUNG PEOPLE "B" SOCIAL

The Department Officers of Young
 People "B" invites all Young People "B"
 people and college students to a tea at
 Mrs. E. A. Allen's home, 100 West
 Brainerd Street Sunday, September 10,
 1961, between 3:30 P.M. and 5:30 P.M.

Many a young man laughs at his ideals,
 not because they are ridiculous, but be-
 cause he lacks the courage to make them
 realities.