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*It is a good thing to give thanks*



UNTO THE LORD



“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.”

—Psalm 100:4

# Pastor's Paragraphs

## GOD OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH

The words of the Forty-sixth Psalm are the spirit of Martin Luther's hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God". It was written in 1529 at Go-burg during the climax of Luther's struggle with the Roman Catholic Church. Its power is magnificent and has been the battle cry of many a national crisis. Heine said, "It was as the Marseillaise of the Reformation . . . It was sung in the streets . . . It was sung by poor Protestant emigres on their way into exile, and by martyrs at their death . . . It is an imperishable hymn, rugged and strong like Luther."

The second stanza is of special relevance to us. When prone to trust in our own strength the words haunt us.

"Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing;

Were not the right Man on our side,  
The Man of God's own choosing:

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus,  
it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth His Name,

From age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle."

The church's battle is not a losing cause, its gates shall ever resist and turn away the intruder bent on its destruction.

I will look forward to seeing you in God's House Sunday — 1300 Bibles strong.

Faithfully in Christ,

*James L. Pleitz*

## SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A. M.

"A Magnificent Gratitude"

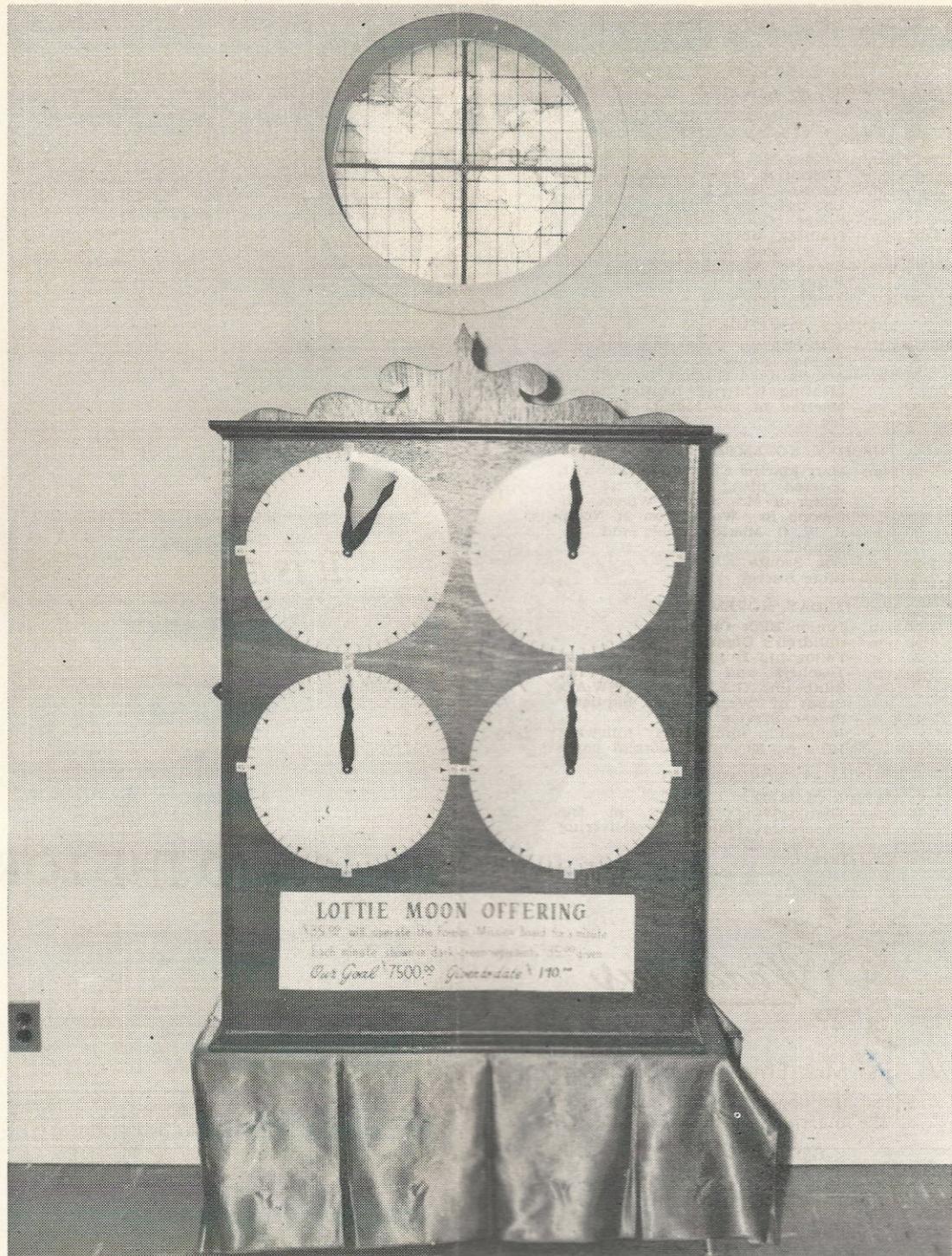
(Philippians 4:4-7)

Psalms 103

7:15 P. M.

"For Troubled Hearts"

(I Kings 19)



## WATCH THE TIME

At the prayer service last Wednesday night, members of the congregation saw for the first time the clock which will record our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering giving. Each minute on each of the faces represents thirty-five dollars given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

Married Young People's' Training Union  
Hobo Party and Weiner Roast  
Saturday  
6:30 P. M. November 18  
At  
Ronnie and Sue Williams  
3806 West Lakeview

## THE Singing CHURCH

By JERRY HOWELL

### OUR SINGING CHURCH

... And that's exactly what it was on last Sunday morning! Your singing was superb. It has been a long time since I heard the congregation respond in such a pleasing manner.

Did you know that few normal people lack the vocal equipment and pitch perception to carry a tune? Such gifts are God-given at birth, but too often and too long before the grave, they lie buried.

We hope you will never become guilty of making your worship a mere "spectator experience." Let your whole being raise the song of Christian joy and you will see that it will become contagious.

### MUSIC FOR SUNDAY

A. M.

"Praise, Thanksgiving, Glory, Honor"  
Arr. Dickinson  
Sanctuary Choir

P. M.

"Glory and Honor Are Before Him"  
—Bach  
Youth Choir

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:  
Mr. Joe F. Boykin, Sr. in the loss of a brother.  
Mrs. J. E. D. Yonge in the loss of her husband.  
Mr. C. O. Stewart in the loss of his father.  
Mrs. Robert Pyle in the loss of her mother.

#### Baptist Hospital:

Mr. A. L. Harrell, Mrs. Homer G. Smith,  
Mr. C. M. O'Neill, Mrs. Harold Drown.

#### Navy Hospital:

Mrs. Leonard Ivey

Highland Avenue Baptist Hospital, Birmingham, Ala.:

Mrs. Guy Spearman.

#### Home From Hospital:

Mrs. John Feldman, Douglas Mann.

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### CHURCH OFFICERS

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### LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance	1222
Members Present	1170
New Members	6
Visitors	46
Training Union Attendance	321
Members Present	298
New Members	8
Visitors	15
Additions to Church Membership	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$5,053.65
Specials	229.89
Lottie Moon	135.56
Building Fund	43.45
TOTAL OFFERING	\$5,462.55

### NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, November 12, 1961

#### BY LETTER:

34. Mrs. Lula Williams, 203 West Gregory. From: Riverside Baptist Church, Miami Florida.
35. Mr. Edgar L. Smith, Box 6 Corry Field, NAAS. From: Hope Baptist Church, Kirkwood, Missouri.
36. Mr. George W. Springle (Bill), 722 Gentian Drive. From: Emmanuel Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina.
37. Mrs. George W. Springle (Anne).

### BIBLE SURVEY

We will begin our second unit in Bible Survey on Tuesday, November 21. The morning class will not meet next week but will begin the study of this second unit "From Adam to Moses" on Thursday, November 30. Those wishing to begin the night class will come next Tuesday at 7 P.M.

### TEEN - TIME

#### Sunday Night

at

Mrs. Lawren Meacham's  
1020 East Maura Road



### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages Theron A. Guthrie, Supt.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastor Broadcast over WCOA  
4:45 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages. R. F. "Bob" Jernigan, Director  
7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor Baptism  
8:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowships

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

5:30 p.m.—Associational YWA Supper and Mission Study  
7:30 p.m.—Associational Sunday School Meeting, Whitfield Baptist Church  
7:30 p.m.—Meeting of the Library Committee

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:30 p.m.—Mary-Martha Class Visitation with covered dish luncheon at the home of Mrs. Grady Wilson, 420 Second St., Warrington at Noon.  
5:30 p.m.—B. W. C. Mission Study and Supper  
7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts  
7:00 p.m.—Bible Survey

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

4:00 p.m.—Junior High Choir  
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 "We Southern Baptists"  
7:15 p.m.—Prayer Service Fellowship immediately following PHS vs. Escambia football game

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

#### OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 a.m.—Thanksgiving Services in the Sanctuary. Followed by delivering of Thanksgiving Baskets  
8:30 a.m.—Breakfast



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Hernandez  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter

Miriam Joan

to

Mr. David Earl Trant

on Saturday, the eighteenth of November  
Nineteen hundred and sixty-one  
at half after seven o'clock in the evening  
First Baptist Church  
Pensacola, Florida

Reception  
following ceremony  
Church Dining Room