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PASTOR

THE SECRET

I met God in the morning
When the day was at its best
And His Presence came like sunrise
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long the Presence lingered,
All day long He stayed with me,
And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.

Other ships were blown and battered,
Other ships were sore distressed,
But the winds that seemed to drive them
Brought to us a peace and rest.

Then I thought of other mornings,
With a keen remorse of mind,
When I too had loosed the moorings,
With the Presence left behind.

So I think I know the secret,
Learned from many a troubled way;
You must seek Him in the morning
If you want Him through the day.

—Ralph S. Cushman.

Pastor's Paragraphs

A WAITRESS POINTS THE WAY

Dr. Pierce Harris, the Methodist preacher, has long been a special favorite of mine. Dr. Harris tells of the following experience.



"The waitress smiled and calling me by name said, 'I think you will like this table.' My visiting dignitary was impressed. 'Do you know her?' he asked. I not only knew her, I was proud to say she attends my church; and if all my members were as loyal and liberal as she is, we could support a million dollar budget, and the sanctuary would fill and overflow every Sunday morning and NIGHT!"

"Making your living picking it up from under dirty plates is not the easiest way—but it can be done. And this lady does it—in a way that would make most Methodists ashamed if they put their kind of loyalty up against hers. Add the word 'liberality'—it counts too. And adds to the embarrassment.

"She's a good waitress. And works in a top bracket restaurant. She tithes. Most of us brush tithing aside like we would a mosquito—but 'The tithe is the Lord's is just as true as 'God so loved the world'—and if we wish to encompass the one—we must accept the other. 'Take it—or leave it'—is the way the Master puts it. It is TRUE—and there's nothing we can do about it.

"Take this waitress. She pledges SEVEN dollars a week! When I said something to her about maybe she was paying too much, she smiled and said, 'I expect you'd better let me and the Lord decide what I pay my church.'"

"I'll do that. I will do it with ALL my members. If—you for example—come up with a pledge, and say, 'This is what the LORD and I decided was my fair part of the budget,' we'll accept it gladly. But if you pick a time when the Lord is looking the other way—and then subscribe a scrawny sum to God's work—that's another and different thing."

I will be looking forward to seeing you Sunday—1200 Bibles strong.

God bless you.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

As I See It!

By CLYDE K. BIZZELL

GROUP LEARNING CLINIC

Six of us from First Baptist Church attended the Group Learning Clinic at Memphis last week. This was a very fine experience and each of us profited by being present. We did not learn any secrets or short cuts to building a great Training Union. We did profit from each of the general sessions and conference periods. The leadership in our Training Union Department in Nashville is studying every phase of our Training Union organization, curriculum, and procedures in an effort to help us to make the Training Union an effective training ministry. If you did not read the article in last week's BUILDER, I hope that you will go back and read that and then join us in an honest effort to build a great Training Union. Mrs. Stoesen attended the Beginner conferences, Mrs. Garrett and Mrs. Jackson were in the Junior conferences, Mr. Jernigan and Mr. Taylor attended the adult conferences while I attended the Young People conferences. These people can help those of you who work with these age groups. Ask them for this help.

STANDARD APPLICATION WEEK

Elsewhere in the BUILDER you will find some information about Standard Application Week. Remember that we are asking every teacher and superintendent to complete an Application for Standard Recognition. We will be discussing this next Wednesday night. I hope to see you then.



YOU...TH in Particular

THE CRITIC

The man who had a good opinion of his own abilities, so much so that he thought he could do a thing better than anyone else, was taught a good lesson. He was standing in front of a taxidermist's, in the window of which there was an owl that had attracted quite a lot of sightseers.

Anxious to display his knowledge he said, with a pompous air, "Well, if I couldn't stuff an owl better than that, I would quit the business. The head isn't right, the poise of the body isn't right, the feathers are not right." Before he could finish, the owl turned his head and winked at him. The crowd laughed, and the critic moved on.

HUSBAND-WIFE TEAM OF AL AND IVY WALSH TO LEAD MUSIC FOR REVIVAL, APRIL 23 - 29



The husband and wife team of Al and Ivy Walsh, will lead the music for the First Baptist Revival, April 23-29. Dr. Ramsey Pollard of Memphis will be the evangelist.

Prior to devoting their full-time and talent to Christian service, Al and Ivy Walsh were much in demand as entertainers and concert artists on radio and in special appearances throughout the nation. Since dedicating their talents to the Lord they have devoted their fulltime to using their music for evangelistic crusades.

During the services, Mr. Walsh will lead the congregational singing and direct the campaign choir, Mrs. Walsh, a dramatic soprano, will serve as soloist, and sing duets with Mr. Walsh.

First Baptist looks forward to the Revival, April 23-29 and extensive plans are being made in order that we might reach those who are unenlisted and unchurched. Superintendents and teachers need to begin now to pray for and visit personally those within each department or class who are unreached. Those working within the elementary area need to be alert to the need of reaching every parent of every child.



LORD HOW MUCH?

Give as you would if an angel
Awaited your gift at the door.
Give as you would if tomorrow
Found you where giving was o'er.
Give as you would to the Master
If you met His loving look.
Give as you would of your substance
If His hand the offering took.



Library Notes

"Paradise, for me, would be a place where the workers of all time might come together, to talk about their labor on this earth, no matter what eons of time once actually separated them." Thus spoke Frances Clark Sayers author of "Lose Not the Nightingale."

To children and adults, the church library is verily such a paradise — what riches are here, what thrill, what romance, what roads to wander, what heights to ascend, what people to know!

OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

A great aid to growth—
Spiritually
Emotionally
Intellectually
Is our church library.

A good means of acquiring—
Relaxation
Diversion
Consolation
Is our church library.

—Genevieve Averett



YWA FOCUS WEEK FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 3

One definition of the word "Focus" is a "clear and sharply defined condition of an image." Is the image of your Young Woman's Auxiliary clearly and sharply defined? If not, February 25 - March 3 is the time to fix your focus in the proper direction! Let's keep in mind the purposes of this week:

1. To focus the eyes, mind, and heart of every YWA member upon the true meaning of YWA.
2. To focus the attention of church and community, on the purpose, work and value of YWA.
3. To put special emphasis on YWA activities such as mission study and community missions.
4. To re-enlist inactive members.
5. To win girls to Christ.
6. To increase membership.
7. To extend the influence of missions.

Let the activities of this week clear your vision for a purposeful YWA.



NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, February 18, 1962

81. Mr. Ed Bryant, 610 Whitney Drive, Cordova Park. From: Park Hills Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina.
82. Mrs. Ed Bryant.

STANDARD APPLICATION WEEK

FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 4

NEED Of The Standard

1. The essentials of a good Sunday school must be known.
2. The plans for building a good Sunday school must be understood.
3. The specifications for building a good Sunday school must be faithfully followed.

PURPOSE Of The Standard

1. Set out clearly the essentials of a good Sunday School.
2. To Present plans for building a good Sunday school.

VALUE Of The Standard

1. It furnishes an incentive for doing better Sunday school work.
2. It gives proper balance to the work of the Sunday school.
3. It guarantees better Sunday school work.
4. It provides unity of Southern Baptist Sunday school work and methods.
5. It recognizes achievement.

WHY Standard Application Week

1. To center the attention of the entire Sunday school on the value of standards as a program of work.
2. To lead each unit in a standard check-up.
3. To help units make application for the standard when requirements are met.
4. To provide an incentive to work on points not yet reached in the standard.

WHEN Standard Application Week

FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 4

HOW Standard Application Week

1. Every unit fill out carefully the standard application forms. Be sure to give all the information correctly.
2. Note any points not reached and make immediate plans to reach them.



GOODNESS

No man or woman of the humblest sort can really be strong, gentle, pure and good without somebody being helped and comforted by the very existence of that goodness.

—Phillips Brooks



“Too many people have never learned that interruptions are a part of the normal climate of life.”

THE *Singing* CHURCH

TO WORSHIP IS TO SING

The worshipper who sings . . .

drinks more deeply of the message of the hymns. The Gospel as found in our hymns is the same as that in the scriptures.

The worshipper who sings . . .

becomes more deeply involved in the service less of a spectator and more of a participant.

The worshipper who sings . . .

draws more closely to those who worship with him.

The worshipper who sings . . .

expresses his faith by lifting his voice in praise to God.

The worshipper who sings . . .

upholds the service, making it finer, and richer for his fellow worshippers, his pastor, his church, and his God.

Your Sundays Belong to God

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations To:

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Rye who will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, February 25. Friends and relatives are invited to an open house at their home, 17 First Street, Jackson Heights, from 2:00 - 4:30 Sunday.

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:

Mrs. J. C. Parrish in the loss of her son.

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. E. C. Gentry, Jr., Miss Montaree Barrineau.

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mrs. J. F. Busey.

Covington Memorial Hospital, Andalusia, Alabama.

Miss Elva Gomillion.

Home From Hospital:

Mrs. J. Nixon Daniel, Jr., Mrs. Homer Boren. Mr. Clyde K. Bizzell.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Baptism of Jesus"

(Matthew 3:13-17)

7:15 P.M.

"Reflection of the Father"

(II Corinthians 4:1-6)

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



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday School Attendance | 1150 |
| Members Present | 1094 |
| New Members | 7 |
| Visitors | 49 |
| Training Union Attendance..... | 233 |
| Members Present | 228 |
| New Members | 1 |
| Visitors | 4 |
| Additions to church membership..... | 2 |
| Tithes and Offerings: | |
| Budget | \$4,874.26 |
| Specials | 471.82 |
| Building Fund | 49.41 |
| TOTAL OFFERING | \$5,395.49 |

Did YOU Do Your Part? Mal. 3:10.



WAIT!

God's delays are not denials;
 He has heard your prayer;
 He knows all about your trials,
 Knows your every care.

God's delays are not denials;
 Help is on the way;
 He is watching o'er life's dials,
 Bringing forth the day.

God's delays are not denials;
 You will find Him true,
 Working through the hardest trials
 What is best for you!

—Selected



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
 Theron A. Guthrie, Supt.
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor
 Broadcast over WCOA
 4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
 R. F. "Bob" Jernigan, Director
 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor
 8:30 p.m.—Teen Time at the home of Linda
 Futch, 610 Tanglewood Drive,
 Cordova Park

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

6:45 p.m.—Associational Brotherhood Supper
 Church Dining Room

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00 p.m.—Bible Survey
 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts
 7:30 p.m.—Naomi Class will have regular
 monthly meeting at the home of
 Mrs. W. T. Osborn, 304 West Mo-
 reno.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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, YWA's
 Study of "The Christian Life"
 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

9:30 a.m.—Bible Survey
 7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

2:30 p.m.—Willing Workers Class meeting
 with Mrs. J. T. Mackey, 922 North
 19th Ave.

WHERE TO SEND CHRISTMAS CARDS

Send Christmas cards to the Baptist
 Seminary, Box 427, Taipei, Taiwan, Free
 China, for they are most useful. Mail
 as Printed Matter, marked "Used Christ-
 mas Cards" — cut off the writing page,
 to save mailing cost. They use them here
 all the year, and are wiped out except
 for their own "receipts" now.

ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD MEETING, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

6:45 p.m.—Supper.
 7:30 p.m.—Program featuring Jack
 Eppes, Executive Secretary,
 United Christian Action.
 Subject: "The High Cost of
 Low Living in Florida."

REVIVAL APRIL 23 - 29

Preacher: Dr. Ramsey Pollard
Musicians: Al and Ivy Walsh