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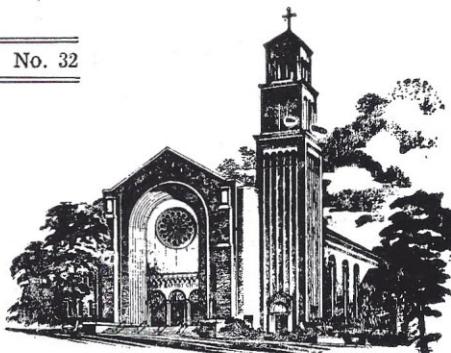
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PASTOR



My Ideal Deacon

My ideal deacon would be in regular attendance at all the services of the church, morning and evening worship, Sunday School, Training Union, and Prayer Service. By his presence at each of these services, he adds much; by his absence, although he may not oppose the particular service, he causes much harm.

My ideal deacon would be a tither. The ideal deacon sets the pattern for his brethren in faithful stewardship of his possessions through the proper use of his portion and the giving to God of his share.

My ideal deacon would not be nearsighted. He would see beyond the needs and the wants of his congregation, but to the last person on this earth without Christ.

My ideal deacon would be a soulwinner. His heart would beat with a passion to see men saved. He would follow the footsteps of Phillip in presenting the claims of Christ to whomsoever God might bring across his pathway.

My ideal deacon would be a personal friend. He would be the one to whom I could go and talk things over. He would be a counsellor, a confidant, a comforter, a companion, a friend. There are not many ideal deacons as there are not many ideal pastors, but, bless their hearts; there are many who are doing their best "to use the office of deacon well" and are "purchasing to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus."

— Selected.

Pastor's Paragraphs

USE 'EM OR LOSE 'EM

My friend Frank Norfleet of Paducah, Kentucky, reminds us that there is a divine law, often overlooked, that those gifts of God which we do not use, we lose.



A man observed a magnet hanging over a bench loaded with tools and weights. "What in the world are you doing with that magnet?" The owner replied, "I am loading it up." He explained so long as the magnet lay on the table doing nothing, it was losing its power. When he put it to work it began to gain strength. The more work it did, the stronger it grew.

This fact is pre-eminently true of our life. Abuse, misuse, or failure to exercise your God-given talents in service to God will mean that you soon lose those talents.

Strong, fruitful, happy Christians are working Christians. We have a place of service in the church for you. In turning down an invitation to serve in a particular job, you not only are disobeying the instructions of the Lord, you are running the risk of losing your better self. There is a great blessing awaiting Christ's servants who gladly serve.

See you with Bible and tithe in all services Sunday.

Fraternally yours,

James L. Pleitz



THE Singing CHURCH

Church Choir membership is a vital part of my spiritual life. I have been a choir member since I was a Junior in Sunday School and whenever it has been necessary for us to transfer our Church membership, just that surely have we moved our choir membership to our new Church home.

Often perhaps, people are prone to think of the Choir's contribution in our services as somewhat like the food coloring which we housewives sometimes put in our cake icings. Not really important since it doesn't effect the flavor, but merely for appearance. But let me challenge you to come sit in the Choir as I do and see the great spiritual blessing which is so visible in the faces of our

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Object of Our Affection"

John 21:1 - 17

7:15 P.M.

"The Real Thing"

II Timothy 1:3 - 7

congregation as they listen to the glories of God in song.

During our Choir Enrollment Emphasis, we ask that you think seriously about joining our choir organization. Any choir member will tell you that no matter how little you may think you have to offer, our dedicated director can help you make it count for God.

We welcome all of you who have had no previous choir experience, and also those who have been in choir before. I beg you to come and be a blessing and in so doing receive an even greater one.

MRS. ROBERT (Mary) WHITE



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:

Mrs. W. H. Peters in the loss of her father.

Mrs. Pearl Rumble in the loss of her brother.

Mr. B. R. Hegwood in the loss of a brother.

Congratulations To:

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon L. Graham (Vesta Walker) upon the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Pentecost upon the birth of a son, August 4.

Home From Hospital:

Mrs. Milton Richardson, Mr. E. A. Guillot, Mrs. John K. Edwards, Mrs. Lucius Stanley, Sonja Nelson, Mrs. Gordon L. Graham, Mrs. Percy Pentecost, Mrs. Charles R. Mitchell, Mr. James L. Pippin, Mrs. Glennis J. Russell.

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. Chris Mandel, Mrs. Frances Pitts, Mrs. Robert Todd, Mrs. M. J. Conlon, Mr. John Berry, Miss Julia Ann Richardson, Miss Lorene Coburger.

University of Alabama Medical Center, Birmingham, Alabama

Miss Sonja Nelson

Baptist Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee:

Mr. Herbert L. Highsmith.



A TEACHER LOOKS AT READING

"People who urge us to read, and to become better readers, usually are not much concerned whether we are 'good' or not, they are much more worried lest we be small, immature, inexperienced, innocent, ignorant, insensitive unappreciative and generally failing to find in life the 'good time' we so eagerly want.

"They have discovered that through reading we can have all sorts of experiences: so 'real' that we forget all about our actual surroundings; experiences that we could never otherwise crowd into one lifetime; experiences for which we would not have money, energy or capacity in real life; experiences that can cover all the years and ages past and even range into unexplored outer space and future time. . . .

"If we read with questions in mind, seeking to get into sympathetic communication with a writer, bearing with him to an end that we reach as quickly as our minds will allow, we will want to read, we will read and we will be better readers."

—A. B. Herr, "The Wonderful World of Books"

This book and others on this subject are in the Church Library.

—LTS

◊ ◊ ◊ NEW BUILDING

Last Sunday was a wonderful day in our church as we occupied the new Educational Building. All of the Nursery, Beginner, Primary, Intermediate, Senior Departments and the Young People's "B" Dept., moved to their new places.

Next Sunday the members of Adult "C" and Adult "D" Departments will meet in their new quarters, in the basement floor of the new building. Those coming from LaRue Street will find an entrance at sidewalk level. Those coming from the north will go down the stairs at the center of the building. The entrances into each department will be marked.

◊ ◊ ◊ NEW MEMBERS

FOR BAPTISM:

62. Mr. William C. Nellums, 515 South Second St., Warrington

ON STATEMENT:

184. Mrs. William C. Nellums

BY LETTER:

184. Mr. John Wilkerson, 1104 Texar Drive. From Granada Baptist Church, City
135. Mrs. John Wilkerson



Sunday Night Belongs to God

I AM CAMP

By PERCY HAYWARD

I AM CAMP.

I am SUNLIGHT, a sheen on the water, a mist on the mountains and stars.

I am a DOORWAY out of the commonplace into a new adventuring experience.

I am a place where youth learns the JOY OF PLAY without a sting, of fellowship without regrets, of creative effort that worries not, of a good time that leaves no headache—no heartache—behind.

I am a NEW PURPOSE for life that will make the years different.

I am VOICE—and silence with a thrill in it.

I am LAUGHTER—and quiet resolution that seeks the comfort of the hills.

I am YOUTH—and the slowly emerging habits that make matured experience worthy.

I am ENERGY—and the touch of loving service.

I am TODAY—and also the tomorrow that is being shaped.

I am a GIVER OF GIFTS—that pass not away, that time will not chill, that poverty will not quench, that riches will not deceive.

I am HABITS, Ideals, Ways and Living, Confirmed Attitudes in the Soul of Youth.

Because I am all these and more—I invite you into fellowship with me.

I AM CAMP.

◊ ◊ ◊ 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 responsible 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.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The following men are now serving on the active Board of Deacons:

Term 1962-63

CLAUDE ADKISON
A. H. ARNOLD
O. F. AULTMAN
J. G. BROOKINS
T. A. GUTHRIE

CLIFFORD LENZ
JIM McCASKILL
FERMON MINSHEW
DAVID RALEY
LON ROBERTS, JR.

Term 1963-64

J. F. BOYKIN
W. T. CREEL
J. NIXON DANIEL, JR.
ADOLPH FIELDS
JUDSON GILLESPIE

JOE B. LADNER
GLENN McDONALD
R. N. PYLE
A. L. RICHARDSON
HERMAN O. WILLIAMS

Deacons Emeritus

F. G. ALMON
EARL R. GASTON
MOSE PENTON

The following men who retire this year will not be eligible for nomination for a period of one (1) year:

ERNEST L. BARRINEAU
R. MYRLIN BROOKS
PAUL W. CARO
CLARENCE E. DANNELLY
S. L. DAVIS

JIM DREXLER
WILLIAM E. JACKSON
BILLY RENFROE
MILTON RICHARDSON
THOMAS A. WASH

FORM TO BE USED IN SUBMITTING SUGGESTIONS

I suggest to the Nominating Committee that the following men be considered as nominees for deacons:

NAME

NAME

NAME

NAME

NAME

NAME

Recommended by.....
(Your Signature)

NOTE: Every member of the congregation may suggest as many names as he wishes. This form must be signed to be accepted.

These suggestions must reach the committee by noon, Monday, August 20, 1962. They may be given to any member of the committee, mailed to the church office in care of the committee, or dropped in the offering plate.

Additional copies of this form may be obtained from the church.

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATING DEACONS

The Committee for the Nomination of Deacons requests that every member of the church suggest men who should be considered by the committee for nomination as deacons. You may suggest as many as you think qualify.

These suggestions must reach the committee by noon, Monday, August 20. They may be given to any member of the committee, mailed to the church office in care of the committee, or dropped in the offering plate. Suggestions are to be submitted only by members of the First Baptist Church, and therefore must be signed to be accepted.

Your committee, selected for the purpose of recommending to the church the best qualified persons, requests that you read the scripture passages below and suggest the names of as many men as you believe to be qualified to serve as deacons. According to the policy of the church, inactive deacons will not be placed on the ballot unless suggested by one or more members of the church.

SELECTION OF THE FIRST DEACONS

"In those days, as the number of disciples kept growing, there rose complaint on the part of the Greek-speaking Jews against the Hebrews because their widows were overlooked in the daily charities. So the twelve summoned the assembly of the disciples and said, 'It is not desirable that we should neglect the teaching of God's Word to wait tables; therefore, brothers, look around for seven men among you of good reputation and full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we shall appoint for this duty, while we continue to devote ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.' (Acts 6:1-4, Berkeley Version).

THE CHARACTER AND QUALIFICATIONS OF ALL DEACONS:

"By the same token are deacons to be honorable, not gossips, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for ill-gotten gains, but with a pure conscience keeping hold on the hidden truth of the faith. They should first be put on probation, and then, if irreproachable, they may serve as deacons. Similarly must the wives be honorable, not given to slandering, but temperate and altogether trustworthy. Deacons shall be husband of one wife, admirable manager of their children and of their own homes. Because those who rendered helpful service as deacons do take a worthwhile step upward for themselves with considerable conversational freedom in the faith that centers in Christ Jesus." (I Timothy 3:8-13, Berkeley Version).

We urge you to be much in prayer that we as a church may know God's will in this all-important task.

This ballot will be on Sunday morning, September 23, when ten men will be selected to serve on the active board of deacons for the three year term beginning October 1, 1962.

DEACON'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A. H. ARNOLD, Chairman
MILTON RICHARDSON
JUDSON GILLESPIE
O. F. (Ben) AULTMAN

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CHURCH OFFICERS

Paul W. Caro, Chr. of Deacons.....HE 8-3789
 T. A. Guthrie, Sunday School Supt. HE 2-6683
 R. F. "Bob" Jernigan, T. U. Director HE 8-6703
 Mrs. R. F. Jernigan, WMU Pres.....HE 8-6703
 O. F. Aultman, Brotherhood Pres.....438-1301
 Mrs. A. R. W. Stoesen, Librarian.....HE 2-6502

CHURCH STAFF Residence Phones

James L. Pleitz, Pastor.....HE 3-1502
 Clyde K. Bizzell, Assistant to Pastor HE 2-7237
 Dr. G. J. Rousseau, Pastor Emeritus
 Jerry Howell, Minister of Music and
 Director of Youth Activities.....438-9798
 Mrs. W. H. Adams, Organist.....GL 6-4681
 Mrs. J. C. Rountree, Fin. Sec'y.....HE 2-1326
 Miss Mary Lou Pitts, Edu. Sec.....HE 3-3285
 Mrs. G. T. Sutton, Memb'ship Sec'y.....432-5640
 Ernest Barrineau, Treasurer.....HE 2-5079
 Mrs. Kittle Manning, Dietician.....GL 6-2124
 Mr. C. T. White, Bldg. Supt.....GL 5-3620

Mrs. Arthur Haylock, Our Missionary
 to Honduras.

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.....	1103
Members Present.....	1044
New Members	5
Visitors	54
Training Union Attendance.....	235
Members Present	219
New Members	3
Visitors	13
Additions to church membership.....	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$5,371.33
Specials	538.21
Building Fund	68.35
TOTAL OFFERING	\$5,977.89

"EXTENSION MEMBER OF THE WEEK"

For Week Beginning August 12:

MRS. M. HOLT

218 North 15th Avenue

Mrs. Holt joined our church by letter from the Holt Baptist Church, Holt, Florida on April 19, 1942. She has one son and one daughter, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 3:5. Her hobbies have been flowers and sewing.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

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.—Intermediate Teen Time at the church
 8:30 p.m.—Senior Teen Time will meet with Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Wash, 1660 E. Hatton St.

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

Youth Camp at Mount Calvary, August 13-18
 6:15 p.m.—Brotherhood Supper Meeting
 7:30 p.m.—Deacons Meet

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

W. M. S. CIRCLES WILL MEET.
 Listed elsewhere.

7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts will meet

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
 6:30 p.m.—Teachers' and Officers' Meeting Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, YWA's
 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

9:30 a.m.—Faithful Workers Class will meet at the church for visitation. Covered dish luncheon at noon with Mrs. M. H. Holt, 2661 Scenic Highway



W. M. S. CIRCLES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

10:00 a.m.—Stanley Davis Circle will meet with Mrs. Harold Ackman, 1505 E. Strong St.
 Martha Haylock Circle will meet with Mrs. H. W. Smith, Jr., 874 Berkley Drive.
 Dottson Mills Circle will meet with Mrs. W. H. McCaskill, 1316 E. Jordan St.
 The Brasington Circle will meet with Mrs. Jerry Payne, 3827 San Gabriel Dr., Belvedere.
 R. C. Moore Circle will meet with Mrs. R. A. Sansing, 3507 Firestone Blvd..
 Bernice Neel Circle will meet with Mrs. J. G. Lambeth, 718 Gentian Drive.
 T. N. Calloway Circle will meet with Mrs. R. D. Hinson, 1710 Yates Ave.
 Laura Frances Snow Circle will meet with Mrs. Wilson Harris, 1900 East Lakeview Avenue.
 Mamie Lou Posey Circle will meet with Mrs. George Yarbrough, Jr., 1806 N. Barcelona St.

3:00 p.m.—

Harvey Headrick Circle will meet with Mrs. Grady Wilson, 420 South Second St. Warrington.

6:00 p.m.—

Eleanor O'Haver Howell Circle will meet with Mrs. Bennie Swain, 1121 Barcia Drive for a cookout.

6:30 p.m.

Robert Goldie Circle will meet with Miss Sarah Andress, 3011 Backshear Avenue for covered dish supper and program.

7:30 p.m.—

Bill Cowley Circle will meet with Mrs. Hess Stephens, 813 North Barcelona St.