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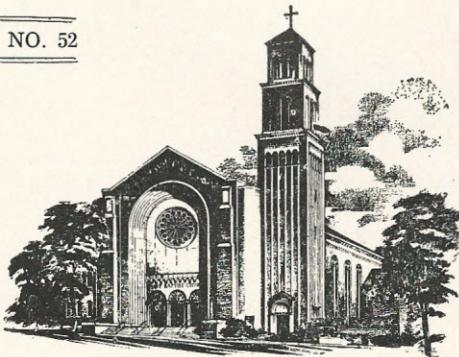
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PASTOR



A Prayer for the New Year

Before the portals of the coming year
I bowed my head and humbly then I prayed
“O Father, tell me how to walk with thee,
The way is dark, and I am so afraid.”

Soon came the answers as I waited there,
“The new year is a gift from God above,
No matter what it gives you or withholds,
You must trust God nor ever doubt his love.”

“But when the burdens bend my spirit low,
And sorrows come I cannot understand?”
Softly but surely came the voice I heard
“Then trust God more, more tightly hold his hand.”

“So many problems, Lord,” I said at last,
“So many ways to turn — how can I know
Which one is best?” I heard him softly say,
“Hold thou my hand — I will not let thee go.”

Then suddenly my fears seemed small indeed,
I felt a peace I never knew before,
The portals of the New Year opened wide,
And God was waiting just inside the door.

—Marjorie McMahan

Pastor's Paragraphs

I'VE GOT A SECRET

"The secret of my happy face? I'd never thought much about it," replied the elderly woman who was known for



bringing happiness to so many others. She thought a long moment before answering.

"Joy," she said in a soft voice, "just that one word J-O-Y. Folks don't smile enough. If they think of JOY

maybe they would go around looking less glum. J stands for Jesus, O for others,

and Y for yourself. Jesus, Others, Yourself, then you got JOY!"

Beloved, we are standing now on the threshold of a new year. I believe with all my heart it will prove to be a glorious year in the life of our beloved church.

The simple formula suggested by the elderly Christian will guarantee a success in the life of our church. This same formula will bring happiness into the heart of the individual. Make very sure that Jesus Christ has the place of pre-eminence in your heart!

Sincerely yours,

James L. Pleitz



SOMETHING EVERYBODY CAN DO

Collect cancelled stamps for German Baptist Orphanage. Up to 4 pounds can be sent in large envelopes duty free. Address: Mr. Alfred Zerpner, Kassel 1, Postfach, Germany. Give return address for acknowledgment and picture of orphanage. For 12 bundles of stamps packaged, the orphanage receives money to supply one child for one day with food, clothing and shelter.

Bundle Used Christmas Cards as they are. Names written in English are proof to postal authorities in Formosa that they are "used." Cards are used in Sunday School work, and with leper patients, and in 390 mountain churches. These may be brought to church office.



DO IT NOW

I shall pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, Let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

—Stephen Grellet

THE CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR 1963



This Calendar of Activities for 1963 is presented to you with the hope that you will make use of it in planning to participate in every activity of our church life. Please note:

(1) The coordinated Calendar of Activities in the church office is the official calendar for our church. All activities and meetings should be cleared and entered on this calendar. Expenditures from the church social funds will be made only for those activities scheduled ahead of time.

(2) Weeks of Study, Revivals, and other church-wide activities take precedence over meetings of classes, circles, and similar small groups. Circle chairmen, class and union presidents should check their meeting time and plan ahead to avoid conflicts.

(3) Arrangements should be made for use of buildings and facilities.

(4) Parents expect the church office to be able to supply information about all events, even those not meeting at the church. It is imperative, therefore, that leaders supply the church office with information concerning the time of beginning and expected time of completion of all activities.

The Church Activities Committee



THE Singing CHURCH

CHOIR ENROLLMENT OPEN

New members in the Children's Choirs will be admitted during the month of January. We hope your child will be encouraged to attend the very first rehearsal in the new year on January 2, 1963.

Emphasis of the Spring session will include Associational and State Festivals (a trip out of town), new units of work, "how our neighbors worship," special guests, Easter music, and renewed vigor in preparing for achievement awards.

A maximum number is set for each choir. Enroll your child early; he will not want to miss this!

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Power of Persistence"

Acts 12:1-19

7:15 P.M.

"Three Realities"

1 John 1

Calendar of Activities for 1963

JANUARY

7-11 —Bible Study Week—9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
 13 —Lord's Supper — 7:15 p.m.
 15-17 —State Evangelistic — World Missions Conference, Orlando

FEBRUARY

1 —Associational Library Banquet, First Baptist Church
 1 —Associational Library Workshop, First Baptist Church
 8 —Associational Music Festival, Central Baptist Church
 7-8:30 — Adults,
 8:30-9:30 — Young People
 9 —Associational Music Festival, Central Baptist Church
 9:00 A.M. — Children's Choirs
 10-16 —YWA Focus Week
 15-16 —State Music Festival, Crestview, Florida

MARCH

4- 8 —Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering
 15 —Youth Banquet
 17-24 —Youth Week
 23 —Associational Youth Night
 —Children's Leadership Workshop (2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)
 First Baptist Church, Crestview
 29-31 —YWA Conference, Panama City
 31 —Lord's Supper — 11:00 a.m.

APRIL

5- 6 —Church-Related Vacations Conference, Camp Ada
 12 —Cottage Prayer Meetings
 15-21 —Revival — 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Robert L. Smith
 23-25 —WMU Annual Session, First Baptist Church, Panama City
 29 —Regional Training Union Convention

MAY

3- 4 —Royal Ambassador Congress Panama City
 5-12 —Christian Home Week
 7-10 —Southern Baptist Convention, Kansas City
 18 —G. A. Focus Week
 30 —Choir Commencement

JUNE

2 —Extension Day
 10-21 —Vacation Bible School
 13-19 —Ridgecrest Youth Conference
 18-20 —G. A. 50th Anniversary Convention, Memphis, Tennessee
 28-29 —Associational YWA Retreat, Mount Calvary
 30 —Lord's Supper — 7:15 p.m.

JULY

2- 4 —Convention-wide Evangelistic Conference, Dallas, Texas
 4 —Associational Church Family Picnic — Camp Ada
 8-12 —Associational R. A. Camp, Camp Ada
 15-21 —Sixth Baptist Youth World Conference — Beirut, Lebanon
 15-19 —Associational G. A. Camp — Camp Ada
 15-26 —Youth Workshop
 26-27 —Brotherhood Encampment — Panama City
 26-28 —Dr. John Drakford — Christian Home Emphasis
 29-Aug. 3 —West Florida Assembly Panama City

AUGUST

5- 9 —First Baptist Church Junior Camp Camp Ada
 11-17 —Sunbeam Focus Week
 13-15 —Third Convention-wide R. A. Congress, Washington, D. C.
 28 —Choir Enrollment

SEPTEMBER

9-13 —School of Missions
 10-11 —State Mission Season of Prayer
 10-13 —School of the Prophets — Panama City
 23-27 —Preparation Week
 29 —Promotion Day

OCTOBER

13 —Lord's Supper — 11:00 a.m.
 24 —Annual Associational Meeting A.M. — Highland Baptist Church; P.M. — Warrington Baptist Church
 25 —Annual Associational Meeting; A.M. — Granada Baptist Church
 28 —Associational Clinic for Church Officers and Committees

NOVEMBER

3- 9 —Royal Ambassador Focus Week
 12-14 —Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville

DECEMBER

2 —Associational Training Union "M" Night
 6 —Associational Carol Sing
 8 —Christmas Music Program
 9-13 —Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
 11 —Children's Choirs — Service of Carols
 29 —Student Night at Christmas
 31 —Watchnight Service

BIBLE STUDY WEEK JANUARY 7 - 11



DR. ROLAND Q. LEAVELL
 teaching "Studies in Matthew — the King and the Kingdom"
 9:30 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

YOU...TH in Particular

STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS

Not only a special program of challenging thought and conjecture, but a period of good fellowship and renewing of friendship will be programmed.

This service each year endeavors to pursue timely areas of interest where the Baptist Student and his experiences on the campus provide new challenges in his service for Christ. Among the young people who will appear on the program this year will be some of our most capable and talented students. You will be stimulated by their contributions.

A reception will follow the service and all college students will be honored.

◆◆◆ OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations:

Warrant Officer and Mrs. William Ray upon the birth of a son in Fort Ord, Calif., on Dec. 4. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Foster are maternal grandparents. Miss Dona Lee Guffee and Mrs. John E. Siler, Jr., upon their marriage, December 16, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Miss Robilyn Wilhite and Mr. Luther Eason upon their marriage December 21.

Sacred Heart Hospital: Mrs. W. P. Moaty.

Naval Hospital: Mr. Henry B. Parker.

Home from Hospital: Mrs. Myrlin Brooks; Mrs. Kenneth Mellberg; Mrs. Jimmie Knight.

— THINK ON THIS —

It was
Sunday morning
At the breakfast
Table,
And my host asked
Mrs. Host—
Meaning his wife—
If she was
Going to church.
And I thought
That was funny—
If that's the
Right word.
Strange is better
Maybe—
Or tragic—
Or Unfortunate.
I couldn't see why
It should be a
Matter for debate:
Because she was
In good health,
And they were
Members of the
Church.
Your children don't
Ask if they are
Going to school
Today.
They know they are—
If they aren't sick
Or Can't make it
You think they are.
I was wondering
Why going to church
Isn't taken for
Granted,
And how many
Fires would get
Put out
If only the
Chief got there,
And the volunteers
Came when they
Felt like it.

—Author Unknown

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should be in the office, preferably in writing,
not later than 9:00 A.M. Mondays.



*Gone to Watchnight
Service at Church.
Will be back next year.*

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:30 P.M. — Film "The Great Commandment"
11:00 P.M. — Refreshments
11:30 P.M. — Worship Service
in the Sanctuary



NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:

51. Mr. Joseph H. Hamilton, 4801 West Jackson St. Frcm: New Life Baptist Church, Bay Minette, Ala.
52. Mr. Tom Standley, CVS 16, USS Lexington, NAS. From: Scott Memorial Baptist Church, San Diego, Calif.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
T. 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.—Student Night at Christmas

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE
9:30 p.m.—Film "The Great Commandment"
11:00 p.m.—Refreshments
11:30 p.m.—Worship Service in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

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
7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service
8:30 p.m.—Brotherhood Planning
Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

9:30 a.m.—W.M.U. Executive Committee
Meeting—Fellowship Hall
2:00 p.m.—Faithful Workers Business and
Social meeting with Mrs. R. L.
Kendrick, 500 W. Avery St.
6:30 p.m.—Basketball Game: First Baptist
vs Richards Memorial Methodist
YMCA
7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

2:00 p.m.—Convention Bible Class Business
and Social with Mrs. W. T. Hart-
grove, 816 North 6th Ave.
2:30 p.m.—Willing Workers Business and
Social Meeting with Mrs. O. H.
Smith, Sr., 306 W. Lloyd.
7:30 p.m.—Associational Church Library
Meeting Oakcrest Baptist
Church



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance	1036
Members Present	964
New Members	3
Visitors	69
Training Union Attendance	237
Members Present	218
New Members	1
Visitors	18
Additions to church membership	
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$6,322.36
Specials	461.83
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering ..	1,111.41
Organ Fund	40.00
Building Fund	244.07
TOTAL OFFERING	\$8,179.67



You are not one person but three—
the one you think you are, the other
people think you are, and the one God
knows you to be.