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PASTOR



A New Year's Promise

Another year I enter,
Its history unknown;
Oh, how my feet would tremble
To tread its paths alone!
But I have heard a whisper;
I know I shall be blest:
"My presence shall go with thee
And I will give thee rest."

What will the New Year bring me?
I may not, must not know;
Will it be love and rapture,
Or loneliness and woe?
Hush! hush! I hear His whisper;
I surely shall be blest:
"My presence shall go with thee
And I will give thee rest."

—Anonymous

Pastor's Paragraphs

A GIFT

"Into each of your hands was placed on January 1st, a priceless gift. Let us look at it closely. There is no price mark stamped on it. It cannot be weighed because no scale can balance its value. A King's ransom in comparison is as nothing yet it is given to beggar and prince alike. The giver asks only that it be used wisely and well.



"This jewel, rare and unique, is not displayed in any shop window. It cannot be purchased, cannot be sold. No other treasure holds the possibilities this gift offers—none can surpass its golden splendor. Of all gifts this is the most precious, from the depths of a boundless love it is given. It will be left to you to find the golden thread running through it. Only with great care will the jewel retain its luster. Carelessness, ingratitude and selfishness will tarnish the brilliancy, break the unspoiled thread, mar the perfection.

"Let us guard it closely, lest through weak fingers, it slip from the hand. Look often at its faultless beauty. Accept it as it is offered from the heart of the giver. Consider it the most treasured of possessions, for of all gifts, it is by far the greatest. It is the gift of The New Year!"

Sunday will be the very first Sunday in the year 1963. I want to start the year with God—don't you? See you Sunday, 1300 Bibles strong.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

P.S. Let me take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your thoughtfulness during the Christmas season. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for the hundreds of beautiful cards and gifts. No man has ever worked with a more wonderful congregation than the pastor of this church!

THANK YOU

The Church Staff would like to say "Thank You" to the church family for remembering us in such a tangible way at Christmas.

The gifts, cards, calls, and other expressions are deeply appreciated and bring further joy in serving the Lord and you. We look forward to serving you together in 1963.

THE CHURCH STAFF.

THE Singing CHURCH

SOUL HARMONY

From the days of the creation, man's urge to worship has found expression some form of music. The right kind of music helps to bring us into fellowship with God so he can speak to our hearts. We can talk to God through music — often called the language of the soul.

When an atmosphere for worship is created, the pastor can preach better. Not only can he preach better, but the people of the congregation are better prepared to hear the message. Both pastor and people sense the moving of the Holy Spirit, the door of each heart is opened, and God enters to bless the worshiper.

To create an atmosphere for worship something must be done to unite the minds and hearts of those who make up the congregation. If our minds are not engaged in worship, we do not worship. It was Venning who said, "The tongue blessing God without the heart is but a tinkling cymbal; the heart blessing God without the tongue is sweet but still music; both in concert make this harmony, which fills and delights heaven and earth.

Music is God's instrument placed in man's hands. Its effectiveness depends upon us.

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A TASTE FOR READING

Give a man this taste
(And the means of gratifying it)
And you can hardly fail
To make him a happy man.
You place him in contact
With the best society
In every period of history
With the wisest and wittiest
The tenderest and bravest
Who have adorned humanity
You make him
A denizen of all nations
A contemporary of all ages.

—Sir John Herschel
Eton Library 1833

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Oud God Is Able"

Daniel 3:1-28

7:15 P.M.

"The Search for Security"

John 10:1-15

Bible Study Week



"STUDIES IN MATTHEW THE KING AND THE KINGDOM"

Taught by Dr. Roland Q. Leavell
President Emeritus
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

January 7 - 11
Morning Class 9:30 - 11:00 A.M.
Evening Classes 7 - 8:30 P.M.

At the evening hour the following additional
courses will be taught:

Juniors — "This Is My Bible";
Primaries — "The Story of Samuel";

The nursery will be open morning and evening
to care for pre-school children.

Studies in Matthew

W. M. U. MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

In cooperation with the January Bible Study Week the W. M. S. meeting Tuesday will begin at 11:00 a.m. The schedule will be as follows: 11:00 A.M.—Program; 11:45 A.M.—Business; 12:30 P.M.—Lunch.

The speaker for the program will be Admiral Austin K. Doyle, USN Retired. Admiral Doyle was in command of a Naval Unit on Formosa for some time during the '50's, and is a personal friend of Chiang Kai-Shek.

LET'S READ THE BIBLE

LET'S READ The Bible more this year, J. Edgar Hoover has asked, "Do we as Christians take enough time to read the Bible, the writings of our prophets and men of God during the past 20 centuries. Are we digging deeply enough in the wells of our faith?" He then significantly adds, "The Bible gives inspiration, zeal and guidance for life. To neglect is to reduce our national strength."

IS THIS YOUR COMMITMENT? YOU CAN COUNT ON ME IN SIXTY-THREE.

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to Honduras.

All material to be included in The Builder
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not later than 9:00 A.M. Mondays.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1057
Members Present	993
New Members	4
Visitors	60
Training Union Attendance.....	260
Members Present	237
New Members	3
Visitors	20
Additions to church membership	6
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$8,471.38
Specials	106.75
Lottie Moon	511.96
Building Fund	104.63
TOTAL OFFERING	\$9,194.72
TOTAL LOTTIE MOON	
CHRISTMAS OFFERING	\$6,903.74



NEW MEMBERS

FOR BAPTISM:

14. Mr. Henry B. Parramore, 3810 Maule Road
BY LETTER:
53. Dr. Charles F. Fosha, 707 North Kirk St.
From: Millington Baptist Church,
Millington, Tenn.
54. Mrs. Charles E. Fosha (Edna)
55. Miss Randy E. Fosha
56. Miss Rhonda Fosha
57. Mrs. Henry B. Parramore, 3810 Maule Rd.
From: Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church,
Jacksonville, Florida



ARE YOU ONE OF THE 2,000 ENROLLED IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL?
BE PRESENT SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

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.—Evening Worship. Pastor

8:30 p.m.—Senior Teen Time at the church

8:30 p.m.—Intermediate Teen Time at the church

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

9:30 a.m.—BIBLE STUDY

7:00 p.m.—BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

9:30 a.m.—BIBLE STUDY

11:00 a.m.—WMS GENERAL MEETING

11:00 a.m.—Program

11:45 a.m.—Business

12:30 p.m.—Lunch

7:00 p.m.—BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

9:30 a.m.—BIBLE STUDY

5:00 p.m.—Children's Choirs

5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner

7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service. Dr. Leavell

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

9:30 a.m.—BIBLE STUDY

7:00 p.m.—BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

9:30 a.m.—BIBLE STUDY

7:00 p.m.—BIBLE STUDY



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Sympathy To:

Dr. Henry L. Ashmore and Mrs. Floreine Marshall in the loss of their mother.

Baptist Hospital:

Billy Hinson, Mr. John L. Vaughn, Mr. J. B. Hokpins, Mrs. Tate Bousman.

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Miss Maxine Kent.

Home From Hospital:

Mrs. W. P. Mooty; Mr. Henry B. Parker; Mr. L. P. McDowell; Wyatt Shows, Jr.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers for the sanctuary on Sunday will be given by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Seiffert in memory of their infant daughter.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK — The greatest need of God's people today is power and power is within easy reach of every Christian through prayer. (Scripture suggestion: Ephesians 3:20).