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PASTOR



## "MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR THEE"

When, sin-stricken, burdened, and weary,  
From bondage I longed to be free,  
There came to my heart the sweet message:  
"My grace is sufficient for thee."

Though tempted and sadly discouraged,  
My soul to this refuge will flee,  
And rest in the blessed assurance:  
"My grace is sufficient for thee."

My bark may be tossed by the tempest  
That sweeps o'er the turbulent sea—  
A rainbow illuminates the darkness:  
"My grace is sufficient for thee."

O Lord, I would press on with courage,  
Though rugged the pathway may be,  
Sustained and upheld by the promise:  
"My grace is sufficient for thee."

Soon, soon will the warfare be over,  
My Lord face to face I shall see,  
And prove, as I dwell in His presence:  
"His grace was sufficient for me."

—Author Unknown.

# Pastor's Paragraphs

## THE BIBLE AND HEAVEN

In spite of the cold weather, God gave us a wonderful day last Sunday. The attendance in all of the services was excellent.



The hundreds of faithful Christians who attended the services know why the Psalmist said, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

The good Lord willing, I plan to preach on the subject of Heaven next Sunday. I am most anxious for you to hear this message. We have many questions in our hearts and minds about heaven. What will heaven be like? Will we recognize our loved ones? These and many other questions crowd into our mind when our thoughts turn to heaven. The Bible provides the answers. Bring your Bible and come to the Lord's House on Sunday. I'll be looking for you then, 1300 strong.

Faithfully in His service,

*James L. Pleitz*



A gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials.

He is not only idle who does nothing, but he is idle who might be better employed.—Socrates.

The highest reward that God gives us for good work is the ability to do better.—E. Hubbard.

After looking at the earth for six days we need the Sabbath in which to look up.

# ~~As I See It!~~

By CLYDE K. BIZZELL

## OUR TASK

In a recent sermon on "The Redemptive Fellowship" our pastor said:

" . . . The redemptive fellowship has not been seeking the redemption of others as we should. But our task does not end there. The work of the redemptive fellowship is not completed when we have won others to Jesus. We are to seek by every conceivable means of strengthen them in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We are to help these babes in Christ as they grow and mature. We must realize that we have a responsibility to these who come and profess their faith in Jesus, and we must never take the attitude that once they're reached we can wash our hands of them. I wonder how concerned some of you Sunday School teachers are about those on your roll that never come. I wonder if you've called, I wonder if you've gone by, I wonder if you've shown any interest. I wonder if you've just washed your hands of the whole affair. Our job is not done when they have been won to Christ. We must continue to seek their edification. We must help them to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, else we fail our Master."

I believe that he has highlighted our two-fold task: to reach the lost and to develop the saved. This is a task which will not be completed until our Lord returns. And, it demands our best in planning and in doing.

## LAST WEEK

Last week was one of the most profitable weeks I have ever spent. I had the privilege of attending the first of several seminars on Church Administration sponsored by the Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. This department is doing an excellent job of providing materials on church administration, and in providing conferences on this subject.

This trip to Nashville also gave me an opportunity to see for the first time the facilities of our Sunday School Board. This in itself was worth the trip. If you are in Nashville, be sure to go to the Sunday School Board. They are always happy to receive visitors and will give you a guided tour.



11:00 A.M.

"What the Bible Teaches About Heaven"

John 14

7:15 P.M.

"The Ascension"

Acts 1:1-14

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Carroll, Jr. upon the birth of a boy, Bryan Clayton, January 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Seiffert on the birth of a daughter, Jan. 30.

### Sympathy to:

Mrs. Joe Rankin in the loss of her father.

### Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. O. H. Smith, Jr.; Mrs. Velma Powers; Mrs. Harry Merritt; Mr. M. A. Farmer; Mr. F. Richard Bower; Mrs. R. L. Williams; Mary Ann Maddox.

### Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mr. Henry Mertins.

### Escambia General Hospital:

Mrs. Angie Wiggins.

### Emory University Hospital, Atlanta, Ga.:

Mr. Thomas B. Sturgis, Miss Maxine Kent.

### Naval Hospital:

2/Lt. Larry Gibson, Mr. Henry B. Parker; Mrs. Marshal King.

### Home From Hospital:

Mrs. Vallie Frazier; Mrs. L. L. Hanks; Mr. George Holladay; Mrs. Martha Lane; Mrs. Mary Evelyn Touart; Mr. B. W. Matthews; Mrs. J. M. Wallace; Billy Hinson; Mrs. Janie Todd.

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## NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, January 13

### BY LETTER:

76. Miss Martha Boghich, 1101 E. Jackson St. From: East Hill Baptist Church, Pensacola.

Sunday, January 27

### BY LETTER:

77. Mr. Vaughn Timothy Gammell, 6610 Schwab Dr. From: Lakeview Baptist Church, Auburn, Ala.

78. Mr. Robert L. Gardner, 5210 Springhill Dr., Springdale. From: First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ala.

79. Mrs. Robert L. Gardner.

80. Mr. Bobby Gardner.

81. Mr. Kenneth M. Napier, CVS 16, USS Lexington, NAS. From: North Jacksonville Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

82. Mrs. G. C. Odom, 3950 Bayou Blvd. Cordova. From: Northside Baptist Church, W. Columbia, S. C.

83. Mr. Cole Odom.

84. Mr. Madison Lon Roberts, III, 104 W. Jackson St. From: Clinton Baptist Church, Clinton, Miss.

### BAPTIZED:

Mr. Clyde Eldiwetw

Mrs. Clyde Eldiwetw

Miss Kathy Jones

Mr. Jack Templeton

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Do not talk about what you would do if you only had a chance. The men who have moved the world made their own chances; seeing opportunities to do little things, they seized upon them and did them well.—Selected.

## THE Singing CHURCH

### ASSOCIATION MUSIC FESTIVAL

February 8 - 9

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH  
2311 North 12th Avenue

First Baptist Church will be represented by the Youth Choir at the Friday evening session at 8:30 p.m. On Saturday at 9 a.m. each of the four Children's Choirs will appear. A meeting room will be assigned to each Choir; their robing will take place in that room. All choirs will remain for the whole program. Parents are invited to attend this great annual event.

## STATE MUSICAL FESTIVAL

February 15 - 16

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
CRESTVIEW, FLORIDA

Below is a poem which tells what happened when Mr. I Can't Sing found that he could.

This is the story of I Can't Sing,  
Who wouldn't take part in anything.  
They begged and pleaded to no avail,  
"If I tried tossing my voice would fail."  
He would make excuses . . . until  
Some people said, "Well what's the  
use!"

Then one day Mr. I saw a need:  
The men in the choir were few indeed.  
"If you think it will do any good,  
I'll join the choir . . . I feel I should."  
With the choir director helping him  
along,

Soon Mr. I sang a lovely song.  
Then others joined the choir too.  
All of the sections grew and grew!  
The music improved to a great degree.  
The happiest person then was . . . me

—Kendall Smith

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## IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

In cooperation with the plans of the Southern Baptist Convention's emphasis this year on World Missions, we set our mission offering goals fifteen per cent higher than the previous year. Because you have given so generously, we feel that you will be happy to know that to date our Lottie Moon Offering is \$7,675.30. We are still, however, \$996.70 short of our goal of \$8,672.00.

The main object of our giving is not to reach a goal, but to give the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world. Some may have planned to give and wonder if it is too late — some may want to give a little more — everyone should know the joy of having a part. You can do so today! Take any envelope, enclose your offering, and write "Lottie Moon" across it. Do this now while there is yet time.

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



## LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Sunday School Attendance.....       | 1251       |
| Members Present.....                | 1202       |
| New Members.....                    | 11         |
| Visitors.....                       | 38         |
| Training Union Attendance.....      | 292        |
| Members Present.....                | 271        |
| New Members.....                    | 4          |
| Visitors.....                       | 17         |
| Additions to church membership..... | 8          |
| Baptized.....                       | 4          |
| Tithes and Offerings:               |            |
| Budget.....                         | \$5,212.10 |
| Specials.....                       | 435.70     |
| Building Fund.....                  | 92.25      |
| TOTAL OFFERING.....                 | \$5,740.05 |



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CRESTVIEW

Afternoon Session begins at 1:45 P.M.  
Evening Session begins at 7:00 P.M. The  
featured speaker will be J. Elwood Rawls,  
Pastor, Delaney Street Baptist Church,  
Orlando, Florida. The program will con-  
sist of inspirational speeches, a panel on  
age group work and conferences designed  
to help with specific problems on the age  
group levels.



**SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL  
AND WORSHIP SUNDAY**



## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.  
THERON 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, FEBRUARY 4

7:30 p.m.—Mary-Martha Class will meet with  
Mrs. E. A. Osborne, 1801 E. Strong  
Street  
7:30 p.m.—Charles Mullins Circle will meet  
with Miss Mary Lou Pitts, 1723 E.  
Gadsden Street

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

### WMS GENERAL MEETING

10:00 a.m.—Executive Committee Meets  
in Adult A Department  
10:30 a.m.—Missionary Program in Adult  
B Department  
11:15 a.m.—Business  
11:45 a.m.—Bible Study  
12:30 p.m.—Lunch  
7:30 p.m.—Boy Scout meet

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner  
6:30 p.m.—Teachers' & Officers' Meet  
Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, YWA's  
7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service  
8:15 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

6:00 p.m.—Faithful Workers Supper, hus-  
bands are invited. Fellowship  
Hall  
6:30 p.m.—Ruth Class, Adult D, will have  
supper meeting with Mrs. J. F.  
Busey, 1001 E. Strong St.  
7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

1:45 p.m.—Regional Sunday School  
Conference, First Baptist  
Chestview  
7:00 p.m.—Regional Sunday School  
Conference, First Baptist  
Chestview  
7:00 p.m.—Associational Music Festival  
Young People and Adults  
Central Baptist Church

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:00 p.m.—Association Music Festival  
Children's Choirs  
Central Baptist Church



## LIBRARY NOTES

"Beyond Ourselves" by Catherine  
Marshall will answer the needs of anyone  
searching for a more meaningful life, a  
more pertinent faith, and a more direct  
relationship with God. "Beyond Ourselves"  
is, quite literally, a spiritual auto-  
biography. In writing of guidance and  
forgiveness, of suffering and miracles, of  
answered prayer and healing, she blends  
personal experience with her extensive  
knowledge of and love for the Bible.

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