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YOUTH'S DEDICATION

I am YOUTH! I look ahead
Into the days of coming years.

I'm not alone, I'm unafraid
Of all the warnings and fears,

The hopeless tales that I am told
By pessimistic prophets here

Of what the future years will hold
Of what there is for me to fear

I hear them not, for they are wrong.

My world will be a happy one,

I make my own life, weak or strong,
And fearing not, my work is done,

Unafraid and not alone,
I face the world they painted grim,

I pledge my time and all I own,
And all my life I live for Him.

Into the distant time to be
I see that hope is burning strong,

I see my Lord awaiting me—
And seeing, follow with a song.

Oh, Lord, to Thee I dedicate
My life and all that I would be;

Into Thy hands I place my fate,
And having faith, I'll live for Thee.
(—Selected)

YOUTH WEEK — MARCH 17 - 24



LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE

Pastor's Paragraphs

I am so thankful that the flu epidemic is about over! Many of our people are "on the mend" as indicated by the attendance Sunday.



In just a short time our revival will begin. Guard these dates, April 15 - 21.

I sincerely pray that we'll put our heart and soul into this all-out revival effort.

Bernard Baruch, in a lengthy discourse on the matter of American integrity, made this significant statement: "... we have grown indifferent to the crucial issues confronting us—issues which will govern our future." We take this statement completely out of its context because we feel that these words can be applied to the Christian church which, by and large, is indifferent to crucial issues confronting her today.

"Apathy," says Mr. Baruch, is the "unforgiveable sin." Certainly this word, apathy, is descriptive of the Christian church. Not since the days of the Apostle Paul has the true church of Jesus Christ evangelized the nation of the world in each generation. And because of this apathetic condition, we find that with each succeeding generation the number of non-Christians has increased until today less than 10% of the world's population is even Protestant, let alone truly born again through faith in the atoning work of the Lord Jesus.

We must arise from our lethargy and apathy and be about "our Father's business" if we are to reach our generation with the Gospel. A tremendous responsibility and opportunity faces the members of our church in the seven-day period from April 15 through 21.

I'll be looking for you Sunday, 1250 Bibles strong.

Faithfully in Christ,

James L. Pleitz

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

EXTENSION MEMBER OF THE WEEK

For week beginning March 17

Mrs. Frances Bradley
2807 North 6th Avenue

PREACHER FOR OUR REVIVAL APRIL 15 - 21



DR. ROBERT L. SMITH
Pastor, First Baptist Church,
Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Sympathy To:

Mr. Robert N. Pyle in the loss of his father.

Baptist Hospital:

Mr. M. H. Holt; Mrs. T. S. Nabors;
Mrs. W. A. Webb; Mr. L. M. Gatlin;
Mr. Thomas B. Sturgis; Mr. Troy Booker.

U. S. Naval Hospital:

Mr. William Houghton

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mr. Henry Holt, Sr.; Mrs. William L. Warren; Mr. L. W. Bell; Mrs. Clyde Touart.

Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta, Ga.:

Mrs. Evelyn Silvers.

Home from Hospital:

Mrs. Clay Davis; Mrs. Ben McLeod;
Mr. W. F. Newman; Mrs. John D. Smith; Mr. Ben A. Stevens, Jr.; Mrs. John Yelverton; Mrs. Vivian Gordon;
Mr. Clyde Eldiwetw.

B. W. C. JOINT MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 19
7:30 P.M.

FELLOWSHIP HALL

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Simon—the Man Who Bore His Cross"

Matthew 27:26-32

7:15 P.M.

"The Reluctant Witness"

Luke 9:18

YOUTH WEEK SCHEDULE 1963 MARCH 17 - 24

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Presentation of the key to Bill Carr, Youth Week Pastor following evening service.

MONDAY, MARCH 18

12 Noon — Youth General Officers attend Associational Executive Committee Meeting, Woerner's Restaurant

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

5:50 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner

6:30 P.M.—Youth Sunday School leadership attending Teachers' and Officers' Meeting

7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service; Youth Week Assistant to the Pastor to bring message

8:15 P.M.—Deacons meet for instructions for ushering

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

6:00 P.M.—Spaghetti Supper, Church Dining Room

6:50 P.M.—Leave for Olive Baptist Church via bus

7:30 P.M.—Associational Youth Night

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

9:30 A.M.—Youth Week Teachers and Officers in charge of Sunday School

11:00 A.M.—Recognition of all Youth Week participants

4:30 P.M.—Youth Choir rehearsal

6:00 P.M.—Youth Week leadership directs Training Union

7:15 P.M.—Evening service directed by youth. Message brought by Bill Carr, Youth Week Pastor

FROM THE PASTOR EMERITUS

We have recently received a letter from Dr. G. J. Rousseau, pastor emeritus of our church. Dr. Rousseau expressed his appreciation for the many communications which he has received, too many to be answered personally. Mrs. Rousseau is confined to the bed. You will want to remember to pray for them.

"WHAT AM I DOING?"



"I'm calling all the boys and girls to come to Sunday School at First Baptist Church," says Perrie Kay Renfro, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Renfro.



LIBRARY NOTES

Overheard from the Library Shelves:
Adult Section — "Hey, how come I've been stuck up here on this shelf for so long? I know I'm good and would be good for any adult! Of course the adults in this church are smart people, but you're never too smart to learn more. It is tiresome just sitting here waiting. I need a little fresh air outing!"

Young People's Book — "Well, now that they have us all mixed in with you adults, I sure hope your luck won't be mine. I see all those lively, lovely teenagers around here and I'm waiting for one of them to take me off the shelf and cuddle me under his arm and take me right on home with him. That will be fun!"

Children's Corner — "Well, guess you might say there is a little more going on over here, but still I've been on this shelf since they put me here and that is too long. Yes, I heard the librarian say that last month only about 500 of the 4,000 books went out. Let's see—fractions . . . that isn't even half, or one-fourth! Subtraction? That leaves 3,500 of us in here stuck on the shelves. I believe someone is going to get me off here next Sunday." "Get me off" . . . the other 3,499 books echoed and re-echoed down the shelves, "me too, "me too," "me too" . . .

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to Honduras.

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



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1190
Members Present.....	1138
New Members.....	10
Visitors.....	42
Training Union Attendance.....	273
Members Present.....	264
New Members.....	2
Visitors.....	7
Additions to church membership.....	7
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$5,482.24
Specials	210.25
Annie Armstrong Offering.....	840.06
Building Fund	20.50
TOAL OFFERING	\$6,553.05

**TOTAL ANNIE ARMSTRONG
OFFERING TO DATE:.....\$1,446.59**

NEW MEMBERS

FOR BAPTISM:

24. Miss Bonnie Nadine Burton, 5980 San Gabriel Dr.
25. Miss Marsha J. Teck, 3700 West Jackson St.
- BY LETTER:
108. Lt. Cmdr. James V. Burton, 5980 San Gabriel Dr From: Bethany Baptist Church, Garden Grove, Calif.
109. Mrs. James V. Burton (L'ois N.)
110. Mr. James Burton
111. Mr. James R. Kersh, 3200 Torres Avenue. From: Trinity Baptist Church, Lawton, Okla.
112. Mrs. James R. Kersh (Ellen).

**ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL
MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 18
7:30 P.M.**

OAK HAVEN BAPTIST CHAPEL

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

- 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.—Intermediate Teen Time at the church
- 8:30 p.m.—Senior Teen Time at the home of Mary Peters, 4463 North 12th Avenue

MONDAY, MARCH 18

- 7:30 p.m.—Associational Sunday School
Meeting, Oak Haven Chapel

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Meet
- 7:30 p.m.—BWC Joint Meeting
Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

- 5:00 p.m.—Children's Choirs
- 5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
- 6:30 p.m.—Teachers' & Officers' Meeting
Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, YWA's
Special Study of "The Bible
and Prayer"
- 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service
- 8:15 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

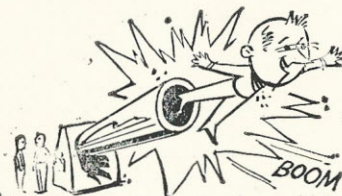
- 7:30 p.m.—Associational G.A. Meeting
Plainview Baptist Church
Speaker: Miss Carolyn
Weatherford
- 7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

- 7:30 p.m.—Associational Youth Night
Olive Baptist Church

OUTSTANDING CHURCH LEADER COMING TO PENSACOLA

Dr. Martin Niemoeller is coming to Pensacola April 7 through 11 under the sponsorship of the First Presbyterian Church. Dr. Niemoeller will speak to a city-wide church congregation at three o'clock Sunday, April 7, in our sanctuary. Make your plans now to hear this outstanding Christian and church leader.



"He said he was in a rush so he wouldn't miss Associational Baptist Youth Night."

**BAPTIST YOUTH NIGHT
SATURDAY, MARCH 23
7:30 P.M.
OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**