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PASTOR



An Unused Envelope Talks

Look inside this year's church envelope box. If you see me there, I'll tell you a story. Some of my brothers may be there too. They will repeat all I say.

I'll tell you the Sunday you missed church. Just check the date written on me. I can't tell you why you missed. You'll have to think back to remember. Was it a good reason—a reason, not an excuse!

I was designed to hold any amount you want to give. I look much better made fat with a love offering than I do flat, unsealed, and useless. I have no power over myself. I am your servant. I had counted so much on going to the Lord's treasury on my day. Now I never shall go.

I can tell you about your spiritual life, too. When I am used I speak of an honest heart. I could have been filled and taken to church later even though you missed attending on my Sunday.

Because I am still unused I speak of limits placed on God's work. Do you hear the cry of children without parents, do you see the sick without care, the ignorant untaught, the church not built, the Bibles not sent, the gospel not preached, the lost without hope?

I could have helped meet these needs if I had been used. I wanted to. You didn't fail me, you failed God; but you did make me share in the misery of the world.

I am empty and heartbroken. Look at me! Let me touch your conscience and stir your heart. Don't let my cousins in the 1963 envelope box tell my story. Use us for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Truthfully,
Your Unused Envelope

Pastor's Paragraphs

WOKE UP DEAD? THAT'S FATAL!

Governor John M. Dalton of Missouri devotes his weekly news letter to constituents to a discussion of state govern-



mental problems. Recently, the news was devoted to listing the causes of death which showed up in the vital statistics records. Among them were:

"Went to bed feeling well, but woke up dead."

"Don't no. Died without the aid of a physician."

"Blow on the head with an ax. Contributory cause — another's man's wife."

"Died suddenly. Nothing serious."

"Deceased died from blood poison, caused by a broken ankle, which is remarkable, as the automobile struck him between the lamp and the radiator."

I couldn't help but laugh when I read this article. In the minds of the people, there were many causes of death; however, in every case, the fact remained that the person did die!

It would be interesting to list the causes of death in the case of our Baptist churches. I am quite sure the number one culprit would be "desertion." So many of us fail to realize how vitally important to the life of the church it is for each member to be faithful. I would urge you to continue to support your church with your presence and your liberal gifts.

There is no doubt about it, the mortality rate for churches is considerably higher in the summer than in any other season of the year, but this need not be the case.

Yesterday you gave evidence of turning the summer slump into a surge! My heart was thrilled by the good crowds that attended the service. For the first time in our history, we went over the 1200 mark in the month of June. May the good Lord bless you for your faithfulness. I'll see you Sunday.

Sincerely your pastor,

James L. Pleitz



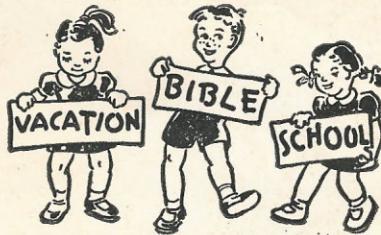
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 10 - 21



"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."

—Psalms 121:1-2.



On next Monday morning, promptly at 8:30 a.m., our boys and girls will march into the **FELLOWSHIP HALL** for the beginning of Vacation Bible School. Because of the congestion in the parking lot, parents who are coming to leave their children will find it easier to do so from LaRua Street.

Each child should be in the Vacation Bible School department corresponding to the department in which they are enrolled in Sunday School. In some cases where we have two departments within an age year in Sunday School, we will have only one department in Vacation Bible School; but children enrolled either in Primary 6A or 6B of our Sunday School should be in Primary 6 in Vacation Bible School. Please do not ask for exceptions to be made. Just remember that almost all of the children in Nursery 3, for example, are now four years old, but their place in Vacation Bible School is still in Nursery 3 department.

Our workers are ready and we are looking for every child Monday morning at 8:30.



CIRCLES RESPONSIBLE FOR SERVING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The following circles have been asked to assist with the serving of refreshments during Vacation Bible School. Four persons will be needed each day and these are to be present in the kitchen in the basement of the educational building by 9:15 a.m.

- June 10—Mamie Lou Posey Circle
- June 11—Bernice Neel Circle
- June 12—Laura Frances Snow Circle
- June 13—R. C. Moore Circle
- June 14—Martha Haylock Circle
- June 17—T. N. Callaway Circle
- June 18—Virginia Cobb Circle
- June 19—Stanley Davis Circle
- June 20—Dottson Mills Circle
- June 21—Harvey Headrick Circle

EXTENSION MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Week Beginning June 9

Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Mertins
547 East 54th Street

MEMORANDUM TO: Mama (and Papa, too)

FROM: J. D. Grey, Pastor First Church, New Orleans, La.

SUBJECT: Sunday Night And Your Children

During the school year you have told me, "We can't bring the children out on Sunday night for Training Union and church service because they have to get to bed early so they can be ready for school Monday morning." We didn't argue with you. However, we noticed many, many parents bringing their children, even the little ones, on Sunday nights and it didn't interfere with the children's school program for here at the close of the school year we know of many instances where these same children did better work than others and walked off with top honors!

But now, let's face it—school is out! Let the youngsters come to Training Union and church service on Sunday night. We say, "let" because they love to come. They get a real enjoyment out of the various activities carried on on Sunday nights. By bringing them, you are showing them that the Lord's Day doesn't end at noon on Sunday, but it includes Sunday night as well.

Vacation time is here. They can have their recreation and fun during the other six days of the week, but train them to "save their Sundays for the Saviour." Don't you plan those Sunday recreational activities that will take them from the Sunday School, Training Union, and church on the Lord's Day. If you do they will get the notion that the Lord's Day isn't important because it isn't important to their parents. Sure, dad works during the week and wants to have some fun with the kids, but there is time during the week for this. Dad does need to be with the family some, but doesn't this "being with" the family include the most important thing of all—studying the Word of God, training for service, and worshipping the Lord.

One final word: has this "stay-at-home-Sunday-nights" program made you and your family into "television addicts"? If so, your ability, "You have to go to school tomorrow", won't work. The kids will see through it. They will soon suspect that the things of the Lord's house are not too important after all in your thinking. So, come on, mama and papa, turn off the television, crank up the family car (take the bus, or hitch a ride, bring your whole outfit to Training Union and the important evening service. You'll be glad you did!

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New Books in the Library:

For Young People and Children:
"George Washington, Frontier Colonel", by North
"The Wonderful World of Archaeology" by Pearce
"Mission 313" by Case
"Prisoners of the Polar Ice" by Allen
"Pro Football Rookie" by Jackson
"Diamond Head Diver" by Somas
"Wanted, A Brother" by Bell
"Wild Geese Flying" by Meigs
"School Helpers" by Hoffman
"Kittens and Puppies" by Burrows

For Adults

"Needlecraft Encyclopedia" by Carroll
"The Cost of Discipleship" by Bonhoeffer
"Notes on the Psalms" by Morgan
"Psalms" by Meyer
"I Found God in Soviet Russia" by Noble

The Mountain Climbers made a good start Sunday when 178 books were checked out. Now is the time to get started to enjoy a leisurely, happy climb to the highest peak.

L.T.S.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Power of Words"
James 3:1-12

7:15 P.M.

"Barriers to Blessings"
Mark 2:4

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptist Hospital:

Mr. A. F. Downey, Mrs. Imogene Stewart, Becky Allen, Mrs. Mary Evelyn Bores, Mrs. Clarence Streetman, Mrs. Sue Burks, Mrs. Frances Little, Mrs. Norma Conlon, Mrs. Marguriet Emmons.

Sacred Heart:

Mrs. E. W. Caro.

Naval Hospital:

Mr. W. W. Foster.

Hospitals out of the City:

Mrs. Charles R. Mitchell, Brad Ward.

Sympathy to:

Mrs. H. T. Lenz in the death of her brother.

Congratulations to:

Marsha Teck and Ray Overton on their marriage, May 31.
Martha Stevens and Eugene Gay on their marriage June 1.

Home From the Hospital:

Mr. James Pippin, Miss Dale Evans, Mrs. Janet Rhodes, Mrs. Ida McClure, Mr. Max Kohr.



THEREFORE, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.—I Cor. 15:58.



Facts are worthless to men if they have to keep running to somebody else for advice on how to use them.



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

FIRST BAPTIST YOUTH DESERVE PRAISE

Aren't you proud of our youth? Many of our young people have succeeded in special attainments during the past school year. So much is being said about the short comings of our young people that we feel we would like to share some of the exceptional achievements by our prized youth.



One of these in our Intermediate section is Patricia Jernigan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jernigan. Pat's scholastic record received recognition by being the highest three-year record at Brentwood Junior High School. She was honored in the G. A. Coronation after having passed her Forward Steps for Queen. She received the Curve Bar in Girl Scouts. All of these honors were received in the period of one month. Pat studies voice with Mrs. Roger Hester and piano with Mr. Lonard Gay. She has made a commitment for special service and has strong interests in the medical field and particularly that of nursing.

Join me in congratulating this young Christian girl and the many others in First Baptist Church who are doing their very best to honor Christ in all they do.



SUNDAY NIGHT STUDIES

Beginning next Sunday night, we are offering a special study on the theme "How to Study the Bible." This study group will meet during the Training Union hour and is designed for those persons not now enrolled in Training Union. Some of the topics to be studied are: The Importance of Bible Study; A Look at the Book; Approaches and Methods in Bible Study; Principles of Bible Interpretation; Aids to Bible Study; The Use of the Bible in Meeting Personal Problems; Bible Reading Habits of Well Known Americans.



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

BROTHERHOOD SUPPER MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 10
6:15 P.M.

SPEAKER:

D. P. Caldwell

Chief of Police, City of Pensacola

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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.....	1205
Members Present.....	1154
New Members	1
Visitors	50
Training Union Attendance.....	313
Members Present	251
New Members	2
Visitors	60
Additions to church membership.....	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$5,955.96
Specials	154.44
Building Fund	63.75
TOTAL OFFERING	\$6,174.15



SOFTBALL

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

8:20 p.m.—First Baptist vs. Brownsville
Baptist, Exchange Park,
corner of West Jackson and
"J" Street.



R. A. LEADERSHIP COURSES

The Royal Ambassador Leadership Courses to be taught in our church next Monday and Tuesday evenings, June 10 and 11, provide an opportunity not only for those men now serving as counselors, but for members of the R. A. Committee, fathers and other interested men to learn more about this important work.



Opportunities for the Week

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron Guthrie, Supt.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service
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
8:30 p.m.—No Teen Time. City-wide
Singspiration
at Warrington Presbyterian
Church

MONDAY, JUNE 10

6:15 p.m.—Brotherhood Supper Meeting
7:00 p.m.—Associational R. A. Leadership
Courses. Adult A&B Departments
7:30 p.m.—Deacons Meet

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

SEE WMS CIRCLES
7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Meet
7:00 p.m.—Associational R.A. Leadership
Courses. Adult A&B Departments

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

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

NO CHURCH CHOIR REHERSAL THURSDAY NIGHT



WMS CIRCLES

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

10:00 a.m.—
—STANLEY DAVIS CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. S. L. Davis, 1503 East Jackson Street
—LAURA FRANCES SNOW CIRCLE will meet
with Mrs. J. A. Johnston, 16 East Gadsden
Street

2:30 p.m.

—HARVEY HEARICK CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. Herman Williams, 3636 Menendez Dr.

7:30 p.m.

—ROBERT GOLDIE CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. H. C. Dove, 1100 East Lakeview

—ELEANOR O'HAVER HOWELL CIRCLE will
meet with Mrs. E. G. Newman, 1700 East
Mallory

—BILL COWLEY CIRCLE will meet with
Miss Maude Gillis, 416 Bay Boulevard, EPH



NEW MEMBERS

BY BAPTISM:

63. Jack Lurton, 2800 Magnolia Ave.
64. Carl Wheelus, 100 San Carlos St.,
Gulf Breeze, Fla.

BY LETTER:

159. Miss Vivian Ann Farrar, 754 Tanglewood
Dr., Dawson Memorial, Birmingham,
Alabama.

160. Mrs. E. W. Caro, 1306 E. Gonzalez St.,
Statement



THINGS TO REMEMBER

Why not change the pattern of your
prayers now and then? Wake up some
morning and ask, "Dear Lord, is there
anything I can do for you today?"

—Presbyterian Life