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JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



UPON ENTERING A NEW YEAR

Sunday will be a most significant day. It will offer us our first opportunity to worship together as a church family in the year 1964.

Many of us have been thinking about some resolutions for the New Year. As pastor and people we should resolve together:

I WILL forget the past and honor God more in 1964!

"... forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." — Phil. 3:13b, 14.

I WILL live for Christ before the world!

"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." — Phil. 1:21.

I WILL trust God with a strong faith!

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." — Hebrews 11:1.

I WILL be faithful to my Church!

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." — Hebrews 10:25.

I WILL honor God with my income!

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." — Malachi 3:10.

I WILL help bear the other's burdens!

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." — Gal. 6:2

I WILL train whatever talents God has given me for His Church!

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." — II Timothy 2:16.

I WILL faithfully witness to the Lost!

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." — Psalms 126:5, 6.

I'll look forward to seeing you and each member of your family in the Meeting House Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,
JAMES L. PLEITZ

READ THE N.T. IN 1964

The Sunday School and Training Union departments of the Baptist Sunday School Board are promoting the reading of the New Testament by every Southern Baptist, Intermediate and above, in 1964.

Dr. Albert McClellan, program planning secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, explains, the origin of this plan:

"Read the New Testament through in one year—this is the challenge of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. It became a part of the program for 1964 when Dr. Porter Routh, the executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee pointed out that the modern missionary movement which was ignited by a personal knowledge of the Bible by thousands of earnest men and women who believed that the gospel of the Bible was good news for all the world. The power of the Bible can be felt only as people read it and study it. As the Jubilee year arrives let every man, woman and young person resolve to read the New Testament through, following the plan recommended by the Training Union and implemented in *The Bible Reader's Guide and Missionary Prayer Calendar*.

Vigorous promotion will be given to this plan throughout the Southern Baptist Convention in 1964. You are urged to resolve out of gratitude to God for His many blessings to join in this program for reading the New Testament through in 1964.

Those who follow the Bible Readers' Course in the Training Union materials will need to enlarge upon your reading in order to read the entire New Testament. The plan calls upon us to read Matthew and Mark in the first quarter, Luke and John in the second quarter, Acts through Galatians in the third quarter, and Ephesians through Revelation in the fourth quarter.

Each week's Builder will carry in a boxed announcement the Readings for the next week as the one below:

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5-10

Matthew, Chapters 1 through 5

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Rejected Christ"

(Luke 4:31-37)

7:15 P.M.

Message by Pastor

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mrs. Annie Belford and are being given by Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Belford.



NEW YEAR

Dear Master for the coming year
Just one request I bring:
I do not pray for happiness,
Or any earthly thing—
I do not ask to understand
The way Thou ledest me,
But this I ask: Teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

I want to know Thy guiding voice,
To walk with Thee each day.
Dear Master, make me swift to
hear

And ready to obey.
And thus the year I now begin
A happy year will be—
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

—Author Unknown



DON'T MISS ONE OF THESE

Beginning on January 5, 1964, our Sunday School lessons will provide insights into the lives of people who knew the Christ of Christmas best.

These studies, beginning with Mary, the mother of Jesus, will be about twenty-three persons who knew Jesus well. The aim for this series of lessons is to lead each Sunday School member to encounter Christ in their personal lives today. Persons to be studied include: Peter, Andrew, Nicodemus, Pilate and many others.

Don't miss one of these lessons!



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"If you are called on to play or sing at a church service, never forget you are accorded one of the greatest privileges; one more beautiful than to attend the most brilliant concert."—Albert Schweitzer.

Bible Study Week

January 12-16

Dr. Russell Bradley Jones, widely known author and Bible teacher, will be our teacher for Bible Study Week January 12-16, Monday through Thursday.

Dr. Jones is Professor Emeritus of Bible at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee, a former president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and has served as a member of the Education Commission and the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He has held pastorates in Tennessee, Maryland, Georgia, and Manila, Philippine Islands.

Dr. Jones is the author of a number of widely read books including *A Survey of The Old and New Testaments*; *The Epistles of James, John and Jude*; *These Things Which Shall Be Hereafter*; *The Epistles to Timothy*; *Calvary Attitudes*; and *Gold From Golgotha*, which has sold over 40,000 copies.



DR. R. B. JONES

Dr. Jones will be teaching *The Letter to the Ephesians* in morning and evening classes Monday-Thursday, January 13-16. There will be classes for other age groups too.

**COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS TO HEAR THIS
OUTSTANDING BIBLE TEACHER**

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptist Hospital:

Mr. Earl Kendrick, Miss Iva Hart,
Mrs. Curtis Brown

Home From Hospital:

Mrs. Mamie Peake, Mr. George L.
Carter, Mrs. Vivian Gordon, Mr. Roy
Caton, Mrs. John Busey, Mr. Vernie
Chance

Sympathy To:

Mr. Judson Gillespie in the loss of his
mother.
Mrs. Edward Boddy in the loss of a
sister

Congratulations To:

Miss Jane Hall and Mr. Donald Knapp
upon their recent marriage



CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES MAILED

The church offering envelopes for 1964 have been mailed to each Church and Sunday School member. Please begin using them on Sunday, January 5, 1964. If you have not received your packet by January 3rd, please call Mrs. Rountree at the church office, 433-5631.



Sunday Night Belongs to the Church

PAPER FOR TOUR

The Youth Choir will be holding a paper drive. The funds raised from the drive will go toward expenses for the choir's first tour in June. If you have any papers, magazines or old rags, please contact Sherran Holt at 476-3809 anytime between 6:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. weekdays and between 1:00 and 4:00 P.M. on Saturday and Sundays. Papers and rags should be bundled for pickup by the choir members.



NEW MEMBERS

FOR BAPTISM:

10. Mr. Ray Camp, 308 Second Street
Edgewater

BY LETTER:

63. Mr. S. A. Taylor, Jr., 103 Firethorne
Road, Gulf Breeze.
From: First Baptist Church,
Gulf Breeze
64. Mrs. S. A. Taylor, Jr.
65. Mr. Bill Taylor
66. Miss Susan Taylor

DEACONS OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY

Mr. Sam Jordan, Jr.
Mr. C. H. Overman, Jr.

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James L. Pleitz, Pastor.....HE 3-1502
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Mrs. Arthur Haylock, Our Missionary
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..... 978
Members Present.....913
New Members..... 6
Visitors 59
Training Union Attendance..... 212
Members Present.....188
New Members.....
Visitors 24

Additions to church membership..... 5
Tithes and Offerings:
Budget\$8,582.72
Specials 2,203.60
Building Fund 53.50
Lottie Moon 813.80

TOTAL OFFERING\$11,653.62

YOUR 1964 BUDGET PLEDGE
IS NOW IN EFFECT.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR MEMBERSHIP OPENS

During two periods each year the enrollment is opened for new members. Each choir has a maximum number to be enrolled and when this figure is reached, the enrollment is closed. There now exists these vacancies:

Junior Choir.....10
Primary III10
Primary II 4
Primary I 3
Beginner II 4
Beginner I 2
Intermediate Girls — No Limit
Youth Choir — No Limit



SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

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.
Homer Reed, Director
7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship
8:30 P.M.—Intermediate Teen Time at the church
8:30 P.M.—Senior Teen Time will be held in the Activities Center

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

6:15 P.M.—Brotherhood Meeting
7:30 P.M.—Deacons Meeting
7:30 P.M.—Associational Library Meeting
East Hill Baptist Church

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

WMS DAY SOCIETY
11:00 A.M.—Business Program (Adult
A Department)
11:45 A.M.—Bible Study
12:30 P.M.—Luncheon
6:00 P.M.—WMS NIGHT SOCIETY
Supper and Meeting
8:00 P.M.—The Friendly Class will meet
with Mrs. Dan Ward, 3031
North Magnolia

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

5:00 P.M.—Children's Choirs Meet
5:50 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
6:30 P.M.—Teachers' and Officers' Meeting
Sunbeams, GA's, RA's, YWA's
7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service
Meeting of Church Corporation
8:15 P.M.—Church Choir Rehearsal



NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as President of the First Baptist Church of Pensacola, a Florida Corporation not for profit, has called and does hereby call a special meeting of the members of said Corporation for Wednesday Evening, January 8, 1964, at 7:30 o'clock. The place of meeting is the church auditorium in Pensacola, Florida. This special meeting is called for the purpose of securing official action by the Church Corporation authorizing and directing the officers thereof to complete the purchase of the Hecht property at the corner of Palafox and Jackson Streets, Pensacola, Florida, and to execute and deliver to sellers a purchase money note and mortgage for a portion of the purchase price.

All members of the church are members of the Church Corporation.

This 29th Day of December, 1963.

Signed: EARL R. GASTON
As President As Aforesaid



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