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The Letter to the Ephesians

"Ephesians is considered by many people to be the greatest of Paul's writings"—Dr. Curtis Vaughn.

"One of the two or three most loved and most influential books among Christian scholars in all of the New Testament is the epistle to the Ephesians"—Dr. Duke K. McCall.

HEAR DR. RUSSELL BRADLEY JONES Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 7:15 p.m., Monday through Thursday at 9:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday at 7:00 p.m. (Wednesday 6:30 p.m.)



DR. R. B. JONES
Guest Teacher and Preacher

January Bible Study Week

Pastor's Paragraphs

FLEAS AND OTHER PARASITES

The final financial report for 1963 is now in. I am happy to announce that **BECAUSE OF YOUR FAITHFULNESS**



we went well beyond our budget needs for the year. With a budget of \$259,679, you gave \$272,267 through the budget of the First Baptist Church. **BECAUSE OF YOUR FAITHFULNESS** we will have several thousand dollars more to give to the cause of

world missions than we had anticipated. **BECAUSE OF YOUR FAITHFULNESS** we will be able to pay several thousand dollars more on our church debt than we had anticipated.

This marvelous record is possible because we have hundreds of people who are willing to follow God's plan of financing the work of the kingdom. You are the people who faithfully bring God's tithe into His storehouse week after week in obedience to what the Bible teaches. You good folk know the joy that comes in doing God's will. Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." This verse can also be read, "It makes one happier to give than to get."

The word is defined by Mr. Webster as "a plant or animal living on some other organism at whose expense it obtains food, shelter, etc." These words describe the parasite. The best example I can think of is the flea that lives on man's best friend—the dog. (I'll guarantee you that the flea is no friend to our best friend. He makes life miserable for Mr. Canine.)

Unfortunately, not all parasites ride around on the backs of dogs. Some are actually members of Baptist churches. They make no contributions, but simply live off of others.

I seriously doubt that any parasite is happy. This I know for sure, the very nature of the Christian life makes it imperative that we give of our time, and our talents, and our material possessions.

We don't have many parasites in the First Baptist Church and I sincerely pray that during the year 1964 those that we do have will stop riding on others and start carrying a portion of the load!

Make your plans to be in the Meeting House Sunday. I'll see you then.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

Bible Reading For The Week of January 12-17

Matthew 6:1 through 9:34



W.M.U.

1963 — WORLD MISSIONS YEAR

The year 1963 was known as "World Missions Year" in the Baptist Jubilee Advance. A goal of 1800 missionary appointments was reached with 180 missionaries being appointed.

With the increase in missionary appointments and activities, the need for more funds for churches, homes for missionaries, land and equipment for other facilities increases. In order to keep these missionaries on the field and to keep them supplied with many of their needs, we must continually increase our giving to the Foreign Mission Program. The growth of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has been one of the major factors for the advance in our missionary endeavor.

Our church set as its goal \$8,000.00 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions. To date we have given \$6950.01, leaving \$1049.99 to be given that we might share with the whole world the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. In order that we may fulfill our obligation and show our appreciation for unearned blessings, won't you join others in giving just a little more or if you have not given to the Lottie Moon Offering, take time now to make your gift. The need is great but the blessings received are greater.

May the Lord bless and prosper you in 1964 is my prayer.

MRS. ROBERT F. JERNIGAN
W. M. U. President



Hear Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs on
the Baptist Hour Sunday at 7:30
a.m. Station WNVY. Theme,
Timely Topics For Trying Times.
Sermon for Sunday, January 12—
"Accenting The Positive".



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.



Library Notes

THE OLD YEAR

What is the old year? 'Tis a book
On which we backward sadly look,
Not willing quite to see it close,
For leaves of violet and rose
Within its heart are thickly strewn,
Marking love's dawn and golden noon;
And turned-down pages, noting days
Dimly recalled through memory's haze;
And tear-stained pages, too, that tell
Of starless nights and mournful knell
Of bells tolling through trouble's air
The De Profundis of despair—
The laugh, the tear, the shine, the shade,
All 'twixt the covers gently laid;
No uncut leaves; no page unscanned;
Close it and lay it in God's hand.

—Clarence Army
"Quotable Poems"

"The Incredible Journey" by Shelia Bumford is the story of a young Labrador retriever, a Simese cat, and an old bull terrier who set out on a 250-mile trek through the Canadian wilderness. Separately, these housepets would have perished, but together they battle starvation, exposure, bobcat . . . and resist the human beings who would detain them. This is full of humor, suspense, and drama. It will appeal to lovers of adventure and lovers of nature, and is meant for everyone, of every age, who loves animals.

Some of you may want to read Dr. Sheldon's book, "In His Steps". We have three copies in the Library.

A good New Year's Resolution: I will read at least one book a month during 1964.

—LTS



The Very Newest

The rosebuds on the pulpit Sunday were placed there in honor of:

MASTER RICHARD LEE CAMPBELL

son of

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Campbell
who was born December 15

MISS TONI CHARMAINE BELLER

daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Beller
who was born December 17



There Is No Substitute
For Prayer and
Bible Study

Bible Study Week

EPHESIANS

January 12-16, 1964

"The Letter to the Ephesians"

Taught by Dr. Russell Bradley Jones

Our January Bible Study Week, featuring The Letter to the Ephesians, begins on Sunday with Dr. Russell Bradley Jones preaching at both services (11:00 A.M. and 7:15 P. M.)

Then, the morning class meets 9:30 A.M., Monday-Thursday in Fellowship Hall. The nursery will be open to care for pre-school children.

In the evenings (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday) the following classes will be taught:

Juniors: "Bible Heroes"—Mrs. W. E. Jackson.

Intermediates and Seniors: "Life at Its Best" — Clyde K. Bizzell.

Young People and Adults: "The Letter to the Ephesians" — Dr. R. B. Jones.

The nursery will care for pre-school children.

**PLAN NOW TO BE A PART
OF THIS STUDY**



CORRECTION

Under the "Paper for Tour" article in last week's BUILDER, the telephone number for Miss Sherran Holt should be 438-0738.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations To:

Miss Juanita Wilhite and Mr. Bill Peters who were married January 3.

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. Curtis Brown, Mrs. Harold Drown,
Mr. James F. Prim, Mr. W. T. Creel,
Mrs. Nell Gentry

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mrs. Maggie Brown, Mrs. W. L. Patterson, Mrs. M. B. Griffith, Wayne Martin, Jr.

Home From Hospital:

Mrs. Cecil Ray, Mr. Frank G. Johnson, Mr. Earl Kendrick, Mr. Wyatt Shows, Miss Iva Hart, Mr. Roy Macon

Our Sympathy To:

Mr. Russell Stewart in the loss of his father

Mr. C. W. Kingry in the loss of a sister



"When you avoid temptation TODAY—
be sure not to leave a forwarding for
TOMORROW!"

—From NAM Dateline

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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 writ-
ing, not later than 9:00 A.M. Mondays.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1170
Members Present.....	1122
New Members.....	6
Visitors.....	42
Training Union Attendance.....	266
Members Present.....	234
New Members.....	14
Visitors.....	18
Additions to church membership.....	12
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget.....	\$4,579.25
Specials.....	166.37
Building Fund.....	50.00
TOTAL OFFERING.....	\$4,795.62
RECEIPTS RECEIVED DECEMBER 30-31, 1963:	
Budget.....	6,033.77
Specials.....	1,039.00
TOTAL.....	7,072.77

YOUR 1964 BUDGET PLEDGE
IS NOW IN EFFECT

CITY SINGSPIRATION FOR ALL YOUTH

SUNDAY EVENING
8:45 P.M.

EAST HILL BAPTIST
JANUARY 12, 1964



SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

- 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron Guthrie, Supt.
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
Dr. Russell Bradley Jones
Broadcast over WCOA
2:30 P.M.—Associational GA Meeting
Beach Haven Baptist Church
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
Baptismal Service
Dr. Jones
8:45 P.M.—City-Wide Singpiration
East Hill Baptist Church

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

- 9:30 A.M.—Bible Study Week
Fellowship Hall
7:00 P.M.—Bible Study Week
Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

- 9:30 A.M.—Bible Study Week
Fellowship Hall
7:00 P.M.—Bible Study Week
Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

- 9:30 A.M.—Bible Study Week
Fellowship Hall
5:00 P.M.—Children's Choirs Meet
5:50 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
6:30 P.M.—Bible Study Week
Sunbeams, GA's, RA's, YWA's
7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service
Dr. R. B. Jones
8:15 P.M.—Church Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

- 9:30 A.M.—Bible Study Week
Fellowship Hall
7:00 P.M.—Bible Study Week
Fellowship Hall



NEW MEMBERS

FOR BAPTISM.

11. Mrs. C. M. Neal (Betsy), 738 Whitney
Drive

BY LETTER:

67. Mr. Cameron M. Neal
From: Forrest Park Baptist Church,
Montgomery, Ala.
68. Mr. T. E. Thames, Jr., 8 North Sunset
Blvd., Gulf Breeze.
From: First Baptist Church, Gulf Breeze
69. Mrs. T. E. Thames, Jr. (Becky)
70. Miss Teresha Thames
71. Mr. James K. Parker, 421 Surrey Dr.,
Gulf Breeze. From: First Baptist
Church, Gulf Breeze
72. Mrs. James K. Parker
73. Miss Carol Parker
74. Mr. Clint Parker
75. Miss Merle Thomason, 103 Adkison Dr.
From: Warrington Baptist Church,
Warrington
76. Mr. Charles W. Young, 391 Semur Rd.,
Cordova. From: Peniel Baptist Church,
West Monroe, La.
77. Mrs. Charles W. Young (Jean)
From: Beouf River Baptist Church,
Winnsboro, La.



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL
AND WORSHIP SUNDAY