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Every man witnessing for Christ

GOD WANTS A MAN

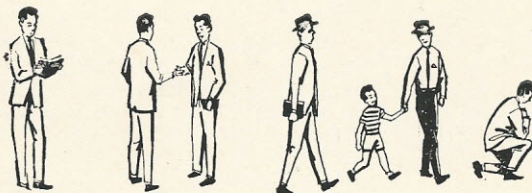
"God wants a man—honest and true and brave
A man who hates the wrong and loves the right;
A man who scorns all compromise with sin,
Who for the truth courageously will fight.

God wants a man who dares to tell the truth,
Who in the market-place will stand foursquare;
Whose word men trust—a man who never stoops
To hurt his fellow or to act unfair.

God wants a man—in lowly walk or high
Who to the world by daily life will prove
That Christ abides within the yielded heart,
Fitting that heart for serving and for love.

God wants a man of action and faith,
Whose life is something more than can't and talk;
Who lives each day as though it were his last,
And proves his faith by a consistent walk."

—Selected.



Baptist Men's Day



Pastor's Paragraphs

WHAT A FELLOWSHIP!

As a rule this song is reserved for the Sunday morning service. If you were in the service last Sunday you will understand why I am still singing the Doxology:

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

What a wonderful fellowship exists here in the First Baptist Church. The attendance in Sunday School last Sunday broke



all records for January. However, the greater asset is the spirit that prevails in the hearts of our people. This is much more valuable than mere numbers. The people who are really active in this church will tell you there is simply nothing like it in all the world. I am

grateful that God has called me to be your undershepherd.

The longer I live the more grateful I am to be a Baptist. It was a real thrill for me to meet last week, along with some other members of the Executive Committee, with members of our Foreign Mission Board in Richmond. This was my first visit to the Foreign Mission Board. I don't think I have ever been in a more impressive meeting. Thank God for dedicated men like Baker James Cauthen who give such splendid leadership to this most important phase of our Southern Baptist work. Rest assured that this work is in good hands.

The good Lord willing, I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday. Bring a friend and meet me at the Meeting House. Together we'll meet with the Master.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Last Beatitude"

(John 20:19-29)

7:15 P.M.

Men's Service

BAPTIST MEN'S — DAY —



JANUARY 26, 1964

Baptists stress "The Priesthood" of every believer. This means every person is a Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Each person enjoys the privilege of direct access to God through personal faith without the need of an "Intermediary". This further means the Layman must share with the ordained ministry the responsibility for Christian witnessing.

Our observance of Baptist Men's Day on next Sunday will include the following:

- 8:00 a.m.—Men's breakfast—The Skillet Restaurant, 501 East Cervantes. Dr. Henry L. Ashmore, Speaker
- 9:30 a.m.—Men in Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m.—Men in Worship
- 6:00 p.m.—Men in Training
- 7:15 p.m.—Men Speak for Christ

Men will be in complete charge of this service with five speakers as follows:

- "A MAN — AND BOYS"
- "A MAN — AND HIS WITNESS"
- "A MAN — AND HIS MONEY"
- "A MAN — AND MISSIONS"
- "A MAN — AND HIS RESPONSE"



LEARNING IMPROVEMENT CLINIC

The Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board is sponsoring a Learning Improvement Clinic at the First Baptist Church of Greensboro, February 24-28. The Clinic will involve a study by age groups on different phases of education in Church life. Anyone interested in attending this clinic is asked to get in touch with Mr. Reed or Mr. Bizzell.



Training Union

FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE EMPHASIS

Plans are in the making for an attendance emphasis in our Training Union for the four Sundays in February. Our objective will be "every member present or accounted for." We will be making a real effort to get every member in regular attendance in our Training Union.

SPECIAL MEETING

On next Wednesday evening we are asking the Union Leaders of adult unions to meet for a "workshop". This meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m.



LESSON COURSE STUDY PLAN

Announcement has been made of a new plan for granting credit in the church study course for participation by adults and young people in the lesson course study for their Training Union quarterlies. Requirements for earning credit in the new plan are:

1. Participating in specially designated units in the lesson course.
2. Reading an approved book in the Church Study Course outside the union.
3. Fulfilling make-up requirement as designated for union sessions missed.

The approved books for the present adult unit on "Fundamentals of Our Faith" are the following: *Living In The Faith* by Colson; *Our Doctrines* by Tribble; *Soul-Winning Doctrines* by Turner; *The Baptist Faith* by Mullins and Tribble; *The Faith We Share* by Trent; *What We Believe* by Boone; *These Things We Believe* by Turner.



CONTEMPORARY THINKING

"In all the most vital aspects of life no one can be specialist for anyone else. No one can eat, breathe, love for you. No one can believe in or serve God for you. There are no proxies for the soul."

"Call to your pulpits ever so eloquent preachers, with ever so steely hairs and ever so silver tongues and ever so golden hearts—the layman's life is still the decisive witness in the world. In his pew is the pulpit that finally counts."

Paul Hutchinson, Editor
Christian Century



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



Library Notes

The Associational Church Library Organization (TACLO for short) is having a banquet in our dining room Friday, January 31, at 7 p.m. You are all invited to attend. The theme is "The Church Library-Key to Many Doors." Tickets are available for \$1.25 in the Library.

We will also have conferences on library work Friday morning and evening, and Saturday morning. Anyone interested in learning some of this work is invited to attend.

—L.T.S.



CHURCHWIDE



Sweetheart Banquet

February 14, 1964 6:45 P.M.



CONGRATULATIONS!



We are proud of the young people of our church and community when they achieve worthwhile goals. Miss Connie Fleming, whose family is well known to us, graduated this week from Syracuse University with a B. S. Degree, majoring in accounting. The unusual thing about this achievement is that most of her college work has been completed while a member of the W. A. F.



**HEAR DR. HERSCHEL HOBBS
Sunday, 7:30 A.M.**

**Subject:
"Orphans in the Storm"
Station WNVY**

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not later than 9:00 A.M. Mondays.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1301
Members Present.....	1249
New Members.....	8
Visitors.....	44
Training Union Attendance.....	291
Members Present.....	272
New Members.....	1
Visitors.....	18
Additions to church membership.....	6
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget.....	\$5,103.46
Specials.....	269.03
Building Fund.....	58.00
TOTAL OFFERING	\$5,430.49



NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:

88. Mr. Shelby Guilbert, 2757 Bayou Blvd.
From: Memorial Baptist Church,
Arlington, Va.
89. Mr. George M. Lewis, 500 York Dr.
Gulf Breeze. From First Baptist
Church, Gulf Breeze
90. Mrs. George M. Lewis (Mildred)
91. Mr. Mark Lewis
92. Mr. Michael Andrew Lewis
93. Mr. Steve Lewis



**BIBLE READINGS FOR THE
WEEK OF JANUARY 26-31**

Matthew 14:15 through 18:20



SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

- 8:00 A.M.—Men's Breakfast
The Skillet Restaurant
- 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School for all ages
Theron Guthrie, Supt.
- 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship, Pastor
Broadcast over WCOA
- 4:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 P.M.—Training Union for all ages
Homer Reed, Director
- 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship
Men in Charge
- 8:30 P.M.—Intermediate Teen Time at
the Church
- 8:30 P.M.—Senior Teen Time at the home
of Fred McConnell — 2331
Dupont Drive — Cordova

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

- 10:00 A.M.—Associational WMU Executive
Committee. First Baptist
Church — Room 301
- 7:00 P.M.—Boy Scouts meet in Activities
Center
- 7:30 P.M.—Naomi Class will meet with Mrs.
G. R. McDonald, 2860 Blackshear

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

- 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
Training Union Workshop
- 7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service
- 8:15 P.M.—Church Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

- 9:00 A.M.—Associational Library Workers
Conference — FBC
- 7:00 P.M.—Associational Library Banquet
FBC Dining Room

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 8:30 A.M.—Associational Library Conference



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. Leeta Mae Newberry, Mr. James
L. Pippin, Mr. John Ackerman, Jr.

Sacred Heart:

Mr. W. H. Crawford, Mrs. J. F. Busey,
Mrs. J. E. Kelly

Naval Hospital:

Mr. W. W. Foster

Home From Hospital:

Mrs. Nell Gentry, Mrs. Emil Anderson,
Mrs. Herbert Gladden, Mr. James F.
Prim, Mr. Ralph Gonzalez, Mrs. W. L.
Patterson

Congratulations To:

Miss Hila Robinson and Mr. Russell
F. "Rusty" Minshew upon their re-
cent marriage

Miss Julia Ann Richardson and Mr.
Phillip Murray Cooper upon their
marriage January 11.