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PASTOR



A GUIDE TO GOOD LIVING

Learn to laugh—

A laugh is better than medicine.

Learn to attend to your own business.

Few men can handle their own well.

Learn to tell a story.

A well told story is like a sunbeam in a sick room.

Learn to say kind things—

Nobody ever resents them.

Learn to stop grumbling.

If you can't see any good in the world,
keep the bad to yourself.

Learn to love other people.

This is a doorway to the Kingdom.

Learn to place yourself in the other man's position before condemning,

It might change your whole outlook.

Learn the great lessons of the Bible.

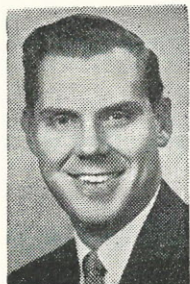
No greater lesson can be learned.

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Pastor's Paragraphs

THE PREACHING OF THE CROSS

Perhaps some of you saw the program on TV last Sunday afternoon. I had the opportunity of appearing with several



ministers on a panel. The topic of the discussion was the observance of Lent. As you know Baptists have not put much emphasis on the observance of Lent.

It seems to me, however, that in these days just prior to Easter all of us need to search our hearts. It should be a time when we ponder our relationship to Jesus Christ and just what it does mean to be a Christian.

Jesus said unless we are willing to bear a cross and follow after Him, we cannot be His disciple.

During the next several Sundays I plan to preach a series of sermons on the cross. Let me suggest that you read the scripture passages in order that these messages can be meaningful to your heart and your life.

"The Acceptance of the Cross — Matthew 26:42

"The Instigator of the Cross — John 18:1-23

"The Necessity of the Cross" — John 11:47-51

"The Magnetism of the Cross — John 12:32

I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday in the Meeting House. Come praying that God will meet with us.

Most sincerely,

James L. Pleitz



**THERE'S A CLASS FOR YOU
IN OUR S. S.**

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

**"The Acceptance of the
Cross"**

(Matthew 26:42)

7:15 P.M.

"Two Men Named Saul"

(I Samuel 26:21, 2 Timothy 4:7)



THE POWER OF THE PERSONAL TOUCH

The following appeared in the bulletin of the First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. I believe that this is proof positive that "WHEN WE GO, THEY COME".

For me and my wife, the past four weeks have been the most rewarding weeks of our lives.

I was asked to take the directorship of a Training Union department. The problem facing me was how to bring back the absentees. I decided that visitation is the best method to use.

One week before taking over the leadership of this department, my wife and I visited every member as well as absentees. That Sunday night was one of the most rewarding Sundays of my life. Three times as many came as had ever come on any given Sunday this year.

Three Sundays have passed and we are increasing every week. I have found out with stronger conviction than ever that visitation works. Nothing can take its place.

For the wonderful response I had, I give all the credit to the Lord. Anyone can have his experience with the Lord. If you want to do your church, and most of all your Lord, a service, visit regularly. You will receive blessings untold.

—Kenneth R. Harrison

INTERMEDIATE SWORD DRILL & SPEAKER'S TOURNAMENT

The date for the Associational eliminations in both the Sword Drill for Intermediates and the Speaker's Tournament for Young People will be March 9. It is our hope that we will have some young folk to participate in this activity this year.

By the way, two of our young people attended the planning meeting for the Associational Youth Night which will be held on March 21st.



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP SUNDAY

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23-28

Reading Through the New Testament
in 1964

Mark 1:1 through 4:41

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. Richard Kerekes, Mrs. William Lynch, Mrs. Ethel Straughn, Mrs. Jack Whitlock, Mrs. Barbara Beller, Mrs. George Markham, Jr., Mrs. Wayne Hickman, Mrs. Ruth Adams

Sacred Heart:

Mr. Charlie Rector

Navy Hospital:

Mrs. Marshall P. King

Home From Hospital:

Mrs. Inez Gober, Mr. Don Jensen, Mr. Thomas Jernigan, Mrs. Byron Lane, Mr. E. A. Guillot, Miss Sally Patterson, Mrs. Hugh Wilson, Miss Elva Gomillion (in Andalusia, Ala.), Mrs. Nell Gentry

Our Sympathy To:

Miss Mary Lou Blount in the loss of her father.

Mr. E. G. Owens in the loss of his mother.

E. W. Hopkins, Sr. in the loss of a sister.

The Very Newest

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of:

MASTER GARY GLEN WILSON
son of

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wilson
who was born February 10



MEN'S VISITATION

The men of the church will be having a special visitation day Thursday, February 27.

Under the sponsorship of the deacons and the Brotherhood, men of the Church are being asked to devote one night a month during 1964 to special visitation for Christ and the church.

A number of men have already committed themselves to this visitation effort. Others are invited to participate in this special visitation next Thursday.



COUNT ON ME, LORD

I'll be one to seek one . . . I'll be one to pray . . . I'll be one to find one . . . One who went astray . . . I'll be one to lead on . . . From sin to victory . . . I'll be one dear Jesus . . . To win one soul for Thee.

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REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR REVIVAL MARCH 29 - APRIL 5

Dr. Carl E. Bates, Preacher
Miss Joe Ann Shelton, Singer

YOU...TH *in Particular*

We have just learned of the good news concerning two First Baptist Church youth.

Shelby Guilbert has just received an appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

Bob Payne has been appointed to attend the Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York.

Our youth and workers in the youth division join in congratulating these men on this fine accomplishment.

—JH



VISION-NEED

Miss Annie Armstrong had a firm conviction that a Christianized American would mean a Christianized world. Her conviction and the help of Isaac Tichenor, first Secretary of the Home Mission Board, led the offering to build new churches as the population moved West and communities were in need of churches and building sites. This organized offering led to the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and in her honor the Annie Armstrong Offering and Week of Prayer for Home Missions. We can no longer take our freedom and Christianity for granted as day by day Satan finds new ways to separate us from God.

Today the greatest concentration of Christianity the world has ever known is in our Southland. Upon us rests the responsibility of making possible the gospel to every person or group in our area yet unreached. We have set as our goal \$2,500 for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. We must give that the needs around us may be met and pray that God will use us in His plan to help His Kingdom come in the land in which we live.

I heard three pastors Sunday warn that America was in a dying state, but this need not be so if ten million Baptists will take up the cross and say with dedicated hearts, "For love of Thee, I bear it." Say it with prayers — Say it with service — Say it with gifts.

—MRS. ROBERT F. JERNIGAN
WMU President



JUDSON COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

Judson College, a Baptist College for Women located at Marion Alabama, is holding Open House on Saturday March 21. This is especially planned for girls who are Juniors or Seniors in High School. Girls presently attending Pensacola Junior College might be interested in attending. If you are interested or need additional information, please call Miss Joan Peterson at HE 3-1478 or the church office by March 1.

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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.....1237
Members Present.....1185
New Members 10
Visitors42

Training Union Attendance..... 309
Members Present..... 285
New Members..... 6
Visitors 18

Additions to church membership..... 2

Tithes and Offerings:
Budget:\$4,978.26
Specials 588.85
Building Fund..... 28.00

TOTAL OFFERING.....\$5,595.11



NEW MEMBERS

FOR BAPTISM:

13. Mr. Richard Heath, 603 West
Lakeview Avenue

BY LETTER:

111. Mr. James Archie Shumpert, 416
Warwick St., Gulf Breeze.
From: First Baptist Church,
Gulf Breeze



HEAR DR. HERSCHEL HOBBS SUNDAY, 7:30 A.M.

Subject:

"Praying According To the Rules"
Station WNVY



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron Guthrie, Superintendent
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship, Pastor
Broadcast over WCOA
3:00 P.M.—Library Staff Meeting
in the Library
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, Pastor
—Baptism
8:30 P.M.—Intermediate Teen Time
Bayview Park
8:30 P.M.—Senior Teen Time to be held
at the church—Activities Center

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 6:45 P.M.—Associational Brotherhood
Meeting, East Hill Baptist Church
7:30 P.M.—MYP Class meetings
MYP Department — Nursery
will be open

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 7:00 P.M.—Boy Scouts Meet — Activities
Center
7:30 P.M.—Noami Class Meeting with
Mrs. W. A. Hibbert, 1716 Osceola
7:30 P.M.—Lydia Class Meeting with Miss
Ruth Watkins, 2046 N. 13th
Avenue

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 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
Special Study Group
7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service
8:15 P.M.—Church Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 7:00 P.M.—Men's Visitation



ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD MEETING

Monday, February 24

6:45 P.M.

East Hill Baptist Church

Theme:

Evangelistic Rally in Preparation for
Jubilee Revivals

Speaker:

Dr. W. J. Isbell,
Alabama Brotherhood Secretary

Be sure to get your ticket from Mr.
Charles Overman, Mr. Marvin Lee, Mr.
Gerald Garrett, or Mr. Clarence Taylor
Sunday.



MEN'S RETREAT CAMP ADA March 6-7

Registration blanks and information
available in the church office.