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PASTOR



YOU! MAKE THE DIFFERENCE YOU

are the church, and the success or failure of our coming revival depends upon the part that you play in it. This places this great responsibility squarely where it belongs . . . upon **you!**

Yes, your attitude and the extent **you** participate in the program of your church determines its success or failure.

If **YOU** win someone to Christ and church membership during these next several weeks we will have the greatest Revival we have ever had in this church.

If **YOU** pray, visit, and do personal work then the **VICTORY** is assured, but **you** have a part no one but you can fill. Success depends upon **YOU—YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.**

WHEN CHRIST SAID "GO YE" HE MEANT YOU!

Pastor's Paragraphs

"D" DAY MINUS 23

A woman wrote the editor of one of our Baptist papers a very critical letter. She berated the denomination, calling it an



"organized machine". She low-rated her own church, accusing it of having too much activity and wanting people to "give money". She frowned upon her church staff, calling them "dictators"; upon our denominational leaders, calling them, "Pharisees". She said, "I

have heard old-timers say we are no longer like Baptists and will have to look for another name."

Twelve days later the editor received another letter from the same woman. I quote the second letter: "Please do not publish the other letter I wrote. We have had a great revival, and I have to apologize for what I wrote. There has been a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and our church is no longer an organized machine. The revival has swept the whole church, and evangelists tell us it is happening all over the denomination. Thanks be to God."

The editor concluded: "The editor believes the church really had a revival, but he wonders if it were the preacher, education director, and denomination leaders who needed it most or the woman who changed her mind so quickly. It is amazing what one week's revival services can do for an individual as well as a church. Our correspondence reveals that there are others who need similar experiences. When people quit blaming everyone except themselves, it is a pretty good sign that a revival has come."

Our revival is 23 short days away. Read 2 Chronicles 7:14 and pray with me that the revival will start long before then!

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Necessity of the Cross"

(John 11:47-53)

7:15 P.M.

"Prescription for Pentecost"

(2 Chronicles 7:14)

MISSIONS ... ABROAD ... AT HOME

Statistics may be boring to some, but the following figures should make all of us stop and think.

There are 25,000,000 language group people in the Southern Baptist Convention, 95% of them unevangelized. The Home Mission Board has recently purchased property within two miles radius of 20,000 Polish speaking people in New York. Southern Baptists have approximately 1000 churches serving the many language groups.

Is this Foreign Missions at home?

The Home Mission Board has 756 Chaplains, many of them serving our military men in 74 countries. The Foreign Mission Board reports that 80 per cent of all American-founded, English speaking churches overseas, have been started by the military personnel, assisted by these Military Chaplains.

Is this Home Missions abroad?

Think on these figures as you make your contribution to the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. Dr. Courts Redford, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Home Missions Board says: "Every Annie Armstrong dollar is a very busy dollar, laying up for its donor eternal treasures where moth and rust cannot corrupt and where thieves cannot break through and steal. Your gifts through this channel go so far and accomplish so much."



BROTHERHOOD SUPPER MEETING

Monday, March 9

Supper at 6:15 P.M. Program under the direction of Charles L. Hall, Christian Witness Leader, who will use a film, "Objections In Witnessing" and introduce some men who will give their own testimony and some guides that helped in the matter of witnessing. Typical objections faced by Soul Winners in Witnessing will be presented. Ways to overcome and answer objections will be shown.



ATTENTION!

**INTERMEDIATES, SENIORS, AND
YOUNG PEOPLE**

Reserve the night of March 21 for the Associational Baptist Youth Night. This meeting will be held in the First Baptist Church of Ensley.

THIS IS



DR. CARL E. BATES

Dr. Bates is the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Charlotte, N. C. He is already known to some members of our congregation. We will all come to know him and to love him as he comes to lead our Revival March 29-April 5.



ROYAL AMBASSADOR MISSION STUDY AND CAMPOUT

Our Royal Ambassadors are planning a campout March 13-14. In addition to a lot of good fun, they will be having their spring Mission Study. The group is scheduled to leave from the church at 4:30 p.m. Friday and will return to the church approximately 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. Boys will bring bed rolls if they desire to sleep out; sheets and blankets if they desire to sleep inside the cabins at Camp Ada. Boys are urged to let your counselor know by next Wednesday whether or not you will participate in this event.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 8-13

Reading through the New Testament in 1964

Mark 9:1 to 12:44

OPERATION CONCERN

ANALYSIS MEETINGS BEING CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

As we have analyzed our Sunday School rolls those present have mentioned others who are prospects or our Sunday School and Church.

This has suggested that there would be value in engaging in OPERATION CONCERN. You will know of people who ought to be reached by our church. We are asking that you share these with us by completing the form given below. Please give us just as much information as you possibly can about these persons.

You will want to bear in mind who constitutes a prospect. Dr. W. A. Criswell, Pastor of the First Baptist Church Dalls, Texas, has given us the following statement:

WHO IS A PROSPECT?

By W. A. CRISWELL

It has been suggested to me that the pastor ought to define what we call a "prospect" for our church. A "prospect" is not someone who is active in another church and who says that sometimes he would like to visit our congregation because he has heard so much about us. Rather a "prospect" is someone who is not attending any church or someone who has moved to the city and who does not have a church home. There are many people who say that they belong to certain denominations; but when you ask further, you learn that they were christened into the denomination as an infant and have never been converted or actively identified with the work of the Lord. These people are also prospects. They need to be won to Christ; they need to be taught the way of the Lord. If God will help us to mediate the saving grace of the Gospel of Jesus, we ought to offer ourselves as instruments in His hands to lead them to our Saviour.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. W. H. Coker, Jr., Mrs. Bernard Bond, Mrs. Adolph Alf, Mrs. Earl Trant, Mrs. A. R. Ingram, Mrs. J. A. Watts

Sacred Heart:

Mrs. Vivian Gordon

Escambia General:

Mrs. W. R. Parks, Mrs. A. D. Livingston

Home From Hospital:

Mrs. B. T. Dean, Mrs. Ruth H. Adams, Mrs. M. Holt, Mr. Roy Macon, Mrs. Eugene Gay, Mrs. L. D. Allen

Our Sympathy To:

Mrs. Tate Bousman in the loss of her mother

Mrs. Ola Rampey in the loss of her father

Mr. B. R. Hegwood in the loss of a sister

Mrs. Byron Lane in the loss of a brother

Mrs. J. E. D. Yonge in the loss of a brother

Mrs. C. D. Rector, Charlene and Dean, in the loss of their husband and father

The Very Newest

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

MASTER HAMPTON STEPHEN GAY

son of

Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Eugene Gay
Born February 28

MASTER DAVID GREGORY TRANT

son of

Mr. and Mrs. David Earl Trant
Born February 28



**REMEMBER TO PRAY
FOR OUR REVIVAL
MARCH 29-APRIL 5**

(Tear off, mail or bring to church)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PROSPECT CARD

The following person is a prospect for this church.

NAME _____ Approximate Age _____

ADDRESS _____

A Christian? _____ Church Affiliation? _____

Other members in the family? _____



IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Charlie D. Rector
213 Fairfax Drive

Joined our Church October 11, 1959
Deceased March 4, 1964

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

Subject:

"Living on a Dead-End Street"
Station WNVY



DEADLINE FOR TRANSFER OF OLD STUDY COURSE AWARDS

Since the new church study course plan began in 1959, the Sunday School Board has been transferring study course awards from the old plan to the new plan for all persons requesting them. The transfer of awards records from the old Sunday School, Training Union and Church Music courses will be discontinued May 31, 1961. We must bring your awards records up to date before this deadline. Therefore, if you have any old book certificate, diplomas or seals which you received before 1959 and which have not already been transferred to the new plan, please bring them to the Church Office. These old records must be received in the church office before April 30, 1961, in order for us to meet the May deadline. If your records have been previously transferred to the new plan there is no need to request a second transfer. If you are in doubt about your training record, please call Mrs. Sutton or Mr. Bizzell.



WHAT IS REVIVAL?

"What is a revival?" A revival worth its salt is a REDISCOVERY of the meaning of God in human experience. This includes genuine REPENTANCE of sin, vital FAITH in Christ, complete SURRENDER to His Will, renewed ENTHUSIASM about His Kingdom, and a restless URGE to win others to His will and way for human life. A revival such as this does not begin with the other man. IT BEGINS WITH YOU. The hope of an unknowing world lies in the willingness of the children of God to humble themselves and pray this needed prayer: "Lord, revive Thy Church, beginning with me!"



DON'T WAIT

- For Someone to ask you to PRAY
- For Someone to ask you to VISIT
- For Someone to ask you to ATTEND
- For Someone to ask you about our REVIVAL

DON'T WAIT . . .
IT MAY BE TOO LATE

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to Honduras



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....1253
Members Present.....1201
New Members.....4
Visitors.....53
Training Union Attendance.....314
Members Present.....283
New Members.....2
Visitors.....29
Additions to church membership.....4
Baptized.....3
Tithes and Offerings:
Budget.....\$5,555.79
Specials.....236.21
Building Fund.....90.05
Annie Armstrong.....347.44
TOTAL OFFERING.....\$6,229.49



NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:

114. Ensign John Wesley Christopher, BOQ 674, Room 131, NAS. From: Adaton Baptist Church, Starkville, Miss.
115. Ensign Jimmy Dozier, BOQ 674, Room 231, NAS. From: Talbot Park Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va.
116. Mrs. Peter H. Heiman (Janet), 923 Blue Springs Dr., Crescent Lake. From: First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va.
117. Miss Lynn May, 4010 Menendez Dr. From: First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.

REDEDICATIONS:

Mrs. Don Doyle (Martha), 602 S. Second St., Warrington
Mrs. Jimmy Stanley (Linda), 229 Ada Wilson Dr., Warrington

FULL TIME CHRISTIAN SERVICE:
Mr. Don Doyle, 602 South Second St., Warrington

Baptized:
Richard Heath
David Napier
W. O. Steele



SUNDAY, MARCH 8

9:30 A.M.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron Guthrie, Superintendent
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, Pastor
8:45 P.M.—Singspiration at the
Warrington Presbyterian
Church

MONDAY, MARCH 9

6:15 P.M.—Brotherhood Meeting
7:30 P.M.—Deacons Meeting
7:30 P.M.—Associational Training Union
Meeting, Sword Drill and
Speakers' Tournament
Hillcrest Baptist Church

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

SEE WMS CIRCLES
WMS NIGHT SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING

6:00 P.M.—Supper
6:30 P.M.—Meeting Begins
7:00 P.M.—Boy Scouts Meeting in
Activities Center
7:00 P.M.—Crusader Counselors
Training Course

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

4:30 P.M.—RA's Leave from Church
For Camp Out and Mission
Study



WMU CIRCLES

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

10:00 A.M.
—T. N. CALLAWAY CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. C. A. Fields, 4185 Iris Court,
Pineblades
—VIRGINIA COBB CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. J. E. Nelson, 639 Copley Drive
Cordova
—STANLEY DAVIS CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. Charles Brown, 819 Barcia Dr.
—MARTHA HAYLOCK CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. H. S. Johnson, 1710 East Fisher Street
—DOTTSON MILLS CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. Norwood Cobb, 2775 North Escambia
Avenue
—R. C. MOORE CIRCLE will meet with Mrs.
E. A. Bratcher, 100 West Cervantes Street
—BERNICE NEEL CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. Paul Caro, 2020 East Maxwell Street
—MAMIE LOU POSEY CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. Cliff Albritton, 638 Valley Drive,
Springdale
—LAURA FRANCES SNOW CIRCLE will
meet with Mrs. Wilson Harris, 1900 East
Lakeview

2:30 P.M.

—HARVEY HEADRICK CIRCLE will meet
with Mrs. J. E. Bratcher, 1625 North 17th
Avenue. Co-Hostess—Mrs. Frances Cox