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PASTOR



YOU NEED OUR CHURCH

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.” Can you truthfully make that statement? Our services are growing in power and in attendance. All of us like to belong to organizations that are doing things. Our church is in the biggest business of all — carrying on God’s work.

Do you just belong to our church or are you really a part of it, and is it a part of you?

“Our church stands for everything good;
Our church is against everything bad.
The church is God’s right hand; I ought to take it;
The church preaches God’s Word; I ought to hear it.
The church is God’s schoolroom; I ought to learn there.
The church is God’s vacuum cleaner; my soul needs cleaning.
The church is God’s crossing signal; my dangers are many
and I need the warnings.
The best people go to church.
The best book—“best seller”—is read at church.

At church

Our sorrows are explained,
Our hopes are brightened,
Our vision is lengthened,
Our faith is strengthened.”

Won’t you promise Christ, your Saviour and Lord, that you will attend faithfully and regularly.

OUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU

Pastor's Paragraphs

THE KING'S BUSINESS AND FIFTY-DOLLAR BILLS

Think of it — you can keep all the fifty-dollar bills you can tape to a wall in seven minutes! The contest is being sponsored



by one of the transparent tape companies. Evidently they are confident that their product will hold fifty-dollar bills or what have you. (Some of us have been using their product for years but have never been called on to tape a fifty dollar bill to a wall.)

Of course this contest is being sponsored in an effort to sell more tape. They will need to sell a lot of it at twenty-nine cents a roll in order to cover the cost of this promotion. I believe I could tape a small fortune to a wall in seven minutes at fifty dollars a stick.

I wonder just how the person who wins the contest will arrange the bills. Will he tape them across the wall, or up and down the wall, or on top of each other? In all probability we will never know. However, there is one thing that you can be absolutely certain of; regardless of what pattern he used, he will stick the bills to the walls as quickly as possible. Time is all important. It could make the difference between a small amount and a sizable fortune.

The Bible makes it perfectly clear that the King's business requires great haste. This is one thing that must be done with dispatch. It must be given the place of supreme priority.

All of us are still rejoicing over the fine revival we had here in Pensacola. In thinking about the task before us, I realize and sincerely pray you realize that THERE IS STILL MUCH TO BE DONE.

Throughout his ministry Jesus worked with a sense of urgency. Surely He is seeking to speak to us about the need for the same sense of urgency in doing the work of the Lord. "I must work the

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptist Hospital:

Wiley McDavid, Mrs. Clarence Quigley, Mr. Heywood C. Stringfield, Sr.

Sacred Heart:

Mrs. William L. Warren, Mr. Bruce Heard

Home From Hospital:

Mrs. John D. Smith, Mrs. John Busey, Mrs. J. C. Cunningham, Mr. Don Jensen

Our Sympathy To:

Mrs. W. O. Taylor in the loss of her husband

Congratulations To:

Miss Cheryl Ann Watson and Mr. Mike Samples upon their marriage April 13. Miss Linda Ruth Mathis and Second Lieutenant James Marcus Crush April 3.

The Very Newest

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

MASTER DAVID PALMON SMITH
son of

Mr. and Mrs. John David Smith

who was born April 8.

SOFTBALL PRACTICE GAME

Game with Olive Baptist Church
Saturday, April 18
1:00 P.M.
EXCHANGE PARK
Corner "J" and Jackson St.

works of him that sent me, while it is day . . ." (John 9:4)

There are as many people, if not more, to be reached in our community for the Lord than there were prior to the time of our revival. We must go all out in reaching them for our Saviour.

I am going to do my best between now and Sunday to reach someone for the Master, will you?

It's wonderful to be home. God blessed our efforts in the Hot Springs revival. I thank God for a church willing to share the ministry of their pastor with another congregation.

Meet me in the Meeting House on the Lord's Day.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 19-24

Reading through the New Testament in 1964

Luke 12:49 to 15:32

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Is Happiness Found or
Created?"

(Titus)

7:15 P.M.

Message by the Pastor



OF INTEREST TO BAPTISTS

EXCERPTS FROM "Communism in The Churches," by Bradley Pope, Pastor First Baptist Church, Shelby, Mississippi:

We have heard a lot of talk in recent days about Communist infiltration into the churches.

I HAD NOT THOUGHT TOO MUCH about the possibility of such infiltration until I looked around. I'm sorry to report that there are unmistakable signs that Communist doctrines have captured the minds of some church people. It is much more subtle and dangerous than we have recognized. I feel it is my duty to warn.

"Reading is the key to understanding the present, the past and the future"—theme for the National Library Week, April 12-19.

These are some new books especially recommended for your reading.

"The Baptist Way of Life" Brooks Hays and John Steely. This offers valuable insight into Baptist belief and practice.

"24 Hours to Live" Minton C. Johnson. How to make every 24 hours count.

"None of These Diseases" S. L. McMillan. The Bible and medical case histories witness to the power of faith in healing.

"Take My Hands" Dorothy Clarke Wilson. Resigned to life in a wheelchair, Dr. Mary Verghese fights to make a new life for herself — and India's suffering millions.

"Growing With Your Children" Ray F. Koonce. This is an aid for parents in leading children to maturity.

"The Silent Storm" M. Brown and Ruth Coone. An early-life biography of Anne Sullivan Macy, Helen Keller's teacher. Ages 11-up.

"The Tinker's Armour" — the story of John Bunyan. Gladys Barr. Highlights of a great fighter for religious freedom. Ages 11-14.

"Ropes to Burma" the story of Luther Rice. S. R. Carver. The story of an American pioneer missionary, who changed the scattered Baptist churches into a Baptist denomination. Ages 11-14.

"The Bible Story Book" B. Van Ness. New! An exciting, living narrative of the entire Bible. All ages.

"Stormy: Misty's Foal." Marguerite Henry. New adventure with Misty of Chincoteague. Ages 7-14.

Books are the legacies that a great genius leaves to mankind, which are delivered down from generation to generation, as presents to the posterity of those who are yet unborn.

—Addison, The Spectator.



HEAR DR. HERSCHEL HOBBS

Sunday, 7:30 A.M.

Subject:

**"How Is Your Account With God?"
Station WNVY**

COMMUNISM HAS ALWAYS BATTELLED for the minds of men. It has always infiltrated into vacuums — intellectual, economic, social, or religious. Communism has always thrived on ignorance, making its greatest inroads into areas where the people were uneducated and dissatisfied.

WHEN PEOPLE FAIL TO EDUCATE themselves in the things of God and in the principles upon which our country stands, they are laying themselves open for false ideas to pour in. To the extent that the churches fail to provide proper educational opportunities and the membership fails to grasp every opportunity to learn, they again aiding in the Communist attempt to capture the minds of men. The best antidote for Communism is the filling of our minds with positive truths.

THE DOING OF THESE POSITIVE things is the undoing of Communism. The building of a strong local church is one of the surest defenses against a totalitarian society. The spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the dispersion of the "gospel" of Communism. The spread of freedom is the shrinkage of tyranny. The flow of love is the ebb of hate. The triumph of God is the defeat of evil.



ROYAL AMBASSADOR PARENTS' MEETING

Our Royal Ambassadors are having a Parent's meeting Thursday, April 23, 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All Royal Ambassadors and their parents are urged to be present.

One of the items to be considered is the Royal Ambassador Congress to be held May 1-2 in Fort Walton Beach.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary Sunday will be given in memory of Miss Olive Swearingen by Miss Dorothy Peake.

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1213
Members Present.....	1181
New Members.....	8
Visitors	23
Training Union Attendance.....	258
Members Present	245
New Members	2
Visitors	11
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$4,001.00
Specials	246.59
Youth Choir Tour Fund.....	56.65
Organ Fund.....	20.00
Building Fund.....	25.10
Building and Expansion Fund.....	20.00
TOTAL OFFERING.....	\$4,369.34



ASSOCIATIONAL BWC MEETING

Thursday, April 23

7:00 P.M.

Whitfield Baptist Church

Speaker: Dr. Carl Whirley

Reservations to be made through your
circle chairman.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 26

8:00 A.M.

The Skillet Restaurant
Speaker: Judge Ralph McLane



A RELIGION

- (1) That does nothing;
- (2) That gives nothing;
- (3) That costs nothing;
- (4) That suffers nothing;

Is worth nothing.—Selected.



SUNDAY, APRIL 19

*9:30 A.M.—Sunday School for all ages. Theron Guthrie, Supt.
*11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship, Pastor
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
8:30 P.M.—Intermediate Teen Time in the Church Activities Center
8:30 P.M.—Senior Teen Time at the home of Miss Sylvia Nelson, 689 Copley Drive

MONDAY, APRIL 20

7:30 P.M.—Associational Sunday School Meeting—Woodlawn Baptist Church

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

7:00 P.M.—Boy Scout Meeting
Church Activities Center

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

*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
Business Meeting
*8:15 P.M.—Church Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

9:30 A.M.—Associational WMU Meeting
Boulevard Baptist Church
7:00 P.M.—Associational BWC Meeting
Whitfield Baptist Church
7:00 P.M.—Royal Ambassador Parents' Night

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

7:00 P.M.—"Go-Getters" Class Meeting
Fellowship Hall

*The Church nursery will be open 15 minutes prior to the time indicated above.



RESULTS OF GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Golf Tournament sponsored by our Recreation Committee last Saturday was a very fine event with 40 men participating. The winner, runner-up and consolation in each flight were as follows:

First Flight — Tommy McVoy, Adolph Fields, Mack Hamrick.

Second Flight—Al Hartsfield, Bill Harden, Elmer Durden.

Third Flight—Gary Short, Jim Brinson, Marshall King.

Fourth Flight — Charles McCown, Bill Stephens, Bill Springle.

Fifth Flight—T. A. Shell, Gary Cushing, Jim Samples.

Awards will be presented at a date to be announced. One club was found on the course. Owner may claim at the church office by identifying it.