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Church Members Never Die

THEY JUST FADE AWAY!

This headline isn't quite true, for now and then a church member passes on, but the pastor conducts many more funerals for those outside the membership of the church than for those within it.

But some church members might as well be dead, so far as being a help to the church is concerned. They never come! They never express an interest. They never give! They have just faded away, back in to Backslider's Land.

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Pastor's Paragraphs

AND THE RAINS CAME . . .

On several occasions last Sunday I wondered whether the good Lord remembered His promise. Do you? (See



Genesis 9:15) In Arkansas we would have called this a "toad drowner". The rain literally came down in torrents.

In spite of the weather, God blessed. The spirit of the Lord was felt in the service and seven strong members were added to our fellowship.

One of our finest young men recently surrendered to preach. Don Doyle was licensed by the church last Wednesday night. This young man will serve our Lord well. Pray for Don and Martha as they prepare for this all-important work.

Did you see the article in HOME LIFE about our Baptist Hospital? Mr. Groner did an excellent job in writing this article. I hope that you will secure a copy of the magazine and read it. All of us thank God for the ministry of this institution.

I am proud of you! According to the figures published in the FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS last week, our church was second in the state in missions giving. Our people are aware of an obligation that extends far beyond the city limits of Pensacola. We have an obligation to the world and I am proud of a church that is so liberal in supporting the cause of world missions. Your continued faithfulness in the future will make possible our church doing even more in the support of world missions.

Sunday promises to be a wonderful day here at the church. Rain or shine—come!

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Plettz



**Meet Us in Sunday School and
Worship This Sunday.**

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

**"Pentecost, Power for
a Purpose"**

(Acts 2:1-11)

7:15 P.M.

"Master and Lord"

(John 13:1-17)

ROYAL AMBASSADORS RECOGNIZED

At the Royal Ambassador parents meeting last Thursday evening the following awards were made: Jimmy Hinson, Pathfinder Badge; Billy Jernigan, Pathfinder Badge; Johnny Ladner, Pathfinder Badge. Congratulations to these boys as they begin the Pioneer trail.

ROYAL AMBASSADOR CONGRESS

The following boys will be attending the Royal Ambassador Congress in Fort Walton Beach this weekend, May 1-2:

Louis Allen
Rickey Raley
Bob Taylor
Elwin Garrett
James Hinson
Billy Jernigan
Billy Hughes
Cliff Jackson, Jr.
Jim Watson

They will be accompanied by: Mr. Clyde Swint, Mr. T. A. Wash, Mr. Gerald Garrett.

CAMP CRAFT COURSE

Mr. Joe Boykin, our RA leader will be attending a camp craft course being held at Camp Joy, North of Apopka, Florida, May 4-8. Because of this trip he will not be attending the RA Congress with our group.



SERVICE OF PARENTAL DEDICATION

At the 11:00 A.M. service on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10, we will have a Service of Parental Dedication. Parents of children born since our service on last Mother's Day will come to that service bringing their child in the spirit of Hannah who said, "For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me my petition which I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord." I Samuel 1:27-28.

Special letters will be sent to the parents of children born since our last service. However, if there are those who for some reason did not get to participate in that service and you would like to do so this year, you are welcome to do so. Please call the church office and let us know of your desire.



JUNIOR CAMP

Our Junior Camp date is June 8-12 at Camp Ada. The total cost per camper will be \$12.00. \$2.00 is to be paid with the registration and the remaining \$10.00 will be paid just prior to camp. Reservations are now being accepted in the church office.



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCH MEMBERS NEVER DIE

(continued from front page)

There are church members, very much alive, who fade away after Sunday School and do not come to the worship service to pray, to witness, to be inspired. Some fade away after Training Union, and do not stay for the evening service.

There are church members who fade away at 12:00 Sunday morning, and are not seen until the next Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. There are some who fade away on Sunday and are not seen at the "Pause-for-Power" Hour on Wednesday night.

Then, there are church members, at this time of year, who fade away on Saturday to the lake, the beach, the picnic ground, or a relative's home, and are not seen again until Monday morning, when they do not dare give their boss the same excuse they gave the Lord.

Church members NEVER DIE—

If they are Christians, for Jesus said, "Whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die" (John 11:26). But in a day when their witness and support is needed as never before, many of them surely FADE AWAY.

—Selected

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptist Hospital:

Mr. James Milton Ward, Mrs. Margaret O'Reilly

Sacred Heart:

Mr. Patrick Boghich

Home From Hospital:

Miss Shelley Eckert, Mrs. Charles Griffin, Mrs. Jerry Hall, Mrs. Thomas H. Davis, Mr. Heywood Stringfield, Sr. Mrs. Florence Byrd

Our Sympathy To:

Mrs. Ada McMillan in the loss of a brother
Mr. Earl W. Sudduth, Jr. and Mrs. W. J. Overman in the loss of their father.

The Very Newest

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

MISS ALLISON LEIGH GRIFFIN

daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Griffin
Born April 21

MASTER ALEX LICORENKO DAVIS

son of

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Davis
Born April 24

IT MAY INTEREST YOU

to know that in the last National election 98 per cent of those in businesses dealing with gambling and alcoholic beverages voted, while 25 per cent of the Christian laymen voted.

**REMEMBER TO VOTE
TUESDAY, MAY 5**



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coffey

requests the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Leeta Joy

to

Mr. Carroll Cameron Hughes

on Saturday, the ninth of May
at seven o'clock in the evening

First Baptist Church
Pensacola, Florida

Reception
following ceremony
at the church



Mr. E. W. Sudduth, Sr.

626 Lakewood Road

Joined our church by letter
July 26, 1953

Deceased April 23, 1961

Mr. Wiley J. McDavid

1109 East Lakeview Avenue

Joined our church by letter
June 20, 1909

Deceased April 26, 1964

How Is Your Church Music Etiquette?

1. During the first moments, do I bow my head in silent prayer and meditate while the organ is playing the Prelude?

Yes _____ No _____

2. Do I share my hymnal when there are not enough for individual use, when a child or elderly person has difficulty finding the hymn or when a visitor who is unfamiliar with our order of worship is in my church?

Yes _____ No _____

3. Do I give public witness of my praise to God wholeheartedly joining in the singing or reading of the hymns instead of participating as though I am a conscientious objector?

Yes _____ No _____

4. Do I listen attentively and intelligently while the choir sings the message in music?

Yes _____ No _____

5. Do I attempt to enjoy all types of musical presentations, realizing that other church members have their own musical tastes?

Yes _____ No _____

6. At the conclusion of the service when the choir is singing the choral benediction, do I meditate upon the sermon instead of thinking about the meat on the stove?

Yes _____ No _____

If you've answered yes to all of the preceding questions, then you may rate yourself 100% in church music etiquette. If you failed in an area, if you'll attempt to rectify it, you will surely enjoy and derive a more genuine worship experience in your church life.

—Kyle's Klef

DEACONS OF THE MONTH FOR MAY

Mr. E. L. Barrineau
Mr. Bo Mitchell

INTERMEDIATE SPRING RETREAT

For: Members of the 13 and 14 year
Departments.

When: Friday and Saturday, May 8-9.

Where: Blackwater Recreation Area,
Munson, Fla.

Cost: \$2.00 per person.

Registration; NOW!! Pay \$2.00 when reg-
istering.

Theme: COUNTING FOR GOD.

Features: Hiking, swimming, team and
individual recreation, helpful confer-
ences, worship, gab sessions, weiner
roast, A Real Retreat.

Meet at the church parking lot at
4:30 p.m. on Friday. Will return by 3:30
p.m. Saturday.



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

Subject:

"A Sermon in a Symbol"
Station WNVY



YOUR TASK

"Your task—to build a better world," God
said.

I answered, "How?"

"This world is such a large, vast place, so
complicated now,

And I so small and useless am,
There's nothing I can do."

But God in all His wisdom said,
"Just build a better You."

A good way to start is by attending
church twice on Sunday and Sunday
School every Sunday morning.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3-5

Reading through the New Testament
in 1964

Luke 19:28 to 22:38

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to Honduras



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance..... 958
Members Present.....926
New Members..... 4
Visitors 28

Training Union Attendance..... 214
Members Present.....201
New Members..... 5
Visitors 8

Additions to church membership..... 7
Baptized 5

Tithes and Offerings:
Budget\$4,208.31
Specials 250.36
Building Fund..... 38.00

TOTAL OFFERING\$4,496.67



NEW MEMBERS

- BY LETTER:
140. Mr. Hugh McKinnis, 521 South Edgewood Circle. From: Warrington Baptist Church, Warrington
 141. Mrs. Hugh McKinnis
 142. Mr. Elward A. Scott, 1320 East Jordan St. From: First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla.
 143. Mr. Emmett She'by, 870 West Mallory St. From: Beulah Baptist Church, Pensacola
 144. Mrs. Emmett Shelby
 145. Miss Dell-Marie Shelby
 146. Miss Sarah Shelby
- BAPTIZED:
- Lt. Lee Wesley Eyer
John Royals
Phyllis Russell
Ann Sears
Karen Williamson



MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary Sunday will
be given in memory of Mrs. J. H. Stone
by her daughter and grandchildren—Mrs.
Earline Lindsey, Mrs. Donald W. Gregory,
and Mr. David Carson.



SUNDAY, MAY 3

- *9:30 A.M.—Sunday School for all ages.
*11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship, Pastor
Theron Guthrie, Supt.
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Broadcast over WCOA
4:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
*6:00 P.M.—Training Union for all ages.
Homer D. Reed, Director
*7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship
8:30 P.M.—Intermediate Teen Time to be
held at the Church Activities
Center
8:30 P.M.—Senior Teen Time to be held at
the home of Kahl Edwards, 2405
North 18th Avenue

TUESDAY, MAY 5

- WMS DAY SOCIETY
*10:30 A.M.—Business
11:00 A.M.—Missionary Program
11:45 A.M.—Bible Study
12:30 P.M.—Lunch
2:00 P.M.—Faithful Workers Class Meeting
at the home of Mrs. Grace Eu-
banks, 2208 North Magnolia
7:00 P.M.—Boy Scout Meeting, Church
Activities Center
7:00 P.M.—Loyalty Class will meet with
Mrs. W. H. Ferry, 1808 N.
16th Avenue

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

- *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

THURSDAY, MAY 7

- 7:00 P.M.—Men's Visitation

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAY 8-9

Intermediate Retreat, Munson, Florida

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



LIBRARY NOTES

These are some of the new books in the
library. Check the ones that appeal to
you. Come in and get them to read!

ISAAC BACKUS: Pioneer of Religious
Liberty. T. B. Maston.

MEET YOURSELF IN THE BIBLE.
Lowin.

THE CHRISTIAN AS A DOCTOR.
Stephens.

IT ONLY HAPENS TO PREACHERS.
Andersen.

THE ZONDERVAN PICTORIAL BIBLE
DICTIONARY. Tenney.

LIVING LETTERS — Paraphrased
Epistles. Taylor.

THE STORY OF PHILIP — DUKE OF
EDINBURGH. Hilton.

BASIC CHRISTIANITY. Stott.

MEET THE AMERICAN JEW. Menkus.
THE MAN BEHIND ROOSEVELT.
Stiles.

HOW TO BE A TOP SECRETARY.
Delano.