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JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR

"BUT IT RAINED LAST SUNDAY"

Our attendance last Sunday was a disgrace. For the life of me, I can't account for the absence of 1199 people.

But you say, "Pastor, literally hundreds of our people are out of town and don't you remember, IT RAINED LAST SUNDAY."

It is impossible to reconcile our flimsy excuses with what the Bible teaches about Christian discipleship.

Jesus said, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

... "But I had company last Sunday."

Jesus said, "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."

... "But I had business to attend to."

Jesus said, "Whosoever doth not bear his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

... "But I was not feeling too well."

We will never win this lost and dying world to Jesus until we show people a better brand of Christianity. Christ must be first and foremost in our lives. Until He means everything, He means nothing.

... By the way

Jesus also said, "No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God."

JAMES L. PLEITZ
Pastor

As I See It!

By CLYDE K. BIZZELL

Religious Liberty Study

We are scheduled to begin on Sunday, July 12, a special study of "Religious Liberty". This group will meet during the Training Union hour using a new book by Dr. C. Emanuel Carlson and Dr. W. Barry Garrett. Mr. J. Nixon Daniel, Jr. will be the discussion leader. Though designed primarily for those not now attending our Training Union, our adult unions are being given the option of joining this group for the eight Sunday-night periods. We have asked that they decide definitely ahead of time and let us know their plans in this matter so that we may adequately provide for the number in this special group.

Vacation Bible School

The date has been set. For the first time we have moved our Vacation Bible School to late summer, meeting this year August 3-14. We need the co-operation of all of our people in making this a profitable school.

Nominating Committee

Our church nominating committee is at work. This committee plans to bring their initial report for 1964-65 church leadership at the church business meeting on July 15. You will want to pray for this committee and to feel free to discuss with them any suggestions you have for the new year. The committee consists of Fermon Minshew, Chairman, David Raley, Clarence Taylor, Mrs. E. A. Allen, and Miss Sarah Andress.

Church Picnic

It sounds like a long way off but the date of August 19 has been set for our annual church picnic. You will hear more about this as the time gets closer.

Keene Scholarship

Those attending Ridgecrest as recipients of the Keene Scholarship Award this year are Miss Andrea Abney, Miss Harrilee Santoro, Clint Parker, and Kahl Edwards. Miss Bullington is accompanying this group. They will be at Ridgecrest for the Youth conference July 2-8.

Pastor's Secretary

Attends Workshop

Miss Mary Lou Pitts, the pastor's secretary, is attending the Annual Institute for Church Secretaries held on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary July 6-10. This institute is sponsored jointly by the Church Administration Department of our Baptist Sunday School Board and the Seminary.

WHAT IS NEXT FOR SOUTHERN BAPTISTS?

At the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, several actions were taken which did not make newspaper headlines, but which are important for information and future action.

Convention Meeting Places and Dates Set

Dallas, Texas.....	June 1-4, 1965
Detroit, Michigan.....	May 24-27, 1966
New Orleans, La.....	May 23-26, 1967
Jacksonville, Fla.....	May 21-24, 1968
Houston, Texas.....	1969

Sunday School Board Challenge Accepted

"We go on record in challenging churches to unite their efforts in reaching the Convention-wide goal of 10,000,-000 enrolled in Southern Baptist Sunday Schools by September 30, 1970." (Present enrollment is 7½ million plus.)

Five-Year Emphases Adopted

- 1965 — "A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Worship."
- 1966 — "A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Proclamation and Witnessing"
- 1967 — "A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Education"
- 1968 — "A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Ministry"
- 1969 — "A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Evangelism and Missions"



SOLILOQUY IN THE SANCTUARY

Stained windows strew rubies and emeralds

And sapphires of turbulent hues
Rippling the smooth waves of silence
Til' color and mood are well-fused.

The high-vaulted ceiling points heavenward

And tries to envelop this peace
Hearing my pleas, my petitions—
God must be in this Holy place.

— Mrs. W. W. Stephens

The poem expresses very eloquently how all of us feel when we worship in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church. We are grateful that one of our members has shared with us this soliloquy.

DEACONS OF THE MONTH FOR JULY

Mr. J. F. Boykin, Sr.
Mr. W. T. Creel

LIBRARY NOTES

Some new books in the library:

Adults

NEW TESTAMENT IN FOUR VERSIONS.
BAPTIST ADVANCE — Woolley.
CHRISTIAN VIEW OF SCIENCE AND SCRIPTURE — Ramm

Intermediate and Young People

W H A T DO MISSIONARIES DO? — Johnson.

Juniors

My VILLAGE IN SPAIN — Sonia Judal.
YOUNG LEONARDO da VINCENZO — Almedugen.
JOHN ALDEN — Burt.
EDWARD JENNER — Eberle.
JETS — Verral.
DAVID LIVINGSTON — Arnold.
MAHATMA GANDHI — Reynolds.
ALBERT SCHWEITZER — Merrett.
WILLIAM FARGO — Wilkie.
JOHN BURROUGHS — Frisbee.
LET'S GO TO A WORLD'S FAIR — Feuerlicht.

41 Juniors and Primaries are busy visiting the World's Fair via the Summer Reading Club and are really enjoying themselves. We hope many more will come and join. This will continue till August 14.

L.T.S.

LIBRARY HOURS

Wednesday—4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday—9:00 p.m. - 12:00 noon.
Sunday—9:00 a.m. - 9:25 a.m.; 10:45 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 12:00 - 12:20 p.m.; 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; 7:00 - 7:15 p.m.



W.M.S. GENERAL MEETING JULY 7

10:30 a.m. — Business Meeting
11:00 a.m. — Missionary Program
11:45 a.m. — Bible Study
12:30 p.m. — Lunch

Miss Jewell Garrett, who recently returned from Japan, will speak on her experiences and work with our missionaries and the Japanese people. Miss Garrett has taught in our mission schools in Japan and also schools for children of military personnel stationed there.



HEAR

Dr. Herbert C. Gabhart
Sunday, 7:30 A.M.
On The Baptist Hour
Subject:
"Few Things Matter
But They Matter Much"
Station WNVY

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 5-10

Reading through the New Testament in 1964

ACTS 6:1 to 11:18

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. W. P. Mooty, Mr. William L. Kennedy, Miss Martha Smith, Mrs. Levada Ivey

Navy Hospital:

Mrs. Jimmy Stanley

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mrs. Pearl Frank, Mrs. George Shaw, Master Bart Sibley, Mrs. Virginia Sharpe, Mrs. H. C. Stringifeld, Sr.

Home From Hospital:

Mrs. Melvin Simpson, Mr. Brad Ward, Mrs. John Couch, Mr. Jimmy Stanley



YOUR LIFE—A WITNESS

"One night just before the late Captain Bickel was retiring to rest he met a ruffian on deck who had been wonderfully converted on one of his voyages. Mr. Bickel was very tired, but he had a little talk with the man. He asked him if he would take a Bible to a certain man on the morrow. He shook his head.

"No, no Captain; he does not need that."

"But why not?"

Because it is too soon. That is your Bible; you are his Bible! He is watching you. As you fail, Christ fails. As you live Christ, so Christ is revealed to him!"

Writing of this incident, Captain Bickel said:

"Friends, I did not sleep that night. I had been called a thief, liar, foreign spy, traitor, devil, in public and private, and had not flinched; but to face this . . . "As you live, so Christ lives—in that man's soul, in that house, in that village, in four hundred villages. As you fail to live Christ, Christ is crucified again." What wonder that I slept not!"

All of us are being watched by someone. What kind of a witness do we give by our lives?—

The Evangelist

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Fighting Against God"
(Acts 5:12-41)

7:15 P.M.

"Crewcut or Conquest?"
(Judges 16:19-21)

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	986
Members Present.....	915
New Members.....	4
Visitors	67
Training Union Attendance.....	212
Members Present.....	198
Visitors	14
Additions to church membership.....	9
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$5,349.04
Specials	189.95
Youth Choir Tour Fund.....	174.15
Building Fund.....	16.50
TOTAL OFFERING.....	\$5,729.64



HALF OF THE CHURCH FINANCIAL YEAR GONE!

We have come to the halfway mark in our church financial year. Records of contributions will be sent to all of our contributors. You will want to see if your giving thus far is half of the total you plan to give to the Lord this year.

Many of our members will be catching up if behind, and others will be prepaying before going on vacations. Your continued faithfulness in giving is greatly appreciated.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary will be given in memory of Lieutenant Robert I. Adkison, by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Adkison and Ronnie, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wood, and Miss Evelyn Hall.



SUNDAY, JULY 5

*9:00 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, Pastor
Baptism

Senior and Intermediate Teen Time can-
celled for this Sunday.

MONDAY, JULY 6

7:30 P.M.—Associational Library Meeting
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church

TUESDAY, JULY 7

WMS DAY SOCIETY

10:30 A.M.—Business Meeting

11:00 A.M.—Missionary Program

11:45 A.M.—Bible Study

12:30 P.M.—Lunch

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

4:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal

*5:50 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner

*6:30 P.M.—Teachers' and Officers' Meeting
Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, YWA's
Special Study Group

*7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service
Youth Choir Concert

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



NEW MEMBERS

180. Miss Judy M. Bousman, 231 Dean Road, Cordova. From First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.
181. Mr. Ernie Botkin, 3681 Swan Lane, Eastgate. From Parkland Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.
182. Mr. Robert R. Mateer, 2612 Selma St. Beach Haven. From Beach Haven Baptist Church, Warrington, Fla.
183. Mrs. Robert R. Mateer (Corinne)
184. Mr. Wayne Mateer, From: Warrington Baptist Church, Warrington, Fla.
185. Mr. James H. Osborne, 109 South Sunset Blvd., Gulf Breeze. From: First Baptist Church, Panama City, Fla.
186. Mrs. James H. Osborne
187. Mr. Howard Craig Osborne
188. Miss Nila Louise Osborne



OF INTEREST

Word has reached the church that our missionaries, Reverend and Mrs. A. R. Haylock, have been transferred to San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Their new address is:

Reverend and Mrs. A. R. Haylock
Apartado 100

San Pedro Sula

Honduras, Central America.



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL