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PASTOR



## Bible Qualifications for a Deacon

### SPIRITUAL

1. Full of the Holy Spirit  
*Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost.* Acts 6:3.
2. Full of Wisdom  
*... look ye out among men ... full of wisdom, whom ye may appoint over this business.* Acts 6:3.
3. Full of Faith  
*... and they chose ... full of faith and of the Holy Ghost* Acts 6:5.

### MORAL

1. Good Reputation.  
*... look ye out among you men of honest report ...* Acts 6:3.
2. Serious  
*Likewise, the deacons must be grave ...* 1 Timothy 3:8.
3. Clean and Truthful in Speech and Conscience  
*Likewise the deacons must ... not be doubletongued; holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.* 1 Timothy 3:8,9.
4. Abstinence from the Use of Alcohol as a Beverage  
*Likewise the deacons must not be given to much wine.* 1 Timothy 3:8.
5. Free from Covetousness and Greed  
*Likewise the deacons must ... not be greedy of filthy lucre.* 1 Timothy 3:8.

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FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION OF DEACONS

# Pastor's Paragraphs

## THE WIND AND THE SPIRIT

It makes one think of His conversation with Nicodemus. Jesus said, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou

hearrest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is everyone that is born of the Spirit." (John 3:8)



In a very real and wonderful way we have witnessed God's Spirit at work in our midst. Although we may not be able to explain it, we have felt His powerful presence.

Sixteen of our finest young people have given their lives to be used in the service of Christ. Included in this group are those called to preach, to heal, to sing, and to teach. Others are not sure as yet just what God would have them do, they are simply saying, "Here am I, Lord, use me."

This is all the good Lord would ask of any person, young or old; BUT THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT HE ASKS EACH ONE OF US TO DO.

Anything short of total surrender is an affront to God. Anything short of total surrender makes it impossible for us to really be happy in Jesus.

"Here am I, Lord, use me." — How about you?

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*



## BROTHERHOOD MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 10

6:15 P.M.—Supper

6:45 P.M.—Program — featuring Mr. Phil Hardy of Dothan, Alabama, an ambassador who has just returned from a tour of our Mexican mission work. Make your reservation Sunday or call the church office.

## SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

**"In His Steps"**

(Acts 6:8-15; 7:54-60)

7:15 P.M.

**"Learning to Remember"**

(Deuteronomy 8:2)

## OPEN LETTER TO THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

You are most cordially invited to attend the next general meeting of the Day Society of the WMU August 18 at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Al Hartsfield, our Sunbeam Director; Mrs. Cliff Albritton, a G. A. Counselor; Mrs. S. A. Taylor, our YWA Director; and I will be bringing you the Ridgecrest Report. This will be a glorious week that we are eager to share with you.

MRS. S. T. WEST, President



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Baptist Hospital:

Mr. William Ray, Mr. Billy Roberts, Miss Elizabeth Ann Shirey, Mrs. Curtis Brown, Mr. William Ray, Mrs. Hugh Reeves, Mrs. Warren W. Sears

### Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mr. Charles Leaman

### Hospitals Out of the City:

Mr. J. L. Hackett, Frisco Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri

Mrs. W. O. Taylor, Baptist Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee

### Home From the Hospital:

Miss Montaree Barrineau, Mrs. Wallace Brown, Miss Ann Fields, Mrs. T. L. Scott, Mrs. Don Doyle, Mrs. Bobie Andrews, Mrs. Charles Asters, Mrs. Mae Dean Patterson, Philip Napier, Mr. J. S. Baisden

### Sympathy To:

Mrs. Willie Simmons in the loss of her husband



## LIBRARY NOTES

How would some lovely poetry appeal to your taste in reading? Just one poem may express exactly your particular feelings or sentiments. Here is a short one from *WILL-O'-THE-WISP* by Inez Brown:

### Fret Not

Fret Not  
That you have not  
What you want most;  
For in having not  
What you want most,  
You have  
What you need most —  
A dream.

Other books on poetry are: *QUOTEABLE POEMS* — Clark; *PRAYER POEMS* — Armstrong; *LETTER HOME* — By Conzoneri, one of our missionaries in Nigeria; *COMPLETE CHEERFUL CHERUB* — McCown; *MASTER-PIECES OF RELIGIOUS VERSE* — Morrison; and many others.

L.T.S.

## PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATING DEACONS

The Committee for the Nomination of Deacons requests that every member of the church suggest men who should be considered by the committee for nomination as deacons. You may suggest as many as you think qualify.

These suggestions must reach the committee by noon, Monday, August 17. They may be given to any member of the committee, mailed to the church office in care of the committee, or dropped in the offering plate. Suggestions are to be submitted only by members of the First Baptist Church, and therefore must be signed to be accepted.

Your committee, selected for the purpose of recommending to the church the best qualified persons, requests that you read the scripture passages below and suggest the names of as many men as you believe to be qualified to serve as deacons. According to the policy of the church, inactive deacons will not be placed on the ballot unless suggested by one or more members of the church.

## SELECTION OF THE FIRST DEACONS

"In those days, as the number of disciples kept growing, there rose complaint on the part of the Greek-speaking Jews against the Hebrews because their widows were overlooked in the daily charities. So the twelve summoned the assembly of the disciples and said, 'It is not desirable that we should neglect the teaching of God's Word to wait tables; therefore, brothers, look around for seven men among you of good reputation and full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we shall appoint for this duty, while we continue to devote ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.' (Acts 6:1-4, Berkeley Version).

## THE CHARACTER AND QUALIFICATIONS OF ALL DEACONS:

"By the same token are deacons to be honorable, not gossips, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for ill-gotten gains, but with a pure conscience keeping hold on the hidden truth of the faith. They should first be put on probation, and then, if irreproachable, they may serve as deacons. Similarly must the wives be honorable, not given to slandering, but temperate and altogether trustworthy. Deacons shall be husband of one wife, admirable manager of their children and of their own homes. Because those who rendered helpful service as deacons do take a worthwhile step upward for themselves with considerable conversational freedom in the faith that centers in Christ Jesus." (I Timothy 3:8-13, Berkeley Version).

We urge you to be much in prayer that we as a church may know God's will in this all-important task.

This ballot will be on Sunday morning, September 6, when 11 men will be selected to serve on the active board of deacons for the three year term beginning October 1, 1964.

### DEACON'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE

JOE B. LADNER. Chairman  
BORIS MITCHELL, Vice-Chairman  
JUDSON GILLESPIE  
DAVID L. RALEY

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The following men are now serving on the active Board of Deacons:

### Term Ending September 30, 1965

*HENRY L. ASHMORE	S. G. KENNEDY, JR.
J. NORWOOD COBB	BO MITCHELL
B. T. DEAN	C. H. OVERMAN, JR.
ERNEST GENTRY	HOMER D. REED
LEE HARDY	T. A. SHELL
*Moved from city	

### Term Ending September 30, 1966

E. L. BARRINEAU	ROBERT D. HINSON
PAUL W. CARO	SAM JORDAN
CLARENCE DANNELLY	BILLY RENFROE
S. L. DAVIS	MILTON RICHARDSON
JAMES L. DREXLER	TOM WASH

### Deacons Emeritus

F. G. ALMON  
EARL R. GASTON  
MOSE PENTON

The following men who retire this year will not be eligible for nomination for period of (1) year:

J. F. BOYKIN, SR.	JOE B. LADNER
W. T. CREEL	GLENN McDONALD
J. NIXON DANIEL, JR.	R. N. PYLE
ADOLPH FIELDS	H. O. WILLIAMS
JUDSON GILLESPIE	

## FORM TO BE USED IN SUBMITTING SUGGESTIONS

I suggest to the Nominating Committee that the following men be considered as nominees for deacons:

AME .....  
AME .....  
AME .....  
AME .....  
AME .....  
AME .....  
AME .....

Recommended by .....  
(Your Signature)

NOTE: Every member of the congregation may suggest as many names as he wishes. This form must be signed to be accepted.

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Additional copies of this form may be obtained from the church.

## YOUTH WEEK LEADERS



DON STEWART

BILL LEE

BEN RIDDLES



YOUTH Week in my sight was an inspiration to me and to the rest of the youth. It is good sometime for the truth to take charge. It gives us a chance to see how it is to lead for we are going to be in this position before we know it. The luau was the highlight of the week for us. I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks and the thanks of all young people to the adults who worked so hard in putting this on. All in all, this has been a wonderful week for everyone. God surely has blessed us.

BILL LEE,  
Youth Week Pastor

Youth Week this year was one of the most inspirational and gratifying experiences that I have ever had. I feel that this experience has brought me much closer to Christ and our church.

DON STEWART,  
Youth Week Assistant to the Pastor

Youth Week has brought me closer to God than I have ever been before. Working with adults in a position of responsibility makes one realize what is involved in a Sunday service.

BEN RIDDLES,  
Youth Week Minister of Music

### *The Very Newest*

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

MASTER JAMES MATTHEW DOYLE  
son of  
Ensign and Mrs. Don Doyle  
Born July 27

MASTER WILLIAM SCOTT JOHNSON  
son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Johnson  
Born July 27

You Are Invited To A Reception  
Honoring

MR. AND MRS. R. C. KEITH  
On Their

GOLDEN WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY

At Their Home On  
1501 East Brainerd Street  
Sunday, August 9  
2:30 - 5:30 P.M.

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### CHURCH OFFICERS

Milton Richardson, Chr. of Deacons HE 8-3863  
 T. A. Guthrie, Sunday School Supt. HE 2-6633  
 Homer D. Reed, T. U. Director ..... 432-4511  
 Mrs. R. F. Jernigan, WMU Pres ..... HE 8-6703  
 C. H. Overman, Jr., Brotherhood Pres. 476-3123  
 Mrs. A. R. W. Stoesen, Librarian ..... HE 2-6502

### CHURCH STAFF Residence Phones

James L. Pleitz, Pastor ..... HE 3-1502  
 Clyde K. Bizzell, Assistant to Pastor HE 2-7237  
 Dr. G. J. Rousseau, Pastor Emeritus  
 Jerry Howell, Minister of Music  
 Director of Youth Activities ..... 438-9798  
 Mrs. W. H. Adams, Organist ..... GL 6-4621  
 Mrs. J. C. Rountree, Fin. Sec'y ..... HE 2-1326  
 Mrs. Arthur Haylock, Our Missionary  
 to Honduras



## LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1134
Members Present.....	1063
New Members.....	11
Visitors.....	61
Training Union Attendance.....	234
Members Present.....	216
New Members.....	2
Visitors.....	16
Additions to church membership.....	7
Tithes and Offering:	
Budget .....	\$4,823.17
Specials .....	623.60
Youth Choir Tour.....	100.00
Building Fund.....	8.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERING</b> .....	<b>\$5,554.77</b>



## WMU CIRCLES

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

10:00 A.M.  
 —VIRGINIA COBB CIRCLE will meet with  
 Mrs. C. E. Danelly, 1915 East Avery Street  
 —STANLEY DAVIS CIRCLE will meet with  
 Mrs. S. L. Davis, 1503 East Jackson Street  
 —R. C. MOORE CIRCLE will meet with Mrs.  
 B. M. Taylor, 360 West Brainerd Street

11:30 A.M.  
 —T. N. CALLAWAY CIRCLE will meet at the  
 church following Bible School

2:00 P.M.  
 —LAURA FRANCES SNOW CIRCLE will meet  
 with Mrs. P. O. Davis, Jr., 3821 San Gabriel  
 Drive

Other Circles will meet following the gen-  
 eral meeting on August 18.

Night Circles will meet immediately follow-  
 ing general meeting at 7:30 p.m.

### BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9-14

Reading through the New Testament  
 in 1964

**ROMANS 1:1 to 5:21**



### SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

\*9:30 A.M.—Sunday School for all ages.  
 Theron Guthrie, Supt.  
 \*11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship. Pastor  
 Broadcast over WCOA  
 4:20 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  
 8:45 P.M.—City-wide Singspiration  
 St. Mark's Methodist Church,  
 2201 N. 12th Ave.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 10

8:30 A.M.—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
 6:15 P.M.—Brotherhood Supper Meeting  
 7:30 P.M.—Deacon's Meeting  
 7:30 P.M.—Associational Training Union  
 Meeting—Circle Baptist Church

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

8:00 A.M.—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
 10:00 A.M.—WMU CIRCLES  
 WMS NIGHT SOCIETY  
 6:00 P.M.—Supper  
 6:30 P.M.—General Meeting  
 7:30 P.M.—Circle Meetings  
 7:00 P.M.—Boy Scouts

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

8:30 A.M.—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
 5:50 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner  
 \*6:30 P.M.—Teachers' & Officers' Meeting  
 Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, YWAs  
 \*7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service  
 \*8:15 P.M.—Church Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

8:30 A.M.—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

8:30 A.M.—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

\*Indicates nursery will be open 15 minutes  
 prior to the time indicated above.



## NEW MEMBERS

### FOR BAPTISM FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION:

54. Mr. George H. Forsberg, 1709 East Cervantes St.
201. BY LETTER:  
 Dr. Robert A. Atkinson, 707 West Blount St. From: First Baptist Church, Fernandina Beach, Fla.
202. Mrs. Robert A. Atkinson (Billie J.) From: First Baptist Church, Waynesville, N. C.
203. Mr. Richard Dean McCullor, 127 Chipley Avenue, EPH. From: Boulevard Baptist Church, Lake Charles, La.
204. Mrs. Richard D. McCullor (Judy)
205. Ensign Herbert D. Nowlin, BOQ 675, NAS. From: South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas
206. Miss Dorothy Ann Gilmore, 1505 Bayou Boulevard. From: First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla.
207. Mr. Bennie C. Johns, 1701 W. Intendencia St. From: Laurel View Baptist Church, Pensacola

### COMMITMENTS FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE:

Miss Chris Armistead

Mr. Clint Parker

Mr. Jimmy Ray Duncan