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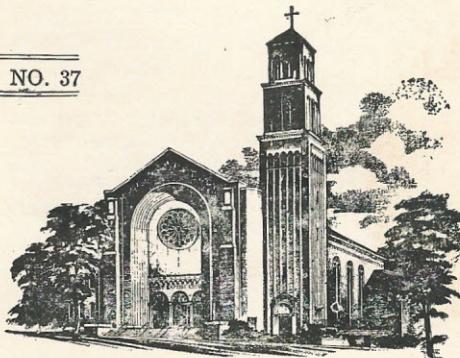
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JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



MY IDEAL DEACON

My ideal deacon would be in regular attendance at all services of the church, morning and evening worship, Sunday School, Training Union, and Prayer Service. By his presence at each of these services, he adds much; by his absence he may not oppose the particular service he causes much harm.

My ideal deacon would be a tither. The ideal deacon sets the pattern for his brethren in faithful stewardship of his possessions through the proper use of his portion and the giving to God of his share.

My ideal deacon would not be nearsighted. He would see beyond the needs and the wants of his congregation, out to the last person on this earth without Christ.

My ideal deacon would be a soulwinner. His heart would beat with a passion to see men saved. He would follow the footsteps of Phillip in presenting the claims of Christ to whomsoever God might bring across his pathway.

My ideal deacon would be a personal friend. He would be the one to whom I could go and talk things over. He would be a counsellor, a confidant, a comforter, a companion, a friend. There are not many ideal deacons as there are not many ideal pastors, but, bless their hearts; there are many who are doing their best "to use the office of deacon well" and are "purchasing to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus."

— Selected.

ELECTION OF DEACONS — SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.

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Pastor's Paragraphs

ON SIGNING LOYALTY OATHS

Millions of Americans watched the Democratic National Convention via television from Atlantic City.



Some delegates to the convention could not conscientiously sign the required loyalty oath. Because of their refusal they were denied representation. Their refusal is still fresh in our minds.

It would have been easy for them to sign and still not support the national ticket. Perhaps some did — some did not. At least they were honest. I admire them for their honesty.

Prior to serving as a deacon in our church, a man has to sign a loyalty oath. Among other things, HE PROMISES to actively and prayerfully support the church in its educational and spiritual ministries.

To support the church in its financial program by practicing New Testament tithing.

To support his church regardless of whether he is selected to serve as a deacon or not.

We have many men in this great church who can honestly sign this pledge. Sunday you will be called on to select eleven of them to serve as deacons. With so many good men to choose from, the task of selection is not an easy one. Pray with me that God will guide us in this important selection.

Prayerfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

P.S. Could you sign this loyalty oath? EVERY BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN is just as obligated to be faithful to tithe and to support his church as those who serve as deacons.



INTRODUCING DEACON NOMINEES

**ELECTION TO BE HELD
SUNDAY, SEPT. 13**

The names of those here will appear on the ballot Sunday. Cuhrch members will be called upon to vote for 11 out of the 36 listed. If for any reason you will not be here at the 11:00 service next Sunday, you may secure an absentee ballot from the church and return it by noon Sunday, September 13.



J. Claude Adkison
710 North 7th
Avenue



A. Hayward Arnold
2342 Escambia
Avenue



**O. F. (Ben)
Aultman**
102 Drew Circle



Joe G. Brookins
4423 Deauville
Way, Montclair



James V. Burton
Quarters 24-3, NAS



**R. C. (Sam)
Eickler**
2300-B West
Jackson Street



Gerald A. Garrett
1120 East
Brainerd Street



**George W.
Holladay**
3305 Adrian Road,
Eastgate



**Charles D.
McCown**
3233 Torres Ave.



Joe Napier
2000 Rowe Lane,
Char Bar



James C. Samples
921 Fremont Ave.
Tristan Village



**Aubrey E.
Gomillion**
620 East
Burgess Road



**W. E. (Ed)
Jackson**
2103 North
Magnolia



Everett McGowin
2121 North 20th
Avenue



Charles H. Payne
5845 North
Sanders, Pine
Meadows



Hiram Smith, Jr.
5251 Springhill
Drive, Springdale



Charles A. Griffin
3200 Keating
Road, Eastgate



Cecil S. Jones
1811 East Hayes
Street



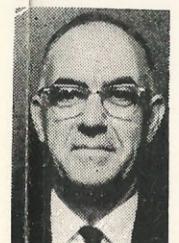
O. R. McNair
316 Semur Road,
Cordova



C. I. (Pin) Pinnell
405 Fair Lane
Santa Rosa Shores



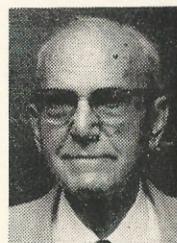
**George W. (Bill)
Springle**
722 Gentian Drive,
Woodland Heights



**Theron A.
Guthrie, Sr.**
1403 East
Lakeview



Marvin Lee
3800 West
Gadsden Street



J. T. Mackey
922 North 19th
Avenue



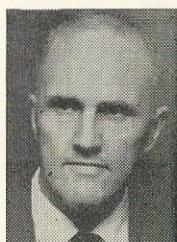
**David L.
Raley, Sr.**
1960 North
Whaley Avenue



**William L. (Bill)
Warren**
1818 East
Gadsden Street



Wilson Harris
1900 East
Lakeview



**W. L. (Bill)
Lee, Sr.**
3090 North
Magnolia



**George W.
Markham, Sr.**
711 South "G"



**James A.
Riddle, Sr.**
1760 Yates Ave.



L. Early Wiggins
3800 Menendez
Drive



**Herbert L.
Highsmith**
Route 1, Box 724,
Seaglades



**E. Houston
Lundy, Jr.**
3090 North
Magnolia



**William (Bill)
Moore**
4973 Springhill
Drive, Springdale



**James C.
Rountree**
1600 North
Baylen Street



Felix E. Woolf
146 Drew Circle

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Opening Iron Gates"

(Acts 12:1-19)

7:15 P.M.

"What Is Man?"

(Psalm 8)

LAST MINUTE REMINDER

Many of you receive your Builder on Friday. You will be reading this on Friday, September 11. Let this be a last minute reminder to you who are Sunday School workers and adult workers and adult members to attend the Adult Thrust Meeting in our church tonight beginning at 7:00 P.M. We will be meeting in the dining room area.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our Congratulations To:

Miss Shirley Courtney and Mr. Sid Young upon their marriage August 31.

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. Curtis Brown, Mrs. W. T. Creel,
Mrs. W. K. Davis, Mrs. W. P. Mooty,
Mrs. L. P. Bryan

Home From Hospital::

Mrs. Philip Cooper, Mrs. U. E. Jutila,
Mr. Spencer West

Our Sympathy To:

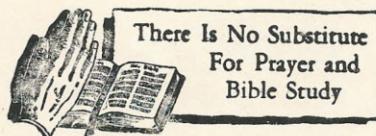
Mrs. M. J. Estes in the loss of her mother.

Miss Gertrude Bazzell and Mrs. Isabelle Robertson in the loss of their sister.

The Very Newest

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

MASTER MILTON MURRAY COOPER
born to
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Murray Cooper
September 4



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL
AND WORSHIP SUNDAY



Library Notes

Ten tests of a Growing Christian

"Am I a growing Christian?" It is not enough to say "I hope I am" or "I wish I were". The way to a satisfactory answer is through an accurate and honest survey. Apply the following simple tests and study the results:

1. Am I maintaining reasonably good health?
2. Am I becoming more efficient in my work?
3. Am I keeping up the study of some worth-while subject?
4. Am I reading regularly good books and magazines?
5. Am I making new acquaintances and friends?
6. Am I engaged in some specific Christian service?
7. Am I devoting time each day to prayer and Bible reading?
8. Am I a faithful attendant on the services of my church?
9. Am I a conscientious steward of my time, talents and money?
10. Am I definitely seeking to win others to Christ?

If you are wholly dissatisfied with yourself at one of these points, mark it zero. If you are fully satisfied at any point, mark it ten. If you are neither entirely satisfied nor dissatisfied, rate yourself at an appropriate point between zero and ten. What estimate does this give you of yourself? Are you a 50% growing Christian? Less than 50%? At what points are you failing most noticeably? If you truly want to grow, you can concentrate upon these points at which growth is least satisfactory and begin definitely to plan to provide the elements of nurture necessary for the growth desired."

Taken from the study course book "Deepening the Spiritual Life" by Gaines S. Dobbins.

L.T.S.



LIBRARY HOURS

Wednesday—4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday—9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

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

"Our Christian witness counts the most when things are out of joint."



SUNDAY IS ROUND-UP DAY

Our goal is 1500. Classes and departments are working hard to get every member present. Let's do it.

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1144
Members Present.....	1089
New Members.....	7
Visitors.....	48
Hospital Class.....	18
Training Union Attendance.....	270
Members Present.....	240
New Members.....	4
Visitors.....	26
Additions to church membership.....	8
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$5,387.95
Specials	347.81
Building Fund.....	78.00
TOTAL OFFERING.....	\$5,813.76

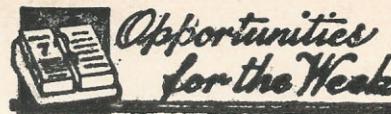


STATE MISSIONS OFFERING GOAL: \$800.00

State Missions Offering is a "special" offering taken each September. The many activities of our State Missions are not included or provided for through the Cooperative Program.

Our State Missions Offering will be used in support of United Christian Action, the Children's Home in Jacksonville, to help build camp facilities on the new campsite near Lake Yale, to provide assistance for the Committee of Protestants and other Americans united for separation of church and state, to bring a spiritual ministry to those in penal institutions. These are a few of the many activities our missions offering will be invested in.

State Missions Offering provides an opportunity for us to see our giving at work. September is State Missions month—special envelopes will be found in the pew racks—give that the needs may be met.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- *9:30 A.M.—Sunday School for all ages "Roundup Day" Theron Guthrie, Supt.
- *11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship, Pastor Election of Deacons Broadcast over WCOA
- 4:30 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.—City-Wide Singspiration at Myrtle Grove Baptist Church

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 6:15 P.M.—Brotherhood Supper Meeting
- 7:30 P.M.—Deacon's Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 7:00 P.M.—Loyalty Class will meet with Mrs. Edrie Dove, 1100 East Lakeview

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- *4:45 P.M.—Children's Choirs
- *5:50 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- *6:30 P.M.—Teachers' & Officers' Meeting Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.s, YWA's
- *7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service
- *8:15 P.M.—Church Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 9:30 A.M.—Nursery open for Visitation
- 6:30 P.M.—Jr. 12 Graduation Banquet Church Dining Hall

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



NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:

227. Dr. Charles E. Clevenger
 2715 Blackshear
 From: First Baptist Church,
 South Miami, Fla.
228. Mrs. Charles E. Clevenger
229. Mrs. P. T. Howse, Sr., 1922 North
 Baylen St. From: Ridgecrest Baptist
 Church, Birmingham, Ala.
230. Mr. E. Lamar Moore, 165 Aragon Court,
 From: East Brent Baptist Church,
 Pensacola, Fla.
231. Mrs. E. Lamar Moore (Joyce)
232. Miss Bambi Moore
233. Mr. Gary Moore
234. Miss Marietta Philpot, 500 Bayou Blvd.
 EPH. From: Siloam Baptist Church
 Maron, Ala.



SUNDAY SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT COURSE

Again this year, we will have a Sunday School Development Course as a part of our Sunday School program. This course is designed to help train prospective Sunday School workers, and meets during the Sunday School hour on Sunday morning and during the Officers and Teachers Meeting on Wednesday nights. Next week the Builder will carry additional information.

Application forms are available from the church office.