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PASTOR



I HAVE A RENDEZVOUS WITH GOD

I have a rendezvous with God!
Upon His blessed day of rest
To His loved house I go, and meet
with others on the Holy Quest.
Our Saviour comes to welcome us
His presence fills the hallowed place
And there our spiritual eyes behold
The radiance of our Father's face.
For at this sacred hour of prayer
What strength flows down our need to
meet,
As unto Him we suppliant turn,
United at the mercy seat!
How can I to my faith be true
If I keep not this rendezvous.

—Unknown

ATTEND
EVERY
SERVICE
THIS
SUNDAY

Pastor's Paragraphs

AN HONEST CONFESSION

I honestly did not think it could happen. When the goal was set at 1500 in Sunday School, your pastor, Brother



Little Faith, thought the goal was too high. As it turned out, it was too low. 1522 people were in Sunday School last Sunday. This is an all time high. Well done!

One of our men remarked to me that he saw a number of people here Sunday that he had not seen before — I didn't. We had some of our first and

third Sunday folk who decided to come on a second Sunday. If we ever decide to come each Lord's Day, it would be a sight to behold. We would have to bring chairs in to seat the people in the auditorium.

PLEASE DON'T call me Saturday afternoon unless it is a dire emergency. I want to see the Florida Gators on television. They are going to devour those Methodist Mustangs from SMU on the gridiron. Remember, two of those boys playing from Florida are "ours" Bill Carr (wearing jersey No. 51) and Don Knapp (wearing jersey No. 45) are not only two fine young football players, they are both outstanding Christians. We are extremely proud of these young men.

PLEASE DO meet me here at the Meeting House Sunday. There is absolutely no reason why we should not be over 1500 again.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz



The man who is in a hurry to get even with one who has mistreated him, sometimes waits patiently to get even with one who has helped him.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"His First Sermon"

(Acts 13)

7:15 P.M.

"Be Thou An Example"

(I Timothy 3 and 4)

Ordination of Deacons

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT COURSE

Without dedicated, trained lay leaders the total program of the church will not progress as it should. Hence, a special effort to train workers in different phases of Sunday School work will be started October 4.

Length of Course:

The Course is designed to last nine months—thirty-nine weeks.

Meetings:

One class session will meet on Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour—beginning at 9:25 A.M.

Wednesday evening during the Officers' and Teachers' Meeting, another regular class session will be conducted.

Attendance:

When absent, regardless of the reason, it will be necessary to turn in the answers to the questions on the chapter of chapters assigned for that class session.

No one enrolled in the Course shall substitute teach during the Course.

No one enrolled in the Course shall quit in the middle of the course to teach a class.

What to Study?

There will be five books on which credit will be received:

TEACHING TO WIN AND DEVELOP, Corzine

PREPARING TO TEACH THE BIBLE, Colson

THE BOOK OF BOOKS, Hester

THESE THINGS WE BELIEVE, Turner

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE, Moore

In addition to these, each class member will be expected to study the departmental Administration book and the departmental Teaching book for the age group with which he desires to work. Examinations will be given on the one in the phase of the work he wishes to serve—administration or teaching.

There will also be parallel reading for each member from books and materials relating to the course.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE. AND WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ADULT DEPARTMENTS NEXT SUNDAY MORNING.



CHURCH-WIDE LEADERSHIP BANQUET

Every worker in every organization of our church will want to be present for the LEADERSHIP BANQUET, Thursday, October 1. Dr. Porter Routh, Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee will be the speaker.

LIBRARY NOTES

"The time to enlist a Christian in active service is when he enlists in the visible army of Christ by public profession of faith. If a new convert does not open his lips in some devotional meeting during the first thirty days, he is apt to remain tongue-tied for life. If he or she is not called into some sort of service, then doth he or she become a drone in the hive. (Dr. T. L. Cuyler.)

Mr. Spurgeon used to say "Some Christians are like wasps, they are as big when they are born as they ever are."

"What greater calamity can fall upon a nation than the loss of worship?" (Carlyle)

Dr. John Vincent said to a great congregation "I am eighty years old, but I expect to die learning".

"The silent, serene beauty of a holy life is the most powerful thing in the universe next to the might of God". (Pascal)

Quotations from the study course book "The Growing Christian" by Joseph Watts.



PROMOTION DAY IS COMING

For the last two years we have used a different plan of Promotion than before. Under this plan, class members do not move from one department to the other on Promotion Day. This procedure has proven helpful, especially with little children. So, on Sunday, September 27, those being promoted will be given Promotion Certificates, etc. Then, on Sunday, October 4, they will go to their new departments and classes for the first time. These, then, should be great Sundays for us.



HEAR "THE BAPTIST HOUR"
7:30 A.M.—Station WNVY

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs will speak
September 20 on "Religion Is Not
Enough" — Romans 10:2



For our little nameless acts of kindness we shall be loved and remembered.



Start with the conviction that an immoral person is not worthy of your friendship.

STATE MISSION OFFERING

Goal: \$800.00

Given to Date: \$292.11

Offering envelopes are in
pew racks

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. L. P. Bryan, Mrs. David Carson,
Mrs. Carl Eubanks, Mrs. W. P. Mooty,
Mr. Ronald S. Spencer, Mrs. W. A.
Montgomery, Jr., Mrs. Jeanette Godwin,
Mr. James O. Veach

Sacred Heart Hospital

Richard (Rickey) Merritt

Home From Hospital:

Mrs. Don Lyons, Mrs. Gordon L. Graham,
Mrs. W. T. Creel, Mrs. W. K. Davis

Our Sympathy To:

Mr. J. E. Morton in the loss of a sister.
Mr. Curtis Brown, Sr. and Curtis Brown,
Jr. in the loss of wife and mother.
Mr. J. F. Boykin, Sr. and Mr. Norman
Boykin in the loss of their father

Our Congratulations To:

Miss Phylliss Ellen Rankin and Lieutenant Charles David Craft upon their recent marriage

The Very Newest

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

MISS VANESSA LYNN GRAHAM
daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon L. Graham
Born September 10

MISS JEAN LOUISE LYONS
daughter of

Captain and Mrs. Don Lyons, Jr.
Born September 11

MASTER DAVID LEE CARSON, JR.
son of

Mr. and Mrs. David Lee Carson, Sr.
Born September 11



DEACONS ELECTED

The following men were elected by the church last Sunday to serve as active deacons:

J. Claude Adkison
A. Haywood Arnold
O. F. (Ben) Aultman
Joe G. Brookins
Gerald A. Garrett
Aubrey E. Gomillion
Theron A. Guthrie, Sr.
W. L. (Bill) Lee, Sr.
David L. Raley, Sr.
James A. Riddle, Sr.
James C. Rountree

As the deacons held their organizational meeting Monday night, they elected the following officers for the year 1964-65:

Chairman.....Charles H. Overman, Jr.
Vice-Chairman.....Bo Mitchell
Secretary.....Billy V. Renfroe
Assistant Secretary.....T. A. Shell

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T. A. Guthrie, Sunday School Supt. HE 2-6833
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. Stoelen, 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 6-4681
Mrs. J. C. Rountree, Fin. Sec'y.....HE 2-1326
Miss Mary Lou Pitts, Pastor's Sec.....433-1216
Miss Bonnie Beaman, Edu. Secretary.....432-5049
Mrs. G. T. Sutton, Mem'ship Sec.....432-5640
Ernest Barrineau, Treasurer.....HE 2-5079
Mrs. Kittie Manning, Dietician.....GL 6-2124
Mr. M. H. Cranmer, Bldg. Supt.....HE 8-1791



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....1522
Members Present.....1453
New Members.....8
Visitors.....61
Training Union Attendance.....323
Members Present.....289
New Members.....3
Visitors.....31
Additions to church membership.....6
Baptized.....2
Tithes and Offerings:
Budget.....\$5,630.79
Specials.....522.21
Building Fund.....15.00
TOTAL OFFERING.....\$6,168.00



Forgiveness is more than the remission of penalty; it should mean the restoration of a broken fellowship.



A woman never really makes a fool of a man; she just directs the performance., he does the rest.



The public business of the nation is the private business of every citizen.



A happy greeting from a friend puts courage in the soul.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20-SEPTEMBER 25

Reading through the New Testament
in 1964

**2 Corinthians 11:18
to Galatians 4:31.**



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

*9:30 A.M.—Sunday School for all ages
Theron Guthrie, Supt.
*11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship. Pastor
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.—Worship Service. Pastor
8:30 P.M.—Senior Teen Time will meet with
Kahl Edwards, 2405 N. 8th Ave.
8:30 P.M.—Intermediate Teen Time will
meet at Church Activities Center

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:00 P.M.—S. S. Superintendents will meet
in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

*4:45 P.M.—Children's Choirs
*5:50 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
*6:30 P.M.—Teachers' & Officers' meeting
Sunbeams, R.A.'s, YWA's
G. A. "Christmas in September
Program" in Fellowship Hall
*7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service — Mr. Bizzell
*8:15 P.M.—Church Choir Rehearsal

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



NEW MEMBERS

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:
60. Mr. John E. Lambeth, 718 Gentian
Drive

61. Master John Rogers, 1945 Summit Blvd.

FOR BAPTISM FROM ANOTHER

DENOMINATION:
62. Mrs. John E. Lambeth (Carol)

BY LETTER:

236. Mr. Thomas J. DeWeese, Jr., 818 Ash
Drive. From: Calvary Baptist Church,
Newport News, Va.
237. Mrs. Thomas J. DeWeese, Jr. (Martha P.)
238. Mr. Beery C. Lewis Jr., 428 Bayliss
Court. From: Pine Valley Baptist
Church, Wilmington, N. C.

REDEDICATION:
Miss Linda Register

BAPTIZED:
Marcia Durden
John Rogers



Sunday Night Belongs to the Church



IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Curtis Brown
1010 E. Barcia Drive

Joined our church by transfer
Of Letter April 30, 1950

Deceased September 13, 1964