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## Let Our Church Be

A Live Church  
Activity, Progressiveness, Growth

A Warm Church  
Sympathy, Cordiality, Friendliness

A Hopeful Church  
Optimism, Confidence, Courage

A Serving Church  
Doing for others at home and abroad

A Spiritual Church  
Filled with the spirit of God

# Pastor's Paragraphs

Recently a good Presbyterian discussed a matter of great interest to all of us today. Sidney Austin Gates entitled his article "The Fallout Problem":



"One of the major problems confronting the church today is 'fallout,' not radioactive, but spiritually inactive! In virtually every local congregation there are members who want to enjoy the privileges of church membership without assuming the responsibilities of

Christian discipleship. The peril of a halfhearted allegiance is the bane of every pastor and a creeping paralysis that poses a real problem for every congregation.

"It is a sad and tragic commentary upon the religious life of a church member who joins a church and never has a personal, meaningful, transforming encounter with Jesus Christ. Without complete commitment and consecration there can be no discipleship worthy of the Christian name. All of us who name the name of Christ and own His cause need to whisper again and again our vows of devotion, loyalty and allegiance to our Saviour.

"Don't be a spiritual casualty: Know personally the glory of going on! The true disciple will answer our Lord's question, 'Will ye also go away?' as Peter answered it, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.'"

I'll look forward to seeing you in the Meeting House Sunday — 1400 Bibles strong.

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*



## SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

**"The Gospel of the Second Chance"**

(Acts 15:36-41)

7:15 P.M.

**"In His Steps"**

With color slides being shown of the cities visited by the Apostle Paul — Italy, Greece, Palestine, etc.

**STATE MISSION OFFERING**  
**Goal: \$800.00**

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## Library Notes

"If a young man realizes the worth of an education he should have a desire to secure an education. When Samuel P. Brooks was 26 years old he was working as a section hand on the Santa Fe Railroad. One hot summer day he straightened up from the use of his pick and said, 'Men, I can do better than this, and I am going to do it.' He saved a small amount of money and entered Baylor University at Waco, Texas, as a student. While there he did work of various kinds to provide funds for his expense. Later he graduated and became a teacher. Then he went to Yale University and received a degree. When there was a vacancy in the presidency of Baylor University the trustees elected him president. Under him the university prospered. The life of Brooks is a fine illustration of how a good education can bring out the best in a man." Quotation from the study course book "Progress in the Christian Life" by Austin Crouch.



## SUNDAY ENDS THE CHURCH YEAR

This next Sunday, September 27 marks the end of this church year. Again this year, we are observing Promotion Day in two phases as follows: 1) Next Sunday, September 27, those being promoted to new classes and departments will receive promotion certificates and will be instructed as to their new meeting places, 2) Sunday, October 4, everyone reports to new departments as we begin the new year.



Some married men act as if they would rather be caught robbing a baby's bank than holding a dish towel.



**HEAR "THE BAPTIST HOUR"**  
**Sunday, 730 A.M.—Station WNVY**

**Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs**  
**will speak on**

**"The Divine Eraser"—Col. 2:14**



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. L. P. Bryan, Mr. George Cobb, Sr., Mrs. Jeanette Godwin, Mrs. W. P. Mooty, Mrs. Jean Pelt, Mr. L. D. Rushing

### Sacred Heart Hospital:

Rickey Merritt

### Escambia General Hospital:

Mrs. Artie B. Taylor

### Home From The Hospital:

Miss Donna Faxon, Mrs. Paul T. Howse, Jr., Mrs. W. A. Montgomery, Jr. Mrs. Carl Eubanks, Mrs. David Carson, Mr. James O. Veach

### Our Sympathy To:

Mr. Cliff McLoud in the loss of a brother

Mrs. Joe Ladner and Miss Ruth Busey in the loss of their mother.

## *The Very Newest*

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

MISS LISA ANNE HOWSE  
daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. Howse, Jr.  
Born September 16

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 2

Reading Through the New Testament  
in 1964

**Galatians 5:1 to Ephesians 5:33**

## FORWARD PROGRAM OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

The church adopted last Wednesday night a recommendation from the Finance Committee and Deacons that Mr. J. Nixon Daniel, Jr. be elected General Chairman for our Forward Program of Christian Stewardship. Other committee chairmen were named. These will be listed at a future date.



## EXHIBIT OF PAINTINGS

The First Methodist Church has extended to our people an invitation to see an Exhibition of Children's Paintings of Bible Stories. These paintings will be on exhibit at their church September 26 through October 5. They may be seen between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday or 9:00 A.M. to Noon on Saturday.



**SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

## SOMETHING NEW ON SUNDAY NIGHTS

### SEMINAR GROUPS FOR ADULTS

Our adults have responded enthusiastically to a new approach to Sunday night programming. Beginning October 4, all of the adults of the church will choose between 3 Seminar Groups in which they will participate for a 2-month period. Then, at the end of that 2-month period, other groups will be formed to run for a similar period.

This means that each individual will choose between several groups, rather than the idea incorporated in our literature which allows each group to choose between a number of units. We believe that this will mean more interest. We believe that we will be able to provide some resource materials and personnel that individual unions could not easily obtain.

This type presentation to be made will depend somewhat on the leader and the nature of the materials. Basically, each SEMINAR LEADER will seek to provide effective learning experiences. In some instances this can best be done by the lecture method. In some instances, visiting Resource Leaders will be brought in. More variety of presentation will probably result.

Some of the seminars proposed are based on materials in the adult quarterlies. Some of them will be based on books in the CHURCH STUDY COURSE. Some will be structured to meet specific needs of specific groups in our church.

One of the advantages of this new approach is that it allows freedom to structure seminar groups to meet needs of our own people without upsetting groups that might be organized on an age basis.

For the first 8 week period (October-November) the following groups will be meeting:

#### SEMINAR

#### LEADER

- 1) "ADVENTURING TOGETHER IN THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP", Clyde K. Bizzell  
(New Members Class)
- 2) "STUDIES IN OUTREACH AND INREACH" (Visitation Unit).....Hiram Smith, Jr.
- 3) "RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP".....Homer D. Reed

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### CHURCH STAFF

#### Residence Phones

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## LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....1346  
 Members Present.....1281  
 New Members.....7  
 Visitors.....58

Hospital Class.....9  
 Training Union Attendance.....340  
 Members Present.....299  
 New Members.....4  
 Visitors.....37

Additions to church membership.....11

Tithes and Offerings:  
 Budget.....\$5,495.90  
 Specials.....302.03  
 Organ Fund.....5.00  
 Building Fund.....38.50  
**TOTAL OFFERING.....\$5,841.43**

## NEW MEMBERS

### FOR BAPTISM FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION:

63. Mr. Bruce Edward Cameron,  
 Barracks Div. 601, NAS

### BY LETTER:

239. Mr. Leon Bailey, 119 Dodge Drive  
 From: First Baptist Church,  
 Blountstown, Fla.  
 240. Mrs. Leon Bailey (Jane)  
 241. Miss Barbara Jane Bailey  
 242. Mr. Leon Bailey, Jr.  
 243. Mr. Sam Bailey  
 244. Mr. Charles Lee Dixon, NAS, Barracks  
 Div. 601, From: Banlard Baptist  
 Church, Springfield, Mo.  
 245. Mr. Howard B. Droke, 1118 North Baylen  
 St. From: Ocean City Baptist Church,  
 Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.  
 246. Mrs. Howard B. Droke (Adelle)  
 247. Miss Jean Easterwood, 803 Rio Vista,  
 Pensacola Beach. From: First Baptist  
 Church, Louisville, Miss.  
 248. Mr. Jarred A. Simmons, Box 15130,  
 Corry Field. From: Vineville  
 Baptist Church, Macon, Ga.



### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- \*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  
 Ordinance of Baptism  
 Senior Teen Time—Home of Jane  
 Meacham, 1020 E. Fairfield Dr.  
 Intermediate Teen Time will not meet

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 10:00 A.M.—WMS Planning Meeting at the  
 home of Mrs. James L. Pleitz  
 7:30 P.M.—Lydia Class will meet with Mrs.  
 J. T. Holbrook, 1920  
 Barrancas Avenue

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- \*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

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 2:00 P.M.—Willing Workers Class will meet  
 with Mrs. R. C. Keith,  
 1502 E. Brainerd St.  
 2:30 P.M.—Lois Class will meet with  
 Mrs. S. L. Fulghum  
 1306 E. Mallory

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



## CHURCHWIDE LEADERSHIP BANQUET

Our Churchwide Leadership Banquet  
 which had been scheduled for October 1  
 has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Oc-  
 tober 20. Reserve this date to hear Dr.  
 Porter Routh.



The garment of humility is for you; the  
 mantle of charity is to cover your neigh-  
 bor. Do not get them mixed.

Whatever God has commanded us to  
 give, the same has he provided that we  
 might have it to give.



## IN MEMORIAM

**Mrs. John F. Busey**  
 1001 East Strong Street

Joined our church by transfer  
 Of Letter November 21, 1926

Deceased September 20, 1964



**Sunday Night Belongs to the Church**