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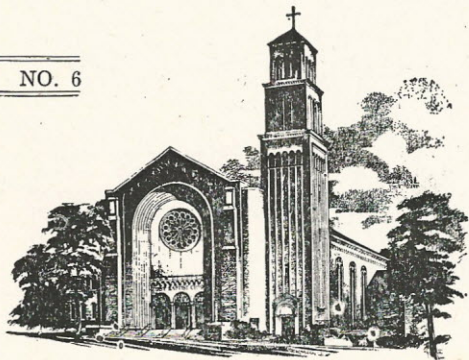
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
PALAFOX AND LA RUA STREETS
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



This Is How It Is Done

Dr. Findley Gibson, one of the outstanding Southern Baptist preachers of the last decade, was known throughout the South for the consistent number of additions that were registered in his church. Sunday after Sunday.

When asked by a fellow pastor the secret of his success, he replied, "Personal visitation on the part of my church members."

Before going into the pulpit each Sunday he had the names of several who were going to come forward at the close of the service. Dr. Gibson said, "I could give the invitation before the sermon and still have people respond. I have one deacon who assures me of one addition each Sunday."

Any church can have the same results if the same concern is shown on the part of the membership.

—Adapted

Pastor's Paragraphs

CHURCH BURGLARIZED

It happened again. About every six months someone feels compelled to break into the church. They usually snoop



around in my office for a while. Sunday night was no exception. They made quite a mess dumping all the papers out of my desk, etc. As far as I could tell, nothing was missing. The only things of any REAL value that I keep here in the office are a rock from the Sea of Galilee and two miniature Razorback Hogs. One of

our ladies in the office said, "At last you will have a chance to clean up your desk." (What did she mean by this?)

I almost feel sorry for the burglars. They must have spent hours chiselling their way into the little office safe. Imagine their disappointment in finding it empty. Invariably this is the case unless you are looking for church records.

Believe it or not, I am more concerned about the burglars in the church than I am the burglars out of it. This may be a harsh word to use but it is biblical (Malachi 3:8): "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." When I spend God's money on self it is a crime.

In the case of the persons responsible for robbing our safe Sunday night, in all probability they make no pretense of being Christians. On the other hand, God's tithes and offerings are taken by those who claim to be Christians.

The police may never apprehend the people responsible for burglarizing the church office but rest assured, God always gets His man!

I will look forward to seeing you Sunday. In one hand I will be carrying my Bible—in the other, God's tithe plus an offering to be used for His work. See you then.

A Concerned Parent and Pastor,

James L. Pleitz



"PRESCRIPTION FOR A MARRIAGE ON THE ROCKS"

Copies of the article "Prescription for a Marriage on the Rocks", referred to by the pastor Sunday Morning are available from the office.



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL



DR. HUGO CULPEPPER

HOME MISSIONS NIGHT

Date: March 9

Time: 6:00 P. M.

We are calling it Home Missions Night.

This special night sponsored by our Woman's Missionary Union (both Night and Day Societies) and the Brotherhood will feature a message by Dr. Hugo Culpepper, the newly elected Director of the Division of Missions of the Home Mission Board.

The plans for this night include your whole family. We hope that you will include this date in your plans for your family.



ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING Monday, February 15 West Highland Baptist Church 7:30 P.M.



OLD TESTAMENT OUTLINE

Copies of the Outline of Old Testament History provided by Dr. David Garland are available. You may secure yours from the office.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A. M.

"Take Heart!"

(Acts 22:30-23:11)

7:15 P. M.

"Come to Supper"

(Luke 14:14-16)



Library Notes

LIBRARY NOTES

In the book **DEEPER LIFE FOR YOU**, Dr. Freeman sets forth to the Christian the availability of the abundant and deeper life. These messages have been blessed of God in that they have been used of Him to bring many men and women into a right relationship with God through Jesus Christ. The reading of them will bring a spiritual uplift to everyone. Spiritual exercises are recommended which will develop spiritual maturity and lead to deeper life experience. The titles of some of the chapters are: Paying the price to follow Christ; The curse of neglected service; The untamed member; Walking as Jesus walked, etc. No reader can remain the same after reading these stirring messages.

L. T. S.



CHURCH BASKETBALL TEAMS

Our teams play next week as follows:

Tuesday, February 16, 8:00 p.m.

Senior Boys Team vs. St. Mark Methodist

Thursday, February 18, 7:00 p.m.

Men's Team vs. Scenic Heights Baptist



VISITATION DAY

Next Thursday is our Visitation Day.

The Nursery will be open beginning at 9:15 a.m. to care for the children of those who go visiting. The Married Young People's Department (First Floor of the South Wing next door to Library) will be our meeting place for those going visiting. Promptly at 9:30 a.m. we will have a brief time of prayer together. Assignments and other materials will be available. There are adjacent rooms for any class or department groups who wish to meet together to plan their visitation effort. We would like for all to plan to meet jointly for the brief prayer time. This room is just across the court way from the Nursery entrance.

Our Men's Visitation is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. next Thursday.



"Some people use language to express thought, some to conceal thought, and others instead of thought."

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the week February 14-19

Numbers 35-Deuteronomy 19

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. J. C. Gilmore, Mr. Milton Ward,
Mrs. L. P. Bryan, Mrs. Thomas McVoy

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mrs. Annie Brown, Mrs. William Warren

Home From Hospital:

Mrs. Ola May Bryant, Miss Verla L. Cates, Mrs. E. R. Cunningham, Mrs. Elton Dunson.

Our Sympathy To:

Mr. James Ronald Shelley in the loss of his father

The Very Newest

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

MISS JERI LYNN MATTHEWS

daughter of

Captain and Mrs. Emmett Matthews

Born February 3

MISS SUSAN ELAINE DUNSON

daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Dunson

Born February 5



ON AGAIN

Watch how our total grows as we sell the Newspapers and Magazines you bring to the church and deposit in the big white bin. This year we will use the money for a bus to Ridgecrest for the Youth Conference. In order to keep the individual cost at a level which our youth can afford we are calling on wide participation from our congregation. **We will need your help!** We will need to fill the bin every week. The Conference dates are June 24 through 30.

Your response was truly great for the Youth Choir tour last year. We can do it again. We will be counting on you. We will need to earn about \$400.00.

OFF AGAIN



IN MEMORIAM

MRS. IDA McCLURE

1523 East Moreno St.

Joined our church by letter

May 24, 1914

Deceased February 4, 1965

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 to Honduras

All material to be included in The Builder
 should be in the office, preferably in writing,
 not later than 9:00 A.M. Mondays.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

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| Sunday School Attendance | 1,252 | 1,252 |
| Members Present | 1,203 | |
| New Members | 11 | |
| Visitors | 38 | |
| Training Union Attendance | 324 | |
| Members Present | 301 | |
| New Members | 4 | |
| Visitors | 19 | |
| Additions to church membership | 1 | |
| Tithes and Offerings: | | |
| Budget | 6,769.44 | |
| Specials | 311.69 | |
| Organ Fund | 5.00 | |
| Building Fund | 13.00 | |
| TOTAL OFFERING | 7,099.13 | |



"If the world loses any of its worth,
 is only because some of us take from it
 more than we give."

"Peace rules the day when reason
 rules the mind."

W.M.U. LEADERSHIP COURSE

February 25 & March 4
Fellowship Hall

For Circle and WMS Officers,
 and other interested persons

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- *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 and Sunday
 Evening Seminars
 Homer D. Reed, Director
- *7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor
- 8:45 p.m.—CITY-WIDE SINGSPIRATION at
 St. Mark's Methodist Church,
 2201 N. 12th Avenue.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 7:30 p.m.—Associational Sunday School
 Meeting
 West Highland Baptist Church

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 7:30 p.m.—Robert Goldie Circle meets with
 Mrs. S. L. Fulghum,
 1306 E. Mallory

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- *4:45 p.m.—Children's Choirs
- *5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
- *6:30 p.m.—Teacher's & 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, FEBRUARY 18

- Visitation Day
- *9:30 a.m.—Visitation
- 9:30 a.m.—Faithful Workers Class Visitation
 Meet at Church. Covered dish
 luncheon 12 noon with Mrs. B. M.
 Wakefield, 1219 E. Moreno St.
- 7:00 p.m.—Men's Visitation

NEW MEMBERS

- 72. Miss Marylynn Stanley, YWCA,
 1417 North 12th Ave.
 From: First Baptist Church,
 Flomaton, Alabama

SENIORS! PJC STUDENTS!

The Florida Baptist Student Union Convention will be held at First Church, Gainesville, February 26-28, 1965. Free housing will be provided by members of Gainesville churches for those requesting this type of accommodation. The registering fee of \$3.00 includes travel insurance (.50) and the lunch and banquet on Saturday (\$2.50). High school seniors are invited to attend along with college students. Reservations must be in by February 16th. Send to: Department of Student Work, 1230 Hendricks Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32207.

"It is no use walking anywhere to
 preach unless we preach as we walk."

"No problem we face is ever as big as
 the problem we dodge."