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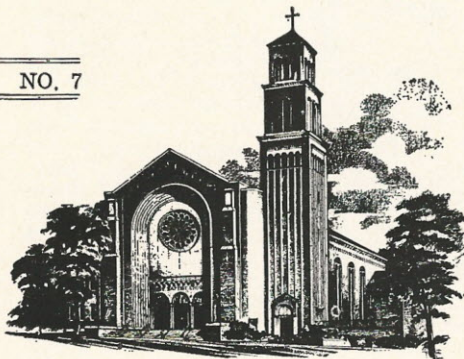
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
PALAFOX AND LA RUA STREETS
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

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PASTOR



CHURCHES

Beautiful is the large church,
With stately arch and steeple;
Neighborly is the small church,
With groups of friendly people;
Reverent is the old church,
With centuries of grace;
And a wooden church or a stone church
Can hold an altar place.
And whether it be a rich church
Or a poor church anywhere,
Truly it is a great church
If God is worshipped there.

Author Unknown

Pastor's Paragraphs

THE LEAST OF THESE

I had never been there before. The good Lord willing it shall not be my last visit. Every Christian should make a visit to



Youth Harbor occasionally.

Youth Harbor is our detention home in Escambia County for wayward children. The present facilities were opened in 1944. There have been very few changes since then. The number of Juvenile cases in the county has more than doubled. As the population continues to in-

crease we can expect this number to continue to grow.

I was appalled at what I saw at Youth Harbor. The facilities are completely inadequate. They are terribly understaffed. Something desperately needs to be done.

The County Commissioners were more than gracious in the hearing conducted Monday morning. These men realize the need to do something about this situation. We need more than a detention home for our wayward youth. We need a total program consisting of prevention, detention, and rehabilitation.

As a Christian and a citizen of Escambia County, each one of us should be concerned about this matter. Jesus was. "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: . . . I was in prison, and ye came unto me. . . . Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25:34-36b, 40b)

I sincerely hope that you will make a real effort to be in church with your family Sunday. Regardless of the weather, meet me in the Meeting House!

Faithfully your pastor

James L. Pleitz



HEAR "THE BAPTIST HOUR"

Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

Station WNVY

Preacher:

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs

Subject:

"Turning Question Marks
Into Exclamation Points"

"TO PAINT A TIGER SUCCESSFULLY . . .

**The Artist Must Have Within
Himself The Potentiality
To Be One."**

I ran across this Chinese saying last week while reading a book on the history of art. It stuck with me because of the unusual way in which such a universal idea was expressed. Art for art's sake has no appeal to the average person because it has no life—no vitality. To be meaningful, it must spring from experience. The great personalities of history are those whose creativeness was born of their dreams, desires, and ambitions—all a result of their experience.

This idea can be related to the congregational music program of our church. To sing hymns expressing great Christian truths, the individual must have within himself firm convictions, built on Christian experience. The expressions of the hymns must be a vital, living part of the individual.

Beethoven said, "Music should strike fire from the heart of man." It is to this end that we sing. Our hymn singing should set our hearts and souls aflame with love and zealous devotion for the One who has so enriched our experience. The soul that thrills to the strains of "Amazing Grace" is the soul that has, through the unfathomable grace of God, tasted the sweetness of the transforming power of Christ. "On Christ, The Solid Rock, I Stand," is the triumphant testimony of a regenerated soul! What Christian, assured of an eternity with Christ, can hesitate to sing these words?

The spiritual depth of any church can be felt in the congregational singing—not through the volume, tempo, or harmonic solidity but through the vitality and spirit emanating from a people to whom Christian experience is nothing or everything. Sing with spirit and enthusiasm! Claim this privilege of sing from experience!

—R. B. Easterling
From "Kyle's Clef"



HEAR DR. HUGO CULPEPPER
Home Missions Night—March 9

SERMON TOPICS

11: A. M.

"An Unfinished Sermon"

(Acts 24)

7:15 P. M.

"Playing the Fool"

(I Samuel 26:21)

LOST UMBRELLAS

Usually it is the property belonging to other people that they have left at the church that is our concern. Several months ago, we purchased some umbrellas for use in emergency situations by our ushers. Most of them have disappeared from the Ushers' Room. Will you check and see if you have at home a black umbrella that belongs to the First Baptist Church. They have the church name inside of the umbrella which can be seen when it is opened.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know . . . that a committee composed of Mr. Bizzell; Mr. Winford Abney, World Missions Leader of our Brotherhood; Mrs. Robert F. Jernigan, WMU President; Mrs. Spencer West, President of the Day Society; Mrs. M. B. Dawson, Director of Prayer; Mrs. Louis Berlin, President of the Night Society; along with others are making detailed plans for Home Missions Night . . . that Dr. Hugo Culpepper is to be the principal speaker. Be listening for further details of this very exciting evening.



A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

Your Builder last week carried the announcement about the coming on March 9 of Dr. Hugo Culpepper. Dr. Culpepper has just been elected as Director of Missions of the Home Mission Board. In this position, he succeeds Dr. Arthur B. Rutledge, who was promoted to replace Dr. Courts Redford, as the Executive Secretary. Dr. Culpepper had served as a missionary of the Foreign Mission Board from 1940 to 1959. Just prior to going to the Home Mission Board he was serving as the Associate Professor of Missions at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in a position he had held since 1959.



SPIRITUAL TRANQUILITY

Clear conscience makes the outlook bright
For any kind of weather,
And serves to calm our thoughts at night
Like sheep that rest together;
For earth can offer no release
Like a God-given inner peace.

EDUCATION

"It does not speak well for our values when we spend more on the ABC's—alcohol, bets, and cigarettes—than on the three R's of education."

READ AND LIVE

"The Golden Rule is old, but it's as good as ever. It hasn't been used often enough to result in any appreciable wear. Read Luke 6:31."



Library Notes

THE CHRISTIAN IN BUSINESS by John E. Mitchell, Jr. answers such questions as: Can religion and business mix? How is faith in God really related to one's daily occupation? The author ranges his discussion through such topics as the ethics of buying and selling, the secret of good personnel relations, enthusiasm for one's work and, the value of a competitive spirit. This book summons employer and employee alike to acknowledge high Christian calling in the activities of business . . . to discover in work new meaning, purpose, poise, and satisfaction.

THE CHRISTIAN LAYMAN by F. M. Segler will help all church members recover a sense of wholeness concerning the church's total membership. He says laymen are as vital a part of a church as the minister. "The pastor can do precious little unless the laymen are behind him in his efforts to fulfill Christ's commission." The witness of a layman often carries more weight than that of his pastor. As a Christian a layman is called to practice his faith in every area of life—in the shop, office or plant, and at the dinner table with his family.

—L. T. S.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. L. P. Bryan, Mrs. J. C. Gilmore, Calvin Heine, Jr., Mrs. John Greathouse.

Sacred Heart Hospital

Mrs. Vivian Gordon, Mrs. C. C. McCurley, Mr. Charles Leaman, Mrs. William Warren.

Home From Hospital:

Mr. Calvin Heine, Sr., Mr. Edwin Roberts, Mr. J. H. Holley, Mrs. Floyd Thompson, Mr. Milton Ward, Mrs. Thomas McVov, Miss Franceen Dargacz, Mrs. Annie Brown, Master Jimmy Yandle, Mrs. Jane Wright.



CHURCH BASKETBALL TEAMS

Our team plays next week as follows:

Monday, February 22, 8:00 p.m.

Men's Team vs. St. Andrew Methodist

Thursday, February 25, 7:00 p.m.

Men's Team vs. Myrtle Grove Baptist



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Home Missions Night—March 9

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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

Sunday School Attendance	1,092
Members Present	1,050
New Members	5
Visitors	37
Training Union Attendance	322
Members Present	301
New Members	3
Visitors	18
Additions to church membership	7
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	4,442.79
Specials	315.85
Building Fund	29.50
TOTAL OFFERING	4,788.14



WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY MANUAL

Thursday, February 25
Fellowship Hall

9:30-10:15 a.m.—Organizing for Missions	
Mrs. Robert Jernigan	
10:15-11:00 a.m.—Leadership Training	
Mrs. Robert Jernigan	
11:00-11:45 a.m.—World Awareness	
Mrs. S. G. Kennedy	
11:45-12:30 p.m.—Spiritual Life Development	
Mrs. James L. Pleitz	
12:30- 1:00 p.m.—Lunch	
1:00- 1:30 p.m.—Open Discussion	

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the week February 21-27

Deuteronomy 20-34



Opportunities for the Week

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- *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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 6:45 p.m.—Associational Brotherhood
 Meeting, Heights Baptist Church

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- *4:45 p.m.—Children's Choirs
- *5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
- *6:30 p.m.—Teachers' and 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 25

- *9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.—Leadership Course
 Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m.—Loyalty Class will meet with
 Miss Sadie Coley,
 1411 East DeSoto Street

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- *6:00 p.m.—MYP T. U. Supper-Social,
 Fellowship Hall.

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



NEW MEMBERS

FOR BAPTISM FROM OTHER DENOMINATION

- 8. Mr. Melvin W. Buck, 4522 Montclair Rd.
- 9. Mrs. Jon Powell (Linda) 22 Horn St.

BY LETTER:

- 73. Mrs. Melvin W. Buck (Gloria L.)
 4522 Montclair Rd.
 From: Gaston Avenue Baptist Church,
 Dallas, Texas
- 74. Mr. Donald Kingsmore,
 7130 McAdam Court
 From: Southside Baptist Church,
 Decatur, Ala.
- 75. Mr. Henry M. Kracke, 857 Fairfax Drive
 From: First Baptist Church,
 Talladega, Ala.
- 76. Mrs. Henry M. Kracke
- 77. Mr. Jon Powell, 22 Horn St.
 From: Jefferson Ave. Baptist Church,
 East Point, Ga.



ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD MEETING

Monday, February 22, 1965

- 6:45 p.m.—Fish Supper
 (tickets, 75 cents each must be
 secured before hand)
- 7:30 p.m.—Program will feature the per-
 sonal testimony of Bill Olson,
 a man who was converted
 while in prison.

You will want to hear this thrilling testi-
 mony.