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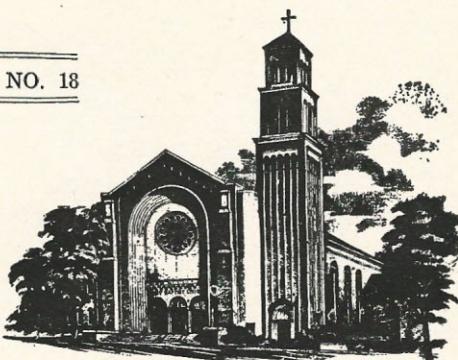
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AN OPEN LETTER TO PARENTS

Some people have it, some do not. I don't. It's called having a "green thumb." I am not sure why this particular terminology is used, but when a person has the ability to grow flowers, vegetables, etc., we often say, "He has a green thumb."

The way we talk about these folk would lead you to believe that their ability is either inherited or a special gift from the Lord. I rather think our friends with "green thumbs" work at the job. The results they get do not just happen, they have paid the price for success.

It doesn't require a "green thumb" to raise a delinquent child, it's easy. Actually all a parent has to do is to step aside and the delinquent will pretty well raise himself. There are indications that we have learned this lesson well. The number of delinquent children continues to increase at a frightful rate, and the end is not yet.

One of the most important (if not the most important) factor is the influence you exert on your child in relationship to the child and his church. The delinquent parent will give his children little if any spiritual training. He will let the child wait until he is 21, then he can decide for himself.

When, as a parent, you ignore God and His day by rather working on Sunday, or spending the day at the beach, or at the golf course, rest assured that you are planting the seeds of delinquency deep in the soil of your child's heart. In time you will reap the harvest.

You will get about the same results if you bring your child to Sunday School or church and then quickly drive away to some more important engagement. I doubt that any of us realize just how eloquently such actions say, "This religious business is not really important at all—it's child stuff."

There is little the pastor or church can do to counteract such actions. A Mother spoke to me about her son. She seemed to be genuinely concerned; however, she was not concerned enough to come to church—be-ware, there is heartache ahead.

No, it is not hard to raise a delinquent child. All that you have to do is ignore God and the church. You will be truly amazed at the results.

A concerned parent and pastor,

James L. Pleitz

HIGHLIGHTS OF COMING WEEKS!

- G. A. Coronation, Wednesday, May 12
- Overnight Junior Camp (12-yr. department) May 14, 15
- Workshop for Intermediate Workers of the Sunday School, May 18, 19, 20, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.
- Workshop for Junior Workers of the Sunday School, May 25, 26, 27, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Young People "A" Department Beach Party, May 8
- Senior Breakfast at THE SKILLET, 8:00 a.m., Sunday, May 30.



May 9—Junior Hi in Fellowship Hall

Junior Hi Parents

Senior Hi-College—Home of John Burks, 3108 Menendez

May 16—Senior Hi-College—

Bill and Caroline Lee's home
1809 East Gadsden Street

May 23—All Youth Get Together in Fellowship Hall
"Greatest Show on Earth"

May 30—No Get Together

—HELEN MAY
Director of Youth Education



"Love cannot be wasted; where it is bestowed, it always brings rich returns."

"Service is the rent I pay for the space I fill."

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A. M.

"On Building A Home"
(Genesis 2)

7:15 P. M.

"Man, Prophet, Or Son of God"
(John 9:1-38)

SOFTBALL GAME

Thursday, May 13—7:00 p.m.
First Baptist vs. Richards Memorial
Methodist at Exchange Park



HOMEMADE HAPPINESS by Wayne Dehoney deals with the more common problems of courtship, love and marital adjustment. He gives some practical guidelines.

TWO SHALL BE ONE by Reuben Herring is another very fine book. The author presents a down-to-earth treatment of day-to-day problems of a young couple's encounter as they go about the task of building a Christian home.

FAMILY LIFE—A Bible view by Joe W. Burton is a new book. The purpose of this book is to portray the ideal Christian family and help to clarify what the Bible says concerning marriage and the family.

THE CHURCH LOOKS AT FAMILY LIFE is a book written by Duvall, Mace, and Popenoe, leading authorities in this field. It is a compilation of twelve practical, pertinent, and well-founded addresses on marriage and the home by three well-known writers.



"He is no fool who parts with what he cannot keep to get what he cannot lose."

"Happiness may be thought, sought, or caught, but not bought."



Mr. Charles Leaman
900 Bayou Boulevard

Joined our church by baptism
November 11, 1945

Deceased May 2, 1965



Mr. James S. Atchison
306 Ariola Avenue, Granada
Joined our church by baptism
March 28, 1951
Deceased May 5, 1965

**"We've a story to tell
to the nations."**



The week of May 9-15 will be observed as G. A. Focus Week in our church. Our theme is "Go and Tell". The highlight of the week will be the Coronation Service at 7:30 Wednesday Evening. At this time approximately 60 girls will be recognized for work on Forward Steps. Each member of our church is invited to the service.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations To:

Miss Carol Willis and Mr. Ronald Gas-
kin upon their recent marriage.

Baptist Hospital:

Mr. George Eddins, Mrs. Imogene Stewart, Mrs. Laura Ward, Mr. Curtis J. Brown, Sr., Mr. Carlton Fendt, Sr., Miss Karen Snider, Mrs. Lowell Loadholtz.

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mr. B. R. Hegwood, Mr. J. G. Lambeth, Mrs. Hazel Bledsoe, Mrs. Maggie Brown, William Moore, Jr.

Navy Hospital:

Mrs. Frances Cox

Home From The Hospital:

Miss Judith DeWeese, Miss Karen Howse, Mr. James Maddrey, Mrs. Pete McLeod, Miss Vonceil McCreary, Mr. Emory Rogers (Mrs. Lawren Meacham, Mrs. John May).

Our Sympathy To:

Mrs. Charles Leaman in the loss of her husband.
Mrs. Bill Kreitlein in the loss of her father.
Mrs. James S. Atchison in the loss of her husband.

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the week of May 9-15

2 Samuel 5-7, I Chronicles 16

"David The King"

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in loving memory of Mrs. J. F. Busey and Mrs. Guy E. Ladner and are given by Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Ladner.



**MONDAY, MAY 10
6:15 P. M.**

**SPEAKER: Mr. Bo Mitchell
TOPIC: "Step Out For Christ"**

You will want to make your supper reservation Sunday or by calling the church office Monday morning.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Entries are now being taken for the annual church tournament to be held May 22, 1965.

The format of the tournament is similar to that of last year. To enter call:

Adolph Fields a 455-2296 or 433-7016
Bill Harden at 438-8626
Church Office—433-5631

Be sure to give your average score.
More information next issue of Builder.

TIMELY ADVICE

If you are impatient, sit down and talk with Job.

If you are just a little strong-headed, go and see Moses.

If you are getting weak-kneed, take a good look at Elijah.

If there is no song in your heart, listen to David.

If you are getting sordid, spend a while with Isaiah.

If your faith is below par, read Paul.

If you are getting lazy, watch James.

If you are losing sight of the future, climb up the stairs of Revelation and get a glimpse of the promised land.

—Selected

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"Of all the valuable things that money can't buy, the most valuable is a man who can't be bought."

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 Mrs. Arthur Haylock,
 Our Missionary 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	.....1,237
Members Present	.....1,185
New Members	.....5
Visitors	.....47
Training Union Attendance	.....328
Members Present	.....307
New Members	.....3
Visitors	.....18
Additions to church membership	.....9
Baptized	.....11
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	.....6,057.71
Specials	.....185.97
Revival Offering	.....45.25
Building Fund	.....28.00
Organ Fund	.....20.00
TOTAL OFFERING	.....6,336.93



NEW MEMBERS

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:

30. Ben Eason, 1804 W. Wright St.
31. Lena Maria Jordan, Star Rt. M.G. Box 840
32. David Singleton, 927 Blue Springs Dr.
33. David Yelverton, 21 Gilmore Dr.,
 Gulf Breeze

BY LETTER:

116. Mrs. Myriam Saujon, 1801 E. Bobe St.
 From: First Baptist Church,
 Wetumpka, Ala.
117. Mr. Herman R. Singleton,
 927 Blue Springs Dr.
 From: Princess Anne Plaza Baptist
 Church, Virginia Beach, Va.
118. Mrs. Herman R. Singleton
119. Patti Singleton
120. Sally Kay Singleton

BAPTIZED:

Jane Cary	Carol Kendrick
Joan Cary	Cynthia Kendrick
Jack Cheshire	Jennifer Lenz
Nancy Cheshire	Andrea Marie Mitchel
Lena Maria Jordan	Laura Parish
	David Yelverton



SUNDAY, MAY 9

*9:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
 Theron Guthrie, Supt.
 *11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
 Service of Parental Dedication
 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
 Baptism
 8:15 p.m.—Senior High-College Fellowship
 At the home of John Burks,
 3811 Menendez

MONDAY, MAY 10

*4:00 p.m.—G. A. Coronation Rehearsal
 6:15 p.m.—Brotherhood
 7:30 p.m.—Deacon's Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 11

See WMS Circles
 6:00 p.m.—W.M.S. Night Society

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

*4:45 p.m.—Children's Choirs
 *5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
 *6:30 p.m.—Officers and Teachers Meeting.
 Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, YWA's
 *7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service.
 G. A. Coronation
 *8:15 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal
 8:30 p.m.—G. A. Reception

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



WMS CIRCLES

TUESDAY, MAY 11

10:00 a.m.—
 T. N. CALLOWAY CIRCLE will meet with
 Mrs. Clarence Taylor,
 724 North 12th Avenue.
 VIRGINIA COBB CIRCLE will meet with
 Mrs. Theron Guthrie,
 1403 East Lakeview Avenue.
 STANLEY DAVIS CIRCLE will meet with
 Mrs. S. L. Davis,
 1503 East Jackson Street.
 MARTHA HAYLOCK CIRCLE will meet with
 Mrs. A. C. Johnson,
 661 Woodbine Drive.
 DONALD LANGFORD CIRCLE will meet with
 Mrs. P. E. Byrd,
 1721 East Baars Street.
 DOTTISON MILLS CIRCLE will meet with
 Mrs. Jack Baldwin,
 2909 Blackshear Avenue.
 R. C. MOORE CIRCLE will meet with
 Mrs. B. M. Taylor,
 360 West Brainerd Street.
 BERNICE NEEL CIRCLE will meet with
 Mrs. D. C. Parker,
 3108 East Lee Street, EPH.
 MAMIE LOU POSEY CIRCLE will meet with
 Mrs. James Cullifer,
 212 Euclid. Pineglades.
 LAURA FRANCES SNOW CIRCLE will meet with
 Mrs. Marshall King,
 7205 Chemstrand Road.
 CLARICE ASHMORE CIRCLE will meet in
 the Church Fellowship Hall

3:00 p.m.—
 HARVEY HEADRICK CIRCLE will meet with
 Mrs. M. B. Dawson,
 269 Gamarra Road.

6:00 p.m.—
 WMS Night Society Supper-Program
 7:30 p.m.—
 Night Circles Meet