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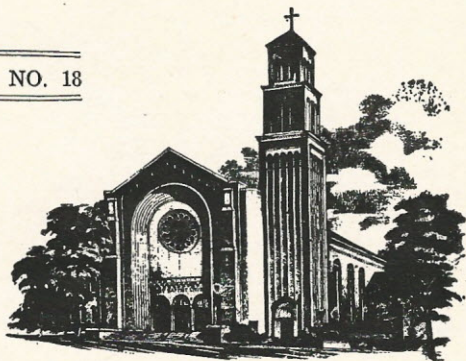
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AN OPEN LETTER TO PARENTS

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



Training Union

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 Her-ring 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."



IN MEMORIAM

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 Load-
holtz.

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, 1 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 res-
ervation 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



"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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SUNDAY, MAY 9

CHURCH OFFICE.....433-5631

CHURCH OFFICERS

Charles H. Overman, Chr. of Deacons.....476-3123
T. A. Guthrie, Sunday School Supt.....432-6683
Homer D. Reed, T. U. Director.....432-4511
Mrs. R. F. Jernigan, WMU Pres.....438-6703
C. H. Overman, Jr., Brotherhood Pres.....476-3123
Mrs. A. R. W. Stoesen, Librarian.....432-6502

CHURCH STAFF

Residence Phones
James L. Pleitz, Pastor.....433-1502
Clyde K. Bizzell, Asst. to Pastor.....432-7237
Dr. G. J. Rousseau, Pastor Emeritus
Jerry Howell, Minister of Music.....476-9798
Miss Helen May, Dir. of Youth Ed.....432-2721
Mrs. W. H. Adams, Organist.....436-4681
Mrs. J. C. Rountree, Financial Sec'y.....432-1326
Miss Bonnie Beauman, Edu. Sec'y.....432-5049
Miss Mary Lou Pitts, Pastor's Sec'y.....433-1216
Mrs. G. T. Sutton, Mem'ship Sec'y.....432-5640
Ernest Barrineau, Treasurer.....432-5079
Mrs. Kittie Manning, Dietician.....456-2124
Mr. M. H. Cranmer, Bldg. Supt.....438-1791
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 Mitchell
Lena Maria Jordan	Laura Parish
	David Yelverton

*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
DOTTSON 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,
7805 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