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JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



MEMORIAL DAY

Is it enough to think to-day
Of all our brave, then put away
The thought until a year has sped?
Is this full honor for our dead?

Is it enough to sing a song
And deck a grave; and all year long
Forget the brave who died that we
Might keep our great land proud and free?

Full service needs a greater toll—
That we who live give heart and soul
To keep the land they died to save,
And be ourselves, in turn, the brave!

—Annette Wynn, Contemporary American

Pastor's Paragraphs

AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Christian Friends:

In just a few brief days, the month of June will arrive. Of all the months of the



year, June is one of the best loved. It is the traditional month for weddings. It is the time our schools are dismissed for the long summer holiday (little do the children realize what a welcomed time this is for the teachers!).

There are, however, those who are not so enthused about the arrival of June. In this group are many ministers.

Some churches all but go out of business with the arrival of this month. A Philadelphia church has a marble plaque over the entrance, bearing the words: "Gate of Heaven." Beneath this was the legend on the church signboard: "Closed during June, July and August."

The First Baptist Church is indeed for many the very gate of heaven. Your church is counting on your ALL-OUT support during the summer months. Please be faithful in both your attendance and the giving of your tithes and offerings to support His causes around the world. Your co-operation will make this summer the best one in the history of our church for our precious Savior.

Faithfully yours,

James L. Pleitz

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." (Rev. 2:10)



**SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL
AND WORSHIP SUNDAY**



11:00 A.M.

Extension Department Day

**"A Man Who Walked
With God"**

(Genesis 5)

7:15 P. M.

Message By Arthur Joel Williams

GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Listed below are the winners of the Annual Church Golf Tournament in which approximately 55 men participated last Saturday, May 22, at Perdido Bay Golf Course.

FIRST FLIGHT—Winner, Adolph Fields; Runner-Up, Tommy Daniel; Consolation Winner, Jim Roth, Sr.

SECOND FLIGHT—Winner, Basil Yelverton; Runner-Up, Bill Harden; Consolation Winner, Tim Jordan.

THIRD FLIGHT—Winner, Raymond Edwards; Runner-Up, Charles Cox; Consolation Winner, Jim Ward.

FOURTH FLIGHT—Winner, Joel Hill; Runner-Up, Ray Carter; Consolation Winner, Sandy Taylor.

FIFTH FLIGHT—Winner, Joe Pilcher; Runner-Up, Don Lyons, Consolation Winner, Charles Fosha.

SIXTH FLIGHT—Winner, Charles Fosha, Jr.; Runner-Up, Bill Taylor; Consolation Winner, Charles McCown.

JUNIOR FLIGHT—First Place, Alan Burks; Second Place, Wilton Wiggins; Third Place, Danny Pleitz.

Awards will be made Wednesday Night, June 2, at the Fellowship Supper.

THANK YOU

I have been trying for a week to write some sort of "Thank You" note to the church and have found it difficult to find the right words. So many of you have asked about the trip. I shall try to bring you a general report under the title "The Wanderings of a Wanderer" at the Training Union Hour Sunday.

I shall ever be grateful for the opportunity of making this trip. I shall never read the Bible or the newspaper with the same eyes again. The opportunity of seeing the Bible lands was an experience that I shall never forget. And the opportunity to be in the lands of Jordan and Israel focused my attention upon the current problems in these lands. I shall try hard not to bore you about "my trip", but I shall try to be a good steward of the things I saw and felt.

CLYDE K. BIZZELL



TRAINING UNION

The Training Union presents

"The Wanderings of a Wanderer"
(Mr. Bizzell's slides of his trip)

at the Training Union Hour — 6 p.m.
Sunday

Church Dining Room

(Training Union members will go first to your regular meeting place; then come to dining room by 6:10).

**Pope Shank Men's Class
Will Have
"Farewell Cook-out"
on Friday, May 28
at Bayview Park—6:30 p.m.
honoring
Mr. Percy Pentecost**

Library Notes

In the book "The Animal World of Albert Schweitzer" is this interesting account: "A white acquaintance who, with a caravan of bearers was transporting rice, tobacco and salt, got tired of waiting and went ahead on the forest path he knew so well. Suddenly at a bend in the trail he came upon a pair of gorillas holding a young one by the hand. There was no time to snatch his gun from his shoulder. There was nothing to do but stand at attention, as far as his trembling limbs would permit. Father, mother and child stared at him steadily. After their first curiosity was satisfied, the young gorilla let go of its mother's hand to reach for the buttons on the white man's coat. While it played with them the white man smiled broadly. Had he made a movement of fear the old gorilla would have immediately torn him to shreds. After this play had lasted for a little time the gorilla mother took the child again by the hand and drew it away as if to say: 'now you have looked long enough at this freak'. And father, mother and child went on their way. The white man, however, collapsed. Since that time he never wandered ahead of his caravan in the early morning."

—L. T. S.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP

"News and Views of Peru"

Next Wednesday night in the Young People's Group, Mrs. Darrell Roden will show her slides taken in Peru and discuss her trip. This group for members of our Senior and Young People's Departments meets in the Business & Professional Department, 3rd Floor of the Sanctuary Building each Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m.

Future plans for this group include:
"What to Expect at College"
"Professors You will Meet"
"Social Problems"
"Science and Religion"
"Career Opportunities"

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptist Hospital

Miss Joyce Hernandez, Mrs. Imogene Stewart, Mrs. Mary Evelyn Touart, Mrs. John D. Smith.

Sacred Heart Hospital

Mrs. B. A. Smith.

Forest General Hospital, Hattiesburg, Miss.
Miss Annie Averett

Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas
Mrs. John May

Home From Hospital

Mrs. Ruth Patin, Mr. James T. Mad-drey, Wayne Dobelstein, Mrs. Letcher Lamkin.

Our Sympathy To:

Mrs. Claude Adkison in the loss of a brother.

Mr. Vernon Cole in the loss of his father.

Mrs. Pete Chandler in the loss of her father.

Mr. Curtis Brown, Jr., in the loss of his father.



SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Anyone from our congregation planning to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, June 1-4 is asked to please call the church office in order that you may be named as a messenger.



SUMMER READING CLUB

Our Summer Reading Club this summer will include all ages. This activity is scheduled to begin on June 6. Next week's Builder will include additional information and the simple rules.



IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Benjamin R. Hegwood
1605 E. Lakeview Avenue

Joined our church by transfer
of letter October 24, 1943
Deceased May 21, 1965



Mr. Curtis J. Brown, Sr.
1010 Barcia Drive

Joined our church by baptism
June 12, 1955
Deceased May 22, 1965

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Our Missionary to Honduras



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance	1,266
Members Present	1,229
New Members	0
Visitors	37
Training Union Attendance	287
Members Present	272
New Members	0
Visitors	15
Additions to church membership	3
Baptized	6
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	4,773.41
Specials	174.30
Organ Fund	10.00
Building Fund	53.00
TOTAL OFFERING	5,010.71



JUNIOR CAMP

We are happy to announce that our missionary for Junior Camp, June 7-11, will be Charles Ford, missionary on furlough from Nigeria.

Mr. Bizzell, Mr. Howell, and Miss May are making plans for this week of camp for Juniors.

Registrations should be in by next Sunday. \$2.00 registration fee is to be turned in with the registration. The additional \$10.00 may be turned in anytime before camp begins June 7th.



SOFTBALL

Tuesday, June 1, 8:20 p.m.

First Baptist vs. Olive Baptist
Exchange Park



SUNDAY, MAY 30

8:00 a.m.—Breakfast For High School
Graduates, Skillet Restaurant
*9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron Guthrie, Superintendent
*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 D. Reed, Director
*7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

WMS General Meeting
*10:00 a.m.—Business
*10:45 a.m.—Missionary Program
*11:30 a.m.—Bible Study
*12:00 p.m.—Lunch
7:00—Boy Scouts, Activities Center.
7:30 p.m.—Lydia Bible Class meets with
Mrs. Ada McMillan,
118 W. Cervantes

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

*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, Mr. Bizzell
*8:15 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

11:00 a.m.—Lois Bible Class will have cov-
ered dish luncheon at Bayview
Park.



NEW MEMBERS

FOR BAPTISM FROM
ANOTHER DENOMINATION
40. Mr. Roger C. Purdy,
2225 North 10th Avenue

BY LETTER:

126. Mrs. David G. Guthrie, Sr.,
402 Fairpoint Dr., Gulf Breeze, Fla.
From: First Baptist Church,
Gulf Breeze, Florida

127. Miss Margaret Guthrie

BAPTIZED

Mr. Lewis Ray Carter
Mrs. Lewis Ray Carter
Miss Deborah Ann Carter
Mr. Roger C. Purdy
Miss Marie Smith
Master William Homer Taylor



AN INVITATION

First Methodist Church will have Open
House on Monday, May 31, 7:30 p.m., in
the Fellowship Hall for all interested people
to meet their week-day kindergarten
teachers — Mrs. Albert Leary and Mrs.
Robert Wesley.

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the Week of
May 30-June 5

Luke 1-2

"The Divine Became Human"