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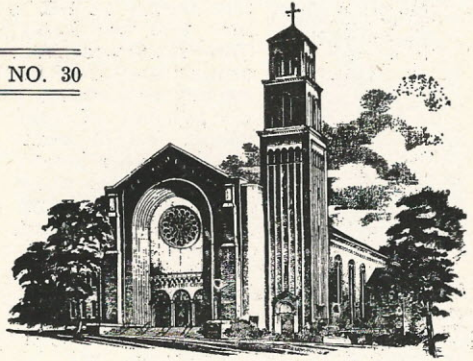
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PASTOR



"I Am Worried About Communism"

"Hello, there, my friend. Glad to see you on this bright Monday morning. What's on your mind? You look a bit worried."

"Well, who wouldn't be worried, with the papers full of the way Communism is spreading? I tell you, if we don't wake up and do something it is going to take the world. There is no doubt about it, they want to destroy the Bible."

"By the way, we missed you in Sunday school yesterday. In fact, I don't believe you have been with us for several Sundays."

"No. I'll tell you. I enjoy Sunday school, and I sure believe we need to study the Bible, but Sunday is the only day I have, and you know a fellow has to have some time off. I just took it easy yesterday morning, and after dinner we rode down to the beach. Took the whole family. I believe the kids need Sunday School and Church, but it doesn't do any good to make them go. But about this Communism it really scares me. Why in some countries, they have closed up the Churches . . . won't let the people worship."

"Speaking of Church attendance, we had an unusually small crowd last night. There is some talk about us joining most of the other churches, and not trying to have Sunday night services during the summer."

"Boy, I hope the preacher never agrees to that, what with all this threat of Communism. If there ever was a time when we need the Church and Christianity, it is now. Of course, I don't go to Church on Sunday night myself. You take last night. We were back in time all right, but everybody was tired, and we all stayed home and watched Ed Sullivan."

"Well, I'll see you at Prayer Meeting Wednesday. Our crowd is small these days."

"No, I have something to do every night. But I'll tell you, we had better do something about this Communism. You know, they don't believe in prayer. So long."

—Dr. James Carroll,
Pastor of the First Baptist Church,
Bamberg, South Carolina

Pastor's Paragraphs

ON MAKING FOLKS WELCOME

Jim Coker of Kentucky, tells of a recent occurrence in his small home town in Georgia, where his parents still reside.



There came to one of the churches in that community on a certain Sunday in 1955 a man who was lonely. This man was from another section of the country and wasn't a member of any church, but it seems that he had a hunger for a fellowship which he thought he might find among church people.

He must have found it, for he died a few months ago and left his entire estate valued at \$178,000 to that little church. It has been placed in a trust and the annual earnings from the investment will be more than twice as much as the congregation normally gives through tithes and offerings.

Dr. Coker wrote of this event: "One of the strange things about this is that no one in the congregation remembers anything about the fellow. He must not have impressed them as they did him. Again, their treatment of him must have been a very natural thing. Maybe this is what struck the benefactor. After all, friendliness to a Christian should be as natural as breathing."

We would like to know more of the details. Was an usher standing outside the door in cold weather greeting the folks, especially the "strangers within the gate" as they approached the place of normal worship? Was the visitor identified in the service and asked to wear a visitor's button on his coat lapel? Possibly such natural courtesies as a nod and a smile from the person he sat down beside and the sharing of a hymn book; a quiet reverence that prevailed during the service and simple but genuine greetings after the service by those seated near him—made him feel a part of a fellowship for which his heart hungered. If someone from that little church would only write a study course book on **The Art and Profit of Saying "Hello,"** maybe some of the rest of us could improve.

I am not being facetious, and I don't want to sound that way. Neither am I being subtly mercenary, in the hope that we might "hit the jackpot" with some lonely visitor. But I am vitally concerned that we come into an awareness of the fellowship of which we are a part when we are together as Christians. The radiance of such a fellowship cannot be contained. The only way one can contain it is not to

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A. M.

"Half Lies—Whole Truths"

(Genesis 12:10)

7:15 P. M.

"On Getting Something Out of Church"

(Romans 12:1-2)

have it. We may improve or change from time to time our methods and techniques of greeting, but there should always be evidence of our individual joy and delight to be with others in God's house.

One common excuse people use for not personally greeting visitors is, "I'm not sure they are visitors. There might be embarrassment to welcome a person who is already a church member." Of course, one should not make needless blunders. But don't you know how to get acquainted? Introduce yourself, it wouldn't hurt anything if you got acquainted with another fellow church member.

I'll look forward to shaking your hand Sunday!

Most sincerely,

James L. Pleitz



Library Notes

How does a satellite the size of a beach ball relay TV pictures between continents? What furnishes its power, and how is it controlled from the ground? If you want to know the answers to these questions read **TELESTAR, COMMUNICATION BREAK-THROUGH BY SATELLITE** by L. Solomon. This book has a great many photographs.

In **HIS GOOD AND PERFECT WILL** by McLarry you will find an interpretation of the will of God in relation to evil and suffering. The author describes the constant conflict between the will of Satan, the will of man, and the will of God.

Mrs. Billy Graham writes about **INTERLUDES IN A WOMAN'S DAY**: "Winola Wirt's ability to see in the commonplace happenings of life the choice lessons the Lord would have us learn, and the wit and warmth with which she describes them makes this not only entertaining reading but a really heart warming experience."

These and many other good books are in your library, so get these and "Read and Relax" (Our slogan for the summer days).

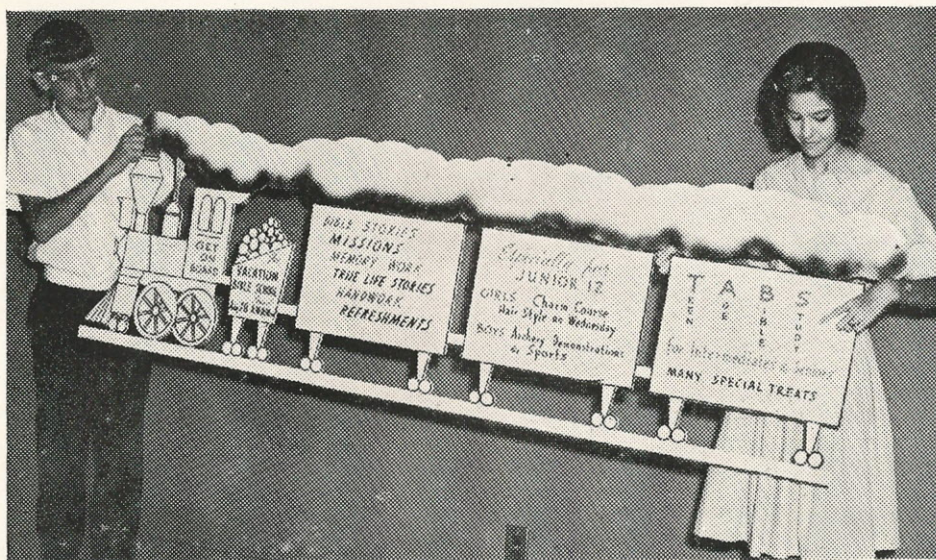
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS MONDAY, AUGUST 2

NURSERY AND BEGINNER children will be taken directly to their departments.

(NOTE: The 3-year V.B.S. departments are for those children now enrolled in 3-year Sunday School departments. Nursery facilities below this age are for the children of faculty members only.)

PRIMARIES AND JUNIORS will go directly into the sanctuary upon arrival. Places will be marked. Those who get here before 8:25 may wish to go to the Library which will be open.

INTERMEDIATES AND SENIORS are to go directly to their meeting place (South end of Fellowship Hall).



Pat Roberts and Linda Gomillion are pointing out the special features of this as year's Vacation Bible School.

FOR INTERMEDIATES AND SENIORS

13-16 Years
T. A. B. S.

BIBLE STUDY
SPORTS PERSONALITIES
MODELS FROM 20th CENTURY
FASHIONS FOR FALL
TRIP TO ESCAMBIA JAIL
MISSION SPOTLIGHT

ESPECIALLY FOR JUNIOR 12 DEPARTMENT

MODELS FROM
20th CENTURY
ARCHERY
DEMONSTRATION
BASEBALL TIPS
—DUDLEY DAVIS

YOUTH NOTES

SENIOR HIGH GET-TOGETHERS FOR AUGUST

August 1—Bill Taylor, 208 Firethorn Road, Gulf Breeze

August 8—Singspiration

August 15—Marsha Smith,
730 Morningside Drive, Cordova

August 15—JUNIOR HIGH
GET-TOGETHER at the Church

August 22—Gary Lavender,
1901 Foulis Drive, Cordova
Leon Singletary, Co-Host.

August 29—Fellowship Hall,
Julie Drexler, Hostess.



DON'T FORGET

ALL YOUTH RETREAT, Ranch of the Pines, Saturday, August 21, 9:30-5:45 p.m. Tickets will be on sale for \$2.00 Sunday, August 1 and deadline for all reservations is August 18. Our guest personality is Gene Watterson of First Baptist Church, Crestview, Florida. Theme and program will be announced soon by the planning committee.

SUNDAY EVENING

SEMINAR

(For Adults)

A very special opportunity for Adults begins Sunday night. Mrs. S. G. Kennedy will be leading in a study of Baptist History. The book "The Baptist March in History" will be used as the basic outline, with Mrs. Kennedy drawing upon many source materials in her preparation. Because of the interest in this study, this will be the only seminar to be offered this time.

All Adults are invited to attend this study.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Sharon Denise Clements and Mr. Wiley Ray Jenks upon their recent marriage.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. J. R. Blackwell in the death of her father.
Mrs. E. H. Godwin in the loss of her mother.
Mrs. Russell Stewart in the death of her mother.
Mrs. Joe Napier in the death of her father.

IN THE HOSPITAL:

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. E. W. Speed, Mrs. Imogene Stewart, Joel S. Hill, IV.

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mr. W. E. Poe, Mrs. Mary Veach.

St. Thomas Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee

Mrs. F. G. Keene

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Thomas Pelt, Mr. Angus Andrews,
Mr. J. G. Lambeth, Mrs. W. P. Mooty,
Mrs. Van Santoro, Mrs. Ada McMillan

The Very Newest

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of

MASTER KENNETH EDWARD PELT

son of

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Pelt
Born July 19



THE GOSPEL

"FOR GOD—The Lord of Earth and Heaven,

SO LOVED—and longed to see forgiven,
THE WORLD—in sin and pleasure mad,
THAT HE GAVE—the greatest gift he had.
HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON—to take our place.

THAT WHOSOEVER—oh, what grace!

BELIEVETH—Placing simple trust.
IN HIM—the righteous and the just
SHOULD NOT PERISH—lost in sin,
BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE"—in Him!



SENTENCE SERMONS

"God has to wash His children's eyes with tears, sometimes, so that they can see straight."

"To serve and not to count the cost is the ideal of all Christian Service."

"If God intended that we should talk more than hear He would have given us two mouths and one ear."

"When thou prayest, rather let thy heart be without words than thy words without heart."

—Copied.

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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 1,105
Members Present 1,304
New Members 7
Visitors 64

Training Union Attendance 331
Members Present 278
New Members 0
Visitors 53

Additions to church membership 1

Tithes and Offerings:

Budget 4,578.69
Specials 232.82
Building Fund 25.00

TOTAL OFFERING 4,836.51



There Is No Substitute
For Prayer and
Bible Study

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the week of August 1-7

2 Kings 20-23
2 Chronicles 36:5-20
Ezra 1-3

"Exile and Repatriation"



SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

*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
5:15 p.m.—Jr. 11-12 Sword Drill Meeting
Jr. 9 Dept.
*6:00 p.m.—Training Union and
Sunday Evening Seminar
*7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

*8:30-11:30 a.m.—V.B.S. & T.A.B.S.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

*8:30-11:30 a.m.—V.B.S. & T.A.B.S.
7:30 p.m.—Ruth Sunday School Class,
Adult A, will meet with
Mrs. Paul Howse,
3125 Logan Drive

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

*8:30-11:30 a.m.—V.B.S. & T.A.B.S.
*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
*8:15 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

*8:30-11:30 a.m.—V.B.S. & T.A.B.S.
2:30 p.m.—Faithful Workers Class will have
regular business and social meeting
with Mrs. W. A. Everitt,
1324 E. Bobe Street,
Group 4 will be Hostesses

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

*8:30-11:30 a.m.—V.B.S. & T.A.B.S.
*Indicates Nursery will be open 15 minutes
prior to the time indicated above.



NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:

155. Mr. Bryan K. Grammer, 824 Royce St.,
Apt. 71

From: First Baptist Church, Pecos, Texas



HEAR "THE BAPTIST HOUR"

Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
Station WNVY

Preacher:

Dr. John M. MacGorman

Professor of New Testament

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Subject:

"The Convincing Power of the Holy Spirit"

DEACONS OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST

Mr. Billy Renfroe
Mr. T. A. Shell