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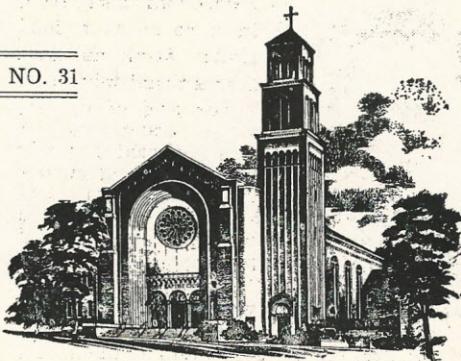
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PASTOR



## THE ANVIL OF GOD'S WORD

Last eve I paused beside the blacksmith's door,

And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;

Then looking in, I saw upon the floor,

Old hammers worn with beating years of time.

"How many anvils have you had," said I,

"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"

"Just one," said he, and then with twinkling eye,

"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."

"And so," I thought, "The Anvil of God's Word

For ages sceptic blows have beat upon,

Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,

The Anvil is unharmed, the hammers gone."

—John Clifford, D. D.

# Pastor's Paragraphs

## WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS ... AT LEAST

It's an old expression. I can't remember the first time I heard it. Can you? "A picture is worth a thousand words." In most cases this is true. In most cases a good picture is worth more than a thousand words. There are, of course, some exceptions. A scientist said recently in commenting on our pictorial exploration of Mars, "One word would be worth a thousand pictures!"

The photographs were taken a number of years ago. There was one of the choir. There was one of a Primary department. There was one of a large church group.

Since the group nearly filled the old auditorium I had assumed it was taken on a Sunday morning, but not so. One of our ladies said, "Pastor, this picture was made at night. The ladies are not wearing hats!" She was right. The clock on the back wall verified the fact. It was ten minutes after nine. This had to be in the evening.

A number of people appearing in the picture are no longer living. These dear saints now abide in the Father's House. Most of the people who appear in the picture are still very much alive. In fact, for the most part they are still very active in the life of this church. The picture speaks most eloquently of a deep loyalty and allegiance to God.

Do two things—Go by the church library and see these pictures and

Make very sure you are IN the picture Sunday. I'll look forward to seeing you then—1200 Bibles strong.

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pletty*



## SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

### "On Making the Right Choice"

(Genesis 13)

7:15 P.M.

### "I Have Good News For You"

(Romans 1:8-7)

## WHAT WAS THE EXCUSE?

A man of many business cares received a note from his pastor, asking him to do a certain service. He did it, and afterwards told his pastor what his first reactions to the call had been, as the pastor reported it in the church paper:

"'When I got your note,' he said, 'I saw at once that it was impossible for me to do what you asked, and I immediately wrote a note in reply to explain why I could not do it. I did not quite like my note and tore it up to write another which would explain better why I could not do what you asked.'

"'Then I wrote a third note, stating quite finally that I could not respond. You did not get any notes because after writing the third note I just looked myself in the face and said, Here you can perfectly well do what he has asked you to do, and you know you can.'

"'So here I am and I have done it, and I mean to keep on doing it, but I thought you might like to know how it came about. I have decided that not only I but thousands of others all around are giving excuses which would not stand a minute if we faced them down.'

—Exchange



## NO BROTHERHOOD MEETING

There will be NO meeting of the Brotherhood next Monday, August 9.

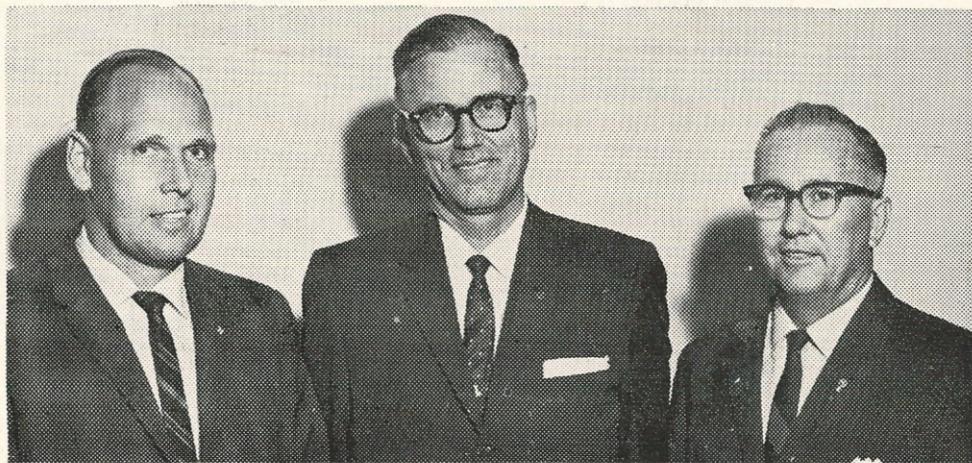
The Deacons will meet at the usual hour of 7:30 p.m. Be listening for other plans concerning our Brotherhood.

## WHAT THIS COUNTRY NEEDS

- ★ What this country needs isn't more liberty, but less people who take liberty with our liberty.
- ★ What this country needs is not a job for every man, but a real man for every job.
- ★ What this country needs isn't to get more taxes from the people, but for the people to get more from taxes.
- ★ What this country needs is not more miles of territory, but more miles to the gallon.
- ★ What this country needs isn't lower rate of interest on money, but higher interest in work.
- ★ What this country needs is to follow the footsteps of Godly fathers, instead of footsteps of the dancing master.

—(Copied)

# CHURCH LEADERSHIP



At the last Business Meeting of the church, the above pictured men were elected to the following positions.

**Training Union Director — F. Willard Vickery**  
**Brotherhood President — Charles H. Overman, Jr.**  
**Sunday School Superintendent — A. H. Arnold**

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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Foxworth, Jr. upon the birth of a son, Kirk Stephens, on July 26 at Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada.

### OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Russell Stewart in the death of her father.

Mrs. W. R. Parks in the death of a brother.

Mrs. Dwight Coons in the death of her mother.

### IN THE HOSPITAL:

#### Baptist

Mr. Clarence Dannelly, Mrs. A. E. Leybourne, Mrs. E. W. Speed, Mrs. Imogene Stewart, Mrs. J. H. Whitlock, Mr. James Myrick.

#### Sacred Heart

Mr. William E. Poe, Mrs. H. G. Gray, Mrs. E. C. Austin.

### HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Joel Hill, IV, Mrs. Joel Hill, Mrs. John Gray, Mrs. Mary Veach, Miss Judy Jones, Mrs. Cecile Leybourne, Mrs. E. W. Speed.



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



"Be grateful as your deeds become less and less associated with your name, as your feet ever more lightly tread the earth."

"If even dying is to be made a social function then, please, grant me the favor of sneaking out on tiptoe without disturbing the party." These are quotations from *MARKINGS* by Dag Hammarskjold.

*THY KINGDOM COME* by Vivian Hickerson is the story of her husband Julius who was a missionary in Colombia, but at thirty died in a plane crash. This is a deeply moving and compassionate book.

*WITH GOD AS MY COMPANION* by Betty Burns is a devotional book especially for older people.

*THE MIND THAT FOUND ITSELF* by Beers was the first significant volume on insanity and mental hygiene to be published by a layman.

*ESCAPE FROM LONELINESS* by Paul Tournier is a book which combines the findings of a therapist with the Christian concept of community and has practical help for all who face in their own lives the problems and the suffering of loneliness.

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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	926
Members Present	869
New Members	3
Visitors	54
Training Union Attendance	289
Members Present	264
New Members	3
Visitors	22
Additions to church membership	2
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	4,814.04
Specials	221.00
Building Fund	51.00
TOTAL OFFERING	5,086.04

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CONTINUES

Our Vacation Bible School continues next week, Monday through Friday at 8:30-11:30 a.m. We have had an excellent beginning with over 400 present each day. Children who have been out of town for this week will want to be present Monday morning by 8:30 a.m.

**READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY**  
 Reading for the Week of August 8-14  
**Ezra 4-9; Nehemiah 1-2**  
 "Restoring The Land"



### SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

\*9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.  
 T. A. 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 and  
 Sunday Evening Seminar  
 F. Willard Vickery, Director  
 \*7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor  
 8:15 p.m.—Singspiration

### MONDAY, AUGUST 9

\*8:30-11:30 a.m.—V.B.S. & T.A.B.S.  
 7:30 p.m.—Deacons' Meeting

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

\*8:30-11:30 a.m.—V.B.S. & T.A.B.S.  
 6:00 p.m.—W.M.S. Night Society

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

\*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—Business Meeting  
 \*8:15 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

\*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:

156. Thomas L. Garrett, Cadet. Batt.  
 Saufley Field.

From: First Baptist Church, Pampa, Tex.

157. Robert L. Sanders, BOQ, NAS  
 From: First Baptist Church,  
 Monongahela, Pa.



### WMS CIRCLES

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

#### 10:00 A.M.—

T. N. CALLAWAY CIRCLE will meet with  
 Mrs. W. H. Richbourg, 1815 E. Strong St.  
 VIRGINIA COBB CIRCLE will meet with  
 Mrs. Judson Gillespie, 1815 Escambia Ave.  
 STANLEY DAVIS CIRCLE will meet with  
 Mrs. R. C. Keith, 1501 East Brainerd St.  
 R. C. MOORE CIRCLE will meet with  
 Mrs. E. A. Bratcher, 100 W. Cervantes St.  
 BERNICE NEEL CIRCLE will meet with  
 Mrs. Paul Caro, 2020 East Maxwell St.

#### 3 P.M.—

HARVEY HEADRICK CIRCLE will meet with  
 Mrs. H. O. Williams, 3636 Menendez Drive.



### 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 Establishment of True Community"