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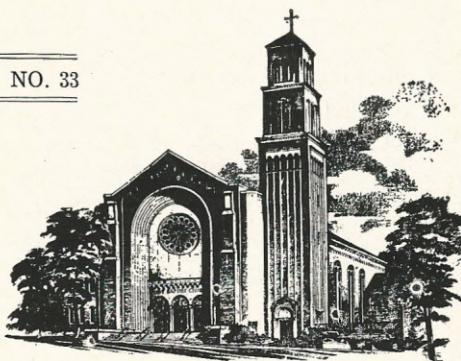
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PASTOR



CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, back-biting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale of, and use of, intoxicating drinks as a beverage; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

Pastor's Paragraphs

A ONE-DAY REVIVAL

Occasionally you hear about a church having a weekend revival. The meeting runs Friday through Sunday. If you were



in church last Sunday, I think you would agree with me that we had a one-day revival! There were 20 additions to the church and one meaningful rededication.

I am made to realize more and more the importance of reaching people while their hearts are receptive. Dr. W. E. Grindstaff of Oklahoma underlines this thought:

"Ten years ago I heard a speaker say that very few people become followers of Christ after twenty years of age."

I disagreed. To prove the point, I began asking revival meeting congregations to indicate the approximate age at which they became Christians.

In 33 meetings in six states, 10,241 people answered my question. The results are as follows:

Only 62 out of 10,241 Christians checked were converted after reaching the fortieth birthday.

130 became Christians between the ages of thirty and forty.

591 professed faith in Christ after twenty and before thirty.

6,500 were between ten and twenty at conversion!

2,878 were less than ten years of age when saved.

Only eight per cent were more than twenty years of age.

"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." (Isaiah 55:6)

Sunday promises to be another wonderful day. I'll look forward to seeing you in God's House on His Day.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

Sunday Morning Sermon

11:00 A. M.

"The Ruin of Rationalization"
(Genesis 16)

ELECTION OF DEACONS

The election of Deacons will take place on Sunday, August 29. Last week's Builder carried the names of the Nominees who will be on the ballot. If you will not be in the 11:00 a.m. Service on August 29, you should secure an absentee ballot now from the church office. You may call the office and one will be mailed to you.

Next week's Builder will carry the pictures of each of the nominees to aid you in knowing these men better.



In **GREAT TEACHERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE**, Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins defines a great teacher as anyone, regardless of his profession, who makes a lasting contribution that reflects a "difference" in the lives of others. With this concept, he presents profiles of successful teachers, who in a formal teacher-pupil relationship have made a difference in his own life. Men like E. Y. Mullins, A. T. Robertson, and George Albert Coe. The book includes a chapter on Dr. Dobbins himself, written by Wayne E. Oates.

Another new book is **CITIZENSHIP FOR CHRISTIANS** by Foy Valentine. "Political concern resulting in political action grows from the gospel Christians preach and the Bible they believe." Examining this relationship between Christianity and citizenship, Dr. Valentine discusses the history of Christian citizenship, and the functions of government. Here is a challenge to all Christians to be well informed, true to their principles, and active in community life—to go into the world of citizenship with courage, conviction and commitment.

"ROUND-UP DAY"

Sunday, September 13, has been proclaimed "Round-up Day". Sunday School Departments are being asked to set goals surpassing their highest attendance thus far this year. All of our classes and departments are cooperating in making plans for this special attendance emphasis. In the meanwhile, we will work each week to enlist our members and prospects.



"If a man is too busy to worship God twice on Sunday and on Wednesday nights, he has more business than God intended that he should have."

—J. C. Penny

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITAL:

Baptist

Mrs. William Sears, Mrs. Imogene Stewart, Miss Montaree Barrineau, Mrs. Ruth Godwin, Freddie Whitlock.

Sacred Heart

Mrs. Maude Cassidy, Mr. L. D. Allen

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mr. J. R. Blackwell, Mrs. Ben Stevens, Jr., Mr. George T. Mitchell, Mrs. E. C. Austin, Mr. Harry Santoro, Mr. Fred McConnell, Jr., Mrs. K. K. Knight, Mrs. W. T. Osborn, Mrs. Victor Goldbach, Mrs. Marie MacArthur.

The Very Newest

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

MASTER
BENJAMIN AMOS STEVENS III

son of

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin A. Stevens, Jr.
born August 11



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"An itinerant minister who moved from place to place frequently, was asked why he always planted grapevines everywhere he went, when he never remained long enough in one place to benefit from his work. He answered: "If my predecessors had planted grapevines, I might now be eating grapes. Others may eat of the grapes from the vines I plant."

All of us are benefiting from the labors of others who have preceded us—those who gave of their talent, time, and treasure in establishing churches, schools, hospitals, libraries, and other creations of their good will toward men which make our way of life broader, better, and more abundant. May we so live that those who follow us will rise up and call us blessed because of the planting we do.

Elbert Hubbard said, "Do unto others as though you were others."

"Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not (Galatians 6:9.)"



THERE IS STRENGTH . . .

- In silence, that speech does not know.
- In faith, that bluster can never imitate.
- In love, that hate can never realize.
- In quiet, that noise never understands.
- In prayer, that comes in no other way.
- In right, that might always envies.

—Selected



"TITHING IS LOVE IN ACTION"

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the week of August 22-28

Esther 1-6

"The Story of Esther"

First Baptist Members Challenged To Consider Prayerfully Their Responsibility To Serve

To be approached by the Nominating Committee on behalf of the Church to accept a place of service is a challenge to one's best thinking and loyalty.

In these next few weeks, should you be asked to serve in the new Church year, will you give serious and prayerful consideration to the challenge presented? This might be God's open door for you. If the task seems small to you, remember it may be magnified under your efforts.

Pray about the place of service and then follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. If you do not feel it is the place the Lord would have you serve, the Nominating Committee would not want you in that place, because you would not be happy there and would not give your best in service. However, we are saved to serve Him and we are anxious to help you find your place of service.

People vary in their talents and abilities, and there is a place that you can fill. Often a Christian feels he has no talent and is of no value to the KINGDOM OF GOD. Every Christian has some ability that can be used for the Lord.

Paul pleaded for Christians to be yielded to the Holy Spirit, so that their talents—their abilities—no matter how small, could be used for God's glory. The question is, "Am I yielded to the Holy Spirit?" If we are, we will consider what God would have us be and do.

In the meantime, let us remember to continue to pray for the Nominating Committee and for those who are considering places of leadership.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary Sunday will be given in memory of Miss Betty Stark by Mr. and Mrs. Marshall P. King, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Maxwell, and Mr. and Mrs. James M. King.



SUNDAY EVENING SEMINAR (For Adults)

Sunday 6:00 P.M.—Dining Room

"The Baptist March in History"

Led by

Mrs. S. G. Kennedy, Jr.

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should be in the office, preferably in writing,
not later than 9:00 a.m. Mondays.



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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance	1,086
Members Present	1,013
New Members	.....	12
Visitors	.....	61
Training Union Attendance	.....	253
Members Present	.....	223
New Members	.....	3
Visitors	.....	27
Additions to church membership	.....	20
Baptized	.....	6
Tithes and Offerings:		
Budget	.....	5,424.37
Specials	.....	352.57
Organ Fund	.....	10.00
Building Fund	.....	33.00
TOTAL OFFERING	.....	5,819.94

"All that we have comes from God and we
give it out of His Hand."
(I Chron. 29:14b—Dutch Paraphrase)



'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:

"God's Abounding Grace:
A Personal Testimony"



SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

*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
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.—Senior High Fellowship—at the
home of Gary Lavender,
1901 Foulis. Leon Singletary,
Co-host.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

10:00 a.m.—Laura Frances Snow Circle will
meet with Mrs. Marvin Lee,
3800 W. Gadsden St.
11:00 a.m.—Dottson Mills Circle will meet
with Mrs. Marge Gilchrist,
80 High Point Dr., Gulf Breeze,
Luncheon afterwards.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

*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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

6:30 p.m.—Junior 12 Graduation Banquet
*Indicates Nursery will be open 15 minutes
prior to the time indicated above.



NEW MEMBERS

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST.

58. Gregory Brown, 640 Morningside Dr.
59. Scott Callicotte, 5595 Peachtree Court
60. Kenneth Feldman, 4021 North 12th Ave.
61. Joey Tillman, 760 Berkley Drive
62. Ricky West Trummer, 2622 Pompano Dr.
63. Robin W. Trummer
64. David Heine, 114 Marine Drive

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From: Memorial Baptist Church,
Savannah, Ga.
169. Eddie Callicotte
170. Mr. Wes Flanagan, Batt. 2, Class 2765, NAS
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Jacksonville, Fla.
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From: Bude Baptist Church, Bude, Miss.
172. Mr. Earl H. Lindsey, 7 Laura Lane,
Gulf Breeze
From: First Baptist Church,
Augusta, Ga.
173. Mrs. Earl H. Lindsey
174. Miss Becky Lindsey
175. Mr. Eddie Lindsey
176. Miss Elaine Lindsey
177. Mrs. Genevieve Shaffer, 2622 Pompano Dr.
From: London Bridge Baptist Church,
Virginia Beach, Va.
178. Mr. F. G. Trummer, 2622 Pompano Dr.
From: London Bridge Baptist Church,
Virginia Beach, Va.
179. Mrs. F. G. Trummer (Lewise S.)

REDEDICATION:

Miss Mary Lynn Stanley, 1306 E. Gadsden St.

BAPTIZED:

Kenneth Feldman, Susan Hart, David Heine,
Jerry Parker, Deborah Wilson, Joey Tillman.