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JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



THIS IS MY CHURCH

This is my church—
I love its every stone.
I love its family—is it not my own?
It eases loads I could not bear alone.
This is my church,

This is my church—
The dwelling of my Lord,
Eternal fountain for His loving word,
Where these who love Him dwell in full accord,
This is my church.

This is my church—
It must attain its goal
Of giving food to every famished soul,
Of helping blind to see—the sick made whole,
This is my church

This is my church—
I must give earnest heed
To its great program and its every need.
Else I must feel that I have failed indeed.
My church—Christ's church.

Marshall M. Morgan.

Pastor's Paragraphs

Whisper Jets and Related Mattetrs

Say what you will about it—a Baptist preacher's life is not boring. Take last week for instance . . .



I went to Fort Worth on Tuesday to do some recording for the Bible and Television Commission. It was a most interesting trip. The whisper jet was filled to capacity out of New Orleans, but on the flight from Dallas to Fort Worth, there was exactly two of us on the plane. I asked the stewardess to see if the other passenger would take another flight, but he refused to do so. I lost my one and only chance to ever be the sole passenger on a 100 passenger plane . . .

On Friday I went to Asheville to speak to the Single Adult Conference at Ridgecrest. There were some mighty fine young folk in this meeting. Although it lasted just a few days, I saw some definite results prior to leaving the Assembly. Several couples were walking around holding hands. From the look in their eyes, I could tell these folks will not be eligible for the conference next year.

It's good to be home. I certainly hope that you will be in your place here in the Meeting House Sunday. I'll look forward to seeing you then—1550 Bibles strong.

Faithfully your pastor,
James L. Pleitz



SUNDAY IS "ROUND-UP DAY"

Each fall we observe the Sunday following Labor Day Weekend as "Round-up Day". Our goal for next Sunday is 1550. Classes and departments have set goals equal to or surpassing their highest attendance for this year. Each one of us will want to be in our place on Sunday morning, and will want to work hard between now and Sunday to have a full attendance.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Arise, Lift Up the Lad"

(Genesis 21:1-21)

7:15 P.M.

"Life's Firm Foundation"

(Matthew 7)

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS

Baptist:

Mrs. Mildred Alf, Mr. Joe Rankin, Mrs. Imogene Stewart, Mrs. Henry Nelson, Mrs. James L. Pleitz.

Sacred Heart:

Mrs. E. C. Austin.

Escambia General:

Mrs. Florence Byrd.

Navy Hospital:

Lt. Willis Tatro.

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL

Mrs. Ben Johns, Mrs. Fermon Minshew, Mr. Luther Stacy, Mrs. Les Woodruff, Mr. Joe Tillman, Mrs. Maude Cassidy.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Willis Cobb in the loss of his father.
Mrs. Lewis White in the loss of her mother.

The Very Newest

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

MASTER NATHAN ERIK WOODRUFF

son of

Mr. and Mrs. Les Woodruff

Born September 3



W.M.U. INSTALLATION SERVICE-SUPPER

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
6:30 P. M.**

For all Woman's Missionary Union Officers; Y. W. A., G. A. Leaders and Counsellors; Sunbeam Workers; Circle Chairmen; and Circle Officers. All W. M. S. members are invited to come and bring their husbands. The nursery will be open for pre-school children. Reservations may be made on Sunday, September 19, on form provided in the bulletin.



THE LISTENING POST

ATTENTION ALL G.A. LEADERSHIP!

Counsellors who will be serving in our G. A. organizations for the new year will want to include in their plans the G. A. Leadership Course now being taught by Miss May. The remaining sessions are Thursday, September 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, and Tuesday Morning, September 21, 9:00-12:00. This course will give you a bird's eye look at your responsibility for the coming year.

JUNIOR 10 PICNIC

Junior 10 Sunday School department will have their annual picnic at Bayview Park Saturday, September 11, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

LIBRARY NOTES

SERENDIPITY by J. Wallace Hamilton is a fascinating book. The title is derived from the Persian fairy tale in which every time the three princes of Serendip went on a journey something unexpected happened—quite by coincidence they found valuable things they were not seeking—Sir Horace Walpole coined the word “serendipity.” Dr. Hamilton has researched the fascinating topic for a quarter of a century. He found the subject of medicine filled with serendipities—Pasteur’s “accidental” discovery of pasteurization for one. In science, astronomy, psychology, industry—exciting discoveries are constantly being made while the discoveries earnestly seek something else.

Since life itself, like the search for truth, is a voyage into the unknown, we should not be surprised that it should hold happy surprises for the voyagers. In fact, it was Jesus who gave to us the greatest of all serendipities, “Seek first the kingdom of God” as though to say, “Make that your aim, your life pursuit, and you will find something unexpected, unlooked for, lying there along the path of your search.” —L. T. S.



WMS CIRCLE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

10:00 a.m.—

T. N. CALLAWAY CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. W. H. McCaskill, 1816 E. Jordan St.

VIRGINIA COBB CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Lewis Steele, 7220 W. Penton St., Myrtle Grove.

MARTHA HAYLOCK CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Joseph Napier, 2263 Pineneedle Circle Scenic Hills

MAMIE LOU POSEY CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. H. T. Dukes, 1060 Gerhardt Drive, Cordova

DOTTSON MILLS CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Malcolm Gilchrist, 80 High Point Dr., Gulf Breeze. Covered Dish Luncheon

R. C. MOORE CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. P. O. Davis, Sr., 1510 E. Belmont St.

BERNICE NEEL CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Earl Gaston, Scenic Highway.

LAURA FRANCES SNOW CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Sadie Rester, Apt. 208, Bayshore Apartments.

DONALD LANGFORD CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. J. M. Peebles, 671 Nagel Drive, Cordova.

CLARICE ASHMORE CIRCLE will meet in the fellowship hall at the church.

12:00 Noon—

HARVEY HEADRICK CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. G. E. Ziegler, 1235 Stow Avenue, for covered dish luncheon

6:00 p.m.—WMS Night Society Supper

6:30 p.m.—General Meeting

7:30 p.m.—Circles Meet



THEORY CLASS

Want to learn to read music? A class in Beginning Music Theory will convene Monday, September 13, at 3:45. Textbook will cost 60 cents. Meet us in the choir room.

—JH



State Mission Goal \$800.00
Give Prayerfully

MUSIC NOTES

By JERRY HOWELL

THE NEW SOUND

You noticed the new depth in the number of singers in the choir on Sunday, I am sure; from several reports you noticed the new sound also. By changing the seating arrangement from the conventional sections to a system of double-quartets, members of the choir can actually hear all parts and are much more accurate in tuning and blending.

For several months we have used a system which has given us the highest attendance overall for summer months we have ever had. We count heavily on our regular members who work hard week by week. When that long awaited vacation comes or when other circumstances cause that regular member to be absent he arranges for an alternate to take his place in rehearsals and services.

We must keep this progress active. We must enlist more regulars and a large number of alternates. Who are these alternates? They are people who have a deep love for serving through singing but who for any of a number of good reasons cannot be regular. These singers are happy to share the load of week-by-week worship leadership.



ENROLLMENT DAY RECORD SET

The children came! The workers were all present and ready to give a real accounting for the first day of choir. Some choirs reached capacity enrollment on the first day. Registrations are still coming in. What a great year we will have!

If every First Baptist member had been fortunate enough to “grow up” in a program of progressive music education through Children’s Choirs, what exciting things would be taking place. Every hymn in our hymnal plus many which are not would be familiar and a source of genuine worshipful inspiration. Congregational singing would be a vibrant exhilarating experience to all present—the singer and the non-singer. Both heart and mind would be given to rich praise with zest and strength!

The Second Rehearsal will have past when you read this. Claim for your child these experiences of eternal values.



BROTHERHOOD PROGRAM MEETING

Monday, September 13

6:15 p.m.—Supper

6:45 p.m.—Program

The program feature will be Robert Lockins Bamberg, son of Brother Joe Bamberg, First Baptist Church, Milton. This young man has just returned from an unusual mission in Honduras and will be speaking on his experiences and will show some slides which he made there.

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 Our Missionary to Honduras

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



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance	1,123
Members Present	1,064
New Members	20
Visitors	42
Training Union Attendance	276
Members Present	250
New Members	1
Visitors	25
Additions to church membership	6
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	7,298.38
Specials	284.06
Building Fund	48.00

TOTAL OFFERING 7,630.44

"All that we have comes from God and we
 give it out of His Hand."

(I Chron. 29:14b—Dutch Paraphrase)



NEW MEMBERS

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:
 66. Miss Betty Boswell, 23 E. La Rua.

BY LETTER:

203. Miss Joette Howard, 321 North Barcelona
 From: East Brewton Baptist,
 Brewton, Ala.
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 From: Eastern Hts. Baptist Church,
 Columbus, Ga.
 205. Mrs. William T. Rainer (Jan)
 206. Mr. Henry Swindull, 2007 E. Avery St.
 From: Seminary Baptist Church,
 Seminary, Miss.
 207. Mrs. Henry Swindull (Patsy)



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- *9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
 "Round-up Day"
 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
 Willard Vickery, Director
 *7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor
 8:45 p.m.—Singspiration—
 Gadsden Street Methodist

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 6:15 p.m.—Brotherhood Meeting
 7:30 p.m.—Deacons' Meeting
 7:30 p.m.—Associational Sunday School
 Action Night,
 Myrtle Grove Baptist

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- See WMS Circles
 6:00 p.m.—WMS Night Society

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- *4:45 p.m.—Childrens' 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—Business Meeting
 *8:15 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- *9:30 a.m.—Visitation Day
 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.—Ruth Class, Ad. D
 Luncheon Meeting
 Luncheon Meeting.
 Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m.—Men's Visitation
 7:00 p.m.—G.A. Leadership Study.
 Fellowship Hall

*Indicates Nursery will be open 15 minutes
 prior to the time indicated above.



PENSACOLA ORATORIO SOCIETY

Members of choirs from churches
 throughout Pensacola are afforded an op-
 portunity for singing great masterpieces
 of choral music through membership in
 this group which meets on Monday eve-
 nings at 7:30 at Pensacola Junior College.
 For information contact the Minister of
 Music.



Hear the **BAPTIST HOUR**

Sunday, 7:30 A.M.
 Station WNVY

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs will be
 speaking on the subject
 "The Divine Substitute"

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY
 Reading for the week of
 September 12-18

John 6-10

"Giver of all Life"