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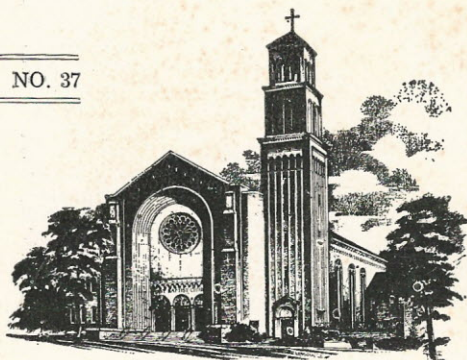
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PASTOR



I ASKED GOD . . .

I ASKED GOD FOR STRENGTH, THAT I MIGHT ACHIEVE

I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey

I ASKED FOR HEALTH, THAT I MIGHT DO GREATER THINGS

I was given infirmity, that I might do better things

I ASKED FOR RICHES, THAT I MIGHT BE HAPPY

I was given poverty, that I might be wise

I ASKED FOR POWER, THAT I MIGHT HAVE THE PRAISE OF MEN

I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God

I ASKED FOR ALL THINGS, THAT I MIGHT ENJOY LIFE

I was given life, that I might enjoy all things

I GOT NOTHING THAT I ASKED FOR . . .

BUT EVERYTHING I HAD HOPED FOR

ALMOST DESPITE MYSELF,
MY UNSPOKEN PRAYERS WERE ANSWERED.
I AM, AMONG ALL MEN, MOST RICHLY BLESSED!

Pastor's Paragraphs

SEEING IS BELIEVING—
1587 IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

When they told me that all existing Sunday School records were broken, I found it hard to believe. However, when I walked



into the auditorium and saw the people . . . there was no longer any question in my mind. "Seeing is Believing."

I was impressed with what I saw. There were little boys in the congregation with faces aglow. For the first time in many months their Daddy was sitting beside them. There were any number of little girls who could not have been prouder. Mother was with them in church. It is a heartwarming thing to see a family worshipping together. There is more truth in it than poetry. "The family that prays together stays together."

Where did all these folk come from? I went outside immediately after the service to see if there were buses in our parking lots. As far as I could determine, Dr. Grey did not send any buses over from New Orleans. Dr. Seever did not send any buses from Mobile, nor did Dr. Roberts dispatch any of his folk over here from Tallahassee. You guessed it — the crowd was made up of home folk. There is no reason in the world why we should not have this many in God's House every Sunday. It would be easy if we would simply dare to put God first.

I am extremely proud of the Sunday School folk who worked hard in getting the people out last Lord's Day. Congratulations! And now, dear friend, let's go back to work. I can't rest until I know where the 614 others were who were not here Sunday, can you?

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz



**SUNBEAM FOCUS WEEK
SEPTEMBER 19-25, 1965**

Mrs. Al Hartsfield, our Sunbeam Director, announces that Sunbeam Focus Week will be observed in our church September 19-25. This will be a special week for Sunbeams. Our Primary Sunbeams will be taking part in the Prayer Service Wednesday evening as they bring a choral reading, "Praise to the Lord". All Sunbeams will be worshipping together as a group at this time.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A. M.

"A Father's Fiery Trial"

(Genesis 22:1-14)

PASTOR PREACHING

7:15 P. M.

**"The Secret of a
Deacon's Allegiance"**

(Acts 6:1-15; 7:45-60)

Rev. Barney Burks, Sr., Preaching

Ordination Sermon

THE LISTENING POST

THANK YOU TEACHERS AND SUPERINTENDENTS for helping us meet our goal by rounding up the people. They were here Sunday thanks to you.

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G. A. LEADERSHIP STUDY will move into its second period on Tuesday, September 21, 9:00-12:00 Noon in Fellowship Hall. We will be considering methods of our work, aims for advancement, programming suggestions, etc. Every counsellor will find these sessions helpful.

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GET TOGETHERS FOR SUNDAY:

Junior Hi—Ann Fields, 4185 Iris Court, Pineglades. Diane McVoy, Co-hostess

Parents—Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lenz, 4160 Fern Court, Pineglades

Senior Hi—College—Melody Crane, 409 West Jordan Street



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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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Mrs. Mildred Alf, Mrs. Bessie Garrett, Mrs. James Pleitz, Mr. Don Schroeder, Mrs. O. G. Mattheus, Mrs. John May.

Escambia General

Mrs. Florence Byrd.

Navy

Lt. Willis Tatso

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Imogene Stewart, Mrs. Henry Nelson, Mrs. E. C. Austin, Mr. Joe Rankin.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Ralph Williams in the loss of her husband. Don and John in the loss of their father.

Mrs. Oscar Mattheus in the loss of her husband.



WITH OUR ORGANIZATIONS

Sunday School

Our Sunday School workers are to be commended and congratulated upon the excellent attendance last Sunday. This is a record attendance and we are grateful not only to the workers but to the members of our Sunday School for their response.

Sunday School Superintendents' Workshop

Our Sunday School General Officers and Department Superintendents will be meeting next Monday evening, September 20, for a workshop. Superintendents have already received in the mail information concerning this and are making their plans to attend.

W. M. U. Leadership

Our Woman's Missionary Union is to have its Installation Service on Tuesday evening, September 21, beginning with supper at 6:30 p.m. Reservations may be made next Sunday for this event.

Training Union

Mr. Willard Vickery, our Training Union Director, talked with the Adults last Sunday evening about our Sunday Evening Seminars for the new year. He has asked all interested Adults to meet him at 5:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon in the Adult A. Department. He would especially like to have any present who may have some suggestions for future programs.

Promotion

Our promotion procedure in both Sunday School and Training Union will be the same this year as for the last three years. Under this plan, class members do not move from one department to another on Promotion Day. On Sunday, September 26, those promoting will be given Promotion Certificates, etc. Then, on Sunday, October 3, they will go to their new departments and classes for the first time. Both of these Sundays, as well as next Sunday, should be excellent Sundays for us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS' DEVELOPMENT COURSE

Our church offers a Sunday School Workers' Development Course as a part of our training program for potential Sunday School workers. This class meets during the Sunday School hour on Sunday morning and during the Officers' and Teachers' Meeting on Wednesday nights. Applications are now being received. Application forms may be secured from the Church Office or from all Adult Department Superintendents. Any interested persons desiring additional information may call Mr. Bizzell or Miss Florida Waite who will be leading this course.



LIBRARY NOTES

We have all read much about Dr. Albert Schweitzer, especially since his recent death. We have a number of very excellent books which some of you may wish to read now.

THE WORLD OF ALBERT SCHWEITZER by Erica Anderson is told in photographs that bring the spirit of the man and his life on two continents vividly before the reader. It has also enough biographical and factual text to provide a clear understanding of Dr. Schweitzer's thought and activity.

THE AFRICA OF ALBERT SCHWEITZER by Charles Joy and Melvin Arnold is a vivid description of the country, also of Dr. Schweitzer and his work. It has numerous photographs.

PROPHET IN THE WILDERNESS by Hermann Hagedorn tells about Albert Schweitzer with vividness and sympathy. His book is based on extensive research as well as Schweitzer's autobiography.

ALBERT SCHWEITZER: GENIUS OF THE JUNGLE by Joseph Gollomb is filled with the excitement of a Robinson Crusoe adventure, but, even more, it presents the clear and challenging picture of a great man of courage and devotion.

ALBERT SCHWEITZER: MAN OF MERCY by Jacquelyn Berrill.

THE STORY OF ALBERT SCHWEITZER by Jo Manton is especially for young people.

THE ANIMAL WORLD OF ALBERT SCHWEITZER by Schweitzer is a most interesting book for Juniors. He tells many interesting things of the animals in Africa.

Two other books for Juniors are **THE STORY OF ALBERT SCHWEITZER** by Anita Daniel, and **THE TRUE STORY OF ALBERT SCHWEITZER — HUMANITARIAN** by John Merrett.



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

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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 1,587
Members Present 1,492
New Members 12
Visitors 83

Training Union Attendance 297
Members Present 267
New Members 6
Visitors 24

Additions to church membership 9
Tithes and Offerings:
Budget 5,734.19
Specials 258.00
Organ Fund 35.00
Building Fund 13.00

TOTAL OFFERING \$6,040.19

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

(I Chron. 29:14b—Dutch Paraphrase)



MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flower in the sanctuary Sunday will
be given in memory of Mrs. John F.
Busey by Mrs. Raymond Fountain of
Monroeville, Alabama and Mrs. Clarence
White of Jackson, Alabama.

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the week of Sept. 19-25

John 12 - 15

"Jesus Prepares For His Death"



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- *9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron Guthrie, Supt.
- *11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Baptism Service
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
Willard Vickery, Director
- *7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Superintendent's
Workshop, Dining Room
- 7:00-8:30 p.m.—Boy Scouts, Activities Center

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 9:30-12:00 Noon—G. A. Leadership Study
Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m.—W.M.U. Installation Supper

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- *4:45 p.m.—Children's 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
- *8:15 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 7:00 p.m.—Visual Aids Committee Meeting.
Church Library

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



NEW MEMBERS

FOR BAPTISM
FROM OTHER DENOMINATION

- 67. Mr. James Lee Eldson, 710 Scenic Highway
Apt. 212

BY LETTER

- 208. Mr. W. J. Barnes, 3835 Kingsberry Dr.
From: First Baptist Church,
Mt. Pleasant, S. C.
- 209. Mrs. W. J. Barnes
- 210. Miss Belinda Barnes
- 211. Master Gary Barnes
- 212. Ensign John Bryan,
BOQ 663, Room 202, NAS,
From: First Baptist Church, Boone, N. C.
- 213. Miss Joan Henson,
804 E. Royce St., Apt. 121
From: Clinton Baptist Church,
Clinton, Miss.
- 214. Miss Neal Kinard, 804 E. Royce St. Apt. 121
From: Broadmoor Baptist Church,
Jackson, Miss.
- 215. Miss Kay Oliver, 804 E. Royce St. Apt. 121
From Clinton Baptist Church,
Clinton, Miss.

REDEDICATION:

- Miss Andrea Abney, 121 Euclid St.



Hear the BAPTIST HOUR

Sunday, 7:30 a. m.
Station WNVY

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs will be
speaking on the subject
"Holding On Or Held?"