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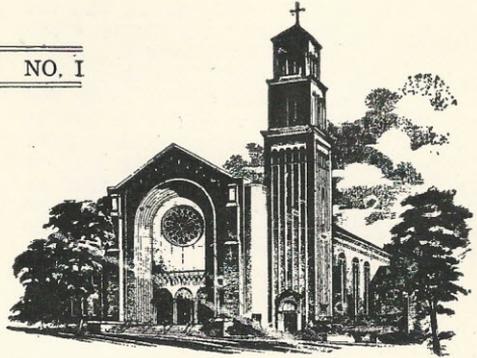
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JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



FORGIVE ME

Forgive me, Lord, for careless words
When hungry souls are near;
Words that are not of Faith and Love,
Heavy with care and fear;

Forgive me for the words withheld,
For words that might have won
A soul from darkened paths and sin
To follow Thy dear Son.

Words are such mighty things, dear Lord,
May I so yielded be
That Christ, who spake as never man,
May ever speak through me.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Pastor's Paragraphs

IT HAD TO END SOMETIME

You would think that in this day of modern communication everyone would have known by Saturday night that the



Arkansas Razorbacks had been beaten—but not so. Several folk called me to find out how the game came out. Several others called to offer their condolences. Thank you dear friends. I plan to remove the black band I am wearing high on my left arm, next to my heart, in a few days. This should indicate how I feel..

Meanwhile, in the other Bowls—I was mighty proud of our two boys. OUR Bill Carr played his heart out for the Florida Gators in the Sugar Bowl. They almost pulled it out of the fire with a Cinderella finish. OUR Ben McLeod played an outstanding game for mighty Alabama in the Orange Bowl. He “shucked” Cornhuskers all over the field. Alabama deserves to be Number One. When a team loses their very first game and then fights back to win the national championship, they have my admiration.

Meanwhile, back at the Cotton Bowl. Someone asked Frank Broyles what he thought about the game. You will remember this defeat ended a 22-game winning streak. He said somewhat stoically, “It had to end sometime.” I am glad he did not make an excuse for the defeat. (Somewhere I remember that tigers prefer pork above all other meats. Now I know ‘tis so . . .)

Football coaches are not the only folk adept at making excuses. All of us more or less excell at excuse making. (An excuse is the skin of a reason stuffed with a lie.)

Jesus told a most interesting story about three fellows who had what must have seemed to them acceptable excuses for missing a great banquet (Luke 14:15-24). The Lord was not in the least bit impressed with their excuses. In fact He SOUNDS quite upset. “None of these men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.” This pastor’s earnest prayer is that we will STOP making excuses and START putting Christ and His church first in our lives. It would not only make a great difference in the life of our church in general, it would make a great difference in your life, my friend, in particular. I dare you to try it!

Sincerely,

James L. Pleitz

LIBRARY NOTES

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Edited by Esther Pike

Who indeed? Fourteen men and women of prominence in their chosen fields answer this question for us. Some of us do not recognize our neighbor when we see him or hear about him—he might be socially or physically handicapped, neglected, mentally ill, an alcoholic, illiterate, old—and for us this book will be an introduction to him, and an opportunity to know him better.

BELIEVE AND BEHAVE

By Foy Valentine

What is the Christian life? The author asserts “God’s call to sinful man is a call to believe, and His command is a command to behave. The test of a Christian is the quality of the Christian life.” Dr. Valentine discusses various areas of obligations including family life, political responsibilities, morality, brotherhood, and vocation.

DESIGN FOR HAPPINESS

By W. V. Myers

Dr. Myers believes that the basis of Jesus’ plan for happiness is found in the Sermon on the Mount. In this book, the author interprets the Sermon in a way that is sound both theologically and psychologically, emphasizing the practical applications of Jesus’ teachings.



BROTHERHOOD MEETING

Monday, January 10

6:15 p.m.—Supper

6:40 p.m.—Program

Featuring Mr. C. S. Hodge who has recently returned from some months spent in Alaska. This will be a most interesting program and one that you will not want to miss.



CHURCH BASKETBALL

Monday, January 10—7:00 p.m.—

Men’s Team vs. Gulf Breeze Baptist

Thursday, January 13—7:00 p.m.

Men’s Team vs. Greek Orthodox

Tuesday, January 11—7:00 p.m.

Senior Boys’ Team vs. St. Mark Methodist

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

“Behold the Dreamer”

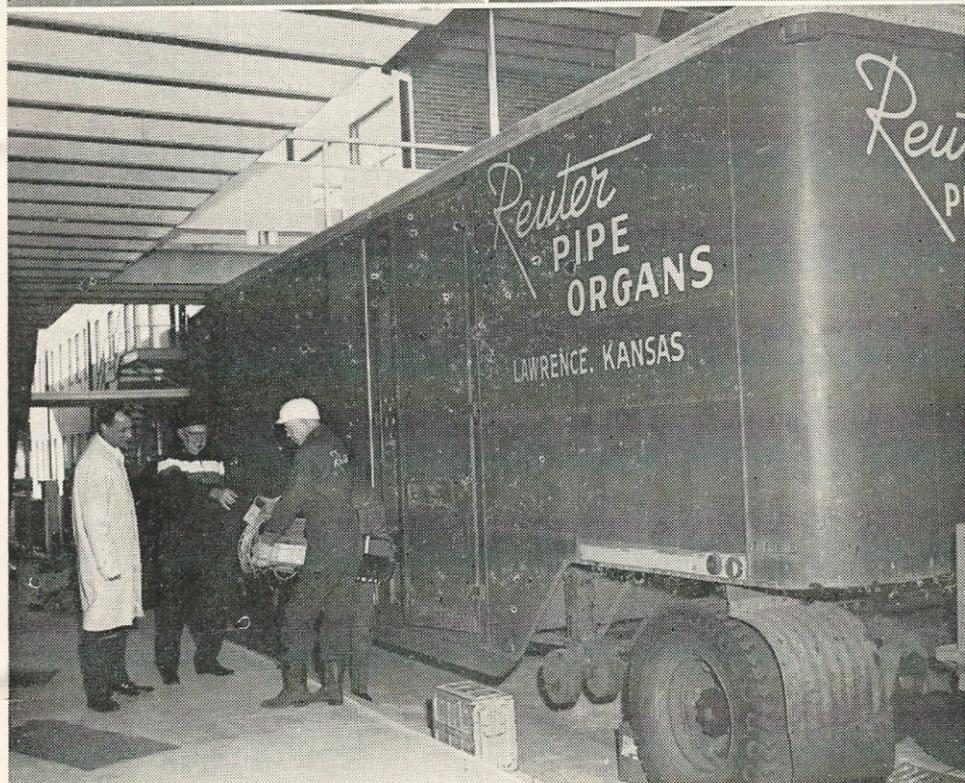
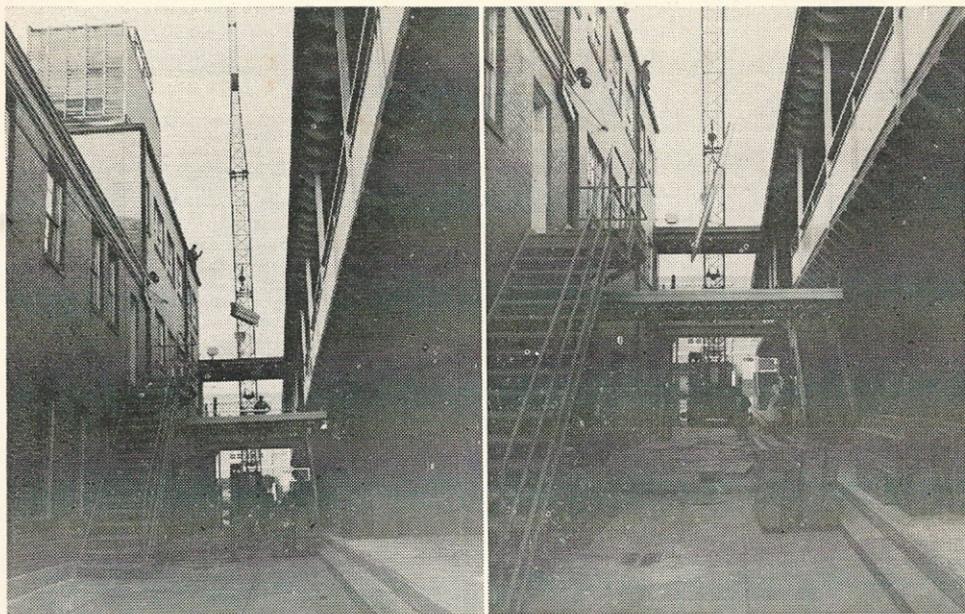
(Genesis 37)

7:15 P.M.

“Salvation—Wage or Gift”

(Ephesians)

OUR NEW ORGAN BEING INSTALLED



New organ being unloaded and hoisted to fourth floor level. The second load of pipes, assembling material and the console arrived this week. Installation is running a bit ahead of schedule and you should be able to hear it on or about the first week in February.

The congregation will have an opportunity to tour the installation and a date for this exciting experience is being planned.

LOTTIE MOON GOAL:
\$8,500.00
GIVEN TO DATE . \$7,903.82

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Alice Dillon and Mr. Henry Albert Wood, Jr., upon their marriage December 26, in Tylertown, Mississippi.

Miss Miron Faye Hilburn and Mr. Paul Stanton upon their marriage December 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bunce upon the birth of a son, Daniel Clyde, December 25, in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Gary Nelson in the loss of his father.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mrs. Phyllis Busey, Mrs. Everett McGowin.

Sacred Heart:

Mrs. Clara Jones, Mrs. Mary Veach, Mrs. Merle Gilmore.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Louis Betker, Mrs. Theron Guthrie, Mr. John Myrick, Jeff Colley, Mrs. O. H. Smith.



ARE YOU LISTENING?

To the BAPTIST HOUR Sunday mornings, 7:30 a.m., on Radio Station WNVY. Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, preaches each Sunday. His messages for the current quarter are under the theme "The World in Crisis". Sunday's sermon is "God Calls a Conference" and his message will be concluded with Joe Ann Shelton singing "What Will You Do With Jesus?"



IN MEMORIAM



MR. WALTER R. DEARNLEY
1870 N. Baylen Street

Joined our church by letter
March 26, 1956
Deceased January 2, 1966

JANUARY BIBLE CONFERENCE

Our January Bible Study is scheduled for January 23-25. In order to get Dr. William E. Hull, we have had to schedule a briefer period than usual. Dr. Hull will be with us beginning on Sunday. He will preach at both services on Sunday. On Sunday afternoon we will have a period beginning at 4:30 and also use the Training Union hour. Then we will have sessions on Monday and Tuesday evenings. There will be no morning sessions. You may want to secure your copy of the guide book, "John's Witness to Jesus" now in order that you may read the text before January 23.



THE CHRISTMAS ROAD SIGNS

GO — GO forward to greater things. Go, grow, flow, and I will make it so.

STOP — If you are on the wrong road, stop those bitter words. Stop that hurtful act.

DETOUR — Around questionable places and bad companions.

SHARP CURVES AHEAD — A warning to slow down. Some dangerous curves on the highway:

1. Following the gang.
2. First Drink.
3. Wrong company.

ROAD SLIPPERY WHEN WET — Certainly the "wets" are on the road. The highways are not safe.

MOUNTAIN AHEAD — Fill up. Hard climbing. Discouragements. But if filled with spiritual oil, easy to overcome. Keep batteries charged at God's service station.

Problems will come as we try to lead;
I wish we had some sign to read,
A flash of green, which means to go
And help a lass in service grow;
A danger sign shown with red—
A Lad in sin is led.
A caution sign in amber bright,
Warning us of our lack of light.
But I know a sign will not delay,
For He has promised to lead every day;
So let us play, pray, and work,
Never our duty to shirk.

—Selected

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mr. Carl E. Kingry and John and are given by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kingry and Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Kingry

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....1196
 Members Present1145
 New Members 7
 Visitors 44

Training Union Attendance..... 273
 Members Present 250
 New Members 9
 Visitors 14

Tithes and Offerings:
 Budget \$6,535.64
 Building fund 30.50
 Specials 423.20

TOTAL OFFERING \$6,989.34

Additional 1965 Offering Not Included Above:
 Budget \$5,634.25
 Building Fund 20.00
 Specials 2,871.49

TOTAL OFFERING \$8,525.74

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**YOUR 1966 PLEDGE
 IS NOW IN EFFECT**
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CHOIR SCHEDULE RESUMES WITH

1. New Units
2. Enrollment Opens

Some vacancies are to be filled in the membership of each of the Children's Choirs. Enrollment will remain open through January or until a limit is reached. The choirs will remain closed until the new church year—September, 1966. Children of new church members will be accepted throughout the year.

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the Week of
 January 9 - 15

Psalm 95 - 103

"Psalms of Praise"

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
 A. H. Arnold, Supt.
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor
 Broadcast over WCOA
- 2:30 p.m.—Associational G.A. Meeting,
 Myrtle Grove Baptist Church
- 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
- 8:45 p.m.—Singspiration at East Hill Baptist
 Church, 1301 E. Gadsden St.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

- 6:15 p.m.—Brotherhood Meeting
- 7:30 p.m.—Deacons' Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

- * 10:00 a.m.—WMS Circles (See meeting places)

6:00 p.m.—WMS NIGHT SOCIETY

- 6:00—Supper
- 6:30—Business Meeting
- 7:00—Missionary Program
- 7:45—Circle Meetings

- 8:00 p.m.—Friendly Sunday School Class
 meets with Mrs. Elbert Gentry,
 3970 Bonway Drive.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

- 7:30 p.m.—TACLO Meeting,
 Brownsville Baptist.

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

W. M. S. CIRCLES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

- 10:00 A.M.—
CLARICE ASHMORE CIRCLE will meet with
 Mrs. John Templeton, 411 West DeSoto St.
- T. N. CALLAWAY CIRCLE** will meet with Mrs.
 C. A. Fields, 4185 Iris Court, Pineglades.
- VIRGINIA COBB CIRCLE** will meet with Mrs.
 Charlie Wiggins, 1708 E. Bobe Street.
- STANLEY DAVIS CIRCLE** will meet with Mrs.
 A. W. Butts, 3321 Timberlane Drive, Mallory
 Heights.
- MARTHA HAYLOCK CIRCLE** will meet with
 Mrs. Tom Duncan, 24 San Carlos Ave., Gulf
 Breeze.
- DOTTSON MILLS CIRCLE** will meet with Mrs.
 Cecil Jones, Jr., 1811 East Hayes St.
- MAMIE LOU POSEY CIRCLE** will meet with
 Mrs. T. A. Shell, 268 Euclid, Pineglades.
- DONALD LANGFORD CIRCLE** will meet with
 Mrs. T. H. Miller, 1718 East Lee Street.
- R. C. MOORE CIRCLE** will meet with Mrs.
 C. E. Dannelly, 1915 East Avery Street.
- BERNICE NEEL CIRCLE** will meet with Mrs.
 James L. Hurt, 1315 East Lakeview Avenue.
- LAURA FRANCES SNOW CIRCLE** will meet
 with Mrs. Marshall King, 7805 North Chem-
 strand Road.
- 2:30 p.m.—
HARVEY HEADRICK CIRCLE will meet with
 Mrs. W. E. Wilson, 1919 North 14th Avenue.
- 6:00 p.m.—
WMS Night Society Supper-Meeting.