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PASTOR



THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BELONGING AND BELONGING

At first glance you probably wanted to credit the printer with a typographical error. "The difference between belonging and belonging ? ? ?" That's right — the difference between belonging and belonging. There is a difference, you know.

There are a lot of folk who belong to the church who don't really BELONG at all. Their names are on the roll but they don't really BELONG — not by a long shot.

A definition is called for, Webster will do just fine. "TO BELONG — to be connected with . . . to be the property of . . . to be attached to." To BELONG to the church then means to have a vital connection with it. To really BELONG means you are the property of Jesus Christ for the Church is His.

It doesn't cost a thing to belong (name-on-the-roll type) to the church, but to really BELONG is a mighty expensive thing. It costs time and talent and money. It means saying "no" to self and "yes" to the Saviour. This is what it means to BELONG to the church.

Merely belonging to the church is not without its compensation. It won't hurt your business any — "Why yes, I belong to First Baptist. My pastor is Brother What's His Name . . ."

Then again there are times when everyone really needs to belong to some church. What about weddings? . . . and funerals? What about serious illness? Everyone wants to be prayed for occasionally. Don't be overly surprised if the pastor begins his prayer by saying, "Lord, I would like for you to meet Mr. So and So." You might want to make a few suggestions as to what he can say in the prayer. In the case of those who only belong, it really presents a problem.

The person who BELONGS to the church receives untold blessings.

. . . The real joy and satisfaction of being a Christian comes to those who BELONG.

. . . The peace of God in your heart even in the hour of adversity comes to those who BELONG.

. . . A place in the Father's House is reserved for those who BELONG. Belonging to the church entitles you to use the facilities of the church house — but it will not get you in the Father's House. You must BELONG, not simply belong.

I'll be looking for all the folk who BELONG to First Baptist.

Sincerely your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

OUR CHURCH IN BIBLE STUDY JANUARY 23 - 25

Adults and Young People (17 up) will be studying "John's Witness to Jesus"

Intermediates will study "Letters On Christian Living"

Juniors will study "Men Who Told His Story"

Primaries will study "The Story of Joseph"

Beginners will study "Sounds That Sing"

Nursery Will Be Open

See The LisTEENING Post for class sessions schedule.

LIBRARY NOTES

BAPTISTS WITH PERSISTENCE

"Although their legal status is not yet clearly defined, Spanish Protestants are encountering a broader toleration. A few years ago, a Baptist deacon in a community remarked: 'For years we have been persecuted in our town. Our church has been chased from house to house and, at times, even from cave to cave. Some day they will get tired and give up, but we never will.' In this same city a few weeks ago the chief of police sought a talk with the Baptist pastor. The official asked for a Bible, saying he wanted to know the secret of the good life of these evangelicals that he had never found in his own life. The Lord is rewarding the faith of the humble deacon and many like him who would not give up."

Written by D. R. White;
Taken from *Baptist World*,
Journal of Baptist World Alliance.

BARBER SHOP BECOMES A WITNESSING CENTER

"A barber in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, has phonograph records of sermons preached by Jossip Horak, the Baptist pastor. When a customer gets into his chair for a haircut, the barber puts a sermon on the machine and lets it play. Somehow or other he times his haircut to keep his customer still until the end of the sermon."

Item in the *Baptist World*, Journal of the Baptist World Alliance.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"A Greater Than Joseph"
(Genesis 39; Philippians 2:5-11)

7:15 P.M.

Candlelight Observance
of Lord's Supper

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS

Baptist:

Mr. Melvin Myrick, Mrs. Owen Eubanks.

Sacred Heart:

Mr. John E. Lambeth, Mrs. Leon Singletary, Mrs. Alberta McCown.

HOME FROM HOSPITALS:

Mrs. Everett McGowin, Mrs. Mary Veach, Mrs. Merle Gilmore, Mrs. Clara Jones, Mrs. Phyllis Busey, Mr. Calvin B. Heine, Sr.



THE VERY NEWEST

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

MISS MARILYN ANN MCGOWIN
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Everett McGowin
Born January 3



LIBRARY NOTES

NEW YEAR

"A flower unblown; A book unread:
A tree with fruit unharvested:
A path untrod; a house whose rooms
Lack yet the heart's divine perfumes:
This the year that for you waits
Beyond tomorrow's mystic gates."
— Horatio Nelson Powers
(from *Poems for Red Letter Days*
by Sechrist)

"Ye have not passed this way heretofore"
Joshua 3:4

"Beyond the dim unknown
Standeth God within the shadow
Keeping watch above His own."
— James Russell Lowell
(from *I Quote* by Virginia Ely)



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL
AND WORSHIP SUNDAY

THE LISTENING POST

THE RESTLESS ONES are coming February 25, 26, 27, at the City Auditorium. Tickets are \$1.00 and may be secured through Miss May's office of the church office.

The following suggestions were made by some of our young people at a brief meeting called by Miss May following the supper meeting last Wednesday:

- (1) Improvement of and better use of Fellowship Hall.
Special nights, have open before supper and after church, for regular youth visitation once a month.
- (2) Some parties to include entire youth area.
- (3) Spring Retreat, Blue Lake Methodist Camp, April 8-9 (Easter holidays).
- (4) Youth Week and Week-End Revival July 10-17.
- (5) Youth Camp August 22-26

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR BIBLE STUDY

Cards for registration will be available in your boxes on Sunday, January 16, and Wednesday, January 19.

The Bible Study for Intermediates will be conducted by Miss May. We will be studying Dr. C. A. Roberts' book "Letters On Christian Living". Bring your Bible.

The Bible Study for Juniors will be conducted by Mrs. W. E. Jackson and Mrs. Paul Fleming. They will be studying the book "Men Who Told His Story".

Class sessions will be conducted as follows:

Sunday, January 23:

- 4:30-5:30 p.m.—Class Session
- 5:30-6:00 p.m.—Snack
- 6:00-7:00 p.m.—Class Session

Monday, January 24:

- 7:00-9:00 p.m.—Class Session

Tuesday, January 25:

- 7:00-9:00 p.m.—Class Session

GET TOGETHERS

Junior Hi — Eddie Dobelstein,
630 Morningside Drive.

Parents — Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jameson,
750 Morningside Drive.

Senior Hi — Ann Noblin, 1921 E. Fisher St.



VISITATION DAY THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

The Nursery will be open to care for pre-school children of those who visit. We will meet together at 9:30 a.m. in the Married Young People's Department.

JOIN A CHOIR IN JANUARY!

Old Man Time Going to Catch You Nappin'?

You Feel Johnny Has Plenty of Time Later?

Does He? Does it make any difference when Johnny begins his musical training? What if Johnny didn't want to take arithmetic this year? He can get that any year — why not let him just wait a few years to start? "But," you say "arithmetic is a part of our everyday lives." Yes, and so is music! "Well, Johnny has music at school." The choirs at church are offered to help Johnny use music as an avenue of expressing his love for God, to develop his ability to worship God, and to have musical experiences which provide enjoyment and lay foundations for religious growth.

Knowledge follows experience. Every child has a capacity for music enjoyment and development. He must have many musical experiences to develop this capacity. **Singing is a learned behaviour — not inherited.** A child who does not sing "on tune", either has a hearing defect or has not had the opportunity of sufficient musical experiences. Robert Smith, director of research in the child voice, University of Illinois, says statistics show that 90% of the children who have regular choir experiences at ages four and five will learn to sing on tune. These are the ideal ages to start regular group music activities. Dr. Smith says research shows that if a child does not learn to sing on tune before he finishes the primary grades, he probably will not ever learn to do so.

Yes, Johnny and Julie have plenty of time later to join a choir. But when they do, they must expect to be behind other children their ages in musical ability and development. In addition, they will have missed many wonderful moments of inspiration, learning, and relaxation which can come from participation in music activities at church.

PLENTY OF TIME LATER? No, There Isn't Plenty of Time Later

—Fred Elerbe.



CHURCH BASKETBALL

- Monday, January 17—8:00 p.m.—
Men's Team vs. Ferry Pass Methodist
- Thursday, January 20—8:00 p.m.—
Men's Team vs. Brownsville Baptist
- Tuesday, January 18—6:00 p.m.—
Senior Boys vs. Richards Mem. Meth.



ATTEND PRAYER SERVICE WEDNESDAY NIGHT

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....1304
Members Present1265
New Members 4
Visitors 35
Training Union Attendance 283
Members Present 252
New Members 0
Visitors 31
Additions to church membership..... 7
Tithes and Offerings:
Budget\$6,255.23
Specials 854.27
Building Fund 3.00
TOTAL OFFERING\$7,112.55

✠ NEW MEMBERS

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:
14. Mr. Jamie Allen Coultas, 104 W. Moreno St.
BY LETTER:
84. Mrs. Langdon S. Anderson,
804 Royce St., Apt. 138
From: Poplar Springs Baptist Church,
Meridian, Miss.
85. Miss Jacqueline Davis,
1809 E. Lakeview Ave.
From: Reform Baptist Church,
Reform, Ala.
36. Mr. Richard Lindsay, 1901 Godwin Rd.
From: Weller Ave. Baptist Church,
Baton Rouge, La.
87. Mr. Donald C. Sasser, 6820 Data St.
From: Highland Baptist Church,
Molino, Fla.
88. Mrs. Donald C. Sasser (Catherine)
89. Miss Carolyn L. Shealy,
Box 18, Sacred Heart Dorm.
From: Kendrick Baptist Church,
Kendrick, Fla.

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY
Reading for the week of
January 16 - 22
Psalms 115 - 119
"The Voice of Experience"

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
A. H. Arnold, Supt.
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor
Broadcast over WCOA
- 3:00 p.m.—Associational Y.W.A. Meeting,
Whitfield Baptist
- 4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:15 p.m.—Jr. 11-12 Sword Drill Meeting,
Jr. 12 Dept.
- * 6:00 p.m.—Training Union and Sunday
Evening Seminars.
F. Willard Vickery, Director
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship,
Baptism and Lord's Supper
- 8:30 p.m.—Junior High Fellowship—at the
home of Eddie Dobelstein,
630 Morningside Drive
Parents Fellowship—at the home
of W. L. Jameson,
750 Morningside Drive
Senior High Fellowship—at the
home of Ann Noblin, 1921 E. Fisher

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

- 7:30 p.m.—Associational Sunday School
Meeting, Granada Baptist.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Meeting,
Activities Center.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

- * 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, Pastor
- * 8:15 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

- * 9:30 a.m.—Visitation
- 9:30 a.m.—Faithful Workers Class meets at
the Church for Visitation,
followed by covered dish luncheon
at home of Mrs. C. W. Kingry,
1908 E. Moreno Street
- 10:00 a.m.—W.M.S. (Day Society) Executive
Meeting at the home of Mrs. Tate
Bousman, 231 Dean Road.

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

✠ CHURCH LIBRARY MAGAZINE

The January - February - March issue of
the **Church Library Magazine** carries the
skit, "Dear Church Librarian", which was
written by our Mrs. Rose Rankin and Mrs.
Stoesen. This is not the first time, nor will
it be the last, that our church library staff
has made a contribution beyond our own
border.

✠ HEAR "THE BAPTIST HOUR"

Sunday, 7:30 A.M.
Station WNVY

DR. HERSCHEL H. HOBBS
Speaking on the Subject
"A Day of Trouble"
(Isaiah 22:5)