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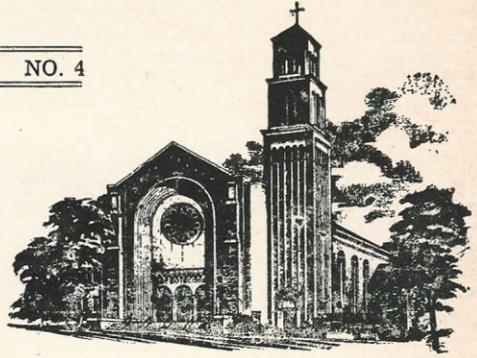
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PASTOR



THE "I Am" Statements

IN

John

I AM the Messiah	4:26
I AM the one coming in the Father's Name	5:43
I AM the bread of life	6:35
I AM the living bread	6:51
I AM the water of life	7:37
I AM the light of the World	8:12
I AM before Abraham	8:58
I AM the door	10:7
I AM the Good Shepherd	10:11
I AM the Son of God	10:36
I AM the Resurrection and the Life	11:25
I AM the way, the truth and the life	14:6
I AM the true vine	15:1
I AM not alone	16:32

Pastor's Paragraphs

ON BACKSLIDING

My good friend, Dr. Carl Bates of Charlotte, North Carolina, recently wrote an excellent article on backsliding. I want to share this with you:



"John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* is still one of the most widely read books ever written. A modern psychologist has called it 'the journey into self'. I am sure that it is such for Christians.

"IN ONE PLACE Christian and Hopeful are discussing the matter of backsliding. Christian traces the course of backsliding from its earliest beginnings until the believer becomes of no more value to Christ than if he had never been saved.

"Here are the steps he names:

1. They refuse to think about God, death and judgment.
2. They cease praying. They no longer curb their lusts. Neither do they guard against temptation. They are not genuinely sorry for sin. This is done gradually.
3. They shun the company of lively and warm Christians.
4. They cease to be faithful in church attendance and Bible reading.
5. They begin to 'pick holes in the coats of the godly', in order to justify the ungodly course they themselves are taking.
6. They begin to associate with loose and wanton men.
7. They begin to tell dirty stories in secret.
8. They begin to play with little sins openly.
9. Being hardened, they show themselves as they are with boasting.

"JEREMIAH 2:13 gives good indication of what a backslider is: 'For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken Me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water.'

"WE USE THE TERM very loosely. We say one is a backslider when he is deteriorating spiritually or when he has committed some sin. A backslider is neither. He is worse than both. First, he has forsaken God. Second, he has taken up with something else. He knows what God's grace is; what sin is; what deliverance is; but, he has deliberately forsaken God and gone back because he loves something else better. It is the most awful crime one can commit spiritually.

"THE TWO SONS in Luke are classic examples of backsliding. One strayed and

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Remember to Forget"

(Genesis 41:51)

7:15 P.M.

"... And There Was A Man There"

(Luke 4:31 ff.)

one stayed but each forsook the heart of the father for his own way.

"THERE IS NOTHING we can do for a backslider. He must get up himself and 'take words' (Hosea 14:2). If the lash falls, it will just have to fall. If the father sends me to work with the servants, I shall have to go. I will take words and say to him, 'Father, I have sinned and am no more worthy to be called Thy son.'

"ONE BACKSLIDER is more dangerous in a community than a hundred sinners who have never been saved — his disease spreads more quickly. So far as I know, the Holy Scriptures give no indication that any one is ever sent after the backslider. He is healed when he comes back, but it is up to him to get up, take words, and come back. It is a long road that knows no turning and, soon or late, comes the sad admission, 'I perish with hunger' and then . . . 'I will arise and go.'"

I will see you Sunday.

Faithfully in Christ,

James L. Pleitz



CONCERNING STUDY COURSE CREDIT

No attendance records were kept for Dr. Hull's class. Those who were present on Tuesday evening completed their attendance record for the entire conference. If you missed Tuesday night and are interested in study course credit, you will need to ask the Church Office for an attendance record and application for credit form.

Those who missed any part of the Bible Conference and are interested in making up this absence may do so by listening to the taped message or completing that portion in Dr. Sullivan's guidebook.



THE VERY NEWEST

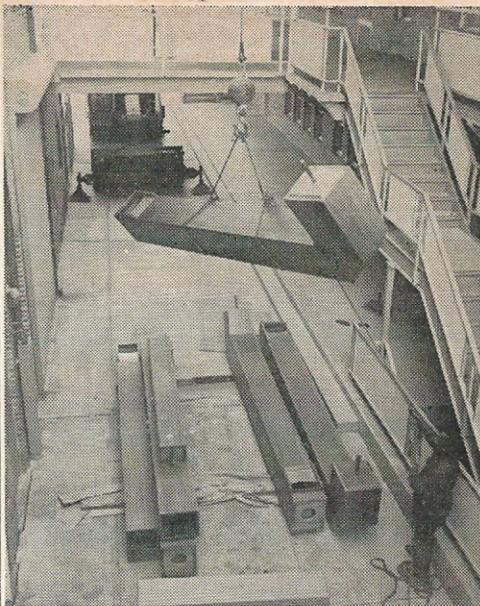
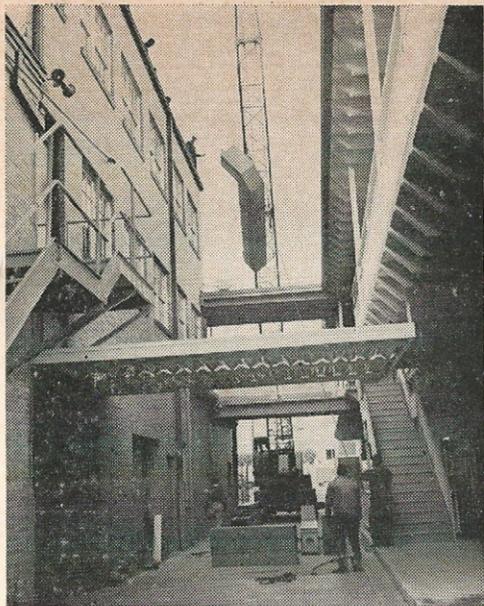
The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of

MASTER ROBERT LEONARD CLAYTON

son of

Lt. and Mrs. Robert O. Clayton, Jr.

Born January 21



Pictured above is the unloading of the largest of the more than 3,000 pipes contained in our new organ. Hundreds and thousands of tiny connections must be soldered and checked out. Good progress is being made. We are hopeful that we will be hearing the organ by February 1.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Miss Nell Butler, Mrs. Robert O. Clayton, Jr., Mrs. James Livingston, Mr. George A. Peterson, Jr., Mr. Albert Anderson.

Sacred Heart:

Mr. John E. Kelly, Mr. H. C. Stringfield, Mrs. York Colson.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, Mrs. Max Kohr, Michael Green, Nancy Pleitz, Bert Linson, Mrs. P. O. Davis, Sr., Mrs. Wayne Jenkins, Mrs. Leathy Mattheus, Mrs. Fred Kreitlein, Jr.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Harry Sampley in the loss of her father.

Miss Lucille Cotton in the loss of her father.

Mr. H. C. Stringfield in the loss of a brother.

Mrs. J. C. Baldwin in the loss of a sister.

Mrs. Edward Fidler and Mrs. J. H. McCurtain in the loss of their mother.

Mr. J. C. Eubanks and Mr. W. W. Eubanks in the loss of a brother.



LIBRARY NOTES

The hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is brave five minutes longer.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

The question is not what a man can scorn, or disparage, or find fault with, but

what he can love, and value, and appreciate. — John Ruskin

He has the right to criticize who has the heart to help. — Abraham Lincoln

A hundred times every day I remind myself that my inner and outer life depend on the labors of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received and am still receiving.

— Albert Einstein

Taken from *The Treasure Chest* by C. L. Wallis.

— L. T. S.



IN MEMORIAM

MR. J. T. STRINGFIELD
1720 East Avery St.

Joined our church by transfer
of letter May 12, 1912

Deceased January 19, 1966



MRS. E. W. SPEED
2023 North Escambia Ave.

Joined our church by transfer
of letter September 13, 1914

Deceased January 20, 1966

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Our Missionary to Honduras

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	1101
Members Present	1057
New Members	3
Visitors	41
Training Union Attendance	402
Additions to church membership	8
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	5,215.34
Specials	284.83
Building Fund	21.00
Organ Fund	20.00
TOTAL OFFERING	5,541.17



MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this

Sunday are in memory of

MRS. E. W. SPEED

and are given by

the T. N. Callaway Circle

of the WMS Day Society.

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the week of
January 30 - February 5

Psalm 139 - 148

"Prayer and Praise"

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
A. H. Arnold, Supt.
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service
Broadcast over WCOA
- 4:30—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- * 6:00 a.m.—Training Union and Sunday
Evening Seminars.
F. Willard Vickery, Director
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship Service

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 10:00 a.m.—WMS GENERAL MEETING
- * 10:00—Business
- * 10:45—Missionary Program —
"Trends in Home Missions"
Laura Frances Snow Circle
in charge.
- * 11:30—Bible Study
- * 12:00—Lunch

7:30 p.m.—Counselor Training Session,
Dining Room.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- * 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.
- 6:30 p.m.—Lydia Bible Class Meeting
in Classroom
- * 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service
- * 8:15 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 2:00 p.m.—Faithful Workers Class meets with
Mrs. Leo Cox, 1700 E. Brainerd.
- 7:30 p.m.—Robert Goldie Circle meeting
with Mrs. Ola Rampey,
1915 N. 19th Avenue

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 11:00 a.m.—Lois Class Meeting and covered
dish luncheon with Mrs. Amzie
Wilson, 1502 E. Strong.
- 2:30 p.m.—Willing Workers Class meets with
Mrs. George Smith, 2020 Summit
Boulevard.
- 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.—Senior 15 Hobo Party,
Fellowship Hall.

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



NEW MEMBERS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1966

BY LETTER:

- 90. Mr. Raymond Taylor, 724 North 12th Ave.
From: Morningside Baptist Church,
Atlanta, Ga.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

- 91. Mr. James Evans, 101 Drew Circle
From: Warrington Baptist Church,
Pensacola
- 92. Mrs. James Evans (Marjorie Brown)
From: Olive Branch Baptist Church,
Owassa, Ala.
- 93. Miss Janet Haynes, 905 E. Blount St.
From: First Baptist Church,
Tallahassee, Fla.
- 94. Lt. Cdr. Baker Peebles, Quarters 46-2, NAS
From: Maple Avenue Baptist Church,
Smackover, Ark.
- 95. Mrs. Baker Peebles (Edith)
- 96. Ensign Phillip Waters,
BOQ 675, Room 113, NAS.
From: First Baptist Church,
Canyon, Texas

BY STATEMENT:

- 97. Mrs. Pearle Zilonka,
7805 North Chemstrand Road.