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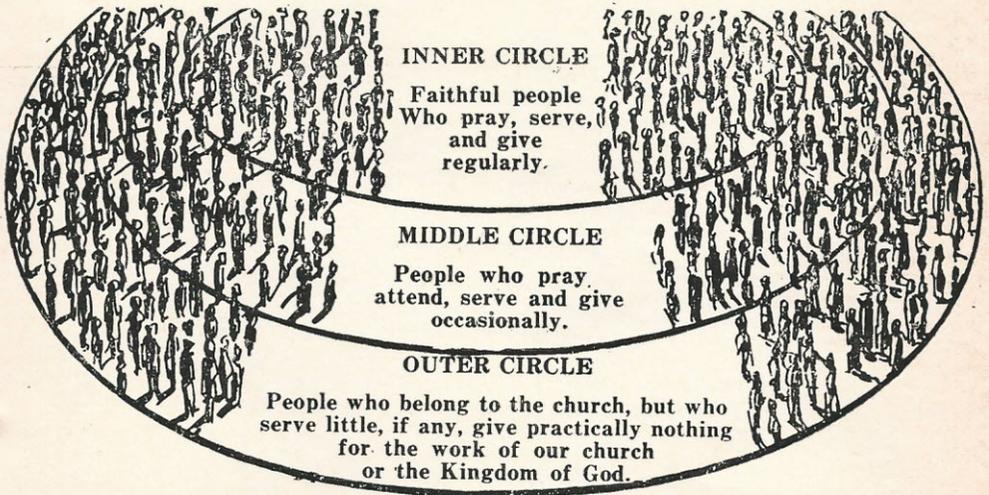
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**Every Member of First Baptist Church  
should step into the Inner Circle**

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# Pastor's Paragraphs

## THE NOT SO COMFORTABLE PEW

The title is deceptive to say the least. THE COMFORTABLE PEW . . . I ask you, does this sound like the kind of book that



will make a fellow feel very uncomfortable?

Pierre Berton is a Canadian Anglican and I would not agree with everything he wrote by any manner of means, but much that he said in his book is so. (I know it is true because every time he touched a sore spot I flinched.)

Early in the book he captured my attention

— much as a doctor would do if he suddenly announced, "You have six months to live." Berton said, "We have to consider the possibility that the church might cease to function within the next century." No man in his right mind would make such a statement without some facts to back it up. At this point Berton marshalled his facts.

Consider these excerpts from the book: Large numbers of nominal Christians are no longer either very hot or very cold, for the virus that has weakened the Church is apathy . . . Christianity has, in the past, always been at its most vigorous when it has been in a state of tension with the society around it. That is no longer the case. The "divine discontent" that once distinguished the Protestant minister or priest has been replaced by what Mumford calls "a complacent pedestrianism". . . . Though the Church has never been statistically fatter, its influence appears to be waning. In the words of Dr. T. W. Adorno, the Director of the Institute of Social Research, "Religion does not play such a decisive role within the frame of mind of most people as it once did; only rarely does it seem to account for their social attitudes and opinions." . . . both Arnold Toynbee, the historian, and Thomas Merton, the Trappist monk, have referred to our age as "the post-Christian era". John A. T. Robinson, Bishop of Woolwich, declares that the decline in religion has been "one of the most obvious features of our time." And Lewis Mumford has called the institutionalized forms of religion "a mere husk of habit."

There is no doubt about it, the situation is serious. But some of us are not ready to consign the body of the church to the grave. God being our helper we will make the ministry of our church relevant to the world in which we live. We must.

Sincerely in His service,  
JAMES L. PLEITZ

## THE LISTENING POST

### TEEN-AGE CODE OF CONDUCT

Billy Graham has offered teen-agers a 10 point code of conduct that makes sense. As the father of three teen-agers and with two younger children, Graham is vitally interested in the subject and knows what he is talking about. Here is the code:

1. Avoid the wrong company.
2. Watch your eyes; you cannot help the first look but you can help the second look.
3. Watch your lips. Refrain from telling dirty or off-color stories.
4. Watch your heart. Don't let evil thoughts stay in your mind long.
5. Watch your dress.
6. Watch your recreation and amusements. Be careful about the films and TV shows you watch.
7. Be careful what you read. The newsstands are filled with pornographic literature; avoid it like a plague. It stimulates your emotions.
8. Watch your idleness. Too much leisure and idleness for young people is harmful in many ways.
9. Have Christ in your heart and life.
10. Take a delight in the Word of God. The Bible says, "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee."

DON'T FORGET THE SPAGHETTI SUPPER. FREE BUS TRANSPORTATION AND "THE RESTLESS ONES", Billy Graham full length film, Friday, February 25, Municipal Auditorium, 7:30 P.M. Supper will be served at 6:00 P.M., the bus leaves the church at 6:45 P.M. Deadline for tickets is February 20.

### ASSOCIATIONAL EVANGELISM CLINIC

Our church is to be host for an Associational Evangelism Clinic here Monday, February 14. The Clinic begins with a session at 5:00 p.m. This session will be held in Adult A Department. Then there is to be a meal at 6:00 p.m. and then the General Session beginning at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Paul Meigs will be present for the meeting and will bring the inspirational message. Those who have heard him will want to take advantage of this opportunity to hear him again. The evening session following the meal will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

Mr. Charles Overman, Brotherhood President, announces that there will be no February Brotherhood meeting, but that all men are urged to attend this Evangelism Clinic. The Deacons will hold their February Meeting after the evening service Sunday.

Any who plan to attend the clinic and desire supper reservations (75c) will please make them no later than Sunday.

## SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

### "God Is Dead — Or Is He?"

(2 Kings 2:1-15)

7:15 P.M.

### "On Being Separated From Christ"

(Luke 2:41-45)

## LIBRARY NOTES

RELIGION AND NURSING by Samuel Southard should be of much interest to young ladies who are considering entering the nursing profession.

Three new books for Juniors — MISS STRONG ARM is the story of Annie Armstrong who was a great pioneer for Home Missions. A co-worker said one day, "You were given the wrong name. Instead of Miss Armstrong, your name should be Miss Strong Arm. You always strengthen us in our work and make the work stronger and better."

JENNY LIND AND HER LISTENING-CAT by F. Cavanah is the story of the great Swedish opera star. She could sing like a nightingale, but no one would ever have heard her had it not been for her "listening cat".

APPOMATTOX by Rourk Davis is the story of the closing struggle. Those of you who are studying history will find this book most interesting.



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### Baptist:

Miss Dora Gifford, Mr. Herbert C. Johnson, Mr. George Peterson, Jr., Mrs. John May, Mrs. James C. Samples.

#### Sacred Heart:

Mrs. Merle Gilmore, Mr. John E. Kelly, Mr. John G. Lambeth, Lambert C. Lambeth, Mr. Haywood C. Stringfield, Mrs. Martha Hicks.

### HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mr. John I. Berry, Jr., Mr. J. T. Holbrook, Mr. Albert Anderson, Mrs. York Colson, Mr. B. D. Swain, Mrs. Maggie Brown.

### OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. J. F. Chapman in the loss of her mother.

Mrs. J. O. Butterbaugh in the loss of her father.

Mrs. Clifford Bryant in the loss of her father.

Mr. Jack Howes in the loss of a sister.

Mrs. Vernon Tatum in the loss of a sister.

## FOR WHOM THE PIPES BLOW

### Part I

### How to Listen to Organ Music: A Guide for the Worshiper.

By LAWRENCE ALLEN

Those first sounds that beat upon the eardrums — how do they affect the prospective worshiper, seated and patiently (or impatiently) awaiting guidance for his encounter with the divine? Are those sounds arresting, demanding attention, or do they enter almost imperceptibly as "feelings", gently inviting the worshipers to "come, follow"? Are these sounds lovely — judged by the most critical aesthetic standards — thus inspiring and pointing God-ward by their sheer beauty? Or is their quality commonplace, ordinary, unimaginative?

In what direction do they lead? Are the worshiper's mind and spirit immediately attracted so as to involve him in a creative worship experience? Or are the musical patterns so trivial that thought processes are unnecessary? Does the music move from simple to complex? — from a lower level to a higher one? Does it lead the worshiper from where he is to where he ought to be?

And what is the worshiper's responsibility? Here are a few suggestions:

#### DO . . .

1) Note well the listing of the musical offering on the bulletin. Titles can be helpful in guiding the worshiper's thoughts by identification with a hymn text or with a spirit or mood associated with worship.

2) Listen for manifestation of the title — not to evaluate the degree of accomplishment of composer and organist, but to participate emphatically in a musical experience that intends to elevate the spirit of man to where an encounter with God is possible.

3) Listen expectantly for melodies, harmonies, and rhythms that stimulate imagination, that evidence movement, that challenge the mind to follow, that require the expenditure of mental energy to understand.

4) Once your mind discovers such musical ideas, pursue them relentlessly as you would the logical development of ideas in a lecture or sermon; for to understand the message of great music and receive inspiration from it, one must invest more than casual interest and listen with more than a single ear.

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### HEAR "THE BAPTIST HOUR"

Sunday, 7:30 A.M.  
Station WNVY

DR. HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

Speaking on the Subject  
"The Strange Ways of God"  
(Isaiah 44:28)

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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 .....      | 1169     |
| Members Present .....               | 1135     |
| New Members .....                   | 3        |
| Visitors .....                      | 31       |
| Training Union Attendance .....     | 251      |
| Members Present .....               | 226      |
| New Members .....                   | 3        |
| Visitors .....                      | 22       |
| Additions to church membership..... | 2        |
| Tithes and Offerings—               |          |
| Budget .....                        | 7,198.70 |
| Specials .....                      | 288.20   |
| Organ Fund .....                    | 10.00    |
| Building Fund .....                 | 16.00    |
| TOTAL OFFERING .....                | 7,512.90 |



## NEW MEMBERS

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:  
16. Mr. Manuel Ramos, 1104 E. LaRua St.

BY LETTER:

102. Mr. Steven F. Smith, NATTU Box 56, NAS  
From: First Sou. Baptist Church,  
Lompoc, Calif.



## SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

### READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading For The Week  
of February 13 - 19

Proverbs 10-16

"Pearls of Wisdom"

## OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- \* 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.  
A. H. Arnold, 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.  
F. Willard Vickery, Director
- \* 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor
- 8:15 p.m.—Deacons' Meeting
- 8:45 p.m.—Singspiration at Ferry Pass  
Methodist Church,  
6214 North Davis Highway

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- \* 5:00 p.m.—Associational Evangelism Clinic
- 7:00 p.m.—Library Training Session, Library

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts, Activities Center
- 7:30 p.m.—Counselor Training Session,  
Dining Room.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- \* 2:30-4:30 p.m.—English Class for Foreign-  
Speaking, Church Library.
- \* 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

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- \* 9:30 a.m.—Visitation
- 7:00 p.m.—Men's Visitation

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 1:30-4:00 p.m.—G.A. Princess Workshop at  
the home of Mrs. H. B. Parramor  
3810 Maule Road.

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



## CHURCH BASKETBALL

Tuesday, February 15 — 8:00 P.M.:  
Men's Team vs. Gadsden St. Methodist

Tuesday, February 15 — 7:00 P.M.:  
Sr. Boys' Team vs. St. Mark Methodist



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Pitman  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter

Shirley Ann

to

Mr. Beroth Gene Clayton, Jr.

on Saturday, the nineteenth of February  
Nineteen hundred and sixty-six  
at seven o'clock in the evening

First Baptist Church  
Pensacola, Florida

Reception  
following ceremony  
at the Church