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PASTOR



RALLYING HYMN FOR THE CHURCH

Lord, Thy power knows no declining,
 Thus, Thy many works declare;
Sun, moon, stars still keep their shining,
 There is order everywhere.
There are sacraments that tell us
 With Thy help we can prevail;
But alone, though e'er so zealous,
 We are weak and sure to fail.

Human need is all about us —
 Loads to lift, and tears to dry;
Evil forces seem to flout us,
 And our ranks stand helpless by.
Lord, to us the world is calling —
 Bidding us to right its wrong;
For around it now are falling
 Citadels it trusted long.

Holy Spirit, so inspire us,
 That our hearts may flame anew,
That each one may be desirous
 Something now worth-while to do.
From our lethargy awake us,
 Link us to a great crusade;
In Thy service do Thou make us
 Happy, strong, and unafraid.

— Alexander Louis Fraser

Pastor's Paragraphs

PEOPLE AND PROBLEMS

Scarcely a day passes that someone does not call me about a serious problem. Many times there is something which your pastor



can do in helping to find a solution. In other cases, I am forced to admit that I just don't know what to do. However, even when this is true, your pastor can listen sympathetically and try to be an understanding friend. Most of us find some relief in just sharing our burden with others.

There is, however, one who always has the answers to life's most perplexing problems. This One is Jesus Christ. In Him can be found the solution to our problems regardless of how complicated they might be. Our concern should be to arrange a meeting with Him. There are many ways that this can be done, but I am especially anxious to emphasize one way in which we can meet with the Living God.

When we meet together in God's House on His Day, Jesus Christ meets with us. He has promised to do so, Matthew 18:20: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

When we fail to attend services on the Lord's Day, we cheat ourselves of a wonderful opportunity to meet with the Risen Lord. So many times the people who have the most perplexing problems have not taken advantage of the invitation to fellowship with Jesus Christ. Although your pastor is always anxious to help in any way that he possibly can, in all honesty I am forced to say that I find it much easier to help those who are trying to help themselves.

Everyone of us should faithfully keep our appointment with God on His Day. This is the day when we should meet together in His House for worship and inspiration.

I will be looking for you Sunday — 1200 Bibles strong.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz



BAPTIST OFFICE MOVED

The Baptist Office has moved from its old location to 1107 West Avery Street. This is next door to the Crippled Children's Home. If you are looking for Bill Carr or Mrs. Fleming or tracts, this is the place to look. The telephone number 432-4944 remains the same.

THE LISTENING POST

SUNDAY IS THE DEADLINE for tickets for "The Restless Ones" to be shown Friday, February 25, 7:30 P.M. at Municipal Auditorium. Your ticket, secured from your superintendent or Miss May, will be your reservation for the spaghetti supper and transportation on the bus which leaves at 6:45. The supper will be served at 6:00 P.M. **DON'T FAIL TO GET YOUR TICKET SUNDAY.**

We need representatives in the Speakers Tournament March 28. To be eligible you should be 17-24 years of age, write your own speech from a choice of 20 subjects. The speech must not be more than six minutes in length and each person will be judged on content, composition and delivery. If you are interested contact Miss May.



NURSERY FAIR

The State Sunday School Department is holding a Nursery Fair at the First Baptist Church, Crestview, Florida, Monday, February 21. The schedule is as follows:

- 8:45 - 9:15—Tour of Exhibits
- 9:30—Meditation
- 9:40—Best for Baby — Ada Rutledge
- 10:00—Nursery Songs — Bob Kilgore
- 10:15—Introductions, room assignments, pink lemonade.

10:45—CONFERENCES

- PASTORS, MINISTERS OF EDUCATION, S.S. SUPTS.—Bob Killgore
- COORDINATORS, NURSERY COMMITTEE MEMBERS—Ada Rutledge
- WORKERS WITH BABIES—Mrs. W. L. Howse
- WORKERS WITH TODDLERS—Kathleen Aycock
- WORKERS WITH 2-YR. OLDS—Gena Johnson
- WORKERS WITH 3-YR. OLDS—Margaret Barry

Any who are interested in attending are asked to contact Mr. Bizzell.



THE VERY NEWEST

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

MASTER TIMOTHY JAMES McCRARY
Son of
Mr. and Mrs. James L. McCrary
Born on
January 26



STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The State Sunday School Convention meets in Jacksonville, February 28 - March 2. If you are interested in attending this convention, contact Mr. Bizzell.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

**"He Is Alive All Right —
So What!"**

(Luke 6:43-49)

7:15 P.M.

"The Bible and Baptism"

(Matthew 3:1-12)

LIBRARY NOTES

"One day, in a prison in Chungking, 1953) I gave thanks to God for food, as was my custom. I was mercilessly attacked. 'It is not God who gives you that. It is the toil of the hard-working Chinese people.' The official informed me very forcibly that in one's daily life in this prison no expression whatever of religious faith was allowed.

"You are not to pray", the warden ordered. 'Religious freedom is reserved for the people. Do you understand?' 'I understand', I said impassively, without expressing any promise that I would stop.

"The patience God gave me to go on day by day in quietness before my accusers and tormentors is a marvel to me now, as I reflect on it. It was His work and His alone. Although I was so weak and faltering, yet prayer was winning. Satan was held at bay. My armor was still on and the shield of faith in my hand. The love of God . . . would outlive all the chains of men and Satan. No indoctrination could thwart His redeeming love."

Taken from **WHEN IRON GATES
YIELD** by Geoffrey Bull.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mr. Charles A. Miller, Mr. Herbert C. Johnson, Mrs. Pete McLeod, Mrs. D. I. Blancheri, Mr. Melvin Myrick.

Sacred Heart:

Mrs. Martha Hicks, Mr. Kenneth Pfeiffer, Mr. H. C. Stringfield.

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. James Samples, Mr. Letcher Lamkin, Mr. John G. Lambeth, Miss Dora Gifford, Mr. George Peterson, Jr., Mrs. John May, Mrs. Harry Maddox, Mr. Gresham Farrar, Mr. Allen Biles, Mrs. Merle Gilmore.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Robert Hinson in the loss of his mother.

Mr. John Vaughn in the loss of a brother.
Mrs. J. E. Kelly and Mrs. Thames Jernigan in the loss of husband and father.

FOR WHOM THE PIPES BLOW

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

PART II

What's going on? Why?

Someone said that church music in our time should "not only comfort the afflicted, but also afflict the comforted". In our state of slumbering complacency, as worshipers we might not always be aware that **music**, as well as the spoken word, has power to call us to task for our sins, prod us to penitence, and exhort us to mend our ways.

The function of organ music in worship is certainly not to bathe us continually with sweet meaningless sounds that permit uninterrupted "slumber". By our attention, thoughtful involvement, and mental preparation it will motivate and challenge, direct and guide, inspire and reform, renew and strengthen the worshiping Christian. We strive for these experiences in our services when we are successful. I, you, each individual realizes and recognizes God in this place and time.

The following is a continuation of a guide to listening to service music on the organ.

DON'T:

1) . . . approach the instrumental offering with an attitude of negative criticism. Instrumentalists can and do make mistakes but, when rightly-oriented, make their offering "to the glory of God" on behalf of the worshiper in the same spirit.

2) . . . condemn the musician for playing music you do not "enjoy". His duty is to lead you in worship, not to entertain! Naturally, he must communicate if he is to lead, but remember he is trying to lead many others at the same time. If his music sails "over your head", try harder to understand the intent of his message. He rightfully expects from you an honest effort to follow his leadership.

3) . . . rob yourself of the opportunity to participate in worship through creative listening by dis-involvement, either by indifference, complacency, or inadequacy of preparation, but determine to involve yourself totally in every act of worship, and the desired divine encounter will more often become a reality!

'Tis the worshiper for whom the pipes blow, but too often he heeds not their blowing!

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HEAR "THE BAPTIST HOUR"

Sunday, 7:30 A.M.
Station WNVY

DR. HERCHEL H. HOBBS

Speaking on the Subject
"Who Is To Blame?"
(Isaiah 48:18)

**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
ENLISTMENT SURVEY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

Fill out a W.M.S. Enlistment Survey Card this Sunday in your Sunday School class. We invite you to join a missionary circle and find complete and refreshing experiences in your Christian life.

Mrs. Robert F. Jernigan, President
Mrs. Cecil S. Jones, Vice-President
Woman's Missionary Union.



**LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD
I Corinthians 3:9**

Through the ages as women have come to know Christ Jesus as Lord and Saviour, they have found as individual Christians they had responsibilities to their fellow man. Today, women around the world have caught the missionary spirit. Wherever Southern Baptist missionaries have gone, they formed missionary societies to carry out the Great Commission and become "Laborers together".

"Woman's Missionary Union seeks to bring every woman face to face with her commitment to Christ, her responsibility to youth and her personal response to the Great Commission through her church. The organization has a contribution to make to every woman who desires spiritual maturity."—Helen Fling, President, Woman's Missionary Union, Southern Baptist Convention.

**OUR CHURCH WANTS YOU
IN W.M.U.**

Mrs. Robert F. Jernigan,
President W.M.U.



**DID YOU
GET THE WRONG COAT?**

Someone exchanged coats last Sunday with one of our ladies. The missing coat is a dark green London Fog with the initials E.S.H. on the left collar. How about check and see if you have a coat which does not belong to you. The likelihood is that we have your coat here at the office.



Not until some folks are on their backs do they learn to keep looking up. — Copied.

In Memoriam

Mr. J. E. Kelly
1114 East Lee Street

Joined our church by transfer
of letter March 9, 1952
Deceased February 15, 1966

SEE "THE RESTLESS ONES"

The time is rapidly approaching for the local showing of the new Billy Graham film "The Restless Ones". This movie is an excellent treatment of current teenage problems. "The Restless Ones" walks right into one of the world's most pressing social problems and walks out with an answer. This significant portrayal penetrates the thoughts and actions of today's teenagers. Their expressions of pent-up frustration . . . their searching for approval, discipline and guidance . . . their yearnings for love and understanding . . . their attempts to find security and to express maturity . . . their longing for something real and meaningful. This film — rare in its honesty — faces squarely the temptations that young people face every day and dares to provide a thrilling answer.

Dr. Billy Graham himself has this to say about the movie: "Young people are the most valuable resource in existence on the face of the earth. Yet perhaps no resource is so mistreated, mismanaged and misunderstood. What a culture in which to develop these human resources! Temptations abounding . . . independence unlimited . . . irresponsible parents, many well-meaning but engrossed in materialism . . . confused elders and counselors . . . corruption in positions high and low . . . fluctuating concepts and theories of morality and God . . . the explosive atmosphere of cold wars and hot. But where a clear-cut call to find intelligent meaning to life — to reality? Here is an answer — the answer — which goes beyond mere analysis of our times, decrying of our situation and sordid portrayal of our failures. From despair, confusion, hopelessness, to the answer of faith in and commitment to the Ruler of Life. Through this film we've endeavored to do our part. You see it, and urge others to see it. For our young people's sake. And for a better world."

The dates for the showings in Pensacola are:

Friday, February 25 — 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 26 — 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 27 — 2:00 p.m.

Tickets for all of the showings are available through the Church Office.



COUNSELOR TRAINING SESSION

Those persons who have been asked to take the Counselor Training for "The Restless Ones" are reminded of the following schedule:

Sunday, February 20 — 3:00 p.m.
Make-up for Session 3

Tuesday, February 22 — 7:30 p.m.
Counselor Training Session 4

Thursday, February 24 — 7:30 p.m.
Make-up for Session 4

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 Our Missionary to Honduras



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance	1117
Members Present	1079
New Members	6
Visitors	32
Training Union Attendance	292
Members Present	270
New Members	3
Visitors	19
Additions to church membership.....	7
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	4,959.64
Specials	241.05
Building Fund	18.00
TOTAL OFFERING	5,218.69



NEW MEMBERS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

FOR BAPTISM:

John Adams, 603 Edison Drive

BY LETTER:

103. Mrs. Thomas B. Respass,
 4171 Mt. Bigelow Way, San Diego, Calif.
 From: Delaware Valley Baptist Church,
 Willingboro, N. J.
 104. Master Byran Respass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

BY LETTER:

105. Mr. George H. Crowther,
 3430 Summit Blvd.
 From: Delaware Valley Baptist Church
 Willingboro, N. J.
 106. Mrs. George H. Crowther (Geraldine)
 107. Mr. George Crowther
 108. Mr. Jackie Moran Crowther
 109. Mrs. Francis Pierson, 3710 Bonner Rd.
 From: Marion Baptist Church,
 Marion, Ky.

REDEDICATION:

Dr. Lawrence E. Thomas, Qtrs. 89, NAS

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- * 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.—Counselor Training Session,
 Dining Room.
- 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 Seminar.
 F. Willard Vickery, Director
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 9:00 - 12:00 Noon—Area Nursery Fair,
 FBC Crestview.
- 7:00 p.m.—Library Training Session, Library

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- * 2:30 - 4:30—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
- * 8:15 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 7:00 p.m.—Loyalty Class will have their Study
 Hour with Miss Florida Waite
 teaching at the home of Mrs.
 Hazel Coleman, 1600 E. Cross St.
- 7:30 p.m.—Counselor Training Session (4)
 Make-up, Church Dining Room.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 6:00 p.m.—Spaghetti Supper, Dining Room
- 7:30 p.m.—Film "The Restless Ones",
 Municipal Auditorium.
- * 7:30 p.m.—Married Young People's Social,
 Fellowship Hall.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 2:00 p.m.—Film "The Restless Ones",
 Municipal Auditorium.
- 7:30 p.m.—Film "The Restless Ones",
 Municipal Auditorium.

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



CHURCH BASKETBALL

Monday, February 21 — 7:00 P.M.:

Men's Team vs. St. Mark Methodist

Thursday, February 24 — 6:00 P.M.:

Men's Team vs. Gulf Breeze Baptist

Tuesday, February 22 — 6:00 P.M.:

Senior Boys' Team vs. Richards Me-
 morial Methodist.

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the week of
 February 20 - 26

Proverbs 22 - 31

"Exhortation and Counsel"