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PASTOR



Seeking and Finding God

I will arise and to my Father go;
 This very hour the journey is begun.
I start to reach the blissful goal, and, lo,
 My spirit at one bound her race has run.
For seeking God and finding Him are one.
 He feeds the rilllets that towards Him flow.
It is the Father who first seeks the son,
 And moves all heavenward movement, swift or slow.
I dare not pride myself on finding Him.
 I dare not dream a single step was mine.
His was the vigour in the palsied limb —
 His the electric fire along the line —
When drowning, His the untaught power to swim
 Float o'er the surge, and grasp the rock divine.

— John C. Earle, 1824-1903

Pastor's Paragraphs

THE LESSER OF TWO EVILS

Perhaps you heard the sermon last Sunday morning. Perhaps not. In either case, commit the next sentence to memory. Dr.



"God Is Dead" Alizer will not do as much harm to the cause of Christ as some of us who say God is alive — so what! For us to say we believe in a Living God and not follow His teachings is as great a heresy as to say God is dead. Whether we like to admit it or not, this is the gospel truth. (This observation did not originate

with the pastor. Jesus said the same thing 2,000 years ago — Matthew 7:29). If THE Lord is OUR Lord, it will be quite obvious. I call to the witness stand the witness of:

A LORDLY LIFE — a good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth fruit that is good. Luke 6:43

. . . And the witness of

LIFE'S PRIORITIES — When the Lord is our Lord we will seek first — and keep first — the Kingdom of God. Matthew 6:33

. . . And the witness of

OUR CONCERN to tell others about the Saviour. Matthew 28:19-20

It is not hard to call Him "Lord" but to make Him Lord — well, that is another matter. Is yours a religion involving only the lips or the lips and the life? Never mind telling me about it — how 'bout a demonstration.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz



If you believe that GOD IS NOT DEAD,
If you would like to buy HAPPINESS and
SATISFACTION,

If you would like to SHARE JESUS WITH
OTHERS,

Join our WMU in our Week of Prayer for
Home Missions, March 6 - 13.

Jesus said, "As my father hath sent me,
even so send I you." John 20:21



HEAR "THE BAPTIST HOUR"

Sunday, 7:30 A.M.

Station WNVY

DR. HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

Speaking on the Subject

"Forlorn, But Not Forgotten"

(Isaiah 49:15)



Last Wednesday night Dr. Robert L. Hughes was called by the church as our Minister of Evangelism. Although he serves as a full-time evangelist, Dr. Hughes will be able to devote considerable time to the program of evangelism in our church.

He is an excellent preacher and I predict that he will be widely used not only in Florida but throughout the Southland in the field of evangelism. He is one of the few men I know in this field that has an earned doctorate.

His task will be twofold: To encourage us to do more evangelistic visitation; and he will spend as much time as possible in personally winning others to Jesus.

This does not mean that any of us can let up in the matter of witnessing. It should mean that the evangelistic outreach of our church will be greatly increased.

THE PASTOR



ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD MEETING

Monday, February 28

6:45 P.M.

Whitfield Baptist Church

Speaker: Dr. C. A. Roberts, Pastor
First Baptist Church,
Tallahassee, Florida

This meeting is an Evangelism Rally in preparation for the Simultaneous Revivals in April.

Tickets are available from the Brotherhood Officers or from the office.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Courage to Care"

(Matthew 23:37-39)

7:15 P.M.

**"When Thanksgiving
Is Sinful"**

(Luke 18:11)

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Shirley Ann Pitman and Mr. Gene Clayton on their marriage February 19.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. John Feldman in the loss of a sister.
Mrs. Charles Fosha in the loss of her step father.

Mrs. Thomas DeWeese in the loss of a sister.

1/Lt. Wayne McEwen in the loss of his father.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mr. E. B. McCloskey, Mr. Melvin Myrick, Miss Denise Thames, Mr. Earl Kendrick, Mr. B. A. Smith.

Sacred Heart:

Mrs. Martha Hicks, Miss Maxine Kent, Mr. W. R. Parks, Mr. H. C. Stringfield, Mr. L. D. Allen.

Foundation Hospital, New Orleans, La.:

Mrs. Bernard B. Bond.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Myles Colley, Mrs. Mattie Majors, Mrs. Pete McLeod, Mr. Charles Miller, Mr. Kenneth Pfeiffer, Mr. Herbert C. Johnson, Mrs. D. I. Blancheri.



THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebuds on the pulpit Sunday were placed there in honor of

MASTER MICHAEL ENZOR GILCHRIST

Son of

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Lane Gilchrist

Born on

February 5

MASTER JASON DEAN BROWN

Son of

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Brown, Jr.

Born on

February 14

MASTER JOHN SCOTT DAVIS

Son of

Mr. and Mrs. J. Dudley Davis

Born on

February 18



Save the evening of March 7
for a most exciting visit.

HOW TO LISTEN TO ORGAN MUSIC:

A Guide for the Worshiper

WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY?

The organist will prayerfully consider many facets of the task of building a well-ordered service. This responsibility involves preparing the worshiper — the whole person — for an intellectual and emotional encounter. These must be a confrontation with the individual at every level of his experience — from largely emotional simplicity to sophisticated, complex intellectualism.

Prelude — There may be the familiar and obvious with a definite, steady progression toward the challenging and unfamiliar. At other times, the music will strive to capture immediately the attention of the listener by an arresting introduction, followed by a settling down to a leisurely, yet intriguing presentation of a profound idea. This period of music is designed as an **Urgent Musical Invitation** to enter the "here and now" presence of God. As worshipers, we will need to consistently bear in mind that an invitation becomes a reality when we actively respond to it. On this next Sunday let us ask ourselves upon entering the House of Worship, "What's going on? Why?"



LIBRARY NOTES

HURRYIN' BIG FOR LITTLE REASONS

by Ronald R. Meredith is a small book with many short chapters. Early in life Mr. Meredith was told by a wise old cowboy that "to hurry big for little reasons is the best way I know never to live at all." The author never forgot those words, and he intends that they leave an indelible impression on the reader as well. Thus he has written a beautiful book about love as the real meaning of living. Its 35 brief reminiscences reflect an outgoing personality who has lived fully by that measure. Whether you share a quiet tear or a warm laugh with Dr. Meredith, he will point to a private place of calm in the midst of your hustle and bustle.



CHURCH BASKETBALL

Monday, February 28 — 7:00 P.M.:

Men's Team vs. Greek Orthodox

Thursday, March 3 — 6:00 P.M.:

Men's Team vs. Ferry Pass Methodist

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the week of
February 27 - March 5

Ecclesiastes 2-12

"Seeking Life's Answers"

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 Our Missionary to Honduras

All material to be included in The Builder
 should be in the office, preferably in writ-
 ing, not later than 9:00 a.m. Mondays.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1261
Members Present	1199
New Members	4
Visitors	58
Training Union Attendance	266
Members Present	251
New Members	2
Visitors	13
Additions to church membership	6
Baptized	2
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	5,419.29
Specials	192.40
Organ Fund	35.00
Building Fund	23.00
TOTAL OFFERING	5,669.69



NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:

110. Lt. Jimmie H. Durr, Jr., USMCR,
 1214 Wisteria Avenue.
 From: Calvary Baptist Church,
 Alexandria, La.
111. Mr. D. L. McDavid, 3061 Swan Lane
 From: Highland Ave. Baptist Church
 Montgomery, Ala.
112. Mrs. D. L. McDavid
113. Lt. Bill Nelson, 1214 Wisteria Avenue
 From: Fifth Avenue Baptist,
 Huntington, W. Va.
114. Mr. James M. Richardson,
 503 Navarre St., Gulf Breeze.
 From: First Baptist Church,
 Ft. Myers, Fla.
115. Mrs. James M. Richardson (Jean)

BAPTIZED:

John Adams
 Mr. Manuel Ramos

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
 A. H. Arnold, Supt.
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor
 Broadcast over WCOA
- 2:00 p.m.—“The Restless Ones”,
 Municipal Auditorium.
- 4:00 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
- 8:30 p.m.—Junior Hi Get-Together at the
 home of Judy and Kathy Jones,
 141 High Pines Place.
 Parents will meet at the home
 of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hirni,
 673 Connell Drive.
 Senior Hi-College Get-Together
 will be at the home of Gary
 Mitchell, 1750 Foulis Drive.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 6:45 p.m.—Associational Brotherhood Meet-
 ing, Whitfield Baptist Church.
- 7:00 p.m.—Library Training Session, Library

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

W.M.S. GENERAL MEETING

- * 10:00 a.m.—Business
- * 10:30 a.m.—Missionary Program
 Speaker: Joe M. Bamberg
- * 11:15 a.m.—Bible Study
- * 12:00 p.m.—Lunch

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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
- * 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service
- * 8:15 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

- 2:00 p.m.—Faithful Workers meet with Mrs.
 A. L. Wallace, 917 E. Maxwell St.
- 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.—G. A. Forward Step Work-
 shop, Central Baptist Church.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

- 2:00 p.m.—Lois Class meets with Mrs. J. C.
 Hawfield, 6090 Azalea Road.

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



G.A. FORWARD STEPS WORKSHOP

Thursday, March 3 — 7 - 9 P.M.

Central Baptist Church
 2311 North 12th Avenue

Conducted by State G.A. Director Ruth
 Bagwell, the two-hour workshop will run
 from 7:00 'til 9:00 p.m.



Save the evening of March 7
 for a most exciting visit.