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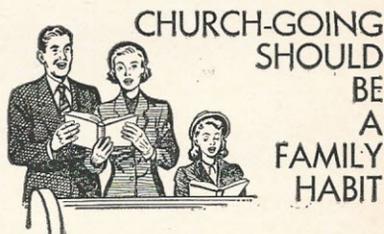
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
PALAFOX AND LA RUA STREETS
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



March to Church in March

The leaders of our church are with one accord urging every members of the First Baptist Church to **MARCH TO CHURCH IN MARCH**. There are four Sundays in March. These ought to be our best Sundays. Each person attending our services in March will be asked to register his attendance. Then, during April, we shall visit every member who has not attended.



During this month of emphasis we are urging each of you to consider prayerfully your attendance upon the worship services of your church. If you are not now attending the Evening Services, why not begin next Sunday? If you are not attending Wednesday Night Prayer Services, why not begin next Wednesday?

Make every moment count during March.

Attend every service during March.

Read the Bible every day during March.

Contribute your tithe during March.

Help the lost to find salvation during March.

Pastor's Paragraphs

THE CLINCHER

Many things have been written about the death of God. One of the finest things that I have read was written by my good friend



Gil Barrow, who is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Prichard, Alabama.

"The news commentator had just completed an interview with some average Americans. Among these were some college students, a professor, a dentist, and others. His concluding remarks were there would be more on this

subject in the next evening's news.

"This matter was of interest to me, therefore, I asked my wife and two children to view the next report with me as a family. As best I can remember, the first scene was a group of college students on a Southern campus taking part in the funeral of God. To view such a scene and carefully observe the expressions on the faces of the students was like nothing I had ever experienced. Their faces were aglow with uncertainty, the tears that streaked across their youthful cheeks glittered with fear as they spoke their rehearsed lines and their near motionless bodies portrayed their state of shock. The scene shifted suddenly to another college campus in the 'heart of the Bible belt' as a professor expounded his theory that 'God is dead.'

"We sat motionless, so engrossed with the account that we were not aware of each other's presence. I soon became aware with these words from my three-year-old son, 'Daddy, why is God dead?'

"I hesitated for a moment knowing that what I said would or would not meet the needs of a frustrated three-year-old who has been taught and is being taught that God is alive, active and loves everyone.

"As the news cast closed with this report I asked my daughter to turn the TV set off. I then calmly took a deep breath, collected some thoughts and started into my answer for them. I then explained that Daddy needed to make a few visits and would try to hurry back. And hurry I did because I returned in time to kneel with that three-year-old beside his bed and hear him say, 'Dear God, now I lay me . . .' It was then that I knew God was alive."

I'll see you Sunday — 1200 Bibles strong.

Alive in Him who lives,

James L. Pleitz



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE ORGAN . . . A CHEST OF WHISTLES

For hundreds of years the organ was thought completely "unworthy for use in the worship of God". It was called by some "the devil's bagpipes".

What is referred to in Psalm 150 as "organ" was close akin to "pan pipes", a small cluster of tuned pipes.

The hydraulus, an early water organ and the predecessor of our present pipe organ, was the chief noisemaker at Roman gladiatorial shows. Even while Christians were being tortured and killed the screech of the hydraulus provided the raucous entertainment.

Late in the fourth century the monks invented leather pouches for compressing air for blowing the pipes. It was used to lead singing. The earlier organ had only 12 to 15 keys. They were about six inches wide and because of the size of the pipe and the system of opening the valve to let the pipes blow the keys were actually pounded with the fist or elbow.

Primitive bellows of leather were trod up and down by men wearing iron shoes. The larger medieval organs had from 20 to 24 bellows, trod by 10 to 12 men. One of the early organs in England required 70 men to pump the bellows. Strong men "presided at the console". They were professionally known as "pounders".

(To be continued)



LIBRARY NOTES

More than ever before Christians are concerned about the relation of their faith to the great moral and social issues of the day. **Introducing Christian Ethics** by Henlee H. Barnette deals with contemporary problems in the light of biblical teaching and with the application of the Christian faith to social problems. This volume gives more attention to biblical basis and the role of the Holy Spirit than is usually given in current texts on the subject.



YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!!

Brotherhood and WMS Night Society

Flight: No. 3-7-66.
Leaves from Gate 14 (Group will assemble in Fellowship Hall).

Monday, March 7, 1966, 7:00 p.m.

Destination: "Panama, The Land Between".

Pilot: Joe G. Brookins.

Co-Pilot: T. A. Wash and Others.

Stewardess: Ruth Vice.

Transportation and refreshments complimentary.



CHURCH BASKETBALL

TUESDAY, MARCH 8 — 6:00 P.M.:

Men's Team vs. Brownsville Baptist

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mrs. Norman T. Boykin, Mrs. William A. Music, Miss Denise Thames, Mr. D. L. McDavid, Mrs. Herman Williams, Mrs. Vernon Tatum.

Sacred Heart:

Miss Martha Hicks, Mr. H. C. Stringfield, Mrs. Charles Mitchell.

Foundation Hospital, New Orleans, La.:

Mrs. Bernard B. Bond

Escambia General:

Mrs. Phyllis Busey

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Allan Gentry, Mrs. Jim Price, Mr. B. A. Smith, Mr. L. D. Allen, Mr. J. D. Cunningham, Sr., Miss Maxine Kent, Mr. W. R. Parks, Mr. Melvin Myrick, Mr. Earl Kendrick, Mr. E. B. McCloskey.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Fred McConnell is the loss of her father.

Mrs. W. H. Smith in the loss of a brother. Miss Jeanne Ingram and Mr. J. L. Ingram in the loss of a brother.

Mrs. Louis Berlin in the loss of her husband and Miss Joyce Blackmon in the loss of her step-father.



THE VERY NEWEST

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

MASTER WILLIAM PAUL PRICE

Son of

Mr. and Mrs. Jim B. Price
Born February 23

MASTER JOSEPH BRADLEY BENNETT.

Son of

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bennett
Born February 25



QUOTES

"Martin Luther spoke of congregational singing as 'A fair and lovely gift that often moves me to the joy of preaching.'"

"The joy of redemption naturally breaks forth into singing, and we reveal the vigor of our religious experience by the way we respond to and participate in sacred music."

"Keep your fears to yourself, but share your courage with others." — Robert Louis Stevenson, Taken from **Treasure Chest**.

DEACONS OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH

Mr. S. L. Davis
Mr. Billy V. Renfroe

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Conquest of Fear"

(Mark 4:35-41)

7:15 P.M.

"Our God Is Able"

(Daniel 3:1-28)

STUDENT MISSIONS CONFERENCE

A Student Missions Conference will be held Friday and Saturday, May 25-26, at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Registration starts Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. with the first session planned for that evening around 7:00. Our closing session usually ends late Saturday evening. The registration fee is \$2.00 per person, and this includes the cost of the room. Excellent meals can be obtained in the seminary cafeteria at reasonable prices. Each person attending should bring their own linens and blanket.

If you are interested, contact Miss May.



W.M.U. WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS MARCH 6-13

MONDAY, 10:00 A.M. —
Meet in Adult "A" Department

TUESDAY, 10:00 A.M. —
Circle Meetings in Homes

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P.M. —
Prayer Service

THURSDAY, 10:00 A.M. —
Meet in Adult "A" Department

FRIDAY, 10:00 A.M. —
Meet in Adult "A" Department



MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary Sunday will be given in memory of

Mr. Clarence E. Moore
by Mrs. Clarence E. Moore
and Mr. Lamar Moore.

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the week of
March 6-12

Romans 1-8

"The Way of the Cross"

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Our Missionary to Honduras



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance	1152
Members Present	1101
New Members	10
Visitors	41
Training Union Attendance	259
Members Present	249
Visitors	10
Additions to church membership.....	9
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	5,225.76
Specials	150.97
Building Fund	8.00
TOTAL OFFERING	5,384.73



NEW MEMBERS

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:

17. Miss Debbie Hartsfield,
3560 Summit Blvd.
- BY LETTER:
116. Mr. Harold Edwin Duce,
3795 Tom Lane Dr.
From: First Baptist Church,
Marianna, Fla.
 117. Mrs. Harold Edwin Duce (Cozine)
 118. Mr. Sheppard M. Frazier,
105 Highpoint Dr., Gulf Breeze.
From: Normandale Baptist Church,
Montgomery, Ala.
 119. Mrs. Sheppard M. Frazier (Carol)
 120. Ensign David R. Bell, 3420-A W. Avery St.
From: Calvary Baptist Church,
Towson, Md.
 121. Mrs. David R. Bell (Susanne)
From: Swope Park Baptist,
Kansas City, Mo.
 122. Mrs. Mary Jane Monroe,
825 Bayshore Dr., Apt. 605.
From: Bethel Baptist Church,
Ceiba, Puerto Rico.
 123. Mrs. Katherine Gram,
4280 North Ninth Ave.
From: First Baptist Church,
Roswell, New Mexico.

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
A. H. Arnold, Supt.
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor
Broadcast over Station WCOA
- 4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:15 p.m.—Junior 11-12 Sword Drill Meeting,
Junior 12 Department.
- * 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages
Willard Vickery, Director
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor
- 8:30 p.m.—Senior Hi-College Fellowship
in the home of Miss Linda Parker,
1015 East Lloyd.

MONDAY, MARCH 7

- * 10:00 a.m.—Week of Prayer for Home Missions
Meet in Adult "A" Dept.
- 7:00 p.m.—Home Mission Study, Brotherhood
and WMS Night Society,
Fellowship Hall.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

- * 10:00 a.m.—SEE WMS CIRCLES
- 6:00 p.m.—WMS Night Society
Supper-Meeting.
- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Meet
- 7:00 p.m.—Scout Committee meets
in Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

- * 2:30 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.—Teachers and Officers Meeting
Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, YWA's
- * 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service (WMS in charge)
- * 8:15 a.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

- 10:00 a.m.—Week of Prayer for Home Missions
Meet in Adult "A" Dept.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

- * 10:00 a.m.—Week of Prayer for Home Missions
Meet in Adult "A" Dept.

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



WMS CIRCLES

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

- 10:00 A.M. —
- CLARICE ASHMORE CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. Don Sasser, 6820 Data Street.
- T. N. CALLAWAY CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. W. H. McRee, 4081 Bayou Boulevard.
- VIRGINIA COBB CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. Lewis Steele, 7220 West Penton Street.
- STANLEY DAVIS CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. R. S. Spencer, 1721 North 19th Ave.
- MARTHA HAYLOCK CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. J. B. Ladner, 6012 Hilburn Drive.
- DONALD LANGFORD CIRCLE will meet
with Mrs. R. D. Comstock, 1601 East Gon-
zalez Street.
- DOTTSON MILLS CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. Norwood Cobb, 2775 East Escambia
Avenue.
- R. C. MOORE CIRCLE will meet with Mrs.
E. A. Bratcher, 100 West Cervantes Street.
- BERNICE NEEL CIRCLE will meet with Mrs.
Earl Gaston, Scenic Highway.
- MAMIE LOU POSEY CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. J. H. Brinson, 712 Gentian Drive.
- LAURA FRANCES SNOW CIRCLE will meet
with Mrs. W. A. Webb, 3820 Molaree Drive.
- 2:30 P.M. —
- HARVEY HEADRICK CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. Vora Wilkinson, 710 North Spring St.