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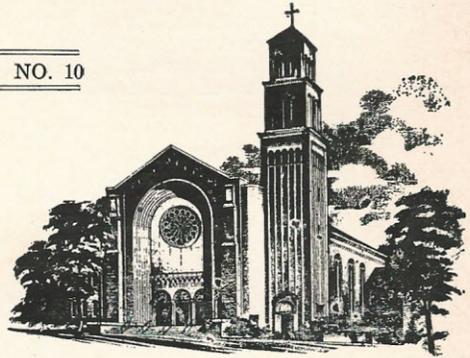
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PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



SPREAD THE LIGHT

There is darkness still, gross darkness, Lord,
On this fair earth of Thine.
There are prisoners still in the prison-house,
Where never a light doth shine.
There are doors still bolted against Thee,
There are faces set like a wall;
And over them all the Shadow of Death
Hangs like a pall.

Do you hear the voices calling,
Out there in the black of the night?
Do you hear the sobs of the women,
Who are barred from the blessed light?
And the children — the little children —
Do you hear their pitiful cry?
O, brothers, we must seek them,
Or there in the dark they die!

Spread the Light! Spread the Light!
Till earth's remotest bounds have heard
The glory of the Living Word;
Till those that see not have their sight;
Till all the fringes of the night
Are lifted, and the long-closed doors
Are wide for ever to the Light.
Spread — the — Light!

O then shall dawn the golden days,
To which true hearts are pressing;
When earth's discordant strains shall blend —
The one true God confessing;
When Christly thought and Christly deed
Shall bind each heart and nation,
In one Grand Brotherhood of Men,
And one high consecration.

— John Oxenham

Pastor's Paragraphs

ON BEING WASHED OUT

I heard the announcement on the radio while driving home to lunch last Friday. The second round of the Pensacola Open had been cancelled because of inclement weather. The golf tournament would be set back one day. The final round was rescheduled for Monday.



To tell the truth, I was glad to hear the announcement. I had never seen the final round of a tournament. A fellow has it coming after seven years — don't you think.

Having thought of myself (PLEASE) do not do this — Jesus taught us to think about others first, I wondered how the players would receive this news, that the second round had been washed out.

... PROBABLY the men who had not started their round were sorry to hear it. The delay would mean an extra day's expense and might well mean they would miss fulfilling other commitments.

... NO DOUBT the men who were playing real well were sorry to hear about the cancellation. It must be a real disappointment to be shooting well under par and then have it all erased because of foul weather. (Notice I say "no doubt". I wouldn't know, nor do I ever expect to know, how it feels to be under par.)

... FOR DEAD SURE the fellows who were doing poorly were tickled pink. It must have been a real relief in the case of these men to have the round wiped out. What a relief! The next day they could start with a clean slate.

When I heard about the cancellation I thought about what Isaiah the Prophet said: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." (Isaiah 1:18). This is wonderful news to everyone of us for the simple reason that we are all sinners. We have all "fouled up" in the game of life. The Bible says, "for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

In Christ Jesus we can find forgiveness from our sins, we can begin life anew. John said: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (I John 1:9).

I'll be looking forward to seeing you Sunday — rain or shine — in the Father's House.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

THE LISTENING POST

MISSIONS CONFERENCE AT NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY MARCH 25-26 FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS. The cost to you will be \$2.00 registration fee which includes your room. Meals may be purchased in the cafeteria on campus. If you can go, please see Miss May so transportation may be arranged.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mrs. Norman T. Boykin, Mrs. Vernon Tatum, Mrs. Ola Rampey, Mr. Sid Young, Mr. Kirk Johnson.

Sacred Heart:

Mr. H. C. Stringfield.

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Mrs. Phyllis Busey, Miss Rosa Ann Grant.

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Mrs. Bernard Bond

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mr. William Music, Miss Ginny Cullifer, Mrs. Herman Williams, Mr. D. L. McDavid, Miss Denise Thames, Mrs. John Bomer, Mrs. Charles Mitchell, Mrs. Martha Hicks.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. James V. Burton in the loss of her father.



HEAR THE BAPTIST HOUR

Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
Station WNVY

DR. HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

Speaking on the Subject
"A Call to Revival"
Isaiah 62:10



ORGAN DEDICATION AND RECITAL

Sunday, March 20 — 3:30 p. m.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Eternal Legacy"

(John 14:15, 21-27)

7:15 P.M.

"As An Eagle"

(Deuteronomy 32:11)

As I See It!

By CLYDE K. BIZZELL

Baptists and Meetings

We joke about the number of meetings that Baptists have. In the midst of our joking, it is possible to overlook the facts:

1) Baptists are not the only ones who hold meetings. All worthwhile efforts require planning meetings, check-up meetings, evaluation meetings, etc.

2) There is nothing wrong with meetings. In fact, most of us would admit that we have attended some worthwhile ones.

The above was intended to pave the way for a brief report of two meetings which I recently attended. On Monday, March 21, in the company of Bill Bryan, Minister of Education at the East Hill Baptist Church, I attended a meeting which had been publicized as a Nursery Fair. This was in fact a most helpful meeting. Mrs. Ada Rutledge of the Sunday School Board in Nashville talked with us on the subject "The Best for Baby".

Last week in the company of our Sunday School Superintendent, I attended the State Sunday School Convention in Jacksonville. Each year I have had some conflict that made it impossible for me to attend this convention and so this was my first State Sunday School Convention in Florida. It was a very helpful meeting and we received information about many things which are coming in our Sunday School program, including the Life and Work Curriculum which will be available next fall as an alternate curriculum for Young People and Adults. Next week, I will be attending a meeting in Marianna where

LIBRARY NOTES

In a moment of realistic insight the Apostle James declared, "The tongue can no man tame." With it we bless God and with it we curse man. The book, DID I SAY THAT?, by Leslie B. Flynn, is about the tongue and its potentialities for good and evil.

With a rare mixture of humor and drama, this book is able both to entertain the reader and to make him consider in his own mind the question, "Did I say that?" It will motivate young people and their elders in an effort to "tame the tongue."

more specific information regarding this will be given to us.

By now I am sure that you know that I am leading up to something; in fact, more than one something: It is necessary for us to have meetings occasionally. We try hard to minimize the number of meetings. We also try hard to make those that we have worthwhile. For these and other reasons it is necessary for the folks involved to make every effort to be in attendance. We will be calling upon several groups to meet in the very near future. We will be looking for you.

Can You Help Us?

Our Children's Work Committee is charged with the responsibility of providing care for pre-school children during the Worship Services and other activities. They work with our Sunday School and Training Union folks in this. They also employ maids to assist. These maids must be people who are willing to work on Sundays. If you know of people that you think might be interested in serving as Nursery Maids, please give these names to Mrs. Renfro, the committee chairman, or to me.

OUR ORGAN

THE INVITATION AND THE SERVICE

Dr. Sterling Price recalls a conversation he had with Dr. George Truett just prior to a service. "Dr. Truett, what importance does the invitation hymn have in a worship service?" Pursing his lips and bringing his heavy eyebrows closer together, he answered:

"Young man, the invitation should begin with the first notes of the organ **prelude**. Everything in a service should be an invitation to persons to respond to the will of God when the opportunity is afforded."

Everything in a service . . . this must mean we are expected to strive toward some response during the **prelude** as men draw together for a meeting with the Holy God!

As individuals — the worshipers — make a genuine effort to curtain off the static of being a mortal earth-bound creature, each will, in the deepest and best part of his heart and mind, seriously consider "Be still . . . and know . . . God!"

* From **Church Musician**.

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance	1229
Members Present	1169
New Members	9
Visitors	51
Training Union Attendance.....	263
Members Present	245
New Members	1
Visitors	17
Additions to Church Membership.....	2
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	8,737.75
Specials	997.89
Building Fund	17.00
TOTAL OFFERING	9,752.64

NEW MEMBERS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

BY LETTER:

124. Miss Dedra Perdue, 840 W. Hernandez
 From: North Hill Baptist Church,
 Pensacola

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

125. Miss Margaret A. Fischler,
 2016 North 10th Ave.
 From: Olive Baptist Church,
 Pensacola

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the week of
 March 13-19

Romans 10-15

"Proof of Our Faith"

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
 A. H. Arnold, Supt.
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor
 Broadcast over WCOA
- 4:00 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
- 8:15 p.m.—Nominating Committee Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 14

7:30 p.m.—Deacons' Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

- * 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
- 8:15 p.m.—Superintendents' Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

- p.m.—Boy Scout Camping Trip
- 6:30 p.m.—Married Young People's SS
 Shrimp Boil, Camp Big Heart.

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



CHURCH BASKETBALL

Monday, March 14 — 6:00 P.M.
 Men's Team vs. St. Christopher's Episcopal



Mr. and Mrs. Prentice W. Beaman
 request the honour of your presence
 at the marriage of their daughter

Bonnie Docia

to

Mr. Constantine Charles Asters

on Saturday, the nineteenth of March
 nineteen hundred and sixty-six
 at three o'clock

First Baptist Church
 Pensacola, Florida

Reception following ceremony
 Church Dining Room