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PASTOR



THE MASTER'S TOUCH

In the still air the music lies unheard;
In the rough marble beauty hides unseen:
To make the music and the beauty, needs
The master's touch, the sculptor's chisel keen.

Great Master, touch us with Thy skillful hand;
Let not the music that is in us die!
Great Sculptor, hew and polish us; not let,
Hidden and lost, Thy form within us lie!

Spare not the stroke! do with us as Thou wilt!
Let there be naught unfinished, broken, marred;
Complete Thy purpose, that we may become
Thy perfect image, Thou our God and Lord!

— Horatius Bonar, 1808 - 1889

Pastor's Paragraphs

THE DAY IS AT HAND

In just a little over three weeks our revival begins. I know Dr. Landrum Leavell, our preacher, and Mr. David Ford, our singer, will be well prepared for this meeting. The question is, will we be prepared?



A number of activities are planned between now and revival time. We are going to go all out in a program of visitation. We are going to have cottage prayer meetings. This will help us in the most important preparation of all — the preparation of the heart.

Dr. J. H. Jowett once said, "Any man can build an altar, but only God can send the fire." So it is in a revival meeting. The most careful plans and preparations can be made by the faithful workers of a church but only God can make them effective and fruitful.

The fire and power of God cannot come to us unless we pray. And real prayer is not easy. We must humble ourselves, turn from our wicked ways, seek His face and trust the Holy Spirit to enable us to pray. Then we shall hear from heaven. Revival will fall upon us.

If we pray, we shall be willing for God to use us in accomplishing that for which we pray. Sincere prayer for the salvation of a lost person includes a willingness to witness to him of the Saving Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. A worthy revival prayer in behalf of the lost and the saved is, "Lord, make me a channel of blessing today."

I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday in the Father's House.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP SUNDAY

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"At the Foot of the Cross"

(Matthew 27:29-36)

7:15 P.M.

"The Ministry of the Holy Spirit"

(John 14:15-27)

SPECIAL CHURCH MEMBER VISITATION

We believe that we have a responsibility toward every member of our First Baptist Church family. On Thursday, March 31, we are going to begin a special CHURCH MEMBER VISITATION program. We shall be going out to visit members who are not attending regularly, especially urging them to plan to participate in the Revival Services. If you have not already been asked to assist in this special visitation effort and could do so, please call the office now to volunteer your services.



HEAR "THE BAPTIST HOUR"

Sunday, 7:30 A.M.
Station WNVY

DR. HERSCHEL H. HOBBS
Speaking on the Subject
"The Eagerness of a Merciful God"
Isaiah 65:24



LIBRARY NOTES

WINGS FROM THE WIND is an anthology of poems selected and illustrated by Tasha Tudor. Over 50 poets are represented in this volume, and each poem has been interpreted artistically by one of the foremost illustrators of children's books today. This is a lovely book to read to your children. Here is a short poem by Carl Sandburg:

PRIMER LESSON

"Look out how you use proud words,
When you let proud words go, it is not
easy to call them back.
They wear long boots, hard boots;
They walk off proud; They can't hear
you calling —
Look out how you use proud words."



W.M.S. SPRING LUNCHEON APRIL 5 — 10:00 A.M.

Special Program
with Mrs. Roland Q. Leavell
of New Orleans,
guest speaker.

Make luncheon reservations for you
and guest by April 1.



Associational Training Union Meeting

(Sword Drill and Speakers' Tournament)
Monday, March 28 — 7:30 P.M.
Brownsville Baptist Church



MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mrs. E. L. Derby and are given by Mr. E. L. Derby.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Bonnie D. Beaman and Mr. Conny C. Asters upon their marriage March 19.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Cecil Jones, Jr., in the death of his mother.

Mr. Carl Bond in the death of his father.
Mr. E. Dixie Beggs, Caroline and Dixie, III, in the death of wife and mother.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mrs. Simmye Ferry, Mrs. Herman Williams, Mrs. Norman T. Boykin, Mr. W. H. Smith, Jr., Mr. James Driskell, Jr., Mrs. Merle Gilmore, Mr. John P. Kelly, Mrs. Emily Work.

Sacred Heart:

Mr. John May, Mr. H. C. Stringfield.

Escambia General:

Mrs. Phyllis Busey

Navy Hospital:

Mr. Roy Caton, Mr. Howard Droke

Eglin Air Force Base Hospital:

Andy Jutila

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mrs. George Forsberg, Miss Denise Thames, Mrs. Doris Berlin, Mr. Kirk Johnson, Mrs. Bernard Bond, Mrs. Lem Casey, Mrs. B. W. Matthews, Mrs. James Prim, Mrs. Minnie Whitlock, Mr. Melvin Myrick.



THE VERY NEWEST

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

MISS JULIE LYNN RICHARDSON

newly adopted daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Richardson
She was born February 11

MISS LORI ANN CASEY

daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Lem A. Casey
Born March 18



B & G SOCIAL

The Business and Professional Group is having a party Saturday, March 26, at 5:00 P.M. The place is the picnic tables on the Fort Pickens Road.

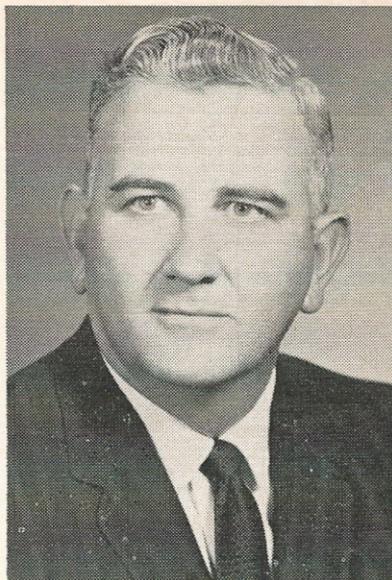


PRAYER SERVICE NEXT WEDNESDAY

The theme of the Prayer Service next Wednesday evening will be "On the Way to the Cross". Mr. Bizzell will use some slides of the Holy Land to illustrate the theme.

Also, at this service the Beginner and Primary Choirs will sing.

INTRODUCING DR. LANDRUM LEAVELL



PREACHER FOR OUR REVIVAL APRIL 18-24



ATTENTION YOUTH Save April 8-9 for RETREAT

Blue Lake Methodist Camp,
Andalusia, Alabama

Be watching and listening for
more information.



WE NEED YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

But That Is Not the Most
Important Thing . . .

Certainly we would like to have every man, woman, young person, boy and girl of our constituency in Sunday School every Sunday. This would mean a great deal to our church. This would encourage our teachers and officers. However, this is not the important thing.

The important thing is that you need Sunday School! The Bible is our textbook. Our teachers are dedicated men and women seeking the leadership of God's Holy Spirit as they teach. Our workers are concerned with reaching and helping a great multitude of people. If the Bible is God's Holy Word, then by all means we ought to read it, study it, saturate ourselves in it and apply the truths of the Word in our daily lives. The Sunday School is seeking to help you to do just that. Plan to attend Sunday School next Sunday, every Sunday, all Sundays, all the time!

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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	1248
Members Present	1197
New Members	6
Visitors	45
Training Union Attendance	222
Members Present	193
New Members	1
Visitors	23
Additions to church membership.....	5
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	6,291.69
Specials	966.22
Organ Fund	15.00
Building Fund	18.00
TOTAL OFFERING	7,290.91



NEW MEMBERS

FOR BAPTISM FROM
ANOTHER DENOMINATION:

18. Miss Sandra Burmeister, 335 Emory Drive

BY LETTER:

129. Ensign Richard Morrison,
417½ Big Bayou Road.
From: Pennsylvania Ave. Baptist Church
Urbana, Ill.

130. Mrs. Richard Morrison (Dianne)
From: Riverside Baptist Church,
Ft. Myers, Fla.

131. Mrs. Martha Whigham,
1324 E. Gonzalez St.
From: Central Baptist Church,
Jacksonville, Fla.

132. Miss Rachael L. Wimberley,
1200 W. Mallory St., Apt. 211.
From: St. Andrew Baptist Church,
Panama City, Florida

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

- * 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
Baptism

MONDAY, MARCH 28

- 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.—Brotherhood Leadership
Course; R.A. Leadership Course,
First Baptist, Niceville.
- 7:30 p.m.—Assn. Training Union Sword Drill
and Speakers' Tournament,
Brownsville Baptist Church.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

- 10:00 a.m.—W.M.S. Day Society
Executive Board meets
with Mrs. S. G. Kennedy, Jr.,
2100 East Mallory Street.
- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts, Activities Center
- 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.—Brotherhood Leadership
Course; R.A. Leadership Course,
First Baptist, Niceville.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

- * 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.—Officers' and Teachers' Meeting
Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, YWA's
Lydia Class Meeting in Classroom
- * 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service
- * 8:15 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

- 9:30 a.m.—Church Member Visitation
- 6:30 p.m.—Assignment Supper for Church
Member Visitation.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

- 2:00 p.m.—Lois Class will meet with Mrs.
R. T. Horlick, 1920 W. Gregory St.
- 2:30 p.m.—Willing Workers Class will meet
with Mrs. Maude Cassidy,
1615 East Lee Street.
- 5:45 p.m.—Sr. 15-16 Training Union Dept.
meets at church to go to N.A.S.

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



COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS

Cottage Prayer Meetings are being sched-
uled for Tuesday, April 12, and Friday,
April 15. If your home could be made
available for a meeting on either of these
evenings, please call the church office.

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the Week of

March 27 - April 2

Galatians 3 - 6

Philippians 1 - 4