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PASTOR



## CHRIST'S VICTORY

Christ when He died  
Deceived the cross,  
And on death's side  
Threw all the loss:  
The captive world awak'd and found  
The prisoners loose, the jailer bound.

O dear and sweet dispute  
'Twixt death's and love's far different fruit,  
Different as far  
As antidote and poisons are:  
By the first fatal Tree  
Both life and liberty  
Were sold and slain,  
By this they both look up, and live again.

O strange and mysterious strife,  
Of open death and hidden life:  
When on the cross my King did bleed,  
Life seemed to die, Death died indeed.

— Richard Crashaw 1613(?) - 1649

# Pastor's Paragraphs

## DAY OF JOY AND GLADNESS

As we move into the Easter season, I find myself inspired by these words of Arthur Gossip: "The heart of Christianity, its innermost sanctuary, its most dazzling glory, and the chief source of its power, is not the cross. It is the open grave."



To many, indeed, the cross must always be a very central thing. Whenever I wander far from Calvary, I, for one, begin to lose sight of the Master and have to get back and yet, is there not a real point

in Michelangelo's indignant protest when he turned in his stormy way upon his fellow painters and demanded: "Why do you keep filling gallery after gallery with endless pictures of the one ever-reiterated theme of Christ in weakness, Christ upon the cross, Christ dying, most of all Christ hanging dead? Why do you concentrate upon that passing episode as if they were the last word and the final scene, as if the curtain dropped upon that hour of disaster and defeat? At worst all that lasted for only a few hours, but to the end of unending eternity Christ is alive, Christ rules and reigns and triumphs. If we would help people to be valiant in their Christian living, we would be ringing out over the world the message that Christ has won, that evil is toppling, that the end is sure, that nothing can for long resist our mighty and victorious Lord. That is the tonic that we need to keep us healthy. The trumpet blast to fire our blood and send us crowding in behind the Master singing happily on our way, ready and eager to face anything, laughing and recklessly unafraid because the feel of victory is in the air and our hearts thrill to it."

I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday on this the most joyous day of the year.

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*

### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Resurrection Hope"

(Mark 16:1-8)

7:15 P.M.

"Fingertip Faith"

(John 20:19-29)

### COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1966

7:30 P.M.

- Mrs. John E. Kelly, 1414 East Lee Street.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Tillman, 760 Berkley Drive, Woodland Heights.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Berrisford, 110 Euclid, Pineglades.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Nixon Daniel, Jr., 1261 Stow Avenue.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Pinnell, 456 Dunwoody Drive, Cordova Park.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Streetman, 3631 Cherry Laurel Drive, Scenic Heights.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hinson, 2261 Pineneedles Circle, Scenic Hills Country Club.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Franke, 1690 Bayou Boulevard, E.P.H.  
Reverend and Mrs. James L. Pleitz, 1400 North Spring Street.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Harrison, 504 Frisco Road, Edgewater.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis, 500 York Dr., Gulf Breeze.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Russell, 196 Mango, Pineglades.



### COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 1966

7:30 P.M.

- Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ackman, 1515 East Strong Street.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ward, 3661 Menendez Drive.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. P. McDowell, 121 Berkley Drive, Woodland Heights.  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ingram, 4423 North 12th Avenue, Cordova Park.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Johnson, 661 Woodbine Drive, Cordova Park.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Payne, 3827 San Gabriel Drive, Belvedere Park.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bratcher, 100 West Cervantes Street.  
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lee, 3800 West Gadsden Street.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jacque McVey, 13 Mississippi Circle, Oakcrest.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Watson, 131 Brandon, Warrington.  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Duncan, 24 San Carlos Drive, Gulf Breeze.

### SUNRISE SERVICE

Easter Sunday — 5:20 A.M.

Bayview Park

Sermon by Our Pastor

Music by Combined Choirs  
of NAS and

Westminster Presbyterian Church

# ADULT SEMINARS

We will begin next Sunday evening a new series in our Adult Seminars. For the months of April and May, we will offer two study groups:

## 1. THE MESSAGE WE PROCLAIM—

This study will be based upon a new study course book written by Dr. Gordon Clinard. This study will "challenge Adults to recognize and participate in opportunities to proclaim the message of what God has done, is doing, and will do for man through Christ".

Mr. Cliff McLoud, Executive Secretary of the Escambia County Community Council, and a member of our church, will lead the Seminar.

## 2. GUIDING NEW MEMBERS—

This study will use the "New Member Orientation Manual" as a basis for a consideration of how we may "help New Members understand the full meaning of Christian commitment, church membership, and to help them become effective in all of life". Our plan is to spend the first several Sundays in this initial study and then to begin May 1 a program to which New Members would be invited. Mr. Bizzell and Mr. Vickery will lead this seminar.



# MINISTER OF MUSIC LEAVES

On last Friday I received notification that I had been given authorization to report for enlistment into the U. S. Army Chorus. I will report for this enlistment processing on Tuesday, April 12, in Montgomery. My service as Minister of Music will be terminated on that date.

Many delays caused much confusion only to be compounded by correspondence from several Army agencies indicating my enlistment request had been disqualified. At last I was given notice to proceed.

After I have reached my ultimate assignment with the Chorus in Washington, Corine and the boys will join me. We will be living in Bowie, Maryland, where I will serve the Cresthill Baptist Chapel, a mission of Hill Crest Baptist Church in Washington.

Once we are settled I will begin studying and working on my graduate recital leading to completion of my Master's degree at Catholic University of America. At the same time I will be working on residence requirements for the Ph.D. degree.

I leave much work undone and much to be accomplished in this unique church. The Lord has been good to us here. He has blessed us in a most gracious way. There will always be great things to be done here. The last service with you will be the Sunday evening worship. This Easter Day will be one of real dedication and renewal of our faith in the Living Christ. May our Heavenly Father who deeply cares for His children and their welfare make it so.

GERALD HOWELL  
April 6, 1966.

## MUSIC NOTES

An interesting observation by a newspaper editor was written in a column by my friend, Paul M. Hall, in Arlington, Virginia. ". . . This person, being a religious news editor, is constantly visiting churches of many different denominations and is afforded a rather wide look at policies and practices of the various communions.

"The thing I don't like about you Baptists," she began, "is that your congregations don't get involved in the worship. They sit and listen. Listen to someone read the Scripture, someone else pray, the choir sing an anthem, the preacher preach, and then go away never having been involved in any of what went on."

How very personal this is! No other person can do your worshiping for you. There may be reasons for care when the tendency to merely go through the motions or mechanics of worship is threatening. However, complete detachment from all that goes on in a service suggests that we have chosen to be an audience instead of a congregation . . . that we have come to be served the courses of the meal but fail to see the need for feeding ourselves. **WHAT** are you **DOING**, **SEEKING**, **BECOMING** during each very important portion of the service? Take your Sunday Bulletin home with you and think through the service and review what we did corporately or jointly, what did I do individually? What happened to me in the service? How will my tomorrows be affected by **TODAY**?

Worship, dear friend, is a fine art. It takes skill and practice. It takes involvement and attention.

J.-H.



### **BROTHERHOOD MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 11**

6:15 p.m.—Supper. (Be sure to make your reservation Sunday or by telephone).

6:45 p.m.—Program presented by Leon Singletary, Christian Witness Leader.

Filmstrip: "The Power of a Man's Witness"



### **PRAY FOR OUR REVIVAL APRIL 18 - 24**



### **GOT A MINUTE?**

Being forced to work and forced to do your best will breed in you temperance and self-control, diligence and strength of will, cheerfulness and contentment, and a hundred virtues which the idle never know.

—Kingsley.



It is more blessed to be deceived in some things than to be suspicious in all things.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### Baptist:

Miss Nan Beggs, Mrs. Norman Boykin,  
Mr. W. H. Smith, Jr., Mrs. Bertha Peake,  
Miss Monique Burks, Miss Kimberly  
Colley.

#### Sacred Heart:

Daryl Altman, Mrs. Lois Everett.

#### Navy Hospital:

Mrs. Frances Cox

#### Eglin Air Force Base Hospital:

Andy Jutila

#### Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La.:

Mrs. Merle Gilmore

### HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Lena Crutchfield, Mrs. S. L. Davis,  
Mrs. Rodney Roberts, Mr. Roy Caton,  
Mrs. Phyllis Busey, Mr. James E. Dris-  
kell, Jr., Mr. M. M. McMullen, Mrs.  
J. H. Parker.

### OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. E. E. Roberts in the loss of her  
mother.

Miss Helen Cleaveland, Mr. Al Baird,  
Mrs. Fred Baird in the loss of mother,  
sister, and daughter.

Mrs. Mary Haddix in the loss of a sister.



### THE VERY NEWEST

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

MISS MARY JUNE SANSOM  
daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sansom  
Born March 22



### LIBRARY NOTES

#### From an Easter Canticle

In every trembling bud and bloom  
That cleaves the earth, a flowery sword,  
I see Thee come from out the tomb,  
Thou risen Lord.

Thou art not dead!  
Thou art the whole of life that quickens  
in the sod;  
Green April is Thy very soul,  
Thou great Lord God.

—Charles Hanson Towne, 1877-  
Taken from  
Masterpieces of Religious Verse



"Most people are willing to take the  
Sermon on the Mount as a flag to sail  
under, but few use it as a rudder by which  
to steer." — Oliver Wendell Holmes, Taken  
from Treasure Chest.



### ATTEND OUR REVIVAL

APRIL 18 - 24

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Mrs. Arthur Haylock,  
 Our Missionary to Honduras



## LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance .....	1231
Members Present .....	1188
New Members .....	3
Visitors .....	40
Training Union Attendance .....	244
Members Present .....	220
New Members .....	6
Visitors .....	18
Additions to church membership.....	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	7,877.85
Specials .....	438.91
Building Fund .....	30.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERING .....</b>	<b>8,346.76</b>



## NEW MEMBERS

- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30:**  
 133. Dr. Labib M. Habashy, 3501 Navy Blvd.  
 From: Shoreham-by-Sea,  
 Sussex, England  
 134. Mrs. Labib M. Habashy (Patsy Ruth)  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 1966:**  
 135. Mr. Walter Larry Stafford,  
 1480 Pandora Place  
 From: First Baptist Church,  
 Statesboro, Ga.  
 136. Mrs. Walter Larry Stafford (Virginia)

## READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for week of April 10 - 16

**Isaiah 11 - 35**

# OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

## SUNDAY, APRIL 10

- EASTER SUNDAY**  
 \* 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.  
 A. H. Arnold, Supt.  
 \* 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor  
 Broadcast over WCOA  
 4:30 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.—Reception for Mr. Howell

## MONDAY, APRIL 11

- 6:15 p.m.—Brotherhood Meeting  
 7:00 p.m.—Regional Sword Drill & Speakers'  
 Tournament, First Baptist,  
 Crestview.  
 7:30 p.m.—Deacons' Meeting  
 7:30 p.m.—Associational Sunday School  
 Meeting, Plainview

## TUESDAY, APRIL 12

- \* 10:00 a.m.—See WMS Circles  
 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts, Activities Center  
 7:30 p.m.—Cottage Prayer Meetings

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

- \* 2:30 p.m.—English Class for Foreign  
 Speaking.  
 \* 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

## THURSDAY, APRIL 14

- 9:30 a.m.—Special Revival Visitation  
 7:00 p.m.—Special Revival Visitation  
 Note: Nursery will be open  
 if requested by Monday, April 11.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 15

- 7:30 p.m.—Cottage Prayer Meetings  
 \*Indicates Nursery will be open 15 minutes  
 prior to the time indicated above.



## WMS CIRCLES

### TUESDAY, APRIL 12

- 10:00 A.M.—  
**CLARICE ASHMORE CIRCLE** will meet with  
 Mrs. P. O. Davis, Jr., 3821 San Gabriel Dr.  
**T. N. CALLAWAY CIRCLE** will meet with  
 Mrs. C. W. Kingry, 1908 East Moreno St.  
**VIRGINIA COBB CIRCLE** will meet with  
 Mrs. J. A. Johnston, 2523 North Whaley.  
**STANLEY DAVIS CIRCLE** will meet with  
 Mrs. Archie Lavendar, 1901 Foulis Drive,  
 Cordova.  
**MARTHA HAYLOCK CIRCLE** will meet with  
 Mrs. Myriam Saujon, 1801 East Bohe St.  
**DONALD LANGFORD CIRCLE** will meet  
 with Mrs. Billy Renfro, 721 Gentian Dr.,  
 Woodland Hts.  
**DOTTSON MILLS CIRCLE** will meet with  
 Mrs. Jack Baldwin, 2990 Blackshear Ave.  
**R. C. MOORE CIRCLE** will meet with Mrs.  
 H. H. Higgins at the home of Mrs. Doris  
 Berlin, 1601 East Lakeview Avenue.  
**BERNICE NEEL CIRCLE** will meet with Mrs.  
 J. G. Lambeth, 718 Gentian Drive,  
 Woodland Hts.  
**MAMIE LOU POSEY CIRCLE** will meet with  
 Mrs. Wayne McWaters, 3810 Forest Glen  
 Drive, Scenic Hts.  
**LAURA FRANCES SNOW CIRCLE** will meet  
 with Mrs. J. A. Frye, 1012 N. Palafox St.  
 2:30 P.M.—  
**HARVEY HEADRICK CIRCLE** will meet with  
 Mrs. L. D. Allen, 830 East Scott Street.