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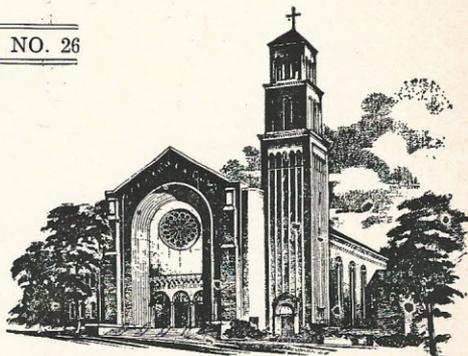
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PASTOR



THE PEOPLE'S PRAYER

God bless our dear United States,
Preserve the land from evil fates,
Lift high her banner fair and free,
And guard her bounds from sea to sea.

From foe without and foe within,
From open shame and hidden sin,
From boastful pride and greedy store,
God keep our nation evermore.

Forever may her friendly hands
Receive the poor of other lands
In kindness of sisterhood,
And fill their arms with ample good.

Assailed by battle hosts of wrong,
God help our country to be strong.
Assailed by falsehood's crafty crew,
God help our country to be true.

God hold the nation's aim sincere,
God save her heart from coward fear.
God prosper her in true success.
And crown her head with worthiness.

God bless our dear United States,
Preserve the land from evil fates,
Lift high her banner fair and free,
And ever guard her liberty.

— Amos R. Wells

Pastor's Paragraphs

I JUST LOVED IT

Recently there came into my office an article which appeared in the weekly bulletin from the Central Baptist Church



in Hot Springs, Arkansas where my friend James Hill is the pastor. I want to share this article with you.

"One of our beloved Southern writers is Archibald Rutledge. He once told of becoming familiar with a struggling rose bush he passed nearly every day. It had been planted in poor soil; it didn't seem to have much life in it. At last under the care of a Negro woman Mr. Rutledge knew and greatly respected, the rose bush grew vigorous and produced beautiful roses.

"Mr. Rutledge saw his friend near it and asked her this question: 'What did you do to it?' He never forgot her answer. It was this: 'Why I just loved it!'

"In reflecting upon this experience, I thought of our church. It is planted in the rich soil of glorious heritage. At this point in her history she is showing signs of wear and tear of the years. All of this would be changed if each of us would just love the church in this place.

"Do you love the church enough to participate in its educational, training, evangelistic and missionary activities?

"Do you love the church enough to dare to practice the principal of tithing your income through the channels of the church's treasury and missionary outreach?

"Do you love the church enough to speak a good word for her on every possible occasion and to be always eager to believe the best about her?

"Our church has the capacity and resources for a far more vigorous ministry in our community and world. This can only happen as we love the Church as Christ loved her and gave himself for it."

I love the First Baptist Church. Do you? If so, how about meeting me here Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

DEACONS OF THE MONTH FOR JULY

Mr. Barney B. Burks, Jr.
Mr. W. T. Creel



Library Notes

LIBRARY NOTES

"There are people who go on indefinitely preparing for life instead of living it," is a quotation from the book THE ADVENTURE OF LIVING by Paul Tournier.

"Woe betide those," he says, "who no longer feel thrilled at anything, who have stopped looking for adventure."

With strong, bold strokes the eminent Swiss physician and psychiatrist outlines exactly what is at the heart of humanity's sickness. "It is," he says, "man's failure to fulfill himself." And he believes that where so many people fail miserably in expressing their true selves is in seeking substitutes for real adventure.

There are three parts to the book — The Adventure, The Risk, The Choice. He believes that until people admit that only through a deeper knowledge of God can they fulfill themselves, they will not find true happiness.

— L. T. S.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Margaret Bledsoe and Mr. Vincent Patrick Jones upon their marriage June 21.

Miss Lynda Futch and Mr. Andrew Lincoln Creed upon their recent marriage.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Mack Penton in the loss of his mother.

Mrs. Rebecca Damon in the loss of her mother.

Mrs. W. Carter Joyner in the loss of her mother.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mrs. Phyllis Busey, Mr. Kenneth K. Knight, Mr. Earl Kendrick, Mr. W. H. Smith, Jr.

Navy:

Mr. Andy Jutila

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mrs. E. B. McCloskey, Mrs. C. C. McCurley, Mrs. W. H. Crawford, Mrs. Frank Johnson, E. Dixie Beggs, III, Brad Ward.



THE VERY NEWEST

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

MISS VIRGINIA LORRAINE MUNDY
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Mundy, Jr.
born June 8

As I See It!

By CLYDE K. BIZZELL

Weekend Revival

It's for Everybody! The Weekend Revival scheduled for July 15-17 is for everybody. Russell Dilday, pastor of the Tallowood Baptist Church, will be our preacher. There will be services on Friday evening at 7:30, on Saturday at 7:30, and then the regular hours on Sunday. Make your plans to include these services.

Vacation Bible School

The date has been set and we are looking forward to our Vacation Bible School August 1-12. If you have not already committed yourself to serve, let us hear from you.

Ten Commandments To Be Studied

Never was there a more appropriate time to study the Ten Commandments. For the next quarter beginning Sunday, we are studying "Jesus Interprets Old Testament Commandments". You will profit from a serious study of these 13 lessons. Be sure to start Sunday.

The Sound of Freedom

Perhaps you have read the article in the June issue of Reader's Digest entitled "The Joyous Sound of Freedom". This article concerns the effort on the part of a number of people to have churches and others to ring their bells on July 4 as a reminder of the heritage of our nation. When we were contacted about this program, my first answer was "we don't have a bell to ring." As I have thought about it, however, I have remembered some verses in the Bible: ". . . proclaim liberty throughout all the land . . ." Lev. 25:10. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" John 8:32. Even though we don't have a bell, we have a message of freedom which can come through Jesus Christ, and we need to be busy not only on Independence Day, but every day, proclaiming this truth.



IN MEMORIAM

GRESHAM T. FARRAR

802 W. Moreno St.

Joined this church by baptism
February 27, 1946

Deceased June 25, 1966

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Free Men Must Be Slaves"

(John 8:31-36)

7:15 P.M.

**"Cheer Up — The Worse
Is Yet To Come!"**

(Jeremiah 12:1-5)

YOUTH WEEK IS NEARLY UPON US!!!

Officers have been selected by a youth committee and their picture will appear in next week's Builder. The youth Sunday School Superintendent is already in the process of enlisting superintendents and teachers for all departments Intermediates through Adults and superintendents for all Junior departments. These will be announced as soon as the list is complete. The young people will be teaching and bringing devotionals in the departments mentioned above on Sunday, July 17. We are asking that adult choristers and pianists serve where needed since many of the youth who might be used will be anchored in teaching departments and need to be in that department for the entire time.

The schedule for the week is as follows:

Sunday, July 10 —

Youth receives keys to the church

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Youth in charge of evening worship

Wednesday, July 13 —

6:30—Youth Teachers' Meeting, Adult A,
Miss May teaching lesson.

7:30—Youth in charge of Prayer Meeting

Friday, July 15 —

6:30—Charcoal-Churn (Ice Cream and
Burgers) between the buildings.

Saturday, July 16 —

Bowling at Fast Lanes, Skating at Roller-
haven. Tickets, \$1.00, may be purchased
from S.S. Supt. or Miss May.

Friday - Sunday, July 15 - 17 —

WEEKEND REVIVAL, Russell Dilday,
Houston, Texas, evangelist. This feature
is for all of the church and we need you
to support us with your presence.

NO GET-TOGETHERS THIS WEEK

W.M.S. MEETING

Tuesday, July 5

Dr. Robert L. Hughes will speak
on "Thriving American Cults". Vir-
ginia Cobb Circle in charge of pro-
gram.

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Mrs. Arthur Haylock,
 Our Missionary to Honduras

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



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance	1157
Members Present	1068
New Members	8
Visitors	81
Training Union Attendance	238
Members Present	205
New Members	4
Visitors	29
Additions to church membership.....	7
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	4,905.30
Specials	137.63
Organ Fund	15.00
Building Fund	15.00
TOTAL OFFERING	5,072.93



True courage is moral and spiritual
 rather than physical.



A girl should learn at an early age that
 the male animal is proud.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this
 Sunday are in memory of Mr. E. W.
 Peake, Sr., and are given by Miss
 Dorothy Peake and Mr. and Mrs.
 E. W. Peake, Jr.

SUNDAY, JULY 3

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
 A. H. Arnold, Supt.
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
 Broadcast over WCOA
- * 4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- * 5:15 p.m.—Jr. 11-12 Sword Drill Meeting,
 Jr. 12 Dept.
- * 6:00 p.m.—Training Union and Sunday
 Evening Seminars
 F. Willard Vickery, Director
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship

MONDAY, JULY 4

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, JULY 5

- * 10:00 a.m.—W.M.S. GENERAL MEETING
- 10:00—Business
- 10:30—Program
 Speaker: Dr. Robert L. Hughes
- 11:15—Bible Study
- 12:00—Lunch

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

- * 5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Supper
- * 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, JULY 7

7:30 p.m.—Robert Goldie Circle meets
 with Mrs. G. T. Sutton,
 3007 East Gonzalez.

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



NEW MEMBERS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

- BY LETTER:
- 182. Miss Jane J. Ansley, 4050 Bayou Blvd.
 From: First Baptist Church,
 Tallahassee, Fla.
 - 183. Miss Jackie Aultman, 102 Drew Circle
 From: First Baptist Church,
 Tallahassee, Fla.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:
 57. David Paul Wilson, 5940 Chapel St.

BY LETTER:

- 184. Mr. Jerry L. Jones, 8 West Brainerd St.
 From: Friendship Baptist Church,
 McComb, Miss.
- 185. Mrs. Jerry L. Jones (Rita)
 From: New Prospect Baptist Church,
 Brookhaven, Miss.
- 186. Mr. C. L. Culbertson, Jr.,
 3300 Peneffield Drive.
 From: Terry Parker Baptist Church,
 Jacksonville, Fla.
- 187. Mrs. C. L. Culbertson, Jr. (Sybil)

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY
 Reading for the Week of July 3-9
Ezekiel 18-37
 "Pictures and Parables"