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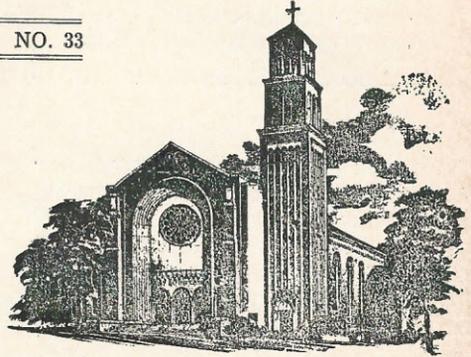
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JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



WHAT THIS CITY NEEDS

Every American is entitled to say what he pleases. This right to speak is a basic American freedom. Far be it from me to take this right away from anyone.

... but another right we cherish as Americans (and Baptists) is the right to disagree, which brings me to the point of this article.

In recent days several people have expressed their opinions regarding the needs of our city. According to some, one great need facing Pensacola is for a revision of the law regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages. The law now states that on the Lord's Day no alcoholic beverages will be sold in the city limits. There are those now insisting that this law needs to be revised, permitting the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday.

... but is the sale of alcoholic beverages on the Lord's Day really our greatest need? Not necessarily so, for others say the great need of our area is for the extension of parimutuel betting. You saw it in the paper last Sunday (of all days). "Jai-Alai would be good for the area." The article went on to ask this soul-searching question, "Are we going to be content with just a dog track when Dade County has some sort of parimutuel betting 312 days of the year?" Nor is this all, some hope is held out for the ultimate — a horse track! But don't get your hopes too high for this is at least ten years away because of the small population!

Is this our greatest need? NOT HARDLY. Our greatest need is for men and women who are more concerned about morals than money. The ultimate question is not "Does it pay?"; but "Is it right?" (There are plenty of experts who insist that no community really profits in dollars and cents from any form of gambling.) Regardless of the monetary consideration, any form of gambling is wrong. In a day when the moral foundations of our nation are crumbling, it is suicidal for us to seek an extension of parimutuel betting, or relaxing of the liquor laws.

I believe the men serving on our City Council and Board of County Commissioners are sincere men trying to do an exceedingly difficult job. I believe these men would like to know how you feel about these matters. Under God I believe we have a responsibility to tell them how we feel. The Christians of this community are the salt of the earth but please remember, "If the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under the foot of men." (Matthew 5:13b).

Don't just sit there reading — get up now and write or better still, call!

Sincerely your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

**"Is There Any Word From
The Lord?"**

(Jeremiah 37:3-21)

7:15 P.M.

"In His Steps"

Our pastor will show color slides of his recent visit to the Bible Lands.

ORGANIST RESIGNS

This week we received the following letter of resignation from our Church Organist, Mrs. W. H. Adams.

"It is with some regret that I must tell you that I am tendering my resignation from the position of Organist of the First Baptist Church, the resignation to be effective as of Wednesday, August 31. I shall be happy to play for all services of the church prior to that date.

"Please know that serving the First Baptist Church has been a pleasure and a blessing, and I leave with only the warmest of feelings for those with whom I have worked."

All of us are exceedingly grateful for the fine job that Mrs. Adams has done as our organist. We not only appreciate her musical talent but her marvelous Christian spirit. I have never worked with anyone who gave of herself more unselfishly in the service of Jesus Christ.

JAMES L. PLEITZ, Pastor



**Choir Registration and
First Rehearsal
Wednesday, August 31**



**HOW MUCH TIME
HAVE YOU SPENT WITH
YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
THIS WEEK???**

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Miss Betty Stark and are given by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stark

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss June Elaine Bullock and Lt.(jg) Coral Jones upon their marriage August 6.

Miss Marsha Elaine Creel and Mr. James Michael Brown upon their marriage August 11.

Miss Jean Helms and Mr. James Archie Shumpert upon their marriage August 11.

Miss Susan Spence Lurton and Mr. James Marshall Conrad upon their marriage August 11.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mr. John S. Baisden, Mr. Eugene Bell, Mrs. L. C. Biddie, Miss Nancy Cheshire, Mr. L. M. Gatlin, Mr. John Vaughan, Mrs. Don Jensen, Miss Dora Gifford.

Sacred Heart:

Mrs. C. C. Wiggins (Mary)

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mrs. William Jenkins, Mr. Clay Davis, S., Mr. George Peterson, Mrs. L. B. Morgan, Barry Coker, Mr. Harold Garrett, Mrs. Neva Pybus, Mr. William H. Smith, Jr., Mrs. O. H. Smith, Mrs. D. I. Blancheri, Gregory Bass.



THE VERY NEWEST

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

MASTER GREGORY PATRICK JENKINS
son of

Mr. and Mrs. William Jenkins
born August 12



LIBRARY NOTES

"This year we are alerting ourselves as Southern Baptists to our primary business of proclamation and witness." Dr. C. Y. Dossey, who retired last December from the Home Mission Board's Evangelism Division, says: "We have a tendency to hole up in our air-conditioned churches." But he emphasizes that it is "the church (members) at work in the world — not at ease in sanctuaries — which is the plan which Jesus had."

Taken from July 15 Prayer Calendar. Royal Service

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the week of August 21-27

Zephaniah 3

Haggai 1 - 2

Zechariah 1 - 4

"The House of the Lord"

DEACON NOMINEES

The Committee on the Nomination of Deacons
presents the following men as nominees:

ROBERT E. ANSLEY
JOSEPH F. BOYKIN
WILLIE F. BRATCHER
J. NORWOOD COBB
B. T. DEAN
W. H. GILL
CHARLES A. GRIFFIN
WILLIAM E. JACKSON
WAYNE L. JENKINS

SIDNEY G. KENNEDY, JR.
CLIFFORD T. LENZ
GEORGE M. LEWIS
BORIS MITCHELL
CHARLES H. OVERMAN, JR.
RAY W. OVERTON
E. G. OWENS
CHARLES PAYNE

ROBERT N. PYLE
BOYD H. REEDER
JAMES A. RIDDLE
GEORGE P. RUSSELL
LESLIE C. SASNETT
T. A. SHELL
LEON E. SINGLETARY
HUGH WILSON

The committee wishes to thank members of the congregation for their helpful suggestions. Every name suggested was considered by the committee. Many men requested that their name not appear on the ballot.

In order to help members of the congregation to know these men, a future edition of the Builder will carry pictures of all nominees.

The Election of Deacons will take place at the 11:00 service on Sunday, September 11, when 10 men will be elected.

If for any reason you will not be here on September 11, you may secure an absentee ballot from the Church Office and return it prior to that date.

Let us be much in prayer for God's leadership in this matter.

HOW MUCH TIME HAVE YOU SPENT ON YOUR S. S. LESSON THIS WEEK?

YOUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE ASKS YOU TO . . .

Take A Look At Yourself

1. What have been your duties in your church this past year?
2. What were you doing during your happiest Christian experiences?
3. Do your children, now, or did they in past years, have the advantages of the program here?
4. Do you feel that Christian results are worth the efforts required?
5. Have you repaid in service the guidance you received from others?
6. Do you feel in your heart that every person has a place in the Lord's work?
7. Will you seek to know God's will for your life in your daily prayer and meditation?
8. Will you place the needs of the Lord's work above your personal satisfaction?
9. Will you fill a need that matches your talent . . . that requires your best?
10. Will you pray daily and in your class for the next few Sundays that the Lord will burden you and your fellow Christians about Christian responsibility?
11. Will you pray definitely for these needs . . . both in Sunday School and Training Union?

WORKERS FOR . . .

- Nursery
- Beginner
- Primary
- Junior
- Intermediate
- Young People
- Adult
- Cradle Roll
- Extension Depts.

Some are needed to teach . . . some to do administrative work . . . some to witness . . . some to visit . . . ALL to be guided by the Holy Spirit!

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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.....	1073
Members Present	990
New Members	6
Visitors	77
Training Union Attendance	218
Members Present	188
New Members	4
Visitors	26
Additions to church membership.....	14
Baptized	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	4,652.63
Specials	395.25
Building Fund	13.00
TOTAL OFFERING	5,060.91

CHOIRS BEGIN

Our 1966-67 Choir Year will begin on
 Wednesday, August 31st. Children and
 young people for all of the choirs (4 years
 through Junior High) will come on that day
 for registration and the first rehearsal.
 It is important for them to get in on the
 very beginning. Parents of those children
 in the 4-year, 5-year, 6-year choirs are
 asked to come with your child on the first
 day, Wednesday, August 31, at 4:45 p.m.

**CHOIR REGISTRATION AND
 FIRST REHEARSAL
 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

- * 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
- 5:15 p.m.—Jr. 10-11 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, AUGUST 22

- 7:00 p.m.—Night Society W.M.S. Executive
 Committee Meeting at the home
 of Mrs. Doris Berlin, 1601 East
 Lakeview Street.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

- * 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
 - * 8:15 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal
- *Indicates Nursery will be open 15 minutes
 prior to the time indicated above.

NEW MEMBERS

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:

- 60. Ricky Cotton, 481 Semur Road
 - 61. Amanda Anne Williams, 5030 Crestwood
 Road.
 - 62. Catherine Williams, 75 Blythewood Drive
- BY LETTER:
- 215. Miss Diane Boone, 100 W. Brainerd St.
 From: 38th Avenue Baptist Church,
 Hattiesburg, Miss.
 - 216. Mrs. Mary E. Capadua, 1411 E. Jordan St.
 From: First Baptist Church,
 Yazoo City, Miss.
 - 217. Mr. Dexter L. Cotton, 481 Semur Road
 From: Brent Baptist Church,
 Pensacola
 - 218. Mrs. Dexter L. Cotton (Nell)
 - 219. Tony Cotton
 - 220. Lt.(jg) Howard Hammons,
 BOO 838, Room 304, Saufley Field
 From: Forest Baptist Church,
 Forest, La.
 - 221. Miss Neal Kinard, 6101 Chicago Avenue
 From: Broadmoor Baptist Church,
 Jackson, Miss.
 - 222. Mrs. George D. Sanders (Lynnette),
 1018 East Lee Street
 From: First Baptist Church,
 Clinton, Miss.
 - 223. Dr. Billy J. Williams, 75 Blythewood Dr.
 From: First Baptist Church,
 Lakeland, Fla.
 - 224. Mrs. Billy J. Williams
 - 225. Eleanor Williams

HEAR "THE BAPTIST HOUR"

Sunday, 7:30 A.M.
 Station WNVY

WAYNE E. WARD
 Professor, Southern Baptist Theological
 Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky

Speaking on the Subject:
 "The Life to Come"