

# The Baptist Builder

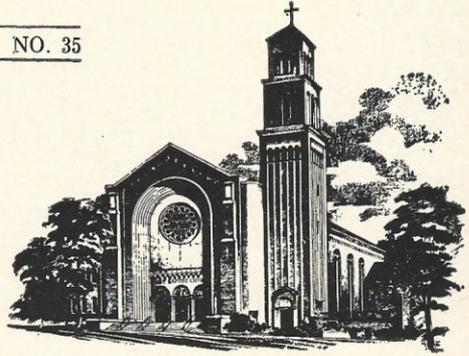
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PASTOR



**LABOR DAY**  
*Whatsoever ye do,  
do all to the glory of God.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF WORK

Upon thy bended knees, thank God for work, —  
Work — once man's penance, now his high reward!  
For work to do, and strength to do the work,  
We thank Thee, Lord!

Once outcast Adam toiled to make a home,  
The primal curse a blessing has become,  
Man in his toil finds recompense for loss,  
A workless world had known nor Christ nor Cross.

Some toil for love, and some for simple greed,  
Some reap a harvest past their utmost need,  
More, in their less find truer happiness,  
And all, in work, relief from bitterness.

Upon thy bended knees, thank God for work!  
In workless days all ills and evils lurk.  
For work to do, and strength to do the work,  
We thank Thee, Lord!

JOHN OXENHAM, 1852 - 1941

# Pastor's Paragraphs

## A GOOD ROPE

Next Monday is the day. One day each year is set aside to honor the working man. This is as it should be.



... Contrary to much current philosophy, there is nothing degrading about good hard work. (In fact, a lot of our problems in America could be solved if a lot of folks would just roll up their sleeves and go to work!)

... The greats of the Bible were all working men. The first picture we have of our Lord portrays Him hard at work.

... Dr. Halford Luccock, commenting on II Corinthians 11:33, where Paul tells us that he was "let down in a basket, through a window in the wall" in order to escape the Jews, put his imagination to work. The scripture does not say that a rope was attached to the basket but Mr. Luccock thinks there was. So he asks, "What if the rope had broken? How much it meant to the world then and for us, that Paul escaped! We are familiar with the line from Longfellow's poem on Paul Revere, "The fate of a nation was riding that night." There was more than the fate of a nation riding in the basket that carried Paul. There was the fate of so much of the world's welfare. How crucially important it was that someone made a good rope! Who the workman was, we do not know. He did not know at all what a part in the world's history his rope was to play. We know this: he did a sound dependable job. . . . No amount of sentimental rhapsody or mooring can make up for poor or sloppy work. . . . Every life ought to have the equivalent of this tribute, "He made a good rope."

... I'll be looking for you Sunday in the Lord's House.

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*

### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

**"The Lord and The Laborer"**  
(I Corinthians 3:1-11)

7:15 P.M.

**"The Cross and Man"**  
(2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

## W.M.S. GENERAL MEETING

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6  
10:00 A.M.**

**Theme: "Pray . . . Proclaim"**  
(Stanley Davis Circle in Charge)

**State Mission Offering Goal: \$800**

## FORMER PASTOR ELECTED TO NEW POSITION

The Biblical Recorder, which is the North Carolina State Paper, carried in its issue of August 13 the announcement that Dr. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., has been named Director of the Division of Church Programs in the Baptist State Convention. He will be the first man to hold this position since it was authorized in 1959 under a re-organization of convention work. He will assume his new duties on September 1. Sometime following that date, the family will move to Raleigh, North Carolina.



## LIBRARY NOTES

We closed our Summer Reading Clubs last Wednesday evening when those who qualified were guests of the Church Library. 29 were present to be recognized. 61 Primaries participated in the "Trip to the Zoo Club" and read a total of 50 books. 14 Juniors took part in the "Books of the Bible Club" reading a total of 264 books. Congratulations to all and especially to those who qualified for certificates. Thanks to all the parents and other relatives who encourage our young people to read good books. We hope all will continue to check out books and enjoy reading.

Laura T. Stoesen



**1588 ON 9-11**

Sunday, September 11  
"ROUND-UP" DAY

**Our Goal — 1588**



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



**HEAR "THE BAPTIST HOUR"**

Sunday, 7:30 A.M.  
Station WNVY

**DR. HERSCHEL H. HOBBS**  
Pastor, First Baptist Church  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Theme for September - November  
"Jesus Christ — Yesterday, Today,  
and Forever"

## INTRODUCING DEACON NOMINEES

Election to be held Sunday, Sept. 11. The names of these 25 men will appear on the ballot. Church members will be called upon to vote for ten out of this group. If for any reason you will not be here at the eleven o'clock service on Sunday, Sept. 11, you may secure an absentee ballot from the church office now. This must be returned by noon Sunday, Sept. 11.



**Robert E. Ansley**  
4050 Bayou Blvd.



**W. H. Gill**  
1961 V Ilafane  
Birnam Woods



**Clifford T. Lenz**  
4169 Fern Ct.  
Pineglades



**E. G. Owens**  
189 Euclid  
Pineglades



**George P. Russell**  
196 Mango  
Pineglades



**Joseph F. Roykin**  
304 Payne Rd.  
Navy Point



**Charles A. Griffin**  
3200 Keating Rd.  
Eastgate



**George M. Lewis**  
500 York Drive  
Gulf Breeze



**Charles Payne**  
5845 N. Sanders  
Pine Meadows



**Leslie C. Sasnett**  
310 Bay Blvd.  
E.P.H.



**Willie F. Bratcher**  
1824 Escambia  
Avenue



**William E. Jackson**  
2103 N. Magnolia



**Boris Mitchell**  
1750 Foulis Drive  
Cordova



**Robert N. Pyle**  
3103 E. Lloyd St.



**T. A. Shell**  
268 Euclid  
Pineglades



**J. Norwood Cobb**  
2775 Escambia  
Avenue



**Wayne L. Jenkins**  
1208 Wisteria  
Edgewater



**Charles H. Overman, Jr.**  
3595 Forest Glen  
Drive  
Scenic Heights



**Boyd H. Reeder**  
7155 N. 9th Ave.  
Apt. 204



**Leon E. Singletary**  
3212 N. 6th Ave.



**B. T. Dean**  
21 Jane Street  
DeLuna Park



**Sidney G. Kennedy, Jr.**  
2100 E. Mallory St.



**Ray W. Overton**  
2021 E. Avery St.



**James A. Riddle**  
1760 Yates Ave.



**Hugh Wilson**  
3841 Whispering  
Pines  
Scenic Heights

## YOU CAN DO SOMETHING

The Nominating Committee of the church is at work seeking to fill the places of leadership in the church and its organizations for the new year beginning in October.

One of the replies that members of this committee will hear over and over as different ones are asked to serve will be "I can't do that" or "Someone else can do a better job than I can."

In some cases these statements may be true, but most of the time they will be used as excuses. Before you use this excuse or some other one, study carefully the following statements regarding stewardship of abilities and service:

1. God has a purpose for every life. He has created us and saved us for a purpose.
2. There is a place for the person of few talents. Not everyone can be a Moses or a Paul but He has used countless thousands of others who had smaller talents.
3. There is a place of service for YOU. Regardless of ability, there is something that you can do in God's service. Abundant opportunities are available.
4. Each one must account to God for his stewardship of talents. The man of small talents shall receive the same reward as the man of large talents if he has faithfully and efficiently used them.

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### THE VERY NEWEST

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

MISS ANNE ELIZABETH HABASHY  
daughter of  
Dr. and Mrs. Labib Habashy  
born August 21



### CHOIR REGISTRATION CONTINUES

If your child was not in one of the choirs last Wednesday, you will want to see that he is present this coming Wednesday at 4:45 p.m.



### TEN RULES FOR HAPPY LIVING

1. Keep busy. One cannot always work strenuously, so have a hobby.
2. Never indulge in self-pity. Maybe you did not have opportunities as a child, but you can make them now.
3. When you go out, prepare to give a smile to everyone who will take it. "No one is properly clothed unless he wears a smile."
4. Cultivate a cheerful disposition and a sense of humor.
5. Put yourself out to help someone every day.
6. Fill your life with worth-while things. Then, should the light go out, you will have something to think about.
7. Appreciate people. Nothing gives more joy than appreciation.
8. Children are the hope of the world. Make at least one child happy every day.
9. Refuse to be discouraged. What **should** be done, **can** be done.
10. Read your Bible and talk to God about all your affairs.

### IF THE WORLD WERE 1,000 PEOPLE THERE WOULD BE . . .

- 60 Americans . . . and 940 representing the rest of the world.
- The Americans would possess half of the income, the 940 dividing the other half.
- 330 would be Christians — 670 would not. Fewer than 100 would be Protestant . . . about 230 Roman Catholic.
- At least 80 would be practicing Communists . . . 370 more under Communist domination.
- 303 would be white . . . 697 non-white.
- 500 would never have heard of Jesus Christ . . . more than 500 would be hearing about Karl Marx, Lenin, Stalin and Khrushchev.
- The Americans would have a life expectancy of 70 years . . . the remainder less than 40 years on the average.
- The Americans would have 15 times as many possessions per person as the rest of the world combined.
- The Americans would be rich and well-fed . . . the other 940 would be hungry most of the time.
- The 60 Americans and about 200 others, representing Western Europe, and a few favored classes in other areas of South America, South Africa, and a few wealthy Japanese would be relatively well off, but most of the others would be ignorant, poor, hungry and sick.
- The American families would be spending at least \$850 annually for military defense, but **LESS** than \$4 a year to share the religious faiths with the other people of the community.

— Condensed from a statement by  
Dr. Henry Smith Lieper



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