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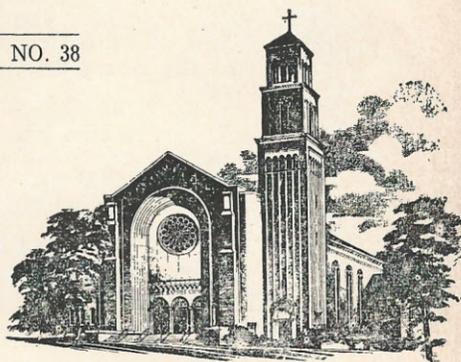
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Constant Care

How gentle God's commands!
How kind his precepts are!
Come, cast your burdens on the Lord,
And trust his constant care.

Beneath his watchful eye
His saints securely dwell;
That hand which bears all nature up
Shall guard his children well.

Why should this anxious load
Press down your weary mind?
Haste to your heavenly Father's throne
And sweet refreshment find.

His goodness stands approved,
Unchanged from day to day;
I'll drop my burden at his feet,
And bear a song away.

—Philip Doddridge.

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Pastor's Paragraphs

WOKE UP DEAD? THAT'S FATAL.

Governor John M. Dalton of Missouri devotes his weekly news letter to constituents to a discussion of state governmental problems. Recently, the news was devoted to listing the causes of death which showed up in the vital statistics records. Among them were:



"Went to bed feeling well, but woke up dead."

"Don't no, Died without the aid of a physician."

"Blow on the head with an ax. Contributory cause — another man's wife."

"Died suddenly. Nothing serious."

"Deceased died from blood poison, caused by a broken ankle, which is remarkable as the automobile struck him between the lamp and the radiator."

I couldn't help but laugh when I read this article. In the minds of the people there were many causes of death; however, in every case, the fact remained that the person did die!

It would be interesting to list the causes of death in the case of our Baptist churches. I am quite sure the number one culprit would be "desertion". So many of us fail to realize how vitally important to the life of the church it is for each member to be faithful. I would urge you to continue to support your church with your presence and your liberal gifts.

Because of the faithfulness of the members of this congregation, our church is far from dead. It is alive and growing!

Sunday was a good day and next Lord's Day promises to be even more exciting. I'll see you then.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Plettz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

Pastor's Sermon

"Making the Most of What You Are"

(Matthew 25:14-30)

7:15 P.M.

Evening Worship

Sermon by the Pastor

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist: Mrs. Marguerite Agee, Mr. Eugene Bell, Mr. W. T. Creel, Mr. Clay Davis, Mr. Bert Heine, Mr. George Peterson, Mrs. Agatha Woolf, Ronny Minshew.

Sacred Heart: Miss Montaree Barrineau, Mike Lewis, Mr. Ned Hudson.

Navy Hospital: Mr. Roy Caton.

Ochsner Clinic, New Orleans, La.: Miss Dora Gifford.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Lon Roberts, III, Mrs. Ray Overton, Mrs. T. A. Shell, Mr. William Baggett, Mrs. John Catches, Mrs. George Russell, Mrs. J. E. Kelly, Mr. L. M. Gatlin.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Thomas Jernigan in the loss of a brother.

Mrs. O. E. Nolan and Mrs. Artie Campbell in the loss of a sister.

Dr. James Maughon in the loss of his father.



THE VERY NEWEST

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

MASTER RAY WALLACE OVERTON, JR.

son of

Mr. and Mrs. Ray W. Overton
born September 13

MISS KAREN LYNN SHELL

daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Shell
born September 14



LIBRARY NOTES

HELP! I'M A LAYMAN by Kenneth Chafin is a book every layman and laywoman ought to read. This is a cry which so many of us shout silently. We try to relate ourselves meaningfully to the church. We want to help — but we need help. He helps us re-examine our attitude about the Bible . . . prayer . . . our own family's faith. He includes a startling chapter on the challenge of the city of the Christian layman.



HEAR "THE BAPTIST HOUR"

Sunday, 7:30 A.M.
Station WNVY

DR. HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

Speaking on the Subject:
"Being Good Is Not Good Enough"
(Matthew 5:20)



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

ORGANIZING CLASSES (Intermediate - Adult)

CLASS OFFICERS should be nominated and elected AFTER October 1 since promotion changes need to be considered. The following procedures are suggested:

1. Teacher appoint nominating committee on Sunday, October 2, and meet with the committee prior to Sunday, October 9. Nominations should be from among those who are church members only.
2. Officers to be nominated are: President, Vice-President, Group Leaders and Secretary (Intermediate classes omit Group Leaders).
3. Divide the class into groups of four or five members balancing each with regular and irregular members with a leader for each group (YP and Adults).
4. Report to the class on Sunday, October 9, for class approval and election.
5. Promote attendance at the class officers clinic to be held Monday, October 24. The schedule will include a general period and a clinic period.
6. Publicly install the officers in a department assembly or in classes.
7. Pray for the officers and pray with the officers for divine leadership in the important work that is ours through the Sunday School.

HEAR LANE ADAMS ON THE "HOUR OF DECISION"

Lane Adams who will be the Evangelist for the Greater Pensacola Crusade for Christ to be held in Pensacola April 16-30, 1967, will be the speaker on the "Hour of Decision" program Sunday, September 25, at 10:00 p.m. on WCOA-radio. Immediately following the "Hour of Decision" a taped interview with Mr. Adams and Dave Pavlock concerning the Pensacola Crusade will be broadcast. You will want to hear both these broadcasts Sunday evening.



PEOPLE NEED TO FIND THE WAY HOME

Years ago someone told the story of a little girl who became lost as she played from block to block on the streets in Louisville, Kentucky. When she realized she was lost, she began to cry. A man found her and stopped to help her. He asked her, "What is your name, little girl?"

Through her tears the child replied, "Elizabeth".

Then the man inquired further, "What is your last name?"

To this the little girl answered, "I don't know!"

Again the man asked, "Where do you live?"

And through her tears the child replied, "I don't know."

Finally, after much questioning on the part of the man, the little girl said to him, "Mister, if you can take me to my Sunday school, I can find my way home."

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

If we could get across to our generation the meaning of the Ten Commandments as well as a missionary in China did some years ago, we would do an excellent job of teaching.

A Chinese man came to hear the good news being preached and from the notes he made he went back to write his own interpretation of the Ten Commandments. Here is what the missionary found on a scroll in the Chinese man's home:

- (1) One God.
- (2) Don't use mud and wood to make Gods.
- (3) Don't use God's name lightly.
- (4) Six days work, one day rest.
- (5) Honor your parents.
- (6) Don't kill.
- (7) Don't commit adultery.
- (8) Don't steal.
- (9) Don't bear false witness.
- (10) Don't covet.



GOD PAYS HIS WORKERS

Who does God's work will get God's pay,
However long may seem the day,
However weary be the way.

He does not pay as others pay,
In gold or land or raiment gay,
In goods that perish and decay.
But God's high wisdom knows the way;
And that is sure, let come what may,
Who does God's work will get God's pay.

—Dennis McCarthy

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1266
Members Present	1219
New Members	9
Visitors	38
Training Union Attendance	230
Members Present	206
New Members	3
Visitors	21
Additions to church membership.....	7
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	5,109.50
Specials	358.94
Building Fund	9.00
TOTAL OFFERING	5,477.44



NEW MEMBERS

FOR BAPTISM FROM OTHER DENOMINATION:
 66. Mr. James R. King, Apt. 118, 710 Scenic Highway

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:
 67. Miss Sandra Moody, 6205 Vicksburg Dr.

BY LETTER:
 257. Miss Marcia Broxson, 119 Berkley Dr.
 From: First Baptist Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
 258. Mrs. G. T. Farrington, 57 High Point Dr.
 From: Myrtle Grove Baptist, Pensacola
 259. Mrs. James R. King (Marilyn)
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 From: Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.
 260. Mr. William Poole, 102 W. Madison Dr.
 From: First Baptist of Clarendon, Arlington, Va.
 261. Mrs. William Poole (Bayly)

REDEDICATION:
 Mrs. John Feldman, Jr.



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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- * 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. 12-Int. 13 Sword Drill,
 Jr. 12 Dept.
- * 6:00 p.m.—Training Union and Sunday
 Evening Seminars
 F. Willard Vickery, Director
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship
 Baptism

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 6:30 p.m.—W.M.U.—Brotherhood Installation
 Supper

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 10:00 a.m.—WMS Day Society Executive Board
 Meeting at the home of Mrs. James
 L. Pleitz, 1400 N. Spring.
- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts, Activities Center

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- * 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 will meet in Classroom
- * 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service
- * 8:15 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 7:30 p.m.—Faith Class, Ad. D. meets
 in Fellowship Hall

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



AN ANCIENT PRAYER

"Give me a good digestion, Lord
 And also something to digest;
 Give me a healthy body, Lord,
 And sense to keep it at its best.
 Give me a healthy mind, good Lord,
 To keep the pure and good in sight;
 Which, seeing sin, is not appalled,
 But finds a way to set it right.
 Give me a mind that is not bound,
 That does not whimper, whine or sigh.
 Don't let me worry overmuch
 About the fussy thing called I.
 Give me a sense of humor, Lord;
 Give one the grace to see a joke;
 To get some happiness from life
 And pass it on to other folk."

—Thomas H. B. Webb.

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the week of
 September 25 - October 1

**James 5
 I Peter 1-3**

"Faith For The Crises Of Life"