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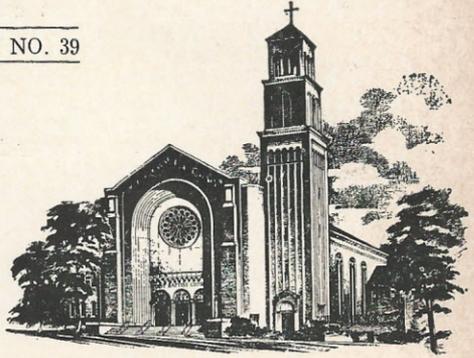
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PASTOR



Begin Again

Every day is a fresh beginning,
Every morn is the world made new.
You who are weary of sorrow and sinning,
Here is a beautiful hope for you,
A hope for me and a hope for you.

Every day is a fresh beginning;
Listen, my soul, to the glad refrain,
And, spite of old sorrow and older sinning,
And puzzles forecasted and possible pain,
Take heart with the day, and begin again.

Susan Coolidge, 1845-1905

Pastor's Paragraphs

PROOF POSITIVE

Not all stampedes occur in western movies. In most Baptist churches one occurs immediately after the morning service. It is



hazardous to stand at the door. There is a mad rush to get out. (I have a friend who seems to think this phenomena occurs because you want to be first in line at the cafeteria, but my theory is that you are anxious to put into practice the things you have heard preached!)

... Now imagine my surprise when recently this whole process was reversed. Immediately after the service a young couple rushed not to get out — but in.

... The young lady immediately started frantically searching the church. I assumed that she had lost something of considerable value and offered my assistance. Much to my surprise, her search ended when she found a copy of our Order of Service. With a smile of relief, she accepted the outstretched hand of her boyfriend and they left.

... Now I am not a detective or the son of a detective, but it is not really necessary to be a private eye to solve this mystery. When the young lady left home that morning she told her folks she was going to church. She never made it, but her parents would never be the wiser. The Order of Service in her hand would help cover her deception.

... Now I have thought about this incident several times recently. What proof do we have that we have been to church? Is a piece of paper the best we can do? It may be an Order of Service, or Certificate of Church Membership, or a Baptismal Certificate — so what! **THESE THINGS MAY SERVE AS POSITIVE PROOF FOR**

W.M.S. General Meeting
10:00 A.M.
Tuesday, October 4

Program:
 "Search for God Among Language Groups in Detroit, Pittsburgh and Atlanta."

(General Officers in Charge)
 Virginia Cobb Circle in charge of serving.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Stephen Jordan and are given by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jordan, Jr.

SOME BUT IN THE EYES OF OUR LORD, THEY PROVE LITTLE OR NOTHING. Our Lord is not concerned about an Order of Service, but **THE ORDER OF OUR LIVES.** No one had to ask Peter and John if they had been to church. Their Godly lives served as proof positive (Acts 4:13).
 ... I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday before — during — and after the service.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Plettz

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Sherran Ann Holt and Ensign Patrick A. Wendt upon their marriage September 24.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mrs. Marguerite Agee, Mr. George Peterson, Jr., Mrs. Agatha Wolff.

Navy

Mr. James Yandle

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mr. Eugene Bell, Miss Montaree Barri-neau, Mike Lewis, Mr. Ned Hudson, Mr. W. T. Creel, Mr. Bert Heine, Ronny Minshew, Mr. Roy Caton, Mr. Winford Abney, Mr. Clay Davis, Sr., Miss Dora Gifford.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. C. W. Harris in the loss of her father.

He does most in God's great world who does his best in his own little world.

Be patient with the faults of others; they have to be patient with yours.

Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness.

Many a man tries to break himself of bad habits only after bad habits break him.

Temptation is not sin; yielding is.

DEACONS OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER

Mr. Gerald Garrett
Mr. Leon Singletary

The Life and Work Curriculum

A CORRELATED CHURCH CURRICULUM

DATE	BIBLE MATERIAL	EMPHASIS
October, 1966- March, 1967	Selected passages from Genesis to Revelation	The Story of Redemption (Salvation history)
April - June, 1967	Colossians (selections from) Matthews (selections from) Acts (selections from) *Ephesians (continuous study)	Our Lord and His Church
July - September, 1967	Matthew 5:13-6; John 17-15-16 *I Corinthians (large portions) Revelation 2-3	Our Church in Today's World
October - December 1967	Deuteronomy (selections from) Selected New Testament passages	Our Worship of God
January - March, 1968	*Hebrews (consecutive study)	Worship and related themes
April - September, 1968	Selected Old and New Testament passages *James (consecutive study)	The Bible, a book of teaching The church, a learning fellowship Faith, prayer, service
October - December 1968	John 3 Romans (selections from) Galatians (selections from) Acts (selections from)	The Gospel and Its Proclamation
January - March 1969	Isaiah (selections from) Jonah (selections from) Acts (selections from)	The World Mission of Our Church
April - June, 1969	*I John (continuous study) Selections from the minor prophets	Our Ministry of Love
July - September, 1969	*Matthew 5-7 (continuous study) Selected passages from the Gospels and Acts	The Meaning of Discipleship

*The asterisk indicates that the book will be studied through, or very largely so; or that large portions will be studied consecutively.

PASTOR APPEARS ON "MASTER CONTROL"

Many of you have heard the radio program "Master Control" which is carried on WNVY, 1230 on the dial, at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Our pastor has done some recorded devotional thoughts for the program. One of them was carried last Sunday and one will be carried on the program next Sunday.

LIBRARY NOTES

BY LOVE COMPELLED by J. B. Underwood contains captivating stories from the mission fields which disclose the impact of the gospel on people's lives. The gospel is the power of God to conquer raw paganism, to overcome such superstitious and heathenish rites as the burning of widows on the funeral pyres of their husbands, to conquer ignorance and illiteracy, disease and poverty.

IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult and Young People will be studying "The Story of Redemption." The Life and Work Curriculum of the Sunday School can be a marvelous experience. It starts with a six-month course entitled "The Story of Redemption." Old Testament and New Testament studies are related in order to give pupils the most complete understanding of the Scriptures that they have ever had. Quarterlies are prepared to cause one to think as he prepares his lesson — questions are included to be answered as a part of preparation. For those who want to get it, the Life and Work Curriculum offers a real opportunity for growth. Study your lesson this week and every week.

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Bible Study



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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1356
Members Present	1295
New Members	12
Visitors	49
Training Union Attendance	253
Members Present	237
New Members	3
Visitors	13
Additions to church membership.....	7
Baptized	5
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	5,873.05
Specials	768.52
TOTAL OFFERING	6,641.57



NEW BEGINNING

The poet said, "Oh, how I wish that there were some place called the land of beginning again." All of us long for opportunities to make a new start, a new beginning. This opportunity is ours right now. Next Sunday marks the beginning of a new church year. There are some who have accepted new places of responsibility. Some have re-committed themselves to the doing of a even better job in the same place of leadership. All of us will want to resolve to make a real fine start on this first Sunday of a new year.

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the Week of October 2 - 8

Genesis 1 - 28
Isaiah 5



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

- * 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.—Junior 11-12 Sword Drill Meeting,
Jr. 12 Dept.
- * 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
F. Willard Vickery, Director
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 6:00 p.m.—Charles Mullins Mission Study
and covered dish supper at the
home of Mrs. James C. Rountee,
1600 N. Baylen Street.
- 7:30 p.m.—TACLO meeting at Heights
Baptist Church

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

- *10:00 a.m.—W.M.S. General Meeting
10:00—Business
10:30—Missionary Program
11:15—Bible Study
12:00—Lunch
- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts, Activity Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

- * 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
- * 8:15 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

- 6:00 p.m.—Faithful Workers Class Banquet,
Church Dining Room
- 7:30 p.m.—Miss Sarah Andrews' Circle will
meet at her home, 3011 Blackshear

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 2:00 p.m.—Lois Class meets with Mrs. S. L.
Fulghum, 1306 E. Mallory.
- 2:30 p.m.—Willing Workers Class meets with
Mrs. J. L. Pippin, 320 N. Barcelona

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



NEW MEMBERS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1966

- BY LETTER:
 262. Miss Bettye Coursey, 1620 E. Moreno St.
 From: Woodville Heights Baptist Church
 Jackson, Miss.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1966

- ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:
 68. Mr. Gary Hanson, Saufley Field,
 BOQ 843, Room 220

BY LETTER:

- 263. Mr. Henry Ates, Box 61, Milton, Fla.
From: Brownsville Baptist Church,
Pensacola
- 264. Mrs. Henry Ates
- 265. Miss Marilyn Merchant, 1672 E. Jordan St.
From: East Hill Baptist Church,
Pensacola
- 266. Mrs. Patsy Vickrey, 1215 W. Mallory St.
From: First Baptist Church,
Gulf Breeze
- 267. Miss Cindy Vickrey