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JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



O FATHER, THOU WHO GIVEST ALL

O Father, thou who givest all
The bounty of thy perfect love,
We thank thee that upon us fall
Such tender blessings from above.

We thank thee for the grace of home,
For mother's love and father's care:
For friends and teachers — all who come
Our joys and hopes and fears to share.

For eyes to see and ears to hear,
For hands to serve and arms to lift,
For shoulders broad and strong to bear,
For feet to run on errands swift.

For faith to conquer doubt and fear,
For love to answer every call,
For strength to do, and will to dare,
We thank thee, O thou Lord of all.

— John Haynes Holmes, 1879-

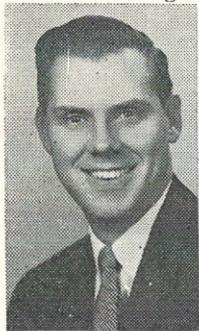


THANKSGIVING

Pastor's Paragraphs

A PROUD-HEARTED PASTOR

Behold a pastor with a heart full of pride! I am aware that the Bible cautions against this sort of thing but read on . . .



No pastor has ever been prouder of his congregation than I was last week. The way you treated our guests during the Florida Baptist Convention was nothing short of fantastic.

Nor was I the only one impressed. Many of the messengers from across the state told me personally how much they were impressed with this church. (Per-

haps you heard about the preacher who said to me: "Jim, this is quite a PAD you have here!" I was proud I could say to him: "Thanks, friend. We're pleased with the building but the thing that thrills me even more is the spirit of these people.")

Several told me, "We have never been treated so royally." I believe they meant it.

You, ladies, God bless you for a job well done. You went the second mile in every way. And you men, God bless you for a job well done. I know for a fact that at least one man took the week off from work so that he could take care of our visiting friends.

Now I am sure you understand why I started this paragraph by saying, "Behold a pastor with a heart full of pride!"

I'll see you Sunday.

The pastor with a heart full of pride,

James L. Pleitz

LET'S COMPLETE THE JOB!

1967 Budget\$319,900.00
Pledged to Date 306,596.16
Yet to be Pledged..... 13,303.84

**IS YOUR PLEDGE IN?
MAIL IT NOW OR BRING IT SUNDAY**



THANKSGIVING DAY

The Thanksgiving morning service for the downtown churches will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving morning at the First Presbyterian Church, 10 East Chase Street. The sermon for this service will be brought by The Reverend Charles Britt, District Superintendent for the Methodist Church in this area.

There will be no service held here at our church on Thanksgiving Day. Our Training Union leadership is urging us to participate in the service at First Presbyterian and at the same time, then, they are making plans for a special meeting of our Training Union in connection with "M" Night. Be listening for these plans.



CUB SCOUT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

There has been expressed some interest in our church sponsoring a Cub Scout program. On Tuesday, November 22, there will be an organizational meeting here in our Fellowship Hall, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Boys 8, 9, and 10 years old (third, fourth, fifth graders) who would be interested are asked to attend along with their parents.

GIVE THANKS

Thanks from the head or lips may be polite, but it is thanks from the heart that rings true.

The poor are often more thankful than the rich. They count their blessings — God's sun and air, health and life, loved ones; the things that make life rich indeed. Thanks is not measured by the amount of our possessions. It's the man with a thankless heart who is poor; the one with a thankful heart is rich.

Once again our nation is summoned to observe its national day of Thanksgiving. We do not thank a thing, nor a law of nature, nor luck; we thank a Person. We do not thank America; we thank God for America. How much there is to be thankful for to Him!

Above all else we hear the clear call, "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15), the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ has come, the Gift of God's love, freely offered to all, and, if our hearts are not warmed with gratitude, it is because we have not received Him.

—George Wells Arms

THE LISTENING POST

WE STILL NEED PLACES FOR GET TOGETHERS!!!

If you have not yet had a get together in your home and are interested in doing so, check the chart on door of Miss May's office for a possible date and then check with Miss May about details. You need not necessarily have a youth of that age to qualify. We should be most happy to come into your home if you would like to have us.

DATES OF THE FUTURE:

You Will Be Interested to Have:

December 23 — BIG CHRISTMAS TREE
AND CAROL SING FOR ALL YOUTH.

December 28 — STUDENT NIGHT
PROGRAM

Panel Discussion (college students).
Dramatic presentation, "So Send I You"

December 29-30 — Possible retreat

February 12 — First Baptist host
Singspiration

March 24-25 — Possible retreat

June 5-9 — YOUTH CAMP,
GULFSHORE ASSEMBLY

June 18-25 — YOUTH WEEK — Week End
Revival. Evangelist — Tony Romeo,
Boston Patriots' Pro Football.

July 10-14 — JUNIOR CAMP

July 31 - August 11 — T.A.B.S.
(Teen Age Bible Study)



Thank God for
His Word
And begin
Now to
Kindle your
Spiritual life by
Giving more time
In
Vital prayer and
Intelligent Bible study
New inspiration awaits you in
God's Word.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mrs. E. L. Derby and are given by Mr. E. L. Derby.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Lynda Bales upon her marriage to
Ensign James Robert Kappes Novem-
ber 12.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Lynnne Tatum in the loss of a
brother.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mrs. L. W. Abney, Mrs. A. L. McCrory,
Mr. J. T. McNair, Mr. William A. Music,
Mrs. Evelyn Silver, Mr. B. W. Matthews,
Mrs. Grady Wilson, Mrs. Clyde Swint,
Mr. William E. Wilson, Sr.

Navy:

Mrs. Velma Tice, Chief James J. Yandle.

Sacred Heart:

Mrs. Christine McDonald

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Phyllis Busey, Mrs. Robert B. Morris-
son, James A. Watson, Jr., Mrs. Margaret
O'Reilly, Dr. Wallace Mayo, Mr. J. T.
Holbrook, Mrs. Walter McNeil.



Mrs. Arthur James Pockrus

requests the honour of your presence
at the marriage of her daughter

Cheryl Kay

to

Mr. Talmadge Howard Blackmon, Jr.

on Friday, the twenty-fifth of November
Nineteen hundred and sixty-six
at half after seven in the evening

First Presbyterian Church
Pensacola, Florida

and afterwards at the reception
Garden Center

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"On Celebrating Thanksgiving
365 Days A Year"

(Psalm 103; Ephesians 5:20)

7:15 P.M.

"On Growing Up"

(1 Corinthians 13:11)

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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	1079
Members Present	1031
New Members	9
Visitors	39
Training Union Attendance	250
Members Present	221
New Members	1
Visitors	28
Additions to church membership.....	8
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	4,384.45
Specials	612.39
TOTAL OFFERING	4,996.84



NEW MEMBERS

- ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:
7. Debra Little, 300 Ada Wilson Ave.
 8. Mrs. Pearl E. Peterson, 131 E. Gregory St.
- BY LETTER:
24. Lt. Ronald Dempsey, 212 N. Pinewood Lane
From: Central Baptist Church,
Bryan, Texas
 25. Mrs. Ronald E. Dempsey
 26. Mrs. S. E. Garrison (Carolyn),
4511 Ellysée Way
From: Macedonia Baptist Church,
Jacksonville, Fla.
 27. Miss Judith Rutledge, 320 Washington Ave.
From: Westlawn Baptist Church,
Mobile, Ala.
 28. Mr. Joe Sorrels, 2290 Dupont Drive
From: Farmhaven Baptist Church,
Farmhaven, Miss.

BY STATEMENT:
29. Mrs. Joe Sorrels (Jeanine)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
A. H. Arnold, Superintendent
- *11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor
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 for all ages
F. Willard Vickery, Director
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor
- 8:30 p.m.—Jr. High Get Together at the
home of Nancy Pleitz,
1400 North Spring.
Parents — at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. W. T. Creel, 1600 N. Spring.
Sr. High—at the home of Dale and
Wilton Wiggins, 3800 Menendez.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 6:15 p.m.—Baptist Men - WMS Night Society
Meetings

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts, Activities Center
- 7:00 p.m.—Cub Scout Organization Meeting,
Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- * 4:45 p.m.—Children's Choirs
- * 5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
- * 6:30 p.m.—Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, YWA's,
Officers' and Teachers' Meeting.
- * 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service, Pastor
- * 8:15 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 10:00 a.m.—Thanksgiving Service
at First Presbyterian Church,
10 East Chase Street.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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



LIBRARY NOTES

Robert Hastings has written a book entitled **How to Live With Yourself**, which comes directly to the heart of the problems that plague us.

There is no need to live defeated, unhappy lives when the application of proven saints can release us from the drudgery. Here are simple instructions anyone can follow, showing us how to be free of the traps in which we ensnarl ourselves.

Other books by this author are: **My Money and God, A Word Fitly Spoken, How to Manage Your Money.**

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the week of
November 20 - 26

Ecclesiastes 12:1-14
Isaiah 6, 11, 35, 40, 42