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PASTOR



THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD

Psalm 19:1 - 6

The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament sheweth his handywork,
Day unto day uttereth speech,
and night unto night sheweth knowledge.
There is no speech nor language,
where their voice is not heard.
Their line is gone out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,
Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.
He going forth is from the end of the heaven,
and his circuit unto the ends of it:
And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

King James Version, 1611

Pastor's Paragraphs

CONCERNING RADIO — AND HEART-RECEPTION

My good friend Harold Shirley, who pastors a congregation in Huntsville, Alabama, was writing recently about a portable radio



he owned. At one time he could pick up such distant places as Detroit, Dallas, and Des Moines. Then the time came when it was difficult to even hear stations in Atlanta or Birmingham. Now he is limited to the local scene.

"The story of my transistor radio is the spiritual pilgrimage of many a Christian. The batteries grow weak. The communication is without meaning.

"Just as surely as new batteries will result in my picking up the most distant stations once again, even so anyone gets new batteries or a thorough-going recharge for the soul will discover

- 1) God is very near;
- 2) His Word is very precious and pertinent;
- 3) a human soul can have an audience with the King;
- 4) a victorious life is possible under the sovereignty of Jesus Christ;
- 5) many frustrations in the home and office will be dealt a death blow."

John Newton is right:

"His presence dispenses my gloom
And makes all within me rejoice."

The Bible is right:

"The natural man receiveth not (that's a radio term) the things of the Spirit of God . . . (Corinthians 2:14)

"It would be foolish for me to blame any of the stations which I once picked up 'loud and clear' on my little radio as long as my receiver has weak batteries. The fault is not with the broadcaster, but rather with the receiver."

"He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

And he, whose batteries are weak, let them be recharged in God's house this week . . . and every week.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz



MR. BIZZELL WILL ATTEND HOUSTON MEETING

Mr. Bizzell will be in Houston, Texas, next week attending a special meeting of Religious Education Workers from metropolitan areas.

ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD MEETING

Monday, November 28
6:45 P.M.

Warrington Baptist Church

Tickets are now available

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mrs. L. W. Abney, Mr. B. W. Matthews,
Mrs. Evelyn Silver, Mrs. Grady Wilson,
Mr. William E. Wilson, Dr. W. H. Coker,
Jr.

Navy Hospital:

Mrs. Velma Tice, Chief James J. Yandle

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Clyde Swint, Mrs. Christine McDonald,
Mrs. A. L. McCrory, Mr. J. T. McNair,
Mr. William A. Music, Mrs. Charles Payne,
Mrs. Gary Short, Miss Ann Fields.



THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebuds on the pulpit Sunday
were placed there in honor of

MASTER CHARLES TANDY PAYNE

Son of
Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Payne
Born November 18

MASTER DAVID McLEOD SHORT

Son of
Mr. and Mrs. Gary E. Short
Born November 19



TRAINING UNION "M" NIGHT

HEAR DR. FRANKLIN PASCHALL

The Pensacola Bay Baptist Association will observe "M" Night on Monday, December 5. The meeting for the churches in the southern part of our Associational will be held here in our church. The speaker for this meeting will be Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, and President of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Paschall is to be our revival preacher next spring. Our First Baptist Church people will be looking forward to this opportunity to get acquainted with him. Our Training Union is going to have a Supper Meeting at 6:15 on "M" Night to give us a time of fellowship and planning before going to the "M" Night Meeting.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WELCOMES ROYALS



Pictured above are Barry, Bonnie, Paula Dawn, Paul and Darrell Royal. The Royals will arrive in the city early next week and Mr. Royal will begin his work as Minister of Music. We are happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Royal and their three children to our church.

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the week of
November 27 - December 3

Isaiah 53 - 61
Jeremiah 18 and 31
Ezekiel 33

LIBRARY NOTES

Seeking A Faith of Your Own by E. Jerry Walker contains inspirational talks addressed to contemporary teenage problems. In these eleven talks, Dr. Walker copes with cardinal problems, frustrations, and perplexities twentieth century teenagers face. In the language of modern youth, he offers a life of Christianity in a most unusual manner, exploring what Christ has to say to the teenager who will dare to stand tall among men, who will dare to live a Christian life.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY NIGHT SOCIETY AND BROTHERHOOD

will have a mission study on
BEYOND THE HIMALAYAS

on Tuesday, November 29
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.
in the Fellowship Hall

All women and men of the church
are invited.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

The week of December 4-11 will be observed in our church as the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. The special guest preacher for the morning service on December 4 will be Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, Secretary for Africa of our Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

IF YOU'RE IN TOWN SUNDAY,
BE IN YOUR PLACE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH!

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Dickey Creel and are being given by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Creel.

**Pastor Will Preach At Both
Services Sunday**

Sunday Morning's Sermon:
"ON SWAPPING SEATS"

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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	1386
Members Present	1330
New Members	8
Visitors	47
Training Union Attendance.....	278
Members Present	248
New Members	2
Visitors	28
Additions to church membership.....	18
Baptized	7
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	7,277.54
Specials	221.70
TOTAL OFFERING	7,499.24



PLEDGES STILL COMING IN

On Sunday night, Mr. Aubrey Gomillion, the chairman of the Tally Committee, was able to report that we had over-subscribed our 1967 Budget. As of Tuesday morning's mail, we have pledged a total of \$324,724.92. We are grateful to the many people who have assisted in the many phases of our budget promotion and pledging and we solicit the continued efforts of canvassers who still have cards out and of members who may not yet have had a part in the pledging of our 1967 budget. It is important that we continue until all of us have had a worthwhile part in this phase of our church's program.

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- * 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.—Int. 13-14 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
- 8:30 p.m.—College get-together
at the home of Leon Singletary,
3212 North 6th Avenue.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 6:45 p.m.—Associational Brotherhood Meeting.
Warrington Baptist Church

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts, Activities Center
- 7:00 p.m.—Night Society Mission Study,
Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- * 4:45 p.m.—Children's Choirs
- * 5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Supper
- * 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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 2:00 p.m.—Willing Workers Class will meet
with Mrs. Vora Wilkinson,
710 North Spring Street.
- * 6:00 p.m.—Adult A Department Social,
Fellowship Hall

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



NEW MEMBERS

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:

9. Mrs. Blossom Artrip, 5308 Bristol Ave.
10. Mike Hennigan, 109 High Point Drive,
Gulf Breeze
11. James A. Walker, 111 Shoreline Drive,
Gulf Breeze

FOR BAPTISM FROM OTHER DENOMINATION:

12. Mrs. Stanley Carver (Sally),
1505 East Brainerd

BY LETTER:

30. Mr. Ed Ahrens, 300 Bayou Blvd.
From: Manor Baptist Church
San Antonio, Texas
31. Mrs. Ed Ahrens (Anne)
32. Mr. Stanley Carver, 1505 E. Brainerd
From: First Baptist Church,
Milton, Fla.
33. Mrs. Joyce E. Coyle, 754 Mainside Courts
From: Pensacola Baptist Temple,
Pensacola
34. Mr. Melvin L. Edmondson, 107 Beech St.
35. Mrs. Melvin L. Edmondson
36. Gayle Edmondson
37. John Edmondson
38. Reese Edmondson
39. Mr. James Thomas Petillo, 805 Rio Vista,
Pensacola Beach
40. Mr. Ray Tolar, 3530 Firestone Blvd.
From: First Baptist Church,
Aberdeen, Miss.
41. Mrs. Ray Tolar
42. Ann Tolar
43. Tommy Tolar

BAPTIZED:

- Mrs. Blossom Artrip, Mrs. Stanley Carver,
Mike Hennigan, Cindy King, Debra Little,
Mrs. Pearl E. Peterson, James A. Walker.