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PASTOR



The Gate of the Year

And I said to the man who stood at the gate
of the year:

“Give me a light, that I may tread safely into
the unknown.”

And he replied:

“Go out into the darkness and put your hand
into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer
than a known way.”

So, I went forth, and finding the Hand of God,
trod gladly into the night.

And he led me towards the hills and the breaking
of the day in the lone East.

So, heart, be still:

What need our little life,
Our human life, to know,
If God hath comprehension?

In all the dizzy strife
Of things both high and low
God hideth His intention.

— M. Louise Haskins

Pastor's Paragraphs



Since the new year is just a matter of a few days away, many of us will be thinking about our resolutions for 1967. Let me suggest that you give prayerful consideration to the following:

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

I WILL forget the past and honor God more in 1967.

"...forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

—Phil. 3:13b, 14.

I WILL live for Christ before the world.

"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." — Phil. 1:21.

I WILL trust God with a strong faith!

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." — Hebrews 11:1.

I WILL be faithful to my Church.

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." — Hebrews 10:25.

I WILL honor God with my income.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

—Malachi 3:10.

I WILL help bear the other's burdens.

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." — Galatians 6:2.

I WILL train whatever talents God has given me for His Church.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." — II Timothy 2:15.

I WILL faithfully witness to the Lost.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"On Wearing Iron Shoes"

7:15 P.M.

Observance of Lord's Supper

MINISTER'S AND LAYMEN'S RETREAT

Last week's Builder carried an announcement about the Minister's and Laymen's Retreat to be held at Blue Lake Methodist Assembly, January 17-18. This retreat is being sponsored by the Greater Pensacola Crusade for Christ, which is to be held April 16-30, with Lane Adams as the Evangelist. Mr. Adams will be one of the leaders at the Retreat. Others on the program will include Dr. Stuart Barton Babbage of Melbourne, Australia; Mr. Dan Piatt of the Billy Graham Organization and Mr. Willis Haymaker, Crusade Director.

The Retreat will begin January 17 at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude following the noon meal on Wednesday, January 18. Cost will be \$6.55. This includes four meals, linen and insurance. If you are interested in attending, the Church Office will be happy to make your reservation or you may make it directly with Mr. Charles Britt, 432-6487.



AN OPPORTUNITY OF SERVICE FOR YOU

In connection with the Greater Pensacola Crusade for Christ, which will be held in Tiger Stadium April 16-30, 1967, a number of important committees are being formed. There is a need for men to serve as ushers. There will be opportunity for many to serve as counselors. Training sessions for counselors will be held for four weeks, probably in February. Also, there will be the need for ladies to serve on a special prayer committee.

Please indicate your willingness to serve by using the form which will appear on Sunday's Bulletin.

again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." — Psalms 126:5, 6.

You can't have a perfect attendance record in 1967 if you miss the first Sunday. . . . So don't!

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

MUSIC FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Mr. Sam Jordan, III, will be our special guest soloist for the 11:00 o'clock service Sunday morning. He will sing "Santus" by Gounod and "Teach Me, O Lord" by Gershon Kingley and will be featured in a duet with his father, Sam Jordan, Jr., in "The Lord Is My Shepherd" by Henry Smart.

We are delighted to welcome this former member back home and look forward to hearing him on Sunday morning.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Ensign Edward Guilbert upon his marriage to Miss Sara Sibley in Atlanta, Georgia, on December 22.

Miss Betty Coleman upon her marriage to Lt. D. A. Blycker December 17.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Lucius Stanley, Mrs. Tom McVoy, and Mrs. Richard Fuller in the loss of husband and father.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mr. Walter McNeil, Mr. William A. Music, Mrs. J. L. Smith, Mrs. George Holladay.

Sacred Heart:

Mr. L. D. Allen, Mark McWaters, Mr. R. N. Pyle, Carlyle Stewart.

Navy:

Chief James J. Yandle

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Joe Brookins, Mrs. Lois Mun'ar, Mike Feldman, Mrs. Lois Everitt, Mr. Vernon Tatum, Dixie Garrett, Mr. Vernie Chance.



THE VERY NEWEST

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

MASTER WILLIAM DAVID IVEY

son of

Mr. and Mrs. David Ivey
born December 20

MISS JAMIE LEIGH HARDEN

adopted daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. J. William Harden, Jr.
born November 12

DEACONS OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY

Mr. W. H. Gill
Mr. O. F. Aultman

JANUARY BIBLE CONFERENCE



DR. J. LEO GREEN

Dr. J. Leo Green, former pastor of our church, now serving as Professor of Old Testament at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, will lead us in a study of the Book of Amos, January 8-11. Dr. Green will preach at both services on Sunday and will teach "Studies in Amos" for Young People and Adults. There will be classes for other age groups.



"PROPHET FROM TEKOA"

In preparation for our Studies in Amos, we will see next Wednesday evening during the Prayer Service Hour the film entitled "Prophet From Tekoa". This film was awarded the "Christian Oscar" by the National Evangelical Film Foundation as the best religious picture of the year. We look forward to the opportunity of seeing it next Wednesday.



ANOTHER YEAR

"Another year is but another call
from God
To do some deed undone and duty
we forgot;
To think some wider thought of man
and good,
To see and love with kindlier eyes
and warmer heart,
Until, acquainted more with him
and keener eyed
To sense the need of man, we serve
With larger sacrifice and readier
hand our kind."

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and Quotable Poems.

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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:
 Main School 813
 Crippled Children's Home 6

Tithes and Offerings:
 Budget 6,893.62
 Specials 180.60
 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering..... 3,987.97
 Building Fund 15.00

TOTAL OFFERING11,077.19



CHURCH BASKETBALL

Senior Boys vs. St. Mark Methodist
 Tuesday, Jan. 3 — 6:00 p.m.
 Men's Team vs. First Methodist
 Thursday, Jan. 5 — 6:00 p.m.

W.M.S. GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, 10:00 A.M.

Subject:
 "An Expanding Response to Christ's
 Commission"
 (Philippines, Texas, Hong Kong)
 Dottson Mills in charge of program
 Stanley Davis in charge of tables

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
 A. H. Arnold, Superintendent
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
 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
 Lord's Supper Observance

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

- * 10:00 a.m.—WMS GENERAL MEETING
 10:00—Business
 10:30—Missionary Program
 11:15—Bible Study
 12:00—Lunch
- 7:30 p.m.—Jewell Garrett Circle meets
 with Mrs. S. L. Fulghum,
 1306 East Mallory.
- 7:30 p.m.—Carl Whirley Circle meets
 with Mrs. J. C. Rountee,
 1600 North Baylen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

- * 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, JANUARY 5

- 2:30 p.m.—Faithful Workers Class
 will meet in the Fellowship Hall
 with Group III in charge.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

- 2:30 p.m.—Willing Workers Class meets
 with Mrs. George Yarbrough, Sr.,
 921 North Palafox Street.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

- 10:00 a.m.—Club Scout Den Meeting,
 Activities Center

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



ORGANIST

Mr. Ike Terry, Choral Director at Tate High School, will begin service as our Church Organist on next Sunday. Mr. Terry has played for us on two prior occasions and we welcome him as our Organist.

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY
 Reading for the Week of January 1-7

Deuteronomy 31
Exodus 33
Isaiah 40
Psalm 46 and 139
1 Samuel 2