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PASTOR



Pastor's Paragraphs

ON SUING GOD

It made me as mad as a hornet when I first read about it. Imagine a man bringing suit against God! That is right, Mr.



George Albrecht of Lake Worth, Florida, has announced his intention to bring the Lord before the bar of justice.

Mr. Albrecht was injured in 1964 when a rain-soaked sidewalk collapsed under him. The jury ruled his injury was due to an act of God and so Mr. Albrecht decided to sue God for damages.

Co-defenders of the Lord are 32 local churches and synagogues. Pastor E. W. Cluzh said, "If he brings the Principle Defendant into court, I will be glad to come and testify for Him."

I wonder how the Lord feels about all this. For some reason I think He is more amused than upset. This has happened before. In the days of the psalmist, some foolish man took counsel against God (Psalm 2). On this occasion the Lord did not tremble with fear nor did He spend any restless nights. The whole situation rather amused Him. "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh . . . The Lord shall have them in derision."

Of this I am sure, OUR LORD HAD RATHER BE SUED THAN IGNORED. At least Mr. Albrecht has admitted God exists. The man who totally ignores the Lord doesn't even recognize God's existence. I repeat, THERE IS NOTHING MORE OFFENSIVE TO OUR LORD THAN TO BE IGNORED.

One day each one of us will stand in the presence of the Almighty. Believe me, my friend, I had rather be a Mr. George Albrecht who has brought suit against God than a church member who absolutely ignores Him.

What are your plans for Sunday? Are you planning to worship God? Or do you plan to continue ignoring Him?

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz



**Available in the Library for
Wedding Receptions:**

A white, satin tablecloth and net cover, which fits a long dining room table, also a tablecloth with lace cover for the Bride's Book table.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Extravagance of Love"

(Matthew 26:6-13)

7:15 P.M.

"The Supper Of Our Lord"

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mrs. W. G. Foxworth, Sr., Mr. C. Fred Green, Mr. George Peterson, Mrs. T. B. Lucas, Mrs. Raymond Williams, Mr. Walter McNeal.

Sacred Heart:

Mr. Jack Collins, Jr., Mrs. Lois Everett, Mr. Sam Williams.

Escambia General:

Mr. Byrd Sims.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Jerry Truss, Mr. Ned Hudson, Miss Montaree Barrineau, Ronald Minshaw, Mrs. Charles Dugan.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. P. O. Davis, Sr. in the loss of her mother.

Mrs. A. E. Bass in the loss of a brother.

Mr. J. A. Watson in the loss of a brother.

Mr. Ray Minton in the loss of a sister.

Mrs. Clyde Swint and Mrs. Vernon Bulger in the loss of a brother.



THE VERY NEWEST

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

MASTER RANDALL GLEN MARKHAM, II

son of

Mr. and Mrs. Randall G. Markham
born January 26

MISS MARCELLE ELYSE TRUSS

daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Truss
born January 30



COVER PICTURE

The cover of this issue of "The Builder" shows a group of our loveliest ladies as they were presented by our Library Staff last Wednesday. They were urging us to "Have A Heart" with regard to the library. This is a good reminder for us in regard to all of our church work. Whatever your responsibility, "PUT YOUR HEART IN IT."



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Gentry

request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Leenan

to

Mr. William Elliott Snuggs

on Saturday, the tenth of February
Nineteen hundred and sixty-eight
at half after seven o'clock in the evening

First Baptist Church
Pensacola, Florida

Reception
following ceremony
The Garden Center



AREA-WIDE INTER-RACIAL AND INTER-FAITH WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11
3:00 P.M.

AT THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
6 E. WRIGHT STREET

The preacher for this service will be the
Reverend R. L. Hill, pastor of the Sixth
Avenue Baptist Church. Both Protestants
and Roman Catholics will participate. The
purpose is to witness the racial co-oper-
ation within the churches.



CHURCH CENSUS

On Sunday afternoon, February 18, we
will be involved in the taking of a census.
PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE HAS BEEN
A CHANGE IN DATE. Our church is re-
sponsible for the Cordova Park area as
well as a large area north of the church.
We need many, many willing helpers.
Please volunteer your service to help with
this important task.



BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

MEN'S LEAGUE

Monday, February 12—7:00 p.m.
Myrtle Grove Baptist vs. First Baptist

SENIOR BOYS

Thursday, February 15—7:30 p.m.
First Baptist vs. Gadsden St. Methodist

JUNIOR BOYS

Tuesday, February 13—6:30 p.m.
First Baptist vs. Richards Memorial



The making of money should not un-
make you.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., Feb. 11: "His Humiliation"
Isaiah 50. Key Verses 5-6.

MON., Feb. 12: "His Sacrifice"
Isaiah 53. Key Verse 5.

TUES., Feb. 13: "His Salvation"
Isaiah 55. Key Verse 1.

WED., Feb. 14: "His Blessing"
Isaiah 61. Key Verse 1.

THURS., Feb. 15: "New Heavens And A
New Earth"
Isaiah 65:17-25. Key Verse 17.

FRI., Feb. 16: "The Way Of Blessing"
Psalm 1. Key Verses 1-2.

SAT., Feb. 17: "A Morning Prayer"
Psalm 5:1-7. Key Verse 3.



LIBRARY NOTES

"Guiding your son or daughter toward
successful marriage" by Leslie and Ruth
Moser provides the kind of practical advice
all parents need, especially those who have
sons or daughters who are dating and con-
templating marriage. You will find in this
book a host of suggestions that will be
welcomed as common sense advice.

Successful marriages are not accidents!
Patterns of life which ultimately bring
happy marriage are inculcated from baby-
hood onward. Parents play a decisive role
in preparation for marriage, but too often
this role is overlooked, or parents are in
a quandry as to how to guide their young
people toward successful marriage.

What the authors have to say is per-
meated with Christian idealism and con-
cern. They speak from experience, from
hearts of Christian love, and with an
awareness of the psychology involved in
parent-child relationships.



BIBLE CONFERENCE WELL ATTENDED

Our Bible Conference with Dr. Hobbs
was well attended. If there are those who
attended the first two nights but had to be
out on Wednesday night, you need to
secure from the office information regard-
ing credit.

If you missed one or more nights, and
are interested in hearing the tapes, get in
touch with Mr. Bizzell.

If you would like a copy of the guide
book, "Studies In Luke's Gospel" by Dr.
Frank Stagg, additional copies are avail-
able from the office.



Charitable people think more of other
people's rights than of their own feelings.



The blessing that is shared is not halved
but doubled.

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

The Church in Study1233
Main Sunday School1269
Crippled Children's Home24

The Church in Training197
Additions to church membership15

Tithes and Offerings:
Budget\$8,657.45
Specials269.19
Building Fund28.00

TOTAL OFFERING\$8,954.64



NEW MEMBERS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

BY LETTER:

66. Mr. Bobby F. Crocker, 3270 Adrian Rd.
From: First Baptist, Decatur, Ala.
67. M's. Bobby F. Crocker (Eloise)
68. Frank Crocker
69. Suzan Crocker

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

70. Mr. Ken Cannon, 309 Chattman
From: 15th Avenue Baptist,
Meridian, Miss.
71. M's. Ken Cannon (Jeanie)
72. Mr. W. B. Hearon, 4430 Piedmont Rd.
From: Old Spanish Fort Baptist,
Spanish Fort, Ala.
73. Mrs. W. B. Hearon (Olivia)
74. Miss Aze'ene Hearon
75. Miss Elaine Hearon
76. Jimmy Hearon
77. Steve Hearon
78. D. Philip E. Slade Jr., 4190 A'ken Rd.
From: Olin T. Binkley Baptist,
Chapel Hill, N. C.
79. Mrs. Philip E. Slade
80. Mrs. Grace D. Burris, 4190 A'ken Rd.
From: McGill Avenue Baptist,
Concord, N. C.

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
Mr. A. H. Arnold, Supt.
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor
Broadcast over Station WCOA
- 4:00 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- * 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages
Mr. Willard Vickery, Director
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship
Observance of Lord's Supper
- 8:45 p.m.—Singspiration
East Brent Baptist

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 7:15 p.m.—Jr. Parent-Worker Coffee
in "The Cellar"
- 7:30 p.m.—Deacons Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- * 10:00 a.m.—WMS Circles
- 7:30 p.m.—Faith Class meets with
Mrs. James Roth,
3732 Gerhardt Drive

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- * 4:45 p.m.—Children's Choirs
Junior High R.A.'s and G.A.'s
- * 5:53 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
- * 6:30 p.m.—Officers and Teachers Meeting
Youth Training Union Workers
Meet
Sunbeams, G.A.'s R.A.'s, YWA's
Junior High Choir Rehearsal
- * 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service—Business Meeting
- * 8:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 9:30 a.m.—Faithful Workers Class Visitation. Meet at church. Covered
Dish Lunch at Noon at the home
of Mrs. C. M. Ross,
1520 North 15th Avenue.
- 7:00 p.m.—Associational Training Union
Meeting Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 7:00 p.m.—Cub Scout Banquet
Dining Room.



WMS CIRCLES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 10:00 a.m.—T. N. CALLAWAY will meet with Mrs. Guy
Spearman, 320 West Lloyd Street
- VIRGINIA COBB will meet with Mrs. Les
Sasnett, 316 Bay Boulevard
- STANLEY DAVIS will meet with Mrs. R.
S. Spencer, 1721 North 19th Avenue
- MARTHA HAYLOCK will meet with Mrs.
Charlie Wiggins, 1708 East Bobe Street
- DONALD LANGFORD will meet with Mrs.
N. D. Carraway, 3790 Cherry Laurel Drive
- DOTTSON MILLS will meet with Mrs. W.
H. McCaskill, 1816 East Jordan Street
- R. C. MOORE will meet with Mrs. Ben
Stevens, 315 Chapman Street, Warrington
- BERNICE NEEL will meet with Mrs. C. W.
Kingry, 1908 East Moreno Street
- MAMIE LOU POSEY will meet with Mrs.
R. P. Cooper, 6010 Hilltop Road
- LAURA FRANCES SNOW will meet with
Mrs. W. A. Webb, 3820 Molaree Drive

11:30 a.m.

- HARVEY HEADRICK will meet with Mrs.
W. T. Osborn, 304 West Moreno Street for
Covered Dish Luncheon

7:30 p.m.

- JEWEL GARRETT will meet with Miss
Sarah Andress, 3011 Blackshear Avenue
- VIRGINIA ATNIP will meet with Miss
Montaree Barrineau,
921 North 19th Avenue
- PEARL GIFFORD and CARL WHIRLEY
will meet with Mrs. Joe Brookins,
2026 East Jordan Street