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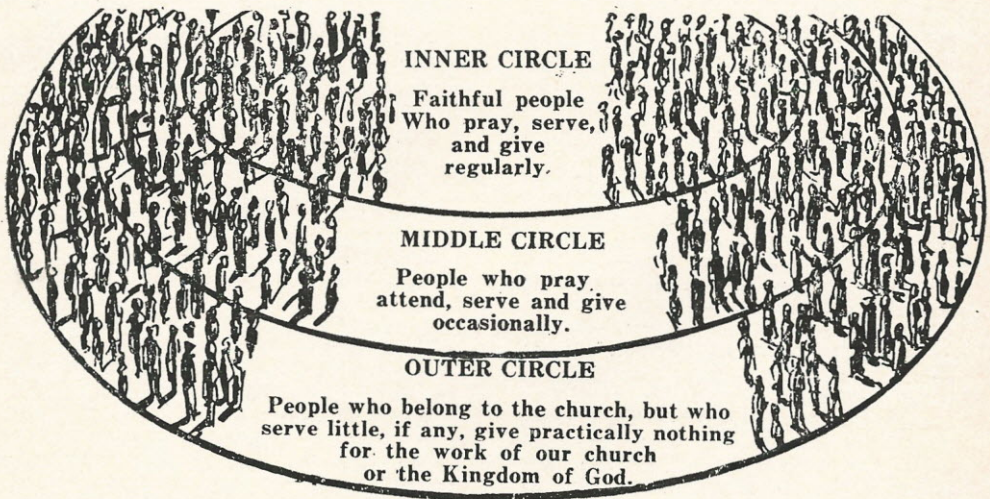
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

PALAFIX AND LA RUA STREETS
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



In Which Circle Are You?



Every member of First Baptist Church is in one of these circles. Every member can locate himself with just a few moments of thoughtful study.

The Inner Circle should include you. Those who have placed themselves outside the Inner Circle could move in closer to their church and would find extra happiness. Every member needs to have a place of service and to fulfill that service. Each of us needs to pray, study God's word and give faithfully and regularly.

Pastor's Paragraphs

WE TRY HARDER

It is high on the agenda every time the Southern Baptist Executive Committee meets. We have wrestled with the problem



for several years. This year was no exception. Shall we or shall we not change our name?

Many people are saying we need to change our name. Some convincing arguments are advanced for changing the name of our Convention from Southern Baptist to any one of fifty different names. At least forty have been seriously considered.

There is a lot involved in changing the name of our Convention. There are all sorts of legal involvements and it would cost thousands and thousands of dollars.

The Executive Committee has suggested 25 criteria by which to evaluate any proposed new names. Here are just a few: Is its meaning clear? Is it easy to spell? Does it look good? Is it easy to remember? Does it have a pleasant sound? (Would you believe I have applied these criteria to MY name and decided to change it! I ask you, is "Pleitz" easy to spell? Does it look good? Is it pleasant sounding? Is it easy to remember? What would you suggest I change my name to?)

When the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Houston, the messengers will vote on three proposed names. Regardless of the outcome of this vote, our name may or may not be changed but at least we will have an indication as to how people feel about the proposed change.

Three names will appear on the ballot: The United Baptist Convention, The Baptist General Convention, and The Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Porter Routh suggested another one that I like best of all, "The American Baptist Convention No. 2 — We Try Harder." There is already an American Baptist Convention but the "No. 2 — We Try Harder" added to the name would make us distinct. I like it.

You know, my friend, the thing we need to do as Baptists, whether we are General Baptists, or United Baptists, or just plain old Southern Baptists, is roll up our sleeves and go to work for Christ. Some of us have been resting since early fall. How about you? Isn't it about time you reported back to work?

The good Lord willing I'll see you Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

**"The Men Who
Murdered Him"**

(Matthew 12:10ff.)

7:15 P.M.

**"Do You See Specks Before
Your Eyes?"**

(Matthew 7)

"CROWN HIM KING"

As Sunday School members come next Sunday, you will be called upon to sign an Attendance Pledge Card for our five-Sunday attendance campaign beginning on March 17. As you sign this card, you are saying that you will be faithful in your attendance. Don't use any excuse for not signing. You may know that you will be out of the city on one or more Sundays. In this case, we are suggesting that you sign the card with the notation of the Sunday that you will be out. Then, your class will strive to get a visitor or prospective member to take your place on that Sunday.

EVERY MEMBER IS ASKED:

To "sign-up" next Sunday

To be present March 17-April 14.



LIBRARY NOTES

Here are some new books for young children:

Billy, the Littlest One by Miriam Schlein tells of Billy, the littlest one in the family. Why does Billy have a book just for him? One of childhood's tasks is placing one's self in relation to others. These ideas of self come from the people around the child and from books read to him.

Sally's Caterpillar by Anne Rockwell tells how Sally finds a big, beautiful caterpillar. She takes it to her home and watches the strange and wondrous changes taking place. In a gentle, satisfying story, the life cycle of the monarch butterfly is made clear to a young child.



Selfishness, not money, is the root of all evil.



Any woman can be as beautiful outside as she is inside.



How beautiful is the guided life, trusting God day by day.

INTRODUCING DR. D. LEWIS WHITE



who is a consultant, general Sunday School administration unit, field services section, Sunday School department, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, will be the visiting director for Sunday School Enlargement Campaign, March 10-14.

A native of Louisiana, White is a bachelor of arts graduate of Louisiana College, Pineville, and received his master of theology and doctor of theology degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Before joining the staff of the Board's Sunday School department in June 1964, White was pastor for three years of Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Previously, he was pastor for four years of First Baptist Church in Natchez, Mississippi, and served as president of board of trustees of Jefferson Davis Memorial Hospital while there. He also served as member of the state executive board and of the executive committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

White was pastor of First Baptist Church, Denham Springs, Louisiana, for over seven years. He also held pastorates in Indiana and Kentucky and served as president of Louisianas district 7 convention.

Dr. White will lead us to study our Sunday School possibilities, organization, etc. We will use the study course book, **Reaching All Peoples for the Church** as a guidebook. We will meet each evening Monday-Thursday, March 10-14.



No man is truly educated who lacks a knowledge of the Bible.

THE LISTENING POST

COLLEGE NEWS!

Ruth (Sug) Stewart, a freshman at Auburn University has been initiated into Delta Delta Delta Sorority.

Melody Crane is now a Junior at the University of Florida. She has been attending a year and a half and is already a Junior!

SWORD DRILL REMINDER!

All Intermediates interested in working on the Sword Drill meet with Mr. and Mrs. Hearon in Intermediate 13 each Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m.

EASTER RETREAT

Don't forget that the deadline for paid reservations is March 10! The retreat will be at Camp Grandview, April 12-13. Don Cannada will be the camp personality. The assurance of the camp depends on the paid reservations. **Are Ye Able?** has been selected as the theme. Schedule of activities, unless otherwise notified, is as follows:

Friday

4:30 a.m.—Meet at church
5:00 a.m.—Depart
10:00 a.m.—Arrive
free time
12:00 p.m.—Lunch
1:00 p.m.—Free time
6:00 p.m.—Supper
7:30—Movie—**Without Onion**
8:45—Break
9:00—Buzz session on movie
10:30—Break
11:15-11:45—Meditation
12:00—Barbeque
1:30—Lights out!

Saturday

7:00—Rise 'n shine
7:30—Morning watch
8:00—Breakfast
9:00—Recreation
12:00—Lunch
1:30—Leave for Pensacola
5:30—Arrive Pensacola



BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

MEN'S LEAGUE

Monday, March 4

8:00 p.m.—Salvation Army vs. First Baptist

Thursday, March 7

8:00 p.m.—First Baptist vs. Pleasant Grove Baptist

SENIOR BOYS

Thursday, March 7

7:00 p.m.—First Baptist vs. Gadsden Street Methodist



Mrs. Lawren Meacham

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

Jane Lorainne

to

Mr. Joe Victor Thomas, Jr.

on Friday, the eighth of March
Nineteen hundred and sixty-eight
at half after seven o'clock in the evening

First Baptist Church
Pensacola, Florida

Reception
following ceremony
Fellowship Hall



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
HOME MISSIONS
MARCH 3 - 10**

THEME: "PRAY IN ONE ACCORD"

The W.M.S. will have Week of Prayer
programs Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and
Friday at 10:00 a.m. in Adult A, and at
7:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Listed below are topics for each day and
Circles in charge.

Monday—That His People May Receive
Power, Bernice Neel Circle

Tuesday—That His Message May be Pro-
claimed, Harvey Headrick Circle

Wednesday—That the Bruised May Be
Healed, Night Society

Thursday—That Our Land May Know Him,
Martha Haylock Circle

Friday—That He May Speak Through Us,
R. C. Moore Circle

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING
GOAL FOR OUR CHURCH IS . . .
\$3,000.00**



**IN
MEMORIAM**

MR. JAMES D. McCASKILL
2015 E. Lakeview Ave.

Joined our church by baptism
December 26, 1954

Deceased February 28, 1968

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Dianne Gunter and Mr. Robert D. Hogg upon their marriage February 23.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mrs. Lennie Bonham, Mrs. J. L. Mayo, Sr., Mrs. Raymond Williams, Miss Mary Albreast.

Sacred Heart:

Mrs. Lois Everett, Miss Dora Gifford, Mrs. Newman Davis.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mr. R. C. Keith, Rev. A. R. Steele, Mrs. Wayne Hunsucker, Miss Genevieve Averett, Mrs. W. G. Foxworth, Sr., Mrs. Ruth Cvitanic, Mrs. John Berry, Mrs. Edward L. McCrory, Mrs. James Driskell, Miss Ann Batson, Mrs. Ben Riddles, Mrs. Eva Reynalds, Mrs. H. W. Richburg, Mrs. Bonnie Martin, Mr. T. M. Andrews, Mr. Wayne Burkette, Mr. Byrd Sims.



LIBRARY NOTES

"When a book raises your spirit, and inspires you with noble and manly thoughts, seek for no other test to its excellence. — It is good, and made by a good workman." Bruyere.

"Shadows give definition, focus, and depth. When they are in their proper places, light is accentuated and images stand out in proper perspective. There are times in our lives when God works through shadows as well as sunshine." This is a quote from the book STRENGTH FROM SHADOWS by R. Earl Allen. This inspirational book meets the needs of those who find themselves faced with shadows of sorrow and tragedy and who are seeking strength in their faith. It gives help on daily, personal problems and private emotional reactions and helps us combat the "nothing like this ever happened to anyone else" attitude.



AWARENESS

God — let me be aware.
Stab my soul fiercely with others' pain,
Let me walk seeing horror and stain.
Let my hands, groping, find other hands.
Give me the heart that divines, understands.
Give me the courage, wounded, to fight,
Flood me with knowledge, drench me in light.
Please, keep me eager just to do my share.
God — let me be aware.



Attend Prayer Service Wednesday

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Our Missionary to Honduras

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

The Church in Study1167
Main Sunday School1146
Crippled Children's Home 21

The Church in Training 186
Additions to church membership 2
Baptized 2

Tithes and Offerings:
Budget\$5,676.32
Specials 1,717.15
Building Fund 20.00

TOTAL OFFERING\$7,413.47



NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:

86. Mr. Warren Tate, 224 W. DeSoto St.
From: Camden Baptist, Camden, Ala.
87. Mr. Richard M. Woodham,
110-A Lorena Avenue
From: First Baptist, Athens, Ga.

BAPTIZED:

Mr. David K. Robinson
Mr. Gary B. Williamson



DEACONS OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH

Mr. Robert D. Hinson
Mr. Tom A. Wash



SUNDAY, MARCH 3

- * 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
- 3:30 p.m.—Meeting of Library
Representatives in Library
- 4:00 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m.—Intermediate Sword Drill
Intermediate 13 Department
- 5:30 p.m.—Junior Sword Drill,
Junior 12 Department
- * 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages
Mr. Willard Vickery, Director
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor
- 8:30 p.m.—Senior High — College Get-To-
gether at the home of Gayle Sim-
mons, 3005 East Avery St., EPH

MONDAY, MARCH 4

- * 10:00 a.m.—Week of Prayer, Adult A Dept.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

- * 10:00 a.m.—W.M.S. General Meeting
- 7:30 p.m.—Pearl Gifford Circle will meet
with Mrs. C. C. McCurley,
1403 E. Brainerd St.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

- * 4:45 p.m.—Children's Choirs
Junior High R.A.'s and G.A.'s
- * 5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
- * 6:30 p.m.—Officers and Teachers Meeting
- * 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service
- * 8:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

- * 10:00 a.m.—Week of Prayer, Adult A Dept.
- 2:30 p.m.—Faithful Worker's Class Business
and Social Meeting at the home
of Mrs. L. D. Rushing,
1821 West Government Street
- 7:30 p.m.—Bykota Class will meet with
Mrs. C. I. Pinnell,
456 Dunwoody Drive, Cordova

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

- 10:00 a.m.—Week of Prayer—Adult A
- 1:00 p.m.—Martha Class meets at
Morrison's for lunch



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- SUN., March 3: "A New Covenant"
Hebrews 8:1-6. Key Verse 6b.
- MON., March 4: "An Eternal
Inheritance"
Hebrews 9:1-15. Key Verse 15.
- TUES., March 5: "Sealed With His Blood"
Hebrews 9:16-28. Key Verse 26b.
- WED., March 6: "Sanctified, Once For All"
Hebrews 10:1-10. Key Verse 10b.
- THURS., March 7: "Access Through Him"
Hebrews 10:11-25. Key Verse 22a.
- FRI., March 8: "A Spiritual Hall Of
Heroes"
Hebrews 11:1-40. Key Verse 39-40.
- SAT., March 9: "Examples To Follow"
Hebrews 12:1-14. Key Verse 1.