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DR. D. LEWIS WHITE

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN

Dr. D. Lewis White of the Baptist Sunday School Board will be our visiting director. Dr. White will be present on Sunday. He will bring the message at the Evening Worship hour, and will be leading us in our study during the week.

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Each evening Dr. White will lead us in studies of —

1. The church's possibilities.
2. The enlargement of the Sunday School organization.
3. Needed adjustment and provision of additional space.
4. Enlistment and training additional workers.
5. A program of intensified visitation.

We will be using the book "Reaching All Prospects For The Church" as our study book.

Our schedule is as follows:

Monday—7:00 to 8:30

Tuesday—7:00 to 8:30

Wednesday—6:30 to 8:00

Thursday—7:00 to 8:00

# Pastor's Paragraphs

## A PRAYER FOR RATTLESNAKES

Sunday was a good day in every way. The attendance was up. We had ten additions and the spirit was good — but you



know beloved, I strained my eyes looking for some of our folk!

Sometimes I wonder just what it would take to get some people to God's House. Perhaps the answer is "rattlesnakes":

"Once upon a time there was a family of wayward church members who had once been active, but had lost all interest and had fallen away. There was the father and three sons, Jim, John, Sam. The deacons had talked to them about their lost condition, the preacher had visited them, and many of the brethren had tried to get them to come back to church — but all this did not seem to do the least bit of good.

"One day when the boys were out in the pasture, a large rattlesnake bit John and he became very ill. The physician was called, and after an examination, he pronounced John to be in a very critical condition. Said he, 'About all you can do now is pray.' The father called the preacher, and told him of John's condition. He asked the preacher to pray for John's recovery and this was his prayer:

"O wise and righteous Father, we thank Thee, for Thou hast in Thy wisdom sent this rattlesnake to bite John, in order to bring him to his senses. He has not been inside the church for years and it is doubtful that he has in all that time felt the need for prayer. Now we trust that this will prove a valuable lesson to him, and that it will lead to genuine repentance.

"And now, O Father, wilt Thou send another snake to bite Sam, and another to bite Jim, and another BIG ONE to bite the old man. We have all been doing everything we know for years to restore them, but to no avail. It seems, therefore, that all our combined efforts could not do what this snake has done. We thus conclude that the only thing left that will do this family any good is rattlesnakes: so Lord, send us bigger and better rattlesnakes. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen."

I will see you Sunday — 1300 Bibles strong.

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*



**Attend Prayer Service Wednesday**

## SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

**"The Man Who Betrayed Him"**

(Matthew 26:36-56)

James L. Pleitz, Pastor, Preaching

7:15 P.M.

**Dr. D. Lewis White**

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Sylvia Lee Nelson and Mr. Elton D. Ammons, Jr. upon their marriage March 1.

### OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. A. R. Steele in the loss of her husband and Mrs. Herman Mixson in the loss of her father.

Mr. Jerry Kirksey in the loss of his mother.

Mrs. J. W. Wright in the loss of her mother.

### IN THE HOSPITAL:

#### Baptist:

Mr. Frank Gibbs, Mrs. Lennie Bonham, Mrs. George Markham, Jr., Mrs. Raymond Williams, Mrs. H. W. Richburg, Mrs. Mary Ann Edwards.

#### Escambia General:

Mrs. Mary E. Phillips.

### HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

John Burks, Mrs. Lois Everett, Mrs. J. L. Mayo, Sr., Miss Mary Albreast, Miss Dora Gifford, Mrs. Newman Davis.



## ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING

Annie Armstrong Offering helps provide much needed scholarships to dedicated negro young people who express a desire to enter church vocations.



# IN MEMORIAM

**REV. A. R. STEELE**

2700 N. Palafox St.

Joined our Church by letter  
November 16, 1958

Deceased February 28, 1968





Mr. and Mrs. Russell D. Stewart

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

Alida Patricia  
to

Mr. Keith Howell Clark

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

First Baptist Church  
Pensacola, Florida



### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., March 10: "Consecration  
Rewarded"

Daniel 1. Key Verse 19.

MON., March 11: "Faithfulness Under  
Difficulty"

Daniel 3:8-30. Key Verses 17-18.

TUES., March 12: "A Fearless Witness"

Daniel 6:1-23. Key Verse 10.

WED., March 13: "Help For The  
Persecuted"

Jeremiah 29:1-14. Key Verse 11.

THURS., March 14: "Trusting God's  
Promise"

Romans 4:16-25. Key Verse 20.

FRI., March 15: "Keep His Testimonies"

Psalms 119:1-8. Key Verse 2a.

SAT., March 16: "His Word In The Heart"

Psalms 119:9-16. Key Verse 11.



### ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING

—Your Annie Armstrong Offering will help  
provide assistance to churches and com-  
munities affected by disasters such as the  
one in Fairbanks, Alaska.



### LIBRARY NOTES

The Picnic Bear by Ruth and Latuole Car-  
roll will delight young readers, especially  
those who know how much fun a picnic  
can be.

Big Sister and Little Sister by Charlotte  
Zolstow gives young readers a book they  
will love, a haunting story about two  
sisters and what they came to learn from  
each other.



Last Sunday was our first "Sign-up" day  
for our attendance emphasis which begins  
March 17. We signed up more folk than  
ever before on a first "Sign-Up" day. This  
is good. People need to be challenged to  
be faithful in their attendance.

Every class and every department will  
want to do everything possible and next  
week to reach every member of our Sun-  
day School and give each one an op-  
portunity to sign an attendance pledge.



### SCHEDULE OF DR. D. LEWIS WHITE

Sunday, 6:00 p.m.—Meets with depart-  
ment superintendents

Sunday, 7:15 p.m.—Message at evening  
worship service

Monday, 7:00-8:30—Leads us in our En-  
largement Campaign

Tuesday, 7:00-8:30—Story of our Sunday  
School

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00

Thursday, 7:00-8:30

Every Sunday School worker and inter-  
ested Sunday School member is urged to  
be present each evening. We will be meet-  
ing in the dining room except on Wednes-  
day when we will be meeting in the sanc-  
tuary.

There are also some special confer-  
ences for children's workers as follows:

Monday, 9:00 a.m.—Primary Conference

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.—Beginner Conference

Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.—Nursery Confer-  
ence

Thursday, 9:00 a.m.—Cradle Roll

These will be meeting at Olive Baptist  
Church.



### BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Monday, March 11

8:00 p.m.—Men's Team vs.  
Richards Memorial



### CHURCH SOFTBALL TEAM

Men interested in playing on the church  
softball team (high school age or above)  
are urged to call Mr. Charles Baker,  
Chairman of our Athletics Committee:  
home phone 476-3781 — office phone 476-  
6123 or the church office (433-5631)

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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 Study .....1206  
Main Sunday School .....1182  
Crippled Children's Home ..... 24  
The Church in Training ..... 263  
Training Union ..... 192  
Weekday ..... 76  
Additions to church membership ..... 10  
Tithes and Offerings:  
Budget .....\$8,544.94  
Specials ..... 874.45  
Building Fund ..... 15.00  
TOTAL OFFERING .....\$9,434.39

## NEW MEMBERS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1968

BY LETTER:

88. Miss Mary F. Darnell, 1610 Fretz St.  
From: Plainview Baptist Church,  
Pensacola

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 1968

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:

15. Julie Ann Ashley, 612 Paulding Avenue

BY LETTER:

89. Mr. James M. Hales, Jr.,  
7101 McAdam Ct.  
From: Manahawkin Baptist Church,  
Manahawkin, N. J.  
90. Mrs. James M. Hales, Jr. (Mazie)  
91. Mr. Richard Grinstead, 4530 Havre Way  
From: First Baptist, Plant City, Fla.  
92. Mrs. Richard Grinstead (Linda)  
93. Mr. John E. Sutton, 3540 Bayou Blvd.  
From: First Baptist, Hattiesburg, Miss.  
94. Mrs. John E. Sutton (Mary)  
95. Craig Sutton  
96. Janis Sutton



SUNDAY, MARCH 10

\* 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  
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  
8:30 p.m.—City-wide Singing  
Warrington Baptist

MONDAY, MARCH 11

9:00 a.m.—Special Primary Conference—  
Olive Baptist  
7:00 p.m.—Sunday School Enlargement  
Campaign

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

9:00 a.m.—Special Beginner Conference—  
Olive Baptist  
10:00 a.m.—WMS Circles  
7:00 p.m.—Sunday School Enlargement  
Campaign

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

9:00 a.m.—Special Nursery Conference—  
Olive Baptist  
\* 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.—Sunday School Enlargement  
Campaign  
Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, YWA's  
Junior High Choir Rehearsal  
\* 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service  
\* 8:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

9:00 a.m.—Special Cradle Roll Conference—  
Olive Baptist  
7:00 p.m.—Sunday School Enlargement  
Campaign

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

6:30 p.m.—Adult B Banquet in  
Dining Room



## WMS CIRCLES

10:00 a.m.

—T. N. CALLAWAY will meet with Mrs.  
Charles Folmar, Route 4, Box 221C  
—VIRGINIA COBB will meet with Mrs. R.  
A. Edwards, 333 Silver Road  
—STANLEY DAVIS will meet with Mrs. S.  
L. Davis, 1503 East Jackson St  
—MARIHA HAYLOCK will meet with Mrs.  
Glenn Brantley, 8144 Ridgefield Road  
—DONALD LANGFORD will meet with Mrs.  
Raymond Steels, 3826 North 11th Avenue  
—DOTTSON MILLS will meet with Mrs. J.  
Nixon Daniel, Jr., 1261 Stow Avenue  
—R. C. MOORE will meet with Mrs. W. L.  
Patterson, 1901 East Hernandez Street  
—MAMIE LOU POSEY will meet with Mrs.  
R. D. Comstock, 1601 East Gonzalez Street  
—LAURA FRANCES SNOW will meet with  
Mrs. W. H. McRee, 4061 Bayou Boulevard  
—BERNICE NEEL will meet with Mrs. R. A.  
Sansing, 3507 Firestone Boulevard

2:30 p.m.

—HARVEY HEDRICK will meet with Mrs.  
J. T. Warthen, 2800 Blackshear

7:30 p.m.

—VIRGINIA ATNIP will meet with Mrs. H.  
G. Hamrick, Jr., 975 Coronado Drive,  
Gulf Breeze