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THE NEW CHALLENGE

Our fathers to their graves have gone;
Their strife is past, their triumph won;
But sterner trials await the race
Which rises in their honored place—
A moral warfare with the crime
And folly of an evil time.
So let it be. In God's own might
We gird us for the coming fight,
And strong in Him Whose cause is ours,
In conflict with unholy powers,
We grasp the weapons He has given—
The light and truth and love of Heaven.

—John Greenleaf Whittier, 1807-1892

SUNDAY'S PREACHER



Our guest preacher for both services Sunday will be Reverend Bill Hickem, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Panama City.

Hickem is a native of Royalton, Illinois; a graduate of Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas and of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

He served as pastor in Bentonville and Crossett, Arkansas prior to coming to Panama City.

Throughout his ministry in Arkansas, Hickem was active in the work of the denomination. He is currently serving on the Study Committee of the Florida Baptist Convention.

Also, he is a chaplain, with the rank of Major, in the U. S. Army Reserve, and presently serves as Assistant Religious Affairs Officer of the 361st Civil Affairs Unit. His unit is on active duty at the University of West Florida.

We are happy to have him in our church on Sunday.



LIBRARY NOTES

The Israel I Love by Noel Coly has 188 photographs, 12 in full color, of the country Israel, a land so narrow that a man can walk across it in an hour and a half at some places. As for its length, it is less than 300 miles, approximately that between New York and Pittsburgh. It has a Jewish population smaller than that of the Jews in New York alone.

Our pastor and some of our members are there now, but the rest of us may enjoy a tour via this beautiful book and gain a great deal of information and inspiration.

POPE SHANK CLASS

ADULT "B"

will have an

"ICE CREAM TURN"

Saturday, July 20

6:00 p.m.

at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Moore
735 Alpine Drive

(Bring the children too)

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mr. Lewis Mack, Mr. A. Bolen Lane.

Sacred Heart:

Mrs. Bessie Parks.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Billy Durrett, Mrs. John May, Mrs. George Youngblood, Barry Coker, Mrs. Lillie Kendrick.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Frances Cox in the loss of a brother.
Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Hammons in the loss of their son, Howard.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Joan Henson and Mr. Theodore Gene Nielsen upon their marriage July 12 in Itta Bena, Mississippi.



THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of

MISS MICHA DRICHELE LUKER
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. R. Eugene Luker
born June 25.



ATTENTION PARENTS OF NURSERY CHILDREN

In a program of getting acquainted, pictures have been taken of almost every child in our Nursery Departments. Parents may want to stop at the departments and see these next Sunday and may order prints of these pictures if desired.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of
Mrs. Dorothy Moore
and are given by
her family.

MY CODE AS A CHRISTIAN

To live each day as if I were to meet my Maker at sundown.

To be absolutely honest in all things and with all people, especially myself.

To be fanatic in my unceasing search for truth. To be straightforward, so simply truthful, that my slightest word will carry weight.

To consider my self last and least, when making plans, judgments, and decisions. To strive to be absolutely unselfish in thought and action, for in the universal scheme of things selfishness has no place.

To be unwaveringly loyal to high principles. To adhere to the right, even if it means the loss of friends.

To remember always that, as between right and wrong, there can be no compromise, but that as between my desires and those of others, compromise is a fine thing.

To try to see the good in everyone no matter how unprepossessing.

To be humble, compassionate, kind, understanding, generous, earnest, forgiving, pure in heart, judging no one, and with a hunger for righteousness.

To give myself, to the limit of my strength and ability, to the service of others.

To shun, like the plague, all form of pettiness, gossip, thoughts of revenge, and boastfulness. To look for opportunities to do favors for those who do not like me. To speak only good of a person or to speak not at all.

To keep the right perspective in life by realizing that all material things are of value as they build spiritual values. Faith, hope and love are all that are lasting.

To spend some time each day in strengthening my spiritual muscles, by probing my soul in search of its unsuspected capacities, its reservoirs of strength and inspiration and in listening for God's message.

To have absolute faith in the goodness and justice of God. To have the spiritual certainty that for the faithful follower of God everything is eternally all right.

This is my code and the time to LIVE it is NOW.

—Selected



Wisdom consists in knowing what to do with what you have.



Each fight furnishes sufficient bitterness to make certain another and more vicious fight.

OUR RADIO MINISTRY

It lasts for less than 20 seconds, but what an excellent beginning for the day.

Every Sunday at 7:30 a.m., our Radio Broadcast on WCOA begins with the choir singing.

"This is the day the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in it."

Of course, the other portions of the service speak to my heart, but this bit of music sets the pace for the day. There's a real message in these 19 seconds.

Why don't you listen next Sunday? Tell your friends about the broadcast. Sunday's message will be a sermon of our pastor entitled "Please Preach It Again."



A Listening Reminder

"Thought For The Day"

7:30 A.M.

Monday - Saturday

WCOA

1370 on the Dial



WATER SAFETY

The Deacons of the church have asked that we remind all groups from our church organizations that necessary precautions must be taken when swimming as a part of that group's activities.

There must be a qualified life guard present at any time that a group is taken on a swimming trip.

When groups are taken to swim in the Gulf, this must be in the areas where the SRIA life guards are on duty.

When groups are taken to any other areas where there is not a life guard provided, the group must be sure that a person qualified in water safety is present. The church office has a list of such persons and will offer opportunities for training. The church will provide suggestions for the approved life-guards and it is strongly emphasized that everyone participating in the water sports must cooperate with this person. This person, of course, must be willing to forego personal participation in the activities in order to give undivided attention to the responsibility of the group.



Sooner or later youth may have to learn that the world will not pay him, as his parents did, for taking his medicine.

VBS and TABS
August 5-9

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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

The Church in Study	1032
Main Sunday School	1019
Crippled Children's Home	13
The Church in Training	197
Additions to church membership	6
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$4,914.23
Specials	236.80
TOTAL OFFERING	\$5,151.03



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., July 21: "Yea And Amen"
II Corinthians 1:1-7, 18-22. Key Verse 20.

MON., July 22: "Living Epistles"
II Corinthians 3:3-18. Key Verse 3.

TUES., July 23: "Unwearying Service"
II Corinthians 4. Key Verse 16.

WED., July 24: "Triumphant Service"
II Corinthians 5:1-10. Key Verse 9.

THURS., July 25: "Christ's Ambassadors"
II Corinthians 5:11-21. Key Verse 20.

FRI., July 26: "Faithful Service"
II Corinthians 6:1-10. Key Verse 4.

SAT., July 27: "Separated Unto God"
II Corinthians 6:11-18. Key Verses 17-18.



Attend Prayer Service Wednesday



SUNDAY, JULY 21

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
Mr. A. H. Arnold, Supt.
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service,
Rev. B. G. Hickem, Preaching
- 2:30 p.m.—Associational YWA Meeting at
Ensley First Baptist Church
- 4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- * 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages
Mr. Willard Vickery, Director
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship Service,
Rev. B. G. Hickem, Preaching

TUESDAY, JULY 23

- 10:00 a.m.—Senior Adult Fellowship
- 12:00 noon—Covered Dish Luncheon
- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts meet in "The Cellar"

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

- * 4:45 p.m.—Junior High G.A.'s and R.A.'s
- * 5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
- * 6:30 p.m.—Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s and
Y.W.A.'s
- * 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service
- * 8:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JULY 25

- 9:30 a.m.—Associational WMU Meeting at
Bellview Baptist Church
- 7:00 p.m.—Associational Fed. of Night
Circles at Warrington Baptist
Church

FRIDAY, JULY 26

BROTHERHOOD ENCAPMENT
West Florida Assembly



NEW MEMBERS

FOR BAPTISM FROM OTHER
DENOMINATION:

62. Mrs. Ronald B. Bobo (Judith),
4805 N. 9th Ave., Apt. 14

BY LETTER:

- 187. Ensign Ronald B. Bobo,
4805 N. 9th Avenue.
From: First Baptist, Charlotte, N. C.
- 188. Lt. (jg) Malvin L. (Mel) Bray,
932 Montclair Road
From: Donelson First Baptist,
Nashville, Tenn.
- 189. Mrs. Malvin L. Bray (Carole)
- 190. Mr. David L. Somerville, 6525 N. Palafox
From: Big Coppitt Chapel,
Key West, Fla.
- 191. Mrs. David L. Somerville (Judy)



SENIOR ADULTS TO HAVE BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE

Our Senior Adult Fellowship group is
one year old, having had its first meeting
a year ago. They will observe the birthday
of the group with a gala birthday celebra-
tion next Tuesday, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Those who have not been attending are
invited to come to this special celebration.

Everyone attending is asked to bring a
covered dish.