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PASTOR



All
of You
better
be here!

ROUND-UP
DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th

Pastor's Paragraphs

I DARE YOU

I DARE YOU — to read this and ask.
"Lord, is it I?" Matthew 26:22

In the January, '63, issue of "Review and Expositor," Howard E. Butt, Jr., penned these words:



"One of American Christianity's most serious evils may be the sin of 'sermon listening.' We hear but we do not act. Doers of the word and not hearers only are living sermons daily. The intended church is a vibrant, redeeming community of compassion, mission, service, witness, love and worship. It is not a fraternity of fans of the faith.

"Professional spectators almost always turn out to be professional critics. The perennial occupant of the baseball bleachers is the expert who knows when to kill the umpire. The professional observer of government who never becomes personally involved is the cynic who informs us learnedly that all politicians are crooks anyway.

"Spectator Christianity ultimately becomes critical and contemptuous, cold, cynical, sterile and unproductive. It observes and criticizes others, but never gets committed into life with Jesus Christ. It therefore, is not Christian even though it sits in church or works in religious activity.

"Bryan Green said, 'Your American churches are crowded with people today but there is no biblical or spiritual depth among your laymen. Religion is largely a sentimental Sunday affair which does not radically influence daily life. If something doesn't change, fifty years from now your churches will be empty as ours are today.'"

I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Plettz



MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The Flowers in the Sanctuary This Sunday are in Memory of

DUDLEY McCREARY

And Are Given By His Family

CRUSADE OF THE AMERICAS RALLY

On Friday, September 13, there will be a Crusade of the Americas Rally at the Central Baptist Church, 2311 N. 12th Avenue.

The afternoon session begins at 2:00 p.m. Appearing on the afternoon program will be Dr. Charles Treadway, Dr. Paul Meigs of Jacksonville, and Rev. Jack Stanton from the Home Mission Board.

The Evening Session, beginning at 7:00 p.m., will feature a message by Dr. Harper Shannon, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama.



BAPTIST HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS

Interviews for Red Cross volunteers at Baptist Hospital will be held September 9, 10, 11, from 9:00 a.m., to 12:00 noon, in the Heritage Room at Baptist Hospital.



LIBRARY NOTES

"Elsa and Her Cubs" by Joy Adamson is one of the most extraordinary wild animal stories ever told. Brought up from the time she was a tiny cub as a member of their household by Joy and George Adamson, Elsa was completely free to come and go in the African bush that was her natural home.

Elsa later had three cubs of her own and she brought them to the Adamsons' camp to introduce them.

This is a book of remarkable photographs and the story will serve as a fascinating introduction for young readers to the African bush and, most of all, to the relationship of affection and trust that is possible between mankind and animals of the wild.



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP SUNDAY

SERMON TOPICS

The Pastor Will Be Preaching at Both Services Sunday

Sunday are in memory of Speaking On

"Wishing for a Witch"
(1 Samuel 28:7ff.)

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ARE FOR YOU, TOO!

- 4:45 p.m.—Beginner, Primary, Junior Choirs
Junior High G.A.'s
5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Supper
6:30 p.m.—Junior High Choir
Sunbeams
R.A.'s and G.A.'s
Y.W.A.'s
Sunday School Officers and Teachers' Meetings
Special Study Group for Adults
7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service
8:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THERE IS A CHOIR FOR YOU!!

CHOIR	AGE	DIRECTOR	Rehearsal Room	Time
Beginner 4	4 yrs.	Mrs. H. T. Lenz	Beginner 4B	4:45 Wed.
Beginner 5	5 yrs.	Miss Linda Register	Beginner 5B	4:45 Wed.
Primary 6	1st Grade	Mrs. William Thompson	Primary 6B	4:45 Wed.
Primary 7	2nd Grade	Mrs. Clifford Lenz	Primary 7B	4:45 Wed.
Primary 8	3rd Grade	Mrs. Wyatt Shows	Primary 8B	4:45 Wed.
Junior	Grades 4, 5, 6	Paul Royal	Music Room	4:45 Wed.
Junior High	Grades 7, 8, 9	Paul Royal	Music Room	6:30 Wed.
Youth	High School and College	Paul Royal	Music Room	4:30 Sun.
Church	18 or over	Paul Royal	Music Room	8:00 Wed.

The Beginner, Primary and Junior Choirs will all have the first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 11

If you are interested in joining the Junior High, Youth or Church Choirs, Please contact Mr. Royal.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Roger R. Yonker, Jr., upon the birth of a daughter, Jeanie Shea born September 3. Mr. and Mrs. Roger R. Yonker, Sr., are the paternal grandparents.

Mr. John Blackmon and Miss Virginia Andrews upon their marriage August 31 in Birmingham, Alabama.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Miss Elizabeth Niles in the loss of a sister.

Mrs. Lottie Bowman in the loss of a sister.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist — Miss Gertrude Bazzell, Mrs. James Brown, Mrs. Joe Pace

Sacred Heart — Mr. Cecil Butler, Mr. Elbert Buchanan, Luciano Suarez, Jr.



Remember our members in service



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

On Wednesday Nights our Wednesday Evening Program brings many family groups for Choirs, for Supper, and for the various meetings following supper.

There are adults and young people who do not have specific responsibilities during the period between supper and prayer service.

It will be our plan to have various studies and features during this period. For the next three Wednesdays we are having a series of films on "Old Testament Leaders." The films are as follows:

Wednesday, September 11 — Daniel

Wednesday, September 18 — Nehemiah

Wednesday, September 25 — Moses and the Mountain of Fire.

This group will be meeting in the Married Young People's Department. The easiest way to get there is to go through the Library.



ATTEND TRAINING UNION TONIGHT

In the Adult Department of our Training Union tonight a film entitled "The Republic of Apathy" will be shown. Following the film, there will be group discussions around the theme "The Responsibilities of Christian Citizenship."

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

The Church in Study.....	1067
Main Sunday School.....	1057
Crippled Children's Home.....	10
The Church in Training.....	205
Training Union.....	162
Week Day Activity.....	43
Additions to Church Membership.....	8
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$7,063.34
Specials	172.00
Building Fund	5.00
TOTAL OFFERING	\$7,240.34

NEW MEMBERS

217. Mr. Lanny Langford, 5710 Flaxman, No.5
 From: Main Street Baptist,
 Grand Saline, Texas
218. Mrs. Lanny (Delores) Langford
219. Mr. Gilbert R. Galyon, 3865 Tom Lane Dr.
 From: Smithwood Baptist,
 Knoxville, Tennessee
220. Mrs. Gilbert R. (Barbara Kaye) Galyon
221. Dr. John Semones, 224 N. Madison Drive
 From: First Baptist, Radford, Virginia
222. Mrs. John (Mary Ann) Semones
 From: Calvary Baptist, Radford, Virginia
223. Miss Pearl Gifford, 804 Royce St., Apt. 143
 From: Eighth Avenue Baptist,
 Pensacola, Florida
224. Mr. Rodney G. Ward, BOQ 3246, NAS
 From: First Baptist Church,
 Lubbock, Texas

WMS CIRCLES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- T. N. CALLAWAY will meet with Mrs. Billy Renfro 721 Gentian Drive
- VIRGINIA COBB will meet with Mrs. Judson Gillespie, 1815 Escambia Avenue
- STANLEY DAVIS will meet in "The Cellar" at the Church. Covered Dish Luncheon
- MARTHA HAYLOCK will meet with Mrs. Paul Caro, 2020 E. Maxwell Street
- DONALD LANGFORD will meet with Mrs. Lewis Steele, 7220 W. Penton Drive
- DOTTSON MILLS will meet with Mrs. Jack



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
 Mr. A. H. Arnold, Supt.
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor
- * 4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- * 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages
 Mr. F. Willard Vickery, Director
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor
- 8:45 p.m.—City-Wide Singing at
 Myrtle Grove Baptist Church,
 Corner Lillian Hwy. and 61st Ave.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 7:30 p.m.—Deacons' Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 10:00 a.m.—WMS Circles
- 10:00 a.m.—Stanley Davis Circle meets
 in "The Cellar"
- 6:30 p.m.—Pearl Gifford Circle meets at
 Home of Mrs. A. R. W. Stoesen,
 1919 W. Mallory. Covered Dish
 Supper
- 7:00 p.m.—Jewell Garrett Circle meets in
 Fellowship Hall for Mission Study

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 2:00 p.m.—Crusade of Americas Rally
 Central Baptist Church
- 7:00 p.m.—Crusade of Americas Rally



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- SUN., SEPT. 8: "The Personal Worker"
 John 4:7-26. Key Verse 10.
- MON., SEPT. 9: "The Great Physician"
 John 5:1-18. Key Verse 8.
- TUES., SEPT. 10: "The Bread of Life"
 John 6:26-35. Key Verse 35.
- WED., SEPT. 11: "The Water of Life"
 John 7:28-39. Key Verse 37.
- THURS., SEPT. 12: "The Defense of the
 Helpless"
 John 8:3-11. Key Verse 11.
- FRI., SEPT. 13: "The Light of the World"
 John 9:1-11, 24-38. Key Verse 5.
- SAT., SEPT. 14: "The Good Shepherd"
 John 10:1-15. Key Verse 11.

- Baldwin, 2990 Blackshear Avenue
- R. C. MOORE will meet with Mrs. James Nelson, 680 Copley Drive
- BERNICE NEEL will meet with Mrs. G. C. Odom, 3950 Bayou Boulevard
- MAMIE LOU POSEY will meet with Mrs. C. A. Fields, 4185 Iris Court. Mrs. A. T. England, Co-Hostess
- LAURA FRANCES SNOW will meet with Mrs. Robert Hinson, 2261 Pineneedle Circle
- 3:00 P.M.—
- HARVEY HEADRICK will meet with Mrs. M. A. Farmer, 730 W. Jordan Street