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A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION WORTH MAKING AND KEEPING

"I will, like Paul, FORGET those things which are behind and press forward; like David, LIFT up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help; like Abraham, TRUST implicitly in my God; like Enoch, WALK in daily fellowship with my heavenly Father; like Jehoshaphat, PREPARE my heart to seek God; like Moses, CHOOSE rather to suffer than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; like Daniel, COMMUNE with my God at all times; like Job, be PATIENT under all circumstances; like Caleb and Joshua, REFUSE to be discouraged because of superior numbers; like Joseph, TURN my back to all seductive advances; like Gideon, ADVANCE even though my friends be few; like Aaron and Hur, UPHOLD the hands of my spiritual leaders; like Isaiah, CONSECRATE myself to do God's work; like Andrew, STRIVE to lead my brother into a closer walk with Christ; like John, LEAN upon the bosom of the Master and imbibe of His Spirit; like Stephen, MANIFEST a forgiving spirit toward all who seek my hurt; like the heavenly host, PROCLAIM the message of peace and good-will toward all men; and like my Lord Himself, OVERCOME all earthly allurements by refusing to succumb to their enticements.

"Realizing I cannot achieve these objectives by myself, I will rely upon Christ, for I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

★★★ HAPPY NEW YEAR ★★★

Pastor's paragraphs

A GIFT

"Into each of your hands was placed on January 1st, a priceless gift. Let us look at it closely. There is no price mark stamped on it. It cannot be weighed because no scale can balance its value. A King's ransom in comparison is as nothing - yet it is given to beggar and prince alike. The giver asks only that it be used wisely and well.



"This jewel, rare and unique, is not displayed in any shop window. It cannot be purchased, cannot be sold. No other treasure holds the possibilities this gift offers — none can surpass its golden splendor. Of all gifts this is the most precious, from the depths of a boundless love it is given. It will be left to you to find the golden thread running through it. Only with great care will the jewel retain its luster. Carelessness, ingratitude and selfishness will tarnish the brilliancy, break the unspoiled thread, mar the perfection.

"Let us guard it closely, lest through weak fingers, it slip from the hand. Look often at its faultless beauty. Accept it as it is offered from the heart of the giver. Consider it the most treasured of possessions, for of all gifts, it is by far the greatest. It is the gift of the New Year!"

Sunday will be the very first Sunday in the year 1969. I want to start the year with God — don't you?

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"1969—THE YEAR OF CONQUEST"
(Matthew 5:1-16)

7:15 P.M.

"WHEN POVERTY
IS A BLESSING"
(Matthew 5:1-3)

"INVITATION TO BIBLE STUDY"

The above is the title of a new leaflet by our Baptist Sunday School Board. This leaflet seeks to describe what is in store for those who attend Sunday School in our adult division beginning next Sunday.

The general theme for the quarter is "The World Mission of our Church." During the three months we will look at the basis of missions in the Old Testament, then we will see the development of the missionary enterprise in the New Testament, and then we shall close by a consideration of the projection of missions in our world today. Why don't you plan now to be a part of this kind of Bible Study? Consider this your "Invitation To Bible Study."

DR. GREEN RETURNS



DR. J. LEO GREEN

Dr. J. Leo Green, pastor of our church 1947-48, will be the guest teacher for our January Bible Conference. Dr. Green now serves as Professor of New Testament Interpretation at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina. He will be leading us in a study of "The Gospel of Isaiah" beginning Sunday night, January 19th.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Linda Carol Denton and Mr. William Robert Griffin upon their marriage December 28.

Miss Patricia Susan Jernigan and Mr. Charles Henry Overman, III upon their marriage December 28.

Mr. William Franklin Belford and Miss Sharon Lynn Blalock upon their marriage December 28.

SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Johnson in the loss of a daughter

Mrs. Ernest Gentry in the loss of her mother

Mr. W. E. Wilson, Sr. in the loss of a sister

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist—Dr. W. H. Coker, Jr., Mr. M. A. Farmer

Sacred Heart—Mrs. Jane Jernigan

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mr. Shelby Sanders, Mrs. Frances Schlevoight, Mrs. A. C. Newberry, Mr. James T. Warthen, Mrs. John Ledford, Mrs. Boyd Reeder, Mr. Elbert W. Hopkins, Sr., Mrs. J. E. Kelly, Mrs. John Ingram, Mrs. Mamie Peake (Transferred Hill Haven Convalescent Center)

NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:

55. Mr. L. B. Minton, Jr., 3955 San Gabriel Drive. From: First Baptist Gadsden, Ala.

56. Mrs. L. B. Minton, Jr.

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:

8. Mr. Stanley K. Minton, 3955 San Gabriel Drive

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. L. W. Bell

2025 East Hatton

Joined our church by letter
March 3, 1946

Deceased December 25, 1968

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Mrs. Roger McDonald

112 West Madison

Joined our church by baptism
March 29, 1953

Deceased December 28, 1968

WMS DAY SOCIETY MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1969

10:00 a.m.—Business

10:30 a.m.—Program: "First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., Training and Nurturing for Missions."

11:15 a.m.—Bible Study

11:55 a.m.—Calendar of Prayer

12:00 Noon—Lunch Together
(Mary Saunders Group, Serving)

ATTENTION PLEASE!

If you, your class, or your organization has an announcement which needs to be run in The Builder, please turn it in, preferably in writing, no later than 9:00 a.m. Monday. The Builder comes out each Thursday and includes the schedule for the following week. This means that you will have to be two weeks ahead to assure getting it in.

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

FOR JANUARY

Mr. Aubrey Gomillion

Mr. H. Wyatt Shows

FACTS ABOUT THE DEAF

1. Very few are illiterate.
2. They do not want sympathy, they want and need friends.
3. They marry, maintain homes, have families.
4. They succeed in business.
5. Their physical handicap is greater social, educational and mental.
6. They drive a car.
7. There are laws to protect their rights.
8. Their greatest need is Spiritual.

Join the sign language class Sunday nights at 6:00 in the room for the Silent Class. Learn to "speak" their language with your hands. Classes begin Sunday, January 5, 1969. Mrs. Thomas J. Smith, teacher.

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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	904
Main Sunday School	891
Crippled Children's Home	13
The Church in Training	159
Additions to Church Membership	3
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	7,561.20
Specials	829.52
Building Fund	10.00
TOTAL OFFERING	\$8,400.72

ENVELOPES MAILED

Individual envelopes for 1969 have
been mailed. You will need to begin
using these on next Sunday. You will
want to throw away any left over from
last year and use your new ones.

Many of us made increased pledges
in our giving for 1969. You will want
to remember this as you bring your
offering next Sunday.

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

- * 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
- 5:30 p.m.—Junior Sword Drill—Junior
12 Department
- * 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all
ages. Mr. F. Willard Vickery, Director
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor
- 8:30 p.m.—Sr. High-College Get-Together
at the home of Miss
Helen May, 800 Scenic
Hwy.—Apt. 1

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

- 7:30 p.m.—TACLO Meeting at Hgts.
Baptist Church
- 7:30 p.m.—Night Society Mission
Round Table will meet at
the home of Mrs. H. G.
Hamrick, 975 Coronado,
Gulf Breeze

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

- * 10:00 a.m.—WMS General Meeting
- 12:30 p.m.—Dottson Mills Group will
meet
- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts—“The Cellar”

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., Jan. 5:	“Faith Counted For Righteousness” Genesis 15:1-6. Key Verse 6.
MON., Jan. 6:	“Seemingly Impossible Promises” Genesis 17:1-5, 15-22. Key Verse 5.
TUES., Jan. 7:	“Not Too Hard For The Lord” Genesis 18:1-14. Key Verse 14.
WED., Jan. 8:	“God Faithful And Com- passionate” Genesis 21:9-21. Key Verse 17.
THURS., Jan. 9:	“God Provides The Sacrifice” Genesis: 22:1-14 Key Verse 13.
FRI., Jan. 10:	“God Reveals Himself” Genesis 28:10-22. Key Verse 16.
SAT., Jan. 11:	“How To Pray” Matthew 6:5-15. Key Verse 6.