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I Have Too Much Else To Do

Time and energy are like money — if spent for one thing they cannot at the same time be spent for something else. It gets back to the question of discrimination. All of us could easily spend all our time and energy in self-pleasing. When we become Christians we said “No” to self and “Yes” to Church. We committed ourselves to seek first the kingdom of God. We accepted a place in the church. All this we did voluntarily. Perhaps in childhood and youth we gave first place to Christ and the Church, but somehow interests and duties have multiplied until now we give only the leftovers to the Lord and His work. Perhaps we are inclined to say. “I’ve done my share—now I want to take it easier. I can’t obligate myself to go to church Sunday nights.”

Whose day is Sunday, anyhow? In the New Testament we read that it is “The Lord’s Day.” Why not keep it for Him and the things of the soul? May we not agree that this excuse of having too much else to do is for the Christian just a cobwebby room that needs sweeping?

—Gaines S. Dobbins

Pastor's paragraphs

FEAR AND FAILURE

Many worthwhile actions never materialize out of the dream stage because of a fear of failure.



If you are in that company of the timid, why not take a look around, then walk off and leave that crowd. Do something worthwhile. Fail a few times if you must. At least try.

Harold Heifer in the Kiwanis Magazine cites the classic example of Babe Ruth.

He struckout 1330 times, a record in futility unapproached by any other player in the history of baseball. But that isn't what we remember about Babe Ruth. His 714 home runs obliterated the 1330 strikeouts.

Cy Young, perhaps the best pitcher of all time, accumulated 511 victories, a mark that never has been threatened. But what is generally forgotten is that Young actually lost almost as many games as he won.

One of the failingest men who ever lived was always trying experiments that were unsuccessful. Yet we never think of Thomas Edison as a failure.

During the French and Indian War, at Fort Necessity, a young American officer capitulated to the enemy. But we never think of George Washington as the man who surrendered to the French.

People would feel a lot less sensitive about failure if they remembered it just doesn't matter, except as a guidepost for one's self. Success is a bright sun that obscures and makes ridiculously unimportant all the little shadowy flecks of failure.

Why not get busy now at something truly worthwhile for our Lord.

I am looking forward to seeing you Sunday -- 1200 Bibles strong.

Faithfully your pastor,
James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Who Said God Answers Prayer?"
(Matthew 7:7-11)

7:15 P.M.

"The Peacemakers"
(Matthew 5:9)

CHURCH VOTES TO ESTABLISH WILLIE B. KENDRICK FUND

Several years ago the church received a house in the Will of Miss Willie Kendrick. The house was later sold and the income has been held by the church since that time awaiting an appropriate usage. The church voted to turn this amount (\$6,500) over to the Baptist Hospital to be kept intact as "The Willie B. Kendrick Memorial Fund" with the income to be used to provide convalescent care for aged and infirm men. The recommendation approved by the church requires the hospital to make an annual report to the church on the use of this fund.

SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The regular monthly meeting of our Senior Adult Fellowship will be next Tuesday, February 25. This will be a "President's Party."

VISITATION DAY

Thursday, February 27, is our monthly visitation day. Last month we had a splendid response from some groups. This month we are looking for at least two persons from each department and from each adult class.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00 p.m.—Men's Team, YMCA.

First Baptist vs. Gadsden Street Methodist

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00 p.m.—Senior Boys, YMCA

First Baptist vs. Gadsden Street Methodist

*Mr. and Mrs. Robert Terrell Baston
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Joan Carol
to*

*Mr. Gordon Dwight Mattoon
on Saturday evening, the first of March
One thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine
at eight o'clock
First Baptist Church
Pensacola, Florida*

*Reception
immediately following the ceremony
at the church*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Alan (Sharon Holladay) Streetman in the birth of a son, Scott Alan, born February 16 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. George Holladay are the maternal grandparents.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. L. L. Hanks in the loss of a sister.

Mrs. Herbert Dukes in the loss of her father.

Mrs. W. L. Henson in the loss of her husband.

Mrs. Norman T. Boykin in the loss of her husband.

Mr. Joseph F. Boykin, Sr. in the loss of a brother.

Mrs. U. E. Jutila and Mrs. Bennie Swain in the loss of a brother.

Mrs. J. L. Mayo in the loss of her husband.

Dr. Wallace Mayo in the loss of his father.

Mrs. Rosa Pritchett in the loss of a brother.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mrs. W. G. Foxworth, Sr.

Sacred Heart

Mr. James F. Taylor

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Cal Clevenger, Mrs. James Hankins, Jr., John Cobb, Mr. Byron Lane, Mrs. C. W. Shofner, Mrs. Walter Armistead, Mrs. Millie Alf. Mrs. Ernie Priest, Mrs. Blossom Artrip.

HILL HAVEN:

Miss Kate Coley

ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD TWELFTH BIRTHDAY

On February 25, 1958 the Associational Brotherhood held its first supper-type meeting at the Ensley Church. Dr. James Monroe, then pastor of Warrington Baptist Church, was the speaker. On Monday, February 24th the twelfth anniversary of this meeting will be held with Dr. Monroe, presently pastor at Fort Walton Beach, bringing the message. Tickets are available from: Milton Richardson; Tom Wash; Marvin Lee; Henry Sellers; Gerald Garrett; Charlie Overman; or Mr. Bizzell.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Norman T. Boykin

9 Mindoro Circle

Joined our church by baptism Dec. 3, 1961.

Deceased February 15, 1969.

Mr. J. Lawrence Mayo, Sr.

1500 E. Lee

Joined our church by baptism July 11, 1948.

Deceased February 17, 1969

The LisTEENing Post

Already the reservations are being made for the Glorieta trip. Don't let the time pass for you. The sooner we can know for sure how many are going and who they are, the sooner we can make the necessary arrangements en route and secure the counselors we shall need.

Easter Retreat dates have been put on the calendar and the possibility of combining beautification project, recreation and fun in afternoon, and dialogue discussion in the evening, have been considered. Final and definite plans will be completed by the new Youth Steering Council at their next meeting, but hold April 4-5 open.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO TOMMY

McVOY, JR. who won a trophy for leading scorer in the civic league in basketball. This is not Tommy's first win. He has several other trophies for outstanding performance as an athlete.

WHEN I WOULD PULL MY HAIR

If I were a department superintendent, I would go completely wild:

1. If the teachers did not care enough about their classes to contact them all once a month and their absentees every week.

2. If one of the teachers neglected to call me about a necessary absence, forcing me to take the hearts out of a fine class with "no teacher this morning."

3. If, after I taught punctuality, the teachers came dragging in late.

4. If, after I slaved over progressive plans for our department, the teachers would not even come to teachers' meeting to hear them.

5. If workers only come to one teachers' meeting and then said, "They never have anything for me."

6. If the teachers would kill all my plans by ignoring them completely.

7. If one of the workers was always critical of the program and yet never studied enough to know what was right and never had a workable solution to offer in its place.

8. If one of the workers expressed disapproval of the way things were done but refused to do it himself.

Yes, I would probably tear my hair, if I were a department superintendent.

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

The Church In Study	1123
Main Sunday School	1102
Crippled Children's Home	21
The Church In Training	187
Additions to church membership	5
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	5759.54
Specials	459.84
Building Fund	25.00
TOTAL OFFERING	6,244.38

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN. Feb. 23: "The Lord Knows Us"	
2 Samuel 7:8-18. Key Verse 18.	
MON., Feb. 24: "Lord, Give Me Wisdom"	
I Kings 3:5-15. Key Verse 9.	
TUES., Feb. 25: "Will God Dwell With Man?"	
I Kings 8:22-30. Key Verse 27.	
WED., Feb. 26: "God Provides For His Own"	
I Kings 17:8-22. Key Verse 14.	
THURS., Feb. 27: "Halting Between Two Opinions"	
I Kings 18:17-21. Key Verse 21.	
FRI. Feb. 28: "The Still Small Voice"	
I Kings 19:1-12. Key Verse 12.	
SAT., Mar. 1: "Lost And Found"	
Luke 15:1-10. Key Verse 4.	

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
Mr. A. H. Arnold, Supt.
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor
4:00 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:30 p.m.—Junior Sword Drill
- * 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages
Mr. F. Willard Vickery, Dir.
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 6:45 p.m.—Associational Brotherhood meeting at Olive Baptist

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- * 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
Junior High Choir Rehearsal
Officer's and Teacher's Meetings
- * 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service
- * 8:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- * 9:30 a.m.—Assemble for Visitation
- * 12:00 noon—Visitation Luncheon
- 6:00 p.m.—Visitation Supper

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 -

BY LETTER:

- 88. Mrs. Charles Wamble (Naomi), 1610 N. Spring
From: Immanuel Baptist,
Panama City, Fla.
- 89. Douglas Wamble

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16-

FOR BAPTISM FROM OTHER DENOMINATION:

- 21. Mrs. Allen C. Allen (Terri), 6434 N. Davis

BY LETTER:

- 90. Mr. Allen C. Allen,
From: First Baptist, Morganfield, Ky.
- 91. Ensign Lisa Eszenyi, BOQ 3251, Rm. 112-A, NAS
From First Baptist, Arlington, Mass.