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Wise Men and Fools

It's official now. David, the songster king, said as much three thousand years ago — but we were reluctant to believe him. Now Dr. George Gallup has confirmed David's findings in a recently conducted poll. THE SMART MAN REALIZES HIS NEED FOR GOD.

The Gallup Poll indicates that church attendance for 1968 dropped two per cent from 1967. A measly thirty-eight per cent of the Protestants in America attended church regularly. (Something desperately needs to be done to make membership and discipleship SYNONYMOUS. For nearly two out of three of our members, there seems to be no relationship between the two.)

NOW HEAR THIS. THE HIGHER THE EDUCATIONAL LEVEL OF THE ADULT, THE GREATER THE PROBABILITY HE WILL BE IN CHURCH ON SUNDAY. College graduates lead the country in church attendance. Contrast the wise man with the fool. Remember David said three thousand years ago: "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God." His name may be on the church roll, but by his actions the fool says there is no God. Why worship a God who doesn't even exist?

THE WISE MAN IS IN CHURCH ON SUNDAY because he realizes his own need for God. He is smart enough to know that man cannot live by bread alone. He is smart enough to know that there are not enough "things" in this world to satisfy the deep longing of his heart.

THE WISE MAN IS IN CHURCH ON SUNDAY because he is concerned about the moral well-being of his children and grandchildren. He

knows that the greatest bulwark for morality in the world is the church. He is concerned about the moral well-being of his children. He sees to it that each Lord's Day the family worships God together. The fool couldn't care less. He reads the Sunday paper, spends a few hours down at the office, while his children leisurely stroll to hell.

THE WISE MAN IS IN CHURCH ON SUNDAY because he is concerned about the life of his nation. Communism and socialism are paltry foes as compared with the moral degeneration in America today. America's first line of defense is God. The wise man knows this. That is why he is in church on Sunday, but not the fool. He couldn't care less. The hallmark of his life is apathy.

Now take this simple test. Check one of the following squares.

I AM IN CHURCH ON SUNDAY UNLESS ☐ YES
PROVIDENTIALLY HINDERED. ☐ NO

If the answer to this question is "yes," you give evidence of being a wise man. If "no," why don't you get smart?

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SPECIAL COMMITTEE NAMED

Mr. T. A. Shell, chairman of the deacons, announces the appointment of the special committee to formulate and present a definite program to implement the policy adopted by the church at the last business meeting regarding the receiving of new members.

The committee is composed of Mr. J. Nixon Daniel, Jr., Chairman; Dr. John Moseley, Vice Chairman; Mr. Paul Caro; Mr. Charles Griffin; Mr. Wayne Jenkins; Mrs. S. G. Kennedy, Jr.; Mrs. Conlee Pickens; and Mr. Milton Richardson.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Belief Is Commitment"

(Acts 16:25-34)

7:15 P.M.

"On Having The Right Enemies"

(Matthew 5:10-12)

MEN'S CHORUS TO SING

SUNDAY NIGHT

The response to the Men's Chorus last month has been real good. So, by popular demand, the group will sing again Sunday, March 2.

The Chorus is open to all men in the church. Even if you have never had any previous choir experience, if you enjoy singing, you're invited to join us Sunday.

Rehearsal is at 4:30. At 5:30 a FRIED MULLET SUPPER will be served. And a special discussion on the Big Brother project will follow at 6:00 p.m.

YOUTH CHOIR WILL NOT REHEARSE SUNDAY

Since the men will be singing for the Sunday evening service, the Youth Choir will not rehearse. Regular rehearsal on Sunday, March 9th at 4:00 p.m.

DAY SOCIETY WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS

March 2-9
Adult "A" Department

Monday, Thursday, Friday

10:00 a.m.—Prayer Room

10:15 a.m.—Group Prayer Time

Tuesday

10:00 a.m.—Bible Study

10:30 a.m.—Business

11:15 a.m.—Program — Rev. William C. Carr, Jr. "The Crusade of the Americas and Associational Missions"

11:50 a.m.—Calendar of Prayer

12:00 —Lunch

Dottson Mills Group serving

Please make reservations for lunch by calling your Group Leader.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING GETS NEW NAME

The Annie Armstrong Offering has a new name this year — Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions. The word Easter has been added to the home missions offering. Dr. Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary of the Home Missions Board, says: "Linking the week of prayer with this significant season adds depth and meaning to the observance."

OUR CHURCH GOAL: \$3,500.00
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
HOME MISSIONS
MARCH 2-9

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist—Miss Inez Ware, Mrs. W. G. Foxworth, Sr., Miss Lorene Coburger, Mrs. Maggie Brown, Mr. Earl Gaston

Sacred Heart—Mr. J. E. Bratcher.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Kevin Cassidy, Dr. Monroe Lutrick, Mr. James F. Taylor

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. W. E. Poe in the loss of his wife.
Mr. Cecil Jones in the loss of his father.

In Memoriam

Mrs. W. E. Poe
Montgomery, Ala.
Joined our church by letter
Jan. 14, 1962
Deceased February 18, 1969

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EXTENSION SEMINARY STUDIES

Our Pensacola Bay Baptist Association has a committee presently studying the prospects of establishing a seminary extension center in the Pensacola area.

Such a center would offer courses in pastoral training, in religious education, and special courses for laymen in Christian life development. If you think that you would be interested in such classes, the committee would like to know of your interest. Contact Mr. Bizzell for additional information or to express your interest.

PRAYER SERVICE WEDNESDAY TO FEATURE HOME MISSIONS

The Prayer Service next Wednesday evening will feature home missions and will include some slides of our Home Mission Board work in New York City taken by Mr. Bizzell.

WATCH PASTOR'S FORUM

12:30 p.m. SUNDAY

Channel 3

Subject: "The Truth About Drugs"

LITERACY WORKSHOP

On March 17-19 our church is to be host to one of three Literacy Workshops held in our state. Enrollment will be limited to 30 persons. This is a 16 hour course. Hours are as follows: Monday and Tuesday, 9:30-11:30; 2-4; 7-9. Wednesday will be only four hours. If you are interested in attending this workshop, you will need to register immediately. Call Mrs. Cecil Jones or Mr. Bizzell if you need additional information or to get your name on the list.

BASKETBALL

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

8:30 p.m.—Senior Boys, YMCA

First Baptist -vs- Whitfield Baptist

DEACONS OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH

Mr. Robert D. Hinson

Mr. Tom Wash

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

The Church in Study 1148
Main Sunday School 1135
Crippled Children's Home ... 13
The Church in Training 179
Additions to church membership ... 4
Tithes and Offerings:
Budget \$6,403.88
Specials 1,021.27
Building Fund 20.00
TOTAL OFFERING \$7,445.15

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., Mar. 2: "Not Ashamed Of The Gospel"
Romans 1:13-20. Key Verse 16.
MON., Mar. 3: "Justified By His Grace"
Romans 3:19-31. Key Verse 24.
TUES., Mar. 4: "God Commendeth His Love"
Romans 5:1-10. Key Verse 8.
WED., MAR. 5: "Buried With Christ In Baptism"
Romans 6:1-10. Key Verse 4.
THURS., Mar. 6: "Led By The Spirit"
Romans 8:5-14. Key Verse 14.
FRI., Mar. 7: "Inseparable"
Romans 8:28-39. Key Verse 35.
SAT., Mar. 8: "The Lost Son"
Luke 15:11-24. Key Verse 24.

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
Mr. A. H. Arnold, Supt.
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor
Baptismal Service
- 4:30 p.m.—Men's Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m.—Junior Sword Drill Rehearsal
- * 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages
Mr. F. Willard Vickery, Director
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor
- 8:15 p.m.—Senior High - College get-together at home of Eddie and Mike Bryant, 610 Whitney Drive

MONDAY, MARCH 3

- 10:00 a.m.—Week of prayer program in Adult A Dept.
- 7:30 p.m.—Night Society Mission Round Table at the home of Mrs. Joe Brookins, 2026 East Jordan Street

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

- * 10:00 a.m.—WMS General Meeting
- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts in "The Cellar"

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

- 10:00 a.m.—Week of prayer program in Adult A Dept.
- 10:00 a.m.—TACLO study in MYP Department
- 2:30 p.m.—Faithful Workers Business & Social meeting with Mrs. B. M. Wakefield, 1219 E. Moreno St.
- 7:30 p.m.—Gleaner's Class in "The Cellar"

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

- 10:00 a.m.—Week of prayer program in Adult A Dept.

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

BY LETTER:

- 92. Capt. Joe Duckett, 7809 Bellington Rd. From: First Baptist, Cartersville, Ga.
- 93. Mrs. Joe Duckett (Alice)
- 94. Mr. Larry L. Thompson, 4478 Montclair Rd. From: Fulton Rd. Baptist, Mobile, Ala.
- 95. Mrs. Larry L. Thompson (Claudia)