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Celebrating Ten Years



Pastor's paragraphs

FROM THE BETTER HALF

For years I have been writing the Pastor's Paragraphs. I have asked Margaret Ann to write this column this week.



Dearest Congregation:

Since this is the first time in ten years that I have had the opportunity to say something to all of you, perhaps this one column won't be long enough.

How well I remember the days when through constant prayer God so definitely led us to Pensacola. Because of His leadership and continuing companionship, it has been good between pastor and people.

Perhaps you would be interested in some of my observations of Jim these ten years. I have observed Jim in his many concerns for his people; concern over personal problems which you have experienced; concern over serious illness and bereavement; deep concern which brought sleepless nights over those who were lost and others who no longer seemed to feel God important in their lives.

I have observed him as he has enjoyed his pastoral duties of being counselor, confidant, friend, prayer partner, and shepherd of his flock. I have seen his love grow so strong and so deep for you people, and have heard him say numerous times: "I'd put my men up against anybody's" and "to sit on the platform and look into the faces of such an attractive and impressive congregation always thrills me."

To serve as his companion and helpmate is an honor. For the two of us to serve you as a congregation has been and is our greatest honor and blessing from a good God.

We were overwhelmed by your graciousness to us Sunday evening. The service was an inspiration, the reception was lovely, and the gift—what can I say about the gift—I keep walking outside to look at it for I can't believe it's really true! I just pray that I don't put the first dent in it. Not just because it's a beautiful car, but because it represents a dear group of people whom we love and to whom we're most grateful.

Sincerely,

Margaret Ann Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Don't Knock Yourself"

(I John 3:1-3)

7:15 P.M.

"Reflections From The Cross"

(2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 17-21)

RETREAT SPONSORED BY B&P DEPARTMENT

May 23-24 beginning with supper at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and closes following supper at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Theme: "Do You Really Care?"

Guest Speaker: Philip E. Lykes
Assistant Pastor, First Baptist
Church, Tallahassee



Deadline for reservations is Sunday,
May 18.

THE VERY NEWEST

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

MASTER JERRY DAVID KELLY
son of

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Kelly
born May 8

The Listening Post

Youth of the church are sponsoring a film, "THE ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHIN" at the FLORIDA THEATER on Saturday, May 17, at 10:00 o'clock. Tickets may be secured from one of the young people going to Glorieta or Miss May or Mr. Royal for \$1.00. All ages are invited to attend. Let's support Mr. Boucher in his attempts to provide clean, family-type entertainment. **LET'S PACK THAT THEATER SATURDAY.**

CONGRATULATIONS to MICHAEL THOMAS who attends Blount Junior High on making the National Junior Honor Society.

JUST A REMINDER:

If you are one of those going to Glorieta you will need:

1. To turn in yellow doctor's certificate of health (They may be secured from Miss May's office.)
2. To take rainwear, a coat for cool weather, comfortable hiking shoes, regular clothing to wear at the Assembly, slacks, jeans, shorts worn only from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m.
3. Sell at least 15 tickets to theater presentation for Saturday. For every ticket you sell you will receive 50¢ credit toward your expenses.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- May 31—SENIOR PIZZA PARTY, 2:00 P.M. T. A. Shell's Beach Cottage.
- June 10-19—GLORIETA TRIP.
- July 10-12—JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT.
- July 20-27—YOUTH WEEK.
- August 4-8—VBS and TABS.
- August 12-15—JUNIOR CAMP. The Wheeler Kidds, Malaysia, will be our missionaries.

BILLY GRAHAM TELEVISION CRUSADE FROM MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

Channel 5

- Wednesday, May 21, 7:30 p.m.
—Sermon on Christianity
- Thursday, May 22, 7:00 p.m.
—"Telling It Like It Is"
- Friday, May 23, 7:00 p.m.
—Sermon on Forgiveness

SILENT CLASS SOCIAL

The monthly social meeting of our Silent Class will be next Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. and will feature the film entitled "Miracle Of The Bells"

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brahan on the birth of a daughter, Martha Curlin, May 8 in Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. F. V. Brahan is the paternal grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Vinson on the birth of a son, Matthew Dean, born May 7 in Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Dean are the maternal grandparents.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Thompson and Mr. H. C. Stringfield, Jr. in the loss of their father.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist—Mrs. Neva Pybus, Mrs. Norman White, Mr. Earl Gaston, Mrs. Adolph Fields, Mrs. Sherman Williams, Mrs. Frances Schlevoight.

Sacred Heart—Mrs. W. H. Coker, Sr., Mrs. Ruth Adams, Mrs. Ray Wise.

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Minnie Whitlock, Mrs. James R. Kelly, Mrs. Mary Wiggins, Mrs. Paul Caro, Mr. Rafael Perez, Mr. W. T. Creel, Mr. John W. Creel, Sr., Mr. John Feldman, Mr. Larry Kendrick, Mr. E. Alan Burks

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- SUN., May 18: "The Good Fight"
2 Timothy 4:1-8. Key Verse 5.
- MON., May 19: "That Blessed Hope"
Titus 2:1-15. Key Verse 11.
- TUES., May 20: "To Live Is Christ"
Philippians 1:21-30. Key Verse 21.
- WED., May 21: "The Mind of Christ"
Philippians 2:1-13. Key Verse 5.
- THURS., May 22: "One Thing I Do"
Philippians 3:13-21. Key Verses 13-14.
- FRI., May 23: "Rejoice In The Lord"
Philippians 4:4-13. Key Verse 4.
- SAT., May 24: "None Other Name"
Acts 4:1-13. Key Verse 12.

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

The Church in Study 1265
Main Sunday School 1252
Crippled Children's Home ... 13
The Church in Training 710
Training Union 196
Other Training Activities 514
Coming For Membership 2

TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Budget 5845.80
Specials 2815.08
Building Fund 20.00

TOTAL OFFERING 8,680.88

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

BY LETTER:

138. Mr. Sam Wilson, BOQ 3251, Rm.
328, N.A.S. From: First Baptist,
Meridian, Miss.

SUNDAY, MAY 11

BY LETTER:

139. Mrs. Fay Ralowicz, 2220 W. Gon-
zalez St. From: Brownsville Bap-
tist, Pensacola.

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 18

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
Mr. A. H. Arnold, Super-
intendent
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor
4:00 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

MONDAY, MAY 19

- 6:15 p.m.—WMS Night Society
- 7:30 p.m.—Asociational Sunday
School Meeting at War-
rington Baptist Church

TUESDAY, MAY 20

- 9:30 a.m.—Church Buildings Confer-
ence, Dining Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

- * 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 Re-
hearsal
Officer's and Teacher's
Meeting
- * 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service — Business
Meeting
- * 8:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 22

- 6:30 p.m.—Silent Class Social

FRIDAY, MAY 23

- 9:30 a.m.—Annuity Board Workshop
in Dining Room
- 5:30 p.m.—B&P Retreat

IN MEMORIAM

MR. H. C. STRINGFIELD, SR.
2750 Bayou Blvd.

Joined our church by baptism
May 9, 1926.

Deceased May 11, 1969