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PASTOR

THEY

(A Parable For Our Time)

There was a man (or woman) who lived in the twentieth century. His house was new, two cars and a boat graced his garage and carport, color television gleamed in his den, his family was healthy, and lo, good fortune did smile upon him.

As was his custom — when he was in town, when the fish were not biting, when he was not on the beach or at the lake, when company did not come, when he could get up on time, when not too tired, and when nothing else he could do — he went regularly to church. On these occasions, once every five or six weeks, he spent his time deplored the decaying state of the church. The Sunday School was low in attendance, the choir was scanty, the congregation was small, the offering was poor, the preacher was discouraged, and something called "Training Union" was about shot! "They ought to do better," he said. "What do 'they' think this thing of religion is about anyway? Surely 'they' could do better than this."

And so vacations and days off came and went until many moons had passed. As is the way of the world, this man's children grew up. He knew they did not go to church because "they" down at the church had not interested them in religion. The man's health failed. One day, he noticed something strange — "they" down at the church came by no more — "they" did not visit him in the hospital. Verily, verily, he was angry!

But being a great heart, he decided he would forgive "them" and go to church once more. But behold, when he arrived, there was no church — only a 7-11 store. "Where is the church?" he demanded. "Dead" was the answer.

"Oh," he moaned, "they' should not have let it die!"

—Selected

Pastor's paragraphs

A LETTER TO MY GRADUATE . . .

This week 34 of our finest young people will graduate from high school. I do not know the name of the parent who wrote this letter to "My Graduate" but I do know that this parent gives eloquent expression to the way every parent of a graduating senior feels.

"I cannot buy you a set of morals; I cannot build you a sense of responsibility; I cannot hand you appreciation of beauty; I cannot manufacture for you concern and compassion; I cannot make yours a compelling, faithful, loyal spirit; I cannot give you ability to love.

"I have no fortune to will you with which to gain popularity, make you a philanthropist, or help you leave memorials for charity.

"I own no secret formula for success nor any new philosophy. I've never written a book of wisdom.

"I cannot send you away into the world on your own, with beautiful pictures only in your memory, for you have seen me cry faithless tears of despair; you have seen me shake my fist in anger; you have witnessed ugliness in my time of weakness.

"These things I cannot give you are all yours in Christ Jesus.

"As you accept your diploma, severing your relations with high school, you step into new relations with parents, friends, and the world. The 'apron-strings' that have been lengthened as you matured must soon be cut. You have earned more than freedom from high school. You have proven yourself trustworthy, dependable, and mature enough to try your own wings, but I will be 'on-call' throughout my life.

"You are fully accountable to God, your Heavenly Father, who loves you far more than I; who has riches in store beyond your comprehension, but who expects much, punishes, sees and knows—also beyond your comprehension.

"I commit you to this care as the fire of the world tests the gold of your character—and I will be in prayer.

—A Parent"

I'll look forward to seeing you—and your graduating senior Sunday!

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

WMS GROUPS—

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

9:30 a. m.—M A R Y SAUNDERS will meet in the Fellowship Hall at the church.

10:00 a. m.—T. N. CALLAWAY will meet with Mrs. J. Norwood Cobb, 2775 Escambia Ave. VIRGINIA COBB will meet with Mrs. Lyman Shivers, 2211 Dupont Drive.

STANLEY DAVIS will meet in "The Cellar" at the church, Mrs. J. A. Riddle, Hostess.

BERNICE NEEL will meet with Mrs. Charles Cleverger, Scenic Highway.

LAURA FRANCES SNOW will meet with Mrs. A. J. McCreary, 427 West Lee Street.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

CPO Spencer T. West, Jr. and Miss Florence Pokrant upon their marriage May 31.

Mr. Daniel Floyd Peacock and Miss Sheila Gwendolyn Lanton upon their marriage May 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burleson (Dorothy Covington) upon the birth of a son, George William, born May 18 in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. George Covington are the maternal grandparents.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Emil Anderson in the loss of a brother.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist — Mr. Earl Gaston, Mrs. Nell Gentry, Mrs. Raymond Williams, Mr. R. A. Connerly, Mrs. Carrie Lee Villar.

Sacred Heart—Mr. James A. Watson, Mrs. W. H. Coker, Sr., Mrs. Ruth Adams, Mr. Robert Hatcher, Mrs. Michael Autrey, Mr. J. Robert Early.

Mobile Infirmary, Mobile Ala.—

Mr. George Holladay.

Medical Center, Columbus, Ga. — Miss Ruth Stewart.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mr. Walter McNeil, Mr. Larry Stafford, Mrs. James Driskell, Mrs. Laura Sue Jackson, Mr. Laurence Renfroe, Mr. Jerry Berry.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"A Life Made Over"

(Jeremiah 18:1-6)

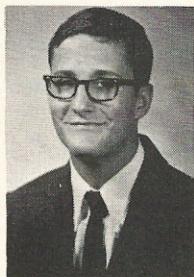
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"How Do You Spell Sin?"

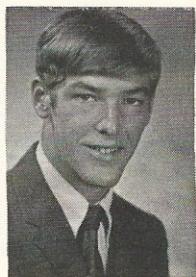
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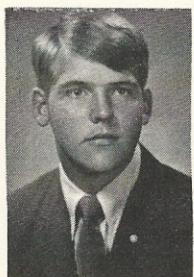
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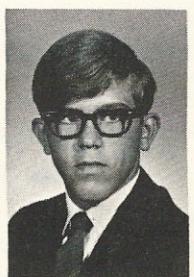
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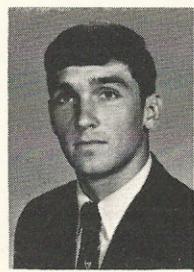
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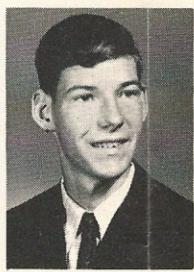
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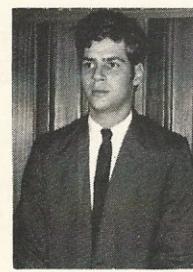
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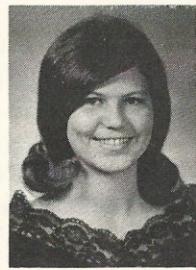
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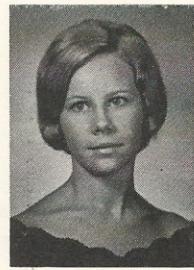
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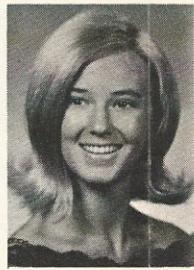
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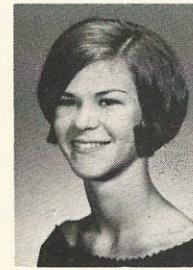
Sandra
Smalley



George
Smith



Kay
Stewart



Robin
Trummer

NOT PICTURED:

Susan Ades

Christy Langford

Linda Dixon

Jan Maddrey

Richard Jones

Don Odom

Marion Faye Smith

ates



**Ben
Eason**



**Ellen
Edwards**



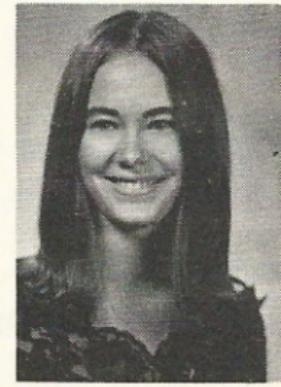
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Fields**



**Cole
Odom**



**Rafaela
Perez**



**Sharon
Proctor**



**Virginia
Yandle**



**Andy
White**



**Judy
Whitehurst**

The Listening Post

MORE CONGRATULATIONS to our fine young people for exceptional achievement:

ANDY WHITE on receipt of 5 awards: outstanding teenager, Florida Board of Regents award as one of top 10% with 3.5 average for 3 years, Highest Average in Math and Science, and I Dare You Special Award.

JOHN LADNER on receipt of service award as Outstanding Athlete in basketball and on receipt of Sandy Niniger award given by Key Club (this selection is made by boys in the club).

RAFAELA PEREZ on receipt of ADK Scholarship Award.

VICTORIA ANDREWS, SUSAN KAY DREXLER, MARIA PEREZ and **GEORGE SANDERS** on making honor list at PJC.

ELLEN EDWARDS received Pink Carnations at Sports Banquet in appreciation of her work as head cheerleader, PHS.

JOHN DANIEL on receipt of Sophomore Spanish award.

TOMMY HUSTED who earned his degree in chemistry at University of Oklahoma.

LOWELL LOADHOLTZ on receipt of his degree.

ROBIN TRUMMER on election to Hall of Fame, Woodham High.

CHARLES DANFORTH has graduated from Florida Air Academy, Fort Lauderdale, with honors and was commissioned as second lieutenant. He is at home now and will be attending school in Pensacola this fall.

The following on graduation UWF:

Mrs. Robert E. Bass, Frank Bratcher, Maurice Dixon, Mrs. Robert Gardner, Mrs. Thomas Haynes, Mrs. Ronald Hooper, Mrs. Monroe Lutrick, Mrs. A. R. Nash, David C. Parker, James C. Taylor, Bernard Staudenmaier, Patricia Stigall, Tim Sutton, Robert L. Sanders.

THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud in the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of
MASTER STEVEN ALLEN DRISKELL
son of
Mr. and Mrs. James E. Driskell, Jr.
born May 26

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 25—

BY LETTER:

145. Mr. James Daniel Pleitz, 1400 N. Spring
From: 7th and James Baptist, Waco, Texas

SUNDAY, JUNE 1—

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST

47. Mrs. M. P. Chapman, Jr. (Mary), 4215 Lynn Ora

BY LETTER:

146. Miss Mary Lou Burks, 2270 Dupont Drive
From: Calvary Baptist, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

147. Lt. M. P. Chapman, Jr., 4215 Lynn Ora
From: First Baptist, Atlanta, Ga.

148. Mr. Bill Gammon, 101-B Catherine From: Hayes Barton Baptist, Raleigh, N. C.

149. Miss Gail Hardy, 710 Scenic Highway, Apt. 102
From: Brownsville Baptist, Pensacola

150. Mr. William Wayne Hughes, 3190 N. 10th Ave.
From: Calvary Baptist, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

151. Miss Ann Noblin, 1921 E. Fisher
From: Dawson Mem. Baptist, Birmingham, Ala.

152. Miss Patricia Roberts, 104 W. Jackson
From: Second Baptist, Marshall, Texas

153. Miss Gayle Simmons, 3005 E. Lee
From: 7th and James Baptist, Waco, Texas

154. Ensign Ronnie W. Smith, 2375 Scenic Highway, Apt. 123
From: First Baptist, Trenton, Ohio

155. Mrs. Ronnie W. Smith (Carolyn Sue)

ATTENTION JUNIORS AND PRIMARIES

SUMMER READING CLUB STARTS JUNE 8. Check in the Library for more information. Get your booklet with rules and cards for reporting on your reading. This year we will have a patriotic theme. The winner will have a book placed in the library in his or her honor.

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., June 8: "A New Song"
Psalm 40:1-11. Key Verse 3.
MON., June 9: "A Thirst For God"
Psalm 42. Key Verse 1.
TUES., June 10: "Help In Trouble"
Psalm 46. Key Verse 7.
WEDS., June 11: "Our Guide"
Psalm 48. Key Verse 14.
THURS., June 12: "Prayer For Renewal"
Psalm 51:1-13. Key Verse 10.
FRI., June 13: "When Afraid . . . Trust"
Psalm 56. Key Verse 3.
SAT., June 14: "Spreading The Gospel"
Acts 11:19-26. Key Verse 21.

SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Our Senior Adult Fellowship will be meeting a week early in June, on June 17, for their monthly meeting. Then in July, on July 22, they will be observing their second anniversary.

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
Mr. A. H. Arnold, Superintendent
- * 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
8:45 p.m.—Singspiration at Warrington Methodist Church

MONDAY, JUNE 9

- 7:30 p.m.—Deacon's Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

- *10:00 a.m.—WMS Group Meetings

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

- * 5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
- * 6:30 p.m.—Sunbeams, GA's, RA's, & YWA's
Teacher's & Officer's Meeting
- * 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service
- * 8:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study	1177
Main Sunday School	1159
Crippled Children's Home	18
The Church in Training	781
Training Union	200
Other Training Activities	581
Coming for Membership	11
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$6,900.64
Specials	608.32
TOTAL OFFERING	\$7,508.96

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

The Southern Baptist Convention will be meeting in its annual session in the city of New Orleans next week. Several of our folks will be in attendance at this meeting.

Our WMU is taking a bus load of women and girls for the WMU Annual meeting on Monday and Tuesday.

You will want to pray for the sessions of the Convention.

SOFTBALL GAME

Thursday, June 12, 7:00 P.M.
First Baptist vs. Olive Baptist