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## This Thing Haunts Me

Let us repeat it: "First Century Christians went out into the world to tell the story of Jesus; Twentieth Century Christians go to church to hear the preacher tell the story of Jesus."

There is the contrast and therein lies our weakness. And unless this practice on our part is changed, and that right soon, we shall carry on bearing the name of Christian but hardly resembling the people described in the Book of Acts.

How Christian is one who never tells another of Christ?

How Christian is one whose plans for marriage leave Christ out altogether?

How Christian is one whose social life is on the level of the world?

How Christian is one whose business practices involve the compromise of Christian principles for the sake of increased profit?

Christianity is not a religion, but a way of life!

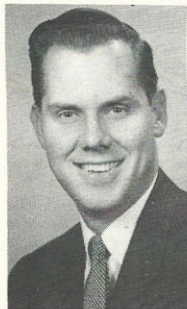
Being Christian in name means little; being Christian in practice means everything.

—Joel C. Murphy

# Pastor's paragraphs

## THE SECOND EPISODE OF "BIG RED"

Whatever IT was, IT hit me hard! For the second time in 25 years I didn't make it to church last Sunday. My head started spinning early Saturday morning and 48 hours later (almost to the hour) it landed.



Sunday morning lasted a week. How do people ever get use to staying home on Sunday morning? I really missed you.

Sunday night was different. It wouldn't take me long to get into the habit of staying home on Sunday night.

Take last Sunday night for instance. Since I had done my Bible readings for the day, and since it was too early for Billy Graham or the "Back to the Bible Hour," I decided to watch a little TV.

It was great. Disney has never produced a more exciting story. (Frankly, the Ed Sullivan show doesn't show me much.)

The Disney program was about this giant Irish Setter named Big Red. What a dog! Would you believe he cost \$5000!

Now right here is my problem. It's a two-part story. Last Sunday night was just the first episode, it's to be continued next week.

I feel like a dog leaving Big Red. When the first episode ended, he was in trouble up to his floppy ears. These questions were left unanswered—

... Will Big Red live? (He had just jumped through a window and was bleeding to death. Like I said, he is an expensive dog but not necessarily smart.)

... Will the little French boy lose his job for causing Big Red to jump through the window?

... Will Big Red's owner have a change of heart?

... Will he (the owner) remarry?

It's possible that I'll never have these questions answered, but the good Lord willing I plan to start again Sunday cultivating a good habit. It is a habit you know, going to church, a real good habit.

Sometimes the Bible uses the word "custom," but this same word can be translated "habit."

Now what was it the Bible said about Jesus? Oh yes, here it is. "As his custom

## LIBRARY NOTES

### --- SUCCESS IN THE SEVENTIES ---

Believing that preparation followed by participation is one of the best ways to succeed, your Church Library has the new Study Course books for Christian Leadership Courses. Many of these books came from the press in January.

There are books for understanding and guiding the Pre-schoolers, Children, Youth, and Adults.

Books to help develop general leadership skills in programs for Bible Teaching, Training, Church Missions including men, women, boys and girls, and Church Music are now available.

These books—thirty-four titles—are on display in the Library. Come in and select the one to help you prepare for productive leadership.

## THE VERY NEWEST

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

MISS SARAH ELIZABETH EASON

daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Eason

born February 13

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH  
IN CHRIST:

23. Alan Gentry, 2110 Semur Rd.

## SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A. M.

"What Is A Church To Do?"  
(Acts 16:1-34)

7:15 P. M.

"Grasshopper Men"  
(Numbers 3 and 4)

was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day."

You can make a choice Sunday night, friend. Either you can be entertained by Big Red or you can be instructed by our Redeemer.

I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday TWICE!

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*



**THESE WERE RECEIVED INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP  
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11, 1970**



**Mrs. Marilou Dotson**



**Miss Ginger Guyette**



**Tommy and Dolora Gregory**



**Miss Kathleen Hardin**



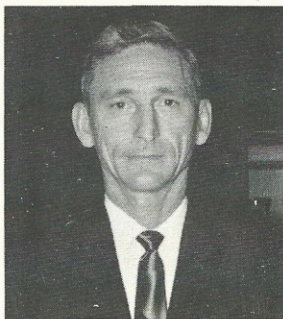
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### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

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 Janssen upon their marriage February 14.  
 Miss Bobbie Peebles and LT(jg) James  
 Larry Carter upon their marriage February 14.  
 Miss Jane Cary and Mr. Terry Busbee  
 upon their marriage February 14.

### SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. C. C. McCurley and Mr. John H.  
 McCurley in the loss of son and brother.  
 Mrs. T. H. Miller in the loss of a  
 brother.  
 Mrs. Joe Ladner and Miss Ruth Busey  
 in the loss of their Father.

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## IN MEMORIAM

**CARON McCURLEY**  
 Mobile, Alabama

Joined our church by baptism  
 December 3, 1933  
 Deceased February 13, 1970

## Opportunities of the Week

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- \* 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School
- \* 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
- 4:00 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m.—Sword Drill,  
 Jr. 12 SS Dept.
- 5:40 p.m.—Training Union Snack
- \* 6:00 p.m.—Training Union
- \* 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 6:45 p.m.—Associational Brotherhood,  
 First Baptist Church

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 10:00 a.m.—Senior Adult Fellowship
- 12 Noon—Covered Dish Luncheon

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- \* 4:45 p.m.—Choirs
- \* 5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
- \* 6:30 p.m.—Sunday School Officers and  
 Teachers meeting, Sun-  
 beams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s
- \* 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service
- \* 8:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 7:00 p.m.—Church Choir Party,  
 Dining Room
- 7:00 p.m.—Silent Class Film, Fellow-  
 ship Hall

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 7:00-9:30 p.m.—Y.W.A. Mission Study,  
 Myrtle Grove Baptist  
 Church.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 8:00 a.m.—Middle School Choir leaves  
 for Festival (Back about  
 2:30 p.m.)

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- SUN., Feb. 22: "God's Righteous Laws"  
 Exodus 20:1-17. Key Verses 3-7.
- MON., Feb. 23: "Religion in the Family"  
 Deuteronomy 6:1-9. Key Verse 2.
- TUES., Feb. 24: "Honesty in Business"  
 Proverbs 16:1-11. Key Verse 11.
- WED., Feb. 25: "Religion in Social  
 Expression"  
 Isaiah 58:1-12. Key Verse 6.
- THURS., Feb. 26: "Let Justice Roll  
 Down"  
 Amos 5:14-24. Key Verse 24.
- FRI., Feb. 27: "What the Lord Requires"  
 Micah 6:1-8. Key Verse 8.
- SAT. Feb. 28: "By Their Fruits"  
 Matthew 7:13-20. Key Verse 20.

## LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study .....	1105
Main Sunday School .....	1090
Crippled Children's Home.....	15
The Church in Training .....	647
Training Union .....	154
Other Training Activities.....	493
Coming for Membership .....	1
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$6,434.47
Specials .....	333.44
<b>TOTAL OFFERING .....</b>	<b>\$6,767.91</b>