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God Send Us Men

God send us men whose aim 'twill be,
Not to defend some outworn creed,
But to live out the laws of Christ
In every thought and word and deed.

God send us men alert and quick
His lofty precepts to translate,
Until the laws of Christ become
The laws and habits of the state.

God send us men of steadfast will,
Patient, courageous, strong and true;
With vision clear and mind equipped
His will to learn, His work to do.

God send us men with hearts ablaze,
All truth to love, all wrong to hate;
These are the patriots nations need,
These are the bulwarks of the state.

Frederick F. Gillman, 1866—

Pastor's paragraphs

On Losing By One Shot OR WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR

This was going to be my year to win the Greater Pensacola First Baptist Church Open Golf Tournament.

Ever since my humiliating defeat of last year, I had counted the days until I would get another shot at the winner's trophy.

Our good and faithful deacons seemed to sense my burning desire to win. They gave me a beautiful set of golf clubs for Christmas. The clubs plus a PRACTICALLY new pair of white golf shoes I picked up at a bargain price, equipped me well for the battle.

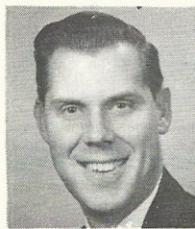
My dream of conquest went up in smoke. At 1:45 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 1970, one shot did me in. One shot. One devastating, demoralizing shot.

What do you think it was? A wicked hook? A sickening slice? No. Did I top the ball into a water hazard? A sand trap? No. Was it a duck hook? No. The one shot that did me in was none of these. Nor did I hit the ball in the heel of the club, nor did I shank it. But like I said, one shot did me in!

At 1:45 p.m. Friday, May 15, 1970, a good and faithful doctor who knew nothing about the golf tournament scheduled for the next day, gave me a massive emulsified shot for sinus. Little did I dream that this one shot would cost me the game — but it did. When he said, "Don't use your arm for a day or two," I knew the tournament had gone down the drain. Thinking perhaps that he would make one exception, I asked him: "Doc, this doesn't rule out golf, does it?" "Yes, I'm afraid it does," he replied.

NOW I DIDN'T HAVE TO MISS THE GOLF TOURNAMENT. I COULD HAVE PLAYED. But it just so happens that I trust this doctor and frankly I would rather suffer one day of agony watching the other fellows play golf than to spend the next several months struggling to breathe. It's that simple. The doctor knows much, much more about sinus than I'll ever know.

IN A MORE SERIOUS VAIN, the good Lord knows much more about our lives than we will ever know. In an old book called the Bible, He has said quite frankly that some things must be avoided like a plague. Such things as pre-



WHAT ABOUT PUBLISHING WHAT MEMBERS GIVE!

Do you know what church leads all the Baptist churches in the South in per member giving? It is the St. John's Baptist Church (colored) in Dallas, Texas. One of the ways they encourage their members to give is by publishing at the end of the year the total gifts of each member to the penny! And the people like it!

This would be a drastic step in most Baptist churches. In fact, it would be the fastest way possible to reduce the size of the ordinary Baptist church (the church roll). But the wise old pastor said: "There are two things the devil tries to keep God's people from doing: telling what God has done for them, and TELLING WHAT THEY ARE DOING FOR GOD."

We let it be known when we've made a good Sunday School attendance record, when we've baptized many people. Then why should we try to keep our giving a secret? Jesus told the world what a poor widow gave (Mark 12:41-44).

Pray that during this year your gifts will be such that you need not be ashamed of what you have done for God.

—Selected

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mrs. Velma Tice and are given by Mrs. J. P. Fiveash and Family.

SERMON TOPICS 11:00 A. M.

"Undermining Our Heritage"

(2 Samuel 15:1-6)

7:15 P. M.

"To Be Or Not Be Be"

(Luke 9:18-26)

marital sex, drunkenness, and all forms of immorality. In our sophisticated day and age we smile at all these prohibitions. We go on and "play" even though God says "no." Don't be surprised if your "arm" and "heart" are not both very sore tomorrow for "Whatsoever a man shall sow, that shall he also reap."

Yours for listening to God and doctors,

James L. Pleitz

THESE WERE RECEIVED INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP
LAST WEEK



Gary Price



Sharon Proctor

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Linda Faye Register and Mr. William Sanford Taylor upon their marriage May 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Mowrey upon the birth of a son, Jamie Kenneth, born April 28 in Arlington, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Everett W. Lowell are the maternal grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holt upon the birth of a son, John Michael, born May 18 in Nashville, Tennessee. Rev. and Mrs. Emory Rogers are the maternal grandparents. CDR. and Mrs. J. E. Holt are the paternal grandparents.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. A. E. Taylor in the loss of a sister. Mr. Dewey H. Johnson in the loss of a sister.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist—Mrs. Evelyn Silver, Mr. Clyde Hood, Mr. Herman S. Johnson, Mrs. Edna Farrington, Mrs. Henry G. Sellers, Mr. Jesse L. Smith.

Sacred Heart—Mrs. Roy Macon, Mrs. W. H. Crawford, Mr. Jerry Bullis, Mr. Tim Jernigan, Mrs. Tom Husted, Mr. Sam Jordan

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mrs. James Johnson, Mrs. John Wiggins, Mr. Herbert Highsmith, Mrs. Jack Lurton, Mrs. Imogene Stewart, Mrs. Maggie Brown, Mr. A. S. Edwards, Mrs. John Siler.

OPEN HOUSE
Escambia Residencies
101 West Lloyd
Sunday, May 24
2:00-5:00 P.M.

Come and meet the young ladies, and give them an opportunity to meet you and express their appreciation.

FOCUS
ON
FIRST FOLKS

At Washington Senior High School the following members of our Church were recently inducted into the Beta Club: Tommy Ansley, Calvin Armistead, Elizabeth Corley, John Feldman, Mike Mowe, Barbara Murphy, Tommy Smith.

In the Florida Band Master's Association's North State Contest held recently at Pensacola High School: Joe Adams of Escambia High School made a Superior Award on the Trumpet; Johnny Adams also of Escambia High School made a Superior Award on the French Horn; also, Joe and John Adams made a Superior Award in the Brass Ensemble grouping.

Billy Hinson of Woodham High School has received a four year Army ROTC Scholarship at Awards Day Ceremonies.

Danny Pleitz at Baylor University has been named one of five outstanding Sophomore men.

THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebuds on the pulpit Sunday were placed there in honor of
MASTER CHADWICK BERRY DYKES
son of

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Berry Dykes, Jr.
born May 7

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MISS ASHLEY ELIZABETH
ANDREWS
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Andrews
born May 8

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COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

BY LETTER:

137. Mr. Howard N. Aldredge, 1240 Stow Ave. From: Victory Baptist, New Orleans, La.
138. Mr. Steve Lee, 1009 Bay Blvd. From: First Baptist, Marshall, Texas
139. Mr. Patrick Roberts, 104 W. Jackson. From: Second Baptist, Marshall, Texas
140. Miss Patricia Roberts. From: First Baptist, Marshall, Texas

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. A. N. (Mae) Aldredge
5203 North Ninth Avenue
Joined our church by transfer of
letter February 26, 1921
Deceased May 18, 1970

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, MAY 24
* 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
* 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
4:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:40 P.M.—Training Union Snack
* 6:00 P.M.—Training Union
* 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship
MONDAY, MAY 25
6:45 P.M.—Associational Brotherhood
Meeting, Camp Ada
TUESDAY, MAY 26
10:00 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship
12:00 Noon—Covered Dish Luncheon
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27
* 4:45 P.M.—Choirs
* 5:50 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
* 6:30 P.M.—Sunday School Officers
and Teachers Meeting,
Sunbeams, G.A.'s and
R.A.'s
* 7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service
* 8:00 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sun., May 24: "A New Man"
Genesis 32:24-30. Key Verse 28.
Mon., May 25: "Made Over Again"
Jeremiah 18:1-6. Key Verse 4.
Tues., May 26: "God's Law in the Heart"
Jeremiah 31:27-34. Key Verse 33.
Wed., May 27: "A New Life Begun"
John 1:35-42. Key Verse 42.
Thurs., May 28: "Born from Above"
John 3:1-16. Key Verse 3.
Fri., May 29: "A Marvelous Transformation"
Acts 9:1-22. Key Verse 21.
Sat., May 30: "Changed Into Christ's
Likeness"
2 Corinthians 3:17 to 4:6. Key Verse 18

LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

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| The Church in Study | 1185 |
| Main Sunday School | 1166 |
| Crippled Children's Home | 19 |
| The Church in Training | 782 |
| Training Union | 162 |
| Other Training Activities | 620 |
| Coming for Membership | 4 |
| Tithes and Offerings: | |
| Budget | \$8,757.16 |
| Specials | 615.85 |
| Building Fund | 25.00 |
| TOTAL OFFERING | \$9,398.01 |

ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD MEETING MONDAY, MAY 25

AT CAMP ADA

Speaker: Mr. Burt Purvis, US-2 Worker under the Home Mission Board, who is here to work this summer in a Beach Ministry.

Tickets, (\$1.00 each) for the Mullet Supper which will be served at 6:45, are available.