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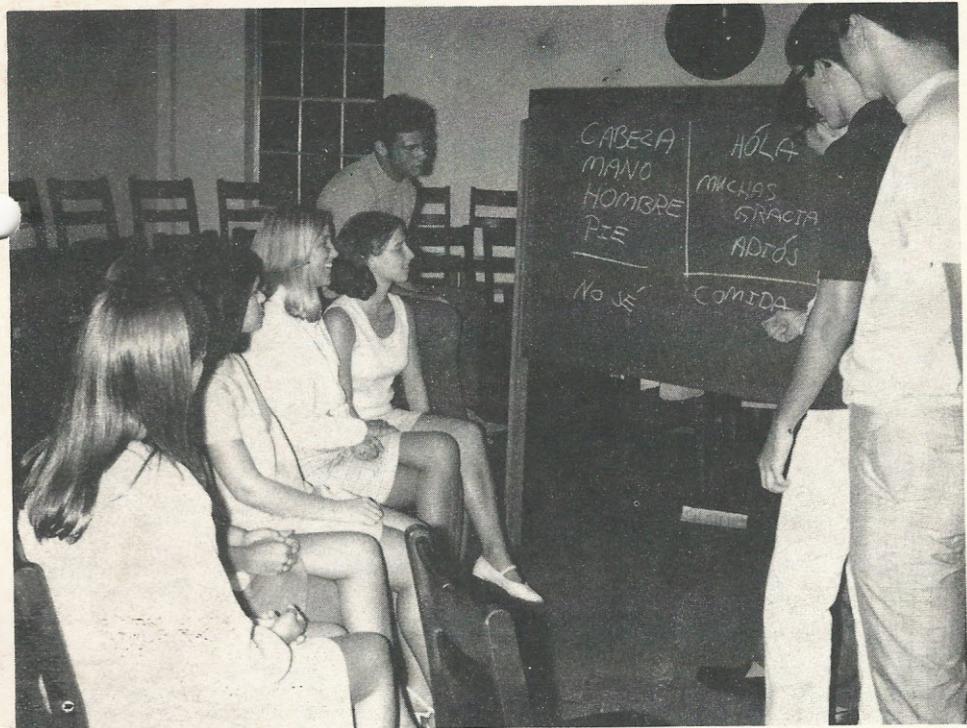
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Yo No Se' is Spanish for "I don't Know" and most of us don't know—how to speak Spanish that is—so we'll have to teach those who will participate in Operation Good Samaritan—South.

Classes in Spanish will begin on October 4. Pictured above are a group of young people who are getting a head start.

Pastor's Paragraphs

They Get Letters

Mr. H. Ross Perot spoke last week in our city. His concern is securing the release of the American Prisoners of War held by Hanoi.



The address of Mr. Perot, the Texas billionaire, was impressive, but the brief words spoken by the three wives whose husbands are M.I.A. (Missing In Action) were even more impressive. You can't help but be impressed by the appeal of these brave women.

Mr. Perot has spent untold hours and dollars in seeking the release of the Americans. In recent months, communities all across our nation have become involved in seeking the release of these men.

The North Vietnamese can't understand why our nation should be so concerned about just 1600 men. When one of their own soldiers is captured, he is disgraced. Their government is not interested in even knowing whether he is dead or alive. They refuse to accept a list of their captives made available by our government. Since they have little or no concern about their prisoners of war, they cannot understand our concern for 1600 men.

Although the North Vietnamese have been unresponsive to the appeals made by our government, they have responded to some degree to the appeals made by the American public. They are concerned about public opinion. **THIS IS WHERE YOU COME IN, FRIEND.**

You can write the government in Hanoi urging the release of these prisoners. Sunday morning air mail stationery will be made available along with suggestions as to what you might write Hanoi. **IF YOU CAN WRITE, (The North Vietnamese would be particularly impressed by a letter from a six or eight-year-old child, etc.) PLEASE DO.**

I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday in God's House. We'll be reminded then not only to write a letter, but of the **WONDERFUL ONE THAT HAS BEEN WRITTEN TO US.** Remember — "For God so loved the world . . ."

Sincerely your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

P.S. On Wednesday, October 7, from 9:00 a.m. until 12 Noon there will be a write-in at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Ninth Avenue. The ladies of the church have invited our ladies to come and write letters to Hanoi.

BAPTIST WOMEN - GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, OCT 6, ADULT A DEPARTMENT

10:00—Bible Study

10:30—Business Meeting

11:00—Program — "Taiwan, Unfinished Revolution"

12:00—Luncheon — Virginia Cobb Group serving

(Please make reservations)

Dottson Mills Group Meeting immediately following lunch.



OUR "GLOBE-TROTTERS"

Hear Irene Williams and Sara Andress add the personal touch as they teach **TAIWAN - UNFINISHED REVOLUTION** on Tuesday, October 6, at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the Adult A department. These ladies visited many places mentioned in our current foreign mission book as they toured the Orient this summer.

You won't want to miss hearing them. Make your plans to attend.

DEACONS OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER

Mr. Gerald A. Garrett

Mr. James C. Rountree

FOCUS ON FIRST FOLKS

JOHN DANIEL has been elected President of the Senior Class at Pensacola High School.

THESE WERE RECEIVED INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

LAST WEEK



Buford and Melissa Abeldt



Sam and Billie Richardson
Also Shown: Richie and Gail

OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mrs. Georgia Parker, Mr. Calvin Heine, Sr., Miss Inez Ware, Mr. Grover C. Payne, Mrs. Mamie Graham, Mr. Calvin Heine, Sr., Mrs. Elbert (Betty) Gentry

Sacred Heart:

Mrs. Edwin Frank, Mrs. T. A. Shell.

HOME FROM THE HOSPITALS:

Mrs. Don Schroeder, Mr. John S. Baisden, Mrs. B. M. Wakefield, Mrs. Maggie Brown, Mrs. David Mooney, Mrs. E. W. Sudduth, Jr., Dr. Bob R. Little, Mr. Herman Mertins.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Ernest L. Barrineau in the loss of a sister.

Mr. B. T. Riddles in the loss of his mother.

Mrs. Sim L. Davis and Mr. Dudley Davis in the loss of husband and father.

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:

61. Mr. Billy G. Buff, 4055 Lynn Ora Dr.

62. Karen Buff

63. Lynne Buff

64. Mrs. Douglas Smith (Virginia G.), 7804 Arcadia Rd.

65. Brenda Smith

66. David Smith

67. Larry Smith

BY LETTER:

216. Mrs. Billy G. Buff (Mary), 4055 Lynn Ora Dr. From: Oak Grove Baptist, Cleveland, Tenn.

217. Chaplain Ray Nobles, 7190 Pearson Rd. From: Middleton Baptist Church, Middleton, R.I.

218. Mrs. Ray Nobles (Helen)

219. Paul Nobles

220. Trenet Nobles

IN MEMORIAM

Miss Montaree Barrineau
921 North 19th Ave.

Joined our church by transfer of letter
Aug. 30, 1942
Deceased September 25, 1970

Mr. Sim L. Davis
1503 E. Jackson St.
Joined our church by baptism
May 5, 1935
Deceased September 28, 1970

Mrs. Frances Cox
Jacksonville, Fla.
Joined our church by transfer of
letter Dec. 27, 1959
Deceased September 28, 1970

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Stephen W. Jordan and are given by his family.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A. M.

"The Importance Of A Person"

(Psalm 8:3-6; Mark 12:28-31)

7:15 P. M.

"Who Says God Is Good?"

(Psalm 73:1-3, 17-19)

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All material to be included in the Builder should be in the office, preferably in writing, not later than 9:00 a.m. Mondays.

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
- * 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 2:30 P.M.—TACLO Meeting, First
Baptist Church
- 4:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- * 6:00 P.M.—Training Union
- * 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

- * 10:00 A.M.—Baptist Women
- 6:30 P.M.—Baptist Women

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

- * 4:45 P.M.—Choirs
- * 5:50 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- * 6:30 P.M.—Sunday School Officers
and Teachers meeting,
Auxiliaries

- * 7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service
- * 8:00 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 10:00 A.M.—Visitation
- 7:00 P.M.—Visitation

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., Oct. 4: "Living Water"
John 4:13-26.

MON., Oct. 5: "The Response of Faith"
John 4:46-54.

TUES., Oct. 6: "The Healing Christ"
Mark 10:46-52.

WED., Oct. 7: "Christ the Life-Giver"
Luke 7:11-23.

THURS., Oct. 8: "The Gift of Sight"
John 9:1-11.

FRI., Oct. 9: "The Lord of Life"
John 11:32-45.

SAT., Oct. 10: "The Lame Walk"
Acts 3:1-10.

LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study	1275
Main Sunday School	1250
Crippled Children's Home	25
The Church in Training	736
Training Union	168
Other Training Activities	568
Coming for Membership	12
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$7,075.68
Specials	351.15
TOTAL OFFERING	\$7,426.83

SUNDAY IS "LIFT-OFF"

Sunday is the first Sunday in a brand new church year. You will want to be here for Sunday School and Church!

THURSDAY IS VISITATION DAY

Thursday, October 8, has been designated as Visitation Day. We will meet together at 10:00 A.M. and then at 7:00 P.M. for assignments and a brief moment of prayer before going out to visit.

CHURCH BURGLARIZED

It happened again. Every once in a while someone feels compelled to break into the church. They usually snoop around in my office for a while. Sunday night was no exception. They made quite a mess out of my desk. As far as I could tell, nothing was missing. One of our ladies in the office said, "At last you will have a chance to clean up your desk." (What did she mean by this?)

I almost feel sorry for the burglars. They must have spent hours chiselling their way into the little office safe. Imagine their disappointment in finding it empty. Invariably this is the case unless you are looking for church records.

Believe it or not, I am more concerned about the burglars in the church than I am the burglars out of it. This may be a harsh word to use, but it is biblical (Malachi 3:8): "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? in Tithes and offerings." When I spend God's money on self, it is a crime.

In the case of the persons responsible for robbing our safe Sunday night, in all probability they make no pretense of being Christians. On the other hand, God's tithes and offerings are taken by those who claim to be Christians.

The police may never apprehend the people responsible for burglarizing the church office, but rest assured God always gets His man!

James L. Pleitz, Pastor