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ON STAYING FOR CHURCH

Every pastor hesitates to promote the "preaching service." After all, it sounds mighty egotistical for him to insist on folks coming to church just to hear him preach. However, if what happens at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday is a CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE, that's something else. We should never hesitate to encourage church attendance. Coming to Sunday School isn't enough.

IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER. Sunday School is important—terribly important—but it was never intended to take the place of a congregational worship service. Some who come to Sunday School haven't worshipped God in months and months. I wonder how HE feels?

IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE WE LET OUR CHILDREN KNOW THAT GOD IS IMPORTANT IN OUR LIVES. What do our children think when week after week we take them home after Sunday School? Poor little darlings, in some cases they ARE USED as an excuse for Mother and Daddy not staying for church. Why not be honest with them? Let's not blame innocent children for our indifference.

Few things are more inspiring to see than a family worshipping God together. We may sometimes wonder how much our children get out of the worship services—but don't despair, friend—an impression is being made—and IT'S GOOD!

IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE WE SEE PEOPLE COMING TO PUBLICLY ACCEPT JESUS CHRIST AS LORD AND SAVIOUR. The making of disciples is the primary purpose for the existence of the church. The appeal is made in the worship service for people to publicly accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE WE OBSERVE TOGETHER THE ORDINANCES OF OUR LORD. How meaningful to the heart of the believer are the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper. When believers gather around the table of our Lord and read His Words "This is my body, this is my blood"—He is present!

IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LET THE PASTOR KNOW THAT WE BELIEVE HE IS GOD'S MAN SEEKING TO PREACH GOD'S MESSAGE. The concerned pastor who seeks to minister to the needs of his people, spends hours in sermon preparation. When he comes to preach in the worship service, he does so with a conviction that he has God's message for the people. When the members go home before the worship service without reason, it's discouraging to any pastor.

IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MY HEART HAS BEEN THRILLED OVER AND OVER AGAIN. I thank God for the hundreds and hundreds of people in this church who faithfully gather each Lord's Day to study God's Word in Sunday School and to worship Him in the church services. God willing, I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday as we come together to worship Him.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

Hebrews 10:25: "Let us not hold aloof from our church meetings, as some do. Let us do all we can to help one another's faith."

SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP TO HEAR CHAPLAIN NOBLES



Chaplain Ray Nobles will be the speaker for the meeting of our Senior Adult Fellowship next Tuesday, October 27. Chaplain Nobles, who along with his family have recently united with our Church, has recently returned from a tour of duty in Vietnam. At this meeting our Senior Adults will be packing cookies to be mailed to our service men.

Those attending have been asked to bring a batch of your favorite homemade cookies. Also, bring a covered dish for lunch.

CLASS OFFICERS CLINIC MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

On Next Monday, October 26 we will have our Annual Class Officers Clinic. We will begin with supper at 6:30. Reservations may be made through your department Sunday or by telephone. The general meeting will begin around the table at 6:55, to be followed by conference groups for the various officers.

SERMON TOPICS

The Pastor will be preaching at both services Sunday. His subject Sunday morning will be

"The Three-Way Test"

(James 1:26-27)

BUDGET TO BE VOTED UPON SUNDAY

Our Congregation officially begins its annual stewardship emphasis Sunday morning as we are called upon to vote on our 1971 budget.

The proposed Budget was mailed out in the BUILDER last week, was presented to the Congregation Wednesday, October 21, for questions and discussion. It will be presented Sunday morning for adoption.

The Budget Planning Committee, headed by Nixon Daniel, carefully studied the needs for every organization of the church in preparing its recommendations. In addition to needs here at home, the recommended budget also calls for an increase in the amount given to World Missions through the Cooperative Program.

The Committee's recommendation has been carefully studied by the Finance Committee and the Deacons.

The official vote of the church on next Sunday morning marks the beginning of our Stewardship Program which will culminate on Pledge Day, November 22.

SPECIAL FOR ADULTS

On the Adult Department of Church Training we are having for the next two Sunday nights a special presentation of one of the issues to be submitted to the voters on November 3. On Sunday night, October 25, representatives will present the reasons why they are opposed to the proposals regarding consolidation. Then on Sunday, November 1, representatives in favor of the proposals will be present.

Our Adult department meets in Adult 2 Department (ground floor of Sanctuary building).

Both of the young adult training groups are off to a good beginning. They have excellent programs and interest and they would welcome those under 40. They meet as follows: Marriage through 24 — Adult 1 Department Room; 25-39—4th Grade Department Room. Both of these departments are on the first floor of the South wing.

There is something for everyone, and we hope you'll make a point to be present Sunday night at 6:00.

REGIONAL CHILDREN'S LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

On next Thursday, October 29, there will be a Regional Children's Leadership Workshop at the First Baptist Church of Panama City. The afternoon session begins at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will conclude at 9:00. Any children's workers interested in attending the meeting are asked to get in touch with Mr. Bizzell.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS



Shown here is Mr. T. A. Wash presenting Royal Ambassador Lad Pins to Tim Yelverton, Matt Lee, Allen Edmisten, Steve Shell, Preston Brown. These boys have just been promoted from Mr. Wash's Chapter to the 5th Grade Crusader Chapter. Mr. Wash has, for a number of years, worked with 9 year boys in Royal Ambassadors.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Guthrie, Jr. on the birth of a son, Michael Patrick, October 19 in Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Guthrie, Sr. are the paternal grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Evans are the maternal grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones on the birth of a son, Richard Springer Owens Jones, October 10 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones, Jr. are the paternal grandparents.

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. D. L. McDavid in the loss of her mother.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mrs. Wayne Hickman, Mrs. Mamie Graham, Mrs. Robert O. Clayton, Miss Ora House, Mr. Letcher Lamkin.

Secret Heart

Mrs. Maude Cassidy, Mr. Leon Singletary.

Ochsner Clinic, New Orleans, La.
Mr. Freddie Stark

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Norman White, Mrs. Frances Byrnes, Mr. Lowell Loadholtz, Mr. Tim Jernigan.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Miss Montaree Barrineau and are given by Miss Fronie Lipham, Tallapoosa, Ga.

FOCUS ON FIRST FOLKS

Congratulations to DANNY PLEITZ, a Junior at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, for being selected for WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

DON'T BUY A TICKET

Don't buy a ticket for THE CROSS AND THE SWITCHBLADE from anyone other than members of our church. Members of our youth group are selling tickets to assist them in Operation Good Samaritan-South. When you purchase your ticket from them you've helped them in this effort. The date is November 4-10 at the Florida Theatre. Buy your ticket from one of our young folk.

THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud in the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of
MISS AMANDA BROOKE WHITE
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Norman White
born October 16

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writing, not later than 9:00 a.m. Mondays.

LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study 1043
Main Sunday School 1022
Crippled Children's Home 21
The Church in Training 801
Training Union 229
Other Training Activities 572
Coming for Membership 9
Tithes and Offerings:
Budget \$4,993.44
Specials 365.15
Building Fund
TOTAL OFFERING \$5,358.59

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH
IN CHRIST:

4. Paul Cranmer, 717 Whitney Dr.

FOR BAPTISM FROM OTHER
DENOMINATION:

5. Mrs. John W. Hannah (Kathy),
1107 Ariola Dr., Pen. Bch.

BY LETTER:

4. Mr. John W. Hannah, 1107 Ariola
Dr., Pen. Bch., From Calvary
Baptist, Englewood, Colo.
5. Mr. Joe C. Phillips, 3930 Lynn Ora
Dr., From: East Hill Baptist,
Pensacola.
6. Mrs. Joe C. Phillips (Glenda)
7. Mr. Luther Vernon Willis, Rt. 1,
Box 925-C, Gulf Breeze
From: Olive Baptist, Pensacola.
8. Mrs. Luther V. Willis (Emma)
9. Miss Carole Willis, Route 3,
Milton, Fla.
10. Miss Verna Willis, Rt. 1, Box
925-C Gulf Breeze.

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
- * 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 4:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- * 6:00 P.M.—Training Union
- * 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 6:30 P.M.—Class Officers Clinic,
Dining Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 10:00 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts meet in "The
Cellar"

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

- * 4:45 P.M.—Choirs
- * 5:50 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- * 6:30 P.M.—Sunday School Officers &
Teachers meeting, Mission
Friends, Girls in Action,
Acteens and Royal Am-
bassadors
- * 7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service
- * 8:00 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 7:00 P.M.—WMS Association of Night
Groups, First Baptist
Church, Chaplain Lowery
Speaker
- 2:00 P.M.—Regional Children's
Leadership Workshop,
Panama City, First Bap-
tist Church.
- 6:30 P.M.—Master Workmen's Class
Supper "The Cellar"

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

- * 6:30 P.M.—Adult 1 Sunday School
Social "The Cellar"

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., OCTOBER 25: "Christ in the
Midst". Matthew 18:15-20.

MON., OCTOBER 26: "Beautiful Fel-
lowship". Acts 2:42-47.

TUES., OCTOBER 27: "Unselfish Shar-
ing". Acts 4:32-37.

WED., OCTOBER 28: "Faith, Hope, and
Love". 1 Thessalonians 1.

THURS., OCTOBER 29: "Many Mem-
bers, One Body". 1 Corinthians 12:4-14.

FRI., OCTOBER 30: "A Life Worthy of
the Lord". Colossians 1:3-14.

SAT., OCTOBER 31: "Christ Among
His Churches". Revelation 1:10-20.