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WE CARE ABOUT



PRE-SCHOOLERS



Pastor's Paragraphs

WHAT IS THE OPPOSITE OF LOVE?

Funny that we should think in terms of opposites — but we do. Take this simple word association test. Write down the FIRST word that comes into



your mind when you hear the words 1-HOT 2-SWEET 3-WEAK. Now check your answers with those at the bottom of the page. If you get them all right, you are an average person. If you miss one, you probably need to go back to grade school. If you missed all 3, call me and I will refer you to a good psychiatrist!

Like I said, we think in terms of opposites. Now let me give you another word. What is the first word that comes into your mind when you hear the word LOVE? The answer, of course, is HATE. But hate is not the opposite of love. There are times when love and hate are separated by a very fine line. THE OPPOSITE OF HATE IS INDIFFERENCE.

When a husband or wife says "I hate you", (what a pity that a Christian should ever use this language) the case is not hopeless. The home can be saved. But when a husband or wife becomes totally indifferent, the home is in real jeopardy.

Nothing — BUT NOTHING — hurts our Lord more than indifference. HE PREFERS BEING HATED TO BEING IGNORED. The Laodiceans did not hate Jesus Christ (it would have greatly offended them for anyone to suggest they hated Him). They were just indifferent — and their indifference caused our Lord to grieve.

All of us have a tendency to play the part of the Laodicean. It is so easy to ignore Him. PLEASE REMEMBER THE OPPOSITE OF LOVE IS NOT HATE, BUT INDIFFERENCE.

And now, one final test. What is the first word that comes into your mind when you hear the name, JESUS CHRIST! . . . but wait — instead of reacting with a word, let's react with a LIFE!

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

Answers: 1-Cold 2-Sour 3-Strong.



REVIVAL MARCH 21-24

Our Revival here at First Baptist Church is scheduled for Sunday, March 21 through Wednesday, March 24. Our Revival preacher is Dr. Russell H. Dilday, Pastor, Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia. Our visiting singer will be Russell Newport, a business man from Springfield, Missouri.

One feature of our Revival this year will be Noon day services. The service itself will be from 12:05 to 12:30 with lunch following the service. It is our hope that this will make it possible for our working folks to take their lunch hour, come to the service and have lunch with us here at the church.

BAPTIST WOMEN GROUPS TO MEET TUESDAY, MARCH 9

9:30 a.m.—MARY SAUNDERS will meet at the Church in The Cellar

10:00 a.m.—RALPH BETHEA will meet with Mrs. R. Pierre Brown, 640 Morningside Drive. VIRGINIA COBB will meet with Mrs. W. A. Hibbert, 1716 Osceola Blvd. Mrs. Wilson Harris, Co-hostess

STANLEY DAVIS will meet with Mrs. H. O. Williams, 3636 Menendez

BERNICE NEEL will meet with Mrs. G. C. Odom, 3950 Bayou Blvd.

LAURA FRANCES SNOW will meet with Mrs. Herman Johnson, 1701 E. Hernandez St.

DALE TERRY will meet with Mrs. Hazel Coleman, 1660 E. Cross St.

CHARLOTTE OWENS will meet with Mrs. W. H. Sielaff, 2077 Hibiscus, Gulf Breeze.

10:30 a.m.—DOTTSON MILLS will meet with Mrs. Winnie Markham, 711 South "G" St.

12:00 Noon—DONALD LANGFORD will meet at the Church in The Cellar.

2:30 p.m.—HARVEY HEADRICK will meet with Mrs. J. T. Warthen, 2800 Blackshear.

THESE WERE RECEIVED INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Abagis, Ralph and Debbie (also shown is Ken, Jr.)



Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Autrey



David and Sue Gilbert



Bob and Dot Nolen



Charles and Sandra Roberts (also shown is Aimee Marie)



Mrs. Ralph Thompson (also shown is Sharon)

LIBRARY NOTES

The Library has many colorful and beautiful editions published by the National Geographic Society. They are ideal for the arm chair traveler. One may visit Australia, Canada, Hawaii, Nature's Wonderlands, America's Historylands, Alaska and relive the days of Abraham, Moses, David, Jesus and Paul in **EVERYDAY LIFE IN BIBLE TIMES**.

I would like to give you a brief introduction to **ALASKA** by Ben Keating and invite you to read all the books.

ALASKA tells of a land that dazzles the visitor with variety. It is a land of ice and snow, majestic mountains and endless stands of timber. There are growing cities, fertile farmland and vast barren windblown waste. The people who wrestle treasures from the hostile environment are as varied as the land.

Alaska's Aleutian chain of Islands reaches westward almost to the Date Line, so far they almost reach tomorrow!

The Polaris and the Big Dipper are forever present in the night skies. The aurora borealis spreads its veil over the great land. This is only a glimpse of a most fascinating book.

Mrs. Felix Woolf

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS: Sacred Heart

Mr. Earl Buchanan, Mr. J. E. Bratcher, Mike Minton, Mrs. David (Merle) Wilson

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Gladys M. Melvin, Mrs. Ruth Bryant, Dr. William Henry Coker, Jr., Mrs. Helen Spence, Mrs. Carroll Hughes, Mrs. Laverne Bishop, Mrs. Valena Macon, Mr. L. M. Gatlin

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. T. H. Miller in the loss of her sister.

WEEK OF PRAYER EMPHASIS

Monday, Mar. 8

10:00 a.m.—Home of Mrs. Paul Gray,
511 Yesterroaks Circle,
Gulf Breeze

Tuesday, Mar. 9

Individual Group Meetings as listed elsewhere in the Builder.

Wednesday, Mar. 10

7:30 p.m.—Church, Prayer Meeting

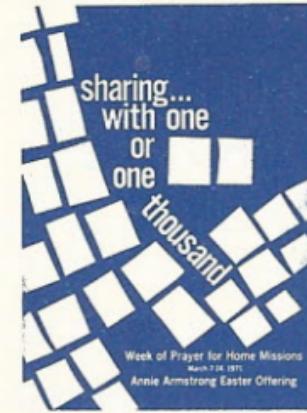
Thursday, Mar. 11

10:00 a.m.—Home of Mrs. Charles Clevenger, Rt. 4, Box 113-C, Scenic Highway

Friday, Mar. 12

10:00 a.m.—Home of Mrs. George Yarborough, 921 N. Palafax St.

HOME MISSIONS



If we are to meet the missions needs before us in our country, we must realize their magnitude and pray for the personnel and the money sufficient to meet the challenge.

When you give, think of those you help heal, those you show a new way of life, those to whom you bring joy or give hope for the first time.

You are there everyday . . . everywhere, through Home Missions.

This year our goal is \$3,000. The need does not outweigh our ability to pray or give. Are you willing to meet the need? Are you willing to prove or test your ability? James tells us "Ye have not because ye ask not".

If you think you just can't afford to give, first read I John 5:14-15. "And this is the confidence that we have in him that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us; and if we know that he heareth us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desire of him".

THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebuds on the pulpit Sunday were placed there in honor of
MISS AMY LYNN NEWBERRY

daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. F. Randy Newberry
born January 31, 1971

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MISS STEPHANIE YVONNE SPENCE
daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell H. Spence
born February 21, 1971

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MR. PAUL CAMERON HUGHES
son of

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Hughes
born February 24, 1971

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Robert Lee Redman II and are given by his parents, LCdr. and Mrs. Robert L. Redman and family.

HOW MUCH DO YOU CARE?

All around us there are people who need to be reached for Christ and church membership. You can help us to know these people by giving us the information. Cards will be available next Sunday for you to use to give us information about these people.

DO YOU KNOW A PROSPECT?

Prospects aren't strange creatures that someone else finds and reports to a committee down at the church. Prospects are real live people that you meet every day. The super-market clerk, the beautician, the bus driver, the bank teller, and nurse, the teacher of your child — all of these may be prospects for our church.

But they have never attended here, they aren't interested in our church. That is right, but they may be prospects.

A prospect is a person who needs Jesus Christ as Saviour. That includes everyone within the range of your witness and the outreach of our church that is not a Christian. A prospect is a Christian who has moved here and needs a church home. There are a lot of prospects in our city.

Finally, a prospect is someone you know. Not just a man or a woman, but a person with a name and you know where they live or work. Identified. Has feelings. Needs Christ or a church home.

Do you know a prospect? Witness to him. Tell some of us here at church. We will join you.

—Selected.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. W. B. Townley, Sr.
1404 E. Bobe St.

Joined our church on statement Feb. 6, 1921. Deceased March 2, 1971.

Mrs. Grace Conner
125 Cummings Rd.

Joined our church by transfer of letter Dec. 7, 1955. Deceased March 2, 1971.



FOCUS

ON

FIRST FOLKS

Congratulations to John Daniel of Pensacola High School and Eleanor Kennedy of Pensacola Academy who were finalists in the national merit scholarship competition.

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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.

LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study	1222
Main Sunday School	1171
Crippled Children's Home	19
Boy Scouts at Camp	32
The Church in Training	842
Christian Training Hour	203
Other Training Activities	639
Coming for Membership	6
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$8,329.86
Specials	797.48
TOTAL OFFERING	\$9,127.34

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., MARCH 7: "Tell It to All the People", Isaiah 43:8-13
MON., MARCH 8: "The Word of Our Witness". 1 Corinthians 2:1-9
TUES., MARCH 9: "Mission at Home"
Mark 5:15-20
WED., MARCH 10: "Tell It Like It Is"
Acts 18:5-11
THURS., MARCH 11: "Ready to Share"
1 Peter 3:12-17
FRI., MARCH 12: "Reality of First-hand Faith", John 4:31-42
SAT., MARCH 13: "Unashamed and Unafraind", Romans 1:1-16

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"WHAT KIND OF A NEIGHBOR ARE YOU?"

Luke 10:25-37

The Sunday Evening Service will be
dismissed to attend the James Robison
Crusade at the City Auditorium.

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
- * 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 3:00 P.M.—"The Reasons Why"
Rehearsal
- 4:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 P.M.—Woodwind Ensemble
Rehearsal
- * 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour

MONDAY, MARCH 8

- * 10:00 A.M.—Week of Prayer Program,
Home of Mrs. Paul Gray,
511 Yesterocks Circle G.B.
- 7:30 P.M.—Deacons' Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

- * 10:00 A.M.—Baptist Women Group
Meetings
- 6:00 P.M.—Baptist Women Supper
Meeting, Dining Room.
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts in "The
Cellar"

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

- * 4:45 P.M.—Choirs
- * 5:50 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- * 6:30 P.M.—Sunday School Officers
and Teachers Meeting,
Mission Friends, GA's,
Acteens and RA's, Brass
Ensemble Rehearsal
- * 7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service, Business
Meeting
- * 8:00 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

- * 10:00 A.M.—Week of Prayer Program,
Home of Mrs. Charles
Clevenger, Rt 4, Box-113C

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

- * 10:00 A.M.—Week of Prayer Program,
Home of Mrs. George
Yarbrough,
921 N. Palafox St.
- 7:00 P.M.—Bykota Sunday School
Class Social, "The Cellar"

*Provision for Preschool Children.

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:

25. Marie Johnson, 1010 Madison Dr.
26. Judy O'Neal, 4515 Ellysee Way

BY LETTER:

100. Mr. Jack Lea Croach, 2210 N. 15th
From: East Hill Baptist, Pensacola
101. Mr. Wayne Stanley, 222 W. Bel-
mon St. From: First Baptist,
Pryor, Okla.
102. Mr. Gayle K. Wilson, 4005 W.
Fairfield, Lot 2, From: Huntsville
Baptist, Huntsville, Mo.
103. Mrs. Gayle K. Wilson (Sheryl)
From: First Baptist Church,
Clifton Hill, Mo.