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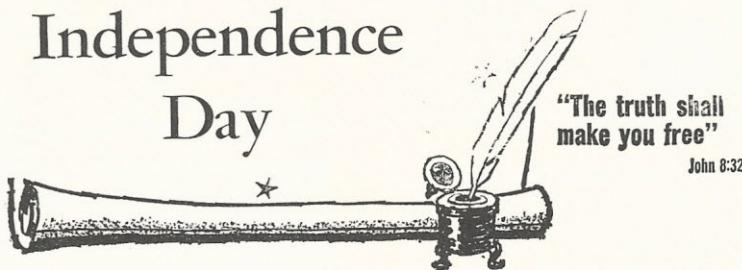
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Independence Day



"I AM WORRIED ABOUT COMMUNISM"

"Hello, there, my friend. Glad to see you on this bright Monday morning. What's on your mind? You look a bit worried."

"Well, who wouldn't be worried, with the papers full of the way Communism is spreading? I tell you, if we don't wake up and do something it is going to take the world. There is no doubt about it, they want to destroy the Bible."

"By the way, we missed you in Sunday School yesterday. In fact I don't believe you have been with us for several Sundays."

"No, I'll tell you. I enjoy Sunday school, and I sure believe we need to study the Bible, but Sunday is the only day I have, and you know a fellow has to have some time off. I just took it easy yesterday morning and after dinner we rode down to the beach. Took the whole family. I believe the kids need Sunday school and Church, but it doesn't do any good to make them go. But about this Communism, it really scares me. Why, in some countries they have closed up the churches . . . won't let the people worship."

"Speaking of church attendance, we had an unusually small crowd last night. There is some talk about us joining most of the churches, and not trying to have Sunday night services during the summer."

"But, I hope the preacher never agrees to that, what with all this threat of Communism. If there ever was a time when we need the church and Christianity, it is now. Of course, I don't go to church on Sunday night myself. You take last night. We were back in time all right, but everybody was tired, and we all stayed home and watched Ed Sullivan."

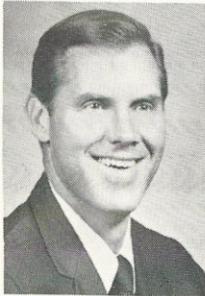
"Well, I'll see you at Prayer Meeting Wednesday. Our crowd is small, these days."

"No, I have something to do every night. But I'll tell you, we had better do something about this Communism. You know, they don't believe in prayer. Well, so long."

Pastor's Paragraphs

"KEEPERS OF A HERITAGE"

THANKS TO YOUR FAITHFULNESS, THE MONTH OF JUNE WAS A GREAT ONE FOR THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH. OUR ATTENDANCE WAS UP. At the beginning of the summer, our workers set a goal for an average attendance of 1100 per Sunday during the summer months. I believe we will EXCEED the goal!



God surely was good to us last Lord's Day. Didn't you heart thrill to see 5 people coming to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour?

When we share our faith, people are saved. It's that simple.

Next Sunday our nation will celebrate its 195th birthday. As nations go, America is still young. And yet, as we look about us there are signs that our beloved land is growing old before its time.

When asked how long the American Republic would endure, James Russell Lowell replied, "As long as the convictions of the founding fathers are dominant." Lowell is usually thought of as a literary figure, but in this case he spoke as a prophet. Nations, like individuals, have forfeited their heritage through adherence to alien voices. American indifference to character building principles of the past will only contribute to individual and national degeneracy. Only when society becomes apathetic, can we be lured astray by radical minds.

In all its grandeur, freedom alone cannot sustain us. As George W. Tripp so convincingly reasoned, "All the mechanical knowledge of the Egyptians could not save their civilization, all the culture of Greece could not save their civilization, all the statesmanship and philosophy and mighty legal system of Rome could not save their proudly boasted civilization." We shall fare no better than they if we focus faith on human achievements. It is both possible and proper to believe in our freedom and trust in the Lord.

I'll look forward to seeing you in church on Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

WATERMELON SOCIAL

Following the evening Worship Service Sunday, July 4, 1971 we will have a Watermelon Social in the Church Dining Room. Everyone is invited to join in the fun and fellowship as well as to enjoy the Watermelons.

BAPTIST WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 6, 1971

10:00 A.M.—Bible Study — Mr. Clyde Bizzell
10:30 A.M.—Business Meeting
11:00 A.M.—Program — "The History and Development of The Southern Baptist Convention" The VIRGINIA COBB Group will be in charge of the program.
12:00 Noon—Luncheon with the LINDA CRAWFORD Group serving.

The DOTSON MILLS Group will meet immediately following Luncheon.



CHURCH PICNIC

The annual First Baptist Church Picnic will be held Wednesday, July 7, 1971 at the Monsanto Recreation Area. Each family is to bring their picnic lunch; the drink will be furnished by the church. Dinner will start at 6:30 P.M. however, fun and games will be available from 5:00 on. The Wednesday night prayer Service will be held at the Picnic. Pictured above are some of the people who attended last year's picnic.

Nursery will be open at 5 P.M.
(NOTE: In case of heavy rain, we will have the picnic and prayer service in the church dining room.)

SERMON TOPICS

- 11:00 A.M.
"KEEPERS OF THE HERITAGE"
John 8:31-36
I Peter 2:16
7:15 P.M.
"FOUR WAYS TO ASSIST THE COMMUNISTS"
Ephesians 6:10-18

THESE WERE RECEIVED INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP
LAST WEEK



Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hogan



Tempie Roberts

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY
IN THE HOSPITALS:**

Baptist

Mrs. J. H. (Eupha) Parker, Miss Occie Clubbs, Mr. W. C. Carr, Jr.

Specialty Care Center

Mrs. Roy (Valena) Macon

Sacred Heart

Mr. Clyde Hood, Mrs. J. R. (Belle) Beard, Mr. Robert Gardner, Mrs. B. T. (Parnell) Renfroe

HOME FROM THE HOSPITALS:

Mr. Joe Hosner, Chris Cutchens, Mr. Jessie Lloyd Smith, Mrs. James (Nina) Frye, Mr. Roger Yonker, Mrs. Talmadge (Cheryl) Blackmon, Mrs. James E. (Cathy) Tribble

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Newman Davis in the loss of two sisters.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Caroline Cornelia Beggs and Mr. Terry Lynn Newell on their marriage June 26.

LIBRARY NOTES

"Bow and Arrow" Reading Club will begin July 11 and end August 15. There will be two groups. One group will be for grades 1, 2 and 3 and another group will be for grades 4 and 5. There will be a target for each group. You can hit the "Bull's Eye" by reading 8 books during this period.

Join the Reading Club by reading one book. When you do this an arrow will be placed on the target with your name on it. As you read other books, the arrow will move toward the "Bull's Eye".

You must fill out a card and turn it in for each book you read. A little booklet will be given to each reader which contains a complete set of rules and a place to record the books you have read. A certificate will be given to each one who reaches the "Bull's Eye".

Get set for a lot of reading and fun in your "Bow and Arrow" Reading Club.

**PARENTS:
PLEASE DON'T READ**

YOU CAN BE HUNGRY IN OTHER WAYS! The pictures that we have seen recently on our television sets relating to the physically hungry multitudes of refugees in India really disturb us. We hate to think of anyone not getting the nourishment they need for their bodies. Our heart strings are especially pulled when those starving are boys and girls. You have probably never seen a starved youngster around Pensacola, especially in recent years. Most of them, including we adults, are overweight. There are boys and girls starving spiritually, however. Some are getting no spiritual nourishment, and some are getting just a little bit, depending upon the whims of their parents who very readily nowadays take off to the lake or to another short vacation elsewhere. Let the adults related to our church determine that the children God has let us have will not be under-nourished spiritually at home or church.

THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of
MISS SHERYL KAY BLACKMON
daughter of
Mr. & Mrs. Talmadge Blackmon
born June 21, 1971

CELLAR OPENS

The Cellar will be open Thursday night, July 8, 1971 from 7:30 P.M.-10:30 P.M. for all young people in the 8th grade through College Departments. Snacks will be on sale and a movie will be shown. Singing, games, fellowship and just a good time for all will be part of the activities.

FOCUS ON FIRST FOLKS

Patricia Buchanan Wright received M. A. degree in Voice at FSU. She was initiated into Pi Kappa Lambda honorary music fraternity.

Trenet Nobles was 1 of 12 at Bellview Middle School to receive recognition from the faculty for making the "A" honor roll for the entire year.

Barry Royal received the Pitching Award Trophy with a 9-1 record and the Sportsmanship Award Trophy in the Bill Bond, Florida Little Majors.

Commander (Retired)

*and Mrs. Charles Edward Fosha
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter*

Rhonda Delene

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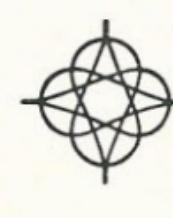
*Bruce Evans Thomas
on Saturday, the tenth of July
One thousand nine hundred and seventy-one
at half after seven o'clock in the evening*

First Baptist Church

Pensacola, Florida

and afterwards at the reception

Fellowship Hall



BUS MINISTRY

Attendance on our busses continues to be encouraging during these Summer months. Sunday, 54 riders came in on the busses. Bus Number 1 had 23 riders and Bus Number 2 had 31. In addition to these, 2 of the regular riders came with their parents Sunday! Every Saturday morning at 9:30 a group meets at the church to go out visiting on the routes; if you have not visited for the Bus Ministry, call Mr. Phillips and plan to receive a real blessing on Saturday.

DAY CAMP

Dear Grandma,
Guess what? I
am going to Day
Camp. I will
come to visit you
in August.

Love,
John

WHEN—July 12-16, 9:00 to 4:00
July 19-23, 9:00 to 4:00

WHERE—Gull Point School,
Creighton Rd.

COST—\$8.00 per week

A great time is being planned for children who have finished first and second grades. Come and join us. Register now.

G.A. and ACTEEN CAMP

July 5-9. Girls 9-17 years of age.
Cost \$21.00.

R. A. CAMP

Any R. A. boys age 9-17 may register for the Royal Ambassador Camp to be held July 19-24 or July 26-30 at the West Florida Baptist Assembly in Panama City. Cost will be \$20.50 which includes room, board, insurance and program materials. Registrations may be made with Mr. Phillips.

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should be in the office, preferably in
writing, not later than 9:00 a.m. Mondays.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, July 4: "A Nation Exalted"
Proverbs 14:26-35
Monday, July 5: "Respect for Law"
Proverbs 28:1-10
Tuesday, July 6: "Lest We Forget"
Isaiah 51:1-11
Wednesday, July 7: "If Foundations
Fall" Psalm 11
Thursday, July 8: "Reliable Righteous-
ness" Proverbs 10:9-25
Friday, July 9: "The Wise Builder"
Luke 6:39-49
Saturday, July 10: "This Foundation
Stands" 2 Timothy 2:7-19

ADULT CHRISTIAN TRAINING HOUR

In 1970 Madalyn Murray O'Hair, the professional atheist who has long urged that churches be taxed, organized her own church of atheists with the avowed purpose of using all tax exemptions given to churches to fight the tax exempt status of the churches.

If you were called on to present a defense against her attack on tax exemptions for churches, could you work out a case based on religious liberty, equality, and fairness?

Don't miss the Adult Church Training Program Sunday evening at 6 o'clock when Brother Nixon Daniel presents the church - state views on taxation.

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, JULY 4

- * 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.—Church Training Hour
- * 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship
- * 8:15 P.M.—Watermelon Social

MONDAY, JULY 5

Office Closed

TUESDAY, JULY 6

- * 10:00 A.M.—Baptist Women
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts "The Cellar"
- 7:00 P.M.—Church League, First Baptist vs. Whitfield, Lions Park

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

- * 6:30 P.M.—Church Picnic and Prayer Service

THURSDAY, JULY 8

- 7:30 P.M.—Cellar Open—8th Grade—
College Departments

FRIDAY, JULY 9

- 8:20 P.M.—Church League First Baptist vs. Olive, Lions Park
- * Provision for Preschool Children

LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study.....	1152
Main Sunday School.....	1136
Crippled Children's Home.....	16
The Church in Training.....	509
Christian Training Hour.....	195
Other Training Activities.....	314
Coming for Membership.....	7
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget.....	7,780.45
Specials.....	1,069.34
TOTAL OFFERING.....	8,849.79

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:

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68. Amy Cheshire, 303 Maldonado,
Pensacola Beach
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3515 Wellington Road
70. Scott Shell, 4180 Fern Court
71. Lee Ann Shivers, 2211 Dupont Dr.
72. Richard A. Warner,
1209 Poppy Ave.

BY LETTER:

159. Hayward Dean Potts,
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From, Granada Baptist, Pensacola