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ARE YOU IN THE PICTURE?

Here is a picture of the Adult Department, Easter 1943. How many of these can you identify?



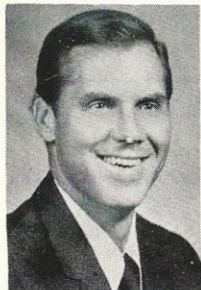
By the way, if a picture were made next Sunday, would you be in it?

Last Sunday we had an "Easter" attendance in July!

Pastor's Paragraphs

"ON BEING OPTIMISTIC"

There are a lot of "isms" loose in the world today. There's Communism, Socialism, Facism—and the deadliest of all the isms—PESSIMISM. Pessimism paralyzes and kills.



FOR THE CHRISTIAN TO BE PESSIMISTIC IS SIN. The child of God has every reason to be optimistic even in our world.

Jesus told us the going would be rough. He said we could expect three quarters of our efforts to be in vain.

Remember the sower? (Matthew 13:4-9). Three quarters of the seed that he planted brought forth exactly NOTHING. Only one of the four soils proved to be fruitful.

Jesus was realistic on the difficulty side of things, but he was also realistic on the possibility side of things when he said that the good ground would bring forth thirty-fold, sixty-fold, a hundred-fold — 3,000, 6,000, 10,000 per cent increase on the investment. Invest in persons and when you touch this one and set him afire, he touches another and he another and so on almost ad infinitum. An African proverb says, "Any fool can tell how many apples there are on a tree, but it takes a wise man to tell how many trees are in an apple." The possibilities in trees and persons are overwhelming.

We are in the middle of a wonderful summer. God has blessed in so many ways. ISN'T IT GREAT TO BE A CHRISTIAN AND A MEMBER OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH!

God willing I'll see you Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"GOD CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE"
John 3:1-16

7:15 P.M.

"THE BEAT GENERATION"
Proverbs 3:1-7

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The High School - College Youth Fellowship will be held Sunday evening at the beach cottage of Lynn and John Ladner, 315 Panferio Drive, Pensacola Beach. All High School - College age young people are invited.

BUS MINISTRY

53 people came in on two busses Sunday. The Snoopy bus had 37 riders and Charlie Brown 16. Our bus crews and others continue to work each Saturday morning from 9:30-12:00 visiting for our bus ministry.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SKATING PARTY

There will be a Skating Party for all Middle Schoolers on Monday, July 26, 1971 at Dreamland Skating Rink, from 7:00 - 10:00 P.M. Cost will be 80c per person and may be paid at the door. Reservations must be made by Sunday night, July 25 with either your Youth Council Representative, Mr. Phillips or the Church Office.

CHRISTIAN TRAINING HOUR

Something meaningful and worthwhile is provided for all age groups at the 6:00 Christian Training Hour on Sunday nights.

Our Adult training group has just finished a unit on Church-State Relations. Sunday night, as a follow-up of this unit, Mr. Bizzell will share with the group some impressions regarding Church-State Relations in other countries. Then the group will be involved in planning for the next unit.

Why don't you plan to be a part of the 6:00 hour?



PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATING DEACONS

The committee for the Nomination of Deacons requests that every member of the church suggest men who should be considered by the committee for nomination as deacons. You may suggest as many as you think qualify.

These suggestions must reach the committee by Sunday, July 25. They may be given to any member of the committee, mailed to the church office in care of the committee, or dropped into the offering plate. Suggestions are to be submitted only by members of the First Baptist Church, and therefore must be signed to be accepted.

Your committee, selected for the purpose of recommending to the church the best qualified persons, requests that you read the scripture passages below and suggest the names of as many men as you believe to be qualified to serve as deacons. According to the policy of the church, inactive deacons will not be placed on the ballot unless suggested by one or more members of the church.

SELECTION OF FIRST DEACONS

"In those days, as the number of disciples kept growing, there rose complaint on the part of the Greek-speaking Jews against the Hebrews because their widows were overlooked in the daily charities. So the twelve summoned the assembly of the disciples and said: "It is not desirable that we should neglect the teaching of God's Word to wait tables; therefore, brothers, look around for seven men among you of good reputation and full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we shall appoint for this duty, while we continue to devote ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.'" (Acts 6:1-4, Berkeley Version).

THE CHARACTER AND QUALIFICATIONS OF ALL DEACONS

"By the same token are deacons to be honorable, not gossips, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for ill-gotten gains, but with a pure conscience keeping hold on the hidden truth of the faith. They should first be put on probation and then, if irreproachable, they may serve as deacons. Similarly must the wives be honorable, not given to slandering, but temperate and altogether trustworthy. Deacons shall be husband of one wife, admirable managers of their children and of their own homes. Because those who rendered helpful services as deacons do take a worthwhile step upward for themselves with considerable conversational freedom in the faith that centers in Christ Jesus." (I Timothy 3:8-13, Berkeley Version).

We urge you to be much in prayer that we as a church may know God's will in this all-important task.

This ballot will be on Sunday morning, September 12, when 11 men will be selected to serve on the active board of deacons.

DEACON'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE

JUDSON GILLESPIE, Chairman

BARNEY B. BURKS

AUBREY GOMILLION

MILTON RICHARDSON

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The following men are now serving on the active Board of Deacons:

TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1972

BARNEY B. BURKS, JR.
J. NORWOOD COBB
J. NIXON DANIEL, JR.
FRANK GIBBS
JUDSON GILLESPIE

JOE B. LADNER
MARVIN LEE
F. WILLARD VICKERY
HERMAN O. WILLIAMS

TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1973

WALTER E. ARMISTEAD, JR.
CHARLES E. CLEVINGER
MAX DICKSON
WILLIAM H. GILL
PAUL R. GRAY

SIDNEY G. KENNEDY
CHARLES H. OVERMAN, JR.
MILTON RICHARDSON
THURSTON A. SHELL
LEON A. SINGLETON

DEACONS EMERITUS

F. G. ALMON
MOSE PENTON

The following men who retire this year will not be eligible for nomination for a period of one year.

O. F. (BEN) AULTMAN
JOE G. BROOKINS
W. T. (WOODY) CREEL
GERALD A. GARRETT
AUBREY GOMILLION

HERON A. GUTHRIE, SR.
W. L. (BILL) LEE, SR.
JOSEPH NAPIER
JAMES C. ROUNTREE

(NONE OF THE ABOVE 30 NAMES NEED BE LISTED)

FORM TO BE USED IN SUBMITTING SUGGESTIONS

I suggest to the Nominating Committee that the following men be considered as nominees for deacons:

NAME _____
NAME _____
NAME _____
NAME _____
NAME _____
NAME _____
NAME _____

Recommended by _____
(Your Signature)

NOTE: Every member of the congregation may suggest as many names as he wishes. This form must be signed to be accepted.

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mrs. Christine Ziegler, Mrs. Virginia McCurtain, Mrs. Eupha Parker, Mrs. Geneva Holt

Specialty Care Center

Mrs. Roy (Valena) Macon, Miss Mary Creel, Mrs. Clara Beard, Miss Occie Clubbs

Sacred Heart

Mr. Clyde Hood, Mr. Dewey Johnson, Jerry Ray Payne, Jr., Mrs. Mary Lee Holden

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Talmadge McWaters, Mrs. Maggie Brown, Mrs. Nelle M. Jackson, Karen Williams, Mrs. Anise Priest, Mrs. H. L. (Frances) Schlevoight

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Beulah Bradford in the loss of her brother.

Mr. Ernest Barrineau and Mr. Frank Barrineau in the loss of their brother.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Rhonda Fosha and Bruce Thomas on their marriage July 10, 1971.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Moore and are given by Dr. William Moore and family.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Virginia Tharpe
3107 North "H" Street

Joined this church on transfer of letter March 29, 1964
Deceased July 8, 1971

SILENT CLASS

FILM—FELLOWSHIP

THURSDAY, JULY 22

FELLOWSHIP HALL

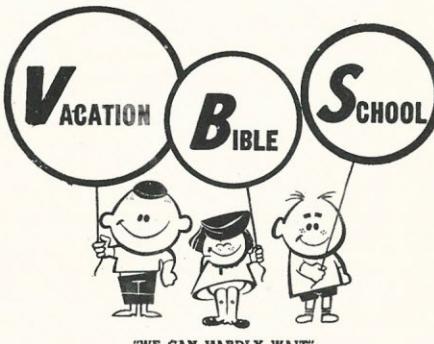
Film "HEIDI"

SENIOR ADULT

TO HOST MOBILE GROUP

At the meeting of our Senior Adult Fellowship next Tuesday, July 20, we will have as our guests, the Senior Adult Group from the First Baptist Church of Mobile. We will welcome them at 10:00 A.M. in "The Cellar". We will see together a film entitled "Pensacola Panorama". We will take them on a brief tour of our building facilities ending in the Sanctuary where our Organist will give a brief demonstration of our organ and we will hear a message by our Pastor. We will have lunch together at noon and will have at that time, music from our young people.

For this meeting, we are preparing the meal rather than having a covered dish luncheon. Reservations for the meal (\$1.00) should be made by returning the card mailed to members or by a telephone call to the church office.



"WE CAN HARDLY WAIT"

BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 26-30

8:30-11:30 A.M.

FOR ALL BOYS AND GIRLS
FROM AGE 3 - MIDDLE SCHOOL
(Child must be in the three year old department now to attend)

Nursery open for children of workers.



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Mrs. Kitty Manning, Dietician.....	456-2124
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	1204
Main Sunday School	1186
Crippled Children's Home	18
The Church in Training	305
Training Union	188
Other Training Activities	117
Christian Training Hour	188
Coming for Membership	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$8,932.27
Specials	1,015.08
TOTAL OFFERING	\$9,947.35

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, July, 18: "A Handful of Quietness"
 Ecclesiastes 4:1-6.

Monday, July 19: "Therapy of Quietness"
 Isaiah 30:8-18.

Tuesday, July 20: "Fruits of Righteousness"
 Isaiah 32:9-20.

Wednesday, July 21: "One Thing Needful"
 Luke 10:38-42.

Thursday, July 22: "Be Still and Listen"
 Psalm 46.

Friday, July 23: "When an Angel Came"
 I Kings 19:1-8.

Saturday, July 24: "Rest for Weary Feet"
 Matthew 11:25-30.

Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, July 18

- * 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
- * 6:00 P.M.—Church Training Hour
- * 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship Service
- * 8:15 P.M.—High School - College Fellowship at the home of John and Lynn Laddner, 315 Panferio Drive, Pensacola, Beach.

Tuesday, July 20

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

Wednesday, July 21

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

Thursday, July 22

- 9:30 A.M.—Association W. M. U. meeting, Boulevard Baptist Church.
- 7:00 P.M.—Associational Baptist Women Night Groups, Bellview Baptist Church
- 7:00 P.M.—Silent Class Film — Fellowship Fellowship Hall

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

BY LETTER:

172. Mr. James B. Callaway, 1222 Demeter Place. From: First Baptist, Foley, Ala.
173. Mrs. James B. Callaway (Shirley)
174. Mr. Jack Shepherd, 4 Huntington Dr. From: Laurel Bay Baptist, Laurel Bay, S.C.
175. Mrs. Jack Shepherd (Lynn)