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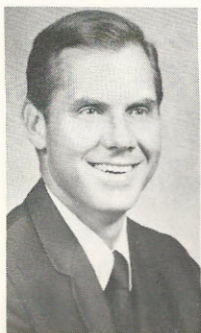
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## SUNDAY IS DEMONSTRATION DAY

### "232 CHURCH MEMBERS ROBBED"

I do not know the identity of the 232 victims. Like the unknown soldier buried in Washington's Arlington National Cemetery, their identity is known only to God — and our Financial Secretary.



232 members of the church gave nothing last year to support the world wide ministry of our Lord. When you add to this 166 other adults who gave less than 51 cents per week, you can readily see it's a crime of staggering proportions. It's tragic when church members — of all people — are robbed.

232 MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH HAVE BEEN ROBBED. They've been robbed of the SATISFACTION of knowing that their FAITHFULNESS helped support the work of Jesus Christ around the world. Money given to the church provides a home for unwed mothers in New Orleans, it supports orphans in Vietnam, and makes it possible for missionaries around the world to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. If you are a faithful steward, you've had a part in each one of these ministries, but I'm sad to say 232 members of our church were robbed of this satisfaction.

232 MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH HAVE BEEN ROBBED of the FEELING OF WELL BEING that comes when you live life in partnership with God. The Lord is the greatest PARTNER of all. Were it not for Him, we would have nothing. On one occasion a man forgot this and God called him a fool, and he died suddenly and without warning. (Luke 12:20)

232 MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH HAVE BEEN ROBBED. They've been robbed of a clear conscience that comes when you're honest with God. The victim, IF HE IS A REAL CHRISTIAN AND NOT JUST A CHURCH MEMBER, lives with a sense of guilt when

Sunday is the date that has been set for our Demonstration Day. You have received from the pastor a letter and envelope. You will want to use this envelope to make a MEANINGFUL DEMONSTRATION of your love for Christ and the church. Every member is urged to bring a tithe of his weekly earnings. Many of our people who are already tithing regularly are planning to bring an over and above offering.

Demonstration Day last year was an outstanding day in the life of our church. Let's again demonstrate concerning our love.

### STAFF LEADS THE WAY



Again this year, various groups are being asked to turn in their pledges prior to our November 21st Pledge Day. Shown above are members of the Church Staff as they become the first group to turn in their pledge cards.

he gives little or nothing to the cause of Jesus Christ. Deep down inside he knows that although most people do not know his identity, God does.

My heart goes out to the 232 folks. A loving Lord is trying hard to reach them. His heart is surely GRIEVED when church members are robbed of so much.

THESE VICTIMS COULD BECOME VICTORS THROUGH OBEDIENCE. JUST TRY BEING A FAITHFUL STEWARD AND YOU'LL SEE WHAT I MEAN.

I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday in God's House.

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*



## UMBRELLAS GIVEN TO BUS MINISTRY



The Dorcas Sunday School Class of Adult 3 Department, Mrs. Joe Edmisten, teacher, recently purchased four large umbrellas for use on the Bus Ministry. Rainy days had previously presented a real problem, but now the workers will be able to get the children off and on the buses without getting too wet. Shown above presenting the umbrellas to Mr. Rat Trigg, one of the Bus Captains, is Mrs. Conlee Pickens, Outreach Leader of the class. Shown with one of the umbrellas is Robin Bullock, one of the most faithful bus riders. All the bus workers and riders extend their thanks to the Dorcas Class!

## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Something near an exit!"

There are three possible attitudes towards a church financial program. It can be ignored, as though it didn't exist. It can be supported partially by irregular gifts. It can be supported continuously through pledges and tithes. Only the latter makes possible the long-range planning vital to an effective ministry. As church members, we already know this, but an occasional reminder doesn't hurt.

## SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A. M.

**"TAKE UP YOUR BED AND WALK!"**

(John 5:1-9)

7:15 P. M.

**"ON GETTING YOUR EYES OPENED"**

(Acts 9:1-19)

## FOCUS

## FIRST FOLKS

Calvin Armistead received the "Golden Helmet Award of the Week" at Washington High School. This award was given to Calvin for being the best offensive player of the week during the Choctaw game.

## LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study	1254
Main Sunday School	1241
Crippled Children's Home	13
The Church in Training	774
Training Union	146
Other Training Activities	628
Coming for Membership	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	9,734.22
Specials	283.17
<b>TOTAL OFFERING</b>	<b>10,017.39</b>

## BUS MINISTRY REPORT

October 31, 1971

Bus No.	Captain	Enrolled	Riders	New Riders
1	Bob Fetrow	51	13	3
	Pete Urban			
2	Max Dickson	73	33	0
3	Rat Trigg	29	10	2
		153	56	5
	Workers		17	
	<b>Total on Buses</b>		<b>73</b>	

This past Saturday, a party was held for the riders of our buses at the Municipal Airport. Ninety-five of the riders attended along with 24 workers. Hamburgers and hot dogs were served for lunch. The entire group joined in games, relays, songs and a trip to the flight control office of the FAA.

Additional assistance in many areas is still needed in our Bus Ministry — why don't you find out how you could help? Call Bill Phillips at the church office, 433-5631.

## BAPTIST WOMEN GROUP

MEETINGS TUESDAY,

NOVEMBER 9, 1971

9:30 A.M.—MARY SAUNDERS will meet at the Church in "The Cellar."

10:00 A.M.—RALPH BETHEA will meet with Mrs. Claude Hawkins, 4120 Piedmont Road.

VIRGINIA COBB will meet with Mrs. J. A. Johnston and Mrs. Harvey Page, 2523 Whaley.

STANLEY DAVIS will meet with Mrs. R. D. Hinson, 2261 Pine Needles Circle.

LAURA FRANCES SNOW will meet with Mrs. R. A. Edwards, 333 Silver Road.

DALE TERRY will meet with Mrs. Marshall P. King, 7805 N. Chemstrand Road.

3:00 P.M.—HARVEY HEADRICK will meet with Mrs. J. T. Warthen, 2800 Blackshear Avenue.

TUESDAY, NOV. 16, 1971

10:00 A.M.—DOTTSON MILLS — Naturalization Ceremony, Federal Court, Post Office Building.

CHARLOTTE OWENS — Naturalization Ceremony, Federal Court, Post Office

## EXPLORERS' BIBLE DRILL

GRADES 4-6

Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Fleming are going to begin working with our boys and girls in grades four through six on Bible Drills and memory work. The time will be 5:15 P.M. on the second and fourth Sunday nights of each month.

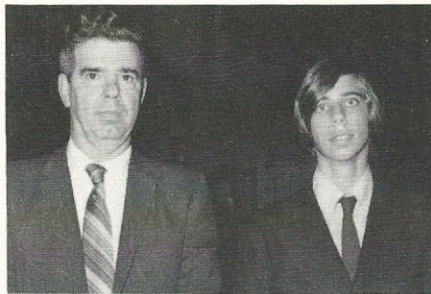
We encourage the children of this age group to participate to increase their knowledge of God's Word.



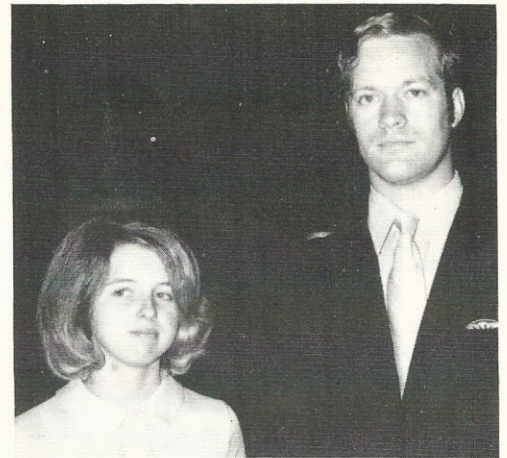
## RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



Mrs. Leon Singletary, Jr. (Bonnie)  
(Also shown is Leon, Jr., already a member)



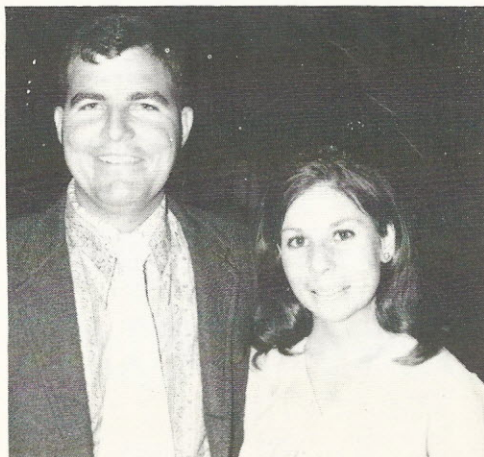
H. Scott Getman  
David Getman



Ronald Causseaux  
(Also shown is Ardye who is already a member)



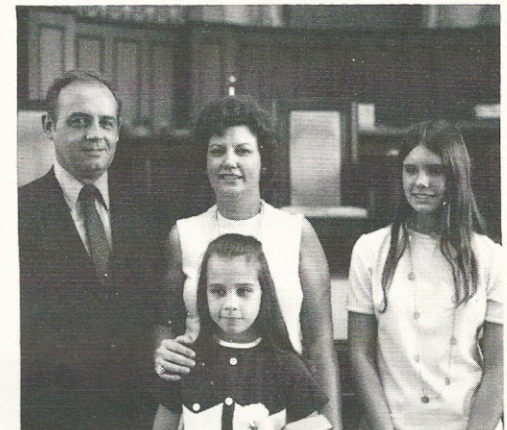
Mrs. LeNita Getman



Roger and Pat Hornsby



Karen James



Jack, Gladys, and Jan Page  
(Also shown is Becky)

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7: "A Time of Victory". 2 Samuel 22:1-4, 18-22  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8: "A Time of Deliverance". Exodus 15:1-10  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9: "A Time of Dedication". 2 Chronicles 5:1-14  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10: "A Time of Mercy". 2 Samuel 24:14-25  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11: "A Time of Birth". 1 Samuel 2:1-10  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12: "A Time of Sorrow". Genesis 49:1-2, 18, 25-28  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13: "At All Times". Psalm 116:1-19

### MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mr. Sam Williams and are given by his wife and children.

### FLORIDA BAPTIST CONVENTION

The Florida Baptist Convention will be meeting for its annual session November 9-11 in Tampa. The sessions will be held in Tampa's First Baptist Church. A number of our people will be in attendance at the sessions. You will want to remember these sessions in your prayers

### I AM GLAD MY CHURCH NEEDS MONEY

Have you ever heard anyone say, "My church is always asking for money. I wish I could belong to a church that never needed any money"? Well, I have. But I am sure those who make that statement do not really mean it. For any church that is alive needs money. Only dead churches do not call on their members to give. If anyone should accuse your church of always needing and calling for money, regard it as a compliment. Thank the person for being so observant. Invite him to rejoice with you that you both belong to a live, going concern of Jesus Christ, rather than a dead stagnant organization from which the glory of Christ has departed.

One father was complaining in the presence of another father of the fact that his son was costing him so much. He had to give money for clothes, books, carfare, lunch, allowance, tuition and so forth. It was such a burden. The other father remarked, "It's strange that you feel as you do about the expense your son requires, you know, my boy does not cost me a cent. I have not spent a dime on him in over two years. But, O, how I wish I could! How I wish I could"! "Why doesn't he cost you anything"? asked the first father. How could anyone be so lucky as to have a son who hasn't cost him anything in over two years"? "Well, you see," said the second father, "My boy died a little over two years ago."

That father would give all his money to have that boy back with him, to hear his laughter, to enjoy his fellowship, to plan with him his future, and to dream with him his dreams.

A church that is alive needs the liberal sacrificial support of those who love it. Only a dead church demands no sacrifice. And a dead church is a graveyard for dead church members.



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

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

### BAPTIST

Mrs. Emma K. Watts, Mr. L. V.  
Byrd, Mrs. Ovie M. Blue, Mr. Herman  
L. Mertins, Mrs. G. T. Farrington,  
Mrs. Eupha Parker, Mr. Herman John-  
son

### Specialty Care Center

Mrs. J. R. (Clara) Beard

### Sacred Heart

Mr. Dewey Johnson

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Melody Crane and Lawrence Liss  
on their marriage in Fort Lauderdale,  
Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Overman III on  
the birth of a baby boy in Gainesville,  
Florida. Grandparents are our Mr.  
and Mrs. C. H. Overman, Jr. and Mrs.  
Thomas Jernigan.

Congratulations to Jimmy Durr who  
was married October 22 to Miss Re-  
becca Jacks.

### SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. E. M. Carp in the loss of her  
father.

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

OCTOBER 31, 1971

### BY LETTER:

27. H. A. (Hank) Moak, Jr., 100 Red-  
wood Circle. From: First Baptist  
Oxford, Miss.
28. Mrs. H. A. Moak, Jr. (Pam)
29. Dr. L. Earl Wingo, Quarters 9-1,  
N.A.S. From: Parkview Baptist,  
Newport News, Va.
30. Mrs. L. Earl Wingo (Dianne)

## Opportunities of the Week

### Sunday, November 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
- \* 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- \* 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship,  
Ordinance of Baptism

### Monday, November 8

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer  
Group “The Cellar”

- 7:30 P.M.—Deacons meet

### Tuesday, November 9

- Baptist Women Group  
Meetings— See listing  
elsewhere in BUILDER.
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts meet in  
“The Cellar”

### Wednesday, November 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.
- \* 8:00 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

## DEACONS OF THE MONTH

### FOR NOVEMBER

Ernest Barrineau  
Walter Armistead