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An Urgent Personal Letter

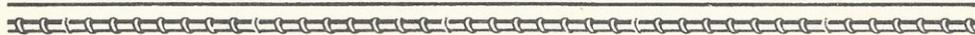
"Dear Church Member:

This is to notify you that all church members will be required to attend services on Sunday at least twice each month from now on. Registration will be taken each Sunday morning to determine which names remain in good standing as active members of the church. Unless you have some legitimate reason for not attending, you will not be permitted to remain on the roll as an active member, when you are not really active in your support of your church.

It may be that this new arrangement may anger some of you. We feel that it will not anger anyone who is already active in our church, or knows he should be. If you who are inactive are angered enough so that you do withdraw your membership and become active in another church, a great step forward will have been taken. If you simply withdraw your membership and remain inactive, no ground will have been weakened, since you were inactive anyway. Your own need may even become clearer to you.

The challenges of this century are simply too great for the church to permit false statements of loyalty from its so-called members. We say, then to you what we feel that God must be saying to the churches of this day: 'Shape up, or ship out!' (Read Revelation 3:15, 16) . . ."

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Pastor's Paragraphs

(FRONT PAGE ARTICLE)
Concluded

"WHAT PRICE MEMBERSHIP?"

It's the COSTLIEST of memberships. It's the CHEAPEST of memberships. God's Son bled and died for Her, but many who belong, (To "belong" as used here means the person's name appears on the church roll. It has nothing to do with loyalty and allegiance.) couldn't care less. The theme song of the indifferent is "Jesus Paid It All."

The words of the song are true. Jesus did pay it all, but we desperately need to get past the first 4 words to the next five, "ALL TO HIM I OWE."

The day is coming when we must get serious about church membership. (What do you think about the article on the front page?) The church is the only organization in all the world that you can belong to and never attend or support. This is tragic.

We turn in scorn from any organization which does not demand anything.

Remember the famous appeal Garibaldi made for volunteers, and the equally famous results, from this challenge: "I offer you new battles and fresh glory. Whosoever is willing to follow me shall be received among my people, but it will be at the price of great exertions and great peril. I require nothing of you but hearts filled with love for your country. I can give you no pay, no rest and food will have to be eaten where it is found. Whoever is not satisfied with these conditions had better stay behind."

Jesus was not nearly so tactful as Garibaldi. He said, "Any man having put his hand to the plow and turning back is not fit for the Kingdom of God!" Jesus Christ knew nothing about an inactive church member. Inaction in the mind of our Lord was an indication that there had never been any real surrender. Without surrender we cannot be God's child.

Last Sunday was an amazing day in the life of First Baptist Church. I was amazed at the attendance and response. I wonder what WOULD happen if all of us decided to get serious about our church membership.

See you Sunday?

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Promise of His Presence"

(Matthew 18:15-20)

"Finding Peace Within"

(Psalm 32)

The letter on the front page is an excerpt from another pastor's church paper. The pastor added this comment:

"You will be interested to know that the mailing of the above letter resulted in a 56 per cent increase in attendance and support for the church which sent it. Perhaps we need to reflect on the fact that many church members are more active and faithful to clubs or lodges than they are to the Body of Christ."

Christ might be asking these questions:

How consistent is YOUR church attendance?

How faithful is your giving to the Lord?

How often is your outreach-witness shared?

WHAT REALLY COMES FIRST IN YOUR LIFE?

EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

On next Tuesday night, January 18, Boy Scout Troop 10, sponsored by our Church, will observe a very significant event. Three Eagle awards will be presented in a special Eagle Court of Honor. One of these young men is a very active member of our Church, Mr. Rodney Hooper. Members of the congregation are invited to attend the special Court of Honor which will be held in the Church Dining Room at 7:30 P.M.

LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study	1437
Main Sunday School	1418
Crippled Children's Home	19
The Church in Training	730
Christian Training Hour	207
Other Training Activities	523
Coming for Membership	11
Baptisms	10
Tithes and Offerings	
Budget	\$11,434.21
Specials	300.05
TOTAL OFFERING	\$11,734.26

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mr. Herman Mertins

Specialty Care Center

Mr. E. F. Lee

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Robert E. (Patsy) Hatcher, Mrs. Joe (Ollie Rae) Napier, Debbie McVoy, Mrs. M. W. (Marjorie) Gilchrist, Mr. Clyde Hood

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Omie Etheredge in the loss of her husband.

Mrs. J. E. Bratcher in the loss of her husband.

Mr. W. F. Bratcher in the loss of his father.

Mrs. Helen Woodard in the loss of her father.

Mrs. W. G. Foxworth in the loss of her brother.

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



Prentiss Berry



Darlene Gilmore



Sam & Barbara Hollingsworth
(Also shown is Sam, Jr.)



Herschel H. Phillips

DO YOU NEED TO ATTEND ???

January 23-26 is the date for our Bible Conference. The Study of Providence and Fatih in *Job* will be led by Dr. Walter L. Moore. Give yourself the following pre-test. Check next week's Builder for the answers.

Place a circle around T for true and around F for false.

- T F 1. The theme of *Job* is the unexplained presence of suffering in the world.
- T F 2. The book of *Job* is easy to read and interpret.
- T F 3. The family of *Job* is a sign of his righteousness.
- T F 4. *Job* was unresponsive when he lost his possessions.
- T F 5. As far as we know, *Job* seriously contemplated suicide.
- T F 6. Bildad affirmed that God would not condemn a blameless man.
- T F 7. *Job* sought to put God on the witness stand.
- T F 8. Zophar showed that man can justify himself.
- T F 9. Elipaz recognized that the wicked often prosper.
- T F 10. *Job* never wavered in his assertion of innocence.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Sunday, January 16: "Harmony in the Church" I Corinthians 3:5-11
- Monday, January 17: "Purity in the Church" I Corinthians 6:9-14
- Tuesday, January 18: "Mutual Helpfulness in the Church" I Corinthians 10:23-33
- Wednesday, January 19: "Worship in the Church" I Corinthians 14:26-33
- Thursday, January 20: "Freedom in the Church" Galatians 5:13-15, 22-26
- Friday, January 21: "Ministry of the Church" I Peter 5:2-7
- Saturday, January 22: "The Victory of the Church" I Corinthians 15:20-26

SAMFORD CHOIR

The Samford University acappella Choir will present a concert at the Warrington Baptist Church on Thursday, January 20 at 7:30 P.M.

CLOTHING NEEDED

The Dale Terry Group are requesting donations for the Clothes Closet. They are especially in need of clothes for young people and children but any wearable clothing and shoes in good condition will be greatly appreciated. Clothing may be brought to the church office or other arrangements may be made with Mrs. Marshall King (476-0666).

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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.

EVERY ADULT OUGHT TO SEE "MAKING OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE"

The final chapter (Part III of "Our Bible — How It Came To Us") is probably the most stirring of this epic sound motion picture. It opens with the invention of printing and the introduction of the Gutenberg Bible, and deals with a host of men who made great contributions to Bible translation—Erasmus, Martin Luther, William Tyndale, Miles Coverdale and King James I of England. Two outstanding scenes deal with the martyrdom of William Tyndale and the conference called by King James at Hampton Court in 1604, which led to the publication of the beloved King James version of the Bible. Also shows discoveries of ancient manuscripts and continuing study and revision.

Even if you have not been here for the other sessions, join us Sunday night at 6:00 in the Dining Room.

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

No.	Captain	Enrolled	Riders	New Riders
1	Bob Petrow	34	19	2
2	Max Dickson	40	37	0
2A	Pete Urban	32	22	0
3	Rat Trigg	27	25	7
		133	103	9
	Workers		21	
	Total on Buses		124	

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
- * 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 4:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:15 P.M.—Explorer's Bible Drill
- * 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- * 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
"The Cellar"
- 6:00 P.M.—Sunday School Director's Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

- 10:00 A.M.—Laura Frances Snow Group Meeting in "The Cellar"
- 11:00 A.M.—Laura Stoeson Round Table Meeting with Mrs. Spencer West, 6115 N. Davis Highway, Apt. 39-B
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scout Court of Honor in Dining Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

- * 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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

- 9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.—Mother's Day Out
- 9:00 A.M.—Faithful Workers Sunday School Visitation Meeting, Faithful Workers Sunday School Room
- 9:30 A.M.—Association Baptist Women, East Hill Baptist Church

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1972

ON PROFESSION
OF FAITH IN CHRIST:
26. Bill Parker, 660 Parker Circle

BY STATEMENT:
3. Mrs. Martha W. Parker

FOR BAPTISM
FROM OTHER DENOMINATION:

- 27. Mr. Joe C. Parker
- 28. Pam Parker
- 29. Ben Parker

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 1972

BY LETTER:

- 58. Bill Novick, 3010 Bayou Blvd. From: FBC, Plantation, Fla.
- 59. Gary Robb, 401 Syrcle Dr., N.W. FBC, Panama City, Florida
- 60. Mrs. Gary Robb (Cheryl)
- 61. Jerry T. Smith, 3140 Whistler St. From: Shadowlawn Bapt., Prichard, Ala.
- 62. Mrs. Jerry T. Smith (Carolyn) From: Dauphin Way Bapt., Mobile, Ala.

FOR BAPTISM

- FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION:
30. David A. Haddock, 701 Copley Drive