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## RECOGNITION SERVICE



On Wednesday night, February 16, two of our missionary organizations, Girls in Action and Acteens, recognized the sixty girls in these groups for their work and accomplishments this past year.

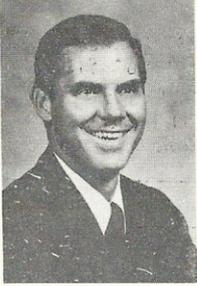
The girls pictured above were recognized with awards for Queen, Queen With a Scepter, Queen Regent, and Queen Regent in Service. They are from left to right: Allison Chestnut, Queen Regent and Queen Regent in Service; Danise Thames, Queen with a Scepter; Trenet Noble, Queen; Linda Thompson, Queen; Sharon Dingwall, Queen with a Scepter; and Shelley Eckert, Queen.

Congratulations to these. Thank you to the leaders in these organizations

# Pastor's Paragraphs

## "GREEN THUMBS"

Some people have it, some do not. I don't. It's called having a "green thumb." I am not sure why this particular terminology is used, but when a person has the ability to grow flowers, vegetables, etc., we often say, "He has a green thumb."



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The way we talk about these folk would lead you to believe that their ability is either inherited or a special gift from the Lord. I rather think our friends with "green

thumbs" work at the job. The results they get do not just happen, they have paid the price for success.

It doesn't require a "green thumb" to raise a delinquent child, it's easy. Actually all a parent has to do is to step aside and the delinquent will pretty well raise himself. There are indications that we have learned this lesson well. The number of delinquent children continues to increase at a frightful rate, and the end is not yet.

One of the most important (if not the most important) factor is the influence you exert on your child in relationship to the child and his church. The delinquent parent will give his children little if any spiritual training. He will let the child wait until he is 21, then he can decide for himself.

When, as a parent, you ignore God and His day by working on Sunday, or spending the day at the beach, or at the golf course, rest assured that you are planting the seeds of delinquency deep in the soil of your child's heart. In time you will reap the harvest.

You will get about the same results if you bring your child to Sunday School or church and then quickly drive away to some more important engagement. I doubt that any of us realize just how eloquently such actions say, "This religious business is not really important at all — it's child stuff."

No, it is not hard to raise a delinquent child. All that you have to do is ignore God and the church. You will be truly amazed at the results.

A concerned parent and pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*

### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"PEKING AND CARMEL"

(I Kings 19:1-12)

7:15 P.M.

"RELIGION VS. CHRISTIANITY"

(Matthew 15:1-9)

## BUS MINISTRY

Bus No.	Captain	Enrolled	Riders	New Riders
1	Bob Fetrow	42	21	2
2	Max Dickson	44	45	11
2A	Pete Urban	28	18	1
3	Rat Trigg	35	25	1
			149	15
Workers			21	
Total on Buses			130	

What a great weekend for our Bus Ministry!

Last Saturday and Sunday were two tremendous days in the history of our Bus Ministry. On Saturday morning, 42 men met at the church to eat pancakes and to go out to work on the bus routes. Over 52 different families were uncovered as prospects for our church. Some of these are not for the Bus Ministry, many of them are. But all of them are prospects for our church and for the Lord. Then on Sunday morning, 109 people came in on our buses and of that number there were 15 visitors and 15 first time riders. Many of the young people who are now riding our buses are bringing their friends with them to ride on the buses, first as visitors and then as members of our Sunday School. In addition to the 109 riders, there were also 21 crew members who were at the church at 8:00 A.M. Sunday morning to ride our buses before Sunday School and then to take them home after the church service. Our crews continue to be very faithful in their efforts on behalf of the Bus Ministry.

Once again this weekend, prove that "If we go, they come"! Won't you be a part of this Outreach Ministry this Saturday morning, 9:15 at the church, inviting people to come to the Lord's House on Sunday.

### THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of  
**MISS JUDI DIANNE CURINGTON**  
 daughter of

Mr. & Mrs. Wade Curington  
 born February 25, 1972

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

#### IN THE HOSPITALS:

##### Baptist

Miss Ora House, Mrs. Wade (Dianne) Curington, Mr. C. O. Stewart, Mrs. William H. (Billie) Martin

##### Specialty Care

Mr. E. F. Lee

##### Sacred Heart

Mr. Jim Prim

##### Naval Hospital

Mrs. Marshall (Ruth) King

##### Mobile Infirmary

Mrs. Charles H. (Melba) Stallings

#### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mr. H. L. Highsmith, Mr. William Novick, Mr. L. V. Byrd, Mr. K. S. Hudson, Mrs. J. G. Lambeth, Mr. Tim Jernigan

#### SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Elbert (Betty) Gentry III in the loss of her father.

## RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



*C. M. and Lynn Butler*



*Jan and Wayne Coleman  
Jan Belinda  
(Also shown is Julie)*



*Charles and Janis Milsted*



*Andy and Tina Trammell*

### JUST FOR YOU(th)

God is moving in a very great and wonderful way among our young people at the present time. How thrilled we have been for those who have come rededicating themselves to a closer commitment to Jesus Christ and for those who have come to make a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ in the last two weeks. 98 of our young people have committed themselves to join together to a closer walk with Christ, to give themselves totally and fully to be used by Him. Many others are praying about this kind of commitment and we feel sure that many of them will be led to make this same commitment in the days ahead. 72 young people were in Church Training Sunday night for a session entitled "Experiences in Worship", and then the Choir was filled, and overflowing during the Evening Worship Service with our young people. What a beautiful sight as God uses our youth.

On Monday, March 6, our young people will meet at the church at 9:00 A.M. to go to the Crippled Children's Home for a work project there and upon completion, they will go to the beach for lunch and activities on the beach until 4:00 P.M. Each young person is requested to bring his own bag lunch, to make reservations with either their Youth Council Representative or by calling the Church Office at 433-5631.

Fellowship Sunday night, March 5, will be for High School and College young people and will be held in "The Cellar" following the Worship Service.

Fellowship for March 12, will be for Middle School young people in "The Cellar" and the Adult 4 Department will be open with coffee and donuts for the parents who are waiting for their youth attending the fellowship.

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS March 6-10

THEME: "Expect Great Things from God and Attempt Great Things for God."

Monday, Thursday  
and Friday —10:00 A.M.—The Cellar  
Tuesday —General Meeting  
10:00 A.M.—Bible Study  
10:30 A.M.—Business  
10:45 A.M.—Program—  
Mrs. Elbert Ross Isbezl, Missionary to the Indians at Citronelle, Alabama will be the speaker  
11:30 A.M.—Lunch  
Annie Armstrong Goal — \$3,000

### FOR ACTEENS (Middle & High School Girls)

Friday, March 10 — 6:00 P.M.  
Mrs. James Coleman, wife of the pastor of Central Baptist Church teaching the book "COURAGE TO ANSWER"  
Acteens of Central Baptist Church, special guests  
Come at 6:00 P.M. for Supper, Mission Study, Slumber Party, and Breakfast all in "The Cellar"

### IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Jerry R. Glenn (Merle)  
6011 Audubon Drive  
Joined our church by letter  
January 19, 1969  
Deceased February 16, 1972

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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 .....1260  
Main Sunday School .....1243  
Crippled Children's Home ..... 17  
The Church in Training ..... 782  
Christian Training Hour ..... 202  
Other Training Activities ..... 580  
Coming for Membership .....9  
Tithes and Offerings:  
Budget .....\$8,157.04  
Specials ..... 908.38  
TOTAL OFFERING .....\$9,065.42

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP FEBRUARY 27, 1972

### BY LETTER:

88. Mary Ruth Garrett, 1120 E. Brainerd  
From Hillcrest Baptist, Denton, Texas
  89. Pam Elaine Ingram, 92 W. Gadsden  
From: FBC, Richardson, Texas
  90. Alan C. Kinsey, Rt. 4, Box 184K  
From: Dauphin Way Baptist, Mobile,  
Ala.
  91. D. T. (Don) Norwood, 4000 Lynn Ora  
Drive  
From: FBC, Pasadena, Texas
  92. Mrs. D. T. Norwood
  93. Scott Norwood
  94. Dohn A. Sims, 1836 E. Blount St.  
From: Olive -Bapt., Pensacola, Fla.
  95. Mrs. Dohn A. Sims (Lou)
- FOR BAPTISM

## Opportunities of the Week

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5

- \* 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
- \* 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 4:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:15 P.M.—Youth Bible Drill
- \* 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- \* 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship
- 8:15 P.M.—Fellowship for High School  
College "The Cellar"

### MONDAY, MARCH 6

Week of Prayer for Home Missions,  
March 5-12

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group

### TUESDAY, MARCH 7

- \* 10:00 A.M.—Baptist Women—  
Week of Prayer
- 6:00 P.M.—Baptist Women
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts "The Cellar"

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

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

### THURSDAY, MARCH 9

- 10:00 A.M.—Baptist Women "The Cellar"  
Week of Prayer

### FRIDAY, MARCH 10

- 10:00 A.M.—Baptist Women "The Cellar"
- 6:00 P.M.—Acteen Slumber Party  
"The Cellar"

### FROM OTHER DENOMINATION

37. Mrs. Alan C. Kinsey (Beverly), Rt. 4,  
Box 184K
- REDEDICATIONS:
- Tommy Ansley  
Jeanne Anthony  
Allison Chestnut  
Mary Kay Edwards  
Janie Garrett  
Bobby Murphy  
Sarah Roth  
Doug Wamble