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"The Seven Last Words of Christ"

MORE THAN A MUSICAL PRESENTATION . . .

. . . A MOVING SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE



SUNDAY 7:30 P. M.

MONDAY 7:30 P. M.

Pastor's Paragraphs

"BORN FREE"

Every time I hear the song "Born Free," I sort of envy the lions of Africa. (The first time I remember hearing the song,



I was in Africa and had an opportunity to see first hand some of these magnificent beasts.)

Born Free. Freedom is one thing we're all interested in. Some folks seem to think that the way to be free is to throw off all moral restraints. This philosophy is very popular in the land just now.

This is how the prodigal son felt in the Bible. He was convinced that if he could just somehow throw off the moral restrictions of his Father, that he could find real freedom. It didn't take him long to discover in the far country that real freedom is not to be found in ignoring the laws of God. In the far country, the young man soon discovered that the greatest servitude of all is to be a slave of sin. Thank God the young man soon realized just how foolish he was and so he returned to the love and warmth and RESTRICTIONS of the Father's House.

THE WAY TO BE FREE IS NOT TO BE BORN FREE LIKE SOME ANIMAL, BUT TO BE BORN AGAIN BY ACCEPTING JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOUR — THEN YOU ARE REALLY BORN FREE!

God willing, I'll look forward to seeing you in the Father's House Sunday. I just have a feeling deep in my soul that Sunday will be a most meaningful day as we gather to worship our living Lord.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.
OBSERVANCE OF THE
LORD'S SUPPER
"FORGET ME NOT"
(Luke 22: 7-20)

7:15 P.M.
"THE SEVEN LAST WORDS
OF CHRIST"

Presented by
The Adult Choir

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Enrolled	Riders	New Riders
1	Bob Fetrow	42	17	0
2	Max Dickson	44	33	0
3	Rat Trigg	28	29	2
4	Pete Urban	35	19	2
5	Benny Pope	35	22	3
		184	120	7
	Workers		20	
	Total on Buses		140	

On Saturday morning, March 25, our young people will be meeting at the church at 8:30 A.M. for a Pancake Breakfast and then to go out and work on the Bus Ministry. It is hoped with this intensive effort on this day that we will be able to work up our 6th bus route to be added in the very near future. Our young people have responded very enthusiastically to this opportunity for Outreach in our church.

The Bus Ministry continues to grow day by day. However, we are in need of workers at the present time. We need people who would be willing to serve as Assistant Captain, Teenage Crew Members or Saturday morning Visitors for the Bus Routes. Anyone who would be interested in discussing further one of these important positions are encouraged to contact Mr. Phillips at the church office.

GETTING READY

Monday was an exciting day around the First Baptist Church. Dozens of our folk were here helping to get ready for the presentation of "The Seven Last Words of Christ." Shown here are members of Virginia West's Costume Committee. From left to right are: Mrs. Barbara McAndrews, Virginia West, Mrs. Genie Patterson. They made 44 costumes.

At the same time Joe Napier, John David Gilbert, Mike Cranmer and others were busy erecting the stage which will be used in the Sanctuary.

All of this was ready for Monday night's rehearsal. You will not want to miss this presentation Sunday night at 7:30 and Monday night at 7:30.





Preston W. Husted

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Sunday, March 26: "Andrew, His Brother's Keeper" John 1:35-42
- Monday, March 27: "Stephen, Who Witnessed Faithfully" Acts 6:8-10; 7:54 to 8:1
- Tuesday, March 28: "Barnabas, Who Showed Concern" Acts 4:36; 11:22-26
- Wednesday, March 29: "Dorcas, Who Spent Time Doing Good" Acts 9:36-42
- Thursday, March 30: "Cornelius, Who Sought God" Acts 10:1-9
- Friday, March 31: "Lydia, Who Opened Her Home" Acts 16:11-15, 40
- Saturday, April 1: "Aquila, a Layman Expositor" Acts 18: 1-4, 24-26

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Miss Ora House, Mrs. R. C. Keith, Mrs. Helen Cary, Mrs. Evelyn Silver, Dr. B. R. Little, Mr. Benjamin W. McLeod, Jr.

Specialty Care Center

Mr. E. F. Lee

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. S. A. (Pinkie) Taylor, Mr. Woodrow Darden, Mr. Larry Emmons, Mrs. Maggie Brown, Mrs. Joseph F. (Annette) Brooks, Mr. Frank Patterson, Mr. George Markham, Jr., Mrs. Naomi Holbrook, Miss Cathy Tufts, Robert Sansing, III

SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. E. J. Buchanan in the loss of his sister.
 Mrs. A. L. Stanton in hte loss of her mother.
 Mr. P. B. Bishop in the loss of his mother.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Judy Whitehurst and Richard Leatherwood on their marriage March 17, 1972.
 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kreitlein III on the adoption of a baby boy, Fred William Kreitlein IV, March 17, 1972. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Fred Kreitlein, Jr.

All the young people are reminded of the Bus Ministry Pancake Breakfast Saturday morning, March 25. Everyone is to meet at the church at 8:30 A.M. for the breakfast and following that we will work until approximately noon at which time we will all return to the church to report our results and dismiss. Anyone who has not made their reservations as of now should call Mr. Phillips at the church office to make their reservations.

The High School youth group is reminded of the Youth Celebration to be held at Lake Yale, Florida, April 20-22. Our group will be leaving the church at 6:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 20th and will return to the church at approximately 7:00 P.M. Saturday, April 22nd. Cost of this trip is \$18.00 which includes room and board while at Lake Yale. Registration blanks may be obtained from Mr. Phillips at the church office and registrations are being accepted on a first come, first served basis.

The Youth Choir will be presenting "Love" at the Cordova Mall Shopping Center on Friday, March 31, at 7:30 P.M. Following the presentation of "Love" there will be a beach party for all of our youth group and all youth are encouraged to attend. This will be a tremendous outreach effort on the part of our young people and we're hoping for an enthusiastic response.

Fellowship Sunday night, March 26, will be in "The Cellar" and will be for the High School and College young people.

Congratulations to Jeanne Anthony who will represent First Baptist Church in the Associational Youth Speakers Tournament on Monday evening, March 27, at the Gulf Breeze Baptist Church. Jeanne was selected to represent our church and our prayers go with her as she continues in the Tournaments. All of our speakers were excellent and we extend our "thank you" also to Cricket Smith and Tommy Ansley for an excellent job which they did in our Sunday evening service March 19.



THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of **MASTER ROBERT DAVIS BROOKS** son of **Mr. & Mrs. Joseph F. Brooks** born March 14, 1972

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LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study1343
Main Sunday School1325
Crippled Children's Home 17
The Church in Training829
Training Union210
Other Training Activities619
Tithes and Offerings:
Budget\$6,894.93
Specials 995.70
TOTAL OFFERING\$7,890.63

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

The Good Friday Services this year will be held at the First United Methodist Church from 12 Noon to 3 P.M. The Services are based on the Seven Last Words of Christ and the participating ministers are listed below.

First Word — 12 Noon

Dr. Albert Kissling

First Presbyterian Church

Second Word — 12:25 P.M.

Rev. Gary P. Wright

St. Andrews United Methodist

Third Word — 12:50 P.M.

Father James Bluett

St. Michael's Catholic Church

Fourth Word — 1:15 P.M.

Rev. Frank Beall

Trinity Presbyterian

Fifth Word — 1:40 P.M.

Rev. Richard Kobb

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
- * 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship—
Ordinance of the Lord's
Supper
- 4:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 P.M.—Sign Language Training
- 5:15 P.M.—Explorers Bible Drill
- * 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- * 6:00 P.M.—Recruitment Committee
- * 7:30 P.M.—“Seven Last Words”

MONDAY, MARCH 27

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
- 7:00 P.M.—Assn. Bible Drill and Speakers
Tournament, First Baptist Church, Gulf Breeze
- 7:30 P.M.—“Seven Last Words”

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

- 10:00 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts meet in “The
Cellar”

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

- * 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
- * 7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service
- * 8:00 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

- 6:30 P.M.—Naomi Sunday School Social
“The Cellar”

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

- 12:00 Noon—Good Friday Service, First
United Methodist Church

RABBI SPEAKS ON JEWISH FEASTS

Rabbi William Swartz will speak to the Adult Bible Study group Sunday night at 6:00 P.M. in Adult 3 department. This group which has been studying “An Introduction To the Bible” has asked that Rabbi Swartz speak on the Jewish Feast days as a background for a proper understanding of many events which we study in our New Testament.

St. Christopher's Episcopal
Sixth Word — 2:05 P.M.

Rev. M. S. Chatman

Talbert Chapel AME Zion

Seventh Word — 2:30 P.M.

Dr. James L. Pleitz

First Baptist Church