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Talk About Fun!



THE LENNEN SISTERS
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BEHIND EVERY GREAT
MAN A GREAT WOMAN



GRANDMA MOSES



HONEST ABE

Pastor's Paragraphs

Dear Mom,

This coming Sunday being Mother's Day, I was reminiscing and have come to the conclusion that you were the cause of me missing a lot as a boy.

Because of you, I never learned how to drink in moderation. In fact, I never learned how to drink — period.

Nor is this all I missed because of you. I never learned how to verbally "dissect" people. You refused to dissect the pastor or the in-laws or anyone else. When I was critical of my teacher — you always took up for her. I learned in the first grade not to tell you when the teacher had paddled me. Instead of protesting to the School Board, you gave me a second whipping.

Because of you, Mom, my childhood was twisted and warped. I came early in life to know frustration because you wouldn't let me have my way about everything. Like the time I wanted to drop out of school — at age 6 — and go to California. Yes, I'll admit it's a long walk from Arkansas to California, but Shirley Temple made it big and I never got my chance because of you.

Then there was the time at age 10 that I decided to start smoking. Although I'll have to admit that I was tempted to give up smoking on my own the day I smoked 6 packs out in back of the garage, you're to blame for the fact that my lungs are strong and I don't cough or smell like a camel.

Because of you, I spent most of Sunday in church. Why did you take me to Sunday School and church, and why did you insist on dragging me back on Sunday night? (Why couldn't you send me like the parents of some of my buddies?) I guess that's the reason I still find it necessary to spend every Sunday morning and Sunday night in God's House. And that's not all. It looks like your grandchildren have developed the same habit.

By the way, don't you think it's about time you "retired" from all this church going. Your pastor tells me that you never miss a service. Mama, don't you know that you're going on 82.

Like I said, Mom, because of you I missed a lot when I was a boy. Even then, I had a feeling deep down inside that you were a wonderful Mama — now — many years later I KNOW I was right. THANKS, Mom, for just being you!

Lovingly your son,
Jim

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Enrolled	Riders	New Riders
1	Bob Fetrow	42	24	2
2	Max Dickson	44	36	0
3	Rat Trigg	28	18	0
4	Pete Urban	35	16	0
5	Bennie Pope	35	25	0
		184	119	2
Workers			26	
Total on Buses			145	

This past Sunday marked the first time in the history of our church that we used our own buses on our Church Bus Ministry Program. Although two of our buses have not been painted, we were able to use five of them on the routes Sunday and look forward to having the others ready to go next week.

We are extremely thankful to the men who are giving their time to drive our buses. As of this time, David Gilbert, Mike Hogan, Steve Hamrick, Bennie Pope, and Max Dickson have volunteered to train and drive the buses on Sunday mornings. We continue to need drivers for the buses as it is difficult for our Bus Captains to also serve as drivers. Anyone interested in driving one of them is urged to contact Mr. Phillips in the church office as soon as possible. A training class will be held in the next two weeks for bus drivers and it is hoped that the response to this program will enable us to schedule our drivers so that no one person will have to drive continuously and we will be able to stagger the schedule.

Our Bus Ministry is now one year old and, as we begin our second year, we are extremely thankful for the blessings which we have reached from this first year of Outreach. Our bus ministry began on April 18, 1971 with two buses and a total of 24 people coming into our church services on them. We now have five buses with an average of 120 each Sunday. During this past year, three hundred and fifty-four different boys and girls have ridden our buses to our Worship Services. We have had eight professions of faith from boys and girls off the buses. The potential of our bus ministry is an unlimited opportunity for our church to reach out into the community to bring others in to hear the Lord's word preached and taught. If you would like to become involved in this outreach ministry, there is a place of service for you. People with different amounts of time, talents, and interests are all needed in the various phases of our bus ministry. Contact Mr. Phillips in the church office today and find out where you can serve in this outreach opportunity!

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"CALL HER BLESSED"
(Proverbs 31:10-31)

7:15 P.M.

"THE OTHER SIDE
OF THE GRAVE"
(Luke 16:19-31)

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



Bill Cassidy



Jean Moody



Rick and Carole Stewart

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mrs. Eva Harris, Mr. Herman Mertins, Mrs. Myrlene Hawkes, Mrs. Amzie (Anna) Wilson, Mrs. Marion Poulas, Mrs. John Paul (Kathleen) Monroe, Jr., Daniel W. Berry, Milton Richardson.

Sacred Heart

Mr. Herbert Gladden

Eglin AFB

Eugene Ellis

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Frank (Alma) Johnson, Mrs. Elbert C. (Betty) Gentry, III, Mrs. W. D. (Bonnie) Harvell, Glen E. McDonald, Mrs. Robert T. (Carole Ann) Hudson, Jr., Pamela McMurrain.

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Maynard Stitt in the loss of her husband.

Mr. Earl Berry in the loss of his mother.

THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of
MISS ELISHA RAE BRANTLEY
daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Don Brantley
born May 3, 1972

JUST FOR YOU(th)

Fellowship Sunday night will be held in "The Cellar" for the Middle Schoolers. Coffee and donuts will be served in Adult 4 Sunday School Department for the parents of these young people. All Middle Schoolers are invited and encouraged to attend.

The Middle School trip to Disney World and Orlando is almost filled at this time. Any member of our church who has not yet registered and has an interest in going, contact Mr. Phillips immediately as remaining spaces are very limited and we would like to assure all of our own boys and girls an opportunity to participate in this trip before we allow any visitors to register.

RESERVED PARKING FOR BUSES

Beginning Sunday, May 14, 1972, our five church buses will be parking on the North side of LaRua Street. We are asking everyone to please reserve this area for our buses. It will be marked "Reserved" each Sunday morning.

TROOP 10 VISITS VICKSBURG

Friday, April 28, 44 Boy Scouts and 4 adults from Troop 10 left by Trailway Bus from First Baptist Church about 6:00 P.M. for Vicksburg, Mississippi. On Saturday they hiked a 14 mile trail sponsored by the Boy Scout Trail Committee and sanctioned by the Vicksburg Military Park. They visited the different sites in the park and earned a medal for hiking the 14 mile trail.

On Sunday morning, Troop 10 had a combined church service with Troop 3. About 10:30, they traveled to the center of Vicksburg to see one of the largest paddle wheels ever used and one of the few still existing. While there they toured the boat and learned a little bit about it. They returned to Pensacola about 5:30 Sunday night.

ANNIVERSARY PICTURES

The Bulletin Board outside of the Dining Room has on display, pictures made during the 125th Anniversary Celebration. Anyone interested in getting prints of the black and white pictures will find posted there the prices and order blanks.

On Sunday night, May 21, at a special all-church fellowship, we will show the color slides made during the celebration. Members will have an opportunity that night to place orders for color slides or prints.

IN MEMORIAM

Maynard Stitt
820 N. Baylen St.
Joined our church by letter
May 12, 1968
Deceased May 8, 1972

ANNIVERSARY FOLDERS AND COINS

If you were not present last week and have not received one of the 125th Anniversary coins, you may secure one from the office.

We have on hand ample copies of the program folders. If you would like additional copies to mail to friends you may get them from the office.

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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 Study1206
 Main Sunday School1194
 Crippled Children's Home 12
 The Church in Training 522
 Training Union 166
 Other Training Activities 356
 Coming for Membership 3
 Tithes and Offerings:
 Budget 9,582.65
 Specials 762.21
TOTAL OFFERING10,344.86

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

MAY 7, 1972

BY LETTER:

123. Jean Hudson, 11 Emory Drive
 From: Circle Baptist
 124. Suzanne Blackburn, 908½ E. Blount
 Street
 From: Central Baptist,
 Melbourne, Florida

FOR BAPTISM:

47. Pam Bryant, 610 Whitney

Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, May 14

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
 New Members Class No. 3
- * 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 4:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 P.M.—Sign Language Class
- * 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- * 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship
- 8:15 P.M.—Middle School Fellowship
 in "The Cellar"

Monday, May 15

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
 in The Library
- 7:30 P.M.—Associational Sunday School
 Meeting, Heights Baptist
- 7:30 P.M.—Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, May 16

- 9:30 A.M.—Mary Saunders Group
 Meeting in "The Cellar"
- 11:00 A.M.—Laura Stoesen Round Table
 with Mrs. John Yelverton,
 31 Gilmore Drive,
 Gulf Breeze
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts in "The Cellar"

Wednesday, May 17

- * 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 Re-
 hearsal
- * 7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service, Business
 Meeting
- * 8:00 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 18

- * 9:00 A.M.—Mother's Day Out
- 9:30 A.M.—Faithful Workers Sunday
 School Class meeting and
 visitation, (Meet at the
 church) and then covered
 dish luncheon with Mrs.
 Geneva Holt, 2661 Scenic
 Highway.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Sunday, May 14: "A Mother of Great
 Worth" — Proverbs 31:10-20
 Monday, May 15: "The Rule of Peace"
 Colossians 3:12-16
 Tuesday, May 16: "The Excellent Way"
 I Corinthians 12:31 to 13:3
 Wednesday, May 17: "The Nature of Love"
 I Corinthians 13:4-7
 Thursday, May 18: "Love Never Fails"
 I Corinthians 13:8-13
 Friday, May 19: "The Test of Love"
 John 21:11-17
 Saturday, May 20: "Assurance of Love"
 I John 3:18-24