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BRETHREN LET'S FACE IT

"They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us." I John 2:19.

When is a church member not a member? Supposedly, anyone with his name on the church roll is a member by virtue of the fact that he made an open profession of faith in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, was baptized in accordance with the Scriptures, and was received at his own request into the fellowship of the church by the expressed approval of the assembly. This is the way in which it was done in the churches of the New Testament. If a member moved to another community it was customary to recommend him to the fellowship of the church in that area, and being accepted he accordingly became a member of that church. As a member, he enters into the service of the Lord together with the other members, witnessing, praying, utilizing his talents, contributing his tithes and offerings, receiving instructions, accepting correction and admonition, growing in grace, and partaking at the Lord's table as one body of which Christ is the Head. It is a sacred relationship originating in the mind of the Lord Himself for the accomplishing of His purposes in the world.

The church as a whole obviously has an obligation to fulfill toward each member, and each member has an obligation toward the church as a whole. If the church is blessed, each member shares the blessing. If a member is blessed, the church as a whole shares the blessing. If the church suffers reproach, the members all suffer reproach. If a member falls into sin, it is a blot on the church as a whole. For this reason, it is written: "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:1, 2

Inherent in church membership is the necessity of regular and active participation whenever possible. Neglect in the matter of attendance invariably operates to the detriment of both the individual and also the church as a whole. We are told "not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together." Satan has a variety of wedges that he seeks to drive into churches, but he makes special use of this one.

One of the great problems that plague churches is that of the inactive members. He doesn't attend; he doesn't contribute either time, talent, or financial support; his interest is centered on other matters; he would rather not be around the church people; he usually becomes critical, and talks against the church and the things of the Lord; and very often his life and influence is downright injurious to the cause of Christ. We are not referring to those who are incapacitated because of age or health, but rather to those who fall into the class described by Paul: "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate." Titus 1:16.

Brethren, let's face it. Church attendance usually measures a person's devotion to Christ (when one is not providentially hindered).

If every member of First Baptist Church was in love with Jesus, the church would be overflowing every Sunday. "Christ loved the Church and gave his life for it." Ephesians 5:25.

Pastor's Paragraphs

"THE DEATH OF DAN BLOCKER"

Dan Blocker is dead. He was best known as the warm-hearted "Hoss" of

BONANZA. The Ponderosa will never be the same again. We'll all miss him. He provided us with a lot of good, clean entertainment. Ole Hoss always wore a "white" hat. He was always on the side of truth and righteousness. I have a feeling Mr. Blocker was this type of person in real life, too.



Fourteen scripts for next year had already been written for BONANZA. In the first of these, Hoss was to get married. Now, because of his death, these 14 episodes will have to be re-written.

This is life. It rarely goes according to script. In many cases it has to be re-written. It always includes the unexpected and the sad. There's nothing in all of life that is as uncertain as life itself. The Bible says, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."

Mr. Blocker's unexpected death should remind us once again to put first things first in life. We never know when we will stand in the presence of our Maker. I'm afraid that many of us have our priorities all mixed up. Things pertaining to the Kingdom of God which should come first are given a low priority, and things that are of little or no importance come first in our lives.

Jesus said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God." I hope and pray that the day will soon come when we will get real serious about the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"HEARSAY OR EXPERIENCE"

(John 18:28-37)

7:15 P.M.

"ON BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT"

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Enrolled	Riders	New Riders
1	Bob Fetrow	42	20	1
2	Max Dickson	38	26	1
3	Rat Trigg	32	14	0
4	Pete Urban	35	15	1
5	Bennie Pope	35	27	1
		182	102	4
Workers			23	
Total on Buses			125	

BUS MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

Yes, our Bus Ministry does need you. We need anyone who wants to serve the Lord by reaching people, especially children, for Him. Even if you only have a few minutes each week, there is a need for you. Check below the place you could assist and return to the Church office:

_____ Bus Captain — 2½ hours on Saturday morning in personal contacts and riding bus on Sunday morning.

_____ Crew Member — Help Bus Captain when possible with visitation and on buses on Sunday.

_____ Teenage Crew Member — Assist with children.

_____ Bus Driver — 8:15 to 1:30 on Sunday (You can attend your regular Sunday School Class and the Morning Worship Service).

_____ Help in Children's Church—10:45-12:00 Sundays. Assist with the Children's Church program.

_____ Survey Taker — Go out to a pre-assigned area at your convenience and survey for prospects. Assignment and material provided by Church office.

Name _____

Phone _____

If you have any questions or could help in some other way, call Bill Phillips at 433-5631.

FOCUS ON FIRST FOLKS

Mark Lee is one of the top 10 scholars at Washington High School and has been invited to a luncheon May 24 at the San Carlos Hotel by the Kiwanis Club, at which he will be awarded a scholarship pin.

Robert Edward Ansley, Jr. received his degree at Duke University. He has been commissioned an Ensign in the U. S. Navy and will be based in Athens, Georgia.

**RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP
LAST WEEK**



Marcia Elaine Jones

**OUTGROWN BOY
SCOUT UNIFORMS**

If you have at your home, Boy Scout Uniforms which your boy has outgrown, we have a use for them. Please bring them to the Church Office or call us and let us pick them up.

**ASSOCIATIONAL
BROTHERHOOD MEETING**

MONDAY, MAY 29
WARRINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH
6:45 P. M.

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

PICTURES NEEDED

Anyone having pictures made of the ground breaking for the Sanctuary building or the Cornerstone Laying for the Sanctuary Building are asked to please call Mr. Bizzell.

HELP SAVE MONEY

All of us are interested in saving money. Here is a way that all of us can help save the Church money. When you are finished with a meeting or activity in any portion of the church building, be sure that windows are down and lights are off.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Miss Inez Ware and are given by friends.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mrs. Eva Harris, Mr. Harold L. Drown, Mr. F. G. Almon, Mrs. J. Hugh (Rose) Brock, Mr. E. W. Hopkins, Sr., Mrs. Myrlene Hawkes.

Navy Hospital

Lt. Jerry Martin

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mr. James S. Stinson, Jr., Mr. Herman Mertins, Mrs. Marion Poulas, Mr. H. S. Sanders, Dr. Wallace Mayo, Mr. Emil Anderson, Mr. Eugene Ellis, Mrs. C. E. (Edna) Fosha, Mr. Grover Payne, Tammy McNair.

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. J. R. Blackwell in the loss of her brother.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Linda Dixon and Bill Sharp on their marriage May 6.
Cindy Hobbs and Gregory Durkin on their marriage May 20.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, May 28: "God's Eternal Purpose"
Ephesians 1:5-12

Monday, May 29: "Alive in Christ"
Ephesians 2:1-7

Tuesday, May 30: "Prayer for Christians"
Ephesians 3:14-21

Wednesday, May 31: "Plea for Unity"
Ephesians 4:1-8

Thursday, June 1: "A New Man"
Ephesians 4:17-24

Friday, June 2: "Practical Christian Living"
Ephesians 4:25-32

Saturday, June 3: "Walk in the Light"
Ephesians 5:6-14

**SEE BILLY GRAHAM
CHANNEL 10**

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 8:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 8:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 9:00 P.M.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Edwin Frank (Pearl)
2020 E. Lakeview
Joined our church by letter
December 3, 1939
Deceased May 21, 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.

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, May 28

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
New Members Class No. 2
- *11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 2:30 P.M.—Associational Acteens' Meet-
ing, Whitfield Baptist Church
- 4:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- * 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- * 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship
- 8:15 P.M.—

Monday, May 29

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
in the Library
- 6:45 P.M.—Assn. Brotherhood Meeting,
Warrington

Tuesday, May 30

- 7:00 P.M.—Middle School Campers and
Parents Meeting, Church
Dining Room
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts "The Cellar"

Wednesday, May 31

- * 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
- * 8:00 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, June 3

- 9:00 A.M.-12 Noon—Bus Ministry Party
in "The Cellar"

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

PROGRAM

JUNE 4, 1972

7:15 P. M.

"THE LIFE OF CHRIST"

Music — Scenery
Special Lighting

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

May 21, 1972

BY LETTER

131. H. Sam Jones, 4850 Woodcliff Dr.
From: Trinity Baptist Church,
Corpus Christi, Texas
132. Mrs. H. Sam Jones (Marjorie)
133. Donna Nell, Rt. 6, Box 1092
From: Pleasant Grove Baptist,
Pensacola
134. Sandra Lutrick, 3880 Tom Lane Dr.
From: 38th Ave. Baptist,
Hattiesburg, Miss.
135. Nix Daniel, 213 Northcliff Dr.,
Gulf Breeze
From: First Baptist,
Winston-Salem, N. C.
136. John Ladner, 6012 Hilburn Rd.
From: First Baptist, Rolla, Mo.

LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study	1186
Main Sunday School	1172
Crippled Children's Home	14
The Church in Training	714
Training Union	187
Other Training Activities	527
Coming for Membership	6
Baptized	2
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$7,790.32
Specials	903.22
TOTAL OFFERING	\$8,693.54