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You Make The Difference

You

are the church, and the success or failure of our church depends upon the part that you play in it. This places this great responsibility squarely where it belongs . . . upon **YOU!**

Yes, your attitude and the extent **YOU** participate in the program of your church determines its success or failure.



If **YOU** attend, pray, and visit for your church we will always have great crowds in the Sunday School and Church Training. We will baptize every Sunday, and have new people joining the church.

If **YOU** are enthusiastic in boosting your church, then others will think well of the church. If **YOU** are loyal and dependable then the future of your church is assured. But **YOU** have a part that no one but **YOU** can fill. Success depends upon **YOU**.

Have **YOU** Told Anyone About **YOUR**
Church This Week?

Pastor's Paragraphs

"PARSON TO PERSON"

The following article first appeared in the "Letters to the Editor" in the newspaper in Warsaw, Indiana. Please read it and "Pass it on."



"Three months ago I sat in a court room and heard a judge say '20 years.' He was pronouncing sentence on my 21 year old son, a punishment for drinking, gambling and robbery which ended in the shooting and near death of a man.

The sentence might have been less but my son took a sneering, defiant attitude all through court, ridiculing every law officer who spoke to him. But the crowning, shocking climax came when the judge sternly asked, 'Young Man, don't you believe in God?' He laughed long and loud as he said, 'God, Who's that?' Every eye in the court room turned to look at me.

I went to Sunday School when I was small and learned all about God. After I was married I decided to go again and take my children. I could not persuade my husband to go, but the children and I went regularly for a year. Then I skipped a Sunday. Soon I skipped two, or three, then we went only on special days.

Soon I joined a bowling team that competed on Sunday afternoons. I could not go to church and get ready and leave in time to bowl, and the bowling was such fun.

If only I had those years to live over. Night after night I've paced the floor with the words, 'God, who's that?' echoing in my ears.

My son was 13 the Sunday the police came as I was leaving with my bowling bag. I waited impatiently while he told me my son had been caught breaking a window the night before. I practically forgot about it and went on my merry way. By now church was a thing of the past. The years went by—to end up in a court room.

When I think of the wasted years of 'having fun' instead of meeting God at His appointed place, I am sick with shame. I'm trying to make restitution by urging others to go."

So many say they do not believe in making a child go to church if he does not want to, but how many would go to school if they weren't made to go? Ask any child that question.

I'll look forward to seeing you in God's House on His day.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

| Bus No. | Captain | Enrolled | Riders | New Riders |
|----------------|----------------|----------|--------|------------|
| 1 | Barbara Yonker | 39 | 15 | 0 |
| 2 | Max Dickson | 83 | 62 | 9 |
| 3 | Rat Trigg | 26 | 16 | |
| 4 | Jim Schappaugh | 31 | 13 | |
| 5 | Bennie Pope | 37 | 26 | 0 |
| | | 216 | 132 | 15 |
| Workers | | | 29 | |
| Total on Buses | | | 161 | |

JUST FOR YOU(th)

Words are extremely difficult to find to describe my feelings as I write this, my last "Just For You(th)" article. The past twenty months have been very happy ones for me. As I view them, certainly I am the one who has received the largest blessings during this time. The youth of this church have been great! Working with them, the entire congregation and the staff has been exciting and a real spiritual blessing. We go to our new place of service in Orlando with anticipation and assured of the Lord's leading. Our prayers will be with First Baptist always. In closing let me just say "Thank You" (which is terribly inadequate) for allowing me to serve with you here! May God bless each of you and may He continue to lead and use this church in a great way.

Bill Phillips

A JOB HALF DONE

When you make an appointment to have your picture made for the Church Directory, the job is only half done. Then you must return to the church to select a pose to appear in the Directory. If this is not done, your picture cannot be included in the directory and we will not receive a copy of the book for you.

So, be sure to keep your appointment to see your proofs. If you forgot your appointment or missed it, call the office for the days proofs are being shown.

If you have not had your picture made, we are taking appointments for October 23 and 24 from 4:00 to 9:00.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND PEACE"

(I John 1:1-10)

7:15 P.M.

"THE HIGHWAY TO HAPPINESS"
(Psalm 1)

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITAL:

Baptist

Mrs. Hugh (Rose) Brock, Mrs. Wallace (Nina) Brown, Mrs. Evelyn Silver, Mrs. M. B. Dawson, Mr. Charles E. Roth, Mr. Joe Tillman, Carole Willis

Naval Hospital

Julie Minchew

Walter Reed Army Hospital

Mr. Bill Guyette, Sr.

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Gerald (Sue) Gentry III, Mrs. Ralph (Carolyn) Van Matre, Mr. E. A. Bratcher, Mrs. H. G. (Catherine) Gray, Mrs. George (Fannie) Kent, Mrs. J. L. (Bernice) Smith, Mrs. Henry (Evelyn) Parramore, Mrs. S. J. (Billie) Bell, Mrs. David (Sara) Shiel

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Sandra Wiginton and Craig Coleman on their marriage September 30.

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Leon Singletary, Sr. in the loss of her brother.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, October 8: "The Obedience of Faith"

Genesis 12:1-4

Monday, October 9: "Faith's Thank Offering"

Genesis 14:17-20

Tuesday, October 10: "Justification by Faith"

Genesis 15:1-6

Wednesday, October 11: "God Versus the Impossible"

Genesis 18:9-15

Thursday, October 12: "Faith's Persistence"

Genesis 18:30-33

Friday, October 13: "A Stranger in the Land"

Genesis 21:22-34

Saturday, October 14: "My All — My Lord"

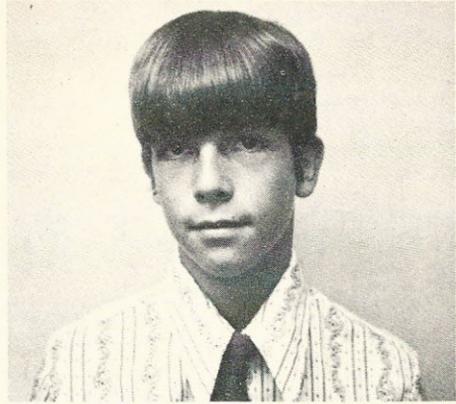
Genesis 22:6-12

LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

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|---------------------------------|------------|
| The Church in Study | 1403 |
| Main Sunday School | 1384 |
| Crippled Children's Home | 19 |
| The Church in Training | 881 |
| Christian Training Hour | 215 |
| Other Training Activities | 666 |
| Coming for Membership | 8 |
| Tithes and Offerings: | |
| Budget | \$9,085.10 |
| Specials | 532.78 |
| Total Offering | \$9,617.88 |

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP

LAST WEEK



Doug Bass

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st
SANTA ROSA SHORES
COUNTRY CLUB

12:00 NOON — BUFFET LUNCH

1:00 P.M. — SHOTGUN START

— 18 HOLES MEDAL PLAY —
ENTRY FEE: \$7.50

Includes Greens Fee/Lunch/Awards
Make Reservations Now!

Get An Entry Card!

Call Church Office — 433-5631

or

Bill Harden — 432-9831 (Office)
438-0246 (Home)

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS:
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mr. B. M. Wakefield and are given by Mrs. B. M. Wakefield and the John Yelverton family.

RECEPTION FOR BILL PHILLIPS

Sunday night after the evening worship service there will be a reception for Bill Phillips who is leaving our staff to become the Associate General Director of the Orange County YMCA, Orlando, Florida. Bill will be taking a few days of vacation time next week and then will be going to his new assignment in Orlando. The family will be joining him there in the very near future.

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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, OCTOBER 8

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
 New Member's Class, Ses-
 sion 3
- * 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
 3:30 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
 5:00 P.M.—Explorer's Bible Drill for
 3rd-6th Grades
- * 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- * 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship
- * 8:15 P.M.—Reception for Phillips Family

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
- 7:00 P.M.—Associational Church Train-
 ing Update Clinic, First
 Baptist
- 7:30 P.M.—Deacons meet

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

- * 9:30 A.M.—Group meetings listed else-
 where in BUILDER
- 7:00 P.M.—Bible Study and Telecare
 Group with Mrs. Ola Ram-
 psey, 1915 N. 19th Ave.
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts in "The Cellar"

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

- * 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

*Indicates Nursery open.

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP OCTOBER 1, 1972

BY LETTER:

1. Joyce Cowan, 2659 Boulder Ave.
 From: Bellview Baptist, Pensacola
2. Mrs. Mary Knight, 916 Lagoon Dr.
 From: East Acres Baptist, Millington,
 Tenn.
3. Mrs. Dale Neuendorf (Mary), 1912 E.
 Hatton St.
 From: FBC, Greenville, Ala.
4. Richard Puckett, Box 32435, UWF
 From: Warrington Baptist, Pensacola
5. Beverly J. Shirley, 530 Michigan Ave.
 From: Bellview Baptist, Pensacola

BY BAPTISM:

1. Paul P. Abram, 3365 Timberlane Dr.
2. Wayne Knight, 916 Lagoon Dr.
3. Dale Neuendorf, 1912 E. Hatton St.

MENU FOR WEDNESDAY

October 11, 1972
 Baked Chicken

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| Dressing | | Gravy |
| | Green Beans | |
| | Rolls | |
| Coffee | Dessert | Tea |

BAPTIST WOMEN GROUP MEETINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1972

- 9:30 A.M.—MARY SAUNDERS Group
 at the church in the "Cellar."
 MISSION ACTION EVANGELISM
 VISITATION Group at the church
 in Adult 1 Department. (Nursery
 will be open)
- 10:00 A.M.—RALPH BETHEA Group
 with Mrs. Claude Hawkins, 4120
 Piedmont Road.
 VIRGINIA COBB Group with Mrs.
 Elwood Burks and Mrs. Douglas
 Burks, 3811 Menendez.
 STANLEY DAVIS Group with Mrs.
 T. H. Blackmon, 151 Dean Road.
 DOTSON MILLS Group with Mrs.
 Luciano J. Suarez, 3005 E. Lee St.
 CHARLOTTE OWENS Group with
 Mrs. W. H. Sielaff, 207 Hibiscus
 Avenue, Gulf Breeze.
 LAURA FRANCES SNOW Group
 with Mrs. E. A. Bratcher, 100 W.
 Cervantes Street.
 DALE TERRY Group with Mrs.
 M. P. King, 7805 Chemstrand Road.
- 2:30 P.M.—HARVEY HEADRICK
 Group with Mrs. A. L. Stanton,
 1500 E. Bobe Street.