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Pastor's Paragraphs

"TO PLEDGE OR NOT TO PLEDGE"

Do you like to pledge?

I don't either! However, I have been in the business of pledging ever since I can remember. Let me give you a few examples. I pledged my whole life to Margaret Ann at the marriage altar; believe it or not, I pledged to bring up my children with proper care and teaching; I have pledged to pay for almost every major item in our household; I pledge for cars, loans, insurance, medical care,



and almost every area of life; and every credit card that is issued to me is done so with the understanding that I pledge to pay.

Why, then, should I fool myself in saying that I can pledge to man without his help and be unwilling to pledge to God with His help?

And isn't it odd how we try to pledge the *same thing* to God every year. Did you know that the Bible explicitly points out that increase would come to us and we are responsible to adjust our giving to the increase? You'll find in Deuteronomy 14:22 "thou shalt surely tithe all the *increase* . . ." And without apology the writer of Leviticus says in 27:30 ". . . the tithe is holy unto the Lord!"

I believe I know where the difficulty is; as long as we Christians think of giving simply on the basis of pledging we lose the vision of Grace and become shackled by the thought of Law.

Therefore, let us faithfully give in the ministry that is committed to care through a church membership that is dedicated to Jesus Christ.

PLEASE REMEMBER, PLEDGE DAY IS NOVEMBER 19. Have your pledge in on or before that time. Bless you.

I'll look for you Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz



COMMITTED TO CARE



FOR PEOPLE

Because of the faithful stewardship of material possessions of many of our people and the dedicated efforts of our bus crew to give of themselves and their time your church will be able, in 1973, to send out more buses and reach more people. Have you made your commitment to care?

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BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Enrolled	Riders	New Riders
1	Barbara Ann Yonker	39	15	1
2	Renee Burks	48	27	2
3	Rat Trigg	32	16	0
4	Pete Urban	27	19	2
5	Bennie Pope	35	30	0
6	Jim Prim	35	24	0
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		216	131	5
Workers			35	
Total on Buses			<hr/>	<hr/>
			166	

BAPTIST WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, November 14, 1972

9:45 A.M.—Bible Study

10:15 A.M.—Business

10:45 A.M.—Program—Mrs. Clarence Allison leading Study of "Europe. A Mission Field?"

11:30 A.M.—Luncheon — Mary Saunders Group, hostesses.

New permanent luncheon reservations will have to be made by each person as this begins a new year.

MRS. ALLISON TO LEAD BAPTIST WOMEN IN STUDY

A popular misconception among many Christians is that our mission fields lie principally in Africa, the far East, or in other less civilized parts of the world. We therefore find the book, EUROPE, A MISSION FIELD? a thought provoking and challenging revelation.

You will want to hear Mrs. Clarence (Alta) Allison lead us in an inspiring study of this highly relevant book at the general meeting of Baptist Women on Tuesday, November 14, 1972. Mrs. Allison and her family are presently enjoying a furlough in Pensacola as the guests of First Baptist Church, following a tour of mission work in Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa.

WHEEL CHAIR NEEDED

The Ushers report the need for a wheelchair to be left in the Usher's room for emergency usage. If you have one that you would be willing to give or loan to the church for that purpose, please let us know.

ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 13 - 16, 1972

7:00 - 9:00

Faculty and books to be used are listed below:

Mr. James Frost, State Sunday School Director
General Officers— ADMINISTERING THE BIBLE TEACHING PROGRAM

Mrs. John Maguire, Jacksonville

Senior Adults — ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

Lindsey Boyd, Min. of Education, Cinco Baptist, Fort Walton Beach

Middle Adults — ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

Ronald Holloway, Min. of Education, First Baptist, Fort Walton Beach

Young Adults — ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

Mr. John Fleming, Min. of Education, First Baptist, Pinellas Park

Older Youth — YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

Ted Hayes, First Baptist, Starkville, Miss.

Younger Youth — YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

Charles Hinson, Min. of Education, Parkwood Baptist, Jacksonville

Older Children — CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

Mrs. Herbert Wright, Perry

Middle Children — CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

Mrs. Frances Jensen, Orlando

Younger Children — CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

Mrs. David Boyd, Pensacola

Older Preschool — PRESCHOOLERS AT CHURCH

Miss Dale Mooneyham, First Baptist, Pensacola

Younger Preschool — PRESCHOOLERS AT CHURCH.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"ON GOING THE SECOND MILE"

(Matthew 5:38-48)

7:15 P.M.

"VICTORY OVER SUFFERING"

(I Peter 4:12-19)

By Popular Request
REPEAT PERFORMANCE
OF THE JUNIOR CHOIR
MUSICAL

**THE BOY
WHO CAUGHT
THE FISH**

SUN., NOV. 12 — 8:30 P.M.

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Allison and Mark (Also shown is Kay)



Donna Booth



William Bush



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Heifner



Eddie Jean Holmes



Mrs. Jean Hudson



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McIntosh



Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morrison, Jr.



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nell



Richard Puckett



Dr. and Mrs. Larry Tharp



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Voigt (Also shown is Tracy)



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wright

Also received were Beth Barri-
neau, Tildon Chavers, Jr., Joyce
Cowan, Beverly Shirley, and Tula
Vintson, whose pictures were not
available.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Paul Poe, Mrs. Walter (Fannie Ruth) Godwin, Mrs. Wayne (Barbara) Hickman, Mrs. Simmye Ferry, Mrs. Ernie (Anise) Priest, Mr. L. V. Willis, Mrs. Bettie Galloway, Mrs. Elliott (Frances) Dobelstein, Mrs. Jesse Cunningham, Mrs. Norman (Laurie) Thrash, Mr. L. V. Byrd.

Sacred Heart

Mrs. Thames (Irma) Jernigan, Mrs. William (Helen) Taylor, Mr. Malcolm A. White.

HOME FROM THE HOSPITALS:

Mrs. H. G. (Catherine) Gray, Mrs. Douglas (Margaret) Burks, Penny Carp, Mr. E. W. Hopkins, Sr., Mrs. Charles Elliott, Mrs. Roy (Alice) Ingram, Mrs. Paul (Bonnie) Royal, Mrs. J. G. Lambeth.

Tuskegee Hospital

Albert H. Kellogg

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Sunday, Nov. 12: "Empowered Speech"
Jeremiah 1:4-10
- Monday, Nov. 13: "The Swelling of Jordan"
Jeremiah 12:1-6
- Tuesday, Nov. 14: "Amend Your Ways"
Jeremiah 7:1-7
- Wednesday, Nov. 15: "The Hand of the Potter"
Jeremiah 18:1-6
- Thursday, Nov. 16: "A Man Aflame"
Jeremiah 20:1-11
- Friday, Nov. 17: "All the Words of the Book"
Jeremiah 36:21-32
- Saturday, Nov. 18: "Write It in Their Hearts"
Jeremiah 31:31-34

FOCUS
ON
FIRST FOLKS

Nancy R. Cheshire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Cheshire, has been initiated into Sigma Tau Delta Society, an honorary English Society, at Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.

Dr. Floyd T. Neth has been selected by William Jewel College of Kansas City, Missouri for an award as an "Achiever."

Dr. Neth received his B.A. degree from William Jewel College in 1949. Thereafter he attended Ohio State University, receiving his Ph.D. degree from that university in 1952.

Achievement Day at the college, first held in 1944, honors alumni who have shown distinction in their respective fields of endeavor.

The Agape House is now a part of the Community Mental Health Center. They are in need of volunteers for their hot-line service. Working on the hot-line will require 20-hours training and approval from the directors. Anyone wishing to volunteer as a telephone counselor for the drug hot-line is asked to contact Mr. Gene Jacobs at 433-3081, Extension 78, for further information. No experience necessary — you will be trained.

