

The Baptist Builder

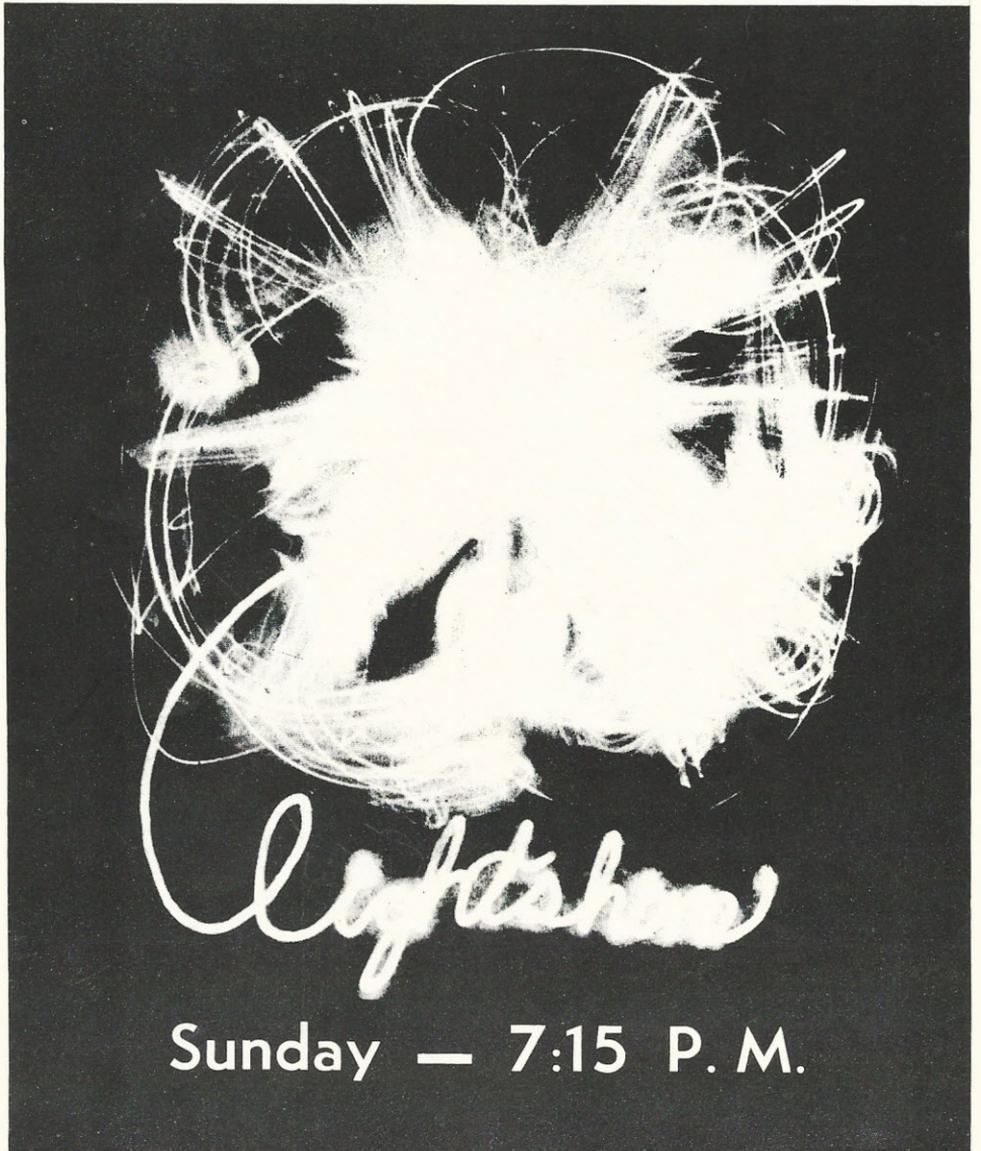
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Pastor's Paragraphs

"THINKING WILL MAKE IT SO"

The writer of Proverbs said that as a person "thinks in his heart, so is he." (Proverbs 23:7) This is a spiritual law. We literally become what we think.



This law works morally. If we keep on thinking evil thoughts, in a matter of time we will carry out what we have been thinking. Our apparently harmless tainted meditations are often responsible for the most harmful deeds. We become our thoughts.

The whole personality takes up the color of one's mind. Have you wondered how some people have a bearing which is attractive and glowing? It is because their minds dwell on what is bright and positive. Those who think negatively wear a gloom on the lapel of their personality.

This law operates in human achievement. When a person says "It cannot be done," then for him, it cannot be done. He that thinks defeat is defeated before the contest starts.

Our difficulty is with our minds. We drift into patterns of thought which we value but which limit us in life. Without exception, those who have been great broke with their old thought patterns and either produced a new idea or became obsessed with an old idea. This effected their personalities, their life's plan and the world around them. Few things are quite as contagious as an idea which has become a conviction!

It has been often said, big men think big, little men do not think at all. Little men simply revert to the time worn concept where they may safely hide and glare suspiciously at the men who dare to think new thoughts. (These same men are changing the world.)

If we want to stay just as we are, then we dare not be gripped with an idea. However, if we want life to be both changed and challenged, we must get hold of a truthful concept, and meditate on it until it gets hold of us and we will be amazed at its power. Thinking will make it so.

Sunday will be a great day. Let's all meet together in God's House as we worship Him.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"THE GREAT P.O.W. RELEASE"

(Luke 4:16-30)

7:15 P.M.

"THAT'S WHAT HAPPINESS IS"

(Matthew 5)

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Enrolled	Riders	New Riders
1	Barbara Ann Yonker	39	20	1
2	Elton Dunson	38	27	0
3	Rat Trigg	29	24	0
4	Ronnie Jackson	36	29	0
5	Bennie Pope	35	32	0
6	Ben Parker	35	35	2
		212	167	3
Workers			34	

Total on Buses 201

This coming Saturday, February 3, 1973 we will be making a survey of several new areas. We need as many people to do survey work as possible. Please call the church office (433-5631) or Max Dickson (456-4746) and sign up for this rewarding work. We need as many as 25 people.

Our bus ministry is on the upswing now and we want to continue this trend. Please pray for this work and also come out and help us.

MINISTER OF OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM TO BE RECOMMENDED



On next Sunday morning the congregation will be asked to vote upon a recommendation which comes from the Personnel Committee and the Deacons that a call be extended to Rev. Bob Ebersold to join our Church Staff as Minister of Outreach and Evangelism. Mr. Ebersold is a native of Missouri. He attended Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Missouri and Drury College, Springfield, Missouri. He has served as Pastor in Missouri and Iowa and presently serves as Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lavaca, Arkansas. The Ebersolds have three sons.

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



Mr. & Mrs. Warren Ackerman

Also received was Mrs. Roxana Dawson, whose picture was not available.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mrs. Ola Mae Bryant, Mr. Jimmy Riddle, Mrs. R. A. (Ruth) Connerly, Mrs. J. M. (Laura) Ward, Mr. Clarence Dannelly, Mrs. R. C. Keith, Mrs. Jack (Jean) Baldwin, Mrs. John (Kathryn) Hannah, Mr. E. W. Hopkins, Sr., Mrs. Frank (Betty) Gibbs, Mr. Grover C. Ware

Sacred Heart:

Mrs. L. D. (Elizabeth) Allen, Mrs. Ella Howse

Navy Hospital:

Mr. Harry Sampley

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Douglas (Margaret) Burks, Mrs. John D. (Alma) Wiggins, Mrs. Jack (Geraldine) Coker, Mr. Theron Guthrie, Mr. G. B. Lowe, Mrs. Walter E. Godwin

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Charles Overman in the loss of her Mother.
Mr. Clarence Dannelly in the loss of his brother.
Mrs. Frank Osborne in the loss of her Father.
Miss Kate Coley in the loss of her sister.
Mrs. Ben Stevens, Sr. in the loss of her husband.
Mrs. Olive Manheim in the loss of her brother.
Mr. Ben Stevens, Jr. in the loss of his Father.
Mrs. Oma Coker in the loss of her sister.

BAPTIST NIGHT WOMEN

The Baptist Night Women will meet with Miss Sarah Andress, 3007 Blackshear Avenue at 6:00 Tuesday, February 6, 1973.

The guest speaker will be Mrs. Clarence Allison who will be speaking on her work in Africa and showing slides.

IN MEMORIAM

Ben A. Stevens, Sr.
315 Chattman St.

Joined our church by letter
July 26, 1931
Deceased January 29, 1973

LIGHTSHINE!, a musical by Buryl Red, composer of CELEBRATE LIFE will be presented by the Middle School Choir Sunday, at 7:15 P.M.

In the staged version, which the Middle School Choir will present, a Mime (Kemp Wilson) searches through the Beatitudes for the secret of happiness: He meets many characters — some happy, some sad. And as you go with him you will meet many types of music — some happy, some sad, some serious.

As "Lightshine!" ends, the music, mime, characters and choir come together to complete the puzzle of happiness.

To the drama, special lighting, beautiful and colorful costuming, is added a full orchestral — taped accompaniment.

The pastor's meditation "That's What Happiness Is" will be based on the Sermon on the Mount.

Invite a friend to come with you for "Lightshine!"

BAPTIST WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 6, 1973

9:45 A.M.—Bible Study
10:15 A.M.—Business
10:45 A.M.—Program — Guest Speaker, Mrs. Carol Moore, First Baptist Church, Fort Walton
11:30 A.M.—Luncheon — Laura Frances Snow Group, Hostesses.

On February 6, 1973, Baptist Women will have as their guest speaker for the General Meeting, Mrs. Carol Moore, Director of Ministries to Internationals, from First Baptist Church of Fort Walton.

Mrs. Moore and a staff of volunteers from the Fort Walton Church have an average of 80 International women meeting weekly at their church for instruction in English and the Bible.

Baptist Women of First Baptist Church, Pensacola, have been invited to visit and observe this group in the work they are doing on Thursday, February 15, 1973 from 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Following this will be a "Dutch Treat" luncheon at the new Hawaiiki Restaurant in Destin.

You will want to make plans now to coordinate transportation within your own groups and make reservations through your Group Leader not later than Tuesday, February 13 (Group meeting day).

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, February 4: "The Good Neighbor"
Luke 10:29-37.
Monday, February 5: "The Foolish Man"
Luke 12:13-21.
Tuesday, February 6: "The Fruitless Life"
Luke 13: 6-9.
Wednesday, February 7: "The Searching Shepherd" Luke 15:1-7.
Thursday, February 8: "The Joyful Householder"
Luke 15:8-10.
Friday, February 9: "The Concerned Father"
Luke 15:11-24.
Saturday, February 10: "The Hearing God"
Luke 18:1-8.

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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 Study1270
 Main Sunday School1254
 Crippled Children's Home 16
 The Church in Training829
 Christian Training Hour206
 Other Training Activities623
 Coming for Membership5
 Baptized0
 Tithes and Offerings:
 Budget\$7,884.17
 Specials 4,386.19
 Building Fund 12.00
TOTAL OFFERING\$12,282.36

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 4, 1973

PS A—Mrs. Joe Brooks
 PS B—Mrs. W. D. Gibson
 PS C—Mrs. Robert Fetrow
 PS 1A—Mrs. Randall Markham
 PS 1B—Mrs. Mary Knight
 PS 2B—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill
 PS 3A—Mrs. Buford Abeldt
 PS 3B—Miss Julia Crane
 PS 4A—Mrs. Fred Renfroe

MENU FOR WEDNESDAY

February 7, 1973

Salisbury Steak with
 Mushroom Gravy
 Green Peas Cream Corn
 Hot Rolls
 Tea Coffee
 Dessert

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
 New Member Class No. 2
- * 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 4:45 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:15 P.M.—Explorer Bible Drill
- * 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- * 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship — Middle
 School Choir presents
 "Light Shine"

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group,
 Prayer Room
- 7:30 P.M.—Gadsden St. Methodist vs.
 First Baptist Basketball

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 9:45 A.M.—Baptist Women
- 6:00 P.M.—Baptist Women, 3007 Black-
 shear Avenue
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts in "The Cellar"

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- * 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, Ac-
 teens, and R.A.'s
- * 7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service
- * 8:00 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 6:00 P.M.—10th Grade S.S. Class Sup-
 per at House of Chong
- 7:30 P.M.—Adult 1 Bible Study in "The
 Cellar"

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 7:00 P.M.—Adult 3 Valentine Dinner,
 Fellowship Hall

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP JANUARY 28, 1973

BY LETTER:

- 58. Donald P. Gilbert, 3380 Tide Dr.
 From: FBC, Panama City, Fl.
- 59. Mrs. Donald Gilbert (Carolyn)

BY BAPTISM:

- 33. Lori Urban, 205 N. 59th Ave.
 - 34. Leah Ann Jackson, 1322 E. Jordan St.
- BY STATEMENT:
 4. Kay Godwin, 6016 Dallas Ave.

*Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grady Gray
 request the honour of your presence
 at the marriage of their daughter
 Virginia Kay*

to

*Mr. Thomas Paul Ernde
 on Friday, the ninth of February
 One thousand nine hundred & seventy-three
 at half after seven o'clock in the evening
 East Hill Baptist Church
 Pensacola, Florida*

*Reception
 immediately following the ceremony
 at the church*