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The Best Is Yet To Be



Mrs. Robert Fling

Mrs. Robert Fling will be the featured speaker for "Baptist Women's Special" on Wednesday evening following the supper at 6:00 P.M., in the church dining room. On Thursday morning, there will be a coffee in Adult 4 Department at 9:30 A.M. At 10:00 A.M., in Adult 2 Department, Mrs. Fling will speak to the women of the church on "Spiritual Life Enrichment." All the women of the church are invited to the Thursday meeting.

Mrs. Fling is the wife of Mr. Robert Fling, pastor of Westchester Baptist Church in New York. They have two children, a daughter Shelia, seeking a doctorate in Clinical Psychology, University of Texas, and a son Mike, working toward a doctorate in Musicology at the University of Iowa. Mrs. Fling is former President of Women's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, and an active participant for a number of years in the woman's work of the Baptist World Alliance.

Pastor's Paragraphs

"NO PAT ANSWERS"

Sudden death reminds us that nothing is quite as uncertain as life. I still find it hard to believe that Bill is dead. My brother was apparently in good health until he had the fatal heart attack. He was 56 years old.



There are many things about life that are hard for us to understand. Paul faced this same problem. In his letter to the church at Corinth, he confessed "Now we see through a glass darkly . . ." (Phillips translates in I Corinthians 13:12, "At present we are men looking at puzzling reflections in a mirror . . .")

In her book *NO PAT ANSWERS*, Eugenia Price reminds us that we encounter many problems in life that are not easily understood; problems like disillusionment, failure, grief, and doubt, just to name a few. But the author went on to say, "The only direct statement of Jesus which is simple enough for me to comprehend when my heart is breaking or when I am discouraged or scared is: 'Follow me.' I cannot understand life because life is not understandable. But I can grasp 'follow me.'"

Following Jesus makes life exciting and gives us the assurance that when this life is over we are going to spend eternity with Jesus Christ. When we are with Him all the things we do not now understand will become perfectly clear. Paul's FINAL word to the Corinthians was "THEN SHALL I KNOW EVEN AS ALSO I'M KNOWN!"

I'm looking forward to seeing you in God's House Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"THE NECESSITY OF THE CROSS"

(John 11:47-53)

7:15 P.M.

"THE BLESSED MOURNERS"

(Matthew 5:1-4)

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Enrolled	Riders	New Riders
1	Barbara Ann Yonker	39	12	0
2	Rusty Payne	38	41	2
3	Rat Trigg	26	24	3
4	Mike Hennigan	39	30	1
5	Bennie Pope	35	29	1
6	Ben Parker	38	16	0
		215	152	7
Workers			38	
Total on Buses			190	

SPECIAL STUDIES BEGIN SUNDAY EVENING

All members of the church are invited to participate in the special soul winning Bible study periods to be conducted during the Church Training hour for the next six Sunday evenings. During these six sessions, materials especially designed to assist in spiritual preparation for the Lay Evangelism School will be used as the basis for most exciting study sessions. The subjects to be considered are as follows:

- March 4—The Bible and Prayer
- March 11—Your Lord
- March 18—The Holy Spirit
- March 25—Your Christian Witness
- April 1—Your Christian Life
- April 8—Your Church

Meeting places are as follows:

High School and College (those not involved in Youth Choir)—Led by Mr. Bizzell in the College Department.

Career—Led by Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gray meeting in the 12th Grade Department (3rd floor, Sanctuary Building).

Young Adults—Led by James Callaway meeting in Adult 1 Department.

Adults—Led by Nixon Daniel meeting in Adult 4 Department.

Bring your Bibles and meet us Sunday night at 6:00 o'clock.

BAPTIST WOMEN MEETINGS

ANNIE ARMSTRONG

WEEK OF PRAYER

MARCH 4 - 11

Monday, March 5—10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Room.

Tuesday, March 6—10:00 A.M.—Adult 2 Department, Virginia Cobb Group.

Wednesday, March 7—6:00 P.M.—Supper, Mrs. Helen Fling speaking following supper.

Thursday, March 8—9:30 A.M.—Coffee, Adult 4 Department.

10:00 A.M.—Mrs. Fling speaking on "Spiritual Life Enrichment" Adult 2 Department.

Friday, March 9—10:00 A.M.—Adult 2 Department, Dale Terry Group.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mrs. Ola Rampey, Mr. L. V. Byrd, Mr. Burton T. Renfroe, Mrs. R. C. Keith, Mr. Joseph McIntosh, Mrs. Maude Cassidy, Mr. Dewey Earl Robertson

Specialty Care:

Mrs. O. H. (Esther) Smith, Mrs. J. B. Miller

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HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Jerry (Sharon) Martin, Mrs. Henry G. (Frances) Hamrick, Jr., Mrs. Mable Davis, Mr. T. A. Guthrie, Mrs. C. R. (Mary) Tart, Mrs. Ruth Cvitanic, Mr. Letcher Lamkin, Mr. Andrew Downey, Mrs. Joan (Thelma) Gray, Mr. T. A. Shell

SYMPATHY TO:

Dr. James Pleitz in the loss of his brother.
Mrs. Edna Jernigan in the loss of her brother.
Mrs. Leon Flowers in the loss of her Father.

THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday
was placed there in honor of

MISS BROOKE ASHLEY MARTIN

daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Martin

born February 21, 1973

PLANS UNDERWAY FOR L. E. S. SCHOOL

A Lay Evangelism School is scheduled in our church for April 9-12. Committees are at work in preparation for this gigantic training and inspirational witnessing school.

In order that all members of the church may be involved in preparation for the school, the Sunday School and Church Training areas are cooperating. A series of six special leaflets will be studied during the Church Training hour for the next six Sundays.

Adults and youth in Sunday School will be studying a series of 4 lessons entitled "Speaking in His Name" beginning on Sunday, March 18.

Please join us in prayer during the preparation for this most important effort.

WMU LANGUAGE CLASS FOR TEACHING INTERNATIONALS

Mrs. Carol Moore, Director of International Language Class at First Baptist Church in Fort Walton, will lead a class at our church Monday, March 12, from 9:00-12:00 A.M. for all people interested in learning how to teach English to Internationals living in Pensacola. The nursery will be open. Make your plans now to attend.

NO PARKING IN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LOT THIS SUNDAY

Our Knights of Columbus neighbors will be having a meeting this coming Sunday morning, March 4, and have asked that we please not park there. This applies to this Sunday, March 4.

WYCLIFFE ASSOCIATES COMPLIMENTARY DINNER

On Tuesday, March 13, Wycliffe Associates, the authorized Lay Division of Wycliffe Bible Translators, is sponsoring a free dinner rally at the Holiday Inn North. The purpose of the rally is to share some of the things God is doing to enable every tribe to hear His Word. During the evening an opportunity will be given to those who wish to become involved in the work through a Faith Promise or in a variety of practical ways. The time is 7:00 P.M. If you would like to attend, Mr. Bizzell has some of the tickets which you may secure from him.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, March 4: "Good Tidings Should Be Told" 2 Kings 7:2-11

Monday, March 5: "Time Should Be Used" John 9:1-7

Tuesday, March 6: "Our Day Is Not Forever" Matthew 25:1-13

Wednesday, March 7: "A Reckoning Must Be Expected" Matthew 25:14-30

Thursday, March 8: "Opportunity May Be Lost" Psalm 95:1-11

Friday, March 9: "The Need For Concern" Luke 16:19-31

Saturday, March 10: "The Lord's Table Should Be Filled" Luke 14:15-24

BOY SCOUTS

Troop 10 is desperately in need of boy scout uniforms. If you have uniforms that you would be willing to give for their use, please call the Church office or the Scoutmaster, Gordon Mattoon, telephone 932-4406.

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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 Study1246
Main Sunday School1232
Crippled Children's Home 14
The Church in Training737
Christian Training Hour207
Other Training Activities530
Coming for Membership2
Tithes and Offerings:
Budget\$7,505.17
Specials 377.20
Building Fund 25.00
TOTAL OFFERING\$7,907.37

EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS

FOR

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 1973

A — Mrs. Joe Brooks
B — Mrs. W. D. Gibson
C — Mrs. Bob Fetrow
1A — Mrs. Randall Markham
1B — Mr. and Mrs. William Reynolds
2B — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill
3A — Mrs. Ford Abeltd
3B — Mrs. Raymond Hurst
Miss Barbara Ralowicz
4A — Mrs. Fred Renfroe

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP FEBRUARY 25, 1973

BY LETTER:

69. Michael Hendrix, 100 Pennsylvania
From. Trinity Bapt., Moultrie, Ga.
70. Mrs. Michael Hendrix (Joyce)

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

- * 9:30 P.M.—Sunday School,
New Members Class No. 3
- * 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
4:45 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- * 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- * 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 5

Week of Prayer Baptist Women Meetings
listed elsewhere in Builder.
7:30 P.M.—First Baptist Church vs.
First Christian Church Bas-
ketball

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts in "The Cellar"

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

- * 4:45 P.M.—Choirs
- * 6:00 P.M.—Home Missions Banquet;
Mrs. Robert Fling, Speaker
- * 8:00 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

7:30 P.M.—Adult I Bible Study
in "The Cellar"

MENU FOR WEDNESDAY

March 7, 1973

Baked chicken and dressing
Cut Green Beans
Tossed Salad
Peach Crunch
Rolls and butter
Tea Coffee

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this
Sunday are in memory of Mr. Bill
Pleitz and are given by the Radio and
Television Commission of The Southern
Baptist Convention.