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LEARNING TO SHARE

More than 200 of our people were involved in last week's Lay Evangelism School as we learned to share our faith.



"WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN"



Pastor's Paragraphs

"DAY OF JOY AND GLADNESS"

As we move into the Easter season, I find myself inspired by these words of Arthur Gossip: "The heart of Christianity,



its innermost sanctuary, its most dazzling glory, and the chief source of its power, is not the cross. IT IS THE OPEN GRAVE."

To many, indeed, the cross must always be a very central thing. Whenever I wander far from Calvary, I, for one, begin to lose sight of the Master and have to get back and yet,

is there not a real point in Michelangelo's indignant protest when he turned in his stormy way upon his fellow painters and demanded: "Why do you keep filling gallery after gallery with endless pictures of the one ever-reiterated theme of Christ in weakness, Christ upon the cross, Christ dying, most of all Christ hanging dead? Why do you concentrate upon that passing episode as if they were the last word and the final scene, as if the curtain dropped upon that hour of disaster and defeat? At worst all that lasted for only a few hours, but to the end of unending eternity Christ is alive, Christ rules and reigns and triumphs. If we would help people to be valiant in their Christian living, we would be ringing out over the world the message that Christ has won, that evil is toppling, that the end is sure, that nothing can for long resist our mighty and victorious Lord. That is the topic that we need to keep us healthy. The trumpet blast to fire our blood and send us crowding in behind the Master singing happily on our way, ready and eager to face anything, laughing and recklessly unafraid because the feel of victory is in the air and our hearts thrill to it."

I'll be looking forward to seeing you Sunday on this the most joyous day of the year.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"EASTER—SYMBOL OF LIFE AND HOPE"

(John 20:1-18)

7:15 P.M.

"TURNING A QUESTION MARK INTO AN EXCLAMATION POINT!"
(John 20:19-24)

REACHING OUT

I would like for you to note two important outreach opportunities for members of our church:

(1) Each Thursday, beginning April 19, at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., will be witnessing day in our church. We will meet in the dining room for instructions and then go out to witness to people who need Christ.

(2) On Saturday, April 28, you are invited to a breakfast at 8:00 a.m. in the church dining room. At this time we would like to meet with everyone who is interested in helping with survey work. We plan to organize six "Prospecting" teams. If you would be willing to give one Saturday morning each six weeks, please plan to be with us on April 28.

We would also like for all bus workers to be present. Following breakfast we will have a bus workers meeting.

Please call the church office, 433-5631, now and make your reservations. Don't forget to share your faith with someone today.

Bro. Bob

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	En.	Rds.	New Rds.	Vts.
1	B. A. Yonker				
	Monique Burks	39	19	0	0
2	Max Dickson				
	Elton Dunson	45	38	2	100
3	Rat Trigg	37	36	2	40
4	Walter Nell				
	Don Williams	32	22	2	29
5	Bennie Pope	37	28	2	0
6	Jim Prim	35	29	0	35
7	J. Schappaugh				
	Trenet Nobles	41	31	2	110
Totals		266	203	10	314
Workers			51		

Total on Buses 254

The Honor bus this week is bus no. 2 with 38 riders. Special mention goes to bus no. 3 with 37 enrolled and 36 riders present. Five of our seven buses had new riders.

PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

Mrs. Andrew Raffanello will be teaching quilting again Monday, April 23, at 9:30 A.M. in the "Cellar." Anyone interested will be welcome. Those attending are asked to bring their own pressed material, thread size 50, scissors and thimble.

ASSOCIATIONAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLINIC

The Vacation Bible School Clinic for the Pensacola Bay Baptist Association will be held on Thursday, April 26 at the East Brent Baptist Church, 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mrs. Lennie Bonham, Mr. J. L. Smith,
Mr. A. S. Cobb, Mrs. J. M. (Laura)
Ward, Mrs. Cliff (Nelle) Jackson

Sacred Heart:

John Feldman, Mr. Angus Andrews, Mrs.
E. H. (Norma) Hawsey

University:

Dr. Marshall Wright

Oschner Clinic, New Orleans

Mr. Freddie Stark

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Flossie McDaniel, Mrs. Alberta
McCown, Mr. E. A. Bratcher, Mrs. J. F.
(Judith Ann) Renfroe, Mrs. William
(Myriam) Hood, Mrs. Bessie Parks, Mr.
G. B. Lowe, Mr. Neil E. Blue

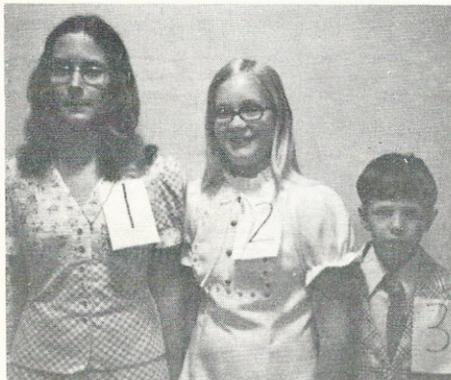
DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, April 22: "A Glorious Resurrec-
tion" John 20:1-16
Monday, April 23: "Truth Points the Way"
John 8:28-36
Tuesday, April 24: "Light for the Blind"
John 9:24-38
Wednesday, April 25: "Death Is Defeated"
John 11:25-45
Thursday, April 26: "A Lesson in Humi-
lity" John 13: 1-17
Friday, April 27: "The Comforter Will
Come" John 14: 1-21
Saturday, April 28: "Feed His Sheep"
John 21:12-17

EXPLORER'S BIBLE DRILL

The Explorer's Bible Drill for fourth, fifth, and sixth graders was held at First Baptist Church, Sunday night, April 15. We want to express our appreciation for a job well done to Donnie Curington, Melanie Schroeder, and Laura Anthony. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fleming have been working with these young people during the past few months. Thanks so much.

The Associational Drill was held Monday night, April 16 at Heights Baptist Church. Laura Anthony and Melanie Schroeder will represent our church in the regional drill at East Brent Baptist Church on Monday night, April 23rd at 7:00 P.M.



SUNDAY NIGHTS AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

We will begin on Sunday, April 29, two new Seminar groups for adults at the 6:00 Church Training Hour.

1. "Sharing Your Faith" Seminar led by Brother Bob Ebersold, our Minister of Evangelism and Outreach, is especially for those persons who did not attend the Lay Evangelism School. The sessions will present some of the same basic material offered in the Lay Evangelism School, as the participants learn how to share their testimony and use the witnessing booklet in sharing their faith.

2. "Growing Deeper: The Devotional Life" led by Mr. Bizzell. Those attending the Lay Evangelism School were introduced to the WIN booklet entitled "The Devotional Life". We will be using this as the basis for this Seminar. Please bring your booklet with you to the session.

PARENTAL DEDICATION SERVICE

We're planning for the Annual service of Parental Dedication on Sunday, April 29. Any new babies born to the members of our congregation will be introduced to the people and a prayer of dedication will be offered. The significance of the service is the dedication on the part of the parents, as they come in the spirit of Hannah, the mother of Samuel, who first having yielded her own will in dedication to God, dedicated her child to the glory of God.



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Chicken and Dumplings

Green Beans

Spiced Fruit

Snowflake Roll & Butter

Dessert

Tea

Coffee

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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 Study	1441
Main Sunday School	1423
Crippled Children's Home	18
The Church in Training	660
Christian Training Hour	147
Other Training Activities	513
Coming for Membership	9
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$7,778.79
Specials	268.45
TOTAL OFFERING	\$8,047.24

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

APRIL 15, 1973

BY LETTER:

91. George T. Cannon, Jr.,
3201 Rothschild Dr.
From: Dauphin Way Bapt., Mobile, Al.
92. Mrs. George Cannon (Linda)
93. Mrs. Frank J. Kirkland (Carrie Nell)
6904 Lillian Hwy.
From: FBC, Anchorage, Ak.
94. Mrs. Michael Landry (Susie)
1606 Bruce St.
From: Del Ray Bapt., Alexandria, Va.

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:

58. Perry Doggrell,
449 Lakeview Ave., Cantonment
59. Dottie Dykes, 107 Alice St.
60. Rusty Harmon, 4205 Rosebud Ct.
61. Matthew Lee, 1809 E. Gadsden

FOR BAPTISM

FROM OTHER DENOMINATION:

62. Frank J. Kirkland (Jim),
6904 Lillian Hwy.

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
New Member's Class,
Session No. 1
- * 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
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Ordinance of Baptism
- 8:15 P.M.—Fellowship for College at the
home of Willard Thrashes,
9852 Hillview Drive.

MONDAY, APRIL 23

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group in
Prayer Room
- 7:00 P.M.—Regional Explorer's Bible
Drill, E. Brent Baptist
Church
- 7:30 P.M.—Deacons Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

- 10:00 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship
- 10:00 A.M.—Spanish Bible Class with Mrs.
A. R. W. Stoesen, 1919 E.
Mallory.

7:30 P.M.—Scouts in "The Cellar"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

- * 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, and Joy Group.
- * 7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service-Business Mtg.
- * 8:00 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

- * 9:00 A.M.—12:00 Noon — Associational
VBS Clinic, E. Brent Baptist
Church (Nursery open here)
- 9:00 A.M.—Internationals Meeting
- 7:00 P.M.—Associational WMS night
group meeting, Bellview
Baptst Church
- 7:00 P.M.—Silent Class Film Fellowship

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

- 6:30 P.M.—Church Choir Party,
Parking Lot

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

- 8:00 A.M.—Bus Ministry Survey Break-
fast
- 3:00 P.M.—Youth Choir to Mobile

EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS

Sunday, April 22, 1973

- A — Mrs. Gordon Mattoon
- B — Mrs. Ray Overton
- C — Mr. and Mrs. Les Fairchild
- 1A — Mr. and Mrs. Larry Woody
- 1B — Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reynolds
- 2B — Mr. and Mrs. Roger Vinson
- 3A — Mr. Joe Tillman
Mrs. Cameron Hughes
- 3B — Mrs. Raymond Hurst
Miss Barbara Ralowicz
- 4A — Mrs. Pete Urban