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## How Can We Increase Sunday School Attendance?



THE BUTCHER, THE BAKER, THE  
CANDLESTICK MAKER.....

WE AREN'T CONCERNED ABOUT HIS  
OCCUPATION, BUT IF HE ISN'T IN SUNDAY  
SCHOOL, WE URGE YOU TO VISIT HIM THIS  
WEEK. LET HIM KNOW YOU CARE. BRING  
HIM TO SUNDAY SCHOOL NEXT SUNDAY.

AND HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN, TOO.,  
AND GRANDPA AND GRANDMA. WE HAVE  
CLASSES FOR EVERYONE.

**PLAN TO ATTEND Sunday**



# Pastor's Paragraphs

## "SOME INTERESTING STATISTICS"

It is reported that in 1920 there were 750,000 orphans (children who have lost both parents by death) in the United States.

In 1965, the population had increased by 50%, but there were only 66,500 orphans in the country.



This is a tribute to the tremendous strides in medical science, and this is certainly commendable. The natural and normal context to which a child should come to maturity is his family circle. Our

agencies for the care of homeless children are no longer called orphanages. They are called Children's Homes and indeed a home atmosphere is created as far as possible.

As I read these statistics, I was reminded of the opposite trend in spiritual matters. There are no figures available, but it can be said without fear of contradiction that the number of spiritual orphans in the United States (the children whose parents are dead spiritually and dead to spiritual opportunity) has increased tremendously. This is an area of need that calls for our attention in order that we may stop this trend. The church should not be an orphan's home. It is a place of fellowship and service for the whole family.

Come to church next Sunday as a family and share the fellowship. Not only will your heart be blessed, I can assure you the hearts of your children will be blessed also!

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*

### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

MESSAGE BY DR. C. E. AUTREY

7:15 P.M.

MESSAGE BY BOB EBERSOLD

### THE VERY NEWEST

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

MASTER BENJAMIN TODD EDWARDS

son of

Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Edwards  
born May 8, 1973

### REACHING OUT

Next Wednesday night we change to the new schedule. We are looking forward to working with many of you who were unable to come to visitation on Thursday nights. We will be going out visiting at 6:30 and 7:20 each Wednesday.

If you are willing to help survey one Saturday each six weeks and did not sign up April 28, please give us your name so we can put you on one of the teams. This is a very important work as we continue to reach people for Christ.

Bro. Bob

### BUS MINISTRY REPORT SUNDAY, MAY 13, 1973

Bus No.	Captain	Vts.	En.	Rds	New Rds.
1	P. Coupe C. F. Wilson	30	20	15	4
2	M. Dickson Ben Parker	44	43	32	2
3	Rat Trigg Bob Fetrow	40	38	24	1
4	Walter Nell	38	37	26	5
5	Bennie Pope	20	37	26	0
6	Jim Prim	—	29	13	0
7	J. Schappaugh L. Williams	50	49	30	2
8	D. Royal Ed Ebersold	24	21	18	4
		246	274	184	18
Workers				53	
Total on Buses				237	

The honor bus this Sunday was Bus No. 2 with 32 riders. This was the first week for No. 8. The No. 1 route was too large so we took part of their route and started No. 8. The two together had 33 riders. We should note Bus No. 4 — they had their largest number of riders since the route was split two months ago.

### WHITE BIBLE CEREMONY

Miss Ann Fields, daughter of the Adolph Fields, will be married to Rob Brower in Austin, Texas in August and will be honored at a white Bible ceremony in our Fellowship Hall Sunday afternoon, May 20, at 3:00 P.M.

### SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION IN PORTLAND

Any member of our congregation who is planning to attend the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland, June 12-14, is asked to notify the church office immediately.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### Baptist:

Mrs. Helen Cary  
*University of Alabama Hospital:*

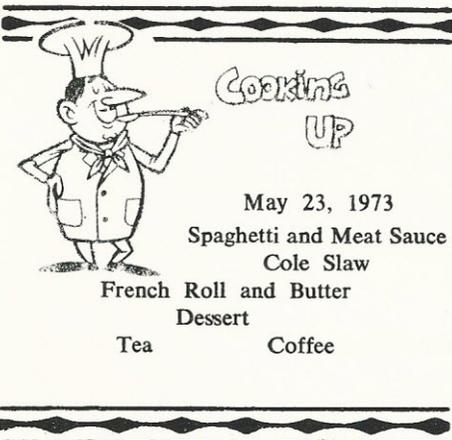
*Birmingham, Ala.*  
Neil Blue

### HOME FROM THE HOSPITALS:

Mrs. Ralph (Carolyn) Van Matre, Mrs. Lennie Bonham, Mr. Harvey Page, Mr. Vasil Alexander, Mr. Sandy Taylor, Mrs. W. E. (Marie) Jackson, Mrs. Al (Mag) Edwards, Mrs. Fred (Mary Lou) Smalley

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Sunday, May 20: "God Gives Wisdom"  
Proverbs 2:1-15  
Monday, May 21: "Trust in the Lord"  
Proverbs 3:1-26  
Tuesday, May 22: "Consider the Ant"  
Proverbs 6:6-23  
Wednesday, May 23: "Fear the Lord"  
Proverbs 9:1-18  
Thursday, May 24: "Guard Your Lips"  
Proverbs 10:18-32  
Friday, May 25: "To Win Souls Is Wise"  
Proverbs 11:13-31  
Saturday, May 26: "Show Mercy to the Poor"  
Proverbs 14:21-35



## CAREER DEPARTMENT RETREAT

The Career Department is sponsoring a retreat featuring Chaplain Robert Lowery of Baptist Hospital, and the Joyful Revelation trio, from Louisiana State University, at Camp Blue Lake near Andalusia, Alabama, May 25-27. Reservations may be made by calling Linda Bloom, 477-0940, or Lloyd Goodman, 476-2948.

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

MAY 7, 1973

### FOR BAPTISM FROM

#### ANOTHER DENOMINATION:

75. Mrs. Lynn Brown, 7101 Lillian Hwy., Lot 21  
ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:  
76. Judy Coleman, 5555 Char Bar  
77. Sheila Jones, 7235 Lenora St.  
78. Gloria McCullough, 7052 Apple St.  
79. Myra McCullough  
80. Angela New, 4005 W. Fairfield Dr., No. 8  
81. Sheila Raines, 1555 Fairchild Dr.  
82. Shirley Raines  
83. Susie Reed, 80 Stanford Rd.  
84. Sally Renfroe, 127 Windsor, Gulf Breeze  
85. Rhonda Robinson, 124 Park Dr.  
86. Tammy Sellers, 2419 W. Mallory  
87. Candy Weekley, UWF

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

MAY 8, 1973

### ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:

88. Paula Willis, 5071 Shoshone Dr.

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

MAY 9, 1973

### BY LETTER:

109. Mrs. Debbie McDade,  
7101 Lillian Hwy., Lot 30  
From: Spring Creek Rd. Bapt.,  
Chattanooga, Tn.  
110. Mrs. Janie Nichols,  
7101 Lillian Hwy., Lot 1  
From: FBC, Conroe, Tx.

### FOR BAPTISM FROM

#### ANOTHER DENOMINATION:

89. Mrs. Betty Collins,  
5655 N. 9th Ave., M209  
ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:  
90. Mrs. Catherine Baxter, 2816 W. Lloyd  
91. Cathy Baxter  
92. Robin Thompson,  
7101 Lillian Hwy., Lot 31

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

MAY 13, 1973

### BY LETTER:

111. Wallace Josey, 201 N. Pinewood Lane  
From, Brownsville Bapt., Pensacola  
ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:  
93. Brett Cobb, 3550 McClellan  
94. Jimmy King, 2210 W. Bobe  
95. Wendy Tidwell, 3651 Forest Glen Dr.

In addition to those coming for membership during the revival, there were 18 others who came on profession of faith and other meaningful decisions.

### BAPTIZED:

Perry Doggrell, Sarah Edmisten, Rusty Harmon, Frank J. Kirkland, Kent Murray

## NEW SCHEDULE BEGINS NEXT WEDNESDAY

On next Wednesday we begin the new Wednesday night schedule adopted by the church. That schedule is as follows:

4:45 P.M.—Children's Choirs (4 Yr. through Middle School)

Note: There is no change in the 4:45 P.M. Choir schedule.

5:45 P.M.—Supper

We will begin serving supper about 5 minutes early. Reservations need to be made by 5:00 P.M. Tuesday. The Builder each week carries the menu for the benefit of those with special diets.

6:15 P.M.—Prayer Service (around the tables). Next Wednesday the 23rd will be the time for the monthly business meeting of the church. This will be conducted at the Prayer Service time.

There will be extra chairs for any who come in for the Prayer Service

6:30 P.M.—Sunday School Officers and Teachers meeting

—Mission Friends

—GA's

—RA's

—Acteens

—Joy Group (High School and College)

—Bible Study in the Sanctuary (Mr. Bizzell will be leading this Bible Study which will be a continuation of the study of the book of James begun by Dr. Pleitz.)

—Visitation (Adult 4 Department, ground floor of Sanctuary Building is our Outreach Center. Prospect assignments will be made there.)

7:20 P.M.—Visitation

The 7:20 visitation time will give those who have just gotten out of teachers meeting a chance to make several good visits.

—Adult Choir Rehearsal

8:30 P.M.—Visitation Reports

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## TAPES OF REVIVAL

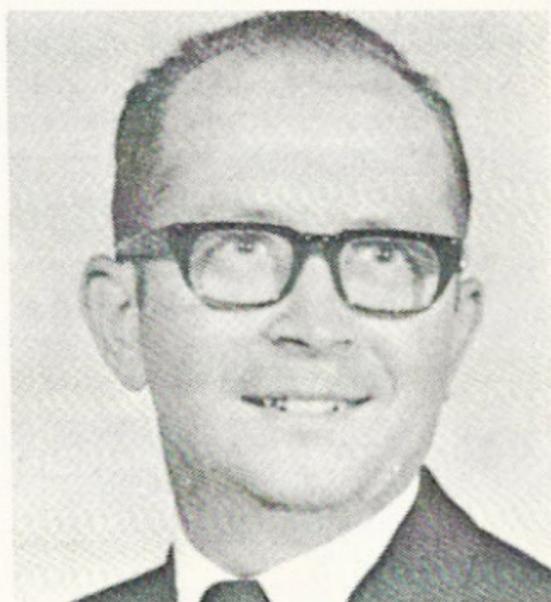
Some have asked about the availability of tapes of Dr. Ralph Smith's Revival Sermons. These are available from the Library on Cassette. By the way, if any one made a recording of the Monday noon sermon Mr. Bizzell would be interested in making a copy of same.

## **NO PARKING, PLEASE!**

Some of our people have been ignoring the signs which prohibit parking on Jackson Street in the block just North of the Church. No parralel parking is permitted at any time. There are a few head-in spaces provided on the North side of the street. Fortunately the City Police have also overlooked our illegal parking. Now with additional parking area available to us, we need to leave this block clear to provide access in and out of the parking lots.

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## **REVIVAL SERVICES FOR DEAF**



David Richardson, Missionary to the Deaf in Alabama, will be our special guest for revival services for our silent friends May 18-20. The services on Friday night and Saturday night will be at 7:30 P.M., then on Sunday morning at 11:00 A.M. If you know of deaf people who are not now attending our church, help us to get this invitation to them.

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## **SENIOR CITIZENS**

May is being observed nationwide as Senior Citizen's Month. The theme for this observance is "Partnership For Older Americans." We are going to focus our attention next week upon our senior adults. President Nixon has suggested the theme "Older Americans In Action."

Our monthly meeting of the Senior Adult Fellowship will be on Tuesday, May 22. We meet at 10:00 A.M. Those attending will bring a covered dish for our luncheon together at 11:30. The speaker for this meeting will be Brother Bob Ebersold, our Minister of Outreach and Evangelism.

Then on Sunday, May 27, Dr. Pleitz will be bringing a special message at the morning service. Our Homebound Department will make a special effort to get these friends who normally do not attend and there will be some special recognition in that service. More about this next week.

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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 .....	1252
Main Sunday School .....	1234
Crippled Children's Home .....	18
The Church in Training .....	644
Christian Training Hour .....	190
Other Training Activities .....	454
Coming for Membership .....	24
Baptized .....	5
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$5,969.25
Specials .....	1,529.45
<b>TOTAL OFFERING .....</b>	<b>\$7,498.70</b>

## EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS

Sunday, May 20, 1973

A—Mrs. William Bryan  
B—Mrs. W. D. Gibson  
C—Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Ingmire  
1A—Mrs. Bonnie Martin  
1B—Mrs. Raul Fernandez  
2B—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill  
3B—Mr. and Mrs. Jim Yarbrough  
4A—Mrs. Jerry Jones

## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this  
Sunday are in memory of Miss Inez  
Ware and are given by friends.

## OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 20

- \* 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School  
New Member's Class,  
Session No. 2
- \* 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, MAY 21

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group,  
Prayer Room
- 12:00 Noon—Adult 3 Friendly Sunday  
School Class Luncheon in  
"The Cellar".
- 7:00 P.M.—"100% Chance of Rain",  
Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 22

- 10:00 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship
- 10:00 A.M.—Spanish Bible Class with  
Mrs. Don Baker, 9 Carey  
Ave.
- 7:00 P.M.—"100% Chance of Rain",  
Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

- \* 4:45 P.M.—Choirs
- \* 5:00 P.M.—"100% Chance of Rain"  
Fellowship Hall
- 5:45 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- \* 6:15 P.M.—Prayer Service,  
Business Meeting
- \* 6:30 P.M.—Sunday School Officers and  
Teachers Meeting, Mission  
Friends, GA's, RA's, Ac-  
teens, Joy Group, Bible  
Study, Visitation.
- \* 7:20 P.M.—Visitation  
Adult Choir Rehearsal
- \* 8:30 P.M.—Visitation Reports

THURSDAY, MAY 24

- \* 9:30 A.M.—Internationals meeting
  - 7:00 P.M.—Silent Class Film Fellowship
- FRIDAY, MAY 25
- 6:30 P.M.—Children's Choirs Banquet,  
Dining Room