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## *A Great Worship Service*

SUNDAY — 11:00 A.M.



Rejoice in our Nation's Heritage

Renew Commitments to God

Thrill to Stirring Music

Our Youth Choir will sing some of the music that they sang

at the Sikes Testimonial Dinner



# Pastor's Paragraphs

## "THE NOW RELIGION"

The service last Sunday night took some of us back to our childhood days when we had protracted revival meetings under brush arbors. In those days you couldn't have a revival meeting without singing "In The Sweet Bye and Bye," "When We All Get To Heaven," and "On Jordan's Stormy Banks."



Many of the old songs are about Heaven. It's good that we think about our heavenly home, but we must

not become so preoccupied with eternity that we forget the NOW aspect of Christianity. Christianity is the NOW religion. Dora Greenwell was so right when she wrote, "The curse of religion is the habit to translate into a vague time what Christ offers NOW."

If our Christianity is not working NOW, it won't work when we step into eternity.

Just how different are we simply because (and only because) we're Christians. The Bible says, "If any man be in Christ, he IS (notice the word is) a new creature. All things (hatred, envy, immorality, etc.) are passed away. Behold all things are become new." II Corinthians 5:17.

Paul is talking about the drastic change Jesus Christ makes in our lives RIGHT NOW.

Nor is this the end of the matter. We don't have to wait until we cross Jordan's stormy banks to receive many of the blessings which are ours as God's children. Thank God! Paul said, "I can do (RIGHT NOW) all things through Christ." Philipians 4:13. And again, "We're more than conquerors (RIGHT NOW) through Him that loved us." Romans 8:37.

The words were written nearly 2,000 years ago, but they're just as true today as they were when John wrote them. "Beloved, NOW are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." I John 3:2.

I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday in our Father's House.

Your brother in Christ—NOW,

*James L. Pleitz*

### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.  
 "CITADELS OF FREEDOM"  
 (John 8:32-36)  
 7:15 P.M.  
 "NO ROOM — THANK GOD!"  
 (Luke 2:1-7)

## BUS MINISTRY REPORT Sunday, June 24, 1973

Bus. No.	Captain	Vts	En.	Rds.	New Rds.
1.	P. Coupe C. F. Wilson	20	31	21	1
2.	M. Dickson E. Dunson	41	41	29	3
3.	Rat Trigg	50	33	32	1
4.	W. Nell	40	40	25	4
5.	B. Pope	30	38	17	1
6.	Jim Prim	32	37	22	0
7.	J. Schappaugh M. Hennigan	43	43	22	0
8.	S. Corley	23	23	11	0
		279	286	179	10
	Workers			45	

Total on Buses

224

The honor bus this week is No. 3 with 32 riders.

## BE WISE—JOIN THE OWL CLUB OWL READING CLUB TO START



A children's reading club conducted by our Church Library will begin July 1 and will continue through Sunday, July 29.

Club requirements for Grades 1-3 will be six books from the younger children's section in the Church Library.

Requirements for Grades 4-6 will be 2 non-fiction, 1 biography, and 3 fiction books from the older children's section.

All books must be checked out from the Church Library, and must be turned in by Sunday, July 29.

Cards must be filled out and turned in for each book read when the book is returned to the Library.

Each reader will have his name posted on a chart in the Library. As each book is read and the card turned in, an owl will be stamped on the chart by the reader's name.

Recognition will be given to each person who completes the required books. Special recognition will be given the person who reads the most books from our church library during this period.

## BAPTIST WOMEN GENERAL MEETING Tuesday, July 3, 1973

9:45 A.M. Bible Study  
 10:15 A.M. Business  
 10:45 A.M. Program, Stanley Davis and Harvey Headrick Groups in charge.  
 11:30 A.M. Luncheon—Harvey Headrick Group, Hostesses.

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



Mr. & Mrs. George Cannon  
Also shown is Michael



Mr. & Mrs. Bob Crumpton  
and Stan Adams



Mr. & Mrs. Bill Lee, Jr.



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Nash

Also received were Mr. & Mrs. Francis Johnson & Charlie, Kenny Harris, Becky Page, & Benjie Pace, whose pictures were not available.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mr. James C. Roth, Sr., Mr. Andrew F. Downey, Barney Burks, III, Mrs. Earl (Edith) Royals, Mr. Billy Renfroe, Mrs. Lance (Barbara) Brown

Sacred Heart:

Mrs. J. G. (Minnie) Lambeth, Mrs. J. E. (Bertha) Bratcher, Dottie Dykes

Brookwood Hospital, Birmingham, Ala.

Karen Howse

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Jack (Tura) Neuman, Mr. A. S. Edwards, Mrs. Frank (Betty) Gibbs, Mrs. Bennie (Ruth) Pope, Mrs. Harry (Allie) Maddox, James S. Stinson, Jr., Mr. Talmadge McWaters

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Tommy Ansley who was on the Dean's list for the year at Duke University.

THE VERY NEWEST

A rosebud is being delivered

this week to the home of

MASTER JEFFREY MICHAEL BROWN

son of

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Brown

born June 22, 1973

NO SERVICES WEDNESDAY,  
JULY 4

On Wednesday, July 4, the church offices will be closed.

There will be no services or activities at the church on that Wednesday evening.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP ELECTED

The Church has elected the following leadership for the coming year:

Sunday School Director —  
F. Willard Vickery

Church Training Director —  
Robert F. Jernigan

WMU Director —  
Mrs. Paul Gray

Director of Library Services —  
Mrs. J. F. Boykin

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPERS

Seventy-five of our Middle Schoolers and Counselors are, this week, at a Middle School Camp at Rockridge Baptist Assembly, Franklin, Georgia. They are scheduled to return to Pensacola at 5:00 Friday, June 29.

Parents, Plan Now to Include

VACATION  
BIBLE  
SCHOOL

in your  
Child's Religious Training

IT'S NOT TOO LATE  
TO JOIN THE FUN

EVERY KID ought to go to  
BIBLE SCHOOL. IF I WERE A  
KID, I'D GO. I BET IT'D  
BE FUN! I WONDER...?  
You S'POSE I COULD...?



9 A.M. — 3:00 P.M.  
JULY 16 - 20

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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 .....1242  
 Main Sunday School .....1222  
 Crippled Children's Home ..... 20  
 The Church in Training .....268  
 Christian Training Hour .....138  
 Other Training Activities .....130  
 Coming for Membership .....10  
 Tithes and Offerings:  
 Budget .....\$ 8,320.18  
 Specials ..... 1,979.75  
 Building Fund .....

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**TOTAL OFFERING** .....\$10,299.93

## GROWING PAINS AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH?

Our growth in Sunday School is not painful to us, but rather exciting. We are eager to grow and begin new work in reaching people.

In July, our Sunday School is beginning a new preschool department. We are grateful to Mrs. Thomas Riggs, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Markham, and Mr. Joe Tillman as they take the leadership in this new work.

## SPRING STREET, U.S.A.

WEAR-TV Channel 3, is carrying "Spring Street, U.S.A.", Southern Baptists new Television program. The time is 5:00 P.M. Sundays.

Write a note to Channel 3 to express your appreciation to them for carrying these programs.

## OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

### Sunday, July 1

- \* 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School  
 New Members Class,  
 Session 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

### Tuesday, July 3

- \* 9:45 A.M.—Baptist Women (Provisions will be made for Preschool and Elementary School age children. Call the church office 433-5631, for reservations.
- 6:00 P.M.—Baptist Women (night group)
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts in "The Cellar"

### Wednesday, July 4

OFFICE CLOSED—No evening activities

### Thursday, July 5

- 7:00 P.M.—Youth Bible Study
- \* Nursery provided for Preschool age children.

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP JUNE 20, 1973

**BY LETTER:**

- 143. Benjie Pace, 3681 Maule Rd.  
 From: Calvary Bapt., Liberty, S.C.
- JUNE 24, 1973**

**BY LETTER:**

- 144. Charlie C. Crowder, Jr., 6000 Sarah Dr.  
 From: FBC, Danville, Va.
- 145. Mrs. Charlie Crowder (Carolyn)
- 146. A. T. Miles, 2375 Scenic Hwy., Apt. 107  
 From: East Hill Bapt., Pensacola
- 147. Mrs. A. T. Miles (Nan)
- 148. Charles C. Webb, 818 E. Moreno  
 From: Woodlawn Bapt., Pensacola

**ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:**

- 112. Beverly Cockman, 8841 Scenic Hills Dr.
  - 113. Julie Smith, 5251 Springhill Dr.
  - 114. Lissa Webb, 818 E. Moreno
- FOR BAPTISM**

**FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION:**

- 110. Mrs. Margaret G. Cockman, 8841 Scenic Hills Dr.

**REDEDICATION:**

- Bill Waters