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LEADING OUR DEACONS



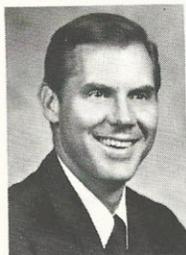
The Deacons have elected the above pictured men to lead them for the new Church year. Reading left to right are: Frank Patterson, Clerk; T. H. Blackmon, Chairman; Billy Renfroe, Vice-Chairman; Roger Yonker, Assistant Clerk.



Pastor's Paragraphs

"ATTENDANCE RECORDS SHATTERED"

The attendance last Sunday was nothing short of FANTASTIC. Obviously a lot of you decided to follow Mr. Vickery's advice



and turn something loose. (If you missed his rope trick in the dining room, you missed one of the finest slight of hand tricks ever performed by a magician!)

Your willingness to put first things first reminds me of a story.

A noted young concert artist was asked the secret of her success with her violin. "Planned Neglect," she replied and then explained.

"There were many things which demanded my time. When I went to my room after breakfast, I made my bed, straightened my room, dusted the floor and did whatever came to my attention. When I finished my work, I turned my attention to violin practice. That system failed to accomplish the result desired, so I reversed things. I deliberately planned to neglect everything else until my practice period was completed. That program of planned neglect accounts for my success."

Now the thought "Planned Neglect" may not sound good at the first reading, but it is essential to give priority to the use of our time if we are to become efficient in the service of our God. First priority to our responsibilities in the church will most certainly be rewarded with success and happiness. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God . . . and all things shall be added to you." Have you ever heard someone make one of the following remarks: "I just haven't got time to visit the pupils in my class," "I just have so much to do that I can't get to choir rehearsal," "It is so hard for me to find time to study my lesson," "With all I have to do at home, it is almost impossible for me to get to Sunday School and Training Union."

No doubt you have heard these statements many times, but a little observation will prove that we all find time to do what we want to do most. I have often wondered how the God of our salvation feels when our remarks and attitudes reveal that we do not consider His program important enough to give it priority.

Honor God by being in His House Sunday. I'll look forward to seeing you then.

Faithfully in Christ,

James L. Pleitz

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus. No.	Captain	Enr.	Rds.	New Rds.	Vts.
1.	Mr. & Mrs. L. Holt	32	27	9	30
2.	M. Dickson E. Dunson	36	41	3	40
3.	R. Trigg C. F. Wilson	32	24	1	50
4.	W. Nell M. Jackson	42	51	16	42
5.	B. Pope	38	35	8	50
6.	T. Lutrick	34	35	2	30
7.	J. Schappaugh K. Steiner	48	48	8	200
8.	Mr. & Mrs. T. Thornton	34	46	10	36
9.	Mr. & Mrs. S. J. Bell	8	14	4	32
		304	321	61	510
	Workers		66		
	Total on Buses		387		

With such a GREAT day on the buses Sunday, it is hard to give honor to just one. Everyone worked so hard to help have a total of 387 riders on the buses. Bus No. 4 did have 51 riders with 16 new riders and an enrollment of 42. Special recognition is to be given to Mr. Walter Nell, captain, and his crew, Rick Viola, Ronnie Jackson, Mary Ann Jackson, Mike Cranmer and Denise Withey.

We also had a total of 101 more riders than ever before and 6 buses had more riders than enrolled.

We would like to say welcome to Mr. & Mrs. Tom Thornton and Mr. & Mrs. S. J. Bell as they begin serving this week as Bus Captains. The Thorntons will serve on route No. 8 and the Bells on route No. 9 which just started this week.

Special thanks goes to the ones who surveyed last Saturday. Sunday again proved something I have believed for a long time and that is: "God always honors hard work!"

Bro Bob

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mr. J. L. Smith, Mr. Thomas I. Poe

Sacred Heart

Mrs. Lottie Bowman

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Emmett Shelby, Mrs. W. L. (Bea) Waters, Mr. Harold Drown, Mrs. Linda Taylor, Mr. Robert D. Hinson, Mr. William A. Morrison, Jr., Mrs. Gladys Melvin, Mrs. E. C. Austin

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Thalia Daniel and Robert L. Richie on their marriage September 1.

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. T. A. Guthrie in the loss of a sister.
Mr. W. T. Creel in the loss of his sister, Mary Creel.

**RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP
LAST WEEK**



Rebecca Ward

Also received was Monika Pelfrey, whose picture was not available.

DEACONS ELECTED

The following men were elected by the church Sunday, September 9, to serve as active deacons:

- Barney Burks, Jr.
- J. Nixon Daniel, Jr.
- Joe Edmisten
- Scott Getman
- Frank Gibbs
- Judson Gillespie
- Joe Ladner
- Marvin Lee
- Willard Vickery
- Herman Williams

At their regular meeting Monday evening, the deacons elected the following officers:

- T. H. Blackmon.....Chairman
- Billy RenfroeVice-Chairman
- Frank Patterson.....Clerk
- Roger YonkerAssistant Clerk

**FOCUS ON
FIRST FOLKS**

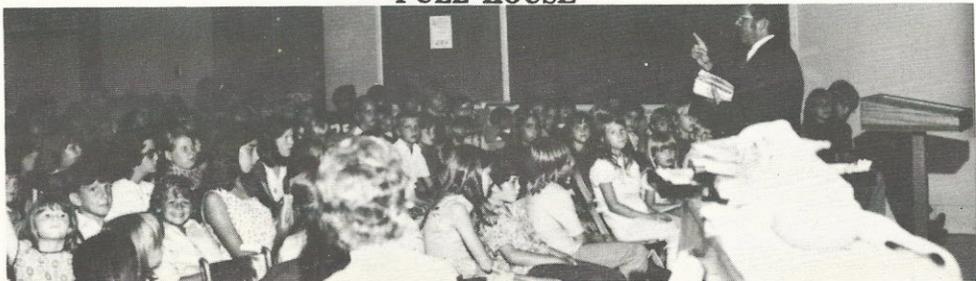
Mel Lovette, son of Ava and Bill Holley, made the Dean's List for the entire year at Cedarville Baptist College, Cedarville, Ohio.

**COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP
SEPTEMBER 9, 1973**

BY LETTER:

- 199. Thomas E. Goodwin,
Rt. 9, Box 535-A
From: Northside Bapt.,
Panama City, Fl.
 - 200. Mrs. Thomas Goodwin (Nancy)
 - 201. Thomas M. Judd,
990 Old Corry Rd., No. 201
From: Ginter Park Bapt.,
Richmond, Va.
 - 202. Mrs. Thomas Judd (Ann)
From: Morningview Bapt.,
Montgomery, Al.
 - 203. Eugene P. Langston,
1195 Langley Ave.
From: Calvary Bapt., New Orleans, La.
 - 204. Mrs. Eugene Langston (Sara)
 - 205. Don Langston
 - 206. Robert Oswald, Jr., P.O. Box 2244
From: FBC, Pascagoula, Ms.
 - 207. James E. Parker, Sr.,
203 Bear Dr., GB
From General Bapt., Mt. Vernon, Ind.
 - 208. Mrs. James Parker (Beverly)
 - 209. James E. Parker, Jr.
 - 210. Jack C. Phillips, 4221 Lynn Ora Dr.
From: Cinco Bapt.,
Ft. Walton Beach, Fl.
 - 211. Mrs. Jack Phillips (Judy)
- ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:**
- 134. JoAnne Langston
- BAPTIZED:**
- Susan Reed, Shannon Sheffield, Tammy Stokes, Rebecca Ward.

FULL HOUSE



Brother Bob and Miss Dale report a full house in Children's Church last Sunday. The picture below shows wall-to-wall people.

This scene was duplicated in our Sunday School Departments as we had 1624 pre-

sent on our Annual Roundup Day. Congratulations to Mr. Vickery and all of our Sunday School workers.

Our buses brought in 321 people. Congratulations Brother Bob and Bus Crews.

RIDGECREST CHAUTAQUA

The Ridgecrest Chautauqua for Senior Adults will be October 15-19. The Pensacola Bay Baptist Association is planning a charter bus leaving on Sunday, October 14 and returning on Sunday, October 21. Reservations should be made through Mr. Bizzell. The cost, including the round trip, the room and meals at Ridgecrest, and rooms in route will be approximately \$110. Then each person would be responsible for his own meals in route.

A REMINDER

Last Sunday was a thriller! Attendance goals were surpassed and records fell like raindrops. Exciting! Did you remember to pray and give to State Missions? Our church goal is \$660.00.

MENU



Salisbury Steak

with

Mushroom Sauce

Buttered Lima Beans

Cole Slaw

Roll & Butter

Banana Pudding

Tea

Coffee

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"THE STRENGTHENING ANGEL"

(Luke 22:39-46)

7:15 P.M.

MESSAGE BY BYRON HARBIN





MISSIONARY SPEAKS SUNDAY

Byron Harbin, our missionary, will speak in the service Sunday night. It's possible that he will also be showing some slides. Then following the service, we're having a reception for the Byron Harbin family. You will want to be here for the service and for the reception.

AGENDA

BUSINESS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 19, 1973

1. Recommendation from Kitchen Committee regarding increase in meal prices.
 2. Recommendation that Dr. Charles Clevenger serve as Chairman of Forward Program of Church Finance.
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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, September 16 — "Christ Is Our Life" I John 1:1-4

Monday, September 17 — "Christ Is Our Light" I John 1:5-10

Tuesday, September 18 — "Christ Offers Forgiveness" I John 2:1-6

Wednesday, September 19 — "Christ's Commandment" I John 2:7-11

Thursday, September 20 — "The Christian in the World" I John 2:12-17

Friday, September 21 — "Confessing the Son" I John 2:18-25

Saturday, September 22 — "Christ Within Us" I John 2:26-29

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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 Study1643
 Main Sunday School1624
 Crippled Children's Home 19
 The Church in Training674
 Christian Training Hour237
 Other Training Activities437
 Coming for Membership14
 Baptized 4
 Tithes and Offerings:
 Budget\$ 9,238.62
 Specials 1,007.77
 Building Fund
TOTAL OFFERING\$10,246.39

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

For Sunday, September 16

A — Mrs. William Bryan
 B — Mrs. David Shiel
 C — Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Ingmire
 1A — Mrs. Bonnie Martin
 1B — Mrs. Mary Knight
 2A — Miss Jackie Archer
 2B — Mr. & Mrs. George Cannon
 2C — Mr. & Mrs. Eric Simmons
 3B — Mr. & Mrs. James Callaway
 4A — Mr. & Mrs. George Vinson

COMING

**A JOYFUL THING
 YOUTH INTERROBANG**

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, September 16

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School,
 New Member Class 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
- 8:15 P.M.—Reception for Byron Harbins

Monday, September 17

- 9:30 A.M.-12:00 Noon—WMU Leader-
 ship Training
- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
- 7:00 P.M.-9:30 P.M.—WMU Leadership
 Training

Tuesday, September 18

- 9:30 A.M.-12:00 Noon—WMU Leader-
 ship Training
- 11:00 A.M.—Laura Stoesen Round Table
 Meeting and Covered Dish
 Luncheon with Mrs. George
 Markham, Sr., 3811 Idle-
 wood Dr.
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts in the "Cellar."

Wednesday, September 19

- * 4:45 P.M.—Choirs
- * 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, Acteens, and
 RA's, Joy Group
 —Bible Study
 —Visitation
- * 7:20 P.M.—Visitation
 —Adult Choir Rehearsal
- * 8:30 P.M.—Visitation Reports

Thursday, September 20

- * 9:30 A.M.—Internationals Meeting
- 7:00 P.M.—Master Workmen Class,
 Dining Room

Friday, September 21

- * 7:00 P.M.—Adult 2, Homemaker's
 Class, "Cellar."