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BECAUSE OF YOUR FAITHFULNESS



Chairman of the Deacons, T. H. Blackmon, shows other officers of the deacons, Frank Patterson, Roger Yonker, and Billy Renfroe a plaque in recognition of our church being first among Florida Baptist churches in Cooperative Program giving for the last church year. Because of the faithfulness of our people in overgiving last year's budget, we will be able to make an additional end-of-year gift to the Cooperative Program.



Pastor's Paragraphs

"I DARE YOU"

I DARE YOU — to read this and ask, "Lord, is it I?" Matt. 26:22.



In the "Review and Expositor," Howard Butt, Jr., penned these words:

"One of American Christianity's most serious evils may be in the sin of 'sermon listening.' We hear, but we do not act. Doers of the word and not hearers only are living sermons daily. The intended church is a vibrant

redeeming community of compassion, mission, service, witness, love and worship. It is not a fraternity of fans of the faith.

"Professional spectators almost always turn out to be professional critics. The perennial occupant of the baseball bleachers is the expert who knows when to kill the umpire. The professional observer of government who never becomes personally involved is the cynic who informs us learnedly that all politicians are crooks anyway.

"Spectator Christianity ultimately becomes critical and contemptuous, cold, cynical, sterile, and unproductive. It observes and criticizes others, but never gets committed into life with Jesus Christ. It sits in church or works in religious activity.

"It is not the critic who counts, said Theodore Roosevelt, pointing out how the strong man stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done better.

"Canon Bryan Green of England said, 'Your American churches are crowded with people today but there is no Biblical or spiritual depth among your laymen. Religion is largely a sentimental affair which does not radically influence daily life. If something doesn't change, fifty years from now your churches will be empty as ours are today.'"

Something absolutely amazing is happening in the life of our church. We've never had fewer spectators in the membership!

Sunday was a fantastic day and to tell you the truth, I can hardly wait until next Sunday. Bring your family and friends and come. Your heart will be blessed.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Holt

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"WHY OUR PRAYERS ARE NOT ANSWERED"

(John 15:1-14)

7:15 P.M.

"LIFE AT ITS PEAK"

(Luke 12:22-30)

Message by Bro. Bob Ebersold

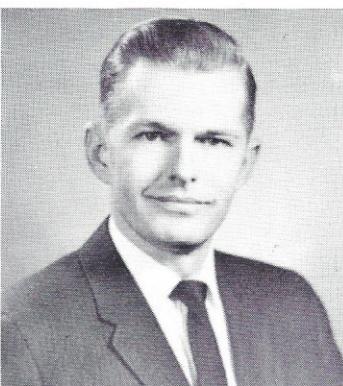
BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Enr.	Rds.	New Rds.
1	Mr. & Mrs. L. Holt	39	26	3
2	M. Dickson			
	E. Dunson	43	30	0
3	R. Trigg			
	C. F. Wilson	29	19	0
4	W. Nell			
	R. Hornsby	42	29	1
5	B. Pope	40	20	0
6	T. Lutrick	30	31	4
7	J. Anthony			
	S. Bell	47	25	0
8	Mr. & Mrs.			
	T. Thornton	35	20	0
9	B. Bell	22	16	0
10	A. Ford	5	3	0
		332	219	8
	Workers			
			57	

Total on Buses 276

The honor bus this week is Bus No. 6 with 31 riders. They had 1 more rider than they have enrolled.

COMING FOR OUR ANNUAL BIBLE CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 24-26



DR. HAROLD S. SONGER

Dr. Songer is Associate Professor of New Testament Interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He is the author of the textbook being used in this year's January Bible Study as promoted by our Baptist Sunday School Board. He will lead us in a study of Colossians.

A "HOW-TO" CLINIC

for those working with or interested in the sick.

Tuesday, January 29

7 - 8:30 P.M.

Warrington Baptist Church

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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	1414
Main Sunday School	1400
Crippled Children's Home	14
The Church in Training	577
Christian Training Hour	199
Other Training Activities	378
Coming for Membership	12
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$12,254.05
Specials	1,426.15
TOTAL OFFERING	\$13,680.20

EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 1974

- A—Mrs. Talmadge Blackmon
- B—Mrs. David Shiell
- C—Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Ingmire
- 1A—Mrs. Bonnie Martin
- 2A—Mrs. Gordon Cates
 Miss Sharon Edmisten
- 3A—Mr. & Mrs. Eric Simmons
- 3B—Mr. Joe Tillman
 Mrs. Charles Crowder
- 3C—Mrs. Mary Knight
- 4A—Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Taylor
- 4B—Miss Janice Parker

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, January 20

- 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
 New Members Class No. 1
- 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 4:45 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:15 P.M.—Explorer's Bible Drill —
 Youth 6 Dept.
- 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship-Business
 Meeting

Monday, January 21

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
- Tuesday, January 22*
- 10:00 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship-DR
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts—"Cellar"

Wednesday, January 23

- 5:15 P.M.—Choirs
- 6:00 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- 6:25 P.M.—Prayer Service
- 6:40 P.M.—Sunday School Officers and
 Teachers Meeting, Mission
 Friends, GA's, Acteens, RA's,
 and Joy Group
- Bible Study and Prayer
- Visitation
- 7:30 P.M.—Visitation
 —Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 24

- 9:30 A.M.—Internationals Meeting
- 9:30 A.M.—Assn. Baptist Women Mtg.—
 Scenic Hgt.
- 7:00 P.M.—Silent Class Film-Fellowship-
 Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 P.M.—Baptist Women Night Group
 Warrington

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP JANUARY 13, 1974

BY LETTER:

- 41. Barry Chambers, 3555 Summit Blvd.
 From: FBC, Milton, Fl.
- 42. Mrs. Barry Chambers (Sylvia)
- 43. Jerry McNeil, 405 Dolphin St.
 From: FBC, Salisbury, N.C.
- 44. Mrs. Jerry McNeil (Willa)
- 45. Michelle Richards, 12 Alan-A-Dale
 From: Myrtle Grove Baptist
- 46. Mrs. Bobbie Glass Terry,
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 From: Normandale Baptist,
 Montgomery, Al.
- 47. Theresa Terry
- 48. Christopher Terry

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:

- 34. Joel Hill, 2935 Bent Oak Road
- 35. Beth Hunt, 2372-A Magda
- 36. John Hunt, 2372-A Magda
- 37. Carol McIntyre, 2412 Emily Street