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Mrs. W. M. U.



Mrs. R. L. Mathis, President of Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, spoke to the Annual Spring Luncheon of our Woman's Missionary Union last Tuesday. Shown here are Mrs. Wayne Hickman, Vice-President of Baptist Women (Day), Mrs. Mathis, and Mrs. Paul Gray, WMU Director.



Pastor's Paragraphs

"ON GROWING UP"

It's possible to grow OLDER without growing UP. The disciples could on occasion act very childish, even though they were grown men. However, there were times when they stood tall as mature people.

Consider this scene in the upper room. Jesus had just announced that He would be betrayed by one of the disciples. For a long moment, there was complete silence. You could have heard a pin drop. Then someone broke the silence by asking the question, "Lord, is it I?" Then every man asked the same question, "Lord, is it I? . . . Is it I? . . . Is it I?"

Not a man pointed the finger of accusation at someone else.

"Lord, is it I?"

Not a man tried to escape his responsibility by blaming someone else.

"Lord, is it I?"

IT'S A SIGN OF REAL MATURITY WHEN WE LOOK INWARDLY — AT SELF — INSTEAD OF OUTWARDLY — AT OTHERS — WHEN PROBLEMS ARISE IN LIFE.

Meditate on the following questions. Ask yourself the question, "Lord, is it I?"

Am I so critical that I see only a person's faults and not his good points?

Am I so childish that people must handle me gently lest I be offended?

Am I mature enough to receive personal disappointments without feeling mistreated and making everyone else miserable?

Do I hurt other people while bragging, "I believe in saying what I think.?"

Am I guilty of making sarcastic remarks about the success of others?

Am I big enough to admit when I'm wrong, or do I seek to excuse myself by blaming others.

Do I excuse my sins while self righteously condemning those of others?

When the good name of an outstanding person is undermined, do I silently rejoice, "That is what I thought all the time.?"

When there are problems in the home, do I blame my husband or wife without considering my own shortcomings?

Sunday we'll observe together the Lord's Supper. What better time for self examination than when we gather about the table of the Lord.

I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz



BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus	Riders
No. Captain	23
1. Mr. & Mrs. L. Holt	31
2. E. Dunson	22
3. R. Trigg	22
4. P. S. Chandler	17
5. B. Pope	25
6. T. Lutrick	24
7. M. Hennigan	21
8. T. Thornton	7
9. S. Bell	10
P.M. Special	
	202
Workers	38

Total on Buses 240
Honor Bus this week is No. 2 with 31
riders and 9 workers.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mrs. A. J. (Bertie) Butler, Mr. George M. Lewis, Mrs. W. T. (Lavada) Creel, Mr. Raymond A. Barrow, Mr. J. L. Smith, Julie Arledge

Specialty Care

Mrs. Claudia McCurley

Sacred Heart

Mrs. James (Beverly) Parker

Navy Hospital

Mr. Harry Sampley, Capt. Jack Hastings

Mobile Infirmary

Mrs. Charles (Melba) Stallings

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Ed (Faye) Scholz, Jr., Mr. Cecil Ray, Mrs. Lennie Bonham, Mr. Marshall Black, Mr. Vernon Phillips, Mrs. Robert (Margot) Bass

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. W. H. Adams, Joe Bill and John in the loss of their husband and Father. Mr. Elmer Deering in the loss of his brother in Texas.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"HIS BODY AND BLOOD"
(Matthew 26:17-30)

7:15 P.M.

"THE DAY CHRIST DIED"
(Matthew 27:27-50)

OLD SHEETS NEEDED

There is a need for old bed sheets. These are to be used by our Silent Class for cancer pads.

Fiftieth Anniversary

1924

*The Children of
Mr. and Mrs. Alison S. Cobb
request the pleasure of your company
at the Reception in honour of the
Golden Wedding Anniversary
of their parents
Sunday, the fourteenth of April
Nineteen hundred and seventy-four
three to five o'clock in the afternoon
61 West Hernandez Street
Pensacola, Florida*

1974

1924

*In honor of
The Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Samuel Johnson
their daughters
request the pleasure of your company
at Open House
on Sunday, the seventh of April
two until five o'clock in the afternoon
1701 East Hernandez Street
Pensacola, Florida
Please omit gifts*

1974

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP MARCH 31, 1974

BY LETTER:

86. Gerald D. Bryant,
711 Underwood, Apt. 41A
From: Raritan Valley Bapt.,
Edison, N.J.
87. Mrs. Gerald Bryant (Mable)
88. Mrs. Miles Newton, Jr. (Linda)
211 Syrcle Dr., N.W.
From: Warrington Bapt., Pensacola
89. Frank Senter, P.O. Box 1773
From: Frayser Bapt., Memphis, Tn.

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:

55. Joseph A. Ledkins, 1917 N. "M" St.

REDEDICATION:

Jim Smith

BAPTIZED:

Charles Dean, Jr., James Pelt

These items needed for Church Picnic.
If you can supply, please call:

478-1785 or 476-1331.

- 1 — 30' Smooth Pole
- 1 — 5 lb. Can Grease (not black)
- 1 — Eb Tuba
- 30 — Sacks (Gunny, Croaker, Tater, or
Burlap)
- 1 — No. 3 Wash-Tub
— Inner Tubes
- 1 — Goat with Cart
- 50 lb. — Peanuts (in shells)

BAPTIST WOMEN GROUP MEETINGS

Tuesday, April 9, 1974

10:00 A.M.—MARY SAUNDERS Bible Study at the church in the "Cellar"
—RALPH BETHEA with Mrs. Lyman Shivers, 2211 Dupont Drive.
—VIRGINIA COBB with Mrs. T. B. Sheli and Mrs. Paul Caro, 2020 E. Maxwell.
—STANLEY DAVIS with Mrs. H. H. Higgins, 816 E. Jackson St. — Co-Hostess, Mrs. J. C. Eubanks.
—CHARLOTTE OWENS with Mrs. James D. Carter, 1011 Coronado, Gulf Breeze.
—LAURA FRANCES SNOW with Mrs. L. M. Steele, 7220 W. Penton St.
—DALE TERRY with Mrs. Doug Smith, 7804 Arcadia Road.
2:00 P.M.—HARVEY HEADRICK with Mrs. Gladys Knight, 208 W. Strong, Apt. 3 Co-Hostess, Mrs. LeNita Getman.
Thursday, April 18
10:00 A.M.—HELEN FLING with Mrs. Thomas L. Davis, Qtrs. 148B, NAS.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in loving memory of Mrs. E. L. Derby and are given by Mr. E. L. Derby.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, April 7: "How Shall They Hear?"
Romans 10:14-21

Monday, April 8: "Preaching Must Be Magnified" Romans 11:1-13

Tuesday, April 9: "Preaching Must Have Priority" Luke 9:57-62

Wednesday, April 10: "Where Christ Is Not Known" Romans 15:14-20

Thursday, April 11: "Support for God's Messengers" Romans 15:21-29

Friday, April 12: "No Perverted Gospel" Galatians 1:1-10

Saturday, April 13: "Qualifications for a Preacher" I Timothy 3:1-7

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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	1368
Main Sunday School	1344
Crippled Children's Home	24
The Church in Training	576
Christian Training Hour	193
Other Training Activities	383
Coming for Membership	5
Baptized	2
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$ 9,981.79
Specials	965.39
TOTAL OFFERING	\$10,947.18

EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 1974

A—Mrs. Joe Brooks
B—Miss Leah Ann Jackson
C—Mrs. Ben McLeod
1A—Mrs. Douglas Claybrook
1B—Mrs. Charles Crowder
2A—Mr. & Mrs. Mike Hendrix
2B—Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hicks
3A—Miss Judy Folmar
3B—Mrs. Roger Kingry
—Miss Cricket Smith
3C—Mr. & Mrs. John Wiley
4A—Mr. & Mrs. Gary Cushing
4B—Mrs. Ralph Thompson
—Mrs. Frank Johnson

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, April 7

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
 New Members Class No. 3
- * 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship —
 Lord's Supper
- 4:45 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- * 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- * 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship

Monday, April 8

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
- 7:00 P.M.—Recreation Committee Basketball Banquet—D.R.
- 7:00 P.M.—Assn. Explorer's & Youth Bible Drill & Speakers Tournament—North Hill
- 7:30 P.M.—Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, April 9

- * 10:00 A.M.—Mary Saunders Bible Stud. "Cellar"
- 7:00 P.M.—Bible Study Mtg. Baptist Women (night) Grp.—Mrs. Harold Stokes, 1843 Copley Dr.
- 7:30 P.M.—PJC Choir—Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 10

- * 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, Joy Group
—Bible Study and Prayer
—Visitation
- * 7:30 P.M.—Visitation
—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 11

- * 9:30 A.M.—Internationals Meeting
- 10:00 A.M.—Assn. BYW Prayer Retreat Civitan Park
- 7:00 P.M.—Youth Bible Study —
 Sanctuary

Friday, April 12

- 12:00 Noon-3:00 P.M.—Good Friday Service — First Presbyterian Church

Saturday, April 13

- 9-11:30—Assn. GA Rally-Myrtle Grove