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## OUR SECRETARIES



Our secretaries participated in the special workshop held here in our church this week. Shown here (reading left to right) are: Betsy Tidwell, Educational Secretary; Nelma Camp, Pastor's Secretary; Dru Belich, Music and Youth Secretary; Ann Thornton, Membership Secretary; and Miss Lucy Hoskins of the Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board and author of a new book entitled "Church Secretary: Girl Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday . . .".

Betty Nash, Financial Secretary, was not present when this picture was made.

On the eve of National Secretaries Week, we salute these fine people for their faithful service.



# Pastor's Paragraphs

## "THE MASTER AND THE MASTERS"

Perhaps the most sought after prize in golf is winning the Masters. This tournament is played each year in Augusta, Georgia. (I shared with you in a sermon recently my vain attempt to walk around the course — with or without shoes!)

This year's tournament was won by Mr. Gary Player of South Africa.

Few people expected him to win. Last year he had major surgery. There was some question as to whether he would ever play golf again. Prior to this, he had a recurring problem with his neck, which he broke as a 14 year old boy.

. . . . But Gary Player won the tournament.

Gary Player has been a winner for years not only in golf, but in the game of life. He is a devout Christian. He thrilled our hearts when he spoke in our church some years ago.

Prior to playing the final round of the Masters, he wrote these words on his score card. "I can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth me." (Philippians 4:13)

He read these words at least 18 times during the match. Every time he wrote down his opponent's score (the golfer does not keep his own score but that of his opponent), he was reminded of the fact — I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST.

This week the golfers are in Pensacola. Unfortunately, Mr. Player will not play in the Monsanto Open. It may well be that after his experience, several of them will write on their score cards, "I can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth me."

I would be the last to say that everyone writing Philippians 4:13 down on a golf score card is going to win every time he plays, but . . . . THE PERSON WHO LIVES BY THIS TEACHING IS SURE TO BE A WINNER IN A CONTEST THAT'S A LOT MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANY GOLF GAME — This contest is called LIFE.

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

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*



## BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Riders
1.	Mr. & Mrs. L. Holt	23
2.	L. Clevenger	23
	M. Dickson	
3.	R. Trigg	24
	C. Wilson	
4.	P. Chandler	30
	R. Hornsby	
5.	B. Pope	10
	A. Ford	
6.	T. Lutnick	24
	A. Little	
7.	C. Dean	23
8.	T. Thornton	11
9.	B. Bell	21
	P.M. Special	9
		198
	Workers	43
	Total on Buses	241

The honor bus this week is No. 4 with 30 riders.

We are in real need of additional adult bus workers. Please call the church office (433-5631) or Max Dickson (456-4746) if you would like to work on one of the buses.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### Baptist

Mr. George M. Lewis, Judy Pippen, Mr. Neil Blue, Mrs. A. J. (Bertie) Butler, Mrs. Frank (Sandy) Young, Mrs. Mary A. Williams, Mrs. C. Edward (Edna) Green, Mrs. Robert (Pat) Gober

#### Sacred Heart

Mr. Kenneth S. Hudson, Mrs. James (Beverly) Parker

#### Naval Hospital

Mr. Harry Sampley, Capt. Jack Hastings  
Providence Hospital, Mobile

Donna Booth

#### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. John W. (Esque) Creel, Sr., Mrs. Olive Manheim, Mrs. Charles (Melba) Stallings

#### SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Charles Beuris in the loss of her Father.

Mrs. George Smith in the loss of her son.

Mrs. Russell Robertson and Mrs. Harry Merritt in the loss of their brother.

Mr. John McCurley in the loss of his Mother, Mrs. Claudia McCurley.

Mr. Oma H. Coker in the loss of his sister, Mrs. Claudia McCurley.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Tommy Carr who was elected President of the Senior Class in the School of Engineering at Tulane University.

## SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"THE MISSING LINK"  
(Matthew 28:16-20)

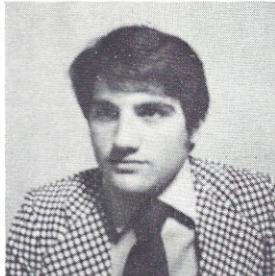
7:15 P.M.

"ON RAZING THE ROOF"  
(Mark 2:1-12)

## RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



*Mr. & Mrs. Jerry McNeill  
Also shown is Kimberly.*



*Frank Matarrese*



*Denise Withey*

*Also received were Mr. & Mrs. I. R. Handrop, Mark & Stephen, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Pace.*

## NOT EVEN FIVE CENTS FOR POSTAGE!

The postman stopped at my house and as usual I was glad to get mail. But on that particular day I could have wished he had passed me by. It turned out to be the most embarrassing news of my life.

I received a statement from the church where my family and I were members. We were fairly regular in attendance, and I was proud I had trained my children to be active in its program. I had voted heartily for home and foreign missions and was agreeable with any decision the church had to make.

I always read carefully the weekly bulletin that came by mail and on Sundays when I didn't attend church, I listened to the service on TV or radio. In sickness or sorrow, the pastor and other members of the church were there to help or comfort. We received the same benefits as any other member of the church. Yet, it never occurred to me that all these services required the support of all members — including myself.

The statement that came that day was the total sum of the amount I had contributed to the church for the past year. The total came to zero. On the Sundays we had attended, we had dropped a few coins and occasionally a few dollars in the collection plate. We always forgot to take our envelopes, but it didn't matter to us so long as the church received the money.

I had always figured that what I gave to the church was personal and it was no one's business but mine as to the amount. I am sure now that I was too ashamed for the little amount I gave to go on record.

I am determined that never again will I allow myself to be in a position to be embarrassed by withholding from God that which is rightfully his. All that I have belongs to him. And when I do stand before him in judgment, I too, want to see him smile and hear him say, "Thou has been faithful . . . enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

—Selected—

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP APRIL 14, 1974

### BY LETTER:

94. Mike Murphy, 6490 Mariana Dr.  
From: Dauphin Way Bapt., Mobile, Al.
95. Mrs. Mike Murphy (Jacqueline)
96. Viki Jean Murphy
97. Michael C. Strasser,  
6530 N. Palafox, Lot 17  
From: East Hill Bapt., Pensacola
98. Wayne A. Stewart, 304 N. 57th Ave.  
From: Koza Bapt., Koza, Okinawa
99. Mrs. Wayne A. Stewart (Joy)
100. Betty Stewart
101. David Wayne Stewart

### BY STATEMENT:

14. Mrs. Jim Durr (Becky), 744 80th Ave.

### BAPTIZED:

Mrs. Leslie Armstrong, Brett Linton, Frank Matarrese, Mrs. Jim Pace, Denise Withey

## BUSINESS MEETING

APRIL 21, 1974

## At The Close of Evening Worship Service

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That \$1,000 from the Mission Fund be given to the Pensacola Bay Baptist Association for the current Building Project at Camp Ada.
2. That we purchase lot on Guillemarde Street.

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. C. C. McCurley (Claudia)  
316 N. Barcelona  
Joined our church by letter  
February 29, 1918  
Deceased, April 15, 1974

## SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP MEETS TUESDAY

The monthly meeting of our Senior Adult Fellowship will be held on Tuesday, beginning at 10:00 A.M.

The program will include plans for our May 3 trip to the Jefferson Davis Home at Biloxi, a report from our group that went to the Senior Adult Conclave at Lake Yale, and a visit to the Church Library in observance of National Library Week.

Reservations for the 11:30 luncheon (chicken and dumplings) should be made by calling the church office.



The Billy Graham film "Time to Run" will be shown at the Cordova Cinema April 24-30, with showings at 7:00 & 9:15 P.M. nightly. On Saturday and Sunday, April 26-27 there will also be showings at 1:00, 3:00 and 5:00 P.M.

Ticket prices are \$2.25 for Adults, \$1.00 for Children. Tickets may be purchased before April 22 at \$1.75 each.

## COUNSELOR TRAINING

Any persons who have completed the "Christian Life and Witness Course" (offered in preparation for Crusades and film showings of the Billy Graham organization) are urged to attend the Procedures class Sunday, 2:30 P.M., at the Church of the Open Bible. This includes those who will complete the classes here on Sunday evening.

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK  
CHURCH LIBRARY EMPHASIS**

**APRIL 21-27**

## REVENGE . . . . .

Here's your chance to get even with your friends! Let us know about their "hidden talents" for the church picnic "Talent Show."

Contact Toni Clevenger, 476-1331.

1. Original recitations.
2. Juggling.
3. Bird Calls.
4. Yodeling.

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## SPECIAL WATER SAFETY PROGRAMS

Sacred Heart Hospital will present a special program for interested employees and their families and the general public, Monday Evening, April 22, 7:30 P.M. — 9:30 P.M. in the hospital auditorium entitled:

### "WATER SAFETY AND RESUSCITATION"

Mr. Jack Martin — Northwest Florida Safety Council.

Mrs. M. E. Kelchner — Coronary Care Supervisor.

Mr. Albert Clarke — Respiratory Therapy Director.

Objectives of the program:

To make the public aware of safety measures that should be employed at the beach and also while boating.

To enhance resuscitation skills and expand the knowledge of the public in emergency care.

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## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, April 21: "Go Home to Thy Friends" Mark 5:15-20

Monday, April 22: "Be Ready to Answer" I Peter 3:14-17

Tuesday, April 23: "Witness Boldly" Acts 14:1-7

Wednesday, April 24: "Trust God for Words to Speak" Matthew 10:16-20

Thursday, April 25: "Say So" Psalm 107:1-8

Friday, April 26: "Tell of His Righteousness" Psalm 119:169-176

Saturday, April 27: "Be Gentle and Patient" 2 Timothy 2:19-26

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## LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study .....	1489
Main Sunday School .....	1473
Crippled Children's Home .....	16
The Church in Training .....	516
Christian Training Hour .....	163
Other Training Activities .....	353
Coming for Membership .....	9
Baptized .....	5
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$ 9,911.50
Specials .....	2,395.90
<b>TOTAL OFFERING .....</b>	<b>\$12,307.40</b>

## **EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS**

A—Mrs. Ray Wise  
 B—Mrs. David Shiell  
 1A—Mrs. Bonnie Martin  
 1B—Miss Susie Sporck  
 2A—Mrs. Charles Fosha  
     —Miss Challis Carter  
 2B—Miss Rebecca Payne  
     —Mrs. Grace Kenney  
 3A—Mr. & Mrs. Eric Simmons  
 3B—Mr. Joe Tillman  
     —Miss Janis Sutton  
 3C—Mrs. Carol Allen  
 4A—Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Taylor

## OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

*Sunday, April 21*

- \* 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School  
New Members Class 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 —  
Business Meeting

*Monday, April 22*

10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group  
4:00 P.M.—FBC vs. SOLA-Girls Softball  
Kiwanis Park

*Tuesday, April 23*

10:00 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship  
7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts — “Cellar”

Wednesday, April 24

- \* 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 25*

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- \* 9:30 A.M.—Internationals Meeting
- 7:00 P.M.—Silent Class Workday
- 7:00 P.M.—Assn. Baptist Women Meeting—Brownsville
- 8:00 P.M.—Youth Bible Study-Sanctuary

*Friday, April 26*

6:30 P.M.—Adult 4 Dept. Social —  
“Cellar”

