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Cheryl Brown is ready for our Bible Explorer's Camp next week. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown and Children 3B is her Sunday School Department.



# Pastor's Paragraphs

## "DEAD WEIGHT"

Sometime ago, a pastor wrote an article that caused me to stop and think. I would like to share it with you. He starts by asking a question:

"Are you a 'dead weight' to your church and the Kingdom of God?"

According to the Weymouth translation of 2 Corinthians 12:13, Paul is saying, "I myself have never hung as a dead weight . . ."

He has been slandered.

His enemies have accused him of being a burden to the churches, that he had profited unfairly from them. This he firmly denies by saying "I never hung like a dead weight on any church."

What a picturesque description of a large number of church members! Dead weights! Names "carried" on a church roll year after year with no response to show that they are living, vital parts of the body of Christ. Because they are dead they have to be carried, and a dead weight is hard to handle. It seems to weigh a ton. One strains every muscle in his body in his effort to lift a dead weight.

Yet this is the arduous task of most of our churches — trying to make headway with the Kingdom causes in this world, but staggering under people who are dead weights. Dr. Halford Luccock aptly describes such members in the following words: "Such people do not move the load; they ARE the load. They would be the first concern of a spiritual engineer who might be called in to study the causes of lost motion and energy in the church. Perfectly delightful people, most of them. They would scorn the suggestion that they could ever be classed as liabilities of the church. The simple trouble lies in their whole conception of the church as a sight-seeing bus rather than an engine pulling a load up a mountain. They insist on riding in a Pullman."

Paul said, "I never hung as a dead weight." And you . . .?

Yours inquisitively,

*James L. Pleitz*

### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"ON PRACTICING CHRISTIANITY"  
Luke 16:25-37)

7:15 P.M.

"THE CAPTAIN OF OUR  
SALVATION"  
(Hebrews 2:9-16)

## BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus	No.	Captain	Riders
1.	Mr. & Mrs. L. Holt	B. Warren	27
2.	M. Dickson	E. Dunson	15
3.	L. Langston	D. Napier	10
4.	R. Hornsby	R. Hornsby	7
5.	B. Pope	A. Ford	12
6.	J. McNeil	J. McNeil	8
7.	M. Hennigan	L. Williams	22
8.	L. Clevenger	L. Clevenger	11
9.	D. Royal	D. Royal	1
			113
		Workers	37
		Total on Buses	150

Welcome to our new captains. They are: Bill Warren, Laura Langston and Jerry McNeil.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### Baptist

Mrs. W. L. (Mary) Williams, Mrs. G. P. (Ethel) Cobb, Sr., Mr. Cecil Ray, Mr. Jesse Henderson, Mr. Harvey E. Page, Mrs. A. J. (Bertie) Butler, Mrs. H. B. (Adelle) Droke

#### University

Mrs. Irene Yates

### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mr. Wilton Wiggins, Mr. Gerald Gentry, Jr., Mrs. T. A. (Eloise) Shell, Mrs. Lillie Kendrick, Miss Leta Barnard, Mrs. Anita Brown, Mrs. Preston (Wilna) Husted, Mr. Ira Chambers, Mrs. Jim (Madge) Smith, Mrs. D. L. (Jane) Lackey, Mr. George A. Reed

### SYMPATHY TO:

Dr. Charles Key in the loss of his brother in Cairo, Georgia.

Mrs. Ernest Barrineau in the loss of her Father.

Capt. Otto Giese on the loss of his Father, Gustov Giese, in Breman, Germany.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Deering on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Delores Raynor and Edwin Eugene Pfalzer on their marriage June 14.

Robert E. Ansley, Jr. on his promotion to Lt. j.g. He is serving as Supply Officer on the USS Edward McDonnell.

Clay Davis, Jr. who graduated with high honors from the University of Florida Law School.

Richard John Westberry who received his Doctor of Juris Prudence Degree from Cumberland School of Law, Samford University.

Dr. Jack Lurton, Jr. who was graduated from Emory University School of Medicine.

## RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



Stephen Gay



DeWitt Simonton



Elisa Stephens

Also received were Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Knight

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald A. Garrett  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter

Jane Ellen

to

Mr. David Harrison Greer, Jr.  
on Friday, the twenty-eighth of June  
Nineteen hundred and seventy-four  
at seven o'clock in the evening  
First Baptist Church  
Pensacola, Florida

Reception  
immediately following the ceremony  
in the Church Dining Room

## VACATION BULLETIN BOARD

This summer members of First Baptist Church will be visiting all over the United States. Some will even be touring foreign countries.

In order to share with the church family our vacation traveling, we are preparing a "Vacation Bulletin Board." Please send to the Church Office your bulletin from the church in which you worship when you are away this summer.

Be part of our "Vacation Bulletin Board" this summer.

## SUMMER READING CLUB

JUNE 30 - JULY 28

WATCH FOR DETAILS

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP JUNE 16, 1974

### BY LETTER:

134. Ed Daniel, 2713 Delmar Dr., G.B.  
From: FBC, Winston-Salem, N.C.
135. Robert W. Davis, 142 Diego Circle  
From: FBC, Albany, Ga.
136. Mrs. Robert W. Davis (Linda)
137. Mrs. Dorothy Henthorn, 1320 Bayou Blvd.  
From: Delaney Bapt., Orlando, Fl.
138. David Henthorn
139. Dottie Henthorn
140. Bill Hinson, 2261 Pine Needles Circle  
From: FBC, Gainesville, Fl.
141. David E. Moore, 3935 Raintree Dr.  
From: Southside Bapt., Jacksonville, Fl.
142. Mrs. David E. Moore (Rebecca)
143. Sylvia A. Streckeb, 6311 Keating Rd.  
From: Main St. Bapt., Hattiesburg, Ms.

### BY STATEMENT:

16. Mrs. Myrtice Beck, 485 Shiloh Dr.

### PROFESSION OF FAITH:

69. Candace Cornelius, No. 8 Waynell Circle, Ft. Walton Beach, Fl.
70. Mrs. Nikki Driver, 423 S. 2nd St.

### BAPTIZED:

Bill Farris, Stephen Gay, Philip Pendleton

## OUTREACH IN ACTION

A special thanks goes to a group of our young people for a job well done last week. They joined with Miss Dale in a Mission Bible School in Moreno Courts with 60 in attendance. Our youth workers were: Susan Allen, Susan Toomey, Shawn Straughn, Paul Kilpatrick, Laurie Blue, Sharon Dingwall, Linda Thompson, Paul Boyles, Phillip Boyles, Melissa Dickson, Billy Thompson, Linda Williams, Kim Allen, and Sherry Corley.

## **BUS VISITATION**

The Bus Ministry is a most important outreach ministry of our church, and we need your help as well as your prayers. If anyone can devote some spare time any day of the week to help uncover and visit prospects, please call Sherry Corley at the church office.

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## **EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS**

**FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 1974**

- A—Mrs. Curtis Ingmire
- B—Mrs. Gary Sperry
- C—Mrs. Franz Cornelius
- 1A—Mrs. Larry Woody
- 1B—Mrs. Ed Jensen
- 2A—Mrs. Larry Foxworth  
—Miss Linda Cvitanic
- 2B—Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Stewart
- 3A—Mr. & Mrs. William Reynolds
- 3B—Miss Sylvia Hinton  
—Miss Cheryl Horton
- 3C—Miss Barbara Ralowicz
- 4A—Mr. & Mrs. David Gilbert
- 4B—Mrs. B. R. Creel  
Miss Bridget Hubbard

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## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

- Sunday, June 23: "God is Mindful of Man"  
Psalm 8:1-9
- Monday, June 24: "The Lord Is My Shepherd" Psalm 23:1-6
- Tuesday, June 25: "Love That Will Not Let Us Go" Psalm 27:1-10
- Wednesday, June 26: "Joy Follows Sorrow"  
Psalm 30:1-12
- Thursday, June 27: "Blessed Are the Forgiven" Psalm 32:1-11
- Friday, June 28: "God Delivers from Fear"  
Psalm 34:1-9
- Saturday, June 29: "A Present Help in Trouble" Psalm 46:1-11



## **THERE'S JUST ONE**

there's just one - print like this in the whole world - there will never be another just like it. There will never be another just like yours. It identifies one certain person - you.

there's just one - you - nowhere is there another just like you and because of your individuality you contribute something unique. No one else can ever do what God has given you the talent to do.

you are important - to God's kingdom and he has something for you to do. You were so important to God and he thought so much of you that He asked His Son to give His life for you. What you do or don't do makes a great difference in the Lord's work and to the witness of Christ.

*—Copied*

## **YOUTH RECREATION**

Summer Recreation will begin this Monday night with skating at Dreamland Skating Rink. We will skate from 7-10 P.M. Buses will leave the church at 6:45 P.M. and return at 10:15 P.M. There will be a \$1.50 per person charge. Middle School, High School and College persons are invited. Y'all come!

## **MENU**

JUNE 26, 1974

Barbecue Beef on

Bun

Potato Salad

Lettuce & Fresh

Tomato Salad

German Chocolate

Cake

Tea

Coffee



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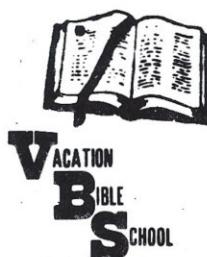
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All material to be included in the Builder  
should be in the office, preferably in  
writing, not later than 9:00 a.m. Mondays.

## LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study	1121
Main Sunday School	1100
Crippled Children's Home	21
The Church in Training	228
Christian Training Hour	106
Other Training Activities	122
Coming for Membership	13
Baptized	3
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$10,723.41
Specials	1,440.19
TOTAL OFFERING	\$12,163.60



July 15-19  
9:00 - 1:00

For preschool and elementary boys and girls.

Preschool children must be four years of age during 1974. Our elementary division will include friends who have finished grades 1-5 this school year.

A nursery will be provided for children of workers. Workers are still needed.

Middle School T.A.B.S. will be July 25-27.

## OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

### Sunday, June 23

- \* 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

### Monday, June 24

24th-27th—Bible Explorers Camp —  
    Camp Ada  
(For those just completing Grades 3, 4, & 5)  
10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group  
7:00 P.M.—Youth Recreation

### Tuesday, June 25

10:00 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship,  
    Church Dining Room  
3:00 P.M.—"Council on Aging" in the  
    Dining Room  
7:00 P.M.—FBC vs. Ferry Pass Metho-  
    dist — Men's Softball —  
    Exchange Park No. 1  
7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts — "Cellar"

### Wednesday, June 26

- \* 6:00 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- \* 6:25 P.M.—Prayer Service
- \* 6:40 P.M.—Mission Friends, GA's, RA's,  
    Acteens, Sunday School Of-  
    ficers and Teachers, Joy  
    Group  
    —Bible Study & Prayer  
    —Visitation
- \* 7:30 P.M.—Visitation  
    —Adult Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, June 27

7:00 P.M.—Silent Class Film —  
    Fellowship  
7:00 P.M.—Youth Bible Study in the  
    "Cellar"

### Friday, June 28

8:20 P.M.—FBC vs. Trinity Presbyterian  
    — Men's Softball — Ex-  
    change Park No. 1

## FLOWERS IN SANCTUARY

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Ira Chamber's 49th Wedding Anniversary and are given by their daughters.