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PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

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Vice-Admiral James Wilson and the Naval Air Training Command Choir will be our special guests for the morning worship service on Sunday. This service will emphasize Christian patriotism.

Admiral Wilson will read the Scripture and lead in prayer.

The Naval Air Training Command Choir, directed by Lt. j. g. Earle W. Crisp will sing "America The Beautiful" and "Heritage" and will combine with the First Baptist Church Choir to sing "The Battle Hymn" and "O God Our Help In Ages Past."

The pastor's sermon is entitled "The Great Liberator."

You'll not want to miss this service.

Pastor's Paragraphs

"I COULD HAVE DANCED
ALL NIGHT . . ."

Depending on your point of view, he has to be the world's best or worst salesman.

Recently a man who runs a dance studio in South Florida sold a dear little lady over \$60,000 worth of dance lessons. The lessons cost \$50.00 an hour. According to my calculations she could have danced 50 days and night non-stop.

The thing that makes this particular case so sad or funny—depending again on your point of view, is the fact that this lady is over 70

years of age, and has a bad heart. Some months ago she started wearing a pacemaker. She also uses a walker, since she has some difficulty walking.

I wonder what that slick salesman told her. He probably told her that she would be the belle of the ball. And if she knew all the latest dance steps, she would really be happy in life. Poor little lady, she was promised so much and received so little.

The case is now in the courts. She is trying desperately to get some of her money back from the dance studio. Thus far, she has been unsuccessful.

Some might say it's an isolated case, but the truth of the matter is that it happens every day. The devil makes all sorts of lavish promises to those who will sell out to him. If you bargain with him, he'll even promise you the world.

The way to find real happiness in life is by following Jesus Christ. The price of real discipleship is high. God demands your life. But when His demands are met, there are no disappointments. No real Christian has ever yet asked for his or her life back. Paul said, "For me to live is Christ." When Paul stopped living, he really started living!

The good Lord willing, I'll see you in church Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"THE GREAT LIBERATOR"
(John 8:31-36)

7:15 P.M.

"TURN OPPPOSITION INTO
OPPORTUNITY"
(Philippians 1:12-20)

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

| BUS NO. | WORKERS | TOTAL RIDERS |
|---------|---|--------------|
| 1 | Warren, Wallace, Beuris, Berry | 35 |
| 2 | B. Royal, Nelson, Wiltshire | 20 |
| 3 | Walter/Judy Lockwood, Cunningham, Lovette | 31 |
| 4 | Ansley, Boyles, S. Daniel | 22 |
| 5 | Ford, P. Beuris | 16 |
| 6 | Lutrick, Batson, Hennigan | 30 |
| 7 | Hennigan, P. Royal, Holladay | 42 |
| 8 | Corley, J. Daniel, McInnis | 21 |
| 9 | C. Johnson, D. Royal, R. Johnson | 10 |
| | | 227 |

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mrs. C. P. (Thelma) Ellis, Mr. David Bagley, Mrs. C. (Jewell) Deese, Sr., Mrs. Georgia Parker, Mrs. Ella Cunningham, Mrs. Ola Bryant, Mrs. Hazel Coleman, Mr. Herman Williams, Mr. Joe Tillman, Mrs. Gene (Charla) Myatt, Mr. Jack Trippie

Sacred Heart

Mrs. Roy (Joan) Hess

Children's Hospital

Robin Franklin

West Florida

Mrs. J. (Gladys) Martin, Mrs. H. G. (Annie) Smith, Mr. W. W. Stephens

Navy Hospital

Mrs. Chet (Georgia) Owens

Ochsner Clinic

Mrs. Doris Sorrells

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mr. James Davis, Mrs. Howard (Adelle) Droke, Maurice Dixon, III, Mr. Conrad McDaniel, Miss Verla Cates, Clara Boucher, Mrs. Helen Pieler, Mrs. W. F. (Evelyn) Bratcher

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Nancy Pleitz and Bill Hinson on their marriage June 21.

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Marjorie Gruhzit in the loss of her Mother, Mrs. Ben Skipper, Sr.

Mr. Russell Bechtel in the loss of his wife

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Rev. Barney B. Burks, Sr., and are given by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Little, Charles, Richard and Dean Little, and Mr. and Mrs. Russ Carr.

CHURCH BUILDERS

READING CLUB

JULY 6 - AUGUST 3

GRADES 1-6

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATING DEACONS

The committee for the Nomination of Deacons requests that every member of the church suggest men who should be considered by the committee for nomination as deacons. You may suggest as many as you think qualify.

These suggestions must reach the committee by Sunday, July 14. They may be given to any member of the committee, mailed to the church office in care of the committee, or dropped in the offering plate. Suggestions are to be submitted only by members of the First Baptist Church, and therefore must be signed to be accepted.

Your committee, selected for the purpose of recommending to the church the best qualified persons, requests that you read the scripture passages below and suggest the names of as many men as you believe to be qualified to serve as deacons. According to the policy of the church, inactive deacons will not be placed on the ballot unless suggested by one or more members of the church.

SELECTION OF FIRST DEACONS

"In those days, as the number of disciples kept growing, there rose complaint on the part of the Greek-speaking Jews against the Hebrews because their widows were overlooked in the daily charities. So the twelve summoned the assembly of the disciples and said: 'It is not desirable that we should neglect the teaching of God's Word to wait tables; therefore, brothers, look around for seven men among you of good reputation and full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we shall appoint for this duty, while we continue to devote ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.' " (Acts 6:1-4, Berkeley Version).

THE CHARACTER AND QUALIFICATIONS OF ALL DEACONS

"By the same token are deacons to be honorable, not gossips, not addicted to much wine; not greedy for ill-gotten gains, but with a pure conscience keeping hold on the hidden truth of the faith. They should first be put on probation and then, if irreproachable, they may serve as deacons. Similarly must the wives be honorable, not given to slandering, but temperate and altogether trustworthy. Deacons shall be husband of one wife, admirable managers of their children and of their own homes. Because those who rendered helpful service as deacons do take a worthwhile step upward for themselves with considerable conversational freedom in the faith that centers in Christ Jesus." (I Timothy 3:8-13, Berkeley Version).

We urge you to be much in prayer that we as a church may know God's will in this all-important task.

This ballot will be on Sunday morning, September 7.

DEACON'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE

JOE BROOKINS, *Chairman*

WALTER ARMISTEAD

MAX DICKSON

MARVIN LEE

WILLARD VICKERY

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The following men are now serving on the active Board of Deacons:

TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1976

BARNEY B. BURKS, JR.
JOE EDMISTEN
FRANK GIBBS
JUDSON GILLESPIE

JOE LADNER
MARVIN LEE
WILLARD VICKERY
HERMAN WILLIAMS

TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1977

WATER B. ARMISTEAD
CHARLES E. CLEVENGER
MAX L. DICKSON
WILLIAM H. GILL
PAUL R. GRAY

SIDNEY G. KENNEDY, JR.
MILTON RICHARDSON
THURSTON A. SHELL
RAYMOND R. TAYLOR
ROBERT K. WILSON, JR.

DEACON EMERITUS

MOSE PENTON

The following men who retire this year will not be eligible for nomination for a period of one year.

O. F. AULTMAN
T. HOWARD BLACKMON
JOE G. BROOKINS
ELLIOTT E. DOBELSTEIN
GERALD A. GARRETT

AUBREY GOMILLION
THERON A. GUTHRIE
WILLIAM L. LEE
JOSEPH NAPIER
FRANK PATTERSON

(NONE OF THE ABOVE 29 NAMES SHOULD BE LISTED)

FORM TO BE USED IN SUBMITTING SUGGESTIONS

I suggest to the Nominating Committee that the following men be considered as nominees for deacons:

NAME _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

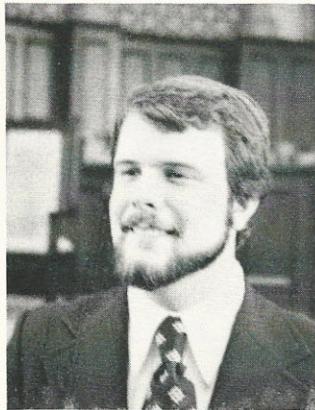
Recommended by _____

(Your Signature)

NOTE: Every members of the congregation may suggest as many names as he wishes. This form must be signed to be accepted.

These suggestions must reach the committee by Sunday, July 27, 1975. They may be given to any member of the committee, mailed to the church office in care of the committee, or dropped into the offering plate.

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



Thomas J. Arnsley



Sandy Skeen



Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Beene,
Carol Beene, Phillip Beene
and Bob Beene

Also received were Connie
Sheffield, Lee Duffek and
Scott Hetrick

CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES CENTER SCHEDULE

Monday, June 30

9:00-11:00 A.M.—Open to all ages
11:00- 1:00 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise
Program
1:00- 3:00 P.M.—High School/College —
Volleyball*
3:00- 5:00 P.M.—Grade School
5:00- 6:00 P.M.—Closed
6:00- 8:00 P.M.—Middle School
8:00-10:00 P.M.—Adult Activities — Vol-
leyball

Tuesday, July 1

9:00-11:00 A.M.—Open to all ages
11:00- 1:00 P.M.—High School—College
1:00- 3:00 P.M.—Open - Community
Activity
3:00- 4:30 P.M.—Grade School
4:30- 6:00 P.M.—Tumbling
6:00- 8:00 P.M.—Open Gym Activity
8:00-10:00 P.M.—Open Skating

Wednesday, July 2

9:00-11:00 A.M.—Ladies Activity Volley-
ball/Basketball
11:00- 1:00 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise
Program
1:00- 5:00 P.M.—Open to all ages
5:00- 7:30 P.M.—Closed
7:30- 9:00 P.M.—Youth Group
9:00-10:00 P.M.—High School and up
Adult Choir

Thursday, July 3

9:00- 1:00 P.M.—Senior Adult Activity
1:00- 5:00 P.M.—Open to all age groups
5:00- 6:00 P.M.—Closed
6:00- 8:00 P.M.—Grade and Middle
School Skating
8:00-10:00 P.M.—High School Gym
Activities

Friday, July 4

9:00-11:00 A.M.—Ladies Activities—Slim-
nastics
11:00- 1:00 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise
program — Basketball
1:00- 5:00 P.M.—Open to all ages
5:00- 6:00 P.M.—Closed
6:00-10:00 P.M.—Family night
6:00- 8:00 P.M.—Gym Activities
8:00-10:00 P.M.—Skating

Saturday, July 5

9:00- 1:00 P.M.—Open to all ages
1:00- 3:00 P.M.—High School, College,
Basketball/Skate Hockey
3:00- 4:30 P.M.—Grade/Middle School—
Floor Hockey
4:30- 6:00 P.M.—Adult Activity — Vol-
leyball practice
Call to reserve time
period.

*Register now for mixed summer league.

RECREATION NOTES:

1. Please remember to call the church by Tuesday a.m. prior to family night for nursery facility. Nursery available on request for ages 4 years and under.
2. Adult 4 will sponsor the July 18th Family Night Activity. Come join the fun.
3. If you are interested in playing summer basketball or volleyball, please start forming your teams and contact the Activities Center.
4. We need volunteers for our basketball program for the coming season to help keep score, and operate the scoreboard. If you are interested, please call the center.

