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GETTING READY



Charles Griffin is our new Sunday School Director. He is not new to our Sunday School. He has been teacher and director in Adult 1 Department and has previously taught in a youth department.

We all will want to pledge to him our cooperation and best efforts as we get ready to begin the new year.

Shown left to right above are: Mrs. Jack Overman, Andy and Tina Trammell, Mr. Charles Griffin, Barbara Simmons.

Pastor's Paragraphs

"WHAT ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORS"

Ordinarily we're happy to have visitors, but I'm happy that "Eloise" didn't visit with us Sunday morning.



The heavy rains started Sunday afternoon announcing the approach of Hurricane Eloise. The power went off at our house early Monday morning. When I called the power company to report the problem, the lady asked me, "Are the lights off in your NEIGHBORS' houses?"

To tell you the truth, until that moment I hadn't thought much about my neighbors. Her question caused me to look and sure enough, their lights were out too.

I'm glad she asked about my NEIGHBORS. (Not the people next door—or the folks across the street, etc.)

Neighbor is a warm and wonderful word. Jesus used it frequently. Mark 12:31, Luke 10:29, Mathew 5:43, 19:19.

When a Scribe asked Jesus, "Which is the first commandment of all?" Christ answered him by saying, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind, with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely, this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these."

This brings us back to the question asked by the lady at the power company, "Is your neighbor in the dark?"

In many cases the answer to this question—irrespective of the weather—is yes. When a person is without Christ, he's in the dark even though every light in the house is burning.

The answer to this need is Jesus Christ. He said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness . . ."

As Christians, we have an opportunity not simply to tell the power company that our neighbors are in the dark. We have the blessed privilege of sharing with them THE PERSON that can bring light into their hearts and lives!

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

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	WORKERS	TOTAL RIDERS
1. Pope, Mowe, Warren, Dingwall	27	27
2. B. Royal, Nelson, Wiltshire		17
3. Mr. & Mrs. Kilpatrick, Mr. & Mrs. Lockwood, Lovette, Robinson		37
4. Holt, Boyles, Morrow		21
5. Ford, Ray, Holladay		21
6. McNeill, Swinea		16
7. Holley, P. Royal, Clevenger		33
8. Corley, Sporck, Coker, Driskell		27
9. Pace, Johnson		25

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mike Causey, Mr. David Bagley, Mrs. Velma Mandlay, Mrs. Vora Wilkinson, Mrs. J. R. (Johnnie) Jones

Specialty Care

Mr. A. J. Butler, Mr. Mel Lovette, Mrs. Viola Rainer.

University

Mrs. Cressie Williamson

West Florida

Mrs. Jan Ainslie, Miss Annie B. Averett, Mr. Hardy Cornett, Mrs. Bennie Peterson, Mrs. John (Ann) Tidwell

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Lennie Bonham, Christy Langford, Mrs. Steven (Melinda) Lewis, David Emmons.

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Jack Archer in the death of her Mother in Georgia.

Mrs. Herman Taylor in the death of her brother.

Mrs. B. T. Renfroe in the death of her husband.

Mrs. C. E. Ashley in the death of her Father, Mr. B. T. Renfroe.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Debbie McVoy and David Nettles on their marriage September 19.

THE VERY NEWEST

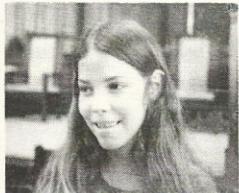
The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of
MASTER STEVEN MORGAN LEWIS, II
son of

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen M. Lewis
born September 16, 1975

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mr. S. L. Davis and are given by his wife, Mrs. S. L. Davis, and their children, Mrs. Margaret Denham and Dudley Davis.

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



Amy Allen



Mr. Larry Combs, also shown Mrs. Larry Combs



Mr. Richard Alvarez, also shown Mrs. Richard Alvarez (Dale), Tletjen, Allison & Jeremy Alvarez



Mr. Ed Guilbert, Jr. Also shown Ellen Gullbert



Cdr. & Mrs. George K. Haley, Kirby and Scott Haley.



April Nelson



Mr. & Mrs. John D. Johnson. Also shown Jeanine Breener (niece).



Mr. David B. Nettles. Also shown Mrs. David Nettles (Deborah).



Dorraine Smith



Clay Stokes



Daree Warner, Devin Warner

Also received were Mr. and Mrs. Lon Roberts, Jr.

OPPORTUNITIES

The beginning of a new church year brings new opportunities for service.

In a church the size of ours, it is impossible for us to know the talents and willingness of our members.

If you have time that you are willing to give in the service of Christ and this church, don't hesitate to call the church office. Mr. Bizzell, Mr. McInnis, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Griffin would be happy to talk with you.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"FORGET ME NOT"
(Luke 22:7-20)

"PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT"
(Philippians 3:1-11)

DON'T MISS EITHER
SUNDAY, SEPT. 28—LAST SUNDAY
OF THE YEAR
SUNDAY, OCT. 5 — ADVANCEMENT
DAY

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, September 28: "Speak The Truth"
Zechariah 1-8; Revelation 20

Monday, September 29: "There Shall Be One
Lord" Zechariah 9-14; Revelation

Tuesday, September 30: "They Shall Be
Mine" Malachi; Revelation 22

Wednesday, October 1: "Extending One's
Witness" Acts 11:1-14

Thursday, October 2: "Specific Directions
From God" Acts 8:26-31

Friday, October 3: "Get Equipped Before
You Go" Acts 1:3-8

Saturday, October 4: "Be Ready To Leave
Immediately" Luke 9:57-62

WMU LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The WMU Training Session scheduled for Monday night, September 22, has been rescheduled for Monday night, September 29, 7:00 P.M. at Hillcrest Baptist Church.

CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES CENTER SCHEDULE

Monday, Sept. 29, Eugene Anderson (DIC)

9:00-11:00 A.M.—Ladies Activity Time
5:00- 6:00 P.M.—Men's After Work Activity Time
6:00- 8:30 P.M.—Men's Volleyball League Play
8:30-10:00 P.M.—Open Gym Activity

Tuesday, Sept. 30, Ed Horn (DIC)

11:00-12:00 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise Program (Bob Hatcher in charge)
6:00- 8:00 P.M.—Grade & Middle School Skating
8:00-10:00 P.M.—Adult Skating

Wednesday, Oct. 1, Max Dickson (DIC)

11:00- 1:00 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise Program
6:30- 7:30 P.M.—Ladies Volleyball Practice
9:00-10:00 P.M.—High School/College Volleyball Practice

Thursday, Oct. 2, George Holladay (DIC)

9:00- 1:00 P.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship
5:00- 6:00 P.M.—Men's Afterwork Activity Time
6:00- 8:30 P.M.—Ladies Volleyball League Play
8:30-10:00 P.M.—Open Gym Activity

Friday, Oct. 3, Mike Collins (DIC)

11:00-12:00 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise Program (Bob Hatcher in charge)
6:00-10:00 P.M.—Family Night
8:00-10:00 P.M.—Open Gym Activity — Gymnastic Activity
8:00-10:00 P.M.—Open Skating

Saturday, Oct. 4

9:00-12:00 P.M.—Basketball Practice on Request
1:00- 4:00 P.M.—Basketball Practice on Request
6:00-10:00 P.M.—Open for Parties on Request

Recreation Notes:

The bus ministry will use the gym for skating parties each Sunday during October from 12-2.

