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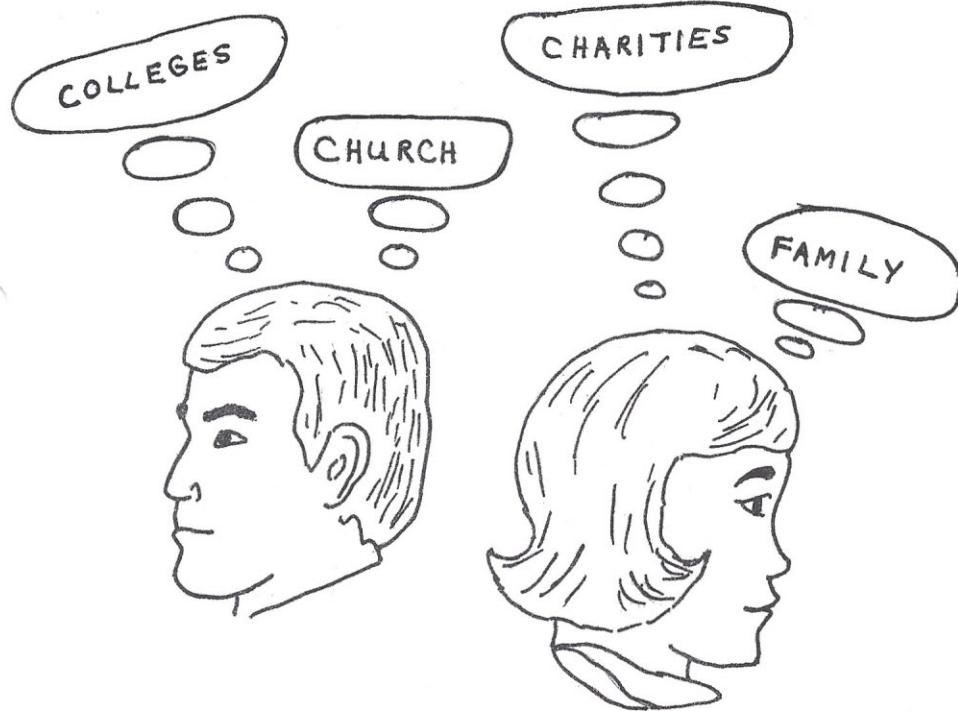
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BE SURE TO REMEMBER THE LORD'S WORK
IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING

The government has provided a Will for everyone,
including you.

None of THEM include the Lord's work,
but YOURS can.

Have it your way
by prayerfully making your own Will, Now.

Pastor's Paragraphs

"OUR NATION'S GREATEST PROBLEM"

There are many problems facing our nation. What would you say is the number one problem facing America today?

Unemployment?

Inflation?

Recession?

Pollution?

Drugs?

Communism?

All of these are great problems, but the solution can be found for them if we can solve our nation's greatest problem which is APATHY. The "I don't care attitude" of many

Americans is the thing that is sapping the life from our nation.

A vivid illustration of this is the fact that more than 20,000 Escambia County voters will lose their right to vote unless they act now.

What do these 20,000 plus people have to do in order to obtain the right to vote? Pay a \$100 poll tax?

Write a thousand word theme on "Why I'm glad to be an American?"

Serve on a jury?

Enlist in one of the Armed Services for a year?

The answer to all of these is no. In order to retain the ballot, all these 20,381 people have to do is simply mail in a request for reinstatement. Every 2 years voters in Florida must re-register in order to vote. Last October 38,323 letters of renewal went out and thus far, 20,381 voters have not returned their request for reinstatement.

APATHY is the great foe facing America today.

The same problem plagues the church of our Lord Jesus Christ. APATHY is the great problem here too. Too many people with their names on the church roll couldn't care less. I venture to say that if we would send out a letter similar to the one used by the voter registration department, the results would be staggering.

Paul made a lot of people mad in the church at Corinth, but the question is valid not only then, but in our own day and age, "Despise ye the church of God?"

The person who habitually month after month stays away from church needs to give prayerful consideration to his relationship to Jesus Christ. The Bible says, I John 2:19, "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us; but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us."

The person who loves Jesus Christ will love His church. In the Bible, the church is called the BRIDE of Christ. It is also

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Riders	Workers	Total
1. Pope	30	2	32	
2. Nelson	36	3	39	
3. Kilpatrick	23	6	29	
4. Sellers	20	3	23	
5. Goodwin	60	4	64	
6. Holley	58	6	64	
7. Coker	13	2	15	
8. Sutton	21	4	25	
Corry Station		2	1	3
		263	32	295

OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mrs. George (Mildred) Lewis, Mrs. E. R. (Olive) Gaston, Mrs. Ina Andrews, Mrs. F. V. (Jessie) Braham, Mr. Harvey Page, Mr. Curtis Holt, Mrs. Velma Mandlay, Susan Merritt, Mrs. B. H. (Flossie) Overton, Mrs. Willie F. (Evelyn) Bratcher, Mr. Conrad McDaniel, Mr. Bolen Lane, Mrs. Tom (Patricia) Marshall

Sacred Heart

Mrs. W. O. (Helen) Taylor

West Florida

Mrs. Pearl Owens, Mrs. Roy (Alice) Ingram

Providence Infirmary, Mobile

Mrs. Sybil Riddell

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mr. E. Dixie Beggs, Mrs. Joe (Glenda) Phillips, Mrs. James (Linda) Hinson, Mr. David Shiell, Mr. Joe Ladner, Mr. Bill Mancil, Mr. Gordon Towne, Mr. Bob Crumpton, Mr. Keith Ashley, Alan Eubanks, Mr. Calvin Heine

SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. E. C. Austin in the death of his brother.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Max Carey on the birth of a baby girl. Proud maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Estes.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"A GLIMPSE INSIDE OF HEAVEN"

(Luke 23:39-43)

7:15 P.M.

"SMYRNA: THE RICH POOR CHURCH"

(Revelation 2:8-11)

called the BODY of Christ. This should tell us something about how Jesus feels about the church.

Sunday was a marvelous day here at First Baptist. The crowds morning and night were magnificent. God blessed with many decisions. Still my heart aches when I think about the many people who just couldn't seem to work GOD INTO their plans last Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES CENTER SCHEDULE

Monday, Jan. 19 (Lee Hanberry, DIC)
6:00-10:00 P.M.—P.C.R.A. Mens Basketball League
Game Rooms Closed

Tuesday, Jan. 20 (Ed Horne, DIC)
6:00- 7:00 P.M.—13 and under Basketball practice—Joel Enderson in charge
7:00- 8:00 P.M.—Open Skating
8:00-10:00 P.M.—Basketball practice
7:00- 9:45 P.M.—Game Rooms open for all age groups

Wednesday, Jan. 21 (Max Dickson, DIC)
11:00- 1:00 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise Program
7:00- 8:00 P.M.—Youth Group Open Gym Activities
8:30-10:00 P.M.—Men's Basketball Team Practice Scott Bell in Charge
7:00- 9:45 P.M.—Game Rooms Open to All Age Groups

Thursday, Jan. 22 (Susie Sporck, DIC)
9:00- 1:00 P.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship
4:30- 5:45 P.M.—15 and Under Boys Basketball Practice—Scott Hetrick in charge
6:00- 9:00 P.M.—P.C.R.A. 17 and under Boys Basketball League
9:00-10:00 P.M.—P.C.R.A. Men's Basketball League
Game Rooms Closed

Friday, Jan. 23 (Wayne Mowe, DIC)
7:00- 8:00 P.M.—Open Gym Activities
8:00- 9:00 P.M.—Beginners Skating
9:00- 9:45 P.M.—Advanced Skating
7:00- 9:45 P.M.—Game Rooms Open for all age groups

Saturday, Jan. 24
9:00-11:00 A.M.—P.C.R.A. 11 and under Boys Basketball League
11:00- 3:00 P.M.—P.C.R.A. 13 and under Boys Basketball League
3:00- 4:00 P.M.—P.C.R.A. 15 and under Boys Basketball League
4:00- 6:00 P.M.—Men's Basketball Practice—Lee Hanberry in Charge
Game Rooms Closed

Notes:

1. Basketball schedule this week:

Monday

7:15 P.M. FBC Boys 15 and under at Catholic
5:00 P.M. FBC Girls 7-9th Grades at Sanders Beach
9:00 P.M. FBC Men (Lee Hanberry) at FBC Gym

Thursday

7:00 P.M. FBC 17 and under Boys at FBC Gym

Saturday

10:00 A.M. FBC 11 and under Boys at FBC Gym
2:00 P.M. FBC 13 and under boys at FBC Gym
3:00 P.M. FBC 15 and under boys at FBC Gym
8:00 P.M. FBC Mens (Scott Bell) at Catholic

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, Jan. 18: "The Seriousness of Sin"
Matthew 18:2-9
Read the Bible Through Passages
Genesis 30; Matthew 18

Monday, Jan. 19: "Things Can Get in the Way" Matthew 19:16-24
Read the Bible Through Passages
Genesis 31; Matthew 19

Tuesday, Jan. 20: "Genuine Forgiveness"
Genesis 33:1-10
Read the Bible Through Passages
Genesis 32-33; Matthew 20

Wednesday, Jan. 21: "Value in a Counter-question" Matthew 21:23-27
Read the Bible Through Passages
Genesis 34-35; Matthew 21:1-27

Thursday, Jan. 22: "True Obedience"
Matthew 21:28-32
Read the Bible Through Passages
Genesis 36; Matthew 21:28-46

Friday, Jan. 23: "God of the Living"
Matthew 22:23-32
Read the Bible Through Passages
Genesis 37; Matthew 22

Saturday, Jan. 24: "True Worship Is Inside"
Matthew 23: 23-30
Read the Bible Through Passages
Genesis 38; Matthew 23

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Rev. Barney B. Burks, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Whitmire and are given by Mr. and Mrs. Mel Magidson.

THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of
'MASTER
MARK HUNTINGTON HINSON
son of
Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hinson
born January 8, 1976

MENU

January 22, 1976

Fried Chicken
Buttered Lima Beans
Fresh Green Salad
Roll & Butter
Dessert

Tea

Coffee



2. We need to clean our skate wheels. They are in bad shape. If you can help, come by the center with a group and help get them back into shape. Also the DIC's and gym supervisors should see that the gym floor is swept each evening before skating sessions.

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BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

January 18, 1976

At the close of the evening worship service.

1. Recommendation concerning 1975 overage.
2. Recommendation for admission to Southern Seminary of Eddie Dobelstein.

LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study	1424
Main Sunday School	1401
Crippled Children's Home	23
The Church in Training	604
Christian Training Hour	180
Other Training Activities	424
Coming for Membership	10
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$15,146.48
Specials	1,050.65
TOTAL OFFERING	\$16,197.13

**SUNDAY IS THE
3rd Sunday of
the giving year.**

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP JANUARY 11, 1976

BY LETTER:

54. Nancy O. Foxworth, 2015 Tomlinson
From: Belle Plain, First Baptist,
Belle Plain, KS.
55. Mr. Robert T. Graham,
201 Pensacola Beach
From: First Baptist, Tallahassee, Fl.
56. Mrs. Robert T. Graham (Susan)
57. Mr. W. Gayle Nicholson,
6115 N. Davis Apt. 55 B
From: Broadmoor Baptist, Jackson, Ms.
58. Mrs. W. Gayle Nicholson (Ann)
59. Mr. Stanley Peterson, 3985 Goya Dr.
From: First Baptist, Dothan, Al.
60. Mrs. Stanley Peterson (Jo)
61. Mr. Steven J. Baker,
5655 N. 9th Ave., Apt. 105-P
From: First Baptist, Tallahassee, Fl.
62. Mrs. Steven Baker (Mary)

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:

20. Donnie Curington, 205 Poinciana Dr.

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, January 18

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
- * 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, January 19

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
- 7:30 P.M.—Bicentennial Presentation
 “Pensacola’s Church Beginnings” Christ Church
- 7:30 P.M.—Friendly Class Mtg.
 with Mrs. Joanne Welford,
 8074 Malibu

Tuesday, January 20

- 11:00 A.M.—Laura Stoesen Roundtable
 meeting with Mrs. Robert
 D. Hinson, 191 Bay Meadows
 Drive, Avalon Beach
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts “Cellar”
- 7:30 P.M.—Bicentennial Presentation
 “Pensacola’s Church Beginnings” Christ Church

Wednesday, January 21

- * 4:45 P.M.—Choirs
- * 5:45 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- * 6:10 P.M.—Prayer Service
- * 6:25 P.M.—Sunday School Officers and
 Teachers Meeting, Mission
 Friends, GA's, Acteens, RA's
 and Joy Group
 —Bible Study and Prayer
 —Visitation
- * 7:15 P.M.—Visitation
 —Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 22

- * 9:30 A.M.—Internationals
- 9:30 A.M.—Association Baptist Women
 (Day) Ensley First Baptist
 Church
- 7:00 P.M.—Association Baptist Women
 (Night) Circle Baptist Church

Friday, January 24

Senior Adult Retreat — Camp Ada

Saturday, January 25

Senior Adult Retreat — Camp Ada

*Nursery Provided

See Also Christian Activities Center
Schedule.