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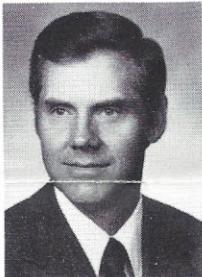
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### *Pastor's Paragraphs*

#### SORE FINGERS AND A WARM HEART

I'm not particularly impressed with a mimeographed letter, but I hope you will read carefully the letter you will receive from the pastor this week. It took me a long time to sign over 1800 letters — my fingers are still sore — but I wanted to make the letter as personal as possible.

  
The purpose of the letter is to encourage every member of the church to be involved in DEMONSTRATION DAY next Sunday. Next Lord's Day we will demonstrate what will happen when every member of God's church decides to follow His plan of supporting the work of the Lord. God's plan is the tithe. One-tenth of everything I earn belongs to Him and is to be brought to His House to be used in His work.

It is my prayer that you will do just this next Sunday.

The fact of the matter is we have a lot of members who go the second mile now in supporting the work of the Lord. How I thank God for you. However, the sad truth is that we have some members who give little or nothing. In a few cases I asked the Lord to forgive me for wasting 13¢ of His money to even mail the letter, but I still believe in miracles. Our God can make greedy hearts generous!

Your pastor missed you last Sunday. God gave us a great revival in Austin, Texas. It was my privilege to preach a revival in the Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin, Texas where Dr. Ralph Smith is the esteemed pastor. Hyde Park is located very near the campus of the University of Texas. Nearly 2,000 people crowd this church every Sunday to hear God's word preached.

The good Lord willing, I'll see you Sunday. My fingers are better now, and just anticipating the victory of Sunday warms my heart!

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*



## CHURCH ADOPTS BUDGET

At the regular business meeting of the church Sunday night, the church adopted the budget for 1977. The adopted budget totals \$712,000. The budget is a picture of a ministering church in the heart of a growing city meeting the needs of people and families. It is more than money —

it is our expression of care and concern for people.

This budget will demand our very best and the commitment of each and every member.

PLEDGE DAY is November 14. Begin now to pray for God's leadership in your response to this challenge.

## DEACONS LEAD THE WAY



When the deacons met for their consideration of the budget, they wanted to express their personal commitment to the 1977 budget by turning in their pledge cards. All of us will want to follow their good example.

## AND NOW WE PLEDGE IT!

With the adoption Sunday night of our 1977 budget, we now move into the program of pledging the budget. Leading us in this year's effort are the following:

General Chairman — Charles Burns  
Budget Planning Chairman — Gene Langston  
Budget Pledging Chairman — Milton Richardson and Joe Brookins  
Budget Promotion Chairman — Robert Gowing  
Office Help Chairman — Mrs. James Rountree  
Tally Chairman — Aubrey Gomillion  
Finance Committee Chairman — Bob Hinson

Seated — Charles Burns; Standing left to right: Dr. Pleitz, Joe Brookins, Milton Richardson, Gene Langston, Bob Hinson, Aubrey Gomillion, Bob Gowing.



### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.  
"FAILURE DOESN'T HAVE TO  
BE FATAL"  
(John 21)  
  
7:15 P.M.  
"A MAN CALLED ANDREW"  
(John 1:35-42)

### MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mr. J. A. Watson and are given by Mrs. J. A. Watson, Children and Grandchildren.

### THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebuds on the pulpit Sunday were placed there in honor of  
**MASTER MICHAEL RYAN KENDRICK**  
son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kendrick  
born September 28, 1976

MISS INGRID AMY DINKINS  
daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dinkins  
born October 19, 1976

## CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES CENTER SCHEDULE

### Monday, November 1

6:15- 9:00 P.M.—Men's PCRA Volleyball League

### Tuesday, November 2

6:15-10:00 P.M.—Ladies PCRA Volleyball League  
FBC-B vs. Richards Memorial—6:30 Ct. No. 1  
FBC-A vs. Ferry Pass Methodist — 9:00

### Wednesday, November 3

11:30 A.M.— 1:30 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise Program  
6:30- 7:30 P.M.—Volleyball Practice Time Available

### Thursday, November 4

7:00- 9:00 P.M.—Volleyball Practice — Reserve time by calling the Activities Center Office  
Bill Hetrick's Sunday School Class—Basketball

### Friday, November 5

7:00- 9:30 P.M.—Game Rooms Open  
7:00- 8:00 P.M.—Skating  
8:00- 9:30 P.M.—Open Gym Activities  
10:00-11:45 P.M.—5th Quarter—After ball-game activities

### Saturday, November 6

12:45- 4:30 P.M.—PCRA Volleyball Leagues  
Ladies Volleyball  
FBC-A vs. Liberty Bible College—1:00 Ct. No. 1  
Mixed Adult Volleyball  
FBC vs. St. Christopher—2:15 Ct. No. 1

### RECREATION NOTES:

Basketball season is just around the corner and basketball sign up and practice is here NOW! We will have eleven basketball teams this year so there is one designed just for you. Team structure will be as follows: 11 and under Boys, 15 and under boys, 17 and under boys, Middle School girls, 17 and under girls, college and above women, and five (5) men's teams.

A new team for this year will be the Men's 30 and over slow break basketball team. If you would like to participate, please contact the coach, Corky Anderson, or Joe Palmer at the Activities Center.

Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo? Yes, and it's coming your way November 20th. We have chartered a boat to take the first 49 people that sign up on a fantastic day of fishing, fun and fellowship. All tackle and bait will be furnished with you furnishing the energy to reel in the fish. We'll leave the docks on South Palafox at 7:00 A.M. and return at 6:00 P.M. Trophies will be awarded in several categories.

## RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



*Joy Lynn Atkinson*



*Mrs. Tom Husted, Jackye, Ken & Scotty Husted. Also shown Robin Husted.*

*Also received but not shown: Mr. and Mrs. John M. Causey, Susan Hughes, Mrs. Linda Wellborn and Jimmy Wellborn.*

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

#### IN THE HOSPITALS:

##### Baptist:

Mr. A. J. Butler, Mrs. Ina Andrews, Mrs. Herman (Irene) Williams, Mrs. H. G. (Catherine) Gray, Miss Mary F. Darnell

##### West Florida:

Mr. Stanley Lassiter, Mr. James Strawbridge, Miss Annie Averett

##### Medicenter, Mobile

Mrs. Sybil Riddell

##### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Jim (Amy) Dinkins, Mrs. Max (Martha) Dickson, JoAnn Spradling, Mrs. G. R. (Kathryn) McDonald, Dennine Arnold, Mr. Ed Scholz

##### SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Roy Ingram in the death of his sister.

Mrs. Hortense Rowe in the death of her sister.

### BUS MINISTRY REPORT

<i>Bus</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Captain</i>	<i>Riders</i>	<i>Workers</i>	<i>Total</i>
1	Pope		21	3	24
2	Nelson		31	2	33
3	Kilpatrick		27	6	33
4	McNeill		25	3	28
5	Holley		50	3	53
6	Johnson		29	3	32
Van			14	4	18
			197	24	221

### DAY OF PRAYER

All Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women are urged to join the Intercessory Prayer Group Monday, November 1, at 10 A.M. in the prayer room, in back of the library, in observance of Monday, November 1st Worldwide Intercessory Day of Prayer.

### AN UNUSED ENVELOPE TALKS

Look inside this year's church envelope box. If you see me there, I'll tell you a story . . .

I'll tell you the Sunday you missed church. Just check the date written on me. I can't tell you why you missed. You'll have to think back to remember. Was it a good reason? A reason, or an excuse?

I was designed to hold any amount you want to give. I look much better made fat with a love offering than I do flat, unsealed, and useless. I have no power over myself. I am your servant, I had counted so much on going to the Lord's treasury on my day . . .

I can tell you about your spiritual life, too. When I am used, I speak of an honest heart. I could have been filled and taken to church later, even though you missed attending on my Sunday.

Because I am still unused, I speak of limits placed on God's work. Do you hear the cry of children without parents? Do you see the sick without care? The ignorant untaught? The church not built? The Bibles not sent? The gospel not preached? The lost without help?

I could have helped meet these needs if I had been used. I wanted to help. You didn't fail me; you failed God. But you did make me share in the misery of the world.

I am empty and heartbroken. Look at me! Let me touch your conscience and stir your heart!

Truthfully,  
Your Unused Envelope

### NEW BOOKS IN LIBRARY

- 136.7 Sto—Childhood and Adolescence — A Psychology of The Growing Person
  - 220.7 Moo—Notes from My Bible
  - 222.11 Hob—The Origin of All Things
  - 280.0973 Ros—Religions of America
  - 616 Nee—Your Heart and Common Sense
  - 630.1 Tha—The Strength of The Hills
  - 641.5 Kin—Loaves and Fishes—Foods from Bible Times
  - 681.8 Ste—People and Pianos
  - 745.5 Com—50 Gifts to Make for Under \$1.00
  - 745.5 Kal—Giant Book of Crafts
  - 745.5 Com—Lee Ward's Illustrated Library of Arts and Crafts
  - CE Bur—How Peter Cottontail Got His Name
  - CE Hof—Sammy The Seal
  - CE Sta—Bobby's Magic Blanket
  - CE Whi—The House That Jack Built
- The following books by Franklin W. Dixon
- The Missing Churns
  - The Tower Treasure
  - The House On The Cliff
  - Hunting for Hidden Gold
  - The Shore Road Mystery
  - The Secret of the Caves
  - The Mystery of Cabin Island
  - The Great Airport Mystery
  - The Secret of the Old Mill

### SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Our Senior Adult Fellowship meets for its monthly meeting next Thursday, November 4. The program will include slides shown by Letcher Lamkin. We begin at 10:00 A.M. in the dining room.

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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	1383
Main Sunday School	1363
Crippled Children's Home	20
The Church in Training	514
Christian Training Hour	137
Other Training Activities	377
Coming for Membership	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$7,925.80
Specials	\$1,344.70
<b>TOTAL OFFERING</b>	<b>\$9,270.50</b>

## MENU

November 3, 1976  
Baked Ham  
Baked Potato  
Buttered Lima Beans  
Roll & Butter  
Dessert  
Tea      Coffee



## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, Oct. 31, 1976—Titus 3:1-11  
Micah 5-7; Titus 3  
Monday, Nov. 1, 1976—Jeremiah 2:14-19  
Jeremiah 1-3; James 1  
Tuesday, Nov. 2, 1976—James 2:14-26  
Jeremiah 4-6; James 2  
Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1976—James 3:1-12  
Jeremiah 7-9; James 3  
Thursday, Nov. 4, 1976—James 4: 1-10  
Jeremiah 10-12; James 4  
Friday, Nov. 5, 1976—James 5: 13-18  
Jeremiah 13-15; James 5  
Saturday, Nov. 6, 1976—Jeremiah 17: 5-8  
Jeremiah 16-18

## "A NEW LOOK"

Your Builder for the next three weeks will appear in this enlarged format. The Budget Promotion Committee of our 1977 Budget Promotion Campaign is combining its promotional efforts with our regularly published Builder. The next three issues will bring you news of our budget campaign and the many regular activities of our church. You will want to make a special effort to read each of these special issues.

## LYNN ZEIGLER DICKSON

IN

### ORGAN RECITAL

Sunday, October 31

3:00 P.M.

### CHRIST CHURCH

18 West Wright Street

## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

*Sunday, October 31, 1976*

- \* 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
- \* 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 4:45 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 P.M.—Explorer's Bible Drill — Children's 5 Department
- \* 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- \* 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship

*Monday, November 1, 1976*

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
- 7:00 P.M.—TACLO Workshop — Bellview

*Tuesday, November 2, 1976*

- \* 9:45 A.M.—Baptist Women Day
- 6:00 P.M.—Baptist Women Night
- 7:00 P.M.—TACLO Workshop — Bellview

*Wednesday, November 3, 1976*

- \* 5:00 P.M.—Choirs
- \* 5:45 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- \* 6:25 P.M.—Mission Friends, GA's, Ac-teens, RA's and Joy Group —Prayer Service

*Thursday, November 4, 1976*

- 10:00 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship

*Friday, November 5, 1976*

- 6:30 P.M.—Adult 3 Department Party—Home of Mr. E. A. Gregory  
232 Northcliffe Drive  
Gulf Breeze, Florida
- \* 7:00 P.M.—Edge of Adventure Group 2  
(Will meet in Cellar)

\*Nursery Provided

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

October 24, 1976

### BY LETTER:

- 20. Mr. William J. Mabry, 1349 W. Roberts Rd.  
From: Eighth Ave. Baptist, Pensacola, Fl.

### FOR BAPTISM FROM OTHER DENOMINATION:

- 5. Mrs. William Mabry (Denise)

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

October 20, 1976

### BY LETTER:

- 21. Mr. William A. Morrison Jr., 7930 Lancelot Dr.  
From: Olive Baptist, Pensacola, Fl.
- 22. Mrs. William A. Morrison Jr. (Avery)