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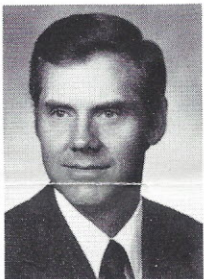
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### Pastor's Paragraphs

#### 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 13c 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 Of-  
fice  
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.





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

Bus	No. Captain	Riders	Workers	Total
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 writ-  
 ing, 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  
**TOTAL OFFERING** .....\$9,270.50

## 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 — Bell-  
 view

Tuesday, November 2, 1976

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

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)