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THE NEW LIFE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Life is a journey.

I will live it trustingly.

"Though I walk through the valley of the shadow. . .

I will fear no evil, Thou art with me." (Psa, 23:4)

Life is a task.

I will live it obediently.

"We keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." (1 John 3:22)

Life is a mission.

I will live it helpfully.

"Be ye kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another." (Eph. 4:32)

Life is a contest.

I will live it earnestly.

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be strong." (1 Cor. 16:13)

Life is a battle.

I will live it courageously.

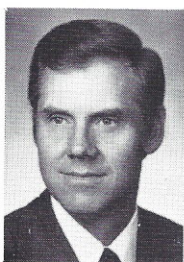
"Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid; for the Lord thy God is with thee." (Josh. 1:9)

—Frank E. Bigelow

Pastor's Paragraphs

WHEN THE TREE COMES DOWN

Sometime ago Kenneth Wilson, editor of The Christian Herald Magazine, wrote an editorial entitled "WHEN THE TREE COMES DOWN."



Among other things, he said; "The mopping up side of things is a part of the Christmas story straight out of the Bible. 'And the shepherds returned . . . They had oh'd and ah'd at the manger and hadn't known quite what to say or think for the sublimity of the moment. Then it was back to the fields, where now there were no visions, only sheep. Back to the old routine. Fires to be rekindled. Debts to be paid. A living to be made. Encroaching dangers to be fended off. It would be a dismal way to end the story. But there is something more; 'Glorifying and praising God for all the things which they had seen and heard.' Which means, they took their Christmas carols with them. They didn't use up all of Christmas at once. They went away from Christmas with a carryover, not a hang-over. Back to the old routine? No, back to the new routine. The Christmas they carried in their hearts touched all that they saw and did with its wonder."

Most of us need this message, now that the pine needles have fallen and as we return to the sheep. May the memory of all that we saw and heard and felt send us back to a new routine.

Sunday we'll start a brand new year together with God. I surely hope that you'll make a special effort to be in the Lord's House. Bring a friend and let's worship the living God together!

Devotedly your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"THE NAZARETH COMPLEX"

(John 1:43-49)

7:15 P.M.

"THE BURNING BUSH"

(Exodus 3:1-5)

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

No.	Captain	Riders	Workers	Total
1	Pope	21	3	24
2	Nelson	23	3	26
3	Kilpatrick	21	4	25
4	McNeill	12	5	17
5	Holley	23	4	27
6	Johnson	20	4	24
Van		4	2	6
		124	20	144

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mrs. Dave (Nita) Bagley, Mrs. Lennie Bonham, Mrs. Donna Strickland, Craig Hurt

Specialty Care

Mrs. Beulah Mae Bradford

Sacred Heart

Mr. George Hughes, Mrs. J. F. Chapman, Matthew Gunnells, Mr. Clyde Hood

Medicenter, Mobile

Mrs. Sybil Riddell

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. John W. (Esque) Creel, Mrs. Alton (Beverly Ann) Tippins, Clyde Gimlin

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. H. T. Lenz in the death of her brother.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mr. W. H. Smith and are given by Mary Ellen, Cricket and Susie.

THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of

MISS SUSAN SHANNON

daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shannon

born December 2, 1976

TWO TAX SAVING IDEAS

If you have stock that has appreciated—give it to the church and avoid paying any capital gains tax—plus get a tax deduction on the entire current value of the stock.

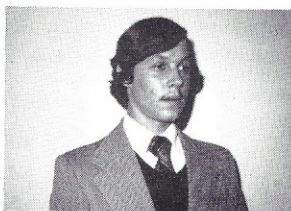
If you have a stock that has lost value—sell it yourself—take the tax loss yourself and then give the proceeds to the church for a tax deductible gift.

For specific information on how many tax dollars you can save by applying the above ideas to your situation call the church office at 433-5631 or come by the church office and pick up a free bulletin on tax saving ideas.

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



Kathy Lancaster



David S. Rush



Mr. and Mrs. Don Rogers, Hilary, Diane and David Rogers. Also shown: Allison Rogers.

CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES CENTER SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

- 11:30-1:30 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise Class
6:00 P.M.—Middle School Girl's Basketball—FBC vs. East Hill at Woodham High School
6:00-10:00 P.M.—PCRA Men's Basketball League

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

- 6:00 P.M.—18 & Over Girls Basketball Woodham High School
5:00-9:30 P.M.—Basketball practice

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

- 11:30-1:30 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise Class
7:30-9:30—CAC open
7:30-9:30—Game Rooms and Gym open
9:00-10:30 P.M.—Basketball Practice

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

- 6:30-7:30 P.M.—17 and Under Boys Basketball
7:30-10:00 P.M.—Basketball practice

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

- 11:30-1:30 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise Class
Christian Activities Center open
7:00-10:00 P.M.—Games Rooms open
7:00-8:30 P.M.—Gym - Skating
8:30-10:00 P.M.—Open play

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

- 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.—PCRA Boys Basketball League
9:00 A.M.—11 & Under Boys FBC vs. St. Marks Methodist at FBC
12:00 Noon—13 & Under Boys FBC vs. St. Christopher at FBC
5:30 P.M.—15 & Under FBC vs. Lakeview at FBC
7:00 P.M.—Men's Team 2 FBC vs. Lakeview at UWF
9:00 P.M.—Men's Team 1 FBC vs. Pine Forest Bapt. at UWF
5:30-7:00 P.M.—Basketball Practice — CAC

MENU

January 5, 1977
Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Snowflake Roll & Butter
Dessert
Tea Coffee



1977 ENVELOPES

Church Offering Envelopes for 1977 have been mailed to Sunday School and Church Members. If you have not received yours, please call the church office and let us know. Your using your own envelope and putting on the outside the amount is of great help to our counting committee at the bank and to our financial secretary. Beginning on Sunday, January 2nd, please use the envelopes from your 1977 package. Any envelopes left over from preceeding years may be brought to the church and they can be used in the sanctuary pew racks.

REC. NOTES.

Listed above you will find the schedules of all of our church basketball league. I would like to encourage you to attend and support our teams at any of the games you can attend. It will lift their spirits and yours as we cheer them along.

Friday, January 14th, is our next "Family Night." We encourage all church families to participate in skating, Walt Disney films, volleyball, craft classes and more. Be watching for the Rec News Sunday for more information.

The name tag requests continue to come in. We hope to be ready to start using this system on January 14th, Family Night. Send in your request NOW.

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LOTTIE MOON

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

OUR GOAL\$18,000.00

GIVEN TO DATE\$17,142.69

LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study963

Main Sunday School953

Crippled Children's Home10

The Church in Training693

Christian Training Hour163

Other Training Activities530

Coming for Membership7

Tithes and Offerings:

Budget\$10,984.09

Specials\$ 4,777.43

TOTAL OFFERING\$15,761.52

There are **52** weeks left to give your Tithes and offerings in 1977. Our new pledges are now in effect. Please remember the Lord is counting on our faithful financial support of His work.

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, January 2, 1977

- * 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—CH 5 Dept.
- * 6:00 P.M.—Church Training Hour
- * 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship Ordinance of Baptism

Monday, January 3, 1977

10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group

Tuesday, January 4, 1977

- * 9:45 A.M.—Baptist Women—Day
- 6:00 P.M.—Baptist Women—Night
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts—Cellar

Wednesday, January 5, 1977

- * 5:00 P.M.—Choirs
- * 5:45 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- * 6:10 P.M.—Prayer Service
- * 6:25 P.M.—Mission Friends, GA's, Ac- teens, RA's, and Joy Group —Prayer Groups
- * 7:15 P.M.—Visitation —Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 6, 1977

- 10:00 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship
- *Nursery provided

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

DECEMBER 26, 1976

BY LETTER:

- 56. Brenda Dennison, 330 Silver Rd. From East Hill Baptist, Pensacola, Fl.
- 57. Mr. Charles T. Freeman, 1619 W. Rebecca From Plainview Baptist, Pensacola, Fl.
- 58. Mrs. Charles T. Freeman (Carolina)
- 59. Gary Freeman
- 60. Terry Freeman

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:

- 20. Teresa Greene, 1405 N. 48th Ave.
- 21. Lisa Phillips, 3930 Lynn Ora

LIBRARY NOTES

No fines on overdue books returned to the library from December 19, 1976 through January 2, 1977. Someone else will be able to enjoy the overdue book if it is returned. If the library is not open, you may deposit books through the slot in the library door.