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PASTOR



"An Open Letter to God"

Dear God:

"You see, God, it is like this . . . we could attend church more faithfully if your day came at some other time. You have chosen a day that comes at the end of a hard week, when we are all tired out. Not only that, but it is the day following Saturday night, and often we go to the movies or have a party and it is after midnight when we get in. In fact the children are often late for Sunday School, because it is difficult for us to get up early enough. It is usually after nine o'clock before we get the breakfast dishes washed, and then it is time to think about Sunday dinner.

"You have picked out the very day on which the morning paper takes longest to read and also the day on which we have the biggest dinner of the week. Then, too, we must think of John. He is cooped up in the office all week and Sunday morning is the only time to clean the car and for doing odd jobs around the house. And you know how John enjoys fishing, and you really can't blame him for going when he can. The whole family enjoys a picnic, and Sunday is the only time the family can have some recreation together.

"I am telling you all these things because I want you to see our viewpoint and that it is not our fault that we are not able to go to church on Sunday morning. We would like to go, and we know that we should go, but the real reason we cannot go is that you have chosen the wrong day. If you will select another day, we shall be glad to give the matter further consideration.

Sincerely,
"I. M. Delinquent"

Pastor's Paragraphs

STOUTHEARTED MEN

AND JANUARY 31

The price of admission was ten cents. A fellow didn't just throw that kind of money away. When I was a boy it was a real occasion to go to the show.



I would go about every other Saturday except when there was a serial showing. In that case I would go every week and see it through twice. The movies did not run continually in those days or I would probably have stayed to see it the third time!

Back then the price of admission was considerably lower and the moral content of the movie considerably higher. You could go see a movie without blushing — or feeling guilty for having seen it.

Back when I was a boy the big matinee idol was Nelson Eddy. He was in the Canadian Mounted Police. He always got his man — and woman — Jeanette MacDonald.

As I remember, he wasn't much of a horseman. Or gunslinger. Or fighter. But he had no peer in one department. Nelson Eddy was the finest singer to ever serve in the Canadian Mounted Police.

There was one song I remember in particular. It was a song about stouthearted men. I can't remember all the words but I do remember some of them. They went: "Give me some men who are stouthearted men and I'll soon give you 10,000 more. Start me with ten who are stouthearted men and I'll soon give you 10,000 more."

You know, there is a lot of truth in this song. Ten real men — ten stouthearted men — can accomplish a lot. With eleven stouthearted men, Jesus launched the Christian movement.

January 31 is the date. On January 31 we are going to visit the lost and straying in our community. You will hear more about this new program of visitation, but I wanted to mention it now so you could mark the date — JANUARY 31.

Our goal is not ten stouthearted men, but ONE HUNDRED STOUTHEARTED MEN AND WOMEN. Make your plans now to be a part of this great effort.

I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz



**SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL
AND WORSHIP SUNDAY**

THE LISTENING POST

VISITATION DATE COMING UP

All youth and Junior workers and some of our young people should plan to be a part of this massive undertaking on Tuesday, January 31. We are expecting 75% of all workers in each department to participate.

NEW AND ATTRACTIVE FOLDERS for both youth and Jun.or areas will be ready for use on that evening.

A lunch for those who visit in the morning will be served and an evening meal for those going out in the evening will be ready.

Prospect cards by sections of the city will be ready for your convenience in visiting.

WE WILL BE READY FOR YOU — WILL YOU BE READY TO GO?

JUNIOR WORKERS, don't miss an added opportunity to improve your effectiveness as a worker. Attend as many sessions as you can of the INSTITUTE at Brownsville Baptist Church, January 23-24.

SEE BULLETIN BOARD in your departments for further details.

GET - TOGETHERS

Junior High — Bambi Moore, 735 Alpine Drive.

Parents — at Home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gay, 5197 Springhill Drive.

Senior High - College — Danny Pleitz, 1490 N. Spring.

Hootenany with Jimmy Durr.



ASSOCIATIONAL EVANGELISM CLINIC

On Friday, January 20, Dr. Paul Meigs will be in our association for a special Evangelism Clinic. The clinic will begin at 5:00 p.m. There will be a supper at 6:00 p.m., and the evening session will begin at 7:00 p.m. The place of meeting is the Central Baptist Church.



VISITATION DAY

The church staff is making big plans for our Visitation Day on January 31. Be sure to include this date in your plans.

SERMON TOPICS

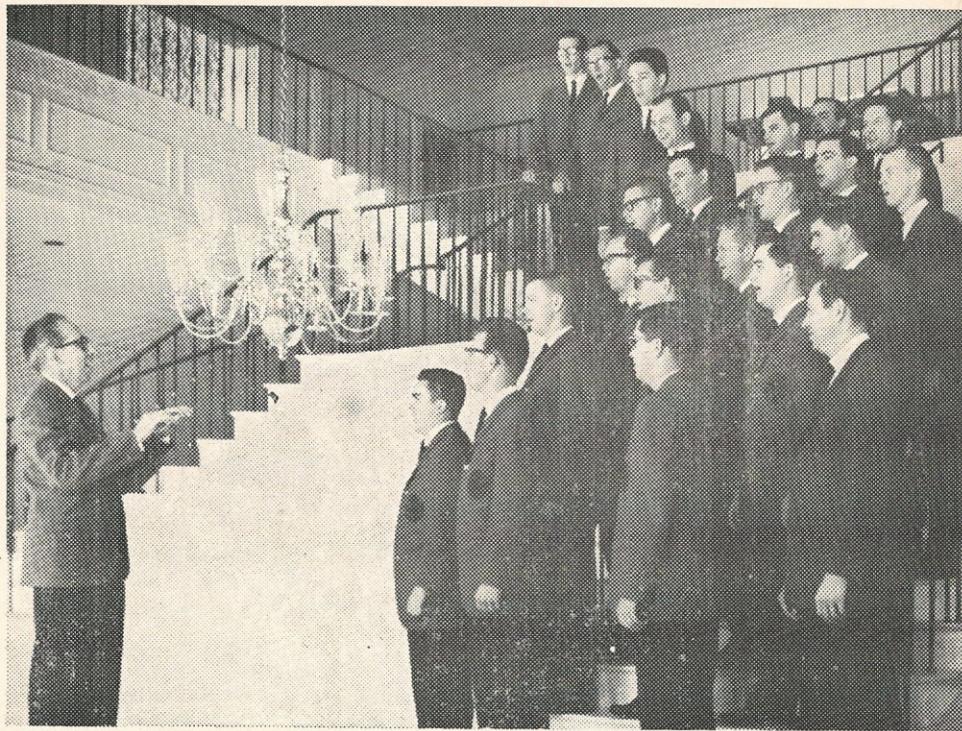
11:00 A.M.

"The Indispensable Man"
(John 6:68)

7:15 F.M.

Evening Worship
Pastor Preaching
At Both Services

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY CHORUS TO APPEAR



Shown above is the Men's Chorus of Southwestern Seminary with their director, James McKinney, Dean of the School of Music. This Chorus will present a concert of Sacred Music in our Sanctuary on Friday, January 20, at 7:30 p.m.

The appearance here is part of a tour which began on January 12 and will carry them to churches and universities in a five-state area — Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida and Arkansas. The program will include a wide variety of early and contemporary music literature and American folk hymns.

LIBRARY NOTES

For those who take "the primary stuff of reality" — marriage, birth, work and death — pretty much for granted, 'The Common Ventures of Life' by Elton Trueblood will come as a happy revelation. The young man worried about his life work, the young woman confused about love and marriage, the parents "at sea" about how to bring religion back into the home — all will derive help from this book.

Vonda Kay Van Dyke, Miss America of 1965, has written a book ent'tled "That Girl in Your Mirror". Filled with fascinating sidelights of the making of a Miss America, here is down-to-earth counsel, challenge and inspiration for that all-important person — That Girl in Your Mirror.



Attend Prayer Service Wednesday Night.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The Church Flowers Committee is now making its plans for the year 1967. Anyone desiring to place memorial flowers on a given Sunday is asked to get your request in to the Church Office. The Committee will honor the request in as far as possible. Where there are duplications (two requesting the same date) adjustments will be made with those concerned. A prompt request will assure securing of the date desired.



THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of
MISS CHARLOTTE SUZANNE BAKER
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Baker
born January 3

ATTENTION! ELEMENTARY WORKERS

On Monday and Tuesday, January 23-24, there will be an Institute for Children's Workers which will be held at the Brownsville Baptist Church here in our city. This will be a splendid opportunity for Nursery, Beginner, Primary, and Junior workers in Sunday School. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, January 24:

Afternoon Session — 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Evening Session — 7:00 - 9:15 p.m.

Tuesday, January 24:

Morning Session — 9:00 - 12:00 a.m.
Afternoon Session — 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Evening Session — 7:00 - 9:15 p.m.

In answer to a question which has been asked by some of our workers, we are happy to announce that study course credit will be offered for those who participate, if you read the book prior to coming or during the following week. The study course books for which credit will be offered are:

Nursery — Improving Nursery Departments.

Beginner — Sunday School Work With Four's and Five's and/or Bible Teaching for Four's and Five's.

Primary — Teaching the Bible to Primaries and/or Working With Primaries Through the Sunday School.

Junior — Better Bible Teaching for Juniors.

Make your plan to attend all of the sessions of this Institute.



CHURCH BASKETBALL

Monday, January 16 — 7:00 p.m.
Men's Team vs. Gadsden St. Methodist.

Tuesday, January 17 — 7:00 p.m.
Boys' Team vs. Gadsden St. Methodist.

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY
Reading for Week of January 15-21

Genesis 1:1-2
Exodus 31:1-11
Numbers 11:24-30
Matthew 3-4
John 14, 16

"THE SPIRIT AT WORK"

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:
Mr. George A. Peterson, Mrs. Isabell Robertson, Mrs. A. L. McCrory.

Sacred Heart:
Mrs. Janie Jernigan, Mr. Tim Woolf.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Charles Baker, Mr. A. L. Stanton, Miss Kitty Sue Wiggins, Chief James J. Yandle, Mrs. Robert Glass, Mr. T. H. Blackmon, Mrs. Leathy Mattheus, Mr. William H. Thompson, Mr. Glenn Brantley.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Roy Caton in the loss of his father. Miss Mildred Wilson in the loss of a sister. Mrs. Ella Richbourg in the loss of her step-father.



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

There are several condensed forms of the Ten Commandments. John Bunyan gave the world this one, which because it is rhymed may be memorized easily.

1. Thou shalt not have another God but me.
2. Thou shalt not to an image bow the knee.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of God in vain.
4. See that the Sabbath thou do not profane.
5. Honor thy father and thy mother, too.
6. In act or thought, see thou no murder do.
7. From fornication keep thy body clean.
8. Thou shalt not steal though thou be very mean.
9. Bear no false witness; keep thee without spot.
10. What is thy neighbor's, see thou covet not.



Reserve This Day

**TUESDAY,
JANUARY 31**

VISITATION DAY
Plan to Participate

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Mrs. Arthur Haylock,
Our Missionary to Honduras



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance:	
Main School	1262
Crippled Children's Home	20
Training Union Attendance	428
Additions to church membership.....	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	9,460.19
Specials	833.19
Organ Fund	250.00
TOTAL OFFERING	10,543.38

WMS CIRCLES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

10:00 A.M.—
CLARICE ASHMORE will meet with Mrs. Donald Sasser, 6820 Data Street.
VIRGINIA COBB will meet with Mrs. Elwood Burks, 3811 Menendez Drive.
Co-Hostess: Mrs. Boyd Reeder
STANLEY DAVIS will meet with Mrs. R. S. Spencer, 1721 North 19th Avenue.
MARTHA HAYLOCK will meet with Mrs. A. C. Johnson, Jr., 661 Woodbine Drive.
DONALD LANGFORD will meet with Mrs. W. A. Hibbert, 1716 Osceola Boulevard.
DOTTSON MILLS will meet with Mrs. O. A. Biles, 2019 North 17th Avenue.
R. C. MOORE will meet with Mrs. Douglas Burks, 2270 Dupont, Cordova.
BERNICE NEEL will meet with Mrs. C. W. Kingry, 1908 East Moreno Street.
MAMIE LOU POSEY will meet with Mrs. Glenn McDonald, 2860 Blackshear Avenue.
Co-Hostess: Mrs. E. F. Warren
T. N. CALLAWAY will meet with Mrs. Hayward Arnold, 2342 Escambia Avenue.
LAURA FRANCES SNOW will meet with Mrs. Joe Ladner, 6012 Hilburn Road.

2:30 P.M.—
HARVEY HEADRICK will meet with Mrs. D. H. Johnson, 1300 East Lakeview Avenue.
Co-Hostess: Mrs. M. A. Farmer



SUNDAY, JANUARY 15—

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages. A. H. Arnold, Superintendent
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Broadcast over WCOA
- 3:00 p.m.—Associational YWA Meeting, Bellview
- 4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:15 p.m.—Jr. 11-12 Sword Drill Meeting, Jr. 12 Dept.
- * 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages. F. Willard Vickery, Director
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship
- 8:30 p.m.—Get Togethers:
 Jr. Hi — Bambi Moore,
 735 Alpine Drive
 Parents — at Home of Mr. and
 Mrs. Eugene Gay, 5197 Spring-
 hill Drive.
 Sr. Hi-College — Danny Pleitz,
 1400 North Spring Street

MONDAY, JANUARY 16—

- 6:15 p.m.—Baptist Men - Night Society Meeting
- 7:30 p.m.—Deacons' Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17—

- * 10:00 a.m.—See WMS Circles
- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts, Activities Center

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18—

- * 4:45 p.m.—Children's Choirs
- * 5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
- * 6:30 p.m.—Officers and Teachers Meeting, Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, YWA's
- * 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service
- * 8:15 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19—

- 9:30 a.m.—Faithful Workers Class meets at church for visitation.
- 12:00 a.m.—Covered dish luncheon with Mrs. M. H. Holt, 2661 Scenic Highway.
- 7:30 p.m.—Bykota Class meets with Mrs. W. A. Montgomery, 818 East Moreno Street.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20—

- 5:00 p.m.—Associational Evangelism Clinic, Central Baptist
- 7:30 p.m.—Sacred Concert by Southwestern Seminary Men's Chorus, Sanctuary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21—

- 10:00 a.m.—Cub Scout Den Meeting, Activities Center

*Indicates Nursery will be open 15 minutes prior to the time indicated above.



NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:

77. Mr. George A. Hartline, 200 W. Jackson St.
 From: First Baptist Church,
 Ft. Payne, Ala.
78. James Daniel Hartline
 From: Second Baptist Church,
 Ft. Payne, Ala.
79. Dr. Barnie L. Vanzant, Jr., 704 Berkley Dr.
 From: First Baptist Church,
 Ellijay, Ga.
80. Mrs. Barnie L. Vanzant, Jr. (Blanche)