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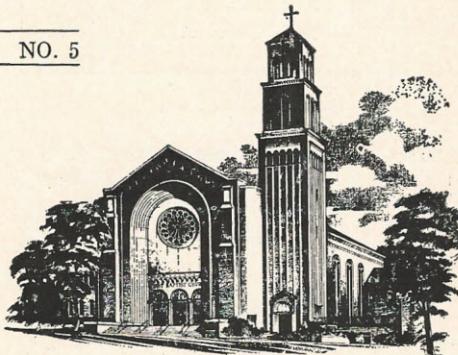
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
PALAFOX AND LA RUA STREETS
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



Once Upon a Time a Long Time Ago

Once upon a time a long time ago, a pastor called a member of his congregation to tell him how much he had been missing him at church. Back then, once upon a time a long time ago, men were not too tactful so the man said quite frankly to his pastor, "I don't come to church any more because I don't get anything out of it."

Now this remark didn't strike the preacher just right, once upon a time a long time ago, so he suggested to the man who wasn't getting anything out of church, that he move his membership to some other church where he could get something out of the services. The same man never hesitated to call the pastor for various and sundry favors — but this is beside the point. His concern was the church service, and according to his own statement made once upon a time a long time ago, he wasn't getting anything out of it.

Now the truth of the matter is that this situation which happened once upon a time a long time ago, can't be isolated to the distant past. The same scene is reinacted many, many times today. (Even though the aforementioned conversation took place once upon a time a long time ago.)

Many folk simply aren't getting much out of their church attendance or their religion either for that matter. Does anyone have a solution to this problem?

Once upon a time a long time ago a man named Jesus had something to say about this matter. He said that we must never come to church in order to GET but to GIVE. Jesus also said if we are going to get anything out of our Christian religion, then we must put a lot into it!

Come to think of it, this man Jesus said a lot of strange things once upon a time a long time ago. Things like, "if any man would be first, let him be last." And things like, "if any man would be greatest, let him be servant of all." And things like, "if any man would save his life, let him lose it."

If you are identified with Christ and His church in order to get, your motive is wrong, whether you are speaking about once upon a time a long time ago or today.

Tell you what, I DARE YOU TO FORGET ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN GET AND SEE HOW MUCH YOU CAN GIVE. The strangest thing will happen. You will receive much more than you give.

Some of you haven't been to church since once upon a time a long time ago. I'll be looking for you Sunday, friend.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SUNDAY

The pastor will be preaching at both services Sunday.

His message Sunday Morning will be on the subject:

"Our Lord, The Loaves and Fishes" (Mark 6:30-44)

FLASH!!!

One hundred and ninety-one people responded to our special Visitation Day Tuesday. Thanks, thanks, thanks!

SERVICEMEN'S ADDRESSES WANTED

We are most anxious to have the addresses of all of the men in service from our church. If you have a son in service, please be sure that we have the current address. You may do this by calling the office or writing out the address and sending it to the office. We want in the near future to run a "Serviceman of the Week" Column in our Builder and this information is needed.



ATTENTION MEN

BROTHERHOOD WORKSHOP

Monday, February 6 — 7:00 P.M.

East Hill Baptist Church

Conferences for All Officers and Men

Speaker:

DR. GEORGE SCHROEDER

Executive Secretary - Treasurer
Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn.

NOTE: This is not the regular Quarterly Meeting and is not a supper meeting. This meeting will be on February 27th here at our Church.

YOU'VE BEEN DRAFTED . . .

"That you should be called to a role of a singer may still be hard to accept. You didn't apply for the job, but nevertheless you're hired. You've been drafted. . . . The special role in which you are cast types you not as a concert soloist, but simply as a normal human being carrying on the natural function of praising and thanking the God who made you.

"Uninhibited sincerity is the one prerequisite. So sing! ! ! Sing from the heart and others of the congregation will sing with you!"

—Copied from the Journal of Church Music.



ALL PEKING CHURCHES CLOSED

Reports that all Christian churches in the Communist China capital of Peking have been closed were confirmed by persons arriving here from the Chinese mainland.

(There are reportedly 200,000 Christian among China's population of 700 million.)

Churches were closed in August by Red Guard followers of Communist chairman Mao Tse-tung at the start of the current cultural revolution.

Churches in the capital city are covered with red-painted extracts of Chairman Mao's writings.

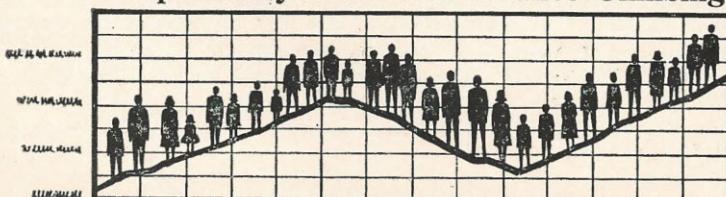
A banner proclaiming "Long Live Mao" is flying from the spire of a former Catholic cathedral in Peking.

Red Guards are reported using former Christian churches in Shanghai as assembly halls. Edifices in Shanghai are being stripped of their religious relics and decorations, and spires and belfries are torn down.

Observers here said that never before in this century had Christians in a Chinese city been barred from public worship on Christmas Day. They noted that, although the Communist regime's constitution guarantees freedom of religion, practicing Chinese Christians still living in Peking have been forced to go underground to worship.

—All Church Press

Keep Sunday School Attendance Climbing



It is not numbers that concern us, but the people numbers represent.

Y. W. A. FOCUS WEEK

The week of February 5 - 12 is being observed as Y. W. A. Focus Week in our church. Our Y. W. A.'s are now busily engaged in mission study and active mission work. Under our present leadership we, as a group, have expanded and made Y. W. A.'s a vital part of our churchwide activities. If you are a girl between the ages of 16 - 24, come and meet with us on Wednesday night and see what it is like to be a member of the Y. W. A. We have a lot of fun together, too!

CECILIA JONES
President of Y. W. A.



CHURCH BASKETBALL

Monday, February 6 — 7:00 P.M.:
Men's Team vs. Richards Memorial
Methodist

Tuesday, February 7 — 7:00 P.M.:
Senior Boys' Team vs. St. Mark
Methodist

Thursday, February 9 — 6:00 P.M.:
Men's Team vs. First Methodist



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mrs. William R. Lynch, Mr. Clarence Taylor, Mr. A. L. Wallace.

Escambia General:

Mrs. Mary Evelyn Cooley

Sacred Heart:

Mrs. Ola May Bryant

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Anita C. Brown, Mrs. Elliott Dobelstein, Cliff Jackson, Mrs. A. L. McCrory, Mrs. Mary Veach, Miss Cynthia Kendrick, Mrs. W. A. Montgomery, Mrs. Herman Williams, Miss Carol Futch, Mrs. J. H. Rester.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. Roger Earl Kingry and Miss Gail Elaine McVickers upon their marriage January 28.

W. M. S. GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
10:00 A.M.

Program:

'WOMAN'S ROLE IN EVANGELISM'

Mr. Willis Haymaker, Guest Speaker
(Clarice Ashmore Circle in Charge)

R. C. Moore Circle in charge
of luncheon.

HOW DO PEOPLE CHOOSE CHURCH? SURVEY TELLS

How do people choose their churches? Mainly they go to a church because someone invited them and because there were people in the church whom they respected, according to an article in the First Christian News, the weekly bulletin issued by the First Christian Church of El Paso. The church members were asked: "Why did you choose the particular church with which you are now worshipping?"

Here are their answers:

Nine percent because of the architectural beauty of the church.

Fourteen percent because of prior denominational affiliation.

Eighteen percent because of convenience to their homes.

Three percent because of the ministers of the church.

Twenty-two percent because there were people in the church whom they respected.

Thirty-four percent because neighbors or friends invited them to that church.

—Selected

LIBRARY NOTES

We have been busy taking inventory of our books. We would be most grateful if someone would help us locate the following books that are missing:

YOUR GOD IS TOO SMALL
J. B. Phillips

GLAMOUR GUIDE FOR TEENS
Betty Cornell

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP
D. Bonhoeffer

WHAT SHALL WE NAME OUR BABY?
Winthrop

Children's Books

MY THANK-YOU BOOK
Polly Hargis

GOD IS GOOD
Mary Alice Jones

I LEARN TO READ ABOUT JESUS
L. Runyan

WONDERS OF NATURE
Jane Watson

WADDY AND HIS BROTHER
P. Coombs

QUIET ON ACCOUNT OF THE DINOSAUR
C. Wooley

Mrs. A. R. W. Stoesen

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Our Missionary to Honduras

All material to be included in The Builder
should be in the office, preferably in
writing, not later than 9:00 a.m. Mondays.



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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance:
Main School 1264
Crippled Children's Home 18

Training Union Attendance 236
Additions to church membership 6

Tithes and Offerings:
Budget 5,179.56
Specials 217.91
Building Fund 25.00

TOTAL OFFERING 5,422.47



NEW MEMBERS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

BY LETTER:

88. Lt. Roger R. Yonker, Jr.,
APO, San Francisco, Calif.
From: First Baptist Church,
Cookeville, Tenn.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:

20. Peggy Ann Carraway,
3790 Cherry Laurel Drive
21. James Sidney Maughan, Jr.,
513 North 70th Avenue
22. H. Wyatt Shows, Jr., 5704 San Gabriel Dr.

BY LETTER:
89. Miss Susan Jane Moon,
3814 North 9th Avenue, Apt. B
From: Isle of Hope Baptist Church,
Savannah, Ga.
90. Miss Gayla Elise Perkins, 1602 E. Strong St.
From: Landmark Missionary Baptist
Church, Pensacola



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

DEACONS OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY

Mr. A. Haywood Arnold
Mr. Aubrey Gomillion



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

* 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages. A. H. Arnold, Superintendent
* 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Broadcast over WCOA
2:30 p.m.—Associational G.A. Meeting,
4:00 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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:30 a.m.—Associational W.M.U. Meeting, Cantonment
9:30-12:00 a.m.—Nursery, Beginner, Primary Workshop (T.U.) Immanuel Baptist, Tallahassee
7:00 p.m.—Associational Brotherhood Workshop, East Hill Baptist

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

* 10:00 a.m.—WMS GENERAL MEETING
6:00 p.m.—W.M.S. Night Society Mission Study and covered dish supper, Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.—Ushers' Banquet, Dining Room
7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts, Activities Center

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

* 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, FEBRUARY 9

7:30 p.m.—Bykota Class meets with Mrs. Pauline Stultz, 1305 W. Moreno St.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

3:00 p.m.—Martha Class meets with Mrs. George Zeigler, 1235 Stow Avenue.

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

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the Week of
February 5-11

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Leviticus 6:1-7

Hebrews 10:1-14

I Kings 8:44-52

Ezekiel 18:25-32

Psalm 130

Luke 13:1-9, 34-35

"GOD IN REDEMPTION"