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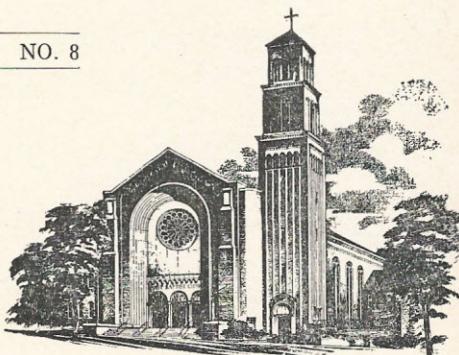
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PASTOR



HOW --- WHEN --- WHERE

It is not so much WHERE you live,
As HOW, and WHY, and WHEN you live,
That answers in the affirmative,
Or maybe in the negative,
The question — Are you fit to live ?

It is not so much WHERE you live,
As HOW you live, and whether good
Flows from you through your neighborhood.

And WHY you live, and whether you
Aim high and noblest ends pursue,
And keep life brimming full and true.

And WHEN you live, and whether Time
Is at its nadir or its prime,
And whether you descend or climb.

It is not so much WHERE you live,
As whether while you live you live
And to the world your highest give,
And so make answer positive
That you are truly fit to live.

— John Oxenham, 1852 - 1941

Pastor's Paragraphs

HAPPINESS IS

Dr. Wayne Dehoney, former President of the Southern Baptist Convention, has jokingly shared these bits of "misery" with his fellow pastors.



"MISERY IS . . . when the pastor comes in the church auditorium, glances at the small Sunday night crowd and discovers it is actually Sunday morning!"

"MISERY IS . . . when a deacon asks, 'Are we still having prayer meeting on Wednesday night?'

"MISERY IS . . .

when you preach your annual stewardship sermon and the fellow who attends church once a year comes up after the service and says, 'Everytime I come to church, you preach on money!'

"MISERY IS . . . when a person whom you haven't seen in years visits the church and comes through the line at the church door saying, 'I'll bet you don't remember me!'"

Let me seriously share some feelings of my own:

HAPPINESS IS . . . working side by side with a band of zealous Christians anxious to do the will of God!

HAPPINESS IS . . . pastoring a great congregation where the people come together each Lord's Day expecting something great to happen.

HAPPINESS IS . . . pastoring a people who realize the church is not a building but a body of believers who seek to live their religion in every relationship of life.

THAT'S WHAT HAPPINESS IS! See you Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz



CHURCH BASKETBALL

Monday, February 27 — 7:00 p.m.
Men's Team vs. St. Mark Methodist

SUNDAY

The pastor will be preaching at both services Sunday.

His message Sunday Morning will be on the subject:

"All Or Nothing At All"

(Proverbs 3:1-7
1 Kings 20:28)

TRAINING UNION Young People's Speakers' Tournament

On Sunday night, March 5, our Training Union is going to meet together for the entire Training Union hour. During this time we will have our Junior Memory Drill; we will have an Intermediate Sword Drill; and if there are young people who desire to participate in the Young People's Speakers' Tournament, they will be heard at that time also. We will need to know not later than Sunday, February 26, of any young people who plan to prepare and bring a speech at this time. Be sure to let Mr. Bizzell know if you are planning to participate in the Speakers' Tournament.



VISITATION DAY THURSDAY, MARCH 2

Thursday, March 2, will be another great VISITATION DAY. We will be visiting prospective members for our church and Sunday School as well as visiting our members, urging their attendance during our "Prove Your Love" month.

Our plans for this Visitation Day are that we will assemble at 9:30 a.m. for assignments and prayer. We will have lunch together at noon for those who are returning from visitation and those who will be going out that afternoon. Then, we will have our visitation supper at 6:00 p.m.



LIBRARY NOTES

CHARLOTTE'S WEB by Elwyn Brooks White is the story of a little girl named Fern who loved a little pig named Wilbur — and of Wilbur's dear friend Charlotte, a beautiful grey spider who lived with Wilbur in the barn. With the help of Templeton, the rat who never did anything unless there was something in it for him, and by a wonderfully clever plan of her own, Charlotte saved the life of Wilbur, who by this time had grown up to be quite a pig. "This story is a fable for adults as well as children, and can be recommended to older children and parents as an amusing story and a gentle essay on friendship."



BOOKS FOR REVIVAL PREPARATION

WAYS TO WIN — Grindstaff
YOU CAN WIN SOULS — Autrey
EVANGELISM ACCORDING TO CHRIST — Burroughs
PERSONAL SOUL-WINNING — Conant
PERSONAL SOUL-WINNING — Sanderson
WINNING OTHERS TO CHRIST — Leavell
A WINNING WITNESS — Dobbins
HEARTS AFIRE — Havner

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. ISABELL ROBERTSON

1004 West Garden Street

Joined Our Church June 4, 1921

Deceased February 20, 1967

PROVE YOUR LOVE

The four Sundays in March have been proclaimed by our Sunday School as "Prove Your Love" Sundays. Sunday School classes and departments are calling upon their members to "Sign-Up" for these four Sundays. Last Sunday was the first of several sign-up Sundays. Next Sunday classes and departments will be "signing up" those who were not "signed" last Sunday.

Then our visitation on March 2 will give us an additional opportunity to contact those people who have not yet signed up.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mrs. Paul Geesner

Sacred Heart:

Mrs. Blossom Artrip, Mrs. Elva Brown,
Mr. John E. Lambeth.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL :

Mr. Thomas Nabors, Mrs. Olive Manheim, Mr. Calvin Heine, Mrs. Kittie Manning, Mr. Raymond Steele, Mrs. Evelyn McCaskill, Jennifer Lenz, Mr. John Kelly, David Shell.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Miss Gertrude Bazzell in the loss of a sister; and Mrs. William F. Abercrombie and Mr. Russell Robertson in the loss of their mother.



COUNSELOR TRAINING

It isn't too late for you to take part in the Counselor Training Session for the Lane Adams Crusade. The classes begin the week of March 6th. If you have not already indicated your interest in taking the classes, call Mr. Bizzell or sign up in your department Sunday morning.

Remember our members in service



SERVICEMAN OF THE WEEK



Capt. P. D. (Don) Lyons, Jr. 077707

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FMF FAC

FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

Write to the Serviceman of the Week, pray for him, and remember him in some way.

If you know of a member of our church in service, please call the church office, 433-5631, now.



NO CONGREGATIONAL SINGING, PLEASE!!!

In the fourth century the Council of Laodicea decreed: "Beside the psalm singers appointed thereto who mount the ambo and sing out of the book, no others shall sing in church."

This decree and what it lead to will be discussed in the Congregational Hymn Rehearsal which will be held Sunday evening. After the music lesson for you in the pew, a fellowship will be held in the Dining Room. Very unique entertainment has been arranged for the fellowship period. Don't miss it!!



ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD MEETING

Monday, February 27 — 6:45 P.M.

The Associational Brotherhood Meeting Monday night will begin with supper at 6:45 p.m. Tickets should be secured Sunday.

The speaker will be Bob Barker, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Chickasaw.

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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 SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance:	
Main School	1307
Crippled Children's Home	16
Training Union Attendance	260
Additions to church membership	7
Baptized	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	6,200.46
Specials	198.70
Organ Fund	15.00
Building Fund	34.00
TOTAL OFFERING	6,448.16



NEW MEMBERS

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:

26. James J. Yandle, Jr., 233 Topaz Ave.
- BY LETTER:
 105. Mr. William E. Lee, 6114 Cardinal Ave.
From: First Baptist Church,
Dexter, Mo.
 106. Mrs. William E. Lee (Jean)
107. David Lee
 108. Miss Kay Lee
 109. 2/Lt. Thomas C. McClain, USMC.
BOQ 662, Room 210, NAS.
From: First Baptist Church,
Fordyce, Ark.
 110. Ensign David L. Wright,
BCQ 661, Room 202, NAS.
From: Lamar Baptist Church,
Wichita Falls, Texas

BAPTIZED:

Paul Cooper
Mrs. Jerry Dixon
Mrs. Chester O'Bannon
James J. Yandle, Jr.

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
A. H. Arnold, Superintendent
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Broadcast over WCOA
- 4:00 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:15 p.m.—Int. 13-14 Sword Drill Meeting,
Jr. 12
- * 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
I'. Willard Vickery, Director
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship
Congregational Hymn Rehearsal
following Evening Service.
Fellowship in Dining Room.
College Get Together at the home
of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murray,
2601 North Yates.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 6:45 p.m.—Associational Brotherhood Meeting,
beginning with supper in Dining
Room. Bob Barker, Speaker.
- 7:30 p.m.—Pearl Gifford Circle meets
with Mrs. C. C. Asters,
1811 East Hernandez Street.
- 7:30 p.m.—Jewel Garrett Circle will meet
with Miss Inez Ware, Scenic Hwy.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts, Activities Center

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

- * 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
- * 8:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

- VISITATION DAY
- * 9:30 a.m.—Meet for Visitation
- 12:00 Noon—Visitation Luncheon
- 2:30 p.m.—Faithful Workers Class will meet
with Mrs. T. A. Wastler, 2004 N.
Spring. Group 2 in charge.
- * 6:00 p.m.—Visitation Supper, Dining Room
- 6:00 p.m.—Associational YWA Mission
Study, Ad. A Dept.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

- 2:30 p.m.—Willing Workers Class will meet
with Mrs. Lottie Bowman,
775 Tanglewood.
- 4:00 p.m.—G.A. Queens Retreat,
Fellowship Hall

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



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the Week of
February 26 - March 4

Deuteronomy 34:1-7

2 Kings 2:1-11

Luke 9:28-36

Psalm 23

John 14:1-11

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Luke 18:1-14