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JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



Easter Morning

Tomb, thou shalt not hold Him longer;
Death is strong, but life is stronger;
Stronger than the dark, the light;
Stronger than the wrong, the right;
Faith and hope triumphant say,
"Christ will rise on Easter Day!"

While the patient earth lies waking
Till the morning shall be breaking,
Shuddering 'neath the burden dread
Of her Master, cold and dead,
Hark! she hears the angels say,
"Christ will rise on Easter Day!"

And when sunrise smites the mountains,
Pouring light from Heavenly fountains,
Then the earth blooms out to greet
Once again the blessed feet;
And her countless voices say:
"Christ has risen on Easter Day!"

—Phillips Brooks

HALLELUJAH HE IS RISEN

Pastor's Paragraphs

God gave us a wonderful revival in Jonesboro, Arkansas. When the invitation came to preach in my home church, I accepted



with fear and trembling. There was no reason to fear, the people could not have been lovelier.

The climax of the meeting came on Saturday night. At the close of this service a man and wife in their middle 70's came making their profession of faith in Christ.

Our revival is now at hand. I believe with all of my heart and soul it is going to be a good one. Is your own heart prepared for this meeting?

A famous psychiatrist, Dr. Karl Menninger, said, "The greatest enemy we face today is not atheism nor fanaticism, but apathy. People just don't care." Apathy is the lack of passion, emotion or excitement. Apathy is much like the turtle caught in the middle of a busy intersection. He pulls his head into his shell and lets the world go rushing madly past. But ask any one turtle. That's a good way to get the life smashed out of you. It is dangerous to be apathetic. When you think about Christ — do you get excited about telling the "good news?" At the risk of being hypocritical and unkind, I make this comment. "I believe that our 20th century church has lost the zeal of evangelistic outreach." I shake and shudder inside when I see the atheistic mass standing at my door, and I am afraid to let them in because of what it might cost me — but God says to me — "Let them in and I will be there in the midst of them: have no fear." Let's pray that God's will be accomplished, no matter what the cost.

I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Plettz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

**"The Death of God —
And Easter"**

(John 19:41 - 20:18)

7:15 P.M.

Youth Choir presents
"Golgotha"

THE LISTENING POST

WHAT CAN I DO TO PREPARE MYSELF FOR REVIVAL

- I CAN BE PRAYING:** Certainly I can do this. In prayer fellowship I will be close to God's heart of love and I will seek salvation for others.
- I CAN BE TALKING.** I will be talking anyway — thousands of words each day. I can use some of them to invite people to know that Jesus Christ is their Saviour. I will talk up, not down.
- I CAN BE READY:** I will be prepared for opportunities for service, believing that such opportunities abound for those who meet them.
- I CAN BE TRUE:** In the midst of wrong, I will hold to the right. There can be a clear ring in my life that will be a credit to my Lord.
- I CAN BE FAITHFUL:** I can be found in my place. I can be counted on.
- I CAN BE BETTER:** Because a better world waits on having better people, I will try to be one of them.

SPECIAL REVIVAL ACTIVITIES FOR JUNIORS AND YOUTH

For Juniors:

A "Corny Dog Supper" (date to be announced). Juniors will bring prospects and completed information card on those individuals with them.

For Youth:

***Hamburger Supper** between the buildings (date to be announced). Intermediates and Young People will bring prospects and completed information card on those individuals with them.

***Beach Party, Saturday, April 8**, including Kite Flying Contest, Girls' Football game (boys officiating), Buried Treasure Hunt, Hootenany with Joe Ann Shelton, Campfire. Buses will leave from the church at 2:00 p.m., and will be back about 9:30 p.m. Plans for the beach party are being projected and perfected by committees from the Youth Choir and Mr. Paul Royal, Minister of Music.

***All Church Singspiration with Joe Ann Shelton Sunday, April 9**, in the dining hall.

ATTENTION!

Someone has left a small suitcase of clothes in Miss May's office. Please pick it up this week.

— HELEN MAY

Sunday is



Prove Your Love Day

Let's Make It a Time of Victory
As We Set New Attendance Records
In All Classes and Departments.

WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR LAST 3 SUNDAYS . 1414
NEXT SUNDAY: How many?

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Stoesen upon the birth of twins, William Darden and Carolyn Anne, March 17 in Greensboro, North Carolina. Mrs. A. R. W. Stoesen is the paternal grandmother.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. R. C. Merritt in the loss of a brother.
Mrs. C. Ed Green in the loss of her mother.
Mrs. Jack Macon in the loss of her father.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mrs. Phyllis Busey, Mr. John E. Blackmon, Mrs. W. G. Foxworth, Mr. George A. Peterson, Jr., Mrs. Hiram Smith, Mr. Vernon Tatum, Mrs. Virginia Tharpe, Mr. James Reeves, Miss Cynthia Vickery.

Sacred Heart:

Mrs. Elbert Gentry, Jr., Dr. E. G. Owens, Mrs. Robert Todd.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mr. Larry Kellum, Mr. Arthur B. Lane, Mrs. Frank Wharton, Miss Jan Boghich, Mrs. Jack Neuman, Michael Chavers, Mrs. Gussie F. Ross.



ATTENTION SOFTBALL PLAYERS

Anyone interested in playing on the church softball team is asked to call Dudley Davis at his office, phone 438-3153, or his home phone, 456-3819, for details

HOW DO YOU VOTE?

Tuesday, March 28, is Election Day in Florida. It is Visitation Day in the life of our church. We have asked that every department furnish at least two people who will come to the church and go out to visit. (Adult classes are asked to furnish two from each class).

We will be visiting people who are prospects for membership in our church, including those who are already members of our Sunday School but who are not yet church members.

We will meet together at 9:30 a.m. Others will join us at the luncheon table at 12:00 noon and will go out to visit in the afternoon. Then, we will meet for supper at 6:00 p.m. before going out. Opportunity will be given for you to make your reservations for lunch or supper next Sunday.



THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebuds on the pulpit Sunday were placed there in honor of

MISS SUSAN ELIZABETH CARSON

daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. David L. Carson
born March 6

MASTER JOHN BENJAMIN WARREN, III

son of
Mr. and Mrs. John B. Warren, II
born March 13

REVIVAL



DR. H. FRANKLIN PASCHALL

Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, and President of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the preacher of our Revival, April 3-9. Miss Joe Ann Shelton will lead the music.



COUNSELOR TRAINING CLASSES

This is to remind you of the schedule for the third week in the Counselor Training Classes. Classes will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. as indicated:

Monday, March 27 —
Circle Baptist, 4335 Martha Street

Tuesday, March 28 —
First Nazarene, 1700 West Jackson St.

Thursday, March 30 —
Brentwood Methodist, 411 N.W. Palafox Parkway

Friday, March 31 —
Granada Baptist, 3802 North 9th Ave.

Some who may have missed the first two weeks, and may even now want to take the Counselor Training, will be interested in knowing that there will be an opportunity to make up those classes which were missed, during the week of April 10.



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICES

The Easter Sunrise Service at Bayview Park is scheduled to begin at 5:00 a.m. Dr. Larry Mayo, pastor of the Warrington Baptist Church, will be the preacher.

The service aboard the USS Lexington is scheduled to begin at 6:00 a.m.

Remember our members in service



SERVICEMAN OF THE WEEK



CPL. GEORGE H. SANDERS 2091059
USMC, Marine Attack Sqd. 311
Ordnance Shop
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.



FROM AN EASTER CANTICLE

In every trembling bud and bloom
That cleaves the earth, a flowery sword
I see Thee come from out the tomb,
Thou risen Lord.

Thou art not dead! Thou are the whole
Of life that quickens in the sod;
Green April is Thy very soul,
Thou great Lord God!

—Charles Hanson Towne, 1877-

Taken from Masterpieces of Religious Verse.



**PROVE
YOUR
LOVE**

BE IN YOUR PLACE SUNDAY

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Mrs. Arthur Haylock,
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.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance:
Main School 1367
Crippled Children's Home..... 20
Training Union Attendance..... 220
Tithes and Offerings:
Budget 5,536.00
Specials 523.25
Organ Fund 15.00
Building Fund 29.00
TOTAL OFFERING 6,103.25



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are in order to Billy Warren who placed first in the Intermediate Sword Drill in the Associational Drill last Monday. Also, to Jimmy Durr who placed first in the Young People's Speakers Tournament. These will represent our Association in the Regional Drills to be held at the First Baptist Church, Crestview, on April 10. Charles Hughes placed second in the Junior Memory Drill.



ROYAL AMBASSADOR CONGRESS
March 31 - April 1

West Florida Baptist Assembly
Panama City

Reservations must be in by
Sunday, March 26



SUNDAY, MARCH 26

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
A. H. Arnold, Superintendent
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor
Broadcast over WCOA
- 3:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- * 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
F. Willard Vickery, Director
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship
- 8:30 p.m.—Sr. High - College Get Together
at the home of Mr. and M.s. Ron
Dempsey, 890 Royce St., Apt. 13.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

VISITATION DAY

- * 9:30 a.m.—Meet for Visitation
- * 12:00 a.m.—Visitation Luncheon
- * 6:00 p.m.—Visitation Supper
- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts, Activities Center

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

- * 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

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

- 7:00 p.m.—Cub Scout Pack Meeting,
Fellowship Hall

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



STAMPS FOR MISSIONS

Paul BeJington, missionary to Brazil, is living in Tallahassee during his furlough year. First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, is seeking to help to secure 7,000 books of stamps for which an airplane will be secured to assist him in his work. Missionary BeJington is to leave for South America the early part of the summer. Approximately 3,000 books have been secured. Anyone having S & H Green Stamps and/or Top Value Stamps which you are willing to give for this purpose, may turn them in to the office.

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the Week of
March 26 - April 1

Psalms 96

Daniel 2:36-45

Luke 1:26-35

Matthew 2:1-12: 18-1-11

John 6:5-15

Acts 1:1-11

"THE COMING KINGDOM"