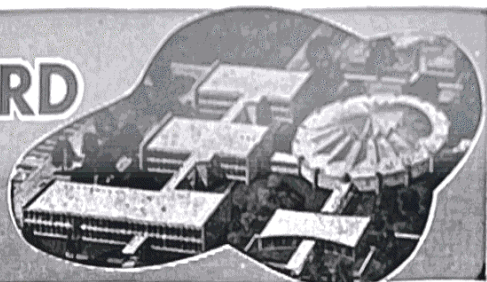


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"COME TOGETHER" FEBRUARY 4, 6:30 P.M.

PASTOR'S CORNER



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYER SUPPORT
during the recent weeks as my family and I waited upon the will of the Lord concerning the First Baptist Church of Merritt Island, Fla. As you know, this great church extended us a unanimous call January 7th to become their pastor. When the Will of God was revealed, it was to remain here. If I live to be a thousand I'll never forget the standing ovation the night I announced the decision! God taught us many things during these months of decision and I praise Him for every agonizing minute of it. One thing I already knew, but learned afresh —

KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WILL COMES BY REVELATION, NOT EVALUATION.

I Praise the Lord for your willingness to see God's will done, whatever it was.

One place I never want to pastor — **OUTSIDE GOD'S WILL!** You know the place, you've all visited there. The weather's lousy.

GOD CONTINUES TO BLESS TAPE MINISTRY

Last week at the James Robison Bible Conference a woman who lives in Tokyo came up to me and said, "You'll never know what your tapes have meant to our family." How she received them, I don't know.

From Thailand, a Marine Captain writes telling of how God used the tapes to bring him to a place of full surrender to the Lordship of Jesus. How he received the tapes, I don't know.

A CASSETTE CATALOG has just been printed and is available from the church office at no cost.

The message, **SPEAKING IN TONGUES**, is now available on cassette.

...AND THE INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

Wasn't it a thrill Sunday night to hear of the people saved you've been interceding for? God has plenty of **POWER**, we have plenty of **PROSPECTS**, all that is needed is more **PRAYERS**. Perhaps God would have you to be a part of our Intercessory Prayer Ministry. If so, contact the church office. You don't have to be a member of MBBC to participate.

Ronald Dunn

PLAN TO ATTEND
THE FOCUS FAIR
February 11 AFTER CHURCH

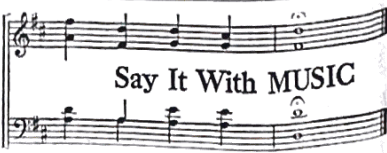
Welcome
New Members

(BAPTISM)

42b. Geneva Butt, Med. Ad. 2, Theda Norman
43b. Jimmie Butt, 10th Grade
44b. Denise Butt, 7th Grade
45b. Kathleen Butt, 3rd Grade
2002 Morgan, 255-5609

(LETTER)

74L. Rusty Bass, 12th Grade
3805 Flamingo Lane, 252-6881
75L. Charles Butt, Med. Ad. 2, Fred Louthier
76L. Weldon Pursley, Yg. Ad., Cutler
77L. Christie Pursley, Yg. Ad., Anderson
918 La Fiesta, Grand Prairie, 252-8226
78L. Jimmie Turner, Med. Ad. 2, Louthier
2709 Woodson, Bedford, 283-5887
79L. Oneda Turner, Med. Ad. 2, Phipps
80L. Stephanie Turner, 3rd Grade
81L. Rev. Dennis A. Wright, Single Adult
Box 22607, S.W.B.T.S., Fort Worth, 924-0670



Say It With MUSIC

"COME TOGETHER"

Plan on it folks! Invite friends and family now. One week from this Sunday February 4, at 6:30 p.m. is the time to "Come Together."

WHAT IS "COME TOGETHER?"

It is a musical worship service that includes singing, prayer, sharing, offering, testimonies, message from and Word and invitation. It will be enjoyable and a blessing.

ADULTS — COLLEGE AGE

Did you know that you can participate in a Summer Mission Project along with our High School choir? Here's the plan: The last part of July the Youth Choir will lead in tent revivals in Cortez and Durango, Colorado. The same week, simultaneously, adult and college age volunteers will work in Shiprock, New Mexico, in Bible school and training of leadership. Boy — MBBC can get excited about a week like that. Think about it — more information later.

HERE'S SOMETHING SPECIAL!

Buy an album and help someone. Many of you know of Lee Roy Till, Minister of Music of FBC Dallas for 14 years. Lee Roy is ill and is now on medical retirement, even at his young age. Crescendo has put together an album of music by Lee Roy and his wife Hannah. All proceeds go to Mr. Till's medical fund. If you are interested in an album — let the office know and we'll get it for you. Cost — \$5.50. Also — all future proceeds of our album "Our Tribute" go to Russell Fenton, another music director who had a kidney transplant last year. Buy an album of good music and help someone.

VITAL STATISTICS

Sunday School Attendance 758
Church Training 309
Budget Offering — \$7,825.56
Designated — 648.93
TOTAL — \$8,474.49

The Great Commission in Action MATTHEW 28:18-20

High, 1/29 First Baptist — 7:30 p.m.
Jr. Hi No. 1, 1/29/ BYE
Jr. Hi. No. 2, 2/1 MacArthur — 6:30 p.m.
Boys No. 1, 1/27 First Baptist — 9:00 a.m.
Boys No. 2, 1/27 Lamar — 2:45 p.m.
Men, 1/30 N.W. Park — 8:30 p.m.



ALL WOMEN COME GO

to a tour of Buckners Children's Home, Tuesday, January 30 at 10:00. Bring a sack lunch for your children in the nursery. You may lunch with the children at Buckners for 75c. Call 255-0302 or 256-1849 if you can go.

Mon. Jan. 29 — Acteons Leader Workshop

As I See It!

World Wide Pictures Presents "Time to Run"
The latest Billy Graham film will premier in Irving February 14-20 at the Chateau Theater. This movie is very contemporary and has a strong presentation of the Gospel. It stars Ed Nelson, Randall Carver and Barbara Sigel with a special screen appearance by Billy Graham.

I urge every one of you to plan to attend this showing.

Tickets at the door will be \$2.25 for adults and \$1.00 for children 12 and under. But if you desire, adults may purchase tickets from the church office prior to February 12 for \$1.75.

Since this is an evangelical effort, we need several MBBC'ers to be trained in theater-type witnessing and counselling. And in order to do this you must attend the witnessing courses that will be available this Sunday and the following (Jan. 28 and Feb. 4, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Kirkwood United Methodist Church.)

A 15 minute clip showing of "Time to Run" will be presented at our church on Wednesday evening, February 7.

NEW YOUNG ADULT COUPLES CLASS STARTED IN S.S.

Mr. Bob Kaumeyer is now teaching a new Couples Class in our Young Adult S.S. Department. Any young marrieds, 29 years and under, who are not now attending S.S. are invited to this new class.

Bob is a very dedicated Christian and a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary and I can promise you a great time in Bible Study.

The class meets upstairs behind the Old Auditorium.

A WORD FROM WARD

What a wonderful time we had on our trip to Justin and several other places. If you like an activity, let me know. It helps in future planning.

THANKS to the Wilson's for the wonderful evening together — "I can't believe I ate the whole thing."

BANQUET — Have you asked your folks to come with you to the Banquet? You don't want to miss this evening with Dr. John Reed and Ken Medema. Get your tickets from Bob Tayne, your Sunday School Director, or me.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

I hope you are clearing your calendar for Saturday morning, February 3. We are praying God will bless us in a special way. This will be a time of information and inspiration. Dr. Jack Grey, a Man of God, will be our special guest. A nursery will be provided.

The message last Sunday night was so rich and informative, I thought you might like an outline.

THE SPIRITUAL GIFT OF TONGUES

Text: 1 Corinthians 12-14

I. Introductory Remarks

- A. Satan is perverting Tongues to give God a bad name.
- B. There is a pattern in the Tongue Movement:
 1. Church experiences Revival
 2. People come to introduce members to "fulness" Baptism of the Spirit

3. Fellowship is built around Tongues
4. Divisions begin
- C. Our experience is not to be held above the Word of God.
- D. The New Testament Apostles' EXPERIENCE is not to be held above their TEACHING.
- E. There is a danger in going beyond the Scriptures in our experience or teaching.

II. MESSAGE: THE GIFT OF TONGUES

- A. It is a SCRIPTURAL GIFT — 1 Cor. 12:10
1. All New Testament gifts are present today — 1 Cor. 13:9-10 does not mean certain gifts are absent today.
2. The gift of Tongues today is either authentic, psychic or Satanic.
- B. It is a SIGN GIFT — 1 Cor. 14:22
1. NOT a sign of the infilling of the Holy Spirit
- A. Acts 10 — Cornelius — NOT filling but salvation
- b. Acts 19 — Ephesian Christians — NOT full-filling but salvation
- c. You can be carnal and speak in Tongues 1 Cor. 12 and 14.
2. IS a sign to unbelievers 1 Cor. 14:22 Acts 2:14-21

- C. It is a SECONDARY GIFT — 1 Cor. 14:18-19
1. Always listed last
2. Paul subordinates it to prophecy 1 Cor. 14:5
3. Man has elevated Tongues to its prominent place.

- D. It is a SELECTIVE GIFT — 1 Cor. 12:7-31
1. Not everyone should have that gift
2. Men who seek Tongues will often settle for any experience. They leave themselves open to Satan.

- E. It is a SOVEREIGN GIFT — 1 Cor. 12:11
1. God gives "as He wills."
2. God baptizes all in Spirit at salvation 1 Cor. 12:13

- F. It is a SAFEGUARDED GIFT — 1 Cor. 14
1. A Private Gift — v. 18-19
2. A Personal Gift — v. 4
3. A Prayer Gift — v. 14-15
4. A Praise Gift — v. 16
5. A Prohibited Gift

- a. Prohibited when unbelievers and unprepared are present — v. 23
- b. Prohibited when no interpreter is present — v. 28
- c. Must be practiced in an orderly fashion — v. 27
- d. Prohibited publicly by women — v. 34

III. CLOSING REMARKS

- A. Experience of Tongues at Pentecost:
 1. Foreign Language
 2. No interpreter was needed
 3. Purpose was evangelism
 4. Spoken to men
- B. Experience of Tongues at Corinth:
 1. Ecstatic utterance
 2. Interpreter was needed
 3. Purpose was edification
 4. Spoken to God
- C. If the two experiences are the same
1. All Tongues must be foreign language and dialects
2. Tongues cannot be heavenly prayer language
- D. If the two experiences are different
1. You cannot call an ecstatic utterance the "Pentecostal Experience"
2. You cannot use the Acts accounts as proof texts for ecstatic utterance
- e. All God's Gifts are precious and must never become a test of fellowship.

WMU FOCUS WEEK
FEBRUARY 11-17

The Mysterious Human Heart

Sometime in life, every human heart suffers the pangs of loneliness. There comes a time when our dearest and closest friend is alien to our joy. He cannot reach us in our sadness over death, a separation or a long, serious illness. It is then we come to realize that our inner lives are our own. Only God knows the secret chambers of our heart.

God made it this way for a purpose. In each human heart He wishes to be first. He tells us in His Word, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10:37). In Isaiah 42:8 we read, "I am the Lord; that is my name; and my glory will I not give to another."

Often in our loneliness we tend to despair or drift away from God. Each way we turn it seems that a door closes in our face. We forget who holds the key. We are so headstrong. We blind ourselves with greed

and prejudice. We lose faith and neglect prayer. We do not want to humble ourselves and return to Him. Yet it is the only thing we can do. Constant and believing prayer is the only answer.

Has not our heavenly Father told us, "Whatever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." (Matthew 21:22). And again, "Ye have not, because ye ask not" (James 4:2).

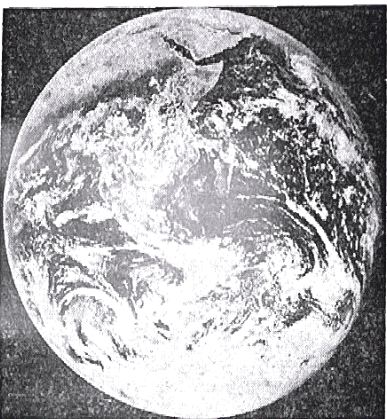
An old gardener was once asked by a skeptic why he continued to believe in the power of prayer. Carrying a heavy sack of potatoes on his back at the time, he dropped it without looking back. "Now," he said, "how do I know I have dropped the sack?"

"By the lessening of the weight," answered the skeptic.

"So it is with prayer," pointed out the gardener. "It lessens the weight." — Charlotte Carpenter, War Cry

Flood Forges Stronger Church

Last June's devastating flood in Pennsylvania was one of the worst disasters ever to hit the Keystone State. But some good came out of the havoc resulting in the Kingston-Wilkes-Barre area. Two churches — one United Methodist, the other United Presbyterian — joined forces and became one — "Church of Christ Uniting." Read about this "new creation" and other stories on the inside pages of your own church newspaper.



Whole Sphere

This view of the whole sphere of the earth was filmed by Apollo 17 astronauts during their trip to the moon. Most of the coast line of Africa bottom is Antarctica's south polar ice cap. (RHS Photo) can be seen, with the Mediterranean Sea at top. The large white area at