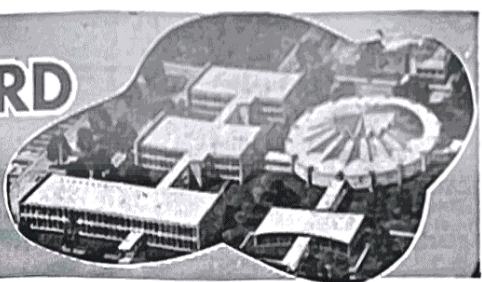


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MISSION FOCUS WEEK — FEBRUARY 11-17

PASTOR'S CORNER



PRAISE THE LORD FOR THE PRAYER CLINIC
The Lord let us know He was present last Saturday as we gathered for our first Intercessory Prayer Clinic. From the beginning as our coordinators met, it was obvious that the Holy Spirit was in charge. Especially anointed were the two Bible expositions of John 17 by Dr. Jack Grey from Southwestern Seminary. It was just a PRAISE THE LORD meeting! We're scheduling another for the fall.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NURSERY DIRECTOR
Mrs. Jerry (Sandra) Roberts has taken over the responsibilities of serving as Nursery Coordinator. This is one of the biggest, and most important, jobs in our church. We thank God that He led Sandra to accept this position.
DON'T MISS KEN MEDEMA
EVEN IF YOU CAN!!

I first heard Ken Medema at Philadelphia last year and was awed by the "anointed genius" God has given this young man. I promise you that if you miss his special concert Wednesday night, February 14, you'll miss one of the greatest spiritual treats our church has been offered. Be here!

TATE AND SPENCE OFF AGAIN TO GUYANA
In March Dr. David Tate and The Spences will make their annual mission to Guyana. As in the past, MBBC wants to support them with prayer and money. We'll be saying more about this as the time grows nearer.

BIBLE CONFERENCE IN HOUSTON
Next Monday through Wednesday, February 12 through 14, I will be at the First Baptist Church of Pearland (suburb of Houston) for a Bible Conference. Harvey Kneisel, former pastor of MBBC is pastor of this fast-growing church. As always, I count heavily upon your prayers.

AND A SPECIAL HELLO TO LINDA WALKER!
Ronald Dunn

Basketball

BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

Boys No. 1, Feb. 17, 10:15 a.m., First Baptist
Boys No. 2, Feb. 10, 1:30 p.m., Lamar School
Boys No. 2, Feb. 27, 2:45 p.m., Lamar School
Jr. Hi No. 1, Feb. 12, 8:45 p.m., First Baptist
Jr. Hi No. 2, B.Y.E.
Sr. Hi., Feb. 13, 6:15 p.m., MacArthur



(Baptism)
51B. Janis Bartel, 12th Grade
537 N.E. 4th, Grand Prairie, 262-7137
52B. David Smith, College/Career
2025 Canelo Drive, Dallas, 357-0074
(Letter)
87L. Bob Hensley, Single Adults
P.O. Box 10, Grand Prairie, 264-8241

- World Religious News Roundup -

*** BOUNDARY CHANGES OPPOSED**
RICHMOND — Bishops of the three Episcopal diocese in Virginia announced here that they will not allow any changes in diocesan boundaries in the near future. Their joint statement ends, for the time being, speculating on the likelihood that a new Diocese of Northern Virginia might be formed.

A Grandson's Salute



Patrick Lyndon Nugent salutes the casket of his grandfather, former President Lyndon Baines Johnson, during ceremonies in the Capitol Rotunda. By his side is his sister, Nicole. (RNS Photo)

Each year one week is set aside in the month of February by MBBC to focus on missions. Since the Lord has been guiding and directing our Church Family, we are more concerned than ever about the ministry of missions — to evangelize all people.

Sunday, February 11, all Sunday School Directors will place a special emphasis on missions: the call, the service, the task. Each Sunday School member will receive a pamphlet on missions. We are encouraged to know that every MBCC'er will take a part in "Mission Week" by reading and discussing with their family the brochure on missions.

Following the evening service on February 11, "Mission Fair" will take place in Fellowship Hall. This time will also be for teaching MBCC'ers more about our own mission work and opportunities from our Southern Baptist Convention. All of our mission organizations will be represented with booths to show their way of learning and teaching about missions. Come during this time expecting to be more informed about the work of our Lord so that you can become "Aware" and "Concerned" and then let the Lord lead you into "Action."

VITAL STATISTICS

Sunday School Attendance	856
Church Training Attendance	280
Budget Offering	\$6,929.36
designated	564.85
TOTAL	\$7,494.20



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11—SATURDAY, FEB. 17 W.M.U. FOCUS WEEK

Sunday, February 11 plan to attend Mission Fair following evening service, in Fellowship Hall.

MISSION FRIENDS
Mission Friends is a class for four and five year olds held on Wednesday nights at 6:30. In Mission friends we teach the children what a missionary does, about the different kinds of missionaries, and how we can be missionaries in our own neighborhood. In the Focus Fair we hope to show some of the methods of teaching and some of the things the children have done. We thank God for missionaries.

ACTEENS
The Acteens are involved with plans for the Focus Fair and some mission action projects. Last week the girls packed used Bibles to send to a group in Arizona who gives them away. Our current plans are to send valentines to the younger children at Buckners. We invite all girls in the seventh and eighth grades to attend our meetings each Wednesday night at 6:30. Future plans include a prayer retreat at Mt. Lebanon which will feature Marge Caldwell as speaker.

THE ABC'S OF BAPTIST WOMEN
A. What is Baptist Women?
B. What do Baptist Women do in this church and in the community?
C. Who can come to Baptist Women?
Visit us at our booth in the Focus Fair Sunday evening to find out these and other answers.

Tuesday, February 13 — Baptist Women Mission Action. Be a part of this Love in Action, 10:00 a.m. Tuesday.

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*** OBSERVANCE PLANNED**
VALPARAISO — "The Liturgy of Holy Week" will be the general theme at the 25th anniversary observance of the Institute of Liturgical Studies at Valparaiso University, February 27-March 1.

*** MISSIONARY HONORED**
NEW YORK — Miss Ruth Rauch, a United Methodist missionary who was commissioned for service by her father has been honored by a provincial (state) government in the Philippines for her work in nursing and related fields.

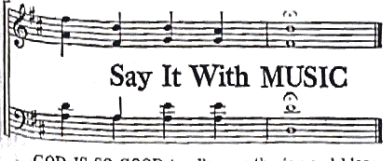
*** WOMEN PREPARE FOR ASSEMBLY**
NEW YORK — United Methodist Women has set a goal of 10,000 U.S. participants in a 1973 Assembly set for Cincinnati Oct. 4-7. Overseas delegates are also expected at the meeting. The theme will be "Many Gifts, One Spirit."

*** GARRISON NAMED PASTOR**
OKLAHOMA CITY — C. Eugene, pastor of the First Baptist Church, El Paso, Tex., has been named pastor of the First Baptist Church here succeeding Herschel H. Hobbs who is retiring.

Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Newton request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Vicki Joyce to

Mr. Wilson G. Peters II on Saturday, the seventeenth of February nineteen hundred and seventy-three at three o'clock in the afternoon MacArthur Boulevard Baptist Church 2616 MacArthur Boulevard Irving, Texas and afterwards at the reception



Say It With MUSIC

GOD IS SO GOOD to allow us the joy and blessing of "Come Together" last Sunday evening. The people joined in spontaneously for prayer, singing, sharing and praise. How good it was to be together. GOD USED SO MANY different persons in the presentation and we thank you all: To Maud Ann and Maurietta, our fine accompanists; to Ronnie, David and DeWayne, on bass and guitars; to a faithful 160 choir members who worked hard extra hours in rehearsal and then sang in the Spirit; and then to Ward who always does a masterful job at the microphone. OH YES, THERE'S MORE COMING. Don't miss Ken Medema in concert Wednesday, February 14, in our worship center. THIS SUNDAY EVENING you'll hear our High School choir, "The Master's Minority" and also Gail Smith.

As I See It!

"TIME TO RUN" BEGINS WED. AT CHATEAU
The newest and best film by World Wide Pictures will begin this Wednesday evening at the Chateau Theater. Tickets are \$1.00 for children 12 and under and \$2.25 for youth and adults.

You can be assured of a seat and also save fifty cents per adult ticket if you purchase them this Sunday, February 11. We have tickets available for the following times:
Wed., Feb. 14—7:00, 9:15
Thurs., Feb. 15—7:00, 9:15
Fri., Feb. 16—7:00, 9:15
Sat., Feb. 17—12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 1:15
Sun., Feb. 18—2:15, 4:30, 9:15
Mon., Feb. 19—7:00, 9:15
Tues., Feb. 20—7:00, 9:15

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*** RETIRED MISSIONARY DIES**
RICHMOND — Mrs. James C. Quarles, 91, retired Southern Baptist Missionary to Latin America, died Jan. 16 in a Richmond nursing home. She and her late husband retired in 1952 after 44 years' work in Argentina and Uruguay.

* CONFERENCE ENDS

BANGKOK — "We are at the end of a missionary era and at the very beginning of the world mission." That is the way Dr. Emilio Castro, a Methodist who is the new director of the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism of the World Council of Churches summed up the "Salvation Today" conference, which closed here in January.

* ANNUAL MEETING DATED

ATLANTA — "Strengthening the Black Church" March 8-10. Keynote speaker for the national gathering of the United Methodist Church's black caucus will be Miss Theresa Hoover, New York, top executive for the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries.

* DIXON RESIGNS PRESS OFFICE

RICHMOND — Mike Dixon, senior editor for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board press office here, has resigned to become editor of the Altavista Journal, a weekly newspaper in Altavista, Va. He has been senior editor in the board's press office, handling coverage for the Richmond Bureau of Baptist Press, for the past three years.



KEN MEDEMA—IN CONCERT

—Ken Medema, singer - pianist - composer, will be our guest Wednesday evening, February 14, 7:45 p.m.

—Ken, his wife Jane Ann, and their son Aaron live in Montclair, New Jersey.

—As a youth Ken learned to play the piano by listening to tape recordings or reading music written in Braille. He would feel with his left hand, learn to play the right-hand part, and then feel with his right and learn to play the left. Although Ken remembers times as a teenager when he was angered and frustrated by his blindness, his resentment has now melted into a sweetness of spirit which reaches out to all in Christian love. He says simply, "Perhaps God has some special opportunities in store for me that would not be possible were I sighted."

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

Well, Praise the Lord for such a marvelous Prayer Conference. Praise Him for your attendance. I praise Him for Dr. Gray and his ministry with us. Just as the requests are very personal, so are the answers. Do not share them without permission or extreme discretion.

A special thanks to Barbara McKinney and Mary Lou Shaw for the refreshments and Mrs. Canipe, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Burcham and Mrs. Pruitt for the "book display."

Andrew Murray:
"WAITING ON GOD"
"WITH CHRIST IN THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER"
"ABSOLUTE SURRENDER"
"THE PRAYER LIFE"

Rosalind Rinker:
"THE OPEN HEART"
"PRAYING TOGETHER"
"COMMUNICATING LOVE THRU PRAYER"
"PRAYER, CONVERSING WITH GOD"

R. A. Torrey:
"THE POWER OF PRAYER"
"HOW TO PRAY"

E. M. Bounds:
"A TREASURY OF PRAYER"
"POWER THROUGH PRAYER"

Abortion: Pros and Cons

The U. S. Supreme Court's recent decisions on abortion have stirred controversy across the nation. Church leaders—and others—in Texas have voiced their opinions on the court's rulings. Read this and other stories on the inside pages of your own church newspaper.