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Is This Trip Necessary?

A Message From Your Pastor

A SPECIAL REPRINT THIS WEEK

We're reprinting this week the famous article written by our former Educational Director entitled, "IS THIS TRIP NECESSARY?" Ever so often it becomes necessary to call your attention to this particular problem in our Worship Services. Please read — and HEED.

DON GARDNER RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF DEACONS

Last Sunday the fellowship of deacons re-elected as their chairman, Don Gardner, an action I am personally grateful for. In the years I've been your pastor, Don has been of inestimable value and help to me and has given above and beyond in sacrificial measures to MBBC. I praise the Lord for Don and his family (especially his wife, who just happens to be my secretary) for the testimony of their lives and depth of their dedication to the cause of Christ and MBBC.

DEACON ORDINATION

Wednesday night, April 23, we will ordain to the Deacon Fellowship Bob Johnson. God has blessed our church with many fine young men whom God is raising up for a faithful work in His Church.

AND SPEAKING OF DEACONS...

While I was growing up it seemed a vital part of every sermon I heard to lamblast deacons. I grew up thinking they were monsters! Imagine my surprise when I came to MBBC and discovered a band of men whose hearts God had touched and who were willing to stand with their pastor in the ministry of the Church!

I've never known a sweeter fellowship among deacons. Sure, occasionally the devil slips in a bad apple, but the Holy Spirit has an uncanny way of removing them without anyone noticing. I thank God for our men who serve as deacons and encourage you to pray for them without anyone noticing. I thank God for our men who serve as deacons and encourage you to pray for them and their families in this

very important ministry of MBBC.

OUR WAITING — GOD'S WORKING

There are many disciplines in the Christian life and none so trying as the discipline of WAITING. I remember hearing someone pray, "Lord, give me patience — and please do it quickly." But I've learned that while I'm waiting, God is working. That's why I must wait. I must wait till God has all things ready, then everything will "move" again. Often we think God isn't working because we don't see any evidence of it, but GOD IS ALWAYS WORKING. And when we can't see it, we know He's building the invisible foundation upon which He will later erect a superstructure of ministry.

So we're waiting — for a staff member (no word, yea or nay, yet), but GOD IS WORKING.

Ronald Dunn

Folkus

Congratulations to:

Russell Perkins for placing second in long jump at the RA Little Olympics.

Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Warren have a new daughter, Wendy Michelle, born March 31.



The 7th Grade Sunday School boys recently had an overnight campout. One of the members was saved.

VBS Time Again

This year's Vacation Bible School will be July 16 - 23. Begin checking your vacation schedule to see if you will be able to help us. Since the school meets from 9 til 12 Noon some men who work the second shift might be able to help. We will have a Teachers Preparation Meeting Friday, April 25 at 10 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Is this trip REALLY necessary? This is the question that comes to my mind (and I'm sure to the minds of our many visitors) each week during the worship service. It seems to me that during every worship service there is an abundance of unnecessary movement thus causing an abundance of noise and distractions. To the one involved I'm sure that the one little trip doesn't seem to be disturbing, but when it is magnified time and time again by others of us, it becomes a real detriment to our worship.

As you enter the worship area of our church each week and take your seat, ask yourself this question, "Is this trip (or these words) really necessary? DO I REALLY NEED TO MOVE TO ANOTHER AREA OF THE BUILDING? DO I REALLY NEED TO ADJUST THE THERMOSTAT? DO I HAVE TO SIT WITH MY WIFE? DO I REALLY NEED TO BE EXCUSED FROM THE SERVICE TO GO TO THE RESTROOM? (It's been said that if a person, adult or child, cannot sit for one hour without leaving to go to the restroom, he should see a doctor.) Some movement is necessary, BUT BE SURE THAT YOUR NEXT TRIP IS." copied.

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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ... This Saturday night we'll be having Search and Hustle again. It's to be at the home of the Sear's ... 1228 W. Grauwylr. Meet at the church at 6:30 P.M. We need transportation ... if you can help out, please call me at the church. We need about 20 cars to pick up and deliver the youth to the Sear's home.

The Bible study last week was exciting. God really blessed it. We had a great time with 40 plus high schoolers. The Junior High Bible study is continuing to do well on Wednesday evenings at the Smith's home, 1117 Glen Loch, at 6:00 P.M.

SENIORS ... Don't forget to turn in your \$15 by this Sunday to Bob Tayne, for the trip to Salado and the Stage Coach Inn, April 18, 19 and 20.
Ron Proctor

Clinic will be Thursday, May 1 at First Baptist Church, Irving.