

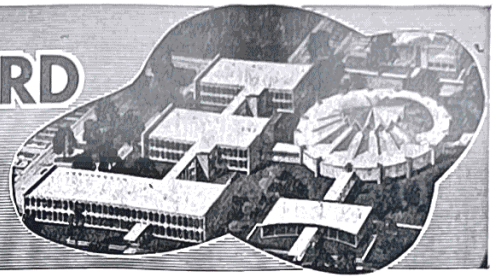
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PASTOR'S CORNER



SPIRIT OF REVIVAL FALLS ON YOUTH CAMP

Last week God poured out His mighty revival Spirit upon the Youth Camp at Cook Springs, Alabama. As I closed the message Thursday night and opened the invitation, suddenly the aisles jammed with three-fourths of the congregation. The Lord made a "clean sweep." I believe every lost youth present was surely saved and most of the Christians submitted to Christ's Lordship. It was a thrilling sight to see teenagers in glorious disorder weeping, laughing, apologizing, confessing and praising God.

WILL IT LAST?

Many such "revivals" have broken out among young people in the past months. When the revival falls to spread to the adults within that church, I notice one of two things happen. Either the revival dies for lack of support or goes to extremes for lack of stability. Pray that the adults in their church will not look upon this as another "passing fancy" but will in true humility adjust their sails to the wind of the Spirit.

OUR BEST SUMMER YET.

In the past eight Sundays we've had 51 additions. This far exceeds any other June and July in the history of our church. We praise God for this but, at the same time, we don't evaluate the Lord's blessings by numbers.

During these same eight weeks our regular offerings have also been "by far" the best ever. But here again, we don't measure the Lord's presence among us by dollar marks.

"The peril of counting numbers is greatest in times when God gives more to count and number. If great care is not exercised we will use numbers to describe what is happening in the midst of the Spirit's visitation and cause others to assume that in them is the greatest measure of revival. The truth is that the real glory of revival can never submit to evaluation by the means of numbers. If we get involved in the "numbers racket", we are apt to get unduly alarmed when God begins His pruning processes."

THAT QUOTE FROM "THE KEY TO TRIUMPHANT LIVING" BY JACK TAYLOR.

Without a doubt God moved upon Jack Taylor to write this book. My heart filled with "hallelujahs" as I read. It says in crystal clear language what we've been trying to say for the past year and a half. We've ordered an additional 25 copies to fill the present orders. If you have to mortgage your home, sell your shirt or cash in your insurance to buy one, do it!

THANKS WARD WALKER

We thank Ward and Praise the Lord for the outstanding job musically and spiritually while Jimell was away on vacation.

DEACON-SPONSORED CHURCH PICNIC

Every member of MBBC is invited to Fritz Park, August 20. This will be a great time of fun and fellowship. Plan now to attend.

MORE, SO MUCH MORE IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

This Sunday as we continue through the book of ROMANS we come to the "MUCH MORE OF THE CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE." I pray that if you haven't already discovered that, you'll make that most wonderful discovery this Sunday. Pray that God will give to us the Spirit of revelation this Sunday.

SALLY ASKEW'S TESTIMONY

appears in this week's paper. Don't miss reading it.

Ronald Dunn

CONGRATULATIONS to Jon and Donna Kennedy on the birth of a daughter, AMY ELIZABETH, 8 lbs., 4 oz., July 22, Irving Community Hospital.



Nigerian youngsters carry their stools to class as schools reopen with UNICEF aid. During the 2 1/2-year civil war, UNICEF supplied more than 100 million pounds of food and medicines to save children's lives on both sides. Now the United Nations Children's Fund is helping Nigeria restore its schools and health services.

As I See It!

OUR WEEKLY VISITATION PROGRAM

There's a faithful group of MBBC'ers that go out each Wednesday visiting with prospects for our Sunday School and our church. They urge families to attend our Sunday School, to come hear our choir, to listen to our preacher, or to be involved with our program. And all too often we fail to give the real reason for the very existence of our church.

WHY DO WE VISIT ANYWAY?

Surely none of us visit just because it pleases the pastor or because it's the thing to do, or because it's in the bulletin, or to increase the size of my class. I know that some visit because they love Christ and because they want to share their new-found relationship.

VISITATION THAT REALLY COUNTS

The kind of visitation that is meaningful is the kind that doesn't glorify buildings, programs, and people, but that brings glory to Jesus Christ. What we need to realize is that:

THE ONLY RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY THAT MANY OF OUR PROSPECTS EXPERIENCE IS THE VISIT THAT WE MAKE TO THEIR HOME.

This means that our contact in the home should be a spirit-led, Christ centered encounter. Before we knock on the door we should talk with Him; and while we are there we should talk about Him.

We need to determine our motives for visiting. Are we going to make visits that count or are we going to just knock doors.

And many of us don't do either. Visit at every opportunity. And make those visits worthwhile.

Schoeppey

SALLY ASKEW'S TESTIMONY

For many years I participated in countless religious activities — Sunday School, Training Union Baptist Student Union, Ridgecrest, devotional groups, Bible studies. This was a way of life for me. I practiced Christian principles. I knew and read the Bible, I knew about prayer. And yet my own heart was not experiencing the peace and the joy I read about in God's Word. As the years passed I became very apathetic about Christianity — I lived a good life and was faithful to my church — even becoming quite proud of myself for all I did.

In July of 1970 Fletcher and I came to Irving, Texas and immediately began searching for a church in which we could be happy. We visited many nearby churches but were not satisfied. Very unexpectedly a girl I had never met called and invited me to MacArthur Blvd. Baptist Church. (Pat Miller). The following Sunday I was in Sunday School. This was it! The people were friendly, I liked the girls in my class, the music was excellent, the pastor, Ronald Dunn, was just great, and the nursery took good care of Sara. Several Sunday nights later we joined MBBC, a congregation of approximately 1600.

An uncomfortable feeling began to creep in on me as I attended the various meetings of this church. I listened to girls in my SS class (Linda Taylor's) as they prayed and shared their concern for others. There was something different about many of the girls here — they had something I lacked. Then I began to notice others in this church that had that same closeness to God. (Let me say here that my life had been touched by many fine Christians over the years, but somehow I had never seen myself as I began to see it now.) "They are better Christians than I am," I told myself. So I tried to do better. The next Tuesday morning I joined Baptist Women. As we discussed a marvelous book, WOMAN AT THE WELL by Dale Evans Rogers, I realized that Dale and many of the women in that room were experiencing that same closeness and dependence on Christ that I did not

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have. I desperately wanted what I saw in those dedicated women.

The following Sunday, February 21, was the beginning of what I was afraid would be a long, drawn-out Baptist revival — with services morning and evening. It was my church and my duty, so I began attending and listening to Carey Miller, a Colorado pastor, as he preached the Word of God. I was in familiar territory — I had heard all this before. But his sermons were unusual. Instead of making me sorry for the "lost" and glad I was one of the "in crowd," he made me squirm. He began to talk about salvation and repentance and the Holy Spirit and eternal life. As the week wore on, my heart was truly troubled. Many people responded to Christ during the week in many, many different ways. Some came for salvation, some to make Christ the center of their lives, some to apologize to other Christians for things done or said, some to give their testimonies of what Jesus had done for them. It's hard to explain in a letter the true impact of those services. But the Holy Spirit was certainly in that place. The services lasted two, three and sometimes four hours at night and still people came back. The people in this church had prayed fervently for this revival and the Lord heard their prayers.

Then all of a sudden he began to say that even a church member could be lost. "Not me," I thought. I had joined the church and been baptized when I was about twelve years old. I convinced myself that what I needed to do was rededicate myself to Jesus — so I tried that. But still I was troubled. I began searching the Bible to find out if I really was saved and really did have eternal life. Huge doubts filled me. I bombarded my friends with questions, bought books and read them, I tried to pray, but still had no peace. The week was coming to a close and I found it harder to sit through those services.

Sunday morning my question about salvation was answered when Carey Miller read from John 10 that Christ's sheep know His voice. I realized then that I know all about Jesus, but did not know Him in my heart — did not know His voice in my own life.

Sunday afternoon I was miserable! I decided not to go to the last service that night. Fletcher was on call at the hospital and Sara was fighting a cold. Whew! what a relief not to be going to another of those services. About that time, my dear friend Nancy Thrash decided she would like to visit the church and hear Carey Miller. Well, I couldn't let her go to MY church without me. I cannot remember the sermon that night, but I do remember the song, "It is well with my soul." And in my heart I knew I could not sing that. I was conscious of a turmoil within me during the entire service. The invitation hymn was sung with many people responding, the congregation sat down. Then the pastor felt that another verse should be sung. That did it! In tears I walked down the aisle and simply told my pastor that I was lost. That night I fully realized that I was a sinner and accepted Christ as my PERSONAL Savior. IT WAS SO SIMPLE — and yet I had missed it. All the good works and good deeds I had done could not give me salvation. All I had to do was accept Christ in faith, believing He died for my sins. I thank God for my Christian family, my Christian background my Christian friends — but this was a step I had to take on my own. No parent, no Sunday School teacher, no friend, no pastor could give it to me.

The following Wednesday night I was baptized, fully aware that my baptism represented Jesus' death, burial and resurrection as well as the burial of my sinful self and the beginning of a new life in Christ. What a meaningful experience this was for me! What I felt was not lights flashing and bells ringing, but a quiet peace that all was indeed well with my soul.

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A WORD FROM WARD

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY — Your response to High School Bible has been great. If you need an application or have any questions, give me a call. All applications must be in by August 15. THANKS... to all you who were so faithful to the Music Ministry these past days... Adult and Youth choirs, Maud Ann Gassaway, Mickey Vaughn, Randy Cobb and Morris Robertson.

SPECIAL SERVICE RETREAT — August 27-28... Mt. Lebanon... for all youth who have made a public commitment to vocational Christian service or those interested... cost is \$3.00... sign up with me or church office before August 22.

Welcome to our group... Bev Boggs (10th) and Ron Boggs (12th) 301 Santa Clara; and Marty Childers (11th), 1506 E. Pioneer.

The gym remains open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning, 10-12; and Tuesday and Thursday nights 7-10. Your activities in the gym this week will determine whether it will remain open for YOUTH the rest of the summer... nuff said!!

If you have any Falls Creek relics, pick them up this week. Last chance.

Ward



- (Letter)
- 113. Winston M. Boggs, Adult 2, Davis
- 114. Mrs. Winston M. (Margaret) Boggs, Adult 2, Norman
- 115. Bev Boggs, 10th Grade
- 116. Ron Boggs, 12th Grade
- 117. Marty Childers, 11th Grade
- 1506 E. Pioneer, 253-3319
- 118. Mrs. Jewel Gregory, Adult 3, Cantrell
- 1027 McCoy, 252-4693
- 119. Dale Leaser, Adult 2, Louthier
- 120. Mrs. Dale (Marjorie) Leaser, Young Adult, Calvert
- 1514 Phyllis Ct., 254-6249
- 121. Billy Younglove, Young Adult, Holt
- 122. Mrs. Billy (Lois) Younglove, Young Adult, Calvert
- 123. Cynthia Kay Younglove, 4th grade
- 2710 Harvard, 255-4223

VITAL STATISTICS

Sunday School Attendance — 559
Training Union Attendance — 258
Budget Offering — \$4,154.87
TOTAL OFFERING — \$4,636.12

MBBC has reserved 40 seats for each of the Billy Graham Crusade services. Pick up your tickets in the office the week before the Crusade. Use these tickets to invite a prospect.

NEW in our Church Library

Now available through our Library Services... tapes of the Sunday sermons. You may check them out for home use. Tape players may also be checked out through Library Services. If you are interested contact Marion Harris, 255-2960.

Some of the tapes available: The series from Romans, "Gospel of Christ," "When God Abandons Man," "Blaspheming God's Name," "God's Verdict," "How To Get Right With God," "Guts of the Gospel," "Why God Demands Faith," "The Kind of Faith God Requires." Also, "Gifts of the Spirit," "Be Filled With the Spirit," "The Christian's Body," "Overcoming Satan," "That Was The Week That Was," "The Anatomy of Salvation" and others.

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