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MASSED CHOIRS TO SING SUNDAY NIGHT

PASTOR'S CORNER



A STATISTIC MORE IMPORTANT THAN BAPTISMS
This past year we received 146 by baptism into MBBC. I'm confident this year we'll baptize over 200. BUT THERE IS ANOTHER STATISTIC MORE IMPORTANT. It's a record I want to begin keeping this year.
THAT STATISTIC IS: HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE LED TO CHRIST PERSONALLY BY OUR MEMBERS.

The number of baptisms may be the mere result of a busy staff or an effective evangelist. It doesn't necessarily reflect the spiritual growth of the believers. The true test of evangelism is when the converts begin making converts.
New Testament Evangelism isn't simply coming to the church on Visitation Night, getting a prospect card and going out. New Testament Evangelism is Acts 8:4, "... THEY THAT WERE SCATTERED ABROAD WENT EVERYWHERE PREACHING THE WORD."

Our members are scattered abroad every week as they go to work, school and play. If we are really becoming a Spirit-filled New Testament church we will be winning people everywhere we go, people that may never join our church, people that may never show up on an official statistical record.
For example, last weekend eight people were won to Christ by our own members as they worked, studied and played. Each of these eight will go to another church, but the fact they were won by our members reveals real spiritual progress.

A church may baptize over 200 every year, but if it's the work only of the staff and hired evangelists, it isn't a Spirit-filled church.

My prayer is still Matthew 9:38, "PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST."

Praise the Lord, He's answering that prayer every week!

HELP US KEEP THIS RECORD: WHEN YOU HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF LEADING SOMEONE TO CHRIST, LET ME KNOW.

THANKS TO MBBC FOR FIVE WONDERFUL YEARS

It's been great for my family and me and the best is yet to come, as always! Thanks for the reception and the gifts you presented to the staff last Sunday night.

MISSION OFFERING TO ETHIOPIA

For over a year now our VISITORS CARDS have been in the form of offering envelopes with the explanation that what the visitor gives goes not to our church but to mission causes around the world. Last week as Mrs. John Hunter spoke to our morning services about the Ethiopian mission field, we felt impressed of God to help them build the Bible School. On Friday night we had the joy of presenting a check for \$500.00 from this "visitors' mission offerings" to Dr. and Mrs. Hunter. Several of you gave an additional mission offering privately to the Hunters. If you did, let us know for they want to put you on the mission mailing list so you can know of the progress of the work.

In addition to the mission offering, our church gave a love offering of \$838.00 for the six days they were with us. This will enable Dr. and Mrs. Hunter to make another mission trip this coming Spring.
I want to thank each of you for your Godly gen-

erosity. And you can't outgive God! THE SUNDAY FOLLOWING WE WENT NEARLY \$2,000.00 over our budget!

"THE PERSON GOD USES" IS THE NEW SUNDAY NIGHT SERIES

Last Sunday night I began this series with the first qualification for being "usable." This Sunday night the message will be "Removing Every Hindrance From the Life." These characteristics of the Person God Uses were given by Miss Bertha Smith some time ago and have meant much in the past months. I have them pasted in the front of my Bible and use it to Check myself out" before I preach. I believe they will mean much to your Christian life.
Ronald Dunn



(Baptism)



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(Letter)



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30. Mrs. Byron M. Piper, Young Adult, Taylor
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Thank you so much for your prayers, visits and telephone calls. Your thoughtfulness of me these last weeks has meant so very much. Thanks for letting me use the tape player. I have enjoyed it tremendously. I thank my God for every remembrance of you.
Wanetha Shanks

VITAL STATISTICS

Sunday School Attendance — 747
Training Union Attendance — 348
Budget Offering — \$6,607.06
Total Offering — \$8,013.56

A WORD FROM WARD

THANK YOU for the wonderful reception and the beautiful gift. Dianne and I thank our Lord for His goodness in letting us serve with you.

SOUL SESSION was terrific. Thanks to our pastor for his time and answers. We will schedule one Soul Session a month.

HALLOWEEN PARTY — This year's Halloween Fling will be Friday night, October 29, 10:15 p.m. at the Golden Triangle Bowl. We will start with a frightening flick then bowl and billard from 11:30-2:30. Cost is \$2.00 for members and \$1.00 for guests. This is another opportunity to bring a friend who needs to know Jesus.

LOST GENERATION, the newest Billy Graham film, will be shown Sunday night, October 31, after the service. All MBBC'ers are invited to attend and there will be a nursery provided.

BOLDNESS CLUB will meet Saturday afternoon at 2:00. Bring your Bible — be prayed up.

TRUTH comes to MBBC Saturday night, November 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Ward

As I See It!

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Dallas and Fort Worth have got to be kidding. They don't really plan to tax all commuters from suburbia. Do they? This was my first reaction more than a year ago when the idea was first mentioned. But it fell through when former Mayor Robert Power had a few strong statements about it. But now it's back, and advisors have told them that it can be

forced through. And we have reason to believe they are more serious now than before.

A lake is built in Denton County and it's called Lake Dallas. The Washington Senators will play in Arlington, but will be called the Dallas-Fort Worth "somethings." An airport is being constructed in Irving, Grapevine, and Euless and called Dallas-Ft. Worth International. Mostly Dallas fans have built their football stadium in Irving and the State Legislature and the Dallas City Council have told dry Irving that the tear drop stadium tract is to be wet.

Dallas has tried to annex both sides of the Trinity River for its own industrial use. And now she is considering merging one of the best school systems in Texas with a seriously ill Dallas school system in order to bus Irvingites to all parts of Dallas County.

Where is it going to stop? And when are we going to stop it? I say it's time some action be taken lest Dallas County become Dallas. I propose that the Irving City Council adopt resolutions immediately in opposition to the commuter tax and county school board ideas. And that the Irving School Board, the Chamber of Commerce, and all local civic clubs do the same. And I believe the voters of Irving are ready to support those candidates for public office who are opposed to the big city takeover.

The airport and the football field can be assets to Irving. But if they are simply initial steps in swallowing up our great city, I say let them move their air strip back to the Dallas city limits and play their football games in the Cotton Bowl!

Schoeppey



SUNDAY NIGHT — MASSED CHOIRS

In this Sunday's evening service, you will hear a 200 voice massed choir composed of MBBC's "Young Musicians," Junior High Choir "Children of Light," the youth choir and adult choir.

The massed choir will sing "Crown Him With Many Crowns" accompanied by a brass choir, organ and piano. The choir will also join the congregation in singing "The Lord's Prayer."

JIMELL HELPS IN RETREAT

This Thursday and Friday Mr. Badry will be one of the guest directors for a youth music retreat at Falls Creek, Oklahoma. This is an annual retreat during Oklahoma State Teachers Meeting. The youth will rehearse a dozen songs and then present a concert in the nearby town of Lindsay.

YOUTH CHOIR ELECTS

Congratulations to the following youth who were elected new officers of MBBC's Youth Choir: President, Kevin Davis; Vice-President (Attendance) Gina Phipps, Brenda Sanders; Vice-President (Social) Pam Bean, Bill Lowery; Robe Chairmen; Judy Redpath, Charles Adams; Librarian: Rene Chambers, Anne Badry, Kim Garland.

MBBC WE THANK YOU

The Badrys wish to thank each of you for your thoughtfulness in last Sunday's staff anniversary celebration. God is so good to us in allowing us to serve this great church. May your days be filled with joy, peace, happiness, love for each other and great Praise to Him.

Jimell Badry

Last Call — 2 hair dyers and an overnight case full of cosmetics.



Indian Elected Bishop
The Rev. Harold S. Jones, 61, a Santee Sioux currently serving at Good Shepherd Mission, Fort Defiance, Ariz., has been elected suffragan of the South Dakota Episcopal diocese, the first American Indian elected a bishop of the Episcopal Church.—RNS photo

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