

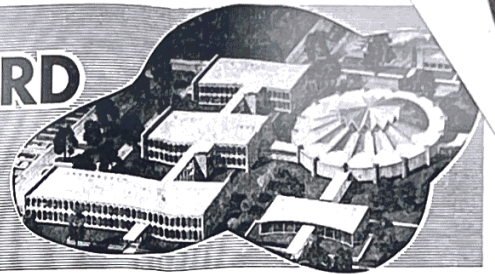
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HEAR THE EMBELLISHMENTS FRIDAY, JULY 14

—For Thoughtful Reading—

GOING FORWARD — In its roots and aspirations, Christianity is turned towards the future, not towards the past; towards experiment, not status quo; towards creation, a new heaven and a new earth, not towards a safe and static world.

It is precisely this quality of inventiveness, vision, audacious courage, and the ability to dream, that has made the Christian forces — for good or for evil — the prime mover and catalyst in many parts of the world's civilizations. If those qualities are lost or abandoned today by those who profess Jesus as Lord, and are bound to witness for him; if no vision of the future informs the Church's strategy and no life of hope encourages its efforts; the battered bulk of greatness might survive but the Spirit would be dead.

The trial we face in a world on the very edge of an abyss is to out-dream the visionaries, to out-work the fanatics, to out-dare the voices of reaction and despair within human society and in our day. And this is precisely the challenge which the committed Christian among us has met, again and again, measured, and triumphed over! — The Rt. Rev. John E. Hines, in Church in Metropolis

SPEER ON MISSION — Our loyalty to the mission is the measure of our judgment of the Son of God. The world needs the mission now. A thousand millions of men, sinning, suffering, struggling, need a Saviour, helpful, tender, sufficient. He came for them, but they have never heard of Him.

It is not a matter of speculation as to eternal destiny. There is a righteous Judge. It is a matter of present want and ignorance and death; and I speak not of the Bible's teaching as to men's condition, but of actual fact and experience. — From "Missionary Principles and Practice," by Robert E. Speer, Revell Company, 1902.

—The Lighter Side of Life—

LATE HOUR — Wife to husband reluctant to help his small son with his homework: "Help him now while you can. Next year he goes into the fourth grade." — The Christian

TRY AGAIN — A boy was asked how he had become such a proficient skater, and he replied, "By getting up every time I fell down." — Watchman-Examiner

SUNDAY SCHOLAR — Asked by his mother what he'd learned in Sunday School, ten-year-old Bobby launched into an exciting tale:

"Teacher told us about when God sent Moses behind the enemy lines to rescue the Israelites from the Egyptians. When they came to the Red Sea, Moses called for the engineers to build a pontoon bridge.

After they had all crossed, they looked back and saw the Egyptian tanks coming. Moses radioed headquarters on his walkie-talkie to send bombers to blow up the bridge, and saved the Israelites."

"Bobby!" said his mother. "Is that the way your teacher told you that story?"

"Well, not exactly," the boy admitted. "But if I told it her way, you'd never believe it!" — Arkansas Baptist

IT ALL DEPENDS — A young girl watched her mother washing dishes. Thinking how many times she did them along with all the other housework, she said, "Mother, don't you ever get tired of washing dishes?" The mother replied, "I'm not washing dishes. I'm building a home." — War Cry

—Post Script—

Character is not made in a crisis — it is only displayed then. — The Christian Athlete

A city-wide Youth Rally, part of the Irving Crusade for Christ, will be held at the Plymouth Park Shopping Center next to Sanger-Harris, Friday night July 14, at 8:00 P.M.

Leading the inspirational gathering will be the popular singing trio, The Embellishments. The group — consisting of PAUL PASCHALL, JERRY JONES, and DON BLACKLEY, all Baptist ministers of music — recently returned from a month's tour of Indonesia. Appearing on records as well as in person, The Embellishments combine extraordinary musical talent with a vibrant testimony for Christ. Don't miss this group.

Roading out the rally will be testimonies from outstanding Christians.

VITAL STATISTICS

ATTENDANCE
Sundy School — 535
Year Ago — 334
Training Union — 156
OFFERING
Budget — \$2,525.31
NEW MEMBERS

(Letter)
229. Mrs. J. J. Fite, 3726 E. Cranston Cir., BL 52549, Adult 2
230. Miss Janice Chapman, 2114 Wm. Brewster, BL 33973, College-Career

As I See It!

LOOKING AHEAD TO 1967-68
Even though our new Sunday School year is still three months away, it is certainly not too early to begin thinking of our places of service for the new year.

Many of you already know where God wants you to serve and that place is where you are currently teaching.

Others of you will feel led to serve in a new position and perhaps with a different age group.

A great host of you who are not working in an area at the present time will want for the first time to take a place of responsibility.

All of us should be praying now for God's leadership as we decide on our 1967-68 church officers. Within a few weeks our church Nominating Committee will call on you. Be prepared to say: "This is where God wants me."

Scriptures teach:

- a. Do or deceive yourself — James 1:22 "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."
- b. Do or forfeit God's leadership — Phil. 2:13 "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do his good pleasure."
- c. Do for Christ or disobey Him — James 4:17 "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."
- d. Do or miss the joy of Christian service — John 13:17 "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

Schoeppey

WATERMELON FEAST!



Adult I Training Union Fellowship Sunday July 9, after evening worship. We will meet at Nichols Park. Each family should bring one watermelon, utensils will be furnished. Plenty of play equipment available for the children.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

WE'LL TRY AGAIN

I know what you thought! You thought that card I asked you to sign last week was a blank check or induction papers to Viet Nam. If you had really understood that it was a commitment to learn to witness for Christ, you would have signed without hesitation. So this Sunday we'll try again, and you'll be given another opportunity to enroll in the Personal Evangelism Institute July 17-19.

Even if you are out of the city during the Irving Crusade, you need what this Institute can give you. Not one of us can honestly say that we know all we need to know about sharing our witness for Jesus. This is a personal plea from your pastor — please give prayerful consideration to this very important project.

Summer time is busy and hectic for all of us — but can you stand at the foot of the cross and say to Christ, "I am too busy to tell others what you did here."

Ronald Dunn



YOUTH TEACHERS READ THIS:

Our first Teen Time — Fun Nite — Visitation was a big success with over 30 kids coming for Bible Study and Visitation. However, we still need their teachers to come and take them visiting. All but one worker from the Young People's Department was present. Only one worker from the Senior Department came, and the one from the Intermediate Department. This leaves some kids out who really want to visit. You teachers should take advantage of this opportunity to visit your class and prospects for Christ. It's only one hour and a half twice a month — total of 3 hours. Was your class left standing?



MUSIC MINISTRY

Last Sunday was a good day in our music ministry. The Adult Choir sang "At Calvary" and the Youth Choir wore their new robes. Again we say thanks to everyone who helped us buy these. If you want to have a part you still can. See Terry Ward or Troy Mathena.

Those interested in working in the Graded Choirs should come to the training class that meets on Sunday evenings at 5:30 P.M. in the Married Young People's Department. Those interested in being a better choir member might enjoy this class also.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Lokey request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Donna Dell to Jon Richard Kennedy on Thursday, the thirteenth of July nineteen hundred and sixty seven at half after seven o'clock First Baptist Church 403 South Main Irving, Texas Reception Following

Christian sympathy is extended to Mrs. Wayne Spray in the loss of her father.

Fun On A Sunday School Picnic



A young boy enjoys antics at a water fountain during a Sunday school picnic on a hot day. — Religious News Service photo.

—What Others Say—

ONLY from the solid ground of some clear creed have men done good, strong work in the world. — Phillips Brooks

EVERY morning our Heavenly Father gives each of His children a day. What we make of that day is up to us, and nobody but us. — Margaret Moore Jacobs

I BELIEVE that the first test of a truly great man is his humility. — John Ruskin

WHEREVER there is likely to be great success, the open door and the opposing adversaries will both be found. — C. H. Spurgeon

ANYTHING that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps my prayer life, is wrong for me. — J. W. Chapman

IT IS WRONG to say that laymen are the bridge between the church and the outer world. Laymen ARE the church in the world. — Charles Moeller

NEVER since the world began has there been a greater opportunity for Christian heroism than is offered us today. — R. G. Lee

ADVERSITY is never pleasant, but sometimes it is possible to learn lessons from it that can be learned in no other way. — William T. McElroy

WE HAVE committed the Golden Rule to memory; let us now commit it to life. — Edwin Markum

LOVE is the only service that power cannot command and money cannot buy. — War Cry

—A Little Bit of Wit—

Some people come to church only when hatched, matched and dispatched. — The Nazarene Preacher

RELIGION ON STAMPS— Part I

In a two-part series beginning this week exclusively in All-Church Press a philatelist tells what stamp-collecting can reveal about religion — and what it can do to one's faith.

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