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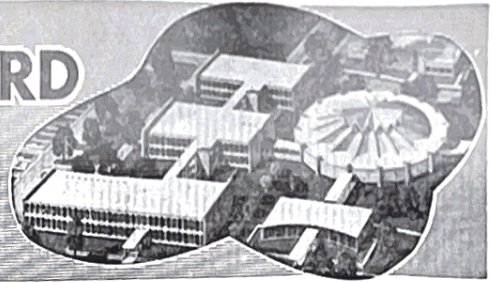
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MBBC CALLS JIMELL BADRY

—For Thoughtful Reading—

KEYS — Two men attending a Christian convention roomed together and stayed up late discussing and praying about God's work. The hours for sleep were short and the alarm clock rang all too soon. As one man reached for his shoes, the other heard a distinct rattling of keys. Looking over at his roommate he saw him take his keys from his shoe.

"Always keep your keys in your shoes? Guess that's a good way of being sure not to lose them," the friend observed.

"I started out putting them there so as not to lose them," the room-mate replied, "but now I have another reason. Each day as I take the keys from my shoes I pray, 'Father, today there are dozens of doors that will be locked to me and my ministry. Show me the exact keys that will open hearts to receive You.' I keep my keys in my shoes to remind to pray."

—Daily Blessings

PLANNED NEGLECT — A noted young concert artist was asked the secret of her success with her violin. "Planned neglect," she replied, and then explained.

"There were many things which demanded my time. When I went to my room after breakfast, I made my bed, straightened my room, dusted the floor, and did whatever came to my attention. When I finished my work, I turned my attention to violin practice. That system failed to accomplish the result desired, so I reversed things. I deliberately planned to neglect everything else until my practice period was completed. That program of planned neglect accounts for my success."

Planned neglect may not sound essential at first reading, but it is if we are to become efficient in the service of God and man. Our Lord said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, . . . and all these things shall be added unto you."

—Still Waters

—The Lighter Side of Life—

FIRST IMPRESSION — A mountaineer took a trip to New York City — his first to a large city. On his return, a friend asked him how he liked New York.

"Well," said Zeke, "to tell the truth, I never did get to see the town — there was so much going on around the depot." — Cheer.

FACSIMILE — Feminine admirers besieged the conductor Arthur Nikisch with letters asking for locks of his hair — requests that he always granted with the greatest good humor.

"At this rate," a friend warned him, "you will soon be bald."

"Not I," replied Nikisch. "My dog will." — The Christian.

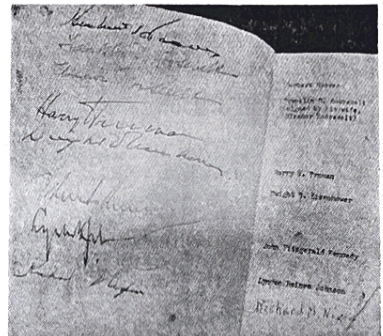
IMPOSSIBLE — A lady came to the station attendant complaining that her car was jumping. The attendant checked the spark, found that one cylinder wasn't hitting.

"Lady, you have a cylinder missing," he told her.

"I don't see how that could be," she frowned. "I keep my garage locked all the time." — Virginia Methodist Advocate.

—Post Script—

An optimist is a man who just borrowed some money from a fellow he is going to make a pessimist. —O. A. Battista



St. John Episcopal Church opposite the White House, Washington, D.C., has been called "the church of the Presidents," because every President since James Madison has attended the house of worship at least one worship service during his term in office. The Presidential prayer book in St. John Church has the signatures of all of the chief executives since Herbert Hoover, the latest being President Nixon's.—RNS Photo.

PASTOR'S CORNER



LAST SUNDAY NIGHT OUR CHURCH VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to call Jimell Badry as Minister of Music. A tremendous spirit permeated the entire meeting which lasted only five minutes. Everyone was eager to call this man that God has led to our church. The music Sunday morning was the best I've ever heard. Our adult choir was just great. Give them a few months and they'll be the best in this part of the country. I believe that.

In addition to his work as Minister of Music, Jimell will be interim Youth Director. The Personnel committee is seeking a man to come to our church as part-time Youth Director. We need to be praying much about this matter. I pray that God will give us as good a Youth Director as He has Music Director.

YOUR RESPONSE TO THE MESSAGES FROM THE MINOR PROPHETS has been very gratifying. I personally have been blessed by the study of these great writings of the Old Testament. I hope you'll continue to pray for me as I prepare and preach the Major Messages of the Minor Prophets.

SPEAKING OF GREAT WRITINGS OF THE BIBLE, REVELATION is one of them. An enigma to many people, a blessing to all who study it, the Book of Revelation is the only prophetic book in the New Testament and the only book in the Bible that promises a special blessing to those who read it. Beginning in October I will be teaching this book during the Training Union hour. If you've never studied this book and are interested in it, I hope you will be present for the first class.

WE WANT TO EXTEND A SPECIAL WORD OF SYMPATHY to Mrs. Ranna Haddock, whose father passed away last week.

Ronald Dunn

Announcing

W.M.U. CONFERENCES

Where: First Baptist Church, Irving

Time: 10:00 A.M., September 29

For all WMS, YWA, GA and Sunbeam workers. Plan to meet and leave our church at 9:30 A.M. Our Nursery will be open. Bring sack lunch for children.



(Baptism)

288. Mrs. Donald (Glenda) Ferguson, Ad. 2 (Ernst)
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289. Mrs. Jack (Shirley) Mauney, Ad. 2 (McKinney)
2820 Cornell Circle, 255-6687

(Letter)

290. Rober D. McDonald, Ad. 1 (Tate)
192. Mrs. Roger (Margie) McDonald, Ad. 1 (Bruner)
2418 Garden Oaks, 254-0680

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ATTENDANCE:
Sunday School — 669
Training Union — 229
OFFERING:
Budget — \$3,196.44

As I See It!

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS AND THE NEW YEAR

MBBC begins its new Sunday School year on Sunday, October 5. There will be many new teachers, many new classes and departments, and many new meeting places. In order that we might start the new year with a maximum of teaching and minimum of confusion several things should be brought to our attention.

(1) Superintendents and Teachers should deliver all Quarterlies before October 5.

Quarterlies are available for every pupil and every pupil deserves a visit from his teacher.

(2) Elementary children should be taken to their new room during Sunday School this Sunday. On Promotion Day the pupil will go directly to his new department.

(3) All Sunday School Workers should attend Orientation-Fellowship at Schoeppeys'.

These one night meetings will be as follows:

Thursday, October 2 — 4th grade thru 12th grade

Friday, October 3 — Nursery thru 3rd grade

Saturday, October 4 — All Adult workers.

... ALL WORKERS EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

I must urge every worker to be present for his one night meeting. We will discuss the program for the new year and how we can serve Christ better in our Sunday School.

HOW TO "KILL" A CHURCH

Here are ten easy lesson on killing your church. They are simpler than burning down the building. Anyway, that's not legal; it's known as arson. These methods won't leave a trace — of the church, in fact, not even of you.

1. Talk about the preacher, adversely, that is. Repeat to others.

2. Make no preparation for your church responsibilities. Don't study your lesson, don't take any study courses, etc.

3. Tell your class, union, circle, how disappointed you are in the attendance, in what they are doing. Keep them discouraged.

4. Don't visit. That's what the preacher is hired to do.

5. Don't give. What does a church need money for?

6. Go places on Sunday. Go anywhere but to church.

7. Take no care of church property. Mess up the building, drive in tacks, write in the hymnals.
8. Refuse to hold an office. Think how little time you have left for yourself.

9. If you do get to Sunday School or Training Union, be sure to leave before the worship hour. Make this a habit.

10. No matter what proposition comes up, object. There's obliged to be something wrong with it; find it! But remember, as stated above, this procedure will eliminate you spiritually along with the church.

Schoeppey.

Old Water Mill



Sweet is the voice that calls
As the babbling waterfalls
From the old water mill.
The merry partridge drums in hidden places,
And glittering insects gleam
Above the reedy stream,
Where spiders spin their filmy laces.

—George Arnold

—What Others Say—

A CHURCH is not measured in greatness by the beauty of its architecture or the ability of its ministry; but by the people who live truly and serve faithfully that for which it stands. — John Bunyan.

PRAYER is not an excuse for being lazy and for pushing all the work off on to God; prayer is a way to finding strength and ability to things along with God that you could never have done by yourselves. — William Barclay.

IT IS NOT how much we have, but how much we enjoy what we have that makes us happy. — Rae Cross.

CHRISTIANITY refuses to be proven first, and practiced afterward. Its practice and its proof go hand in hand. — Rita Snowden.

OUR LIVES gain meaning when we love God and regularly worship Him. — Ralph Yates.

WHEN WE live close to God, we sense His presence wherever we are. — Maldwyn Edwards.

THE GREATEST concern of a human being should be to feel God's presence. — James I. Vance.

TO LOVE someone is nothing more than to wish that person good. — Thomas Aquinas.

A SMALL mind turns only in the circle of itself; a great mind orbits the earth. — Nina Willis Walter.

—A Little Bit of Wit—

What this world needs is more open minds and less open mouths.—The Link

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