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THE FIRST BAPTIST INFORMER

"If you are looking for a Church Home, come! we can help you: If you are looking for Church work, come! you can help us."

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FROM
THE
PASTOR'S
PEN

The month of August is quickly slipping away. Soon we will be looking forward to fall, cooler weather and the starting of school. As we look forward we also need to look backward for a moment and reflect upon the past. With the summer fun, vacations, leisure time about us have we had a tendency to be more lax about spiritual matters? Are you up to date on your tithes and offerings? Have you grown more relaxed in attitude toward attendance in Sunday School, worship services, Training Union and other church activities simply because of being out of the habit during the summer? As the new church year is seen in the future, are you saying that you believe you will rest this year rather than serving? According to the Nominating Committee there are yet places to be filled. What if Jesus had quit? What if the disciples had quit? What if you quit? Christ's challenge is always to faithfulness in stewardship, attention, and service. Let us check up on our-selves to see how well or not so well that we have done and need to do. Christ depends on you. Let us not grow weary in well doing "for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not".

LOOK AT THESE SQUARES FOR THIRTY SECONDS



If they look like circles you are sick... call your doctor. If they look like squares you're well enough to attend Sunday School at 9:45 and Training Union at 6:00 p.m. each Sunday.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

PRESENTS

"THE SOUND OF SINGING"

BY JOHN PETERSON

AUGUST 20, 1967

7:00 P.M.

MUSIC

A DEFINITION

By Jane Hillsman

Music is the first cry of a baby, saluting his native land with howls of protest.

Music is a lullaby on the lips of love.

Music is the sound of children singing in happy confidence "This is my Father's World."

Music is a meadowlark singing unabashed to the emptiness of a yellow field, for music is always its won excuse for being.

Music is a magic carpet, and these who are transported by its flights of fantasy seem to have smoother sailing than those who travel at a lower level.

Music is the tempo of a teeming world, and long lines of marching men, passing in review seem strangely out of step, for each man marches to the drumming of his own heartbeat.

Music is the ebb tide of emotion, sweeping the heart clean of the flotsam and jetsam of jealousy and fear.

Music is a beacon, a silver summons to the lonely heart to share its sorrow.

Music is a discipline that molds men's souls, and only the music makers see the stern face of the taskmaster as his baton seeks the purity of perfection.

Music is a blue-robed choir and the thrilling thunder of a mighty organ, and deaf are made to hear, and the mute are made to sing, and the low in spirit are suddenly lifted up by the soaring splendor..... as kneeling hearts pay homage to the King.

The new year will be beginning in about two months and there will be new ideas that will be presented to our church. I would like to take this time with you to tell you of one such idea which is proposed by the Southern Baptist Convention and which will go into effect over the convention in 1970. We feel that we need this new concept in our church at the present. This new idea or concept is a new system of grading for our church. This grading system will be coordinated with the system of grading in the public school systems. Whereas now we have a system which goes by age, the new system will be by the grade that you are in school. In other words there will be a complete change over from the Nursery through the Young People. The names of the departments will change, and the classes will change. You may think that this is a lot of trouble, but I would ask of you that you look at it from the point that we the leaders see it. We feel that this will be an increase of attendance in our church, a increase of prospects, and increase of the missionary effort of our church as a whole. This will be presented to the Sunday School Cabinet on September 6 and they will decide on the implementation of this plan. As a church member we would like your comments on this new idea.

LAST SUNDAY'S REPORT

S. S. Attendance.....263
T. U. Attendance..... 34

FINANCIAL

General Fund.....\$605.55
Birthday offering.. 3.45
Air Conditioning... 202.25

VISITORS who signed cards
Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Obie Germany and Family, Jackson, Miss.; Billie Jean Filkins and daughter, Midwest City, Okla.

ATTENTION CHOIR MEMBERS

If you have a copy of the cantata "The Sound of Singing", please bring it with you Wednesday night to choir practice. We need all the books for Sunday night. As it is now we are short a few. So please heed this announcement.

WANTED-BEGINNER CHOIR LEADER

In a few weeks the Music Director will be returning to school. We will be needing someone to help in the Beginner Choir during this period. Since the choir meets at 2:00 on Mondays, we feel that this is an excellent time and we have our best attendance--since WMU is meeting at this time. If you feel that you would like to work with a wonderful group of kids this fall, please contact the Music Director soon. We need your help.

THANKS--are in order to you that participated in the Music program last Sunday night. We hope that this program was a blessing to all as it was to us.

REMINDER: This Sunday night the Sanctuary Choir will present the heart-warming, soul-stirring cantata by John Peterson, "The Sound Of Singing". Plan now to attend.

SPECIAL MUSIC: The special music for this Sunday will be by the Sanctuary Choir and will be an excerpt from the cantata "The Sound of Singing".

WMU NEWS

MONDAY: 2:00 P.M. Circle 2 will meet with Mrs. Willis Fry. Circle 3 to be announced later.
2:30 P.M. Circle 1 will meet at the Golden Age Home

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Victor Granberry
Music-Education: Gary Robinson

REMINDER: Concerning the basketball goals and court. There will be NO playing basketball during the services of our church. If you have any friends who have been doing such please inform them of this policy. Don't misuse the recreational equipment that we have.

QUESTION: Would you like to have one night a week set aside for recreation night? If you would please tell the Youth Director soon. This would be a wonderful time for all. We need recreation in our lives and we are fortunate to have such fine equipment available. So heed this question and talk it up and then see Gary.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

SUNDAY: 9:45 AM-Sunday School.
11:00 AM-Worship service
6:00 PM-"The Sound of Singing"
MONDAY: 2:00 PM-Primary Sunbeams; Beg. choir
2:30 PM-Beginner Sunbeams
3:00 PM-Primary choir
3:30 PM-Intermediate GA
WEDNESDAY: 6:45 PM RA's, Visitation
7:30 PM-Prayer meeting
8:00 PM-Sactuary choir

BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

(Taken from our records)
15-Mrs. John Bills
16-Mrs. Jane Langley
17-Maurice Crenshaw Bill Smith
18-Mrs. Clarence Atkinson
19-Mr. Robert Grant Mrs. A. A. Taylor
20-Mrs. Ralph Marshall
21-Mrs. R. R. Perkins Kurt Benson Raymond McMillan

"The rule that governs my life is this: Anything that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult, is wrong for me, and I must as a Christian, turn away from it."