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THE INFORMER

The First Baptist Church

120 North LaFayette Street

Shelby, N. C.

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City

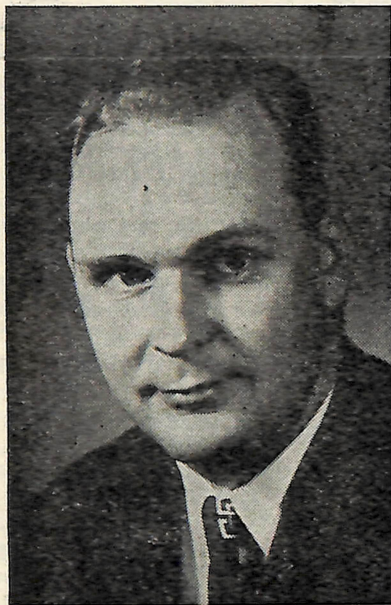
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Union Service Sunday Night

New Ministers of Shelby



PAUL COBB
Ascension Lutheran Church

A 3 Minute Sermon

The familiar story of the Good Samaritan found in Luke 10:25-37 is generally interpreted to be an illustration of the saving work of Christ. He goes to the helpless wayfarer, binds up his wounds, carries him to an inn, pays the bill and promises to come again (verses 33-35).

While we recognize its application to the Saviour, we wish to consider the story in relation to the man for whose benefit it was told:

He was a lawyer, skilled in the legalism of the Jewish religion (vs. 25).

To the same effect the Apostle Paul wrote, "not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified" (Romans 2:13).

What is written in the law was correctly stated by the lawyer as "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart . . . and thy neighbor as thyself" (vs. 27).

Jesus did not accuse the lawyer of failing to meet the requirements of the law. He simply caused him to answer his own question. And his answer was a correct one. He who would save himself by doing something must first of all love God supremely . . . and then his neighbor as himself. "This do and thou shalt live."

No honest man could pretend to keep the first commandment. As members of Adam's fallen race, we love self rather than God. Paul indicts the race as being "haters of God" (Romans 1:30), and as having "no fear of God" (Romans 3:18).

Why talk about our moral uprightness, our culture, our civic interests, our church life, or any other commendable thing in our life

John Brown And Paul B. Cobb To Be Introduced

It has been the custom for some time to invite the new ministers of the uptown churches to a union service to introduce them to the people of our city. We are happy that the First Baptist Church has been designated this time to play host to the other congregations in this plan.

The program is as follows:

Prelude	Mrs. H. S. Plaster
Hymn Sing	Mrs. Ben Suttle
Introduction	Rev. James G. Huggin
Scripture Reading and	
Prayer	Rev. John Brown
Anthem	Combined choirs directed by Mrs. Ben Suttle
Offertory	
Special Solo	Mrs. Robert Gidney
Introduction	Dr. William H. Anthony
Sermon	Rev. Paul B. Cobb
Hymn of Invitation	
Benediction	Rev. Harlan Harris

if it does not arise out of a love for God? "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God . . ." And we don't do it.

But the thick-skinned lawyer passed over the first and principal commandment and sought to engage Christ in a technical argument about the neighbor he was supposed to love. The answer of Christ was to the effect that the man in need was his, and our neighbor.

In seeking to justify himself, the lawyer was assuming that he could take the role

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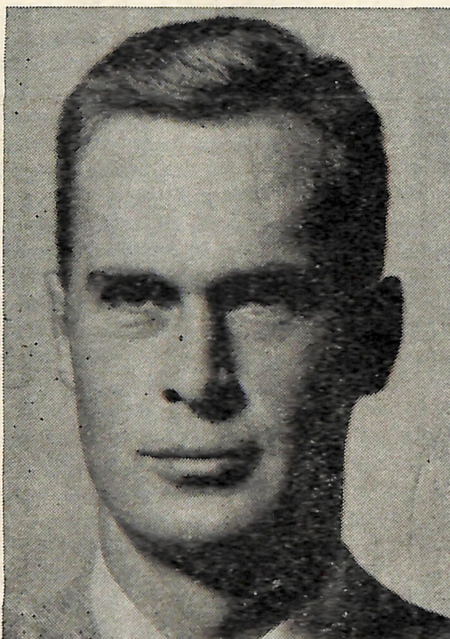
ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL MASS MEETING

Where? ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

When? SUNDAY (This) at 2:30 P. M.

Who? HARLAN HARRIS TO SPEAK

What? 'MILLION MORE IN 54'—REACHING THE MULTITUDES



JOHN BROWN
Shelby Presbyterian Church

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Leaths Enjoy Sunny Florida

Several cards have come from the far end of sunny Florida which indicate the Leaths are having a good time basking under ol' man Sol. They are staying in Miami Beach right now, but will probably be journeying other places as they "feel led."

We can be thankful to God for our fine co-workers in the ministry. We love them and pray that they will have a grand vacation—which was so much deserved.

I Am Your Church

I am your Church. Make of me what you will. I shall reflect you as clearly as a mirror. If outwardly my appearance is pleasing and inviting, it is because you have made me so. If within, my spiritual atmosphere is kindly, yet earnest; reverent, yet friendly; worshipful, yet sincere; sympathetic, yet strong; divine, yet humanely expressed; it is but the manifestations of the spirit of those who constitute my membership. But if you should by chance, find me a bit cold or dull, I beg of you not to condemn me, for I show forth only the kind of life I receive from you. Of this you may always be assured; I will respond instantly to your every wish practically expressed, for I am the reflected image of your own soul. Make of me what you will.

—Selected.

What Consternation!

In some of our key universities, Communist students on the campus are given lists of twenty-five fellow students and they are pledged to win these men to follow their teachings and ideology. Should they fail, they are called before the central committee to give an explanation.

I wonder what consternation would come if our church members were called before our Deacon and asked to give an account of themselves because they had brought no converts into the church within the past year—always presuming of course that the Deacons themselves had brought their own converts into the fellowship!

—First Baptist Tidings.

A Happy Christian

While your salvation depends on Jesus and his finished work, and on that alone your enjoyment of that salvation depends very much on yourself—on your holy walk with God, living daily by faith in him who loves you and gave his life for you. Without this you may be a Christian, but you will never be a peaceful, praising, happy Christian.

Whitefield.

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A Person Who Goes To Church Regularly Has:

- A better chance of being at home with himself and the universe.
- A better chance of getting along with other people.
- A better chance of fellowship with God now and eternally.
- A better chance of properly using his time, talents and money.
- A better chance of making his life count for good and right.
- A better chance of successfully dealing with evil, crushing sorrow, and unhappiness.
- A better chance of keeping mentally healthy.
- A better chance of receiving mercy and forgiveness.
- A better chance of becoming thoroughly honest, sincere and humble.
- A better chance of helping his neighbor.
- A better chance for a well-rounded, full life . . . physically, mentally and spiritually.

—Adapted.

3 Minute Sermon

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of the Good Samaritan and win his way to heaven by helping some one else. Perhaps you feel the same way about it. But not until you have kept the commandment to love God supremely, are you ready to "Go and do likewise" (vs. 37) in helping your neighbor as a means of earning eternal life.

But even here, who can say, "I have loved my neighbor as myself?"

To the man who tempted Him, Jesus simply set forth the law's requirement of those who would seek to inherit eternal life by doing something for it. But the Apostle Paul brings in God's verdict to the effect that no man is justified on the basis of good works because no one meets the requirements of the law. "By the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified in his sight . . . for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:20,23). Again, "For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them" (Galatians 3:10).

May God give us the ability to see that we are not in a position to justify ourselves by being good Samaritans—however fine a thing that may be—but we are indeed like the certain man who fell among thieves in his journeying from Jerusalem down to Jericho. We have been beaten, robbed, left helpless and half dead. We need a Saviour. We need Christ, the Good Samaritan, to come where we are in our helpless condition and to pick us up, pour oil and wine into our wounds and carry us to a place of safety.

Then we could say with the Apostle Paul, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5).

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INTERESTED IN HISTORY?

The following are the names of pastors who served the Baptist church in Shelby from its organization to the present time. to wit:

Rev. James Webb, of Rutherford county was elected its first pastor on Aug. 14th, 1844 and served as pastor until Dec. 23rd, 1849. He preached in this church monthly from the time it was erected until he was elected pastor, as aforesaid. Rev. M. C. Barnett followed Rev. Webb and was chosen pastor and served as such until November, 1851, when the Rev. Wade Hill was elected pastor and served for one year. On Dec. 25th, 1852 A. J. Cansler was called as pastor and served until December, 1857 when Rev. T. Dixon was called as pastor for the year 1858 and was recalled for the year 1859. The second Sunday in February, 1860 Rev. Wade Hill was again called as pastor of the church and served one year. In December 1860 Dr. Crawley was called as pastor for the year 1861. He served as pastor of the church until the third Sunday in February, 1863 when Rev. T. R. Gains was called as pastor. He served until September 3rd, 1864 when Dr. Crawley was called as pastor for the balance of that year. On the 4th Sunday in January, 1866 Rev. M. C. Barnett was again called as pastor for the year 1866 and served as such pastor until the close of the year 1870 when he was succeeded by Rev. N. B. Cobb who served the church as pastor until Aug. 11th, 1872 when he resigned, but continued to serve as its pastor until close of said year. On the 4th Sunday in November, 1872 Rev. Wade Hill was again elected pastor and served as such till the close of the year 1875. Rev. A. L. Stowe was then chosen as pastor and served till the close of the year 1879. On Feb. 5th J. B. Richardson was called as pastor, but he declined to accept the call and the church was without a pastor until about the middle of March, 1880 when Rev. J. A. White was called as pastor and served as such until Aug. 26th, 1880. On Aug. 26th, 1880 Dr. W. A. Nelson having been elected pastor, took charge as such and served until the last of September, 1883, when he resigned. The church was then without a pastor for a little while, but during this time Rev. R. D. Malary, who was at that time residing in the town of Shelby and was president of the Female College, served the church as pastor until Jan. 1st, 1884 when Rev. B. W. Bussey was chosen as pastor and he served as such till Sept. 2nd, 1885 when he resigned. Rev. Malary then supplied the church until pastor could be obtained and on Nov. 1st, 1885 Rev. W. H. Strickland was chosen pastor and served as such until the 27th of June, 1887. The church was without a pastor again for a little while and the Rev. R. D. Malary on the 10th, of Aug. 1887 was again elected temporary pastor and served as such until about the middle of November, 1887 when the Rev. J. M. McManaway was called pastor and he served as such till June, 1890. Rev. G. P. Hamrick was then called as pas-

tor and served the church as such from the 1st Sunday in July, 1890 until Feb. 1st, 1892. He resigned and Rev. J. L. Sproles was then called as pastor and served until March 25th, 1894. Dr. J. D. Huffman was then called as pastor on May, 1894 and served until Oct. 1st, 1896. The church was without a pastor from that date until Jan. 22nd, 1897. Rev. R. F. Tredway was elected pastor who took charge on Feb. 28th, 1897. Rev. Tredway resigned as pastor on the 12th of December, 1902 when Rev. W. D. Hubbard was elected as pastor on Jan. 11th, 1903 and he served as such until Sunday morning Feb. 14th, 1904. On Feb. 24th, 1904 Rev. M. E. Parrish was called as pastor. His resignation took effect Nov. 1st, 1908. The church was then without a pastor for quite a little while. On the 21st day of March, 1909 our present pastor, Rev. C. A. Jenkins, was called and on the 31st day of March, 1909 he wrote us he would accept the call, since which time he has been preaching to us faithfully. I make the statement unhesitatingly that no church in North Carolina has had pastors for the same length of time more able and consecrated than those who have served the Shelby Baptist Church since its organization.

The following are the present deacons of the church: J. S. Wray, C. B. Suttle, M. N. Hamrick, H. D. Wilson, J. H. Quinn, Geo. L. English, T. D. Lattimore and Dr. T. E. Hamrick.

We lay the cornerstone of our new church this the 16 day of July, 1910. Let us hope when it is completed it will be a beautiful, well arranged, and comfortable building and when it shall have been dedicated to God and His cause may the living church within its walls, the members who may worship therein be as a great light set upon a hill, giving light, power and strength to all those who may come within the touch of its rays.

Jas. L. Webb.

Is This Why?

The five things listed below are among reasons stated by a sales magazine to cause loss of customers. Could some of these things be the very reasons why we as Christians lose the joy of winning souls to Jesus Christ.

1. "INDIFFERENCE OF SALES PEOPLE"—Do you always show the wide-awakeness, the eagerness, and the interest that is consistent with the great values of an immortal soul, and a heart filled with divine love for the lost?
2. "IGNORANCE OF MERCHANDISE"—Could it be that we do not know correctly the truths that we profess? Do we know God's Word as we should?
3. "OVER-INSISTENCE"—Do we ever try to win the argument even if we thereby lost a soul? Or do we thoroughly demonstrate

NEWS**Graham Buys Colorado Estate for Conference Center**

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado E/P Evangelist Billy Graham announced here he has made a down payment on the \$300,000 Glen Eyrie estate and soon will launch a nation-wide drive among Christian laymen for funds to complete the purchase. Graham said the property, covering 1,140 acres just north of the Garden of the Gods in the foothills of the Rockies, would become a religious conference center if the purchase is consummated. He said the full purchase price must be paid by Sept. 30. The evangelist said Dawson Trotman of the Navigators organization in Los Angeles, Calif., would be director of the religious conference center if the plans develop. He added that the Navigators will conduct training courses for young college and seminary graduates who plan missionary careers in the United States and abroad.

Work of Industrial Chaplains Told

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana (E/P) Industrial chaplains are reaching many persons whom the Church has failed to contact, the Rev. J. Gordon Peterson told the 45th annual convention of the Southern Gas Association here. Mr. Peterson, who has served as chaplain of the Dearborn Stove Company of Dallas the past two years, said that "the Church in the past has reached the people in between the 'top guy' and the bottom guy." Describing his experiences at the Dallas plant, Mr. Peterson said that many of the "bottom guys," especially the men, are returning to church as a result of the spiritual program conducted by the company. The program includes a daily 10-minute service held in the open plant on company time with readings from the Bible and prayers.

Prayers in Laredo Bring Rain

LAREDO, Texas (E/P) Rain began falling in Laredo at 9:00 o'clock Friday night—28 hours after hundreds had gathered in the downtown plaza to pray for an hour of rain. Dust blew into Laredo on winds of 60 miles an hour and then the raindrops started falling. It was Laredo's first rain since .42 of an inch fell March 18. The Rio Grande—the area's water supply—still was trickling slowly down its sandy bed.

our wares so that others really want them too?

4. "SLIP-SHOD METHODS"—Could this apply?

5. "ATTEMPTED SUBSTITUTIONS OF GOODS"—Have we, as Christians, ever tried to sell our notions, our ideas, our doctrines, instead of presenting LIFE through Jesus Christ? Life, spiritual life, includes all the needful ingredients of true salvation.

E. Lloyd Loveless

Pastor, Camden, N. J.

BRING YOUR FAMILY TO SUNDAY SCHOOL



From the Pastor's Study

Never was a pastor any more proud than I when I heard the splendid testimonies of a group of men of our Fishermen's club at Caswell Assembly last Friday morning. Horace Easom had asked us to present the program on that morning for the Brotherhood assembly and it was one of the finest presentations ever given at such a meeting. I'm not saying that because these men were members of the First Baptist Church, but just because "it's true." They had prepared their talks well and had prayed about them. I'm certain that our Saviour was honored by the splendid witness that they bore for Him. Men that spoke were: Nelson Self, Jack Ramsey, Herman Best, Hatcher Jones, L. C. Hamrick, Paul Limerick, George Byrd, and Mike Abernathy.

I've been preaching at Beaver Dam Baptist Church this week and have enjoyed so much being with brother John Suttle and the good people of that community. We had splendid services and the Lord was gracious. I'm certain that my wife and I gained about five pounds eating the wonderful food that the ladies prepared for us twice a day.

Here's something worth while to think about. "A Godly life is a popular commentary on the Bible. Men will believe the Scriptures when we live them. The world's greatest evangelizing force is Christian character, and the only sermon which never wearies us is that of an eloquent life. The most masterly treatise on 'Evidences of Christianity' is a truly sanctified man or woman." (Biblical Digest).

It is always a great joy to see men and women living daily in the things of our Saviour. How grateful I am for those in this church that love Christ and live Christ in business and in their homes. Let's pray for others that are negligent about this.

The most truly practical education is that which imparts the most numerous and the strongest motives to noble action.

—Thomas Davidson.

Fear not that thy life shall come to an end, but rather fear that it shall never have a beginning.

Depend upon it, God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supplies.

—J. Hudson Taylor.

"And The Lord Added To The Church"

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Weaver, 107 N. Edgemont, from Mountain Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, and Oak Ridge Baptist Church, Connelly Springs.

W.M.U. Message

Hudson Taylor was one of our first missionaries to the Chinese. While traveling by boat one day, Taylor talked with a Chinaman who had once visited England, where he went by the name of Peter. The man listened attentively to the missionary's account of Christ's saving love and was moved to tears, but refused the immediate acceptance of the proffered salvation. A little later, evidently despondent, Peter jumped overboard and sank. Hudson Taylor jumped overboard, but could not find the drowning man. He looked around in agony and saw close by a fishing boat with a drag-net. "Come," he shouted to the fisherman. "Drag over this spot. A man sank here and is drowning!"

"It is not convenient," was the unfeeling reply.

"Don't talk of convenience!" cried the missionary. "A man is drowning."

"We are busy fishing and cannot come," they responded.

"Never mind your fishing, I will pay you more—only come at once."

"How much will you give us?"

"Oh, don't stop to discuss that now, I will give you five dollars."

"We won't do it for that, give us twenty dollars and we will drag."

"I do not have that much, but come quickly, and I will give you all I have."

"How much may that be?"

"I don't know exactly, perhaps about fourteen dollars."

At last the boat was paddled over, and the net was let down. In a moment the unconscious body was recovered, but the life was gone.

Can men be so callous? While a fellow-creature is perishing, can they stop and haggle about a price? Yes, men can be so callous; Christian men can be so callous. We believe that the soul is of more value than the body, and that life eternal is in Jesus Christ, and yet we permit ourselves to stand by while the ignorant heathen go down to death—and we hardly put out a hand to save.

The Lord Jesus commands me, commands you: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Let us fervently pray that the hearts of Christians may be fanned into a flame of concern for a lost world for which Christ died.

The Ideal Sunday School Member

1. He hungers after the truth.
2. He seeks after the Ideal—Christ.
3. He walks in obedience to the Master.
4. He dwells in the secret place—prayer.
5. He builds his class and department.
6. He supports the program of the church by contributing through the church bud-

The King's Business

SUNDAY:

- 9:50—First worship service
- 9:45—Sunday School
- 11:00—Second worship service
- 6:45—Baptist Training Union
- 8:00—Evening worship

MONDAY:

- 3:30—T.E.L. Class meets in Ladies Parlor
- 7:45—Philathea class meets with Mrs. Grady Mauney, 206 Worthington

TUESDAY:

- 7:00—Brotherhood supper meeting

WEDNESDAY:

- 6:15—Fellowship supper
- 6:30—Boy Scouts
- 7:00—Sunbeams
- 7:00—Junior and Intermediate G.A.'s
- 7:00—Junior and Intermediate R.A.'s
- 7:45—"Sweetest Hour of the Week"

THURSDAY:

- 7:30—Adult choir rehearsal

Visitors

We were happy to have these worship with us last Sunday:

Mrs. Philip C. Lynch, Shelby; Mr. E. M. Geier, Canton; William Lutz, Mt. Holly; Misses Irene and Imogene Wilson, Charlotte, Allen and Charles Carroll, Thomasville; Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. McDaniel, Washington; Lee McBrayer, Huntsville, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Porter, Rices Landing, Pa.; Mrs. Olive McMurry, Jacksonville; Mrs. Major Hopper, Ft. Lauderdale.

Witnessing Calls For Visiting

The last words of Jesus to his followers were "Ye shall be my witnesses." But, are we His witnesses? Do we love Him enough for what He has done for us, to tell others of His love and great salvation from sin?

If we witness for Him, we must go to the homes and visit for him. With hundreds of lost people and other hundreds who are backsliders having lost the joy of serving Him, we must seek them in their homes and bring them to the services where His Gospel of Salvation is being preached with spiritual power.

Jesus said, "The fields are white unto harvest" and this is as true today as it was when He was here and He is counting on you and me to visit them and tell them about Him and INVITE and BRING them to His church so they can hear the Gospel of Christ. The Master has no other plan. He MUST count on you. WITNESSING CALLS FOR VISITING.

Carlyle Brooks.

get.

8. He wins the lost to Christ.

—Copied.