



I feel like the young pastor who was urged unexpectedly to give a talk at a church meeting. He had just been married a few days before and he was not prepared to speak. When pressed to say a few words, he arose, laid his hand on the bride's shoulder and said, "Since this thing was wished off on me, I will do the best I can." Needless to say his impromptu speech was off with a bang!

Twenty-five years as pastor of the South Norfolk Baptist Church is something that can not be put off. It arrives on February 9, 1972 and each moment has been filled with a sense of God's will for my life. I have never doubted from the first day that this marvelous congregation and this pastor were guided into this union by the Spirit of God.

Space will not permit a kaleidoscope of incidents and experiences along the way. Like Moses at the Red Sea we have been in some tight places, and yet, like Paul we have lived on the mountain top of rich experience. The Pathway has not been a day, nor a week, nor a month, nor yet a year, but twenty-five years of actual service.

It has been my one aim to glorify God and to preach Christ and Him crucified. I have counted it a joy to proclaim the Gospel at the same address and in the same lovely house of worship, and to the same congregation for twenty-five years. The challenge of preaching fresh sermons to meet the needs for today's living has required much study and prayer.

The lights and shadows have made a lasting impression upon my memory. The happy weddings, times of warm friendship, and deep sorrows through deaths have often moved me to the depth of my soul. The mighty hours of revival, assisting persons in need, comforting the troubled, counseling young people, are now a part of this history.

In recalling the faithfulness of our deacons, the talented young people who have gone out into the world to make a mark for God, the cooperation

MINISTER OF EDUCATION

NBA REALIFE CONFERENCE

Thalia Lynn Baptist Church

Tuesday, February 8, 1972

7:30-9:30 P.M.

For the following personnel in each church:

Pastors and Staff Members
Sunday School Directors
Church Training Directors
Music Directors

(Volunteer and non-staff)

Church Missions Committee
Chairmen

Church Evangelism Committee
Chairmen

W.M.U. Directors
Baptist Men's Director

What is REALIFE?

During 1972-73, the Southern Baptist Convention will emphasize as its annual theme, "Living the Spirit of Christ in Faith and Conquest". In order to promote the highly evangelistic thrust of this theme, we have adopted the term REALIFE.

REALIFE is the concept of a person experiencing spiritual rebirth, accepting the promise of Jesus as He declared "I am . . . the Life" (John 14:6. It is also the concept of Christians who are led to discover the dimensional life that comes from sharing Christ through personal witness. Included in the REALIFE emphasis are:

Mission Action Conferences
Family Ministry and Vocational
Guidance Confs.

Youth Music Festivals
Campus Evangelistic Activities

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of Sunday School workers, and the dependable mission-minded ladies in pressing on in the Lord's work, I have been a partaker in untold blessings.

These are just a few fragments of our mission during the last twenty-five years. And humbly, I have tried to be a friend to all, sin being my only foe. I thank each of you for the high privilege of serving you in the name of Christ. My heart is a treasury filled with the enrichment you have brought into my life. "To God be the Glory".



SPECIAL YOUTH RALLY

Dr. Chester Swor, one of the nation's leading Youth Evangelists will be at King's Grant Baptist Church on Friday night, February 4. The bus will be leaving the church at 5:30 P.M. for a joint hot dog roast followed by a city-wide youth rally with Dr. Swor at their church. Dr. Swor is a great man of God and appeals especially to the Youth. Plan to attend and receive a blessing on high. Our adults are always invited to share in these experiences.

YOUTH CHOIR TO SING

Our Youth will be singing in the Evening Service. Be sure and be here for rehearsal time at 6:00 P.M.

SINGSPARATION

This Sunday night after church, our bus will journey over to an evening of fellowship singing at Azalea Baptist Church. Young People, come to church, bring a friend and go with us to the Singspiration after Church.

VALENTINE BANQUET

This year our Youth Valentine Banquet will be on Friday night, February 11, 7 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Food, fun and fellowship awaits those who attend. Tickets will be on sale this Sunday at .50 a person or a .75 a couple.

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People to People Projects

WIN Institutes

Extend Now — Church Extension
Activities

If you plan to attend, please contact Brother Hughes or Brother Hollis.

PASTOR'S ANNIVERSARY

On Wednesday Night, February 9, our church will be honoring our pastor and his family on their 25th anniversary with us. Mrs. Mattie VanVleek is in charge of our program and you do not want to miss this followed by a church-wide reception.

We would like to honor the pastor and his wife with a trip to the Holy Land. A goal of \$1200 is suggested. Please hand your money in through the Sunday School or church. Mr. Julian Parcell is in charge of the finances and he would like for you to make your gifts as a special love offering.

LIBRARY NEWS

A new group of books called, The "All" Series, has been added to the library. They are in the display window and ready to be read.

Carsdale—All the animals of the

Bible lands

Lockyer—All the books and chapters of the Bible

Lockyer—All the children of the Bible

Lockyer—All the doctrines of the

Bible

Lockyer—All the holy days and

holidays

Lockel—All the kings and queens of

the Bible

Lockyer—All the miracles of the

Bible

Lockyer—All the men of the Bible

Lockyer—All the parables of the

Bible

Lockyer—All the prayers of the

Bible

Lockyer—All the promises of the

Bible

Lockyer—All the trades and occupations of the Bible

Lockyer—All the women of the Bible

ADULT VALENTINE SOCIAL

All adults are invited to a Valentine Social on Thursday night, February 10, at 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

You may sign-up this Sunday in your department for various items for you to bring for refreshments. This is the first joint adult social in a long time. Come and bring a friend and let's have a good time in the Lord.