

# The Baptist Builder

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Palafox and LaRue — Pensacola, Fla.

Volume 1

MARCH 10, 1950

Number 2

## ATTENDANCE GOALS -- SUNDAY SCHOOL - 1050 TRAINING UNION - 231

### FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN . . .

#### REVIVAL FIRES ARE BURNING!

Through Tuesday night 26 new members had been received into our fellowship. Others are coming. The power of God's Spirit is being felt in the life of our church and community. Let us continue to pray much, work hard and prove our loyalty to Christ and His church by an unwavering devotion.

My, how your pastor is made to rejoice as he observes the marvelous measure of your faithfulness to this great church. Sunday was a high day and even though the rain cut our attendance, we had excellent congregations in all three worship services. The service during the Sunday School hour thrilled our souls. That was an hour to long remember. The large congregations on Monday and Tuesday evenings would seem to indicate that we will overflow the auditorium by Friday night.

Aren't the Dibles wonderful? Mel and Ruth, we want you to know that we love you and appreciate the bounty of "happiness and sunshine" you have brought to us. Hear them over WCOA on Saturday morning at 10:15.

And now a word about the services through Sunday night -----

#### FAMILY NIGHT ON FRIDAY

The mother of the largest family in attendance, including in-laws and grandchildren will receive a beautiful orchid. A carnation will go to the proudest grandfather. An orchid will also be presented to the wife who has her husband most under control. Family groups will be recognized. Come with the entire family and sit together.

### MEL SPEAKS SATURDAY NIGHT

We will have a music festival Saturday night with the finest congregational music in all the land and several inspiring special numbers. Your pastor has asked Mel to tell the story of his life. Knowing something of the way in which God has wrought wonders in his life, I want you to hear him describe his experience of grace.

#### THE LORD'S DAY

WORSHIP — 8:30, 11:00; 7:30

Sunday School — 9:30

Training Union — 6:00

I believe God has something wonderful in store for us Sunday. You can have a part in making this the greatest single day in the history of First Baptist by doing at least three things: (1) Remember to pray. (2) Participate in the services and (3) Invite and bring others.

The Dibles will be with us through the evening hour. In these closing days, we will have an opportunity to express our appreciation to them by making a generous love offering.

A WORD TO NEW MEMBERS: At the close of the service Sunday night all those who have come into our fellowship in the last three months will be presented to the church.

\* \* \*

#### SOME PARENTS SAY:

"We will not influence our children in making choices and decisions in matters of religion." WHY NOT?

The ads will! The press will! The radio will! The movies will! Their neighbors will! Their business will! Their politicians will!

— Trumpeter.

# MARCH TO CHURCH IN MARCH



## BROTHERHOOD — MISSIONS W. M. U.

OUR BROTHERHOOD IS ON THE MARCH! Men, you came through with a BANG on Tuesday night. 154 men were present for the supper. Many others came to the services.

\* \* \*

The Business Woman's Circles will meet on Tuesday, March 14 with the following hostesses:

Circle No. 12 in the home of Mrs. Lula Jackson, 3803 N. 12th Ave.

Circle No. 14 in the home of Miss Bessie Yates, 1000 E. DeSoto St., with Miss Elizabeth Hart and Miss Avis Ward, co-hostesses.

\* \* \*

A new circle has been organized which will be known as the Young Matron's Circle. The first meeting will be in the home of Mrs. E. L. Skiles, 1709 E. Maxwell St., on Monday, March 13, at 3:00 p.m.

\* \* \*

The W. M. S. will meet on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. for Bible Study. At 11:00, Circle No. 6, Mrs. W. A. Webb, Chairman, will present the program. Lunch will be at 12:15.

\* \* \*

### MEET AND VISIT OUR NEW MEMBERS

By Baptism:

- 40 — James L. Rodak, 520 W. Garden St.
- 41 — Jerry Schroeder, 401 10th St.
- 42 — Sylvia Jean Webb, 404 E. Jackson.
- 43 — David Lee Carson, 3416 W. Jackson.
- 44 — Randall Glen Markham, 711 S. G St.
- 45 — Carol Taylor, 11 N. F St.
- 46 — Ann Blackmon, 1620 N. 15th Ave.
- 47 — Ray Wallas Overton, 741 S. E St.
- 48 — Robert Edward Ellis, Jr., 107 Shadow Lawn.
- 49 — Mr. Charles L. Danforth, 423 W. DeSoto.

By Letter:

- 61 — Mrs. Esther Lee Jones, 43 E. Gregory St.
- 62 — Mr. Spencer C. Johnson, 519 W. Mallory St.
- 63 — Mrs. James M. Rippy, Rt. 2, Box 535
- 64 — Mrs. James M. Rippy, Rt. 2, Box 535
- 65 — Mrs. J. H. Rogers, 2706 W. Jackson.
- 66 — Mr. Geo. T. Mitchell, Jr., 1816 N. 17th Ave.
- 67 — Mr. W. R. Gober, 424 W. DeSoto.
- 68 — Mr. Roy W. Hall, 100 W. Jackson.
- 69 — Mrs. Roy W. Hall, 100 W. Jackson.
- 70 — Mr. Rupert Willis, 45 Carver Drive.
- 71 — Mrs. Rupert Willis, 45 Carver Drive.
- 72 — Mr. R. G. Mason, 14 W. Belmont.
- 73 — Mrs. R. G. Mason, 14 W. Belmont.
- 74 — Eloise Kingry, 1818 E. Brainerd.

## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK — MARCH 12-18

### SUNDAY —

- 8:30 — Early Morning Worship.
- 9:30 — Sunday School — 1050 Goal.
- 11:00 — Morning Worship.
- 6:00 — Training Union — 231 Goal.
- 7:30 — Evening Worship.
- 8:45 — Singspiration in lower auditorium.

### MONDAY —

- 3:00 — Circle No. 15, Young Matrons, with Mrs. E. L. Skiles, 1709 E. Maxwell.
- 7:30 — Quarterly Meeting of Association Training Union.

### TUESDAY —

- 10:00 — W. M. S. Bible Study.
- 11:00 — Program Meeting.
- 6:30 — Youth Choir rehearsal.
- 7:30 — Adult Choir rehearsal.
- 7:30 — Business Women's Circles.

### WEDNESDAY —

- 7:00 a.m. — Morning Watch.
- 6:00 — Sunday School Cabinet meeting.
- 6:20 — S. S. Workers' supper. Intermediate "A" will assist the dietician.
- 6:45 — S. S. Departmental meetings.
- 7:30 — Praise and Prayer Service.

### FRIDAY —

- 7:30 — Visitors Training Union Social.

\* \* \*

### LAST WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Sunday School (incomplete)..... | 731        |
| Training Union .....            | 210        |
| Additions to the church.....    | 26         |
| Offering:                       |            |
| Local Fund .....                | \$1,467.65 |
| Building Fund .....             | \$ 974.30  |
| Total.....                      | \$2,441.95 |

\* \* \*

### IF I WANTED TO—I WOULD

If I wanted to elevate and purify the spiritual welfare of my own church, I would attend the mid-week Prayer meeting.

If I wanted to let people know that I was vitally concerned about Christianity, I would attend mid week Prayer Meeting.

If I wanted to emphasize the value of prayer in the eyes of the world, I would attend the mid-week Prayer Meeting.

— The Columbia Visitor.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Mr. Earl Caston

The Master has said, "Say not ye, there are yet four months and then cometh the harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." (John 4:35)

How appropriate these words for all our church leaders during these days. We shall be unworthy servants of our Christ if we fail to make the most of this opportunity for winning the lost and unaffiliated in our departments and classes during these days of Evangelistic Services.

One of the most important of our tasks is to bring the lost to the services, praying definitely that God will save them. If we reach our goals in attendance Sunday, we will have many of those who should make decisions during the meeting in our services. We are not asking for numbers, but souls! Through your efforts, God will bless you in leading some soul to Him.

— Tom Draper.

\* \* \*

## THE LADDER OF SUCCESS

100% — I did.

90% — I will.

80% — I can.

70% — I think I can.

60% — I might.

50% — I think I might.

40% — What is it?

30% — I wish I could.

20% — I don't know how.

10% — I can't.

0% — I won't.

\* \* \*

## DID YOU KNOW THAT

1. "One out of every three unsaved people enrolled in Sunday School is won to Christ but only one out of 450 unsaved people not enrolled in the Sunday School is won to Christ.

2. "Church members who are enrolled in Sunday School give twenty times as much per capita as members not in Sunday School.

3. "EVERY church member is equally responsible for winning the lost, attending Sunday School, and supporting the church in prayer, participation and giving.

— Copied.

## TRAINING UNION

By Mr. Emory Rogers

Next Sunday our "GOAL or BUST" campaign begins. Each Union and Department has a goal. If this goal is not reached ——— come to Training Union closing Assembly and see what happens! We are grateful for the 210 that found their way to Training Union last week, but our goal for next Sunday is 231. Let's reach it!

The Associational City-Wide Training School will be held in our church March 20-24. We are to have outstanding Workers from the State Training Union Department, so mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend every night you possibly can.

\* \* \*

## DO YOU ATTEND TRAINING UNION?

"Increasingly we see the need for our Sunday School teachers and officers to be in Training Union. Certainly it would be a good example to set before those whom they teach and would lead many of them into this most important department of our church work. If you are not in Training Union, won't you come?"

— Selected.

\* \* \*

"The Baptist Training Union, through its graded study courses and weekly study materials, enlists its members in the study of the Bible, doctrines, missions, stewardship, soul-winning, church life, denominational life, Christian citizenship and in all matters, pertaining to the individual Christian life."

— P. E. Burrough, Growing a Church.

\* \* \*

The Bible itself is the supreme drama of human life. It presents the complete picture of life from the cradle to the grave. It portrays the bad and the good. It shows the devastating effects of sin and the redeeming and creative effects of faith.

— J. E. Lambdin in The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

\* \* \*

## THE BEST INVESTMENT

\$1.00 spent for lunch lasts five hours.

\$1.00 spent for a necktie lasts five weeks.

\$1.00 spent for a cap lasts five months.

\$1.00 spent for water power or a railroad grade lasts five generations.

\$1.00 spent in the service of God lasts for eternity.

— Roger Babson.



## REVIVAL REFLECTIONS

If a man would be a soldier, he'd expect of course to fight;  
And he couldn't be an author if he didn't try to write.  
So it isn't common logic, doesn't have a real true ring.  
That a man to be a Christian doesn't have to do a thing.  
If a man would be a hunter, he must go among the trees;  
And he couldn't be a sailor if he wouldn't sail the seas,  
How strange for any member of a Church to think that he  
Can stay away from worship and a worthy member be!  
When you join associations you must pay up all your dues;  
And you pay for all you purchase from your hat down to your shoes  
There are social clubs for women and the same for men and boys,  
But the members all expect to pay for what each one enjoys.  
Then how is it that members of a Church can sit in pews  
And expect some few to run it without others paying dues?  
The costs of operation must be met in church the same  
As in home or corporation or in work of any name.  
Let us honestly consider why this difference we find,  
Between our Church relationship and every other kind.  
Our business obligations must be met the laws provide;  
But the Church is not insistent so we let the matter slide.  
May we undertake our duties for our Church and for our Lord  
With such measure of devotion as accords with His own Word.  
If our human obligations thus are recognized, why then  
Surely God should have our service now and evermore. Amen.

\* \* \*

Roger Babson is reported to have said: "This year should see more religious interest including more church-going. People gradually are realizing that, without a spiritual awakening no peace or other plans will do much good."

## A VISIT

One day I rang a doorbell in a casual sort of way,  
It was a formal visit and there wasn't much to say.  
I don't remember what I said — it matters not, I guess —  
I found a heart in hunger; a soul in deep distress.  
He said I came from heaven and I often wondered why  
He said I came to see him when no other help was nigh.  
It meant so little to me to knock at a stranger's door  
But it meant heaven to him and God's peace forevermore.

— Selected.

\* \* \*

## HOW TO PRAY

### Ten Simple Rules

Pray where you are. God is present everywhere and ready to listen.

Pray when possible in a quiet spot where you can be alone. It is well to fix your mind deliberately on God, apart from confusing distractions.

Pray to God simply and naturally as to a friend. Tell Him what is on your mind. Get help from the prayers of others.

Pray remembering the good things done for you. Recount your blessings from time to time and give thanks for them.

Pray for God's forgiveness for the unworthy things that you may have done. He is near to an humble and contrite heart.

Pray for the things that you need, especially those that will make your life finer and more Christlike.

Pray for others, remembering the situations they confront and the help they need.

Pray for the world in its need, asking God to bring things and offering your help to Him.

Pray above everything else, that God's will may be done in you and in the world. His purposes are deeper and wiser than anything we can imagine.

Pray and then start answering your prayer.

— Author Unknown.

## THE BAPTIST BUILDER

Published Weekly by  
THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
500 N. Palafox St.  
Pensacola, Florida

Subscription — Fifty Cents per Year

TOM DRAPER  
Educational Director, Editor

Application for Entry as Second Class  
Matter is pending.