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DR. FRANK STAGG

As our supply minister for the next two Sundays, we shall be privileged to have Dr. Frank Stagg, professor of New Testament in the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Stagg had a most successful pastorate in the First Baptist Church of DeRidder, Louisiana, before becoming a member of the Seminary faculty. He is a Seminary classmate and close friend of our pastor.

BAPTIST HOUR

Dr. Duke K. McCall will speak on the Baptist Hour each Sunday afternoon over WBSR at 2:30. His subject for next Sunday will be "A Miracle for You."

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN . .

Greetings from the piney woods of East Texas! We have had a very good beginning in our revival in the Central Baptist Church of Carthage. At this writing there have been four additions, three by profession of faith. We are praying that there may be a great harvest before the meeting ends. It is encouraging to know that many of my beloved congregation are remembering this revival in their daily devotions.

Sunday must have been a wonderful day in our church. The report that was wired to us Sunday afternoon would indicate that God was there and that His power was felt in many ways. Surely our church has every reason to rejoice always in the Lord. Hasn't He been good to us? ?

"He is Risen!" May this glorious fact of Christ's resurrection flood your soul with joy and hope. "He lives! Christ Jesus lives today" within those who have yielded their lives to Him. It is wonderful to be in the company of the redeemed. Surely everyone of you, unless providentially hindered, will be in the services of your church each Lord's Day. Let us always be mindful of the fact that the first day of every week is Resurrection Day in the Christian faith.

RIDGECREST

HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! If you plan to attend the Training Union Week at Ridgecrest with the group from our church be sure to get your reservation made with Mr. Emory Rogers or Mr. Tom Draper by Sunday night. We can have twenty in this group.

THE DRAPERS

As this issue of the Builder goes to press we are much in prayer for the mother of our Educational Director, Tom Draper. Mr. and Mrs. Draper left on Monday evening for Memphis hoping to find their mother improved and expecting to be back for this weekend.

YOUTH COUNCIL NEWS

ELECTION RESULTS

The following youth of our church were elected last Sunday as officers of our Youth Council:

President — Glen Bryan.
1st Vice President — Raph Chandler.
2nd Vice President — Betty Merritt.
3rd Vice President — Robert Adkinson.
Secretary — Nancy Worley.
Treasurer — Nancy Bousman.
Reporter — Luther Holt.
Editor — Bob Brooks.

Youth Week will be observed in our church April 23-30. Many activities are being planned and it is hoped that this will be the greatest Youth Week in the history of our Church.

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EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP SERVICES

A non-denominational Easter Sunrise Worship Service will be held Sunday morning at 5:15 at Bayview Park. Dr. John D. Thomas will deliver the message. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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BROTHERHOOD TO HAVE DUTCH SUPPER

The men of the church and their guests will have their April meeting at 7:30 on Thursday night, April 13. Reserve this night for a Dutch Supper. Membership Vice President Hugh Gilmore urges all men to make plans to attend. Dr. R. A. Brown, Program Vice President, announces that that Commander Velvin Todd Wells will be the speaker.

A fine executive meeting was held just before our pastor departed for Texas. Committee Chairman at work in organizing their committees are Bill Warren, Bob Ivey, Pope Shank, Bill Coker and O. M. Vineyard.

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SYMPATHY

To Mrs. Marjorie Skipper Grubhit in the loss of her father.

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APPRECIATION

The Kitchen Committee wishes to express their appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Myrlin Brooks for the generous supply of ice tea glasses they have placed in the kitchen.

FIFTY IN FIFTY CAMPAIGN

WE CAN IF WE WILL

There is an old Negro Spiritual that states, "If I could I surely would stand on the rock where Moses stood." Since the song referred to the accomplishments of Moses as a result of faith, a theologian in making a constructive criticism of the song said, "It should read, If I would I surely could stand on the rock where Moses stood." The difference between the two statements lies in the fact that willingness can overcome doubt. There are probably some people who are saying, "If I could I surely would give to the New Building Program" when actually they should be saying, "If I would I surely could give something to it."

Last Sunday thirty five more of our people made commitments either through cash contributions or by signing pledges for the Fifty in Fifty Campaign. The commitments of these thirty-five amounted to \$2,357.25. This, added to that which had already been made brings the grand total to \$33,205.25. There still remains \$16,794.75 to be raised by the other 865 members of our church. If only those of this number would act NOW and would either give or pledge to give their best to this program between now and December 31, 1950, we could be successful in underwriting the New Building Program by the time our Pastor returns. It is not, "can we" but "WILL WE" be Victorious in this challenging undertaking.

OUR GIFTS AND GOD'S

'What can I spare?' we say.

'Ah, this and this

From mine array I am not like to miss
And here are crumbs to feed some hungry one,

They are but in the way upon the shelf.'
And yet, one reads, our Father gave His Son!

Our Master gave Himself!

—Copied.

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ENLARGED STORY HOUR

Due to the increase in attendance in our Story Hour a change is being made. The children will be divided by age in order that a proper program of activities may be presented. The departments and directors are:

1 — 3 Years — Toddlers — Nursery.

4 — 5 Years — Beginners — Mrs. Ben Godfrey.

6 — 8 Years — Primary — Mrs. Amos Garrett.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Mr. Earl Gaston

By Comparison	1949	1950
Enrollment	1468	1436
Attendance	942	1005

By Departments: Last Easter
 Sunday Contacts Goals

Gen. Officers	9	55	10
Adult A	124	97	161
Adult B	269	362	314
Young People	66	73	88
Senior Dept.	52	80	62
Intermediate A	63	123	75
Junior A	83	40	100
Junior B	65	96	72
Primary A	32	10	48
Primary B	39	16	50
Primary C	49	19	55
Beginner A	37	12	35
Beginner B	40	*	40
Nursery A	10	3	18
Nursery B	26	*	38
Nursery C	41	3	46

Total1005 989 1212

*No Contacts Reported.

Our goal of 1212 can be reached if YOU, YOU AND YOU will be present on next Sunday. 1212 represents 80% of our enrollment. Surely we should be 100% on Easter and every Sunday for Christ. Come praying and with hearts full of love for a RISEN CHRIST.

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"ONE THING I KNOW"

I am not skilled to understand
What God hath willed, what God hath
planned;

I only know at his right hand
Stand: One Who is my Savior.

I take God at his word and deed:
"Christ died to save me," this I read;
And in my heart I find a need
Of him to be my Saviour.

And was there then no other way
For God to take? — I cannot say:
I only bless him, day by day,
Who saved me through my Saviour.

Yea, living, dying, let me bring
My strength, my solace, from this spring—
That he who loves to be my King
Once died to be my Saviour.

—Dors Greenwell.

TRAINING UNION

By Mr. Emory Rogers

How proud we were of the 271 who were present on Sunday evening. Congratulations to the two Adult departments and the Story Hour for meeting their quotas. Let's make next Sunday an "Easter for Training Union" by reaching our goal of 300.

	Last Sunday	Easter Goals
General Officers	10	10
Adult A	*44	49
Adult B	*43	47
Young People	36	41
Senior Dept.	23	25
Intermediate	26	30
Junior A	31	34
Junior B	22	24
Story Hour	*36	40

Total 271 300

*Reached Goals.

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FIVE WAYS TO GO VISITING

1. Go Definitely. Know where you are going and why. Then go.

2. Go Systematically. Set aside a time hour and date each week to visit prospects, absentees and others in your department or class. Be mindful of your department and classes as you visit. Route the visits so that time may be conserved. Then go.

3. Go Prepared. Know what you want and how. Take a Bible, take tracts, take Christ with you. Then go.

4. Go Persistently. Don't give up, go again and again, go and keep going until you win. Persistence rarely fails.

5. Go Prayerfully. God the Father is for you, and He practiced visiting. Jesus is praying for you and He advocates visiting; the Holy Spirit within you will help you if you let him. Pray believing. Then Go. —Selected.

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EASTER PRAYER

Our Father, still a suppliant we,
as Eaaster time draws nigh:
The peace we've longed and prayed for
is evanescent as our sigh:
Please let us not forget the price,
nor falter from the goal,
But fall upon our knees and pray,
and search our hearts and soul:
For this we know, unless men's hearts
are changed and turn to Thee
Real peace on earth will never come,
or men be really free.

—Sadie Savage McAlister. 1949

MEET AND VISIT OUR NEW MEMBERS

By Baptism:

83 — Stella Nipper, 913 N. Palafox.

By Letter:

93 — Mrs. J. W. Nipper, 913 N. Palafox.

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YOUR CHILDREN WILL THANK YOU

Doak Walker, all-American fullback of S. M. U., told the story of his football career in a series of articles published recently in the Dallas Times Herald. He named some advantages "that not only helped me with my football, but also guided me in the right direction as far as a happy, healthy life is concerned."

The first advantage, according to Walker, was that his family had always taken an interest in Church and Sunday School. "As far back as I can remember," he said, "both Mother and Dad have taught Sunday School. I think that the right kind of religious life is not only beneficial but it is really necessary. It makes the family more of a unit and I think that going to church is the foundation of a fellows learning in his youth and a great comfort and a set in his adult life."

"Take your family to Sunday School" is more than a great slogan. Make it the practice in your home and your children will thank you in the years to come.

— Joe W. Burton
Home Life

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

APRIL 9 - 15

SUNDAY —

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

Monday —

- 3:15 — Junior R. A. Meeting.
- 6:15 — Church-wide visitation supper.

TUESDAY —

- 10:00 — W. M. S. Bible Study.
- 10:45 — Program, Circle 7, Mrs. E. R. Cunningham, Chairman, will lead.
- 11:30 — Business Meeting.
- 12:15 — Lunch.
- 6:30 — Youth Choir rehearsal.
- 7:30 — Adult Choir rehearsal.
- 7:30 — The Golden Circle Class will meet in the home of Mrs. J. B. Fillingim, 708 W. Chase St.
Circle 14, Miss Annie Mertins, Chairman, will meet in the home of Mrs. Ruth Vice, 112 North "C" St., with Miss Aurelia Pugh as co-hostess.

WEDNESDAY —

- 7:00 — Morning Watch.
- 6:00 — Sunday School Cabinet Meeting.
- 6:20 — S. S. Workers' Supper. Martha Class will assist the dietician.
- 7:30 — Prayer and Praise Service. W. M. U. in charge. Chap. Harold MacNeill will lead the devotional.

THURSDAY —

- 10:00 — Vacation Bible School Clinic, Warrington Baptist Church. Lunch will be served. Send reservations to Mrs. Jim Deomes, 25 Mindora Circle, Warrington.
- 7:30 — Brotherhood Dutch Supper.

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LAST WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Sunday School	1095
Southside Chapel	87
Training Union	271
Southside Chapel	59
Offering:	
Local	\$1235.54
Building Fund	1040.92
Total	\$2276.46