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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN . .

We are looking forward with the keenest anticipation to being with our beloved congregation on this coming Lord's Day. The reports of all church activities during our absence have been most gratifying. Let us pray for a great day Sunday.

How fortunate we are in having such a fine group of young people in our church. In addition to being the church and denominational leaders of future years, they are to be our leaders all next week. Let us support our Youth Week officers and pastor with our very best measure of loyalty and devotion. Young People, we are proud of your accomplishments and thankful for everyone of you.

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EVERY YOUTH

Every youth has a quest to make,
For life is the King's highway,
And a joyous heart is the script we take,
On the road to everyday.
Every youth has his gift to guard,
As he fares to a far-off goal
A body pure, and a mind unmarred,
And the light of a lovely soul.
Every youth has a task of his own
For the Father has willed it so,
Youth seeks the way, and He alone
Can show him the path to go.
Every youth has a lovely Guide,
From the vale to the mountain crest:
For the Unseen Friend Who walks beside
Is the Way and the End of the Quest.

—Selected.

TO OUR YOUTH

No man ever became an efficient soldier simply by reading his manual nor was an athlete ever made purely by instruction. Doers and not hearers only are the people who succeed. So our young people learn the work and privileges of their church by sharing them, especially during Youth Week.

"In youth we learn; in age we understand." "Our youth we can have but today—we may always find time to grow old." Our church is most fortunate in the richness of its youth. Let us support them fully.

We proudly present the following YOUTH WEEK OFFICERS who serve this week in places of leadership because of their love for Christ and their interest in His Church:

Youth Pastor.....	Bill Kingry
Youth Preacher.....	H. R. Denham, Jr.
Educational Dir.....	Stanley Davis
Church Secretary.....	Barbara Stanley
Chmn. of Deacons.....	Charles Brown
Choir Director.....	Jo Ann Dunn
Organist.....	Betty Graham and Daralyn Sasnette
Sunday School Supt.....	Charles Dees
Training Union Dir.....	Ralph Chandler
Brotherhood President.....	Robert Atkison
W. M. U. President.....	Gwen Commander
Hospitality Chmn.....	Bob Brooks

There are some 75 other youth partners. We would like to print them all, but space does not permit. Please remember the reception in the lower auditorium Sunday afternoon at 5:00 for all youth partners and adult leaders.

—Tom Draper.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Comparison	1949	1950
Enrollment	1460	1451
Attendance	1050*	913

*Easter Sunday.

	Present	Absent	Contacts
Gen. Officers	9	2	62
Adult A	108	113	149
Adult B	260	158	315
Young People	73	45	143
Senior	40	41	26
Intermediate	56	28	20
Junior "B"	59	29	11
Junior "A"	67	46	14
Primary "C"	37	26	22
Primary "B"	36	24	15
Primary "A"	29	27	*
Beginner "B"	35	18	*
Beginner "A"	35	15	22
Nursery "C"	35	26	3
Nursery "B"	26	35	11
Nursery "A"	8	12	7
Total	913	546	505

*No Contacts Reported.

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Dr. Harry C. Munro, writing in the SAB-BATH RECORDER emphasized the need for "every Sunday School teacher to be an evangelist."

"Christian teaching issues in Christian living," declares Dr. Munro. "Nothing is taught until it is learned. Nothing is learned until it is lived. Whether one teaches little children or seasoned church men, his work is always momentous. It is still related to the main verdict, either as antecedent or consequence.

"The Christian teacher teaches for decisions. Like trickling rivulets they flow together through tributaries to form the great deep flowing currents of a life. And these tributary decisions should never obscure but should ever illumine the supreme verdict for Christ and His cause, which is the Christian teacher's perennial lode-star. This climaxes Christian teachers just as Christian teaching climaxes all teaching."

-Selected.

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Our Sunday School attendance for the first three Sundays in April has averaged 1044. Let's make April the best month we've ever had.

TRAINING UNION

350 — 350 — 350 — 350

On Sunday our pastor will be home and the Training Union requests the help of the entire membership in reaching our goal of 350. Youth week will officially get under way at 12:05 P. M. Sunday. Back up our Youth workers by attending Training Union Sunday.

	Goals	
	Present	Next Sunday
Gen. Officers	9	10
Adult "A"	33	45
Adult "B"	45	60
Young People	36	55
Senior	19	35
Intermediates	20	40
Junior "A"	26	35
Junior "B"	23	30
Primary Story Hour		20
Beginner Story Hour	30	15
Nursery Story Hour		5
Total	241	350

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A BOY AT THE CROSSROADS

He stood at the crossroads all alone,
The sunrise in his face;
He had no thought for the world unknown
He was set for a manly race;
But the road stretched East;
And the road stretched West,
And the boy didn't know which road was
the best,
So he took the wrong road, and
Went down — down — down.
He lost the race and the victor's crown —
He was caught at last in the angry snare
Because no one stood at the crossroads there
To show him the better road.

Another day at the self same place
A boy with high hopes stood.
He, too, was set for a manly race,
He was seeking the things that were good.
But one was there who the roads did know
And that one showed him the way to go,
So he turned away from the road that led
down,

He won the race and the victor's crown;
He walks today in the highway fair
Because one stood at the crossroads there
To show him the better road.

-Sadie Tiller Crawley.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The many friends of Mr. Earl Gaston will regret to learn that due to illness it has been necessary for him to take an enforced rest. At this time he and Mrs. Gaston are stopping at the Battery Park Hotel, Asheville, N. C. He will be hospitalized for treatment and Mrs. Gaston will return to Pensacola in a few days. We will follow him with our most earnest prayers for an early recovery and look forward to the time in the near future when he can be back with us.

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We extend our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Mrs. E. C. Austin and family in the loss of Mrs. Austin's mother.

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All those interested in playing on the church softball team, please contact Adolph Fields, Joe Ladner or Emory Rogers. Practice begins this week.

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PLEASE! PLEASE!

If you have borrowed dishes or cooking utensils from the church's kitchen please return them as soon as convenient, as they are badly needed.

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The quarterly W. M. U. Associational meeting will be held next Thursday, April 27 at Olive Baptist church at 10:00 A. M. All W. M. U. members are urged to attend.

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The Cradle Roll Workers will meet with Mrs. D. L. Raley, 1915 W. Gadsden on Thursday, April 27.

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HEAVEN ON EARTH THEME ON BAPTIST HOUR

Many people are wondering if there is any escape from the hardships and heartbreaks they are experiencing in the world today. Dr. Duke K. McCall will answer the questions these people are asking as he speaks on the special revival broadcast of the Baptist Hour on Sunday afternoon. Be sure to listen over WBSR at 2:30 Sunday afternoon.

—The Radio Commission, S. B. C.

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LAST CALL FOR RIDGECREST RESERVATIONS!

If you are planning or thinking about going to Ridgcrest for Training Union Week July 27-August 2 please get your reservation in at the Church Office. Only a few are left of the 20 that the church has.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

The Bible refers to prayer about five hundred times, to faith less than five hundred times, and to material possessions about one thousand times. Sixteen of Jesus' thirty-eight parables were clearly concerned with stewardship of material possessions. We wonder if anyone ever said to Jesus, "Lord, you emphasize money too much!"

Tithing is not a way of financing the church. It is a relationship with God. No one should plan to tithe merely in order that the church might have money. Paying the tithe is a symbol of our recognition of God's ownership of all wealth.

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GIVE THE WHOLE TITHE TO THE WHOLE PROGRAM

"Bring Ye All the Tithes into the Storehouse."

1. To give my tithe through my church is **SCRIPTURAL**.
2. To give my tithe through my church is **SIMPLE**. It simplifies my problems of giving.
3. To give my tithe through my church is **SERVICEABLE**. There it covers every phase of human need — physical, mental, spiritual.
4. To give my tithe through my church is **SENSIBLE**. No citizen would think of designating his taxes to one particular department.
5. To give my tithe through my church is **SUFFICIENT**. If all would do this, there would be no lack.
6. To give my tithe through my church is **SUCCESSFUL**. All causes share proportionately out of this common church treasury.
7. To give my tithe through my church is **SUBLIME**. It glorifies God.

—M. E. Dodd.

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DIRECTORY

Pastor.....Dr. Elwin L. Skiles
Educational Dir.....Thomas J. Draper
Financial Secretary Mrs. G. T. Sutton
Secretary.....Mrs. Thomas J. Draper
Treasurer.....Paul W. Caro
Choir Director....Mrs. Maurice Davis
Organist.....Mrs. J. F. Griffith
Librarian.....Miss Kitty Sue Wiggins
Dietician.....Mrs. G. F. Manning

WANTED!

ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

AGES 13 - 24

TO HELP BUILD A BETTER WORLD

PLEASANT WORKING CONDITIONS

GOOD FUTURE

SALARIES COMMENSURATE
WITH LOVE AND SERVICE

OUR PEOPLE ARE SATISFIED
AND LEAD HAPPY, HELPFUL LIVES

APPLY

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 9:30-Training Union 6:00
YOUTH WEEK APRIL 23-30, 1950

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TAKE TIME TO PRAY

The great people of the earth today are the people who pray - people who take time to pray. They have not time. It must be taken from something else. That something is important, very important and pressing, but still less important and pressing than prayer. There are people who put prayer first and group the other items in life's schedule around and after prayer. These are the people today who are doing the most for God in winning souls; in solving problems; in awakening churches to supply, both men and money for mission posts; in keeping their lives fresh and strong in sacrificial service on the foreign field where the thickest fighting is going on; in keeping the old earth sweet a little while longer.

-S. D. Gordon.

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

APRIL 23-29

SUNDAY -

- 8:30 - Early Morning Worship.
- 9:30 - Sunday School.
- 11:00 - Morning Worship.
- 2:30 - Baptist Hour, WBSR.
- 3:30 - Youth in Religion, WCOA.
- 5:00 - Reception honoring the Youth Partners and their adult leaders.
- 6:00 - Training Union.
- 7:30 - Evening Worship.
- 8:45 - Singing in lower auditorium.

MONDAY -

- 3:15 - Junior R. A. Meeting.
- 4:00 - Leave church for Training Union Convention - at Crestview.

TUESDAY -

- 6:30 - Youth Choir rehearsal.
- 7:30 - Adult Choir rehearsal.
- 7:30 - Business Women's Class meeting with Mrs. Virginia Stevens, 1000 E. DeSoto.

WEDNESDAY -

- 7:00 A.M. - Morning Watch.
- 9:30 A.M. - Faithful Workers Class will meet at church for visitation. Covered dish luncheon will be served at noon in the home of Mrs. C. W. Kingry, 1908 E. Moreno.
- 6:00 - Sunday School Cabinet Meeting.
- 6:20 - S. S. Workers' Supper. Faithful Workers Class will assist the dietitian.
- 7:30 - Prayer and Praise Service.

THURSDAY -

- 3:00 - Convention Bible Class meeting in home of Mrs. B. I. Able, 1301 E. Lee.

FRIDAY -

- 7:30 - Comic Strip Party for Intermediates and Young People. Lower Auditorium.

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LAST WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Sunday School	913
Southside Chapel	97
Total	1010
Training Union	241
Southside Chapel	72
Total	313

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OFFERINGS:

Local	\$1,230.40
Building Fund	313.92
Total	\$1,544.32