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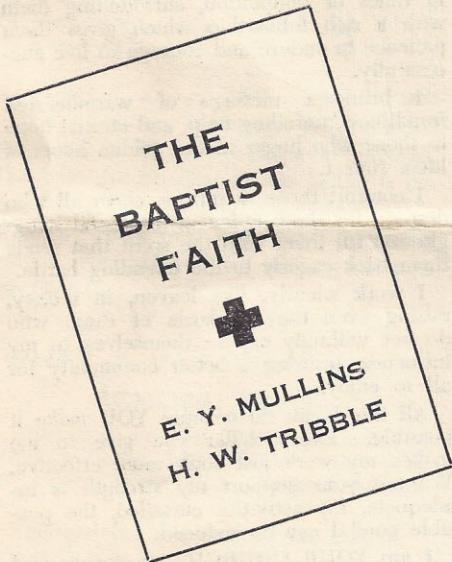
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SPECIAL BOOK OFFER



This excellent book, written by Dr. E. Y. Mullins and revised by Dr. H. W. Tribble is being taught by our pastor on Wednesday evening at the prayer meeting hour. Many of our people will take advantage of this opportunity to study for enlightenment concerning our Denomination. Credit for Sunday School or Training Union may be obtained by attending six of the ten Wednesday evening discussions.

Such subjects as: "The Souls Competency in Religion," "Principles of the Reformation," and "Baptist Kingdom Progress," will be discussed. A special invitation is extended to all new church members.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN . . .

"What kind of church would my church be if all of the members were just like me?" Thank God for that large group of faithful members whose answer to this question would be in terms of a much larger and stronger program than we can possibly project with only partial support of our constituency. As pastor, I would like to sound a challenge to all who have been missing the thrilling blessings incident to interested participation in the church to which you belong, to join with this happy band of Christians in forwarding the cause of Christ through channels afforded by the First Baptist Church.

"Together" is a significant word in the vocabulary of our church. Let us move forward TOGETHER in Bible study, in prayer, in witnessing, in worship, in training for service, in missionary activity, in tithing, in visitation, in fellowship, in dedication and in love.

Members from all the Veterans organizations of Pensacola will be present in our 11 o'clock service on Sunday.

Congratulations to the high school and college graduates who are listed elsewhere in the Builder. We thank God for every one of these fine people. Our prayer is that they may be found in the center of God's will as they continue their preparation and enter into their chosen fields of endeavor.

I am grateful for the invitation to preach the commencement sermon on Sunday evening to the graduating class of Pensacola High School. We will have our evening worship service. In my absence, the pulpit will be supplied by Chaplain A. L. Dominy of Whiting Field.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

We are happy to recognize the fine group of High School and College graduates from our church. We congratulate them on their attainments and bid them Godspeed as they go forth into their chosen fields of service.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Olive Ann Allen	Ronald Jutila
Neil Blue, Jr.	Roland Lindeman
Francis Brasher	Betty Merritt
Robert Brooks, Jr.	Sarah Merritt
Charles Brown	Tommy Nichols
Glyn Bryan	Mary Sue Parker
Jimmie Davis	Malcolm Patterson
Margaret Davis	Jacquelin Pittman
Charles Deese	Virginia Renfroe
Doris Denham	Margaret Resmondo
Jo Ann Dunn	Willa Shields
David Dunning	Martha Smith
Robert Fields	Mary Smith
James Frye	Nancy Smith
Ormand Frye	Alexander Stoesen
Allen Hatzopoulos	Clyde Strickland
Emanuel Hatzopoulos	Willard Warfield
	Hobart Worley

COLLEGE GRADUATES:

University of Florida	Judson College
Brentwood Bryan	Rubyé Gilmore
Darrell Jones, M. A.	Pryor
Florida State University	Joan Peterson
Judy Gibson	A. P. I. Auburn
Beverly Goodnight	C. L. Strickland
Miriam Campbell	Stetson University
University of Alabama	John Pelham
Babette Page	Duke University
Thomson	Thaddeus Wastler

(If any of our graduates have been omitted, kindly notify the church office.)

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CHARACTER

Build character for God. Make it four-square, with a spiritual side, a moral side, a mental side and a physical side. On the spiritual side square it with Jesus Christ; let it be your ambition to be as spiritual as your Master; on the moral side be satisfied with nothing less than the standard set by Christ, Himself; on the mental side let the thoughts of God rule, and on the physical side strive to make the body of the Lord Jesus Christ. Build the whole life for God.

— Speer. Leaves of Gold.

I AM YOUR CHURCH

I AM YOUR CHURCH. I gather little children and lead them to the heavenly Father, that his love and care may ever surround them.

I guide boys and girls into growing development of brave and righteous character, thrilling them with the heroic exploits and saints and martyrs.

I challenge youth with ideals that fire their latent altruism and stir their loyalty to the kingdom of God, so that they work and witness with zeal for the making of a better and juster world.

I stand beside those who, in the meridian period of life, bear the burdens and face the perplexing problems of our disjointed age, guiding them in perplexity, steadyng them in times of temptation, surrounding them with a rich fellowship which gives them patience to endure and courage to live successfully.

I bring a message of warmhearted friendliness, unfailing help, and eternal hope to those who linger in the golden hours of life's sunset.

I comfort those in sorrow, cheer all who despair, lift those fallen in the moral struggle and fill them with the spirit that sends them back eagerly to the unending battle.

I work silently, like leaven, in society, raising even the standards of those who do not willingly expose themselves to my influence, insuring a better community for all to enjoy.

All this I can do because YOU make it possible. Every dollar you give to me makes my work just such more effective. Without your support my strength is inadequate, my activities curtailed, the possible good I can do reduced.

I am YOUR CHURCH — as strong and efficient as your attendance, your service, your prayers and your gifts make me.

— William Blake.

FIVE F'S OF EVANGELISM

FIND the people. Non-Christians are everywhere.

FETCH the people. We will go out and get non-Christians.

FEED the people. How skimpy is the fare.

FASTEN them. High pressure methods will attract names to church rolls.

FOLLOW THEM. Instruction in the ways of Christ is necessary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

	1949	1950
By Comparison		
Enrollment	1501	1484
Attendance	917	909
Ladder of Success	Enrollment	Con-
General Officers	10	8
11 Adult A	215	123
10 Adult B	392	229
12 Young People	107	61
13 Senior	81	38
5 Intermediate	85	61
7 Junior A	115	75
6 Junior B	84	56
8 Primary A	51	31
7 Primary B	61	40
4 Primary C	61	44
1 Beginner A	44	35
3 Beginner B	49	36
2 Nursery A	13	11
14 Nursery B	59	26
9 Nursery C	57	35
Total	1484	909
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	900	900

The attendance percentage will be listed each week in the Ladder of Success column. The basis for standing on the ladder is the enrollment divided into the total number present. Help your department by being present yourself and by making contacts for Christ.

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WHAT A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DOES

After the Fourth Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri, had held its 21st school, the pastor, wrote that all these schools had:

Enlarged the influence of the church.

Provided new ways for presenting the gospel.

Been effective in evangelizing the pupils.

Exerted a positive influence in Christian Character building.

Done much to improve the social life of the pupils.

Discovered and developed church workers.

Helped the pastor think in terms of child life.

Trained the workers to have a conscience about the school and made them willing to work hard because of what they could do for boy, and girls in the schools.

OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE JUNE 12 23

TRAINING UNION

	Present
General Officers	12
Adult "A"	36
Adult "B"	30
Young People	39
Senior	23
Intermediate	24
Junior A	24
Junior B	22
Story Hour	23
Total	235
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B B B B LEADERS

Co-Wed	222	Leo Green	183
Phil Padget	210	Visitors	167
W. R. Rogers	204	J O Y	154
Original	197	Joyful Servants	146
Pastors Partners	194	Vigor	143
Eager Beavers	185	Ed Jones	130

The Training Union Executive meeting will be held at 5:15 Sunday afternoon. All Departmental officers and General Officers are urged to be present. On Monday evening at 6:15 the regular monthly planning council supper will be served. Last month we had 52 present. Let's beat that record this time.

The theme for next Sunday night will be "Home the Beginning of Missions." Plan to attend one of our fine Unions.

IT IS TRUE THAT THE TRAINING UNION . . .

1. Gets more people to read the Bible than any other organization in the world.
2. Teaches more people to pray and gets them to pray publicly than all other services combined.
3. Teaches Missions to more people.
4. Builds the church attendance at the evening preaching service.
5. Teaches stewardship more effectively than other organizations because the member convinces himself by studying and presenting the subject.
6. Leads more people to become soul winners, Sunday School teachers, missionaries and leaders in every phase of our church life than all other organizations combined.
7. Over 90 per cent of our foreign missionaries come from the Training union.

— The Evangel.

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"Generosity applies not only to giving but also to living; it applies not to the purse but to the personality."

— Dr. Perry F. Webb.

DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

Many people when approached with the request that they take part in the choir program reply, "Oh, I'm not a singer. I like to sing but haven't any ability. I have never studied." Many such folks are good potential choir material if they would but give themselves a chance.

The desire to sing is the most important element in any individual's approach to choir work. This coupled with a willingness to work hard, has brought pleasure to many persons through choral participation. By putting your talent to work for the Lord, even as the servant in the parable, it will be returned to you with interest. By taking part in your choir program you will be saying, "I have found another place where I can serve the Lord."

AN EXPLANATION

"At least 50 per cent of the textual matter of the publication must be devoted to editorial or reading matter in which no reference is made to the First Baptist Church, its members, activities, services, etc. The general matter, may, of course, deal with religious or other subjects in keeping with the character of the publication."

Assistant Postmaster General.

The above regulation governs the amount of local material that can be used each week in the Builder.

RIDGECREST

I know a path by a waterfall
Where the rhododendrons grow;
Where the light keeps tryst
With the silvry mist,
That gleams like a ruined rainbow.
I know a trail to a mountain top
Where the day dawns glad and free;
Where the sun shines bright,
And it's never night,
And the world belongs to me.
I know a road where the moonlight glows
On a world that is fast asleep;
Where the tall trees sigh,
As the wind goes by,
And the stars break through and peep.
I know a Friend and He walks these ways
And He waits for those who dare;
And the peace He gives,
And the joy that lives,
Are for those who follow there.

— Mrs. B. W. Vining.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

May 29 - June 3

MAKE SUNDAY THE LORD'S DAY — IT IS!

Morning Worship	8:30 and 11:00
Sermon	Pastor
11:00 Service Broadcast over WEAR	
Evening Worship	8:00
Sermon	Chaplain A. L. Dominy
Sunday School	9:30 A.M.
Training Union	6:45 P.M.

MONDAY —

3:15 — Junior R. A.
6:15 — Training Union Planning Council.

TUESDAY —

6:30 — Youth choir rehearsal.
7:30 — Adult choir rehearsal.

WEDNESDAY —

7:00 A.M. — Morning Watch.
6:00 — Sunday School cabinet meeting.
6:20 — S. S. workers supper. Nursery "C" and Beginner "A" and "B" will assist the dietician.

7:30 — Prayer and Praise service.

THURSDAY —

10:00 A.M. — Faithful Workers annual picnic. Meet at the church. Transportation will be provided to the home of Mrs. M. H. Holt, Mallory Heights. Honorary members are urged to attend.

MEET AND VISIT OUR NEW MEMBERS

By Baptism:

90 — Dr. Jack Baldwin, 1720½ N. Magnolia.
91 — Mrs. Jack Baldwin, 1720½ N. Magnolia.
92 — Glenn Baldwin, 1720½ N. Magnolia.
93 — Mrs. Katurah Erwin, 477 Moreno Courts.

By letter:

105 — Mr. A. W. Butts, Jr., 9½ N. "J" St.
106 — Mrs. A. W. Butts, Jr., 9½ N. "J" St.
107 — Mr. Charles B. Erwin, 477 Moreno Cour's.

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