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A CHALLENGE TO OUR GENERATION

One of our preachers poured out his heart as he tried to persuade a church to erect a suitable building for worship and service. Immediately after the services, a lady came forward to answer his suggestion.

"What do you mean by suggestion that we build?" she challenged. "My grandfather gave this land and helped to build this building. My father helped to improve it. Every plank in it was made sacred by the hands of those who sacrificed to build. What do you mean by wanting us to tear it down and rebuild?"

She continued to express her disapproval, but at last the preacher got a few words in edgewise, and what challenging words they were.

"Madam," he said, "you have been telling me what noble and sacrificial things your father and grandfather did. Tell me, please, what will your children and grandchildren say that you did?"

It is well that we ask ourselves this question for without the sacrificial help of ALL we cannot provide the building which this church needs.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH, IS LEMON DAY—FOR VA- CATION BIBLE SCHOOL

EVERY ONE attending Sunday School on this Sunday is requested to bring a lemon for Vacation Bible School lemonade.

Other items needed are: Empty spoons, oatmeal boxes, shirt cardboards, scraps of material, old clean stockings, orange mesh bags.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Lily Beggs who entered our Father's Home on May 26 was a member of this church for sixty-four years. She was teacher of the Convention Bible Class for 25 years.

Our tenderest Christian sympathy is extended to the family of this beloved saint of God.

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ANNOUNCING

A SERIES OF SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES ON
COURTSHIP, MARRIAGE THE
HOME AND THE FAMILY
IN THE LIGHT OF THE TEACH-
INGS OF THE CHRISTIAN
FAITH

June 4 — "Before You Marry."

June 11 — "Are You Really in Love?"

June 18 — "Marriage Is What Two Make It."

June 25 — "Purposeful Parenthood."

July 2 — "God Bless Our Home."

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

A veteran circus performer said to a young man learning to perform on the flying trapeze: "Throw your head over the bars and your body will follow." Paul explained the remarkable generosity of the Macedonian Christians: "They first gave their own selves to the Lord." Money, service, talents, time — these naturally follow when we first throw our hearts into Christ's cause.

Master, before offering Thee our possession and our service, we would first give our hearts to Thee. Amen.

— Christian Herald.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 12-23

A GREAT CHURCH

A church is great in the sight of God only when it is:

GREAT IN SPIRIT. When its warmth of fellowship is apparent to all who worship there. It possesses a warmth which blesses all who come.

GREAT IN LOVE. Its love abounds toward Christ and toward sinners. The members love one another with deathless devotion.

GREAT IN COMPASSION. Its heart reaches out to suffer with those who need its ministry. Only by having a compassion of heart can a church be great. As one has well said, "a passionless church is a passing church."

GREAT IN CONSECRATION. It withdraws itself from the world with its fashions and its fads; its members live a consecrated life; it has no place for worldliness and for human aspirations.

GREAT IN LOYALTY. It is loyal to Christ. It is loyal to His Word. It is loyal to "the faith once delivered unto the saints." Its members are loyal to the Lord and to His Church by their dedication of time, of talents and of treasure.

— Dr. J. D. Grey.

PARENTS!

Parents are responsible and obligated to see that their children go to Vacation Bible School. As much Bible teaching is given as in six months in the Sunday School. We have seen to it that the children go to the public schools for nine months, whether they like it or not. The church will do its best to make its school not only instructive and character building, but interesting, comfortable and pleasant.

— Selected.

CHESTER SWOR WRITES ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE

Many thousands of Baptist young people are loyal to the principles of Christian living at its best.

They have been faithful in participation in youth activities sponsored for them by our denomination. Below the adult level of Southern Baptist life, there are enrolled 3,823 517 young people in weekly activities directed by the Training Union, Sunday School and Woman's Missionary Union.

Our young people have been most faithful to our denomination's emphasis upon evangelism. During 1948, more than 1,000 youth revivals were held and 20,000 college young people participated in summer work.

Our young people have been faithful in dedication of life to full-time Christian leadership. At the present time, there are 6,400 ministerial students in our Southern Baptist colleges, and 2,931 young men and women in our seminaries. It is estimated that during 1948 approximately 2,000 Baptist young people offered their lives in dedication to Christian service.

In the fast-moving stream of American young life, our young people have been found faithful in their devotion to the principles of uncompromising Christian living.

Nearly 2,000,000 of our young people read their Bible and engage in personal prayer every day.

The response of our young people to challenges to courageous Christian living in the matters of personal honesty and moral purity is profoundly inspiring. The number of those who have ever dared to stand alone for principles of maximum Christian living is very large.

— Chester Swor.

MINUTES

We are but minutes, little things
Each one furnished with sixty wings
With which we fly on our unseen track
And not a one of us ever come back.

We are but minutes, use us well,
For how we are used we must someday tell;

Who uses minutes has hours to use,
Who loses minutes — whole years must lose.

— Author Unknown.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

	1949	1950
Enrollment	1501	1490
Present	944	937
May Average	943	871

	Enrolled	Present	Contacts
Gen. Officers	10	9	
Adult A	218	131	244
Adult B	395	241	357
Young People	106	61	101
Senior	81	43	19
Intermediate	85	54	97
Junior A	115	78	50
Junior B	84	60	96
Primary A	51	33	8
Primary B	63	38	4
Primary C	61	39	13
Beginner A	44	33	23
Beginner B	49	35	0
Nursery A	12	13	6
Nursery B	59	33	4
Nursery C	57	36	1

Total1490 937 1013

"WE WOULD BE BUILDING!"

We would be building; temples still undone
O'er crumbling walls their crosses
scarcely lift;

Waiting till love can raise the broken stone,
And hearts creative bridge the human
rift;

We would be building, Master let Thy plan
Reveal the lit that God would give to
man.

Teach us to build; upon the solid rock
We set the dream that hardens into deed,
Ribbed with the steel that time and change
doth mock

The unfulfilling purpose of our noblest
creed;

Teach us to build; O Master, lend us sight
To see the towers gleaming in the light.

O keep us building, Master; may our hands
Ne'er falter when the dream is in our
hearts,

When to our ears there come divine com-
mands

And all the pride of sinful will departs;
We build with Thee, O grant enduring
worth

Until the heavenly Kingdom comes to
earth.

— U .E. Deitz.

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RECREATION

First Baptist versus Gadsden Street
Methodist at 8:15 Thursday, June 8. Back
up our ball teams!

TRAINING UNION

B B B B BY DEPARTMENTS

Co-Wed	222	F. B. I.	224
Original	197	Pastors Partners	181
W. R. Rogers	204	Eager Beavers	185
Phil Padgett	210		

TRAINING UNION THEME FOR JUNE:

"DOES IT MATTER WHAT YOU
BELIEVE"

Gen Officers	9	Junior A	22
Adult A	42	Junior B	18
Adult B	36	Primary	20
Young People	35	Beginner	7
Senior	16	Nursery	7
Intermediate	22		
		TOTAL	223

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THE USEFUL LIFE

God has a plan for every life, a really
great plan. God never made anything
cheap or uninteresting.

He has equipped every life for a great
career and a great destiny.

The keep of wealth of personality,
great experiences and large services, God
alone holds.

He challenges you to a wonderful
friendship with Him. Out of this fellow-
ship shall come your development, your
empowering, your guidance, your success.

God is interested in you. He has great
things for you to accomplish during your
life time.

He is so earnest to make each life beau-
tiful, healthful, useful and radiant that
He will admit of no defeat. You alone
can wreck your own life. Mistakes, there
may have been plenty, but sin and life's
blunders He corrects and cures.

The imperative, immediate and tremen-
dous reason you should have God in your
life is that you may be constantly and
increasingly useful.

"DRAW NIGH UNTO GOD AND HE
WILL DRAW NIGH UNTO YOU." James
4:8.

God alone can put you in tune and
make your life radiant for service. He
can make you a constant benediction.

His never failing Hand will direct you
into varied and amazing interesting paths
of service.

UNBROKEN FELLOWSHIP with the
MASTER through PRAYER is the KEY
to a great and useful life.

— Quests and Conquests.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

PREPARATION DAY, JUNE 9

Children, don't miss it. Preparation day for Vacation Bible School will be Friday June 9 at 10:00 A.M., A grand time of singing, playing and having fun is in store for all! Refreshments will be served to all and a grand movie will be shown. This day is for the registration of all those who are going to be with us to enjoy those two wonderful weeks of Vacation Bible School.

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WHAT IS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL?

It is a school conducted by the Church and Sunday School during vacation time, to give boys and girls teaching and training in

Study of Religious Pictures and Slides
Character Stories

Memory Drills

Bible Study

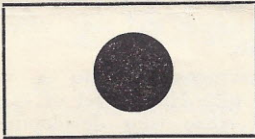
Directed Recreation

Handcraft and Woodwork

Good Music and Singing!!!

— Selected.

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Blow your breath on the dot in the square. If it turns red, see your doctor at once. If it stays black, come to Training Union Sunday Night at 6:45.

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W. M. U. NOTICE

Due to many changes in the time of meeting of the Circles next week, we ask that you watch the paper for the time and place of your meeting.

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AN INVITATION

All friends are invited to attend the wedding of Miss Helen Childress and George McNeely at the church, 2:30 Sunday Afternoon June 4.

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MEET AND VISIT OUR NEW MEMBERS
By Letter:

108 — Mr. John E. Wright, 3315 W. Jackson.

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By Baptism:

94 — Mr. Emory E. Evans, Jr., 14. W. Cervantes.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

JUNE 4 - 10

MAKE SUNDAY THE LORD'S DAY—IT IS!

Morning Worship.....8:30 and 11:00
“FIVE OR SIX FLAGS,
WHICH?” Pastor

(Pensacola is observing the Fiesta of Five Flags. Why not six?)

Evening Worship.....8:00
“Before You Marry” Pastor
(First in a Series)

Sunday School9:30 A.M.
Training Union6:45 P.M.

(The ordinance of baptism will be observed at the close of the evening service.)

MONDAY —

3:00 — Circle No. 15 will meet with Mrs. Geo. Yarbrough, Jr., 1806 N. Barcelona St.

3:15 — Junior R. A.

6:30 — Virginia Wingo Y. W. A.

7:30 — S. S. Cabinet Meeting at Home
Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Skiles, 1709 E. Maxwell.

TUESDAY —

3:15 — Sunbeams and Junior G. A.

6:30 — Youth Choir rehearsal.

7:30 — Adult Choir rehearsal.

7:30 — Golden Circle meeting with Mrs. W. D. Cutts, 102 Shadow Lawn, Westerly Heights.

WEDNESDAY —

7:00 A.M. — Morning Watch.

6:00 — Sunday School cabinet meeting.

6:20 — S. S. Workers Supper. Primary A and B will assist the dietician.

7:30 — Prayer and Praise Service. The third Chapter of “The Baptist Faith” will be taught.

8:30 — Deacon's Meeting.

FRIDAY —

10:00 A.M. — Preparation Day for Vacation Bible School.

SATURDAY —

7:30 — Youth for Christ in our Church.

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