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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.

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## 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 spools, oatmeal boxes, shirt cardboards, scraps of material, old clean stockings, orange mesh bags.

MISS KITTY SUE WIGGINS  
1322 E LEE ST  
PENSACOLA FLA

## 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 EVE- NING 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 Parent-  
hood."

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.

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## 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.

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### 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.

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### 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
Gen. Officers .....	10	9
Adult A .....	218	131
Adult B .....	395	241
Young People .....	106	61
Senior .....	81	43
Intermediate .....	85	54
Junior A .....	115	78
Junior B .....	84	60
Primary A .....	51	33
Primary B .....	63	33
Primary C .....	61	39
Beginner A .....	44	33
Beginner B .....	49	35
Nursery A .....	12	13
Nursery B .....	59	33
Nursery C .....	57	36
Total .....	1490	937
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## "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 unfailing 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.

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— U.E. Deitz.

## 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 .....	85	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

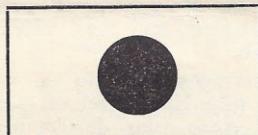
### PREPARATION DAY, JUNE 9

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.

### 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.



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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 School .....	9:30 A.M.
Training Union .....	6:45 P.M.
(The ordinance of baptism will be ob- served 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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