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Youth Council Presents Missions Team



The Youth Council of our church will present the "World Mission Team" from Wayland College, Plainview, Texas, on next Wednesday evening at 7:30. Former mission teams from this institution have rendered noble service throughout our Southern Baptist Convention and our church will be blessed by their visit to Pensacola. Let's pack our auditorium for this service.

Everyone is invited to the fellowship period in the lower auditorium to meet and get acquainted with these fine young people after the service. The Mission Library will be open, some new material has recently been given that you will want to see.

Left to right are pictured: Julia Molnar, Hungary and Brazil. She is a Junior at Wayland; Mori Hiratani Hawaii, at the age of 15 he was converted under the ministry of Dr. James Belote while he was detained in Hawaii on his way to China from America. Mori expects to return to China as soon as he receives his Seminary training; Muriel Okamoto, Japan, Hawaii, was born in Hawaii of Buddhists parents. She became a Christian under the teaching of Rev. Malcolm Stuart of Alabama. Her parents opposed her coming to Wayland but God opened the way. Stanley Wang of Hong Kong, China, gives this testimony: "I was delighted when I first heard the precious message of God."

MAKE SUNDAY THE LORD'S DAY — IT IS!

Morning Sermon: "AND WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR" Pastor
Evening Sermon: "A CHRIST CENTERED HOME" Rev. Larry Mayo

SUNDAY SCHOOL

	Present	Year Ago	Cont.
Gen. Officers	8	8	102
Adult A	97	115	148
Adult B	195	212	236
Young People	64	77	23
Senior	34	34	26
Intermediate	50	52	127
Junior A	77	62	29
Junior B	47	56	89
Primary A	27	39	8
Primary B	28	43	25
Primary C	39	35	3
Beginner A	32	41	15
Beginner B	31	30	4
Nursery A	9	12	2
Nursery B	20	24	18
Nursery C	30	36	2
Total	789	876	857

"SAVE THE SUMMER FOR THE
SAVIOUR"

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Friday night, June 23 at 7:30 the Vacation Bible School will come to a climax with a most interesting commencement program in the church sanctuary.

Displays of the work done will be in the departments from 7:00 to 7:30 and after the program.

Our enrollment was 314 at this writing.

STEWARSHIP OF THE CROSS

1/10

Ah, when I look up at the Cross
Where God's great Steward suffered loss—
Yea, loss of life and blood for me!
A trifling thing it seems to be
To pay the tithe, dear Lord to Thee,
Of time or talent, wealth or store—
Full well I know I owe Thee more;
A million times I owe Thee more!
But that is just the reason why
I lift my heart to God on high,
And pledge Thee by this portion small,
My life, by love, by all in all!
This holy token at Thy Cross
I know, as gold, must seem but dross;
But in my heart Lord, Thou dost see
How it has pledged my all to Thee,
That I a steward true may be!

— Ralph Spaulding Cushman

TRAINING UNION

Gen. Officers	8	Junior A	22
Adult A	32	Junior B	22
Adult B	27	Story Hour	13
Young People	42	New Member	
Senior	20	Instruction	5
Intermediate	18		
		Total	211

OUR B B B B PROGRAM will be back in full swing on this Sunday evening. Four weeks left! What have you done to help our Training Union? Be faithful to the Saviour during the summer months.

JUNE 25 IS COOPERATIVE PROGRAM DAY

An opportunity will be given to every one to make an appreciation offering to the Cooperative Program in Sunday's services. Southern Baptists are celebrating the Silver Anniversary of this program through which we give to Christian causes around the world.

STAND BY YOUR CHURCH

If ever the churches need loyal friends it is at the present time. We are passing through serious days in the history of these churches. The radio, the automobile, the moving pictures, and other modern attractions are taking the people away from the church services. Most people are heavily burdened with the cares of life and on Sunday they almost demand rest and recreation. Life seems to grow harder every year and those who bear the burdens of home and business are tempted to sleep long and late on Sunday morning.

The attractive features of life beckon to them on Sunday afternoon and they lose their interest in religion. There is a quiet spirit of unbelief which arises from the popular literature of the day which reaches all our homes. It is easier not to believe the Gospel. The churches are trying to meet these difficult conditions. They are making a heroic effort to hold their positions in the thought of the people. They are trying to win back those who have drifted away. There is a clarion call to all who belong to Christ and His Church in this perilous hour to stand by.—Johnston Myers.

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Emory Evans, Jr. (Nee Martha Ruth Gilmore) who were married by the pastor on June 9.

GOING ON A VACATION?

TAKE GOD WITH YOU!

Pack Your Quarterlies. When you pack your vacation luggage, be sure to include your Bible, Sunday School and Training Union literature. Study your Sunday School lesson and read your Training Union Daily Bible Readings.

Attend Church Services. Be sure to attend Sunday School, Training Union and worship services. Don't forget prayer meetings. You will thoroughly enjoy the blessings in store for you in a strange church away from home. Introduce yourself to the pastor there. Tell him where you have your membership.

Be a Collector And a Sender. Collect church bulletins, printed papers, plans and programs. On Monday mail them to your pastor at home. These will be valuable to our work.

Bring Your Tithe Into The Storehouse. Before you leave, remember the program of your church continued in your absence.

Pray For the Home Church. The work at the home must go on. Pray that the power of God might be felt in our services. Pray that God will keep us centered in His will. Before you leave, secure someone to take your place at home and help God answer your prayers.

RETURN TO CHURCH FIRST SUNDAY HOME!

(Copied).

MY GOD AND I

My God and I go in the field together,
We walk and talk as good friends do,
We clasp our hands, our voices ring with
laughter;
My God and I walk through the meadow's
hue.
He tells me of the years that went before
me,
When heavenly plans were made for me
to hew
When all was but a dream of dim
conception.
To come to life, earth's verdant glory.
My God and I will go for aye together;
We'll walk and talk and just as good
friends do.
This earth will pass and with it common
trifles
But God and I, will go un-ending.

— Selected.

EVERY BAPTIST SHOULD

KNOW . . .

WHAT BAPTIST BELIEVE

By DR. J. E. DILLARD
(Continued from last week's Builder)

7. **The symbolism of the ordinances.** The ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper symbolizes great spiritual experiences, teach great and glorious doctrines, enforce mighty obligations, but they do not possess any magical power or saving merit.

8. **Baptism of believers only.** — Christ joined faith and baptism together (Mark 16:16); the New Testament church baptized believers only (Acts 2:41); the meaning and symbolism of the ordinances demands faith before baptism (Rom. 6:3-5). Baptists wish to keep the ordinances as they were delivered.

9. **Immersion only is baptism.** — Recall the example of Jesus ((Matt. 3:16-17). The New Testament practice (Acts 8:36); the meaning of the word; the symbolism of the ordinance (Rom. 6:4-5). Baptists do not believe any person or institution has the right to change the New Testament mode.

10. **The Lord's Supper.** — The Lord's Supper is a commemorative ordinance (1 Cor. 11:25); it was intrusted to the churches (1 Cor. 11:18); those participating were baptized believers (Acts 2:42).

11. **Perseverance and preservation.** — True believers will persevere and be preserved unto the end. They will persevere because they are being preserved (Eph. 4:30; 1 Peter 1:5; John 10:28).

12. **Absolute religious liberty.** — Liberty not tolerance. Baptists claim for themselves the grant to all others the right to worship or not to worship how and when and where their conscience dictates. This calls for the separation of church and state or a free church in a free state.

BAPTISTS CLAIMS AND OFFERS

1. Baptists claim to be New Testament Christians. If they can be shown that any doctrine they teach is not in the New Testament, they will give it up; if they can be shown any New Testament doctrine they do not teach, they will adopt it.

2. Baptists offer the greatest possible liberty consistent with the Lordship of Christ.

— Sunday School Builder.
(Continued Next Week)

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN . . .

"Well done" is the commendation deserved by the faithful faculty of our church's largest Vacation Bible School. Mr. Draper and I wish to thank everyone for the splendid spirit of cooperation which has been so much in evidence.

We are happy to have Larry and Lucille Mayo with us for a few days. Larry is making splendid progress in his study for the doctorate in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is also serving as pastor of the Belmont Baptist Church in Belmont, Kentucky. You will rejoice with me in the announcement that Larry is to bring the message in the evening worship service of our church on this coming Sunday.

The deacons have recommended that the Southside Baptist Chapel, for several years a mission of this church, be organized into a church. Action will be taken by the church at the close of the prayer service on July 5.

By an enthusiastic and unanimous vote, the church has elected our beloved former pastor, Dr. J. G. Rousseau as pastor-emeritus. An appropriate service honoring this dear friend is being planned for later in the summer. Dr. Rousseau was our pastor from 1925 to 1930.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE for all church officers and workers has been named and is at work. Mr. Judson Gillespie is the chairman of this important committee. Other members are Miss Lettie Baxter, Mrs. F. B. Keene, Mr. H. R. Denham and Mr. Haywood Arnold. Let us pray for this committee as they perform their essential function.

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MEET AND VISIT OUR NEW MEMBERS

By Letter:

119 — Miss Nita Eickler, 2300 W. Jackson street.
120 — Miss Barbara Gillespie, 1815 Escambia.
121 — Mrs. J. H. Delmar, 404 E. Lloyd street.

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LAST WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Sunday School	789
Southside Mission	100
Total	889
Training Union	211
Southside Mission	74
Total	285
Additions to church	3

OFFERINGS:

Local	\$1 262.78
Building Fund	361.71
Total	\$1,524.49

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY —

8:30 — Early Morning Worship.
9:30 — Sunday School.
11:00 — Morning Worship — Broadcast WEAR.
2:30 — Baptist Hour WBSR.
5:15 — Training Union Executive Council
council meeting.
6:45 — Training Union.
7:00 — Instruction Class.
8:00 — Evening Worship.
9:00 — Singspiration in lower auditorium.

MONDAY —

6:15 — Training Union Planning Supper.

TUESDAY —

10:00 A.M. — W. M. S. Bible Study.
10:45 — Program — Circle 10 and 11 will
be in charge.
11:30 — Business Meeting.
12:15 — Luncheon.
6:30 — Youth Chcir rehearsal.
7:30 — Reflectors Class Meeting at the
home of Mrs. Roy Ingram, 1320
West Gregory.
7:30 — Adult Choir rehearsal.
7:30 — The Business Women's Bible Class
meeting in the home of Mrs. C. C.
Curley, 1903 E. Brainard.

WEDNESDAY —

7:15 A.M. — Morning Watch.
9:30 A.M. — Faithful Workers Class will
meet at the church for visitation.
A covered dish luncheon will be
served at home of Mrs. J. S.
Baisden, 1818 E. Strong.
6:00 — S. S. Cabinet Meeting.
6:20 — S. S. Worker's Supper. Junior "A"
wil assist the dietician.
7:30 — Prayer and Praise Service. "World
Mission Team" from Wayland
College in charge.

THURSDAY —

3:00 — Convention Bible Class will meet
in the home of Mrs. Marvin Gar-
rett 1530 N. 18th Ave.

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