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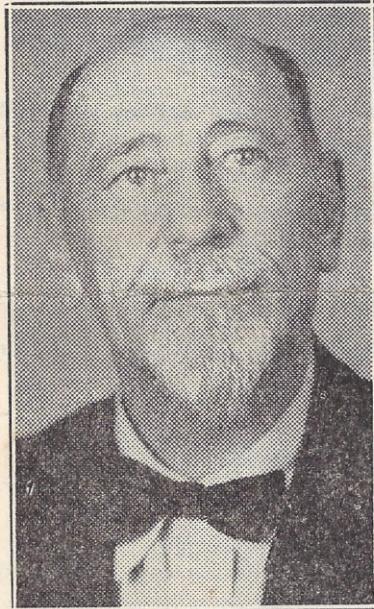
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SPECIAL SERVICE AT 8:30 SUNDAY MORNING



Dr. G. J. Rousseau will be officially installed as pastor-emeritus of our church in the first worship service on this coming Lord's Day. A beautiful scroll will be presented to Dr. Rousseau by Mr. Frank Almon, chairman of arrangements for this special service. The sermon will be preached by our beloved pastor-emeritus.

Dr. Rousseau was the pastor of our church from 1925 to 1930. Before coming to Pensacola Dr. Rousseau served as pastor of the First Baptist Churches in Norman, Oklahoma, and Marshall, Texas. He went from this church to the First Baptist Church in Ocala, Florida. Dr. Rousseau is a retired Army chaplain with the rank of Captain. Mrs. Rousseau is the daughter of Dr. F. C. McConnell who was the dis-

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN . . .

I rejoice in the decision of our church to elect Dr. Rousseau pastor-emeritus, an honor which this man of God richly deserves. Since his retirement from the active ministry as well as during his pastorate here, he and his good wife have been loyal and helpful members of our church. Former Doctors Cutts, Rogers, Green and I know him as a loyal friend and brother beloved.

Plan now to attend all three worship services on Sunday. Hear Dr. Rousseau at the 8:30 hour. My theme at 11:00 will be "Youth and Age Praising God." We are having large congregations in the evening services. Your loyalty to these hours of evangelistic effort is a constant source of inspiration to your pastor.

The Nominating Committee is at work enlisting people for responsible positions in our Sunday School and Training Union. Suggestions from others will be appreciated. Written communications can be addressed to this committee. I trust that those who are approached by the committee will recognize that this is the Lord's work, and as such, demands our very best loyalty to Christ and consecration to the program of His Church.

HEAR "RIDGECRESTERS"

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Mr. Draper and others who have been attending Training Union week in Ridgecrest, N. C., will conduct our Praise and Prayer Hour on Wednesday evening at 7:30. You will be inspired by echoes from "The Land of the Sky."

tinguished pastor of the Druid Hills Baptist Church of Atlanta for many years. The Rousseaus have one son, Max, who with his family will be in the service Sunday.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

AUGUST 6 - 12

MAKE SUNDAY THE LORD'S DAY IT IS —

Morning Worship:
8:30 — Dr. G. J. Rousseau will preach.
11:00 — "Youth and Age Praising God"
 Pastor.
(11:00 Service broadcast over WEAR)
8:00 — Evening Worship.
Sermon — "End of the World's Tragedy"
 Pastor.
Baptism at close of Evening Service
9:30 — Sunday School.
6:45 — Training Union.

11:00 — Beginner Sunbeams.
2:30 — Baptist Hours. WPCF, Panama City
7:00 — Instruction Class New Members.
9:00 — Singspiration in lower auditorium.

MONDAY —

3:00 — Circle 15 will meet with Mrs. Ernest Priest, 907 N. Reus St.
6:30 — Y. W. A meeting.
7:00 — Meeting of Sunday School Superintendents with Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Davis, 1503 E. Jackson.

TUESDAY —

10:00 — W. M. U. Bible Study.
10:45 — Missionary Program.
11:30 — Business meeting.
12:15 — Luncheon.
6:30 — Youth Choir rehearsal.
7:30 — Adult Choir rehearsal.
7:30 — Reflectors Class will meet with Mrs. Charles Leaman, 900 Bayou Blvd., East Pensacola Heights.

WEDNESDAY —

7:15 — Morning Watch.
6:00 — Sunday School Cabinet.
6:20 — S. S. Workers' supper. Martha Class will assist the dietician.
6:45 — Departmental meetings.
7:30 — Prayer and Praise Service.

FRIDAY —

10:00 — Junior R. A. meeting.

SATURDAY —

7:30 — Youth for Christ.

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PASTOR TO ATTEND TRUSTEES' MEETING

Dr. Skiles will make a quick trip to California next week for the meeting of the trustees of the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. He will be away from the church field from Monday through Friday. Your prayers are requested for this initial meeting of the board of the youngest of all our Southern Baptist institutions.

LAST WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Sunday School	832
Training Union	221

OFFERINGS:

Local	\$1190.42
Building	331.70
Total	\$1522.12
Envelope offering	\$853.75
Contributors	367

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MEET AND VISIT OUR NEW MEMBERS

By baptism:

98 — Joseph Boykin, 304 Payne Rd. N P
99 — Mrs. J. W. Gaither, 831 W. Jordan

By Letter:

131 — Mrs. Olivia H. Crosby, 14 E. Strong
132 — Mrs. H. C. Boutwell, Jr., 152 Moreno Court.
133 — James W. Gaither, 731 W. Jordan.

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IN CHRIST WE HAVE

A love that can never be fathomed;
A life that can never die;
A righteousness that can never be tarnished;
A peace that can never be understood;
A rest that can never be disturbed;
A joy that can never be diminished;
A hope that can never be disappointed;
A glory that can never be clouded;
A light that can never be darkened;
A purity that can never be defiled;
A beauty that can never be marred.

— Copied.

SYMPATHY

To Mr. Roy Macon in the loss of his mother.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ladder of Success

	Enroll.	Pres.	Con-tacts
Gen. Officers	10	7	
12 Adult A	223	110	160
7 Adult B	370	212	243
3 Young People	115	77	26
5 Intermediates	87	54	47
15 Seniors	76	26	15
8 Junior A	115	65	8
6 Junior B	85	48	173
13 Primary A	52	25	3
9 Primary B	62	35	16
11 Primary C	63	34	6
1 Beginner A	42	38	6
10 Beginner B	48	27	8
2 Nursery A	13	11	4
14 Nursery B	60	23	
4 Nursery C	60	40	
 Totals.....	1480	832	715

We reached our goal again.
Goal for next Sunday is 837.

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I'LL BE LOYAL

1. I'll be loyal to the church because I love its Founder.
2. I'll be loyal to the church because I love its purpose.
3. I'll be loyal to the church because I love its principles.
4. I'll be loyal to the church because I love its message.
5. I'll be loyal to the church because I love its people.
6. I'll be loyal to the church because I love its achievements.
7. I'll be loyal to the church because I love its security.
8. I'll be loyal to the church because I love its goal.

— The Tampa Christian.

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MR. GUTHRIE BEGINS WORK AS SUPERINTENDENT

At the request of the Sunday School, our newly elected general superintendent, Mr. Theron Guthrie, is accepting the responsibilities of the office as of this coming Sunday. This will enable him to get better acquainted with the work before the beginning of the new year on October 1. Then too, the other general officers and the church staff have felt the need of his leadership. Superintendent Guthrie, we pledge you our loyal support.

TRAINING UNION

	Enroll.	Pres.	Bible Readers
Gen. Officers	10	7	7
Adult A	49	21	12
Adult B	49	35	28
Young People	48	34	10
Seniors	34	20	11
Intermediates	30	21	9
Junior A	39	24	17
Junior B	35	19	14
Story Hour	30	40	2
 Totals.....	344	221	110

22 Training Union members were in Ridgecrest.

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B B B B SCORES

Four Square, 206; Original, 259; Co-Wed, 241; Visitors, 185; Joy, 195; Leo Green, 221; T. N. T., 176; Wallace Rogers, 167; Phil Padgett, 198; Ed Jones, 155; FBI, 145; King's Followers, 125; Eager Beavers, 159; Pastor's Partners, 213; Joyful Servants, 198; Vigor, 156.

The campaign for Building Bigger, Better Baptists has been very successful. We want to express our appreciation to those who have worked to keep their record of attendance high. We congratulate the members of Original Union who will eat the watermelon as their score of 259 led all others.

LET'S GREET TOM WITH A RECORD ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY EVENING.

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TWELVE THINGS TO REMEMBER

- The value of time.
- The success of perseverance.
- The pleasure of working.
- The dignity of simplicity.
- The worth of a character.
- The power of kindness.
- The influence of example.
- The obligation of duty.
- The wisdom of economy.
- The virtue of patience.
- The improvement of talent.
- The joy of originating.

— First Baptist Beacon.

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A BAPTIST MANIFESTO

At its recent meeting in Cleveland the Baptist World Alliance adopted a manifesto on religious liberty which included the following:

APPEAL TO ACTION

Realizing that a challenge to certain churches is a challenge to us all, and that we are not alone in this struggle for freedom:

We appeal to Baptist churches throughout the world to lead in the proclamation and practice of religious liberty.

We appeal to Protestant State-Churches and other churches which hold a dominant position, to cherish and promote the principles of religious liberty, granting to Roman Catholics, Jews and members of other religious groups, and to those who acknowledge no religious faith, the same rights and privileges which they demand for themselves without discriminations or disabilities.

We appeal to the Roman Catholic Church to abandon its discrimination against or persecution of Protestants and Evangelicals and all others in Spain, Italy, Portugal, the Belgian Congo, Mexico, Argentina, Colombia and elsewhere, and to unite on an equal basis with all freedom-loving people against totalitarianism and for complete religious liberty.

We appeal to the rulers of Communist countries to cease their policy of discrimination against religion, and to refrain from intimidating Christian churches and their leaders by arrests and threats of arrest, and also from hindering Christian organizations for the service of youth and the public manifestation of the Gospel.

We appeal to the United Nations to apply the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to nations and territories now under domination of any one particular religious force (whether Islam, Roman Catholicism or Protestantism) as it has already done in the case of countries dominated by Communism, bringing them before the bar of world opinion, and refusing them entry into groups of freedom-loving nations until they have demonstrated that they intend to abide by the Declaration both in spirit and in practice.

We appeal to all nations to demonstrate their support of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by ratifying the Covenant designed to legalize the Declaration.

CAUSE TO REJOICE

We rejoice to be meeting at this time in a country which has a noble tradition of religious liberty, as safeguarded in the Constitution of the United States of America and in its Bill of Rights, and maintained throughout the generations in a tradition of free churches in a free state, which we are confident will, under the guidance and blessing of God, never be overthrown.

"We ask God, who alone is the Lord of the conscience, to lead mankind forward out of darkness into light, out of falsehood into truth, out of fear into freedom."