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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN . . .

God's blessings upon our church are so numerous and outstanding that we have ample reason for perennial thanksgiving and expressions of gratitude. One would have to search far and wide to find a stronger fellowship than exists here. You've thrilled your pastor's heart again by the enthusiastic response which has been accorded our plans for a larger Sunday School through the organization of new departments and the grading of adults. This is but another indication that we are a united people under God.

WELCOME HOME! This is our greeting to all who have returned from vacations and a summer spent elsewhere. While we have had an excellent summer in all departments of our church life and attendance and interest have been high, with the coming of September there should be a noticeable trend upward in every respect. Why not close out the month of August with more than 1000 in Sunday School and 350 in Training Union? With extra push and help from you these goals for Sunday will be attained.

We have the finest young people in the world right here in our church. The Youth Retreat this week is another step forward in our efforts to provide the best for them. Let's strive to have a capacity crowd at this pre-school camp.

OUR BROTHERHOOD had one of the best meetings of the year last week. When it comes to preparing a fish supper and disposing of same, our men are tops! Plan now to attend the next meeting on September 14.

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A MEMBER never belongs to the Church unless the work of the Church belongs to him. It is never "my church" as long as it is "those people" who keep it going. Where the treasure of energy and thought are, there will the heart be also.

— Exchanged.

MARY'S SIMPLE FAITH

Her reference to "my Saviour" indicates that she realized her need, like the rest of us, of a Saviour. And rightly do we honor her as the mother of our Lord, but to teach that she has anything whatever to do with our salvation otherwise is not Scriptural. To pray to her as a mediator between us and God, is to minimize that office of Jesus, for He is our only Mediator, and in His Name alone we pray.

In this connection we may well refer here to the last portion of our printed lesson Acts 1:14, where for the last time we read of Mary. Her name does not appear in the doctrinal epistles. She was a simple, devout believer in her Saviour, but in no way active in our salvation. In this passage in Acts she is one of the worshiping group of the early Church, all in the attitude of prayer. These Christians are not praying to her, but all, including herself, are praying to their ascended Lord.

That she should be called the Queen of Heaven, that people should worship her statues and images, that her perpetual virginity should be insisted on as a dogma, or that her body was transferred to Heaven, these are Roman Catholic ideas which have no validity in fact or in the Scriptures. And Satan himself rejoices in the substitution of any person or thing for Jesus Himself.

Copied from Eternity.

(And now the Ecclesiastical order which claims to be "the true church" is prepared to announce another extra-Biblical Dogma, namely, the bodily ascension of Mary into heaven. What, one wonders, will be the next link in a long chain of papal pronouncements demanded by an authoritarianism established upon a non-scriptural basis.

Pastor's note.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

"ADVANCE IN AUGUST"

Yes, let's keep up the fine record that our Sunday School is making for the summer months in having "more present than the same Sunday a year ago."

Aug. 20	930
Aug. 13	841
Aug. 6	844
July 30	832
July 23	857
July 16	846

THESE ARE OUR GOALS

Sept. 24	1111
Sept. 17	1050
Sept. 10	1000
Sept. 3	970
Aug. 27	950

Look



THIS IS OUR RECORD TO DATE

To you workers who are making this record possible, "Thanks a million." Let us continue to "Advance in August".

By Comparison	1950	1949
Enrollment	1490	1535
Attendance	930	845

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Enrolled Present tats

General Officers	10	10	81
Adult 1	225	119	165
Adult 2	387	229	236
Young People	116	70	35
Senior	73	36	21
Intermediate	86	55	46
Junior I	116	76	13
Junior II	84	57	76
Primary I	51	33	2
Primary II	62	40	0
Primary III	63	34	8
Beginner I	42	36	20
Beginner II	49	30	8
Nursery I	15	15	10
Nursery II	54	35	3
Nursery III	67	53	10

Total.....	1490	930	734
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HE WHO GIVES

He who gives up is a quitter.

He who gives over is a coward.

He who gives out is a weakling.

He who gives in is a compromiser.

But he who GIVES ALL that he is and all that he has on the Lord's altar of sacrifice and service will have made this old world better because he lived in it, and heaven more beautiful and enjoyable because he is there.

— Copied.

TRAINING UNION

"ADVANCE IN AUGUST"

General Officers	9
Adult A	29
Adult B	46
Young People	58
Senior	22
Intermediate	14
Junior 1	27
Junior 2	16
Story Hour	35

256

New Member Class	7
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Total.....	263
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BANNERS

Attendance — Leo Green Union.....133%

Efficiency — Original Union 87%

The Young People's Department went into the lead in the "Do or Diet" Campaign. Watch out, or your department will be eating soup instead of turkey.

The Original Union of the Adult B Department is planning a special program entitled "Cross Bearing in the World" with Echoes from the World Alliance.

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HERE IS PROOF ENOUGH ON WHY EVERY CHURCH MEMBER OUGHT TO JOIN THE TRAINING UNION.

Mr. Porter Routh, Statistical Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, gave us the following facts in a recent issue of The Survey Bulletin:

1. "Fifty-three per cent of Southern Baptist Churches now have Training Unions." (Now — examine them.)
2. "These churches contain 76.8 per cent of the membership.
3. These Churches reported 78.6 per cent of the baptisms.
4. These churches had 80.6 per cent of the Sunday School enrollment.
5. These churchse reported 88.6 per cent of the property.
6. And, these churches gave 91.8 per cent of the total g'fts to missions."

— Selected.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS . . . AND THEIR CHURCH BUILDINGS

Are you preparing for the increase which is inevitable in the Young People's, Intermediate, and Junior departments in the very near future?

It is estimated that the average church will need twice as much building space for Juniors by 1955 as they needed in 1940. By 1959 the demand will be even greater. By 1965 all three departments—Young People, Intermediate and Junior—will need twice as much building space as they needed in 1942. This means more classes, departments, teachers, and officers. Are you preparing for the increase?

During the past year more than nine new church buildings have been started each day, and during the past five years between ten thousand and twelve thousand new buildings have been constructed. We are in the largest program of expansion that the Convention has ever known. It is a glorious day.

Our churches are perhaps getting more for the amount of money they are investing than ever before. The buildings as a whole are more wisely planned. On the other hand, many of us are due some very great surprises. We will have more very great disappointments.

The present cost of building will perhaps be maintained for yet some time, but a church should build when it needs a building. If all the needed buildings can not be undertaken, then by all means construct the portion needed most at this time. It is a serious mistake for a church to delay indefinitely the construction of more building space. "Normal times" are as we find them and not as we remember them.

— W. A. Harrell.

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EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

Mr. Draper will attend the Southwide Educational Director's Conference which meets at the Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. He is scheduled to be on the program for the Thursday afternoon session. We are happy to share our Educational Director with others.

WHY ADULTS SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL PROMOTION DAY

1. Individual interest and development continue.

The large list of absentees in most Adult classes is a silent reminder of lack of interest. Often the member has remained in the same class so long he has lost interest. It may be that he has held most of the offices and resists all appeals to assume responsibility for the work of the class. A change to another class may mean that this person would become more active again. Having served as class president in one class, he may serve in the same capacity in another class.

Some may threaten to stay away if this plan is carried out, but it should be kept in mind that many adults are now staying away under the present plan. In most situations, not as many will stay away under the new plan as are doing so under the old one.

2. Classes are kept from Crystallizing.

Classes have a tendency to become cliques or clubs. Sunday School attendance should not be based upon being with friends or purely social reasons. Having annual promotion will overcome this obstacle. Some classes receive more new members than others in the course of the year. Under this plan enrollments are equalized from time to time.

3. Enlistment of New Members is Made Easier.

Having a definite age range prevents competition in securing new members. This helps to conserve the enlistment efforts of all classes. In some Sunday Schools several classes visit the same prospect. This confuses the person visited and makes it very difficult for him to decide upon the proper class. In a graded Adult situation members become more interested in simply being with each other.

4. This Plan makes possible wider personal Contacts.

In large Sunday Schools people usually have a small circle of friends. They only know the members of their classes and if these are large they do not know all of them. It is also true that classes become more congenial and the fellowship is better if people of the same ages are enrolled in these classes.

— Dr. W. D. Howse.



MEET AND VISIT OUR NEW MEMBERS

By Letter:

- 138—Mr. Howard L. Carlson, Pre-flight NAS.
- 139—Miss Mary Ida Hudson, 904 N. Barcelona.
- 140—Miss Betty A. Lord, 904 N. Barcelona.
- 141—Miss Mary Kathryn Rabren, 904 N. Barcelona.
- 142—Miss Barbara Y. Barnes, 1423 E. Brainard.
- 143—Mr. Ronnie Cochran, 609 E. Sunset Ave.
- 144—Mr. Marshall P. King, Jr., 108-B Lorena Ave., Ellinor Village.
- 145—Mrs. Marshall P. King, Jr., 108-B Lorena Ave., Ellinor Village.
- 146—Dr. D. P. Eubank, 3 Cousineau Rd., Navy Point.
- 147—Mrs. D. P. Eubank, 3 Cousineau Rd., Navy Point.

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AMONG OUR MEMBERS . . .

The bereaved: Mr. H. W. Emmons in the loss of his Mother; Mrs. Geo. Mitchell, Sr., in loss of her brother; Mrs. E. G. Newman, in loss of her stepfather.

Wedding Bells: Mary Frances Comstock and Ens. Robert R. King, Jr.

Congratulations to the following who are graduating from College: Fred Haushalter—Livingston Teacher's College, Livingston, Ala.; Jimmy Riddle, A. P. I., Auburn, Ala.; Omer Cecil Butler, M. A., F. S. U., Tallahassee, Florida.

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ALL THINGS COME RIGHT

All things come right, and be it soon or late,
All things come right at last to compensate,

For all the petty heartaches of today,
For all the little failures on our way,
For all our seeming sorrows it appears
Are real blessings in a mask of tears.
So if success be tardy at our call
It is to test our courage, that is all.
And in the end each heart will seek its rest
Beside the one it always loved the best.
And the darkest hour holds the brightest light.
And all things come right.

Anon.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 2

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	Pastor
Sunday School	9:40
Training Union	6:45

- 2:30—Baptist Hour, WPCF, Panama City
- 7:00—Instruction Class for new members
- 9:00—Singspiration in lower auditorium.

MONDAY—

- 6:00—Training Union Executive Council
- 7:00—Supper for all Training Union members. Four Square Union will assist the dietician.
- 7:30—Planning Council meeting.

TUESDAY—

- 3:00—Junior G. A. meeting.
- 9:30—Circle No. 5, Mrs. A. B. Yniestra, chairman, will meet at the church to go to Youth Harbor.
- 6:30—Youth Choir rehearsal.
- 7:30—Adult Choir rehearsal.

WEDNESDAY—

- 7:15—Morning Watch.
- 6:15—Sunday School Workers Supper. Winsome Class will assist the dietician.
- 7:30—Prayer and Praise Service.

THURSDAY—

- 2:30—Cradle Roll Workers will meet at the church.
- 3:00—Convention Bible Class will meet at the home of Mrs. A. V. Freeman, 1610 E. LaRue. Mrs. E. La Cunningham, co-hostess.

LAST WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Sunday School	930
Training Union	263

OFFERINGS:

Local	\$1,289.96
Building Fund	353.68
Total	\$1,643.64

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