

# The Baptist Builder

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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## ANNOUNCING SERMON IN SONG SUNDAY EVENING AT 7:30

A Service of Sacred Song by our Youth Choir and Soloists with accompanying colored slides presenting scenes from the life of Christ.

“God So Loved the World” — Stainer

“That Sweet Story of Old”

“The Stranger of Galilee”  
Solo by Sam Jordan

“Under His Wings”  
Solo by Mrs. J. F. Griffith

“The Lord is My Shepherd”

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”  
Solo by Miss Betty Merritt

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”  
Solo by Gene Brasher

“’Neath the Old Olive Tree”  
Duet by Misses Jewell and Jeanette Smith

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

“Christ Arose”

“Golden Harps Are Sounding”

“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”

ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE GOING AWAY TO SCHOOL WILL BE RECOGNIZED  
IN THIS SERVICE

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6:15 is the New Hour for B. T. U.

SUNDAY  
NIGHTS

7:30 is the New Hour for Worship

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### YOU DID IT AGAIN

Yes, you beat our Sunday School GOAL again. 978 were present on Sunday morning. With the spirit that was manifest in the adult meetings on Sunday afternoon, Promotion Day on September 24 is going to be a great day and October 1 will mark the beginning of a glorious year of achievement in our Sunday School.

### BEGINNING AGAIN DAY PLANS

According to the plans made on Sunday afternoon by the teachers and officers of our adult departments, our adult departments will be as follows:

Adult 1 - 25 through 34 years.

Mr. Howard Blackmon, Superintendent.

#### CLASSES

For Women	Enrollment
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25 - 27..... 27

28 - 29..... 18

30 - 31..... 23

32 - 34..... 27

Business Women ..... 12

For Men	Enrollment
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25 - 27..... 16

28 - 31..... 18

32 - 34..... 25

Adult 2 - 35 through 44 years.

Mr. R. Myrlin Brooks, Superintendent.

#### CLASSES

For Women	Enrollment
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35 - 36..... 23

37 - 38..... 25

39 - 40..... 24

41 - 44..... 19

Business Women ..... 18

For Men	Enrollment
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35 - 37..... 22

38 - 40..... 33

41 - 44..... 26

Adult 3 - 45 years and up.

Mr. W. T. Osborne, Superintendent.

#### CLASSES

For Women	Enrollment
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45 - 49..... 20

50 - 55..... 27

56 - 59..... 17

60 and up..... 35

Business Women ..... 12

For Men	Enrollment
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45 - 49..... 26

50 - 55..... 34

56 and up..... 35

## TRAINING UNION

	Present	Do or Diet Score
Gen. Officers .....	10	.....
Adult 1 .....	28	473
Adult 2 .....	47	1035
Young People .....	50	1425
Seniors .....	26	253
Intermediates .....	19	147
Junior 1 .....	21	232
Junior 2 .....	18	285
Story Hour .....	37	703
		256
Total.....		

### BANNERS

Attendance - Original Union ..... 86%  
Efficiency - Leo Green Union..... 133%

### BACK UP ROGERS

Let's go all out during September to back up Emory Rogers in our Training Union work. Mr Rogers has served faithfully and no where is there a Training Union Director who merits your support more than he does. Make the last month of his tenure of service in this capacity the greatest month in our Training Union history.

### REMEMBER THESE DATES

Intermediate Emphasis Week, September 10 - 15.

Training Union Week of Study, October 15 - 19.

Training Union Kick-Off Banquet, October 13.

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### NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE CRADLE ROLL

Mary Gail Lenz, 1602 E. Brainard St.; Lawrence Whitmel Mathis, 1616 E. Brainard St.; Russell Timony Ray, 23 E. LaRuea.

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### PERFECT TRUST

I may not always know the way  
Wherein God leads my feet;  
But this I know, that 'round my path  
His love and wisdom meet;  
And so I rest content to know  
He guides my feet where'er I go.

I may not always understand  
Just why he sends to me  
Some bitter grief, some heavy loss,  
But, though I cannot see,  
I kneel, and whisper through my tears  
A prayer for help, and know He hears.

My cherished plans and hopes may fail,  
My idols turn to dust,  
But this I know, my Father's love  
Is always safe to trust;  
These things are dear to me, but still  
Above them all I love His will.

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP GROWTH REPORTED

The annual review of church statistics made by the Christian Herald shows that membership in the churches of the United States continues to increase at a more rapid rate than the population. This report is compiled from figures presented by the statisticians of the denominations. It shows that in the past decade the percentage of population holding membership has increased from 45 to 54.2 and that the gain has been continuing since 1880, when only one in five Americans was listed as belonging to a church. The survey reveals that in the past year Protestants gains were 1,368,367 members, almost 2.9 per cent, compared with a Roman Catholic gain of about 2 per cent. Protestants make up about 59 per cent of the total, Roman Catholics 33 per cent, Jews 6 per cent and all others about 2 per cent. "The Roman Catholic Church," says the Christian Herald, "includes in its membership figures of all baptized persons, from infants up.

If all Protestant groups followed the Catholic system of counting, they would add at least 10 million to their currently reported membership. Or if the Roman Catholic Church followed the prevailing Protestant method, they would deduct about 6 million from theirs. The report shows that the top 12 Protestant denominations account for 77 per cent of the total, and that the Southern Baptists "are probably the fastest-growing of all the larger bodies."

—The Christian Century.

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## THE CHURCH LIBRARY—ITS MISSION AND MINISTRY

Reasons why we believe in a church library:

Our library is the medium through which every church activity can be directed into fuller life.

Our library strengthens the spiritual life of our adults.

For the small child, our library makes possible the best kind of literature at the earliest age.

Our library is helping our people of all ages to develop the reading habit with the right books.

Our library furnishes teachers for our readers—books are silent teachers.

—Selected.

## THE GREAT SIT-DOWN STRIKE

We are hearing a great deal these days about strikes, but the greatest of all strikes in the world is not staged by some labor union, but by Christians, who neglect personal visitation for the purpose of winning the lost and individual Christian work to win the individual man who is unsaved. In this, our Christian zeal is like someone said of Wordsworth:

"Sometimes he made his poetic eagle do the work of a clucking hen."

As a consequence of this strike among Christians, the unsaved all around us can say, "No man cared for my soul." Would that it were known of us in our churches what was said of Mr. Wesley, "He was out of breath pursuing souls." Would that we had the passion for souls which Whitfield had who said, "I am willing to go to prison and to death for you, but I am not willing to go to heaven without you."

—Southern Baptist Home Missions.

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## TEN GOOD REASONS FOR GRADING AND PROMOTING ADULTS

1. It conforms to grading and promoting in other departments.
2. It recognized the individual's change of interest.
3. It provides opportunity for change of class membership without embarrassment.
4. It makes possible a new approach to absentees who have lost interest.
5. It simplifies and saves overlapping and competition in visitation.
6. Classes are kept from crystallizing and becoming self centered.
7. Teachers can be more effective when teaching the same age range.
8. It makes for wider personal contacts and therefore a broader fellowship.
9. It helps to create a better department and Sunday School spirit in contrast to extreme class spirit.
10. It saves the ones who would join our Sunday School from difficulty and embarrassment when choosing a class.

—S. S. Builder.

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REMEMBER  
TRAINING UNION STARTS AT 6:15  
EVENING WORSHIP AT 7:30

## MEET AND VISIT OUR NEW MEMBERS

By Letter:  
148 - R. M. Bowman, 225 W. Chase St.  
149 - Mrs. R. M. Bowman, 225 W. Chase.  
150 - Alton E. Donahoo, 1626 E. Mallory.  
151 - Miss Rubye Senterfitt, 620 N. Barcelona.

## LAST WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Sunday School	978
Training Union	256
OFFERINGS:	
Local and Missions	\$1,265.95
Building Fund	1,762.89
Total	\$3,028.84

## AMONG OUR MEMBERS . . .

The bereaved: Mrs. Roy Macon in the loss of her sister.

Congratulations to those who graduated from College in August: Lofton Merritt, Jr., FSU; Columbus M. Fillingim, M.A.E., University of Florida.

## OFF TO SCHOOL PARTY

All who are going away to college are invited to the OFF TO SCHOOL PARTY which is scheduled for Thursday Night at 7:30 in the Log Cabin. The party is sponsored by The Baptist Student Union members.

## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK (CON'T)

### WEDNESDAY -

7:00 A.M. - Morning Watch.  
6:15 - S. S. Workers' supper. Reflectors Class will assist the dietician.  
6:50 - Departmental meetings.  
7:30 - Prayer and Praise Service.  
8:30 - Deacons' meeting.

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## STEWARDSHIP STUDY OF ASSOCIATIONAL W. M. U.

On Friday, September 8, at 10:00 a.m. the book "Partnership with Christ" will be taught at Plainview Baptist Church in preparation for the Week of Prayer for State Missions. Those attending are expected to carry sandwiches.

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## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 3 - 9

## MAKE SUNDAY THE LORD'S DAY—IT IS!

Morning Worship	8:30 and 11:00
God's Labor Union	Pastor (11:00 Service broadcast over WEAR)
Evening Worship	7:30
Choir will present "For God So Loved the World" - A sermon in Song.	
Sunday School	9:40
Training Union	6:15 (Note change in time)

2:30 - Baptist Hour, WPCF, Panama City

6:30 - Instruction Class for new members.

8:30 - Singspiration in lower auditorium.

### MONDAY -

6:30 - Virginia Wingo Y. W. A. meeting.

### TUESDAY -

10:00 A.M.

Circle 1 - Mrs. A. C. Johnson, chairman, with Mrs. Philip D. Beall, 1120 E. Brainard, Mrs. E. A. Frank, co-hostess.

Circle 2 - Mrs. H. R. Denham, chairman, with Mrs. T. A. Guthrie, 1403 Lakeview.

Circle 3 - With the chairman, Mrs. J. M. Ward, 3300 Mobile Highway.

Circle 4 - Mrs. Judson Gillespie, chairman, with Mrs. T. A. Wash, 1660 E. Hatton.

Circle 5 - Mrs. A. B. Yniestra, chairman, with Mrs. Joe Ladner, 1303 Dexter Ave.

Circle 6 - Mrs. W. A. Webb, chairman, with Mrs. H. F. Gonzalez, 1120 N. Baylen.

Circle 7 - Mrs. E. R. Cunningham, chairman, picnic lunch at Wayside Park.

Circle 11 - Mrs. J. F. Busey, chairman, with Mrs. Amos Garret, 620 N. Barcelona.

2:30 P.M.

Circle 8 - Mrs. Curtis Morris, chairma, with Mrs. Raymond Edwards, 1517 E. Brainard.

3:00 P.M.

Circle 10 - Mrs. Harold Ackman, chair- man, will meet at the church.

Circle 9 - Mrs. J. E. D. Yonge chairman, with Mrs. E. G. Newman, 1700 E. Mal- lory.

6:30 - Youth Choir.

7:30 - Adult Choir.