

The Baptist Builder

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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FROM OUR PASTOR'S PEN . . .

There are two more weeks in this associational year. With your cooperation, we can make this one of the best years in the history of our church. We have had 105 additions by baptism and 155 additions by letter in the past fifty weeks. Surely there are many other prospects who can be won to Christ and church membership before the year ends. Then too, we need to examine ourselves as to our stewardship of possessions. By being faithful in giving as God has prospered us, it will be possible to enlarge our work and launch a challenging program of Kingdom building for the new year.

INTERMEDIATES AND SENIORS, your pastor salutes you. We thank God for the large group of consecrated young people in our church. I shall be looking forward to seeing all of you in the services of our church on Intermediate Day.

It was indeed a pleasure to present the new administrator of our Baptist Hospital to the congregation at the 11 o'clock hour on last Sunday. Mr Pat Groner comes to us from Barre, Vermont, where he has been serving in a similar capacity. The son of the late Dr. F. S. Groner, for many years an outstanding leader among Southern Baptists, Mr. Groner is entering into his new work in admirable fashion. His brother is administrator of the Baptist Hospital in Memphis. Mr. Groner, his wife and four-year-old daughter will move to Pensacola in November.

NEW PASTORIUM ALMOST COMPLETED

The beautiful pastorium which is being built by our church is almost ready for occupancy. It should be completed, except for the landscaping, by the end of this week. The Lord willing, this home should serve as a church asset for many, many years.

The wisdom of the church acting as it has in meeting this felt need is accentuated by the present condition of the building industry with its many restrictions and shortages. Then too, our timing has been excellent in that the rental property now being used as a home for our pastor has been sold and must be vacated on Friday of this week.

With this phase of our building program completed, we can now give of our time, thought, prayer and means to the erection of a suitable and adequate church building. The time for expansion is at hand. Let us not hesitate to seize the opportunity.

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1111 ON PROMOTION DAY

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PASTOR AND EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR RETURN

Dr. Skiles returned from the School of Prophets at the West Florida Assembly in time to lead the Prayer Service on Wednesday evening. He was on the program at this special encampment for the preachers of West Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Draper were our representatives at the State Sunday School Planning Meeting in Jacksonville on September 12.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

	Enrolled	Present	Con-tacts
Gen. Officers	10	8	114
Adult 1	230	113	112
Adult 2	383	211	210
Young People	107	68	10
Seniors	75	34	0
Intermediates	84	62	121
Junior 1	114	77	56
Junior 2	83	59	113
Primary 1	51	32	2
Primary 2	63	39	16
Primary 3	63	38	8
Beginner 1	42	48	16
Beginner 2	49	33	0
Nursery 1	17	12	0
Nursery 2	62	28	3
Nursery 3	69	43	0
Total	1502	904	781

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PROMOTION DAY IS AROUND

THE CORNER

Mr. E. A. Herron, former State Sunday School secretary of Alabama and now manager of our new Western Baptist Assembly at Glorieta, New Mexico, gives the following responsibilities of the Sunday School before Promotion Day:

1. Boost the new teacher to your pupils.
2. Have each pupil attend at least once in September.
3. Urge attendance on Promotion Day.
4. Talk with parents and pupils where graded corrections are to be made.
5. Make plans to grade Adults and form new classes and departments, which will provide new opportunities for service for new workers, all of which will help in winning more souls into the Kingdom.

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OUR GOAL FOR PROMOTION

DAY IS 1111

TRAINING UNION

	Enrolled	Present
General Officers	10	10
Adult 1	44	36
Adult 2	49	42
Young People	42	45
Seniors	33	19
Intermediates	32	25
Junior 1	39	28
Junior 2	36	23
Story Hour	35	33
New Member Class	2	
Total	330	263

BANNERS

Efficiency — Original Union 90%
Attendance — Original Union 139%

350 IN TRAINING UNION

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DOES GOD HEAR AND ANSWER PRAYER?

"What Does Prayer Do for Us?"

Prayer gives us serenity in the midst of all of life's disturbances.

Prayer gives us serenity in the face of life's darkest storms.

Prayer brings to us a sense of forgiveness for all the sins which so easily beset us.

Prayer gives a superb feeling of confidence, not just in ourselves, but in the omnipotent God who is with us to strengthen us and guide us.

Prayer brings to us the urge from God to go after the lost for Christ.

Prayer brings to us the happiness which can come only from an alliance with the eternal God.

Of all the things we learn in the world, how to pray means most to our lives.

J. E. Lambdin
— T. U. Magazine

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TRAINING UNION CRUSADE

FOR BIBLE READING

The purpose of the crusade may be summed up in the following six statements:

1. To inspire all Christians to set apart a definite time each day to have fellowship with God.
2. To form the habit of daily Bible reading.
3. To quicken the interest in the Book of books.
4. To familiarize all Christians with the choicest of literature.
5. To open windows to the blessed and comforting truths found in the Word of God.
6. To apply its character-forming elements and powers to our lives, remembering that the people of the Bible possessed the same nature as we do.

— T. C. Gardner

IN CHURCH CALLING ON PROMOTION DAY

111 IN SUNDAY SCHOOL ON PROMOTION DAY

I WILL . . . FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

1. I will accept my office, believing God needs me right here.
2. I will do my best — and not my “excuse best.”
3. I will be loyal to the worship services.
4. I will learn the “how” of my office and not remain ignorant as to its functions.
5. I will spend some time each day in prayer.
6. I will not only pray for the lost by name, but I will go and try to win them.
7. I will visit because “when we go, they come.”
8. I will be friendly and will make people love this church because of my love for my church and my Saviour.
9. I will work with the WHOLE church program and not develop a “class” loyalty — or an “organization” loyalty.
10. I will remember that my church will be judged by my actions and will seek to make my daily life count for Christ
11. I will study God’s Word, the Bible, daily.
12. I will strengthen the hands of my pastor and the leaders of my church and its organizations.
13. I will follow God’s way in matters of stewardship.
14. Above all — I will try to know God’s will and follow it.

— Adapted from the Builder

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TAKE YOUR FAMILY TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

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CHURCH CABINET TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

The leaders of all departments of church activities will meet at the church on Monday evening, September 18 to work on the church calendar for the new church year. Suggestions from any of our members will be appreciated.

SACRIFICE

When he has more than he can eat,
To feed a stranger is not a feat.
When he has more than he can spend,
It isn’t hard to give or lend.
Who gives but what he’ll never miss,
Will never know what giving is.
He’ll win few praises from his Lord
Who does but what he can afford,
The widow’s mite to Heaven went
Because real sacrifice it meant.

— Edgar A. Guest

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“TRAINING UNION IS A FAMILY AFFAIR”

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WHY SHOULD I TITHE?

Louie D. Newton

Let’s face the question, Why should I tithe? Let the Bible answer: Leviticus 27:30-32; Genesis 28:22; Numbers 18:26; Deuteronomy 14:22, 28 29; 2 Chronicles 31:5; Nehemiah 13:12; Malachi 3:8-10; Matthem 23:23; Hebrews 7:4-9; I Corinthians 16:2; Proverb 3:8-10.

Why should I tithe? Because it is the least a Christian can afford to do. Because it puts giving on a systematic, proportionate basis. Because it is Scriptural.

It is not a question of raising money; it is a question of growing stewards of the manifold grace of God. It is not a question of securing tithes; it is a question of securing tithegivers. It is not a question of getting gifts; it is a question of getting consecrated givers.

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1111 PRESENT ON PROMOTION DAY

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Pastor — Dr. Elwin L. Skiles, 8-4727.
Edu. Dir. — Thomas J. Draper, 8-7448.
Financial Sect’y — Mrs. G. T. Sutton, 5640.
Treasurer — Paul W. Caro, 8-3789.
Choir Dir. — Mrs. Maurice Davis, 8 8337.
Organist — Mrs. J. F. Griffith, 8-8859.
Librarian — Miss Kitty Sue Wiggins, 7294.
Dietician — Mrs. G. F. Manning, 2422.

DO YOU WANT A BIG JOB?

"Years ago I crossed the North Sea on the same ship with a man who was a missionary to China. This man was said to be more familiar with Chinese than any other man at that time. Because of this a great oil company sought to obtain his services. It sent a representative to offer him a salary of \$10,000 a year. When he refused, it sent a representative to offer \$20,000, then to \$25,000. Then he invited him to set his own salary. In reply, this missionary said, "The salary you offered at first is large enough, I am only making \$1,200 a year. It is not your salary that is too small; it is your job. I have a bigger job than you can possibly offer."

The task of selecting officers and leaders for the church organizations is always a serious time. The willingness of our people to take bigger jobs and more responsibility are inspiring to the committee.

When a member of the committee comes to you seeking your cooperation will you give it? If you will not, it will mean that someone else will have to do the job you could do. It will mean, too, that our church, growing so rapidly, will lack the efficiency we need.

Any job that your church asks you to do is not small. They are all bigger than we are, and no amount of money could repay us for the good that we do and the joy we receive through the church.

— Adapted from Vineill Gleam

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LAST WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Sunday School	904
Training Union	263
OFFERING:	
Local and Missions.....	\$1,377.76
Building Fund	213.18
Total.....	\$1,590.94

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SYMPATHY

To Mr. E. B. Creighton in the loss of his sister.

To Mr. Spencer Johnson in the loss of his father.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 17 - 23

MAKE SUNDAY THE LORD'S DAY—IT IS!

Morning Worship.....	8:30 and 11:00
"Our Vocation" (Continued).....	Pastor
(11:00 Service broadcast over WEAR)	
Evening Worship	7:30
"Self Discovery"	Pastor
Sunday School	9:40
Training Union	6:15

6:30 — Instruction Class for new members.
8:30 — Singspiration in lower auditorium.

MONDAY —

6:30 — Virginia Wingo Y.W.A. meeting.
7:30 — Church Planning meeting.

TUESDAY —

3:15 — Junior G. A. and Sunbeams meet at the church.
6:30 — Youth Choir practice.
7:30 — Monthly Prayer Meeting of Martha and Homemaker's Classes in the home of Mrs. A. H. Arnold, 1411 N. Ninth Ave.
7:30 — Remembrance Party for Refractors Class in the home of Mrs. Hugh Gilmore, 1505 Bayou Blvd. E.P.H.
7:30 — B.W.B.C. monthly Business Meeting at 110 W. Gadsden St. Miss Fronie Pipham, hostess.
7:30 — Adult Choir practice.

WEDNESDAY —

7:00 — Morning Watch.
6:15 — Sunday School Worker's supper.
Bykota Class will assist the dietician
7:30 — Prayer and Praise Service.

FRIDAY —

7:00 — Junior "A" Banquet.
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MEET AND VISIT OUR NEW MEMBERS

By Letter:

154 — Joe Bruce Maloy, Jr., 2 Bayou Blvd.
E. P. H.
155 — Mrs. Joe B Maloy, Jr., 2 Bayou Blvd.
E. P. H.
156 — Miss Lyda Wilson, 419 S. Second St.
Warrington.

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