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TAKE YOUR FAMILY TO SUNDAY SCHOOL



This week we proudly present Mr. and Mrs. Angus Andrews, Kenneth, Bobby, Teddy, Sybil and Baby Leo. This family is 100% enrolled in Sunday School and Training Union. We are well aware of the fact that there are other families that are also 100 percenters and their names will go on our FAMILY HONOR ROLL. Our prayer is that many other fine families will be enlisted in the full program of the church.

The companion themes of our Southern Baptist Convention, "Take Your Family to Sunday School" and "Training Union is a Family Affair" offer a great challenge to our churches and to Christian homes. Our goal is to enlist more complete families in these two organizations of our church. An Honor Roll will be placed in the church foyer on which the names of all families whose resident members are 100% enrolled in Sunday School and Training Union. As these family groups are turned in by the department directors they will be printed in The Builder and placed on the Honor Roll.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN . . .

How do you like this large copy of "The Builder"? On a three months trial basis, we are using materials prepared by the Baptist Bulletin Service. Read all the paper and be an informed church member. Your reaction to this new plan will be appreciated.

Congratulations to our Sunday School and Training Union upon the splendid way in which activities for the new year are getting under way. Your wonderful spirit of cooperation and dedication made Promotion Day the climax of the year just closed. Our people are on the job this week and "Full steam ahead" seems to be our slogan. I believe we will have 1100 in Sunday School and 300 in Training Union on October 1.

Your pastor and his family are exceedingly grateful to you for the magnificent way in which you have made provision for our comfort and happiness in the beautiful parsonage at the corner of Spring and Lee. Recent days have been moving days for us. With all the work, there has been the fun of getting settled, going through things that have been in storage for almost a year, wondering why some things have been kept this long, anticipating and dreading the slightest scratch or mar that must come to a new house in which people live, and a thousand and one other things.

As a church we are indebted to Mr. Glenn McDonald for the way in which he has given general supervision to the plans and construction of the home. Much money has been saved through his efforts. Then, too, Mr. Sim Davis has been most helpful in drawing the plans for the house and assisting in getting materials at a substantial savings. To these and all others, we say "thank you very, very much."

While you do not have to wait until the 10th to visit us, we want all of you to reserve Tuesday evening, October 10, as the date for visiting us and inspecting the new property which belongs to you as a church.

TRAINING UNION IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

WEEK OF TRAINING - OCT 15-19 - CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Freely ye have received, freely give.—Matthew 10:8

Owe no man anything, but to love one another.—Romans 13:8

Understanding is a well-spring of life unto him that hath it.—Proverbs 16:22

Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me.—Matthew 25:36

Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.—Romans 12:13

According to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.—2 Corinthians 8:12

Teach all nations, baptizing them . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.—Matthew 28:19-20

It is more blessed to give than to receive.—Acts 20:35

Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.—1 Corinthians 3:11

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.—Acts 4:12

What Is the Foundation?

Southern Baptist Foundation and the state Foundations are permanent trusts to enable an individual to make a permanent contribution by gift, bequest, or gift annuity to any Baptist cause. It is a God-sent helper to assist men in being good stewards.

It is just as important for a man or woman of wealth to know how to use that wealth as it is for one with a good voice, the ability to preach, or to do personal work to dedicate that gift to the glory of God.

A successful manufacturer said: "To die rich is a disgrace."

The Southern Baptist Foundation or the Foundation of your state is a means of keeping you from committing the sin of the buried talent. Do not leave God out of your will.



—A. Devaney

*Must I go, and empty-handed?
Must I meet my Saviour so?*

—C. C. LUTHER

Bridge Builder

*An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
The sullen stream had no fear for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.*

*"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day,
You never again must pass this way;
You have crossed the chasm deep and wide—
Why build a bridge at evening tide?"*

*The builder lifted his old gray head.
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been naught to me
To that fair-headed youth may a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."*

—WILL ALLEN DROMGOOLE

"I Put It Off"

I have wondered what kind of a conversation Divies and the rich planter had in hell after both of them got there. Following their acquaintance I can imagine it went something like this:

DIVIES: You know, when I was back on earth I was quite a prominent business man. I had considerable wealth and other people held me in high esteem because of my business success. By-the-way, Mr. Planter, tell me something about yourself.

THE PLANTER: Well, I wasn't just a poor share-cropper myself. I owned a large plantation, in fact the largest in my county. And the land was rich, too. The last year I had it cultivated it produced the biggest crop ever. I made so much that year until I had to have new barns built to hold it all. I really had some plans whereby I was going to quit work and enjoy for several years what I'd made. But I never got to carry out my plans. About that time I died and came on here to this terrible place, and I had to leave all of it behind.

DIVIES: That brings up a question that has bothered me no little since I came here. I too had to leave what I had. I never gave but very little of it to help others nor did I make a will leaving it to do good after my death. I just lived on day after day and then died and left it. I don't know what ever happened to it. What did you do about all that land you owned?

THE PLANTER: I am ashamed to say it but I did exactly as you did. I kept all of it for myself as long as I lived and when I died I left no will for its disposal. I put off making my will until it was too late. I was too stingy to give much to help others while I lived and too greedy to leave it in a will to bless the world after my death. If I had another chance I would do differently; but alas, I'll never have another chance. I threw away the one I did have.

Use your wealth to bless others. Make your will before it is too late.

—C. H. BOLTON

All or Nothing

Soren Kierkegaard rendered a distinct service by emphasizing in his theology the either/or nature of Christianity. The believer must not only accept some things, but must reject others. Jesus stressed the same inescapable truth in the Sermon on the Mount when He declared, "No man can serve two masters." As one cannot face northward without turning his back to the south, so he cannot follow Jesus without denying self.

I feel that every action, every aspect of my life now that that I am a Christian should be motivated by a desire to win others to know Jesus. That's my desire.

—JACK ROBINSON

Our Soft Christianity

I admit to you today that I can find no convincing proof in my own life, or in the lives of most of my friends, that we are really dedicated to the Christian task. For the most part our Christianity is too soft. It has been awfully easy to be a Christian, at least to be the sort of Christian that most of us are. No renunciations have been necessary. Too often our lives have been indistinguishable from the life of the world around us. We have belonged to a pampered church that was in favor with the civil authorities, established in its social position, representing the majority group. The only sacrifice that we have been asked to make is to endure once a week the boredom of a church service in a comfortable-appointed edifice, listening to expensive organs and twenty-five minute sermonettes on not too uncomfortable religious themes. We have found it most difficult indeed to pay this exorbitant price for our faith!

—C. DARBY FULTON

A PRAYER

Lord, make me kind!
The world is full enough of needless tears,
And hungry hearts are full of nameless fears,
To these no vision of Thy humanness appears.

Lord, make me think!
For thoughtlessness has caused so much of needless woe,
That thoughtless word of mine may grow and grow
Until, like torrents mad, nothing can stay its flow.

Lord, make me love!
And place love's sign upon the face of me,
That loveless man may pause and turn and see
A little of that love that comes from Thee.

Lord, make me love!

—ANONYMOUS

Evangelism

We are found to
find another.
We are told to
tell another.
We are won to
win another.
We are saved to
save another.

Sentence Sermons

Good religion never fears a fact.

A little faith can go a long ways.

Prayer that is not mixed with trust produces tension.

It is always easier to find fault than it is to produce results.

The Bible does not need defense. It needs investigation.

Too many parents are giving the Sunday school absent treatment.

A service needs much more than solemnity if it is to be worshipful.

Almost any technique is good if it leads to a new life in Jesus Christ.

A prayer that does not change us will not affect God very deeply.

God has worked some very surprising results with some imperfect people.

We have not really begun praying until we are strictly honest with ourselves.

Some people think prayer has failed because God has not accepted their judgment of the case.

Too many people think they are defending the faith when they are only stirring up dissension.

Don't talk it over with the neighbors—talk it over with the person you feel has done you the wrong.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday was a day of victory in our Sunday School. 1018 were present. Three new departments were organized; 8 new Adult classes and 2 new classes for married young people 17-24 were started with numerous other new classes begun in the elementary departments. A marvelous spirit prevailed among our Adults and I can never thank you enough for your wonderful cooperation. Truly, you are a great people, and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit we will make this a monumental year in the history of our Sunday school.

	Present
General Officers	10
Adult I	90
Adult II	87
Adult III	176
Young People I	53
Young People II	25
Senior	42
Intermediate	68
Junior I	90
Junior II	68
Primary I	35
Primary II	47
Primary III	53
Beginner I	46
Beginner II	33
Nursery I	8
Nursery II	8
Nursery III	29
Nursery IV	50
TOTAL	1018

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. A. N. Aldredge, united with our church on November 18, 1914, and departed this life on September 23, 1950.

OCTOBER 8 IS LAYMAN'S DAY

Throughout our Southern Baptist Convention October 8 is to be observed as Layman's Day. In keeping with this program the men of our church will conduct the morning worship services.

An installation and dedication service of all officers and leaders of our Sunday School, Training Union, W. M. U. and Brotherhood will be held during the evening worship service. This will be followed by the ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

W. M. U. EVENTS

The Circles of the W. M. S. will meet on Tuesday, October 3 with the following hostesses:

- 10:00 A.M.
 No. 1—Mrs. H. R. Denham, Chmn., with Mrs. Judson Gillespie, 1815 Escambia Ave.
 No. 2—Mrs. J. T. Murphy, Chmn., with Mrs. Murphy, 1711 N. Whaley.
 No. 3—Mrs. Irvin Roberts, Chmn., with Mrs. S. L. Davis, 1503 E. Jackson.
 No. 4—Mrs. John Busey, Chmn., with Mrs. J. A. Riddle, 401 N. Barcelona St.
 No. 5—Mrs. J. E. Rucks, Chmn., with Mrs. W. H. Coker, 1723 E. Gadsden St.
 No. 6—Mrs. H. G. Gray, Chmn., with Mrs. Gray, 1709 E. Jackson St.

- 2:30 P.M.
 No. 7—Mrs. C. L. Taylor, Chmn., with Mrs. Helen Wood, 1601 E. DeSoto.
 3:00 P.M.
 No. 9—Mrs. E. A. Allen, Chmn., with Mrs. J. E. Bratcher, 1625 N. 17th Ave.

- Monday, October 2
 3:15 P.M.
 No. 8—Mrs. Wilson Harris, Chmn., with Mrs. Judd Gatlin, 1803 E. Scott St.

TRAINING UNION

	Enrolled	Present
Gen. Officers	10	10
Adult I	45	30
Adult II	43	46
Young People	34	33
Senior	33	24
Intermediate	33	26
Junior I	40	33
Junior II	38	27
Story Hour	55	43
New Member Class		6
Totals	331	278

PLAN TO ATTEND WEEK OF TRAINING OCT. 15-19

Our Fall week of training sponsored by our Training Union will be October 15-19. A "Ship Ahoy" Banquet on Friday evening, October 13 will launch this week of study.

In order to ascertain the number who desire to attend, tickets will be sold for 25c per person. All Training Union members, Juniors through Adults are invited to attend. Get your tickets Sunday evening. Remember, our banquet hall will accommodate only 260, so it will be first come, first served, as to tickets.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

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	7:30
Sermon	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—Sunday School Cabinet meeting at the home of Tom Draper, 2374 Escambia. For all Departmental Supts.

TUESDAY—

- 6:30—Youth Choir practice.
 7:30—Adult Choir practice.

WEDNESDAY—

- 7:00 A.M.—Morning Watch.
 6:15—Sunday School Workers' supper. Primary I will assist the dietician.
 7:45—Prayer and Praise Service.
 8:45—Deacons' meeting.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NAMES

Following our policy as stated in The Builder recently, all adult class names will be registered in the church office as soon as chosen. New class names selected to date are:

- Bykota—Mrs. Chas. Deese, teacher. Ages 45-49.
 Reflectors—Mrs. Chas. Leaman, teacher. Ages 39-40.
 Willing Workers—Mrs. R. C. Keith, teacher. Ages 60-65.

LAST SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

Sunday School	1018
Training Union	278

OFFERING:

Local and Missions	\$1,465.09
Building Fund	365.03
Total	\$1,830.15

MEET AND VISIT OUR NEW MEMBERS

- By Letter:
 158—Mrs. Gerald Newman, 2110 N. 20th.
 159—Miss Myrtle Jean Peck, 817 W. Garden St.
 By Baptism:
 106—Mr. Gerald Newman, 2110 N. 20th.

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