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## SUNDAY SCHOOL ADOPTS STANDARD AS GOAL AND PROGRAM OF WORK FOR THE NEW YEAR

On the recommendation of the Superintendents Cabinet, our Sunday School on Wednesday evening adopted the Standard of Excellence as our program of work and goal for the new year. We qualify as a Standard Sunday School on all but two points. These are:

### II. ENLARGEMENT

1. The enrollment of the school shall equal the number of resident church members as recognized by the church.

### IX. TRAINING

2. Fifty per cent of the officers and teachers including the pastor or superintendent, shall hold an award for either BUILDING A STANDARD SUNDAY SCHOOL or A CHURCH USING ITS SUNDAY SCHOOL.

3. Fifty per cent of the officers and teachers, including the pastor or superintendent, shall hold an award for one of the other books in the Sunday School Training Course.

(Please help us to determine this point by completing your training record with your superintendent).

### CONGRATULATIONS

to both of our Junior Departments who report that all teachers have visited their pupils since Promotion Day. May this soon be true of all departments and teachers.

### VISIT OUR NURSERIES

Our nurseries are now able to provide better care for your children. Visit our new nursery departments and see the new facilities that have been provided.

### CLASS NAMES

#### Adult 1

Martha — Mrs. E. A. Allen, teacher.

Ages 32-34.

Fratres — Mr. Wilson Harris, teacher.

Ages 28-31

#### Adult 3

T. E. L. — Mrs. A. Wilson, teacher.

Ages 55-59

### SUNDAY IS LAYMAN'S DAY

The men of the church are to be recognized and honored in all of our services on Sunday, October 8. New attendance records for the men are anticipated for the three worship services, Sunday School and Training Union. Many of our laymen have accepted additional responsibilities in the worship services. "MOBILIZED MAN-POWER" will be the pastor's sermon subject.

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### INSTALLATION OF CHURCH

#### ELECTED OFFICERS

There will be a special recognition and installation service for all church elected officers at the worship service on Sunday evening. This will include: all General and departmental officers, all teachers, workers and leaders and sponsors of our Training Union and Sunday School; all officers of the W. M. U. and Brotherhood; and deacons. A special section of the auditorium will be reserved for this large group of elected officers for the new year. There are many who have accepted Kingdom responsibilities for the first time, may we as a church give these workers our wholehearted support.

### FOURTEEN DEACONS TO BE CHOSEN SUNDAY MORNING

The annual election of deacons will be conducted in both worship services on Sunday morning. Let us seek God's guidance as we prepare to cast our ballots.

The names of 31 members will appear on the ballot. Nominations from the floor and the writing in of names not on the ballot will be in order. Each member of the church will be entitled to select fourteen men to serve as deacons. The names of those nominated are (listed alphabetically):

E. C. Austin  
E. L. Barrineau  
Frank Bradley  
Oscar Brock  
Myrlin Brooks  
Earl Buchanan  
A. J. Butler  
J. O. Cameron  
Norwood Cobb  
M. B. Dawson  
James Drexler  
A. S. Edwards  
R. C. Eickler  
Ernest Gentry  
Wilson Harris  
A. V. Hatton  
S. G. Kennedy  
K. K. Knight  
Joe Ladner  
J. T. Mackey  
G. R. McDonald  
J. H. Parker  
M. S. Penton  
David Raley  
C. J. Rice  
Irvin Roberts  
G. T. Sutton  
W. M. Thompson  
W. B. Townley  
J. M. Ward  
H. O. Williams

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED  
TO ATTEND  
OPEN HOUSE  
AT  
THE PASTORIUM OF THE FIRST  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
1400 NORTH SPRING  
TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 10  
7-9:30





## 25 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE

J. E. LAMBDIN is one of the most loved and highest esteemed people in the work of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Those who know him intimately love him devotedly, and all hold him in high esteem.

Mr. Lambdin is loved and appreciated because he is genuine in character, enduring in friendship, agreeable in fellowship, helpful in cooperation, steady in movement, loyal in attitude, efficient in action, creative in ability, inspiring in sentiment, faithful in service, and wise in leadership.

Possibly loyalty leads in the many fine characteristics of Mr. Lambdin. Through all these years, he has been true and loyal to God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, the church, denomination, Sunday School Board, his position, and to his family and friends. In this loyalty, the Lord has blessed him and his friends have appreciated him.

Mr. Lambdin has been faithful. He began his career as a Christian in a Baptist Young People's Union. He was faithful and de-

pendable as a member. His faithfulness and efficiency soon placed him in positions of responsibility. The small task well done promoted him to one of more responsibility.

And on he climbed from member to group captain, leader, president of a union, director in a church, leader in an association, secretary in a state, associate in the department, and then head of the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. He has been faithful.

Many of us greatly appreciate Mr. Lambdin for his creative ability. He is the one person through these years who has selected the themes for study in the Training Union. He then clearly outlined the themes on the age-group basis, selected the writers, and supervised the writing and publishing of the lessons in the various periodicals. His creative genius has provided for us the Graded Study Course for All Church Members. We honor him for his ability.

—J. O. WILLIAMS

## How Are You Doing?

Do you ever ask yourself how well you are becoming all that Christ intends for you in the church? Well, the following self-rating chart may help you to see yourself as God and others see you.

Check carefully, "yes" or "no" to each of these.

- Am I now interested in helping someone to become a Christian?
- Do I thoroughly enjoy the prospect of Sunday and the church services?
- Do I attend both morning and evening preaching services Sunday?
- Am I a member of the Bible study group of my church—the Sunday school?
- Am I developing as an intelligent member of the church in Training Union?
- Do I daily open the Bible and pray to God my Heavenly Father?
- Am I overcoming weaknesses and sins in my personal life with Jesus?
- Do those in my home and nearest me daily respect my Christianity?
- Do I each Wednesday refresh my soul and mind in the "Hour of Power"?
- Have I found some job in the church in which I find joy?
- Do I gladly give one-tenth and more of my income to God through my church?
- Do I really love Jesus Christ, and delight to see others love him?
- Is Christ first on my calendar?

Grade yourself—7 points for each "yes." Possible 91 points. Anything less constitutes "falling short." Work on each point daily, especially the "no" items. Put this in your Bible.

—H. S. INABNET

## How to Test Amusements

The Bible says nothing directly against some of the modern forms of amusements. But it does lay down some excellent principles by which a Christian can be guided.

1. Does the pleasure in question tend to enslave me? (1 Corinthians 6:12).
2. Does it help in building up my body, my mind, my heart? (1 Corinthians 10:23).
3. Does it cause others to stumble over me? (1 Corinthians 8:12, 13).
4. Can it be engaged in to the glory of God? (1 Corinthians 10:31).
5. If I am not sure as to the answer that must be given to the above four questions, and if still in doubt, I will take the safe side and give God the benefit of the doubt (Romans 14:23).

## What Can I Do?

"What can I do for my church?" exclaimed a young man to his minister.

"Well, you can manage to mention it in your conversation once each day, and in your silent prayers at night.

"You can attend its services, loyally support at least one of its organizations, pay some amount willingly into its treasury weekly, be a reader of one of its representative periodicals, qualify yourself to explain its leading doctrines, be 'out and out' in your loyalty to it, invite the unchurched and unsaved to its services (very important) and exhibit a hearty cordiality at its services.

"The busiest Christian in the world can find time to do the above without at all neglecting anything on earth, and he will be happier, wiser, and more satisfied for the effort he has put forth.

"Test it."

## If You Would Have Peace

Go forth into the busy world and love it. Interest yourself in its life and partake of it. Mingle kindly with its joys and its sorrows. Strive to do for men, rather than covet their possessions. A truly successful life is not made by taking for ourselves that which others have a right to share, but by rendering to others that which is worth more to them than they can give in return.

There are but two classes of people in the world: those who live to get—they are those who cause wars and poverty; and those who live to give—they are those who bring peace and prosperity.



# *Will an Amos Sutton be in Your Class* **NEXT SUNDAY?**



*(Used by courtesy Scripture Press)*

With disheveled hair and impish look, a little Scotch lad glowered through Sunday school as he heard for the first time the wonderful news that God loved him. What kind of a teacher was this who had invited him off the streets of Kent that Sunday in 1809 and paid him a shilling to go to Sunday school?

Little did he or the teacher realize that memorable Sunday that he, the little, dirty, gambling urchin of the streets, would someday become a famous pioneer missionary to India. As that mischievous but pliable mind soaked in Bible-truths through smudge-pot ears, a seed of knowledge was being planted that brought forth fruit in due season.

Amos Sutton served his Master in the vineyard of India for thirty years. His fame as a translator and soul-winner became known the world over. And all because a teacher cared enough to bring him to Sunday school and teach him God's inspired Word!

Maybe there will be an Amos Sutton in your class next Sunday. Plant the seed of the Gospel and God will give the increase. Keep bringing the children to Sunday school, teach them the Word, and win them for Christ.

***And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever (Daniel 12:3).***



# DR. CLAYTON WADELL TO SPEAK AT "SHIP A'HOY" BANQUET NEXT FRIDAY EVENING—BOOK PASSAGE NOW

## TRAINING UNION

All those wishing to book passage on the good ship FELLOWSHIP must do so by Wednesday, October 11. Sailing time is Friday, October 13 at 7 p.m. Cost of passage is 25c which will include all meals served on this cruise. Dr. Clayton Wadell of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will be our guest speaker for the evening.

Passage is limited to 250, so see one of the following and secure your space:

Ed Green, Tom Wash, Wayne Drown, James Rippey, Jim Drexler, Norwood Cobb, Mrs. Roy Ingram, Mrs. Inez Gober, and Mrs. Charles Overman.

Other committee chairmen are:

General Chairman—Miss Lettie Baxter.

Menu—Mrs. G. F. Manning.

Decoration—Mrs. Jim Drexler.

Program—Miss Barbara Jean Holt.

Souvenir Programs—Mrs. Tom Draper.

Publicity—Mr. Norwood Cobb.

Pre-banquet activities—Mrs. Bill Warren

	Enrolment	Present
General Officers .....	9	9
Adult I .....	45	25
Adult II .....	43	45
Young People .....	40	41
Senior .....	28	25
Intermediate .....	37	32
Junior I .....	39	30
Junior II .....	33	18
Story Hour Prim.....	12	14
Story Hour Beg.....	8	11
Nursery .....	7	8
Total.....	303	258

## MEET AND VISIT OUR NEW MEMBERS

By Letter:

1—Mr. Harvey W. Burdett, Corry Field.

2—Mr. L. C. Goodwin, 2520 Magnolia.

3—Mrs. L. C. Goodwin, 2520 Magnolia.

For Baptism:

1—Joyce Glass 3 N. Guillemarde.

## ADULT TRAINING UNION

The o. . . . .partment will meet in t. . . . . auditorium at 5:15 next Sunday a. . . . .on. Mr. Rippey urges all officers to be present.

## "CHRISTIAN LIFE STUDIES"

OCTOBER 15-19

Enrolment for our week of study will begin on Sunday evening during the Training Union hour.

An excellent faculty has been secured for this week. Our goal is 200 awards for this week, come and help us go over the top. This week of study will be helpful for ALL CHURCH MEMBERS.

Adults—"Meeting the Needs of Adults"  
Dr. Elwin L. Skiles

Young People—"Deepening the Spiritual Life"—Rev. H. H. Aultman, Holly Springs, Mississippi.

Adults and Officers of T. U. needing an Administration Book, "The Training Union Manual"—Mr. Tom Draper.

Intermediate and Junior Leaders—"Junior and Intermediate Leadership Manual"—Mrs. H. H. Aultman.

Intermediates—"Intermediate Manual"—Miss Mary Ellen Lisle, East Hill Church.

"Not Your Own"—Mrs. H. J. Taylor, Brownsville Baptist Church.

Juniors—"The Junior Manual"—An afternoon and evening class will be taught.

Story Hour Leadership—"Story Hour Manual"—Mrs. R. L. Brooks of East Hill Church.

Story Hour Children will be provided with a playtime class.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

### LAST SUNDAY

	Total Pres.	Preaching Att.	Cont.
Gen. Officers .....	9	8	100
Adult 1 .....	77	42	116
Adult 2 .....	83	56	51
Adult 3 .....	175	108	138
Young People 1.....	68	51	56
Young People 2.....	30	21	18
Senior .....	50	30	0
Intermediate .....	64	52	0
Junior 1 .....	93	72	47
Junior 2 .....	77	53	22
Primary 1 .....	34	12	0
Primary 2 .....	35	10	1
Primary 3 .....	39	14	0
Beginner 1 .....	41	4	36
Beginner 2 .....	32	5	0
Nursery 1 .....	10	1	5
Nursery 2 .....	10	2	0
Nursery 3 .....	27	5	0
Nursery 3 .....	13	2	0
Total.....	962	557	590

## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE

### WEEK

OCTOBER 8-14

## MAKE SUNDAY THE LORD'S DAY —IT IS!

Morning Worship.....	8:30 and 11:00
"MOBILIZED MAN-POWER".....	Pastor
11:00 Service Broadcast over WEAR	
Evening Worship .....	7:30
Installation and dedication service for all church officers and observance of Lord's Supper	
Sunday School .....	9:40
Training Union .....	6:15

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

### TUESDAY—

10:00 A.M.—W.M.S. Bible Study.  
10:45—Missionary Program, Circle 1, Mrs. H. R. Denham, Chmn. will be in charge.  
11:30—Business Session.  
12:15—Luncheon.  
6:30—Youth Choir practice.  
7:30—Adult Choir practice.  
7:30—Circle 10, Mrs. Alma Parda, Chmn. will meet with Mrs. Bertha Harris, 640 W. Avery St.  
Circle 11, Miss Bessie Yates, Chmn. will meet with Mrs. Margaret Creighton, 1901 E. Maxwell.  
Circle 12, Miss Sarah Andress, Chmn. will meet with the chairman, 301 N. Barcelona.

### WEDNESDAY—

7:00 A.M.—Morning Watch.  
6:15—Sunday School Workers' Supper. Primary 2 will assist the dietician.  
7:45—Prayer and Praise Service.

### THURSDAY—

7:00—Brotherhood supper.

### FRIDAY—

3:15—Junior R. A. meeting at church.  
7:00—Ship Ahoy Banquet.

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## LAST SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

Sunday School .....	962
Training Union .....	258

### OFFERING:

Local and Missions .....	\$1,226.56
Building Fund .....	235.23
Total.....	\$1,461.79

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