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TRAINING UNION MAKES PLANS

October has been a good month in our Training Union. Our average attendance for the four Sundays thus far is 280 which is a gain of 100 over last year. 300 is our GOAL for November. One hundred thirty-one enrolled in our week of Christian Life Studies with almost a hundred qualifying for awards. Those who attended two nights may qualify by completing questions that are available in the Educational office. Let's go over the 100 mark.

In order to make November a month of great accomplishments PLANS MUST BE MADE. The executive committee meeting for all general officers, departmental officers, leaders and sponsors and presidents of Adult unions will meet Sunday afternoon in the Martha Class Room from 5:00 to 5:45.

The Planning Council Meeting will be on Monday evening. Please make supper reservations with your departmental secretary on Sunday evening.

Schedule for Monday evening:

6:15 - 6:45 — Supper.

6:45 - 7:10 — Officers Clinic.

Directors Executive Comm., Haywood Arnold; Program Committee, Miss Barbara Holt; Membership Committee, Tom Draper; Efficiency Committee, Mrs. J. Busey; Social Committee, Ed Green; Missionary Committee, Miss Margaret Stephens; Bible Readers Committee, Mrs. Tate Bousman.

7:15 - 7:35 — Departmental Executive Meeting.

7:35 - 8:00 — Meeting by Unions.

8:00 - 8:20 — Closing Assembly.

JUNIOR CHOIR TO BE ORGANIZED

On Friday, November 3 all Junior boys and girls ages 9-12, are invited to meet at the church for the first practice of the Junior Choir. Mrs. Maurice Davis, our splendid Choir Director will meet with this group each Friday from 4:00 to 4:30 in the choir room. We rejoice in this addition to our graded choir program. They will begin work on the Christmas music. Parents, see that your children take advantage of this fine opportunity.

Immediately preceding Junior Choir practice our Junior G.A.'s and R.A.'s will meet at 3:15 each week. We have capable counselors for each group. Refreshments will be served after the Auxiliary meetings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLINIC —

FOR ADULT AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENTS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 6:50 - 7:40

SOUTHSIDE MISSION TO BECOME A CHURCH

Organization Meeting Sunday Afternoon

The Southside Baptist Mission, an arm of the First Baptist Church, will be organized into a local church on Sunday afternoon at 2:30. This is in response to action taken by our church this past summer. Members and friends of our church are urged to attend the organization meeting which will be held in the mission building at the corner of Liberty and Church Streets. Our sister churches of the city have been invited to participate in the service.

God's blessings have been upon this work since its beginning in 1943. It was through the efforts of one of the laymen of this church, Mr. J. R. Vassar, that a Sunday School was started in an old building on Liberty Street. Since that time, this dear man has gone out from our church as an ordained minister. He is now serving as pastor of the Baptist Church in Lynne, Florida.

Indications are that there will be two hundred charter members of the church. The record of the past year has been most encouraging. There have been 68 additions, 47 of which were by baptism. A growing Sunday School has an enrolment of 192. There are 109 in Training Union, an unusually high number for their constituency. The W. M. U. is fully organized with circles and auxiliaries. An active Brotherhood has been a real blessing to the work. \$5,748.60 were contributed to all causes this past year. The buildings are valued at \$8,000.

We rejoice in the privilege that has been ours of having a part in the development of this work. The prayerful interest of our people will be with the new church as the organization is perfected and plans for the future are promoted. Now it is our task to survey the needs of our city and locate other mission points in unchurched areas.

BAPTISTS TO MEET IN OCALA

Florida Baptists will have their annual convention in Ocala, beginning at 9:30 on Tuesday morning, November 14. Those planning to attend from our church should advise the office so that messenger's cards may be secured. We know that Mr. and Mrs. Lee Booker, Dr. Skiles and Mr. Draper are planning to go to this meeting. We hope that others will arrange to make the trip.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN . . .

Our Budget and Finance Committee is at work. I would like to share some of the contents of a letter which was prepared by Mr. Judson Gillespie, committee chairman, for distribution among those of us who are charged with responsibilities in the various departments of the church program.

"We request that you pray earnestly for the over-all program of the church and for every organization of the church. We sincerely solicit your specific prayer that our Father will lead this committee in its every action and in every thought of each member of the committee.

"We believe, with your sincere cooperation, that a comprehensive, workable budget embracing the entire program of our church can be prepared — a budget that can be systematically followed and one which will enable us to expand our program year by year.

"If a budget is sensible and workable, it can be adhered to in such a way that the confidence of more and more of our church family will be won to the support of our great church. With the confidence of our people, God's Kingdom will certainly advance."

Don't you like the enthusiastic spirit and apparent sincerity of this letter? Let us pray for this important committee as they prepare a budget for our consideration in November. Surely we will be praying for a challenging goal which will call from us our very best in stewardship. Our best will not be as great as world need nor as big as the loving heart of Christ. I do believe that God's people will give their most favorable response to a great giving program which supports a vast Christian, missionary and evangelistic enterprise.

Pray for the work. Intercede in its behalf. Let the Lord lead in it all, and He will take us upward and onward from victory unto victory.

What Will We Do With Them?

Reference is to the thousands of new converts recently united with our churches as a result of the simultaneous revival crusades "west of the river," as well as the constant ingathering "east of the river." God be praised for these new born Christians! But what are we going to do with them?

In the human body, food that is not assimilated means indigestion, peptic ulcers, and a bad disposition. The same situation follows in the spiritual body-members who are not put to work and who, through no great fault of their own, are not made a part of the blood stream. They become maladjusted, develop suspicious cells, and either cause trouble or commit spiritual suicide.

All of this is common knowledge; every pastor is aware of it. To change the figure, if you feed your automobile engine more gas than it can consume, you are apt to stall it on a grade crossing.

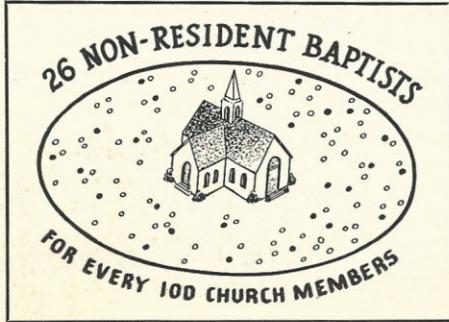
With all the reams of paper covered with calls for renewed emphasis on evangelism, it would seem the part of wisdom to devote some space to cultivating the crop, for the weeds of the world grow fast and lush.

Are our churches prepared to do anything about it? Are they warm enough in their welcome, specific enough in their nurture, definitive enough in their counsel relative to "why I am a Baptist"?

Because we are so negative and so negligent, our boasted millions mean but little; "and not a few sleep." There is a passage of Scripture which says, "Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider."

How much preparation are we allowing for the development in Christian stature of these multiplied thousands of new church members coming out of our great revivals? Well would it be if we took a lesson from Paul, who, after the ingathering, gave much time for the indoctrination. I think this is the weak link in our armor—and because of such failure, we have so many Baptists who are tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine. More fro than to, alas.

—J. W. STORER



10-29-50

A PRAYER FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS

ETERNAL SON OF GOD, we thank thee for thy gracious promise that where two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou art in the midst of them.

We pray for the fulfillment of that promise as we gather for our annual meeting. May our one purpose be the building of thy kingdom. May our one desire be to magnify thee. Yet how futile our meeting, how shortsighted our planning, how insignificant our program, and all our endeavor, unless thy presence shall be experienced in our midst.

Grant us thy spirit that we may conquer all our selfishness and littleness.

Grant us thy wisdom that we may know how to carry forward thy work.

Grant us thy compassion that we may be moved by the needs of our war-torn, sin-cursed world.

Grant us new confidence in thy gospel as the power of God and the only power adequate for a day like this.

Grant us a vision of thy cross that shall humble us into great sacrifice, that shall prompt in us real consecration, and that shall reunite us in fellowship and purpose.

So may our meeting be fruitful, and through it may thy kingdom be advanced in all the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Adapted from a prayer by Ryland Knight)

Riches

He that has little, and wants less, is richer than he that has much, but wants more. True contentment depends not upon what we have. A tub was large enough for Diogenes, but a world was too little for Alexander.—Colton

"Dad, are you rich? Have you much more
Than that old man who lives next door?"
I nearly answered, "Why, Sonny, no!
I haven't near as much to show."
And then, alas, I looked at him—
Recalled happy hours with my own son Jim!
I heard his mother call and laugh
As she turned in our homeward path.
I thought of work, of which I'm part—
Old tasks to finish, new ones to start.
I thought of joy with hosts of friends
In which the story of all work blends.

"Ah, dear child, there is no wealth
Precious as happiness and good health;
No treasure store in all the land
Compares with friendly heart and hand.
When you and Mother laugh and sing,
Then I'm richer than any king!
I'm rich, so rich, though he next door
Possess the world, yet I have more!"

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN



EACH STATE in the Southern Baptist Convention has its own Baptist paper, which reports Convention-wide and worldwide religious news, as well as news and articles of state interest.

THE COMMISSION and SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS, monthly magazines published by the Foreign and Home Missions Boards, supply the latest missionary information.

These periodicals should be in your home as well as in your church library.

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"To Me to Live Is Christ"

Gounod, we are told, worshiped Mozart more than any other composer. In his old age he used to say: "When I was very young I used to say, 'I.' Later I said, 'I and Mozart.' Then, 'Mozart and I.' Now I say, 'Mozart.'"

So Saul of Tarsus, persecuting the Christians, was proud and self-centered. Then he met Jesus, and self gradually disappeared, until at last he could say, "To me to live is Christ."

O Lord, may thy thoughts fill our minds, thy love, our hearts, thy works, our days, so that thy life will be lived anew in us. Amen.

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Just Read This:

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

—LUKE 3

Thou art welcome, who-soever thou art that enter-est this church; it is thy Father's house; come in the spirit of reverence; worship in the spirit of humility; and leave it not without a prayer to God for thyself, for those who minister, and for those who worship here.

Hearts First

A veteran circus performer said to a young man learning to perform on the flying trapeze: "Throw your heart over the bars and your body will follow." Paul explained the remarkable generosity of the Macedonian Christians: "They first gave their own selves to the Lord." Money, service, talents, time—these naturally follow when we first throw our hearts into Christ's cause.

Master, before offering Thee our pos-sessions and our services, we would first give our hearts to Thee. Amen.

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Day by Day

Following Jesus
Day by day,
Walking in the heavenly way
Though the paths be light or gray
Following Jesus
Day by day.

Studying God's Photographic Plate

No longer do astronomers peer intently through the lenses of telescopes to learn the contents of the heavens. In California the world's two largest observatories—that on Mount Wilson, with its 100-inch lens and that on Palomar Mountain, with its 200-inch lens—are in reality giant cameras.

Now, with light-gathering power a million times greater than that of the human eye, the Palomar telescope collects light in night-long time exposures. When the dome of the observatory opens, complicated mechanisms keep the lens trained on the heavenly body under study all night long. The light captured from so far is accumulated on the photographic plate.

The plates so prepared can be filed away for study immediately or years later—for measurement, analysis, investigation. Astronomy has now come to mean digging into the chemistry of the universe, its dimensions and structure.

Trying to learn about God's dealings with men by looking at life about us is like peering through the old spy-glasses. We are hampered by the inadequacies of our own minds and hearts, by our own poor judgment.

But looking at God and man in the Bible is like analyzing the universe by means of the photographs made by the giant telescopes. Studying the photographic plate of God's Word, we see set before us, for careful and unbiased consideration, how God works in the hearts of men.

—From UPWARD

Faith

*I don't understand the hills, or the bounding sea,
 Or the laughing mountain rills—how they came to be.
 I don't understand the sun, or the twinkling star—
 How they ever were begun. But I know they are.
 So with faith—its mysteries I can't analyze,
 Holding certain verities too deep for my eyes;
 But I know this heart of mine rises from despair
 Into joy and peace divine, knowing they are there.*

—JOHN KENDRICK BANGS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

	Pres.	Cont.	Goal
Gen. Officers	8	80	9
Adult 1	84	107	100
Adult 2	82	91	80*
Adult 3	187	275	200
Young People 1	66	6	70
Young People 2	28	9	35
Senior	50	67	55
Intermediate	67	78	65*
Junior 1	90	45	99
Junior 2	60	8	80
Primary 1	33	29	45
Primary 2	28	21	38
Primary 3	43	1	50
Beginner 1	48	7	40
Beginner 2	35	7	40
Nursery 1	9	0	7*
Nursery 2	15	10	12*
Nursery 3	28	0	35
Nursery 4	15	6	17
	978	903	1087

* Reached Goal.

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WITH OUR ADULT CLASSES

We congratulate all the adult classes in the fine work that is being done.

TAKE YOUR FAMILY TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult 1

Big Brothers	12	Laura Austin	11
Fratres	7	Deborah	8
Pope Shank	11	Martha	11
Homemakers	16	Business Women	4

Adult 2

Harry Rooker	12	Mrs. H. L. Gentry	8
Ben Jones	12	J. O. Y.	9
		Mrs. C. Leaman	14
Jas. L. Hurt	16	Winsome	7
		Adult 3	

H. R. Denham	14	T. E. L.	12
Anglers	14	Willing Workers	18
Master Workmen	38	Convention	13
Bykota	21		
Faithful Workers	21	B. W. B. C.	32

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLINIC

The clinic for the class officers of the Adult and Young People's Departments will be held on Wednesday evening November 1. This meeting is being held on Wednesday evening in order to eliminate the necessity of an additional evening and will enable many to attend this meeting as well as the Central School during the week of November 6-10.

If you are a departmental officer, teacher or class officer in an Adult or Young People's department we urge you to be present. The following discussion groups will be held:

Department Superintendents
Teachers
Associate Department Supts.
Presidents
Membership Vice-Presidents and Group Captains
Fellowship Vice-Presidents
Stewardship Vice-Presidents
Personal Ministeries Vice Presidents
Secretaries

TRAINING UNION

"TRAINING UNION IS A FAMILY AFFAIR"

	Enrol.	New	Total
	Mem.	Pres.	
General Officers	9	0	8
Adult 1	41	4	30
Adult 2	43	0	37
Young People	47	5	44
Seniors	31	0	22
Intermediate	42	5	37
Junior 1	44	0	30
Junior 2	35	0	20
Nursery S. Hours	18	1	16
Beginner S. Hour	14	0	9
Primary S. Hour	28	1	15
Total	352	16	268
New Member Class		3	
		271	

BANNER AWARDS

Attendance — Wallace Rogers, Vigor and J. O. Y.
Efficiency — G. J. Rousseau

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AMONG OUR MEMBERS . . .

The known sick: In Sacred Heart Hospital: Mrs. A. B. Yniestra and Miss Dorothy Johnson.

Mrs. C. C. Wallace is in Atlanta for treatment.

Jimmy Roth is in Escambia General Hospital.

Miss Lettie Baxter is recuperating from an operation in Pawtucket, R. I.

The Bereaved: Mr. James Fillingim in the loss of his father.

Wedding Bells: Miss Faye Diamond and Fred W. Mertins, Jr.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Glen Jordan have a fine baby boy.

(Editor's Note: We want to make this a regular column in The Builder. Your assistance in providing the office with information will be appreciated.)

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MEET AND VISIT OUR NEW MEMBER

For Baptism:
4 — Franceen Eickler, 2300 W. Jackson.

TRAINING UNION

Executive and Planning

Meetings

Sunday 5:00;

Monday 6:15

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE

WEEK

OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 4

MAKE SUNDAY THE LORD'S DAY — IT IS!

Morning Worship	8:30 and 11:00
"Keeping First Things First"	Pastor
11:00 Service Broadcast over WEAR	
Evening Worship	7:30
"Salvation Is Now Nearer." Rom. 13-11	Pastor
Sunday School	9:40
Training Union	6:15

5:00 — Executive Training Union Council.
6:30 — New Member Instruction Class.
8:30 — Singspiration in lower auditorium.
MONDAY —
6:15 — Training Union Planning Council Supper. Visitors Union will assist the dietician.

TUESDAY —
7:30 — Adult 1 Sunday School Halloween Party. Lower auditorium.

WEDNESDAY —
7:00 A.M. — Morning Watch.
6:15 — S. S. Workers Supper. Junior 2 will assist the dietician.
7:00 — Departmental conferences.
7:45 — Prayer and Praise Service.

THURSDAY —
7:00 — Virginia Wingo Y. W. A. meeting in the home of Mrs. E. L. Skiles, 1400 Spring St.

FRIDAY —
4:00 - 5:00 — Primary 3 Sunday School Dept. Open House.

3:15 — Junior R. A. and Junior G. A.

4:00 — Junior Choir Practice.

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LAST SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

Sunday School	978
Training Union	271
OFFERING:	
Local and Missions	\$1 792.27
Building	
Total	268.41
Offering envelopes used	
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\$2,060.68	
443	

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