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FROM OUR PASTOR'S PEN . . .

With God's help we can make this the greatest year in the history of First Baptist Church. There are so many tasks awaiting our willingness, and the urgency of world conditions challenges us to "give our best to the Master."

Evangelism is the key word for Baptists this year. In March 18,000 Baptist churches east of the Mississippi will be engaged in a great simultaneous revival. The success of that campaign depends, to a large measure, upon the preparation which we make in the next ten weeks. Prayer, unceasing and fervent, is the finest preparation. The Wednesday evening prayer service of our church should have an immediate upsurge in attendance, interest and power. Instead of 150 in attendance, we should have several hundred each week. Your pastor will be attending the State Evangelistic Conference in Jacksonville next week. Please remember this meeting in your prayers.

Our church rejoices in the privilege of licensing Bob Brooks to the gospel ministry. This fine young man was licensed at the close of the Student Night service last week. He was our speaker in prayer meeting on Wednesday night. Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Myrlin Brooks. He is a student in Oklahoma Baptist University. We pray God's richest blessings upon him.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

THE ORDINANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER WILL BE OBSERVED IN BOTH MORNING SERVICES.

THE ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM WILL
BE OBSERVED IN THE NIGHT
SERVICE

YOU AND YOUR CHURCH ENVELOPE

THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. Your envelopes are numbered. By always using the package assigned to you, the financial secretary's work will be simplified as she will be able to do her posting by numbers.
2. Your name and address should be written upon the envelope. The Saturday evening family altar is an excellent time to prepare the envelopes. A prayer at this time for your church and pastor will add power to the services on the Lord's day.
3. If at any time you wish additional packages of envelopes for other members of the family or to replace lost packages, make your request to the financial secretary.
4. You may make your church offering in any of the worship services, in Sunday School or through the mail. We suggest that this be done in the first service you attend on Sunday. The Sunday School is THE CHURCH TEACHING.
5. ~~For those who desire to present their offering in Sunday School, the 6 point record report blank is provided on the envelope for your convenience.~~

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YOU MAY KNOW . . .

1. Where we can secure the services of a competent secretary to serve as Enlistment Secretary in our church. The Enlistment Secretary will serve as secretary to Mr. Draper, keep the records of the church and assist in the educational program. Please contact the church office if you are interested or know a party who is qualified for this work.
2. Where we can secure an honest, hard working, reliable man to serve as janitor of our buildings and grounds. Please help us find the right man.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

By way of Comparison	1949	1950
Enrolled	1416	1409
Present	739	855
	Enrolled	Present
Gen. Officers	10	8
Adult 1	135	69
Adult 2	109	53
Adult 3	254	190
Young People 1	102	84
Young People 2	49	16
Senior	79	42
Intermediate	78	54
Junior 1	123	74
Junior 2	92	55
Primary 1	45	26
Primary 2	47	33
Primary 3	60	37
Beginner 1	60	42
Beginner 2	49	24
Nursery 1	10	8
Nursery 2	15	9
Nursery 3	59	17
Nursery 4	39	14
Total.....	1409	855
		648

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

TEACHERS NOTICE !

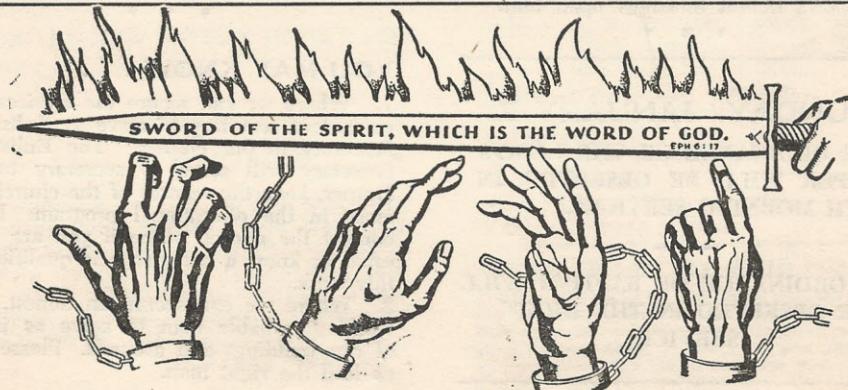
They will not seek
They must be sought

They will not come
They must be brought

They will not study
They must be taught.

The New Year lives before you like a spotless track of snow,
Be careful how you tread it, for every mark will show.

LET US COVENANT TO READ AND STUDY GOD'S WORD IN 1951



TRAINING UNION

"CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY"

To help us to make all of life's choices in the light of God's will — That is the Training Union aim for 1951. The monthly themes listed below have been chosen to help in carrying out that aim.

January — "Christ or Satan."

February — "The Church or the World."

March — "Knowledge or Ignorance."

April — "Christian Friends or Worldly Companions."

May — "A Godly Home or a Pagan Household."

June — "Creative Living or Aimless Drifting."

July — "Christian Democracy or Human Slavery."

August — "Uprightness or Wickedness."

September — "Divine Power or Human Strength."

October — "God or Mammon."

November — "Conviction or Compromise."

December — "Others or Self."

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NOW IS THE HOUR

Choose you this time to join your Training Union and strengthen this important phase of your church's program.

205 were present last Sunday and a fine group attended the watch night services. We wish to thank Miss Lettie Baxter for the excellent program and all those who assisted in any way in the success of the watch night party.

PLANNING COUNCIL SUPPER
MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 8
6:15 - 8:30

A NEW YEAR PRAYER

Scripture: Exodus 33: 13 - 16

1. A prayer for guidance
"Show me thy ways"
2. A prayer for knowledge
"That I may know"
3. A prayer for grace
"That I may find favor in thy sight"
4. A prayer for remembrance
"Consider . . . thy people"
5. A prayer for companionship
"If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up thence."
6. A prayer for vindication
"Shall it be known that I have found favor in thy sight?"
7. A prayer for sanctification
"So that we are separated, I and thy people."

I don't look back; God knows the fruitless efforts

The wasted hours, the sinning, the regrets;
I leave them all with Him who blots the record,
And mercifully forgives, and then forgets.

I don't look forward; God sees all the future

The road that, short or long, will lead me home
And He will face with me its every trial,
And bear for me the burdens that may come.

But I look up - into the face of Jesus,
For there my heart can rest, my fears are stilled;
And there is joy, and love, and light for darkness,
And perfect peace, and every hope fulfilled.

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MEET AND VISIT OUR NEW MEMBERS

By Letter:

51 - Edward Allen, 100 W. Brainard.
52 - Glen D. Beauchamp, NATTU, NAS.
53 - Mrs. M. L. Ward, 204 W. Intendencia.

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LAST SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

Sunday School 855
Training Union 205

OFFERING:

Local and Missions..... \$3,236.57
Building Fund 1,044.52

Total..... \$4,281.09

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All the long year through, the joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you.



TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1951

10:00 Bible Study 12:15 Luncheon
10:45 Missionary Program
"God Is Moving - Who Can Hinder?"
All the ladies of the church are invited.

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AMONG OUR MEMBERS . . .

We extend deepest Christian sympathy to the following:

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Spearman in the loss of his father.

Mrs. J. E. Hull in the loss of her father.

Mrs. Kate White in the loss of her son-in-law.

Wedding Bells: Miss Bevie Cranford and Edgar M. Piehl; Miss Joyce Ferguson and Robert Brooks.

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ARE YOU GUILTY?

Far too many of us are guilty of giving God the leftovers of life. We are living busy lives and are occupied with many things. The grave danger facing every Christian is that he will give to the Lord that which is leftover after his own needs have been satisfied.

Try to enlist people in coming to church, and you will often hear these words: "We don't have time to go to church very often." What these excuse makers mean is that they attend church whenever they do not have anything else to do. They are offering to God the mere leftovers of their time and talents. At this New Year season when many of us are thinking about New Year's Resolutions, each of us should resolve to do five things in this matter of church attendance: Attend Sunday School, the Morning Worship service, Training Union, the Evening Worship service, and Midweek Prayer Service.

Give of your best to the Master during the coming year.



BAPTIST HOUR LEADER OUT-STANDING RADIO SPEAKER

Charles Wellborn, BAPTIST HOUR speaker for January, February and March 1951, is well known throughout the Southern Baptist Convention as an inspiring evangelist and radio speaker. He has led successful citywide and college campus crusades in many localities across the country.

A native of Gladewater, Texas, Mr. Wellborn is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

The general theme for Mr. Wellborn's Baptist Hour message for the quarter will be "This Is God's Hour." His subject for Sunday January 7 will be: "TWO MINUTES TILL MIDNIGHT."

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HEAR THE NEW BAPTIST HOUR EACH SUNDAY AT 2 P.M. WCOA (1370)

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LIBRARY NOTICE

In checking our files we find that there are many books overdue. We are happy for you to use the library books, but others want to use them also. Please help with our book ministry by returning books promptly. We are earnestly seeking your cooperation in this matter.

Miss Kitty Wiggins,
Church Librarian.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

January 7 - 13

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

11:00 — Beginner Sunbeams.
2:00 — Baptist Hour WCOA.
6:30 — Instruction Class for New Members.
8:30 — Singspiration in lower auditorium.

MONDAY —

3:00 — Circle 8, Mrs. Wilson Harris, Chmn. will meet with Mrs. Harris, 1900 E. Lakeview.
6:15 — T. U. Planning Council Supper. Co-Wed Union will assist the dietician.

7:30 — Deborah Class meeting in the home of Mrs. C. W. Shofner, 909 Stanley Ave., E. P. H.

6:00 — Y. W. A. Meeting at church.

TUESDAY —

10:00 A.M. — W. M. U. Bible Study.
10:45 — Missionary Program.

11:30 — Business Session.

12:15 — Luncheon.

6:30 — Youth Choir practice.

7:30 — Adult Choir practice.

7:30 — B. W. C. No. 10 will meet with Miss Mary Ethel Harrison, 851 N. 10th.

7:30 — B. W. C. No. 11 will meet with Miss Verla Cates, 505 N. Baylen Street.

7:30 — B. W. C. No. 12 will meet with Mrs. C. C. McCurley, 1403 E. Brainard.

WEDNESDAY —

6:15 — S. S. Workers Supper. Winsome Class Mrs. A. Garrett Teacher, will assist the dietician.

7:00 — Departmental meetings.

7:45 — Prayer and Praise Service.

FRIDAY —

3:15 — Junior R. A. and G. A. and Sunbeams.

4:00 — Junior Choir practice.

7:30 — Deacon's Meeting.

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