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BAPTISTS BEGIN ENLARGED ASSOCIATIONAL PROGRAM

The 36 churches of the Pensacola Bay Baptist Association are launching out in a vigorous program of Kingdom building. We rejoice in the coming of Brother McCoy Bynum to be our Secretary of Promotion and Missions. He has had excellent training and experience for this new position of leadership. A graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a chaplain during the last war, he comes to us from a successful pastorate in San Antonio, Texas.

The office for the Pensacola Bay Baptist Association will be opened this next week in the Pollack annex of our church.

The enlarged program of the association will include: (1) the location and establishment of mission stations and new churches, (2) strengthening the rural work in Escambia County, (3) additional promotion of all denominational programs and agencies, and (4) the development of a sense of Christian oneness in the propagation of the Gospel through our Baptist churches.

First Baptist Church welcomes Brother Bynum and his family to this new field. We have indicated our willingness to support the program in a financial way. Now let us be faithful in prayer for and service to the splendid program of our association.

**Young Peoples
Sweetheart Banquet
Friday — 7 p.m.**

PROGRESS TOWARD OUR REVIVAL

The next step in preparation for our revival is census taking on next Sunday, February 11. To preach to lost people during our revival requires that we find these lost people. Did you ever go hunting? It was not much of a job to get the game if you could find it. True as can be it is: Find the lost people and you are far on the way toward winning them! But finding always comes before winning.

Proof of the statement is that each year Southern Baptist churches win one out of three of the lost people enrolled in their Sunday Schools. Each year Southern Baptist churches win one out of 240 of the lost people who are not enrolled in Sunday School. How then can a church locate all the lost people in a community?

Dr. C. E. Matthews says: "The census, followed by visitation and personal work, is what made the difference in the number of baptisms in the churches west of the Mississippi River during the simultaneous revival effort April 9-23, 1950. Wherever churches took a census and followed it up by personal visitation the number of souls saved was nearly doubled."

Thousands of other pastors join Dr. Matthews in his evaluation of a census and its contribution to evangelism.

Our deacons will serve as team captains. Perhaps one of them has contacted you and asked you to serve with him on his team.

83 have volunteered to help, a minimum of 67 more are needed. Call the church office if you will help.

The Bible teaches much about the Christian workers watering, sowing, and the like. God gives the increase. There is no other way. But the Bible teaches that he who sows bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Let us sow now that there may be an abundant spiritual harvest during the days of our revival.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

	Enrolled	Present	Contacts
Gen. Officers	9	9	81
Adult 1	142	68	121
Adult 2	114	70	70
Adult 3	268	146	286
Young People 1.....	95	56	73
Young People 2.....	51	23	15
Senior	77	34	30
Intermediate	79	43	60
Junior 1	117	76	64
Junior 2	89	53	38
Primary 1	50	25	25
Primary 2	51	26	11
Primary 3	60	35	5
Beginner 1	61	36	15
Beginner 2	51	26	11
Nursery 1	8	4	4
Nursery 2	16	15	11
Nursery 3	43	15	6
Nursery 4	40	11	0
Total	1421	771	926
By way of comparison	1950	1951	
Enrollment	1420	1421	
Attendance	827	771	

At the superintendent's cabinet meeting on Monday night of this week many plans were made for our Sunday School. The Sunday School will play a great part in preparation for the revival. The following are some of the plans: 1. Our pastor will discuss the book "The Place of the Sunday School in Evangelism," on the next five Wednesday evenings. Books may be purchased and for those who desire credit an additional evening of study will be held in order that the required number of classroom hours may be provided. 2. Church clean up week will be February 19-23. Let us beautify our church in preparation for our revival. 3. Support the Training Union sponsored week of study, March 5-9 when books on Soul Winning will be taught. 4. Inaugurate a plan of weekly visitation on Thursday, February 22. This does not mean that classes and organizations cannot visit at other times. The nursery will be open for children on Thursdays during the hours of 10-12:00 a.m. and 1-3:00 and 7-9:00 p.m.

TRAINING UNION

	Enrolled	Present	Goal for Sunday
Gen. Officers	11	11*	9
Adult 1	34	22	27
Adult 2	44	39*	35
Young People	54	43*	43
Senior	38	30*	30
Intermediate	39	26	31
Junior 1	39	36*	31
Junior 2	32	14	25
Story Hour	65	38	52
	355	258	283
New Member Class.....	3		

Total.....261

* - Represent those meeting Goals.

Comparison:

Last Sunday 233
A year ago..... 206

BANNERS

Attendance - G. J. Rousseau 150%.
Efficiency - G. J. Rousseau 79%.



ANNUAL BOY SCOUT WEEK

This week is nation-wide Boy Scout Week. On Sunday night, February 11, in our evening worship service, we will give special recognition to our Boy Scouts, Troop 10.

A special section will be reserved for the members of our troop and their families. We are indeed proud of the contribution which the members of our Scout organizations mean in the life of our church. We are happy Mr. Harry Sampley has returned to his former place of leadership as Scout Master. Mr. Joe Boykin, Mr. Wayne Drown, and Louis Leitenberger are assistants. The troop committee is composed of: Tom Wash, Veto Isidori, Earl Thomas, Ed Green, and James Rippey. Mr. Emory Rogers is Institutional representative. Mr. W. D. Cranford is neighborhood Scout commissioner.

RELIGIOUS CENSUS SUNDAY AFTERNOON

LUNCH TO BE SERVED WORKERS AT 12:15

THINGS TO FORGET

The mean things others have said about you.

The injury any person has done you.

The mistakes you have made in the past, except as they warn you in the future.

The kindness you have tried to do others.

The days when you were better off than you are now.

The promises other people have made you.

The ill-natured gossip you have heard concerning others.

The secrets entrusted to your confidence.

The worry that hinders your happiness.

The drawbacks that seem to stand in the way of your success.

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CHRIST'S METHODS

He sent out visitors, two and two, for a house to house visitation campaign. (Luke 10:1-5).

These visitors were told to pray for other visitors to be sent forth. (Luke 10:2).

The seventy were not salaried employees for they were to take no money nor extras. Jesus was to look after their material as well as spiritual needs. (Luke 10:4).

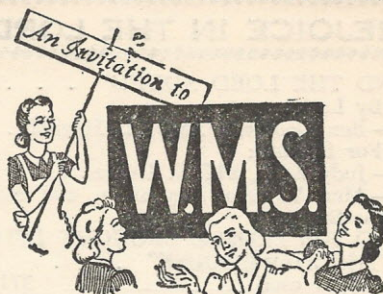
When they were invited into a house they were to enter it and give their testimony. (Luke 10:5).

They returned rejoicing over the blessings received. (Luke 10:17).

Another time Jesus said (Luke 14:23): "Go out into the highways and the hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

Remember: "He that winneth souls is wise," not the church, nor the committee on Evangelism; but He.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1951

10:00 Bible Study 12:15 Luncheon

10:45 Missionary Program

"IF" — Chron. 7: 11-22

Circle 5 — Mrs. J. E. Rucks in charge.

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THE CHURCH FAMILY

In the Hospital:

SACRED HEART: Mrs. Barbara Roberts and Mr. L. M. Mathis.

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL: Mrs. John R. Jones and Mr. Mose Penton.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holt, Jr., on the birth of a baby boy; Mr. and Mrs. James D. Harwell on the birth of a baby girl.

SYMPATHY TO: Mr. Walter S. McNeil in the loss of his father.

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PRAYER TIME

"As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me. Evening and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice." — Psalm 55:16, 17.

How often does the Lord hear your voice in prayer? Here in the text the psalmist says that God will hear his voice at least three times each day: at evening, and in the morning, and at noon.

Even so you and I should turn our hearts and lift up our voices to God in prayer at all times.

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Brotherhood Meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Dr. G. J. Rousseau will be the speaker

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

WITH NURSERY OPEN FOR WORKERS

“REJOICE IN THE LORD”

“AND THE LORD ADDED” . . .

By Letter:

69 — Ben Goodwin, 2520 N. Magnolia.

For Baptism:

22 — Judy Egge, 917 E. LaRue St.

23 — Mrs. Virginia Meynardie, 409 North Hayne St.

“AND HIS PEOPLE BROUGHT INTO THE STOREHOUSE” . . .

Envelopes used	571
Budget Gifts	\$1,555.45
Building Fund	145.35
New Property	25.00
Other Specials	51.27

Total Offerings.....\$1,777.27

Budget needs to date.....\$8,935.00

Budget gifts to date..... 8,604.30

“BURIED WITH THE LORD IN BAPTISM” . . .

Patsy Wash

Mrs. Chris Banakas

Mr. Robert Harvey

Mr. Randall Cauthon

Win Skiles

THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE

Whether in the basement or in the auditorium, this is God's house. God's house should never be defiled with raucous noise nor needless rubbish. The whole purpose of this building is to worship God and to lead people to know, trust and serve His Son and Saviour and Lord.

Surely we will not intentionally desecrate the building. But oftentimes “evil is wrought for want of thought as well as want of heart.” When you enter the building and during your stay in it, cultivate a sense of its purpose. This is God's house “from underpinning to steeple.”

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1.

LISTEN TO THE BAPTIST

HOUR

2:00 SUNDAY AFTERNOON — WCOA

“BROKEN DREAMS” will be the subject of Charles Wellborn's message for next Sunday.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

FEBRUARY 11 - 17

MAKE SUNDAY THE LORD'S DAY — IT IS!

Morning Worship.....8:30 and 11:00
Sermon: “Possibilities of Consecrated Minorities” (Judges 6:7).....Pastor
(11:00 Service Broadcast over WEAR)
Evening Worship.....7:30
Sermon: “There is a Lad Here”.....Pastor
(John 9:6)

Sunday School.....9:40
Training Union.....6:15

9:00 — Church Library open.

11:00 — Beginner Sunbeams.

2:00 — Baptist Hour — WCOA.

6:00 — Church Library open.

8:15 — Singing in lower auditorium.

TUESDAY —

6:30 — Youth Choir practice.

7:30 — Adult Choir practice.

7:30 — Circle 11 will meet with Mrs. K. K. Knight at Brentwood Park. Mrs. Charles Deese (co-hostess).

Circle 12 — Will meet with Miss Gladys Windsor at 503 N. Baylen.

7:30 — Adult 2 of the Sunday School will have a Valentine party in the lower auditorium.

WEDNESDAY —

7:00 A.M. — Morning Watch.

6:15 — S. S. Workers' Supper. Willing Workers Class will assist the dietician.

7:00 — Departmental meetings.

7:45 — Prayer and Praise Service. Monthly business meeting of the church.

THURSDAY —

7:00 P.M. — Brotherhood meeting.

FRIDAY —

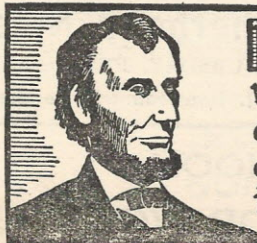
3:15 — Junior R. A. and G. A.

4:00 — Junior Choir practice.

7:30 — Co-Wed Training Union Party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Skiles, 1400 N. Spring.

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I shall try to correct errors where shown to be errors, and I shall adopt new views as fast as they shall appear to be true views. ABRAHAM LINCOLN