

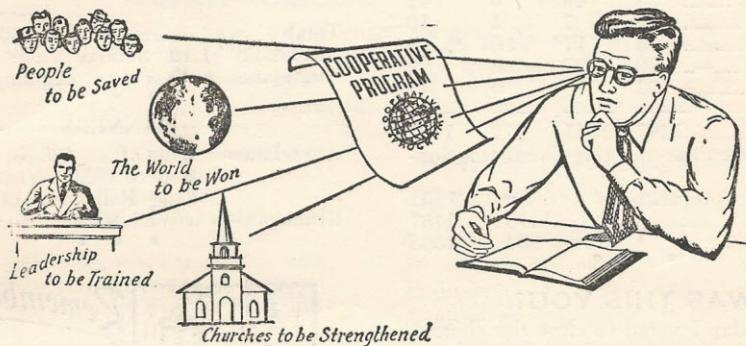
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It is gratifying and delightful to report that our Cooperative Program receipts this six months exceeds the first six months of last year by \$53,351.79. But, we also remind ourselves that we are coming into the leanest period of our fiscal year. Below is listed the top 20 churches in Florida according to the gifts to the Cooperative Program:

1. Central (Miami) .....	\$25,998.90	11. Plant City, 1st.....	\$ 8,284.32
2. Tampa, 1st .....	\$15,441.25	12. East Hill, Pensacola.....	\$ 7,284.10
3. West Palm Beach, 1st.....	\$15,228.15	13. Riverside, (Miami) .....	\$ 6,906.83
4. Jacksonville, 1st.....	\$11,738.64	14. Leesburg, 1st .....	\$ 6,826.43
5. Lakeland, 1st.....	\$11,696.74	15. Jacksonville, Southside .....	\$ 6,430.63
6. St. Petersburg, 1st.....	\$10,843.91	16. Ocala, 1st .....	\$ 6,398.70
7. Daytona Beach, 1st.....	\$10,498.51	17. Riverside, Tampa .....	\$ 6,381.89
8. Allapattah (Miami) .....	\$ 9,493.94	18. Umatilla (Lake Asso.) .....	\$ 6,118.92
9. Gainesville, 1st.....	\$ 8,485.37	19. Fort Myers, 1st.....	\$ 5,893.12
10. St. Petersburg, 5th Avenue	\$ 8,485.37	20. PENSACOLA, FIRST .....	\$ 5,810.82

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

	Goal for		
	Enrol.	Pres.	Cont.
			Sunday
Gen. Officers	8	7*	0
Adult 1	159	104	163
Adult 2	112	77	126
Adult 3	270	193	254
Young People 1	96	61	65
Young People 2	50	23	20
Senior	79	42	30
Intermediate	84	62	43
Junior 1	128	93	82
Junior 2	94	75	35
Primary 1	52	33	30
Primary 2	50	33	2
Primary 3	61	52	20
Beginner 1	67	52	35
Beginner 2	53	40	0
Nursery 1	12	7	4
Nursery 2	19	17*	60
Nursery 3	40	28	2
Nursery 4	52	36	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1487</b>	<b>1035</b>	<b>971</b>
			<b>1191</b>

\*Represent those meeting Goals last Sunday.

By way of comparison: 1950 1951  
Enrollment ..... 1473 1487  
Attendance ..... 994 1035

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## WAS THIS YOU?

Last Sunday I voted to close the church; not intentionally, nor maliciously, perhaps, but carelessly, thoughtlessly, lazily, indifferently, I voted. I voted to close its doors that its witness and its testimony might be stopped.

FOR YOU SEE, I COULD HAVE GONE AND I SHOULD HAVE GONE TO CHURCH, BUT I DIDN'T. I STAYED AWAY FROM CHURCH LAST SUNDAY.

—Copied.

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## WHAT MAKES CHURCH GREAT?

NOT soft seats and subdued light, but strong, courageous leadership. Not the sweet tones of the organ, but sweet personalities that some how reflect Jesus. NOT the tall towers—with chimes and bells, but the lofty vision of its people. NOT big budgets, but big hearts. NOT the amount of finance received, but the amount of service rendered. NOT what it has done in the past but what it is doing now and will do tomorrow.

—Baptist Herald.

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## HOME DEDICATION NIGHT

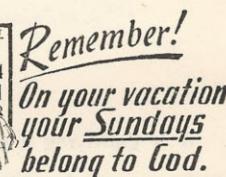
Friday night, May 4th, is Home Dedication Night. This night will be the climax of our Christian Home Week. We urge you to make this Family Night in your own home.

## TRAINING UNION

	Goal for		
	Enrol.	Pres.	Sunday
Gen. Officers	10	11	10
Adult 1	43	43	41
Adult 2	45	36	43
Young People	57	61	54
Senior	40	19	39
Intermediate	39	25	37
Junior 1	43	25	41
Junior 2	29	20	28
Primary	41	24	39
Beginner	18	20	17
Nursery	22	17	21
<b>Totals</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>370</b>
New Member Class		20	
<b>Total</b>		<b>309</b>	
Attendance Last Sunday			300
Attendance A Year Ago			293

### BANNERS

Attendance—A.W.O.L. 135%; W. R. Rogers 131% Visitors 123% King Followers 110%.  
Efficiency—Co-Wed 80%.



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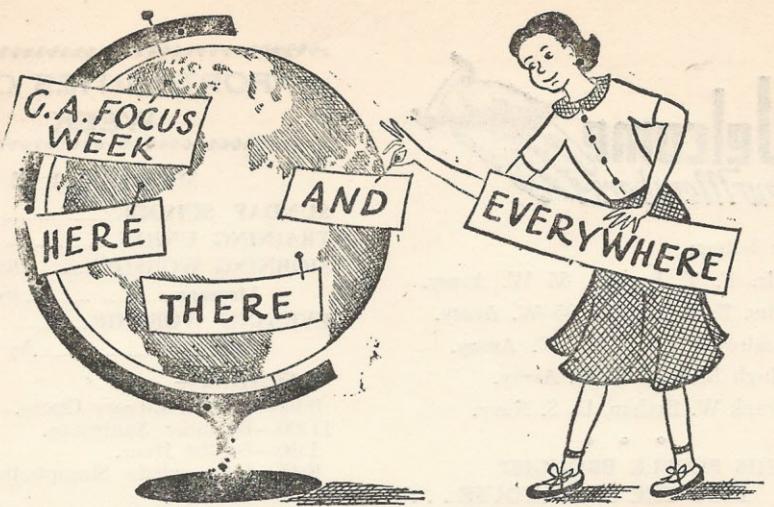
## THE DEVIL DOESN'T CARE

I sometimes think that the devil cares very little whether you go to church Sunday morning, just so you do not go Sunday night. If Satan can persuade you to give him the rest of the day, he is glad to compromise on an hour of respectability at 11 o'clock. Sunday has become the great day of amusement and entertainment for the American people. Satan, for the most part, seems to have left Sunday morning alone. Do as you please: Go to church if you care to. But Sunday evening, go somewhere else, anywhere else, but don't go to church Sunday evening!—W. A. Criswell, Pastor First Baptist Church, Dallas.

### NOTICE!

The Men's Brotherhood will meet at 7 p.m. on May 10th. Dr. Cecil Moore, returned missionary to Chile will be the speaker of the evening. Tickets will be on sale for the dinner Sunday morning in the Sunday School classes.

We urge all men to be present for this meeting.



## G. A. FOCUS WEEK MAY 5--MAY 12

Special activities have been planned for the Bernice Neel G. A. by Mrs. Tom Draper, G. A. Counselor. Girls 9 through 12 years are invited to attend.

A big silver dollar and a little brown cent.  
Rolling along together they went;  
Rolling along the big sidewalk,  
When the dollar remarked, for a dollar can talk,

'You poor little cent, you cheap little mite,  
I'm bigger than you and twice as bright;  
And yet," said the cent, with a meek little sigh,  
"You don't go to church as often as I!"

### THE GREAT DECISION

There is a time, I know not when,  
A place, I know not where,  
Which marks the destiny of men,  
For Heaven or despair.

There is a line, by us not seen,  
Which crosses every path;  
The hidden boundary between  
God's patience and God's wrath.  
To cross that limit is to die,  
To die as if by stealth,  
It may not pale the beaming eye,  
Nor quench the glowing health.

The conscience may be still at ease,  
The spirit light and gay;  
That which is pleasing still may please  
And care be thrust away.

But on that fore-head God hath set  
Indelibly a mark,  
By man unseen, for man as yet  
Is blind and in the dark.

How long may man go on in sin,  
How long will God forebare?  
Where does hope end, and where begin  
The confines of despair?

One answer from the skies is sent;  
Ye who from God depart;  
While it is yet today, repent,  
And harden not your heart.

—Addison.

### WHICH POSITION DO YOU OCCUPY IN YOUR CHURCH?

A power or a problem;  
An attender or an absentee?  
A promoter or a provoker;  
A giver or a getter;  
A supporter or a worrier;  
A friend or a fault finder;  
A helper or a hinderer;  
A campaigner or a camper?

—The Challenger.

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"If the world is ever to get on its feet  
the Church will have to get on its knees."

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"The trustful many may be fooled occasionally, but the suspicious man is fooled regularly."

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"Cultivate a gratitude that is able in everything to give thanks."

### LET YOUR ACTIONS SHINE

I would not give much for your religion unless it can be seen. Lamps do not talk, but they do shine. A lighthouse sounds no drums; it beats no gong; and yet, far over the water its friendly spark is seen by the mariner. So let your actions shine out your religion. Let the main sermon of your life be illustrated by your conduct, and it shall not fail to be illustrious.

—C. H. Spurgeon.

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Baptismal Services will be observed Sunday night.

# Welcome New Members

By letters:

133—Mr. F. V. Brahan, 35 W. Avery.  
134—Mrs. F. V. Brahan, 35 W. Avery.  
135—Andrew Brahan, 35 W. Avery.  
136—Hugh Brahan, 35 W. Avery.  
137—Frank W. Brahan, U. S. Navy.

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## "AND HIS PEOPLE BROUGHT INTO THE STOREHOUSE . . ."

Envelopes used .....	591
Budget Offering .....	\$1552.63
Special Offerings .....	\$ 282.55
Total Offerings .....	\$1835.18

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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Miss Ann West, daughter of Mrs. O. H. Freeman, is ill at her home on 1531 W. Romana.

Mrs. L. M. Mathis is in a New Orleans Hospital.

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mr. Cecil Ballard, 1014 N. "N" Street.

Mrs. J. A. Hart continues to be quite ill at her home.



CONGRATULATIONS: TO: Mr. and Mrs. Emory Evans upon the birth of a daughter.

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LISTEN TO THE BAPTIST HOUR  
SUNDAY, 2:30 P.M. over WCOA when the subject of Charles Wellborn's sermon will be "MODERN MIRACLES."

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It cost more to redeem than to create us. In creation there was but "speaking a word"; in redeeming us there was "shedding of blood."

## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

MAY 6—MAY 12

SUNDAY SCHOOL.....	9:40
TRAINING UNION.....	6:45
MORNING WORSHIP.....	8:30 & 11:00
Message.....	by the Pastor
EVENING WORSHIP.....	8:00
Message.....	by the Pastor

SUNDAY—

9:00—Church Library Opens.
11:00—Beginner Sunbeams.
2:30—Baptist Hour.
8:45—Intermediate Singspiration — Log Cabin.
8:45—Young People's Singspiration—Lower Auditorium.

MONDAY—

6:00—Y. W. A. Supper Meeting in Lower Auditorium.
7:30—Deborah Class meeting with Mrs. John K. Edwards, Jr., 1969 E. Bobe..

TUESDAY—

6:45—Circle No. 10 will meet with Mrs. T. J. Parda, 903 W. Moreno for a supper meeting.
7:30—Circle No. 11 will meet with Mrs. James T. Warthen, 2104 N. 15th Avenue.
6:30—Youth Choir Practice.
7:30—Adult Choir Practice.

WEDNESDAY—

7:00 A.M.—Morning Watch.
6:15—S. S. Supper meeting. Homemakers Class of Adult No. 1 assisting.
7:00—Departmental meetings.
7:45—Midweek Prayer Service.

THURSDAY—

7:30—Faithful Worker's Class will meet in the Log Cabin.
7:00—Brotherhood Meeting.

FRIDAY—

3:15—Junior G. A. and R. A.
4:00—Junior Choir.

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