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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

The church wishes to express sincerest good wishes to those of our young people who are graduating from High School, College and other phases of training.

### GRADUATING FROM PENSACOLA HIGH SCHOOL:

Robert Adkinson	Betty Graham
Barbara Barnes	Joyce Gullatt
Barbara Beers	Jane Henderson
Bill Bell	Dorothy Keith
Carolyn Brooks	Ruth Marlow
Carol Cunningham	Barbara Medlock
Stanley Davis	Gwen Miller
Gerry Dunning	Fay Morris
Joan Edwards	James McCrory
Robert Ellis	Jo Ann Richburg

### GRADUATING FROM PENSACOLA JUNIOR COLLEGE

Bill Chavers                      Shirley Patterson

(Please Advise the Office of Any  
Omissions:)

The local graduates will be honored by special recognition in our 11 o'clock service Sunday, May 27. A section will be reserved for the graduates and their parents. Dr. Skiles' sermon subject for this service will be, "Life's Noblest Aspiration."

### OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES:

John Berry, Stetson University.  
Anita Brown, Alabama College.  
Annette Brown, Alabama College.  
E. E. Dobelstein, Howard College.  
Barbara Gillespie, Florida State University.  
Georgie Ruth Lee, Alabama College.  
Betty Parker, Alabama College.  
Clinton Arnold, Mississippi Southern.  
Bill Renfroe, University of Mississippi.  
Bill Ferry, Emory University.  
Ronald Spencer, Stetson University.  
Grace Vineyard, Alabama College.  
Henry Brady, Baylor University.

### GRADUATING FROM NURSE'S TRAINING:

Addie Rea Brock School of Nursing, Dothan, Alabama.  
Sara Jo Worley, Touro Infirmary School of Nursing.  
Gwenn Neely, Touro Infirmary School of Nursing.  
Evelyn Moore, School of Nursing, Jackson, Miss.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER...

MAY 27—Get Lemonade Tickets for Preparation Day.

JUNE 1—Preparation Day—3:30 p.m. All Departments will assembly in the church auditorium at 3:30. Pink Lemonade for ALL!

JUNE 2—Pensacola Baptist Vacation Bible School Parade. Meet at park, corner Palafox and Government Street at 9:00 a.m. At 10:00 a.m. the parade will proceed north on Palafox to our church.

JUNE 4—Vacation Bible School Begins—8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

JUNE 15—Commencement Exercises—7:30 p.m.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

	Enrol.	Pres.	Cont.	Goal for Sunday
Gen. Officers .....	9	9	0	8
Adult 1 .....	161	94	133	145
Adult 2 .....	118	80	121	106
Adult 3 .....	273	189	264	249
Young People 1 ....	100	58	42	90
Young People 2 ....	50	23	15	45
Senior .....	81	42	38	73
Intermediate .....	83	67	109	75
Junior 1 .....	130	86	53	117
Junior 2 .....	94	62	48	85
Primary 1 .....	51	48	9	46
Primary 2 .....	50	45	2	45
Primary 3 .....	64	42	7	58
Beginner 1 .....	67	49	17	60
Beginner 2 .....	54	38	12	49
Nursery 1 .....	12	9	5	11
Nursery 2 .....	18	13	33	16
Nursery 3 .....	40	31	13	32
Nursery 4 .....	53	34	9	43
Totals .....	1508	1012	930	1358

By way of comparison:	1950	1951
Enrollment .....	1484	1508
Attendance .....	909	1012

## HEART OF A CHILD

Whatever you write on the heart of a child,

No water can wash it away.

The sand may be shifted when billows are wild,

And the efforts of time may decay.

Some stories may perish,

Some songs be forgot;

But this engraven record,

Time changes it not.

Whatever you write on the heart of a child,

A story of gladness or care,

That Heaven has blessed, or that earth has defiled.

Will linger unchangeably there,

Who writes it has sealed it forever and aye,

He must answer to God in the great "Judgment Day."

—Selected.

## FLORIDA MUSIC LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

LAKE CITY—JUNE 25 - 29

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Make your reservation NOW if you desire to attend this conference. For additional information contact the church office.

## TRAINING UNION

	Enrol.	Pres.	Goal for Sunday
Gen. Officers .....	10	10	9
Adult 1 .....	48	46	43
Adult 2 .....	47	32	42
Young People .....	57	34	51
Senior .....	39	18	35
Intermediate .....	37	24	33
Junior 1 .....	41	23	37
Junior 2 .....	32	16	29
Primary .....	41	20	37
Beginner .....	21	21	19
Nursery .....	20	18	18
Totals .....	393	262	353
New Member Class ....		6	
Grand Total .....		268	

## BANNERS

Attendance—Visitors 125 %

Efficiency—Visitors 81 %

## MOBILIZATION RESULTS

### TO DATE

VISITORS UNION—Minor Union, 3 new members.

STORY HOUR—Mediocre Union, 2 new members.

All other unions are Miserable Unions because they have had no new members during May.

ONE MORE SUNDAY remains in which to qualify as a Major Union (4 new members), and by virtue of doing so, be the honored guest at the council planning meeting on Monday evening, May 28 at 6:15. All unions can qualify by putting forth a major effort.

## WORLD MISSION NEWS

\*Filipino Catholics have been told by the general secretary of the Communist party in the Philippines that they can be both Communists and Catholics.

\*An official in the Soviet Zone of Germany has banned the importation and distribution of relief parcels donated by churches in other parts of the world. The distribution of gift parcels by churches is said to involve "illegal western propaganda."

\*NEW YORK TIMES: "More than twenty-five American nationals, mainly missionaries, are now known to be serving jail sentences in Communist China on a variety of charges . . ."

\*Two thousand South Korean soldiers are said to have joined Presbyterian and other churches since the first of the year.



## DR. BARNES EXPRESSES

### APPRECIATION . . .

It is good to know that Dr. John Barnes, pastor of the Main Street Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, is regaining his health. He has expressed his appreciation to the church in a letter to Dr. Skiles in which he wrote:

"Just a line to thank you again for your wonderful help while I was in Pensacola. We will never cease to be grateful to you for the countless numbers of kindnesses shown us during our recent accident.

Please express to your members for me my sincere appreciation for their constant visits, interest and prayers during the days that we were in the hospital.

### OUR SERVICE MEN

(The following names were omitted in last week's Builder. If you have access to someone's name whom we do not have in the office, we would appreciate your calling the information in to us.)

Marshall P. King, Jr. USN,  
401 South Warington Road,  
Pensacola, Florida.

Edmond C. Baker,  
Corry Field,  
Pensacola, Florida.

Lt. Col. James W. Keene, USMC,  
Marine Corp Schools,  
Quantico, Virginia.

Pvt. Carl A. Resmondo, RA  
14380307  
Co. E 28th Infantry Regt.

Ft. Jackson, South Carolina.  
Jesse Jordan,  
USS Coral Sea,  
FPO San Francisco, California.

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### AN APPEAL FROM THE MATHER SCHOOL OF NURSING

The Mather School of Nursing at the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans would be happy to have the names of any young ladies in this year's high school graduating classes who may be interested in nursing as a career.

We quote from a letter received from Dr. Frank Tripp, Superintendent of the hospital: "Last year we received a class of 98, of whom 78 were active members of Baptist churches. We would like to make it 100% this year if possible. We would like to send the necessary information to those young ladies who are in good health and of good character and who are interested in preparing themselves for the practice of a profession that presents wonderful opportunities for Christian service.

## HOSPITAL REPORT

After the first week of hospital campaigning in our church a total of 133 subscriptions has been turned in for a total of \$10,625.00. Dr. Wallace Mayo and Miss Sarah Andress, the co-chairmen of our church committee, are well pleased with this report. Mr. Guthrie points out that less than 25% of our church families have been contacted. Tuesday night, May 29, 6:30 p.m. will be the next report meeting.

Team members, complete your assignment this week. The people are waiting for you to approach them.

"LET'S FINISH THE JOB!"

### FROM OUR PASTOR'S PEN . . .

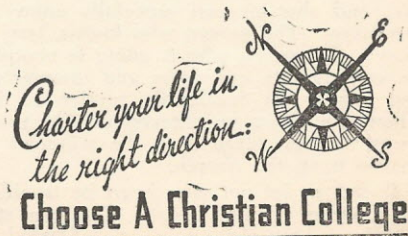
Since this little paper is designed primarily for the church family, I want to use my column for the next few weeks in "talking shop" with members of this beloved congregation. It shall not be my purpose to scold or fret, but rather to call attention to some opportunities open to all of us whereby we can increase the effectiveness of the various services and ministries at First Baptist.

Promptness is a Christian virtue. Our engagements at the church are with the Lord and should be given our very best interest and consideration. Therefore I would remind you as I remind myself, of the importance of being on time.

Tardiness has been on the increase since we instituted the 8:30 worship service, for it is at this hour that we have the greatest confusion incident to late arrivers. I wonder if it isn't in order to suggest that those who cannot get to the 8:30 service on time or during the early part of the worship please wait until the 11:00 o'clock hour.

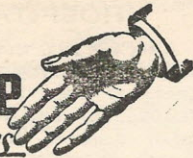
Several years ago I heard Dr. R. G. Lee refer to some of his members as "post-doxologists and pre-benedictionists." Evidently the disease is "catching," for we have them in Florida too. I do not need to remind our people that to be a "post (after)-doxologist" here, you have to be "sho-nuff late."

Since this is a problem that can be so easily solved by closer attention to the clock, let us determine here and now that we will BE ON TIME in our engagements with the Lord. We may make the discovery that God has something to say to each one of us during the organ prelude as we prepare to sing praises unto Him.





# Welcome New Members



By letter:

139—Mrs. Robert Todd, P. O. Box 232.

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

ENVELOPES USED ..... 572

TOTAL OFFERINGS ..... \$1785.30

**TRAINING UNION  
EXECUTIVE MEETING  
SUNDAY—5:30 P. M.**

**COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING  
MONDAY—6:15**

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



**SACRED HEART:** Mrs.  
W. A. Mosley, Tim  
Jernigan.

**TO UNDERGO SURG-  
ERY:** Sara Jo Worley,  
Touro Infirmary, New  
Orleans.

**NAVAL HOSPITAL (California):** John  
Brewer.

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## A MESSAGE TO SHUT INS

An eminent writer has said, "Probably no class of God's children holds more power within their reach than the great army of Christian people known as "shut-ins." But much of this potential power is sadly dissipated because of a sense of frustration and discouragement. They feel useless, when they should be gloriously victorious.

Many of God's saints are more powerful and effective Christians when God permits them to be shut away from the world, on a sick-bed or in a wheel chair. Sometimes it is for the greatest work of all—PRAYER.

Prayer is the greatest resource of any life; and shut-ins can especially enjoy its privileges. The person who knows how to pray is the person who is going to conquer his own doubts and fears and discomforts and render an invaluable service to his fellows for whom he intercedes. The prayers of shut-ins often open the windows of heaven upon the church.

Therefore, let not your heart be troubled by a sense of uselessness. You can still PRAY.

—Copied.

## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

MAY 27—JUNE 2

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**.....9:40  
**TRAINING UNION**.....6:45  
**MORNING WORSHIP**.....8:30 & 11:00  
**EVENING WORSHIP**.....8:00

### SUNDAY—

9:00—Church Library Open  
11:00—Beginner Sunbeam  
2:00—Baptist Hour  
9:00—Intermediate Singspiration — Log Cabin  
9:00—Young People's Singspiration in Lower Auditorium

### MONDAY—

6:15—Training Union Supper Meeting

### TUESDAY—

7:30—Lydia Bible Class Meeting with Mrs. Wilma Freeman, 1909 East Lakeview, Group 8, Co-hostess.  
6:30—Youth Choir Practice  
7:30—Adult Choir Practice

### WEDNESDAY—

7:00 A.M.—Morning Watch.  
6:15—SS Supper Meeting, Martha Class will assist the dietician.  
7:00—Departmental meetings  
7:45—Prayer Service

### THURSDAY—

3:00—Convention Bible Class will meet with Mrs. C. A. Sligh, 1100 E. Scott. Mrs. Mary Barrineau and Mrs. Laura Lawrence, Co-hostesses.

### FRIDAY—

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

"BURIED WITH CHRIST" will be the subject of Charles Wellborn's sermon on the Baptist Hour Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. over WCOA.

"Just Suppose the Lord should make some people as poor as they say they are when asked to help finance His program."  
—Copied.

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

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**Minister of Education**.....Thomas J. Draper  
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