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The Wednesday evening Prayer Services are always well attended in this church. With so many people visiting and vacationing, I must confess that I approached the service on the night of the 4th of July with some misgivings as to the attendance. It was certainly gratifying to have more than 100 people present in the service. We had a good time together and God blessed the hour.

Why not make the Prayer Service a family MUST? This service is, and must continue to be, the spiritual thermometer of the church. Warm hearted, spiritually potent, organizationally vigorous, evangelistically fervent, enthusiastically missionary churches have great Prayer Services through which God speaks to the people.

Pastor, deacons, church officers, teachers, leaders and all others are better fitted for constructive service and useful living after spending this hour with God's people in God's house.

"Christian Assurance" will be discussed on next Wednesday evening. God has made it possible for His children to have this assurance. He wants us to know that we are saved. Come with a prayer at 7:45.

THE CITY CHURCH

"God bless the church on the avenue
That hears the city's cry
The church that sows the Seed of the Word
Where the masses of men go by;
The church that makes, midst the city's
 roar,
A place for an Altar of Prayer,
With a heart for the rich—a heart for the
 poor,
And rejoices their burdens to share.

"The church that's true to the call of Christ
Who wept o'er the city's need,
And who sent his disciples to labor for Him
Where the forces of evil breed
The church that gives and the church that
 lives
As seen by the Master's eyes—
God bless the church on the avenue
That answers the city's cry."

* * * —Ralph Walker.

OUR CHURCH AT RIDGECREST

SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK (June 28-July 4) Mr. and Mrs. Tom J. Draper, Mrs. E. A. Allen, Robert Adkison, Miss Olive Swearingen, Mrs. A. B. Holmes, and Mrs. Frank Bratcher.

Y. W. A. WEEK (July 4-July 11) Misses Ann Austin, Jane Austin, and Dot Keith.

TRAINING UNION WEEK (July 11-July 18) Mr. and Mrs. Tom Draper, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Arnold, Mrs. Charles Overman, Mrs. Jim Drexler, Miss Grace Smith, Miss Faye Yonker, Miss Katherine Kreitlein, Miss Nancy Bousman, and Miss Sarah Dean.

WE STILL HAVE ONE RESERVATION AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE DESIRING TO ATTEND TRAINING UNION WEEK AT RIDGECREST.

There is no Substitute for Public Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL

	Enrol.	Pres.	Cont.
Gen. Officers	9	6	0
Adult 1	172	75	59
Adult 2	117	70	66
Adult 3	276	176	198
Young People 1	105	69	12
Young People 2	46	25	16
Senior	81	34	0
Intermediate	83	51	97
Junior 1	130	76	58
Junior 2	97	51	49
Primary 1	52	29	10
Primary 2	53	27	6
Primary 3	64	39	0
Beginner 1	69	46	9
Beginner 2	57	37	0
Nursery 1	14	9	7
Nursery 2	20	10	18
Nursery 3	32	23	17
Nursery 4	56	39	1

TOTALS	1533	889	613
By way of comparison:	1950	1951	
Enrollment	1468	1533	
Attendance	714	839	

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PULLING TOGETHER

A horseman once went to Henry Ward Beecher, the great preacher, and said, "Mr. Beecher, I have a good family horse I want to sell you. He is a good saddle horse, a good buggy horse, and a good carriage horse."



"He works double with any other horse and on either side of the tongue. In short, he is a good all-around horse and a good team worker . . ."

Mr. Beecher replied, "My friend, I can't buy your horse, but I would like to have him as a member of my church!"

—Exchange

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Queer thing, but we always think every other man's job is easier than our own. And the better he does it the easier it looks.

—Eden Phillpotts.

TRAINING UNION

	Enrol.	Pres.
Gen. Officers	9	8
Adult 1	44	33
Adult 2	44	25
Young People	65	51
Senior	39	16
Intermediate	31	19
Junior 1	42	19
Junior 2	32	15
Primary	41	14
Beginner	22	13
Nursery	14	20

TOTALS	380	233
Attendance a year ago		191

BANNERS

Attendance—W. R. Rogers 100 %
Efficiency—Visitors 63 %



Mrs. Maurice Davis, Director

We welcome as our soloists on Sunday morning, Miss Edna Garrett and Mrs. Gloria Brooks Kerley. In the 8:30 service, Edna will sing "The Lost Chord" by Sullivan and at 11:00 Mrs. Kerley will sing "Hold Thou My Hand" by Briggs. In the evening worship hour a boy's quartet will present the special music.

Men, you will be welcome in the Male Chorus at the 8:30 service.

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IN HIS OWN WAY

In His Own way they come,
The answers to our prayers,
Not always as we thought they would,
Not even as we felt they should
But in the wisdom of a God
Who understands and cares.

In His own time we see
The things His love has planned.
And when we find that they are best
We wonder that we did not rest,
But fretted since we could not see
The workings of His hand.

Oftimes he soon would send
The answers on their way,
If we would take Him at His word
Rejoice that our prayers were heard
And that His love had planned the answer
Ere we knelt to pray.

—Barbara Cornet Ryberg.

THE LORD'S SUPPER WILL BE SERVED SUNDAY NIGHT

"No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light."

—Luke 11:33.

YOU DON'T DRIVE YOUR NEW CAR DOWN AN ALLEY

Don't Hide Your Christianity

The greatest sermons do not come from the pulpit. They come from the lives of men and women; from your life and mine. It is for us to decide what kind of sermon we preach. Our Christianity is not something to be put on for appropriate occasions and then carefully hidden away. It is our everyday life. In our home, our office, our place of business, on the street, it is a Presence within us. Wherever we may be, whatever we may be doing, we are witnessing. Should we not shout our love for Christ by the way we live? All of us may not be able to win the lost with words, but we never know how many we win by example. We display the possessions of which we are proud. Is not Christ our greatest possession?

—Copied.

FORGETTING GOD

I forgot my Lord in the summer time
Just at the time I was needed most;
I was not away, but on each Lord's Day
I failed to be at my post.

I forgot my church in the summer time
As I lazily lay in bed;
While the faithful few had my work to do,
And I was spiritually dead.

I forgot my pledge in the summer time,
When He needed it most of all;
While my cash was spent, I was pleasure bent,
Just off duty for God till fall.

If my Lord should come in the summer time
When from duty to God I'm free;
What would I do when my life is through
If, by chance, He should forget me?

—J. E. Harvey.

MALE CHORUS CONTINUES TO GROW

The men of the church almost filled the choir loft last week at the 8:30 service. All others who would like to be charter members of this new organization are urged to meet with the pastor in the choir room by 8:20 on Sunday morning.

CAMERA CLUB MEETING

The Camera Club will meet on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. All who are interested in photography, whether your camera is the simple Brownie or one of the complicated foreign makes, are invited to attend. Movie takers are also included.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith upon the birth of a son, Dale Cary, on July 2nd in Leesburg, Florida. Mrs. Smith, nee Polly Lee, was formerly the Educational Director of this church.

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ONLY 7 MORE DAYS

Wednesday, July 11, is absolutely the LAST day for making your reservation to attend the West Florida Assembly. To date, six reservations have been made. LET'S HAVE MORE! Transportation will be provided by the church.

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ORDINANCES OF BAPTISM AND LORD'S SUPPER TO BE OBSERVED SUNDAY

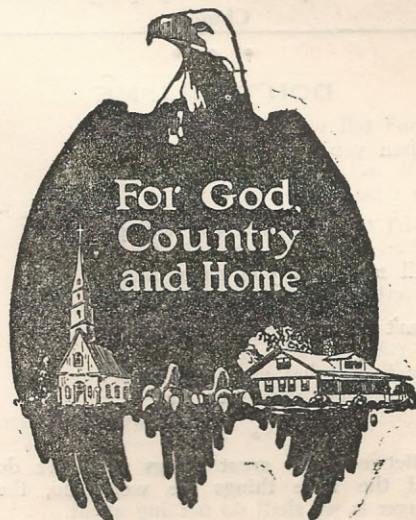
The two ordinances of a New Testament Church will be observed in the evening worship on Sunday, July 8.

Those awaiting baptism will have an opportunity to witness for Christ as they follow Him in this act of obedience.

Every member of the church should make plans to be present for the memorial supper of our Lord.

Pray for a great service.

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Welcome New Members



by letter:

- 175—Mr. Elliott Dobelstein, 1805 W. Garden
176—Mrs. Elliott Dobelstein, 1805 W. Garden
177—Mr. Herbert F. Shirrell, Naval Air Station
178—Mr. Conrad Rowe, 230 North Barcelona
179—Miss Valerie Hemphill

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

ENVELOPES USED	496
BUDGET OFFERING	\$2212.12
SPECIALS	\$ 237.05

TOTAL OFFERING \$2449.17

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

SYMPATHY TO: Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Colvin upon the tragic deaths of his sister and brother-in-law.

WEDDING BELLS: Miss Joyce Dobbs and Mr. Donald Murphy, June 30; Miss Sara Goodnight and Sgt. Ralph Silva, June 30; Miss Hilda Watkins and Mr. Lewis Mack, July 3.

IN MEMORIAM

MR. GEORGE P. SMITH

Member of This Church From
January 16, 1910 Until His Death
July 2, 1951

The Family Has the Sympathy of the
Church

DON'T TELL ME

Don't tell me what you will do
When you have time to spare;
Tell me what you did today
To ease a load of care.

Don't tell me what you will give,
When your ship comes in from sea;
Tell me what you gave today
A fettered soul to free.

Don't tell me the dream you have
Of conquest still afar;
Don't say what you hope to be,
But tell me what you are.

—Grenville Kleiser.

Between the great things we can't do
and the little things we won't do, the
danger is we shall do nothing at all.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

JULY 8—JULY 14

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—Sunbeam Meeting
2:00—Baptist Hour
6:00—Church Library Open

TUESDAY—

- 10:00—Monthly W. M. U. Luncheon meeting at the church
7:30—Circle No. 10 will meet with Miss Alma Dawson, 118 W. Cervantes
7:30—Circle No. 11 will meet with Mrs. Margaret Creighton, 1901 E. Maxwell
7:30—Circle No. 12 will meet with Miss Inez Ware, Scenic Highway.
7:30—T. E. L. Sunday School class meet at the church: Hostesses, Mrs. W. M. Thompson and Mrs. A. M. Smith.

WEDNESDAY—

- 7:00 A.M.—Morning Watch
6:15—S. S. Supper Meeting
7:00—Departmental Meetings
7:45—Prayer Service
8:30—Deacon's Meeting

FRIDAY—

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

CONVALESCING IN SACRED HEART HOSPITAL: Mrs. W. A. Mosley; Dick Creel.

ESCAMBIA GENERAL: Mr. B. K. Brown.

CONVALESCING AT HOME: Mrs. C. R. Asher, 207 Corry Drive.

W. M. U. EXECUTIVE MEETING AT THE CHURCH TUESDAY—9:30 A.M.

HOME DEDICATION SERVICE

Friends of Mary and Clifford Lenz are invited to attend the dedication of their home on Tuesday evening, July 10, 7:00 P.M., 222 Betty Road, Aero Vista.

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