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STETSON TO BE PRESENTED IN MESSAGE AND FILM ON SUNDAY EVENING

Mr. Ronald Spencer, a recent graduate of Stetson from our church, will present the cause of Christian Education on Sunday evening. Upon graduation, Ronald was added to the staff of Stetson. At the close of the service, an interesting film depicting life at Stetson will be shown to those who desire to remain. Our pastor will bring a brief message.

MORE ABOUT SERVICES THIS SUNDAY

"AN APPALLING EMPTINESS WHICH GOD CAN FILL" will be Dr. Skiles' sermon theme for the two morning services. The Scripture basis for this timely message is Jeremiah 2.

Mr. W. A. Hughen, a recent graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and well known to this congregation, will conduct the congregational music in all of Sunday's services. We will also ask him to sing solos in two of the services. Mr. Hughen is an excellent song leader and singer.

MAKE JULY "CATCH UP" MONTH

July, the first month in the closing half of 1951, is a good time to catch up in presenting tithes and offerings to the Lord's work. Let us consider the needs of the church as well as our need to grow in the grace of liberality.

You will be glad to know that total gifts through the church treasury for the first six months of the year amounted to \$54,205.23. Of this amount \$43,490.87 was given to the budgeted program of the church and \$10,714.36 to designated causes. The budget adopted by the church, however, calls for an expenditure of \$46,495.00 for these six months, or \$3,004.13 more than we gave for budgeted purposes.

LET US CATCH UP NOW!

MY PORTION OF THE KINGDOM

Father of all mankind throughout this day, and every day, help me to remember that a very real portion of Thy Kingdom has been placed in my keeping. Therefore, teach me to love Thee with all my mind, that I may think Thy thoughts after Thee, from dawn to dark, making beautiful and significant each decision of my daily living. Help me to remove all prejudice and small-mindedness, O Lord.

Teach me to love Thee with all my heart, that I may love those whom Thou lovest, feeling for even the most unlovable and difficult of Thy children Thine everlasting mercy.

Teach me to love Thee with all my soul that I may see fresh ways in which we can all be one in Jesus Christ, our Lord praying for Thy divine power to surge through my commonplace routine from morning till night.

Teach me to love Thee with all my strength, that I may work the works of Him who sent me while it is day, seeking to channel through every act Thy devotion to the needs of both my neighbor and myself. Remind me from moment to moment that this is not optional, but the last command of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Quicken me, and use me this day, for Thy name's sake. Amen.

—Margaret T. Applegarth.

BAPTIST TENT TO BE DEDICATED

The large tent recently purchased by the Association is to be dedicated in South Flomaton at 2:30 Sunday, the opening day of the revival sponsored by three of our churches. The deacons are recommending that \$100 of our local missions fund be used to help retire the indebtedness on the tent. While there will be no special offering in our church, gifts may, of course, be designated to this cause.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

	Enrol.	Pres.	Cont.
Gen. Officers	9	6	0
Adult 1	172	79	60
Adult 2	119	74	53
Adult 3	277	172	200
Young People 1	105	64	14
Young People 2	46	27	12
Senior	77	38	20
Intermediate	83	52	89
Junior 1	130	76	40
Junior 2	97	55	61
Primary 1	52	38	40
Primary 2	53	32	2
Primary 3	64	27	3
Beginner 1	70	50	24
Beginner 2	57	32	12
Nursery 1	14	6	7
Nursery 2	18	11	8
Nursery 3	32	22	11
Nursery 4	60	33	16
TOTALS	1535	894	679
By way of comparison:	1950	1951	
Enrollment	1456	1535	
Attendance	836	894	

MR. AND MRS. S. L. DAVIS
CORDIALLY INVITE
FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF
THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
TO ATTEND
THE WEDDING OF
MISS MARGARET ANN DAVIS
TO
MR. H. R. DENHAM, JR.
JULY 20, 1951
8:00 P.M.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

BRING THE FAMILY TO PRAYER SERVICE

We are encouraged by the number of family groups who attend the Wednesday evening prayer and praise hour of the church.

7:45 is the hour on Wednesday evenings for a period of spiritual refreshing and fellowship in God's house. This week we shall also attend to the business matters of the church.

J. Edgar Hoover says: "The greatest thing we, as individuals, can do for ourselves and our country, is to keep our families together in peace and happiness. There is no better way of doing our part for home life in America than by re-establishing a daily practice of family prayer in our homes, because FAMILIES THAT PRAY TOGETHER, STAY TOGETHER."

TRAINING UNION

	Enrol.	Pres.
Gen. Officers	9	8
Adult 1	44	28
Adult 2	45	30
Young People	65	49
Senior	37	17
Intermediate	31	18
Junior 1	42	21
Junior 2	32	12
Primary	41	18
Beginner	20	10
Nursery	20	8
TOTALS	386	219
Attendance a Year Ago.....		229

Attendance—W. R. Rogers 100%

Efficiency—Original 79%



Mrs. Maurice Davis, Director

In our 8:30 worship service on Sunday, Miss Jo Ann Dunn, one of our college students home for the summer, will sing "O Divine Redeemer" by Charles Gounod. In the 11:00 service the adult choir will present the anthem, "Cherubim Song" by Bortniansky. The youth choir will sing "Deep Down In My Heart" as the special music on Sunday evening.

LET'S CONTINUE TO HAVE GOOD SUMMER CHOIRS

JUST SUPPOSE

Just suppose the Lord should begin tomorrow to make people as sick as they say they are on Sunday.

Just suppose the Lord should take away the child who the parents use as an excuse for staying away from Church.

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

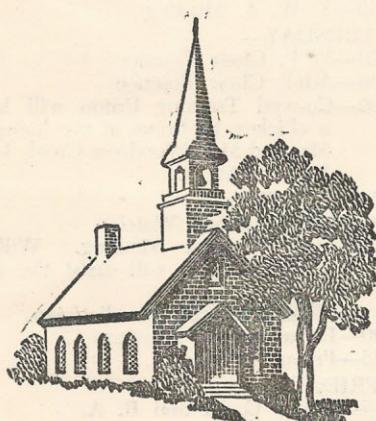
Just suppose the Lord should strike dead all who lie about giving or paying their tithe, as He did Ananias and Sapphira.

Just suppose the Lord should let some parents look into the future and see what their example and lax control did for their children.

Or, let us just suppose all Christians should really live consistently and prove by their lives that they really loved the Lord.

Yes, just suppose—and then by the help of the Lord, go forth and live and serve as if eternity were coming right soon!

MR. AND MRS. LUCIUS STANLEY
CORDIALLY INVITE
FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF THE
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
TO ATTEND
THE WEDDING OF
MISS BARBARA STANLEY
TO
MR. TOMMY McVOY
JULY 21, 1951
8:00 P.M.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



THE CHURCH IN THESE DAYS

The Church should be a lighthouse thru this storm:
A beacon flung against the blackened sky,
A white, unfailing steadfast light that shines
For men to steer them by.
The Church should be a home thru these strange days;
Where the Bread of Life is served, and we may find
The Father waiting there to soothe our ills
And give us peace of mind.
The Church should be a school where we may learn
The Holy truths these hours before the dawn,
That we may go equipped to meet the days
And pass the learned truths on.
The Church should be a Church forevermore;
A sure foundation, and a true reward.
To all whose feet are planted on the rock
Of Jesus Christ our Lord.

—Grace Nell Crowell.

WHICH PARENT ARE YOU?

- Approves of Sunday School for children, so sends them.
- Approves of Sunday School for children, so provides transportation and then goes elsewhere.
- Approves of Sunday School by attending a class and leading every member of the family to be present.

If you belong to the 3rd group, then you are FIRST CLASS!

PRAY FOR THE LOST IMPORTANCE OF THE INVITATION

The hymns have been sung, the offering taken, and the pastor has brought from God's Word a soul-stirring, heart-challenging message to the congregation who have gathered for worship.

From the first note of the beautiful organ prelude to the final words of him who has preached, every effort has been directed to one thing—the grand climax—the invitation to lost people to accept Christ in humble repentance.

These final moments when the Holy Spirit is at work are by far the most important minutes of the entire service, and if any time during the worship hour, the reverence and consecration of God's people should be manifest, it should be during the invitation.

Yet, to many, the singing of an invitation hymn is merely a signal.

To some it represents a time for gathering up quarterlies, books, and other belongings.

To others, the invitation is a time for putting on coats and preparing for a hurried departure.

Still others take these moments to get a head-start on all others and pushing out to the aisle, possibly disturbing one who is under conviction of the Power of God, leave the service at its highest point.

But many in humble gratitude for their own salvation breathe a prayer for the saving of others.

The examples constitute the membership of every church. In which group are you classified?

What does the Invitation mean to you?
—Copied.

Welcome New Members

by letter:

- 180—Mrs. Paul Eugene Sherman, 1512
1512 W. Garden
Mrs. Katherine Mitchell, Bay Shore
Drive
- 182—Don E. Hopson, NAAS, Saufley
Field
- 183—Mrs. Grace Conner, 1805 W. Wright.
by baptism:
- 79—Mr. Paul Eugene Sherman, 1512 W.
Garden.

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

Envelopes used	464
Specials	\$ 145.99
Budget	\$1608.56
Total Offerings	\$1754.55

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IN MEMORIAM

MRS. SALLY POWERS

JULY 5, 1951

The family has the sympathy of the
church.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

WEDDING BELLS: Miss Grace Vineyard and Mr. Darrell Roden, July 7.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Williams upon the birth of a son, July 1.

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AMONG THE SICK:

In Sacred Heart: Mrs. D. L. Parrish. In Frisco Hospital, St. Louis: Mr. W. A. Webb. At home: Mrs. S. C. Donaldson, 401 1. Gregory. (Please Note: Names are added as the office is advised).

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There are many in the church, as well as out of it, who need to learn that Christianity is neither a creed nor a ceremonial, but a life vitally connected with a loving Christ.—Josiah Strong.

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I have never had a policy. I have simply tried to do what seemed best each day, as each day came.—Lincoln.

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

JULY 15—JULY 21

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

MONDAY—

6:30—Y. W. A. Meeting

TUESDAY—

6:30—Y. P. Choir Practice

7:30—Adult Choir Practice

7:00—Co-wed Training Union will have a chicken barbecue at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Creel, 1503 N. 69th Avenue

WEDNESDAY—

7:00 A.M.—Morning Watch

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

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7:00—Departmental Meetings

7:45—Prayer Service

FRIDAY—

3:15—Junior G. A. and R. A.

4:00—Youth Choir

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NOTE OF APPRECIATION

We wish to express our sincerest appreciation to Mr. W. B. Townley for his donation of ice tea glasses for our church kitchen.

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"The love of Christ is like the blue sky into which you may see clearly but the real vastness of which you cannot measure."—M'Cheyne.

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