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OUR PASTOR'S PEN

This week of intensive study and work under the guidance of competent leadership has fitted our church for a larger ministry through our expanding Training Union Program. With all the earnestness at my command I would urge parents to be in Training Union with their children and in the evening worship service each Sunday night. All other Adults, not physically incapacitated, are likewise urged and counselled to be present.

"This has been such a good day"—words spoken by a member as she shook hands with the pastor at the close of the service

last Sunday evening—seemed to appropriately describe that day, for God's unmeasured blessings had been experienced and the loyal devotion of throngs of people had been expressed in their presence and participation. Congratulations to the Sunday School upon breaking the 1000 mark again, and to the Training Union upon going beyond the 350 mark Sunday evening.

Situated in the heart of this growing city and with a rich heritage from the past, First Baptist has a mission to perform in reaching more and more people for Christ and His church. This is a task to demand the best from all of us in service to Him who made His best gift to us at Calvary.

AN ENLARGED TRAINING UNION FOR A GREATER TRAINING MINISTRY

We shall forever be grateful to our faculty and to the people of our church for the excellent week that we have had together in our enlargement campaign. Through their combined efforts the following Training Union organization has been set in operation:

NURSERY DEPT.....1 - 3 yrs.
BEGINNER DEPT.....4 - 5 yrs.
PRIMARY DEPT.....6, 7, and 8 yrs.
JUNIOR 1.....9 and 10 yrs. (3 unions)
JUNIOR 2.....11 and 12 yrs. (4 unions)
INTERMEDIATE 13 and 14 yrs. (3 unions)
SENIORS.....15 and 16 yrs. (2 unions)
YOUNG PEOPLE 17 - 24 Single (3 unions)

ADULT 1

Union 1—Married Young People, 17 - 25.
Union 2—Married Adults, 26 - 34.
Union 3—Single Adults, 25 - 34.

ADULT 2

Union 1—35 - 39.
Union 2—40 - 44.

ADULT 3

Union 1—45 - 54.
Union 2—55 up.

Truly, there is a place for you and your family for "Training Union is a Family Affair." Be present Sunday evening, as we beat last Sunday's record of 352!

A. H. ARNOLD,
Training Union Director

VISIBLE RESULTS BY DEPARTMENTS

TRAINING UNION			SUNDAY SCHOOL				
1951		1950	1951		1950		
Enrol.	Pres.	Pres.	Enrol.	Pres.	Cont.	Pres.	
9	17	10	General Officers	9	13	0	8
52	61	33	Adult 1	174	90	43	89
44	54	42	Adult 2	124	90	111	82
			Adult 3	273	187	290	171
66	43	45	Young People 1	106	59	33	49
			Young People 2	56	31	4	19
38	22	25	Senior	78	40	41	34
37	31	19	Intermediate	82	55	69	62
39	41	28	Junior 1	97	68	46	59
32	19	23	Junior 2	51	43	11	32
41	23	14	Primary 1	66	46	14	37
			Primary 2	71	53	13	48
			Primary 3	58	36	3	33
20	19	9	Beginner 1	14	10	3	9
			Beginner 2	18	12	16	20
21	21	7	Nursery 1	24	19	8	18
			Nursery 2	69	42	0	36
			Nursery 3	26	19	11	18
			Nursery 4	68	42	12	39
Tot. 388	350	258	Totals	1550	1012	777	904

ROUND - UP DAY SEPT. 30

TO A TEACHER

You, who give yourself so earnestly
 Sabbath after Sabbath without pay
 In either gold or silver of the realms,
 Remember this: there is a chance today
 That in your giving you may give, un-
 priced

To some heart, a new vision of the Christ.
 Remember that the careful words you
 speak

May cling in memory a lifetime through;
 That a quick gesture to accent a truth
 May make an imprint on some mind, of
 youth;

That if there is a new thought you can
 bring

It may unseal some hitherto dry spring.
 And if you please the Master at your task
 There is no greater thing the heart can
 ask.

—Grace Noll Crowell.

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Some people have the right aim in life
 but they never pull the trigger.

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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.

WHAT DO YOU READ?

In the cattle-grazing country there is
 a weed known as the loca weed. It is
 pleasant to the taste, but has no nourish-
 ment. Once cattle taste this weed, they
 return to it again and again, and will
 not eat good food so long as the loca
 can be found, and finally they starve to
 death.

Much that the American public reads
 is like the loca weed. The mind becomes
 saturated with the exciting but un-
 wholesome trash until it becomes immune
 to character-building reading.

"Man is as he reads." What we read
 builds or destroys us. We do not always
 perceive it, but we fashion our ideas
 according to the ideas of others, and the
 most impressionable ideas are derived from
 books and magazines. Hence how import-
 ant it is that we exercise great care as to
 character of our reading.

HAVE YOU VISITED
 OUR CHURCH LIBRARY
 LATELY?

HEAR DR. NEWPORT SUNDAY NIGHT

Our guest preacher in the Sunday evening worship at 7:30 will be Dr. John Newport who has recently been added to the faculty of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary. Yet in his thirties, Dr. Newport has had wide experience as the pastor of strong churches in Mississippi and Oklahoma, and a professor in the graduate school of Baylor University. In addition to the doctorate from the Southern Baptist Seminary, Dr. Newport has spent a year in graduate study in Edinburgh, Scotland.

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PASTOR IN REVIVAL

Dr. Skiles is to be the preacher in a week of revival services with the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. He will fly to Knoxville Sunday afternoon and preach in the evening service there. Then, on the 23rd, he will return to Pensacola after the morning services in Knoxville in order to be with us at the evening hour.

Let us remember our pastor in prayer while he ministers in Knoxville. We are thankful for the privilege of sharing our pastor with others.

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BUDGET COMMITTEE REQUEST

The Budget Committee requests that all suggestions from the various departments and organizations be turned in to the church office or to the chairman, Mr. S. L. Davis, by Sunday night. Members of the church may feel free to make suggestions concerning the budget for 1952. Your committee desires to present a budget to the church which will reflect the spirit of all the people.

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ELECTION OF DEACONS TO BE ON SEPTEMBER 30

On Sunday morning, September 30, it will be the responsibility of the congregation to select ten members to serve as deacons for the next three years. The term of service for that number of our thirty active deacons will come to a close this month. We should be much in prayer that the leadership of the Holy Spirit may be followed in this important matter.

DO YOU REALLY PRAY?

A little lad was kneeling at his grandmother's knee in prayer. "If I should die before I wake" said Donnie — "I pray," prompted the gentle voice. "Go on Donnie." "Wait a minute," interposed the small boy, scrambling to his feet and hurrying away downstairs. In a few moments he was back again, and dropping down in his place took up his petition where he left it. But when the little white-gowned form was safely tucked in bed the grandmother questioned with loving rebuke the interruption.

"But I did not think what I was saying grandmother; that's why I had to stop. You see, I'd upset Ted's menagerie and stood all his wooden soldiers on their heads, just to see how he would tear around in the morning. But, 'If I should die before I wake' why — I didn't want him to find them that way, so I had to go down and fix them up. There are lots of things that seem funny if you are going to keep on living, but you don't want them that way if you should die before you wake."

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REMEMBER . . .

When you come to the Red Sea in your life.

Where, in spite of all you can do

There is no way back, there is no way

round,

There is no other way but through.

Then trust in the Lord with a faith supreme.

Till the night and the storm are gone,
He will still the winds, He will part the waves,

When He says to your soul, "Go on."

SUNDAY ISN'T SUNDAY

I know a thousand things to do when Sunday rolls around.

But most of them will interfere with

Worship I have found;

If I use the day for pleasure

I have conscience in the lurch,

For Sunday isn't Sunday,

Unless I go to church.

A man may tinker with his car,

Or take his shotgun out,

Or he may grab a rod and reel

And try to catch some trout;

A woman has her household tasks,

Like mending socks and shirts.

But Sunday isn't Sunday

To those neglecting Church.

We can follow inclination

And just loaf around all day.

We can eat and sleep and eat some more

But take no time to pray;

The habit of indifference

Will any soul besmirch,

And Sunday's never Sunday,

Unless we go to Church.



by letter:

199—Mrs. Jeanne LaCotts, 14 W. Gadsden.

200—Miss Mary Hatchett, 708 E. Cervantes

201—Dr. Francis P. Cassidy, 1721 E. Baars.

by baptism:

81—Ann McLeod, 309 Kalash Rd. Navy Point.

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

Envelopes used	530
Specials	783.43
Budget	2439.76
Totals	3223.19

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

WEDDING BELLS FOR: Miss Shirley Fields and Mr. Clyde L. Ross, on September 7th.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Thompson upon the birth of a boy; Mr. and Mrs. Richard McGrew, Jr., upon the birth of a son, Richard III.

SYMPATHY TO: Mr. John St. John upon the death of his brother.

IN SACRED HEART: Mrs. E. G. Hernandez; Mr. Elbert Gentry.

ILL AT HOME: Mr. Irvin Roberts.

BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—(Memphis): Miss Jayme Green.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS OBSERVED NEXT WEEK BY W. M. U.

“Burning Hearts for Florida through State Missions” will be the general theme followed during the observance of Week of Prayer for State Missions next week. Services will be held on Monday and Tuesday at the church at 10 a.m. with Circles 5 and 6 in charge of the programs. On Tuesday following the program, the Installation Service for all W. M. U. officers will be held. The goal for Florida for State Missions is \$21,000.00.

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When people marvelled that ancient Sparta had no walls the word came, “Every man is a brick in our walls.”

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 16—22

SUNDAY IS THE LORD'S DAY
WORSHIP, MORNING (8:30 and 11:00)

Sermon by Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:40.

TRAINING UNION AT 6:10.

EVENING WORSHIP AT 7:30 — Sermon by Dr. John Newport.

DURING THE WEEK: All organizations will meet according to their regular schedule.

PRAISE AND PRAYER HOUR AT 7:45 conducted by Circle 12 of the W. M. U. State Missions will be the theme of the program. Miss Sarah Andress will be in charge.

TUESDAY at 7:30 p.m. The Associational Sunday School planning meeting will be held in the East Hill Baptist Church.

THURSDAY at 6:00 p.m.—The Adult I Sunday School department will have a social here at the church. All members are invited to attend.

FOUND — One pair of clear, shell rimmed glasses in a brown leather case. Contact the church office if they are yours.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL NEEDS GRAY LADIES

ATTENTION LADIES BETWEEN THE AGES OF 25 AND 50: If you are interested in becoming a gray lady in the new Baptist Hospital, please call Mrs. Brow at the Red Cross Office, No. 7601. She will give you the particulars concerning this course. The new hospital is in urgent need of gray ladies, so, if qualified, why not offer your services.

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