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1951 Reports Show Fine Record of Growth

A DIGEST OF REPORTS GIVEN WEDNESDAY NIGHT



Marvelous indeed have been the blessings of God upon us in these opening weeks of 1952. The Services and experiences of past days have been the work of God, and we are truly grateful.

The January Bible Study meant so much to the 400 who enrolled in the class. We shall not soon forget the blessings of those evenings with Dr. John L. Hill.

Attendance upon all the services of the church has been most encouraging. We rejoice in the new additions to the church family.

Let us continue to press on toward the goal which Christ has for His church. In addition to being faithful in attendance—let us call on others, enlist newcomers to our city, witness for Christ seven days a week and pray, pray, pray.

SONG OF THE NEW YEAR

One song for thee, New Year,
One universal prayer;
Teach us—all other teachings far above—
To hide dark hate beneath the wings of love;
To slay all hatred, strife,
And live the larger life!
To bind the wounds that bleed;
To lift the fallen, lead the blind
As only love can lead—
To live for all mankind!

—James Whitcomb Riley

Our church has reason for expressing great joy and offering gratitude to God for His blessings upon us in 1951. Statistics do not begin to tell the story, but the following summary depicts in some measure the wholesome condition which is evident upon every hand in First Baptist Church.

290 new members were received during the year. 83 of these were by baptism. We lost 147 members by letter, erasure and death.

Average attendance in Sunday School was 942. 573 new members were enrolled during the year.

Average attendance in Training Union was 251. 241 new members were enrolled during the year.

The W. M. U. and Brotherhood are both growing in size and in service. The Lottie Moon offering amounted to \$1,318.66.

Copies of the complete financial report of the church for 1951 are available in the church office. We just have room for a brief statement concerning the very fine report which your gifts made possible. Gifts to all purposes totalled \$112,701.53. At the end of the year we had a balance of \$1,459.76 which was transferred to the Building Fund.

By adding \$30,476.63 to the Building Fund we were able to purchase the valuable property to the rear of the church and end the year with \$97,338.33 in this fund.

The Mission Expansion Fund grew by \$2,400. We now have \$3,900 in this fund and the Association still owes \$700 to this fund. It is time—past time!—to start a new mission.

Gifts to all mission causes totalled \$30,467.23. This does not include the amount transferred to the mission expansion fund.

All disbursements in maintaining the local church program, including improvements to property, amounted to \$53,374.54.

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Remember Our Service Personnel



J. T. Staples

James L. Stratton
Link Trainer Dept.
NAS Corry Field
Pensacola, Florida

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RA 14380386
Co. A 315th Sig. Con. Bn.
APO 227 c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

W. A. Swann, Jr.

J. W. Taylor

H. W. Watson
AOC USN
VP-21 NAS
Patuxent River, Md.

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WE CAN PRAY

"If ye shall ask anything
in my name, I will do it."

—JOHN 14:14

PRAY FERVENTLY
FOR THE REVIVAL

REVIVAL DATES

MARCH 3-9

DR. C. ROY ANGELL, Preacher

* * *

"Men will never take the Christian seriously until the Christian allows his religion to determine his conduct in business, his way of making money and handling it."

—Roger Babson



THINK
IT OVER!

WARNS HIS BAR PATRONS

"Friends and Neighbors: I am grateful for past favors and having supplied my store with a fine line of choice liquors allow me to inform you that I shall continue to make drunkards, paupers and beggars for the sober, industrious, respectable part of the community to support. My liquors will excite riot, robbery and bloodshed.

"They will diminish your comforts, increase your expenses and shorten life. I shall confidently recommend them as sure to multiply fatal accidents and incurable diseases.

"They will deprive some of life, others of reason, many of character and all of peace. They will make fathers fiends wives widows, children orphans and all poor. I will train your sons in infidelity, dissipation, ignorance, lewdness and every other vice. I will corrupt ministers of religion, obstruct the gospel, defile the church and cause as much temporal and eternal death as I can. I will thus accommodate the public—it may be at the loss of my never-dying soul. But I have a family to support, the business pays and the public encourages it.

"I have paid my license and the traffic is lawful, and if I don't sell it somebody will. I know the Bible says, 'Thou shalt not kill, no drunkard shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven,' and I do not expect the drunkard maker to fare any better, but I want an easy living and I have resolved to gather the wages of iniquity and fatten on the ruin of my species.

"I shall, therefore, carry on my business with energy and do my best to diminish the wealth of the nation and endanger the safety of the state. As my business flourishes in proportion to your sensibility and ignorance I will do my best to prevent moral purity and intellectual growth.

"Should you doubt my ability I refer you to the pawnshops, the poorhouse, the police court, the hospital and the penitentiary and the gallows, where you will find many of my best customers have gone.

"A sight of them will convince you that I do what I say.

"Allow me to inform you that you are fools and that I am an honest saloon keeper."

—Baptist Beacon

SUNDAY SCHOOL

T. A. GUTHRIE, Superintendent

Attendance last Sunday—1019

Wednesday, 6:10—Sunday School Supper Meeting

7:00—Departmental Meeting

Welcome, New Members

Mrs. J. M. Godwin—Adult 2
Miss H. Sue Turner—Adult 3
T. H. Blackmon—Adult 1
Mrs. H. T. Ratliff—Adult 1
W. D. Cutts—Young People 2
Catherine Hattaway—Young People 1
Marian Scarborough—Young People 1
Bill West—Junior 2
Dorothy Jane O'Gara—Nursery 3
Delrene Lou Hopkins—Nursery 1

TRAINING UNION

HAYWOOD ARNOLD, Director

Attendance last Sunday—278

Welcome, New Members

Betty Parker, Young People
Dinah Lee Stark—Junior 2
Pat Jernigan—Nursery 3

Below is the listing of the ten top grades last Sunday night in our Better Programs Contest:

1. Visitors (Adult 2)—314%
2. King's Messengers (Junior 2)—305%
3. F. B. I. (Intermediate)—253%
4. Original (Adult 3)—250%
5. P. F. C. (Intermediate)—246%
6. Volunteer (Adult 2)—241%
7. Pastor's Partners (Junior 1)—235%
8. Loyalty (Senior)—222%
9. Eager Beavers (Junior 2)—214%
10. Christian Soldiers (Junior 1) 207%

Training Union Banquet Date

Changed to February 22

This new date for the big banquet will permit us to have an additional Sunday in our Better Programs Contest. Interest is gaining from week to week. We predict a very close contest as all of the unions are working hard to improve their programs.

Reserve Friday night, February 22nd for the big banquet. George and Martha Washington will be there.

The Executive Council meeting will be held Sunday afternoon at 5:00.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Wednesday 7:30 a.m.—Morning Watch

Saturday 7:00 p.m.—Recreation Hall Open

SWEETHEART BANQUET FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Recognizing the desire of the Young People to continue their annual Sweetheart Banquet, the date of the Training Union Banquet has been changed. This in no way inconveniences either group.

A splendid program is being arranged for the night of February 8. The pastor will be happy to introduce timid girls to bashful boys. Need we remind the girls that this is Leap Year?

BROTHERHOOD

TATE BOUSMAN, President

The Executive Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 24, at 7 p.m. at the church.

The first association-wide Brotherhood meeting will be tonight (Friday) at the Brownsville Baptist Church at 7 o'clock. Let's be well represented and support our associational program.

DON'T MOVE

Without notifying the church office. This will greatly help our church records secretary maintain correct records. Thank you for your cooperation.

A boy is a bank where you may deposit your most precious treasures—the hard-won wisdom, the dreams for a better world. A boy can guard and protect these, and perhaps invest them wisely and win a profit—a profit larger than you ever dreamed. A boy will inherit your world. All your work will be judged by him. Tomorrow he will take your seat in Congress, own your company, run your town. The future is his, and, through him, the future is yours. Perhaps he deserves a little more of your attention now.

—Source Unknown.

Welcome New Members

45—Miss Beulah Wyatt

By Watchcare:

Lt. and Mrs. D. E. Edge, 110 W. Sunset Avenue.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

BAPTIST HOSPITAL: Mrs. P. G. Batson; Mrs. J. H. Pierpont; Mrs. Pat Groner; Mrs. Emory Kendrick.

SACRED HEART HOSPITAL: David Parker (son of Mrs. E. C. Parker).

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hosler upon the birth of a son, Timothy Rinehardt, January 12; TO: Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Pate upon the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Jo, January 5; TO: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence B. Chavers, Jr. (nee Necia Aynes) upon the birth of a son, Clarence B. III, January 8; Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Bellanova upon the birth of a son.

SYMPATHY TO: Mr. F. W. Sharpe upon the death of his granddaughter; Mrs. Curtis Brown upon the death of her father in Louisiana; To Mrs. R. S. Spencer and Mr. Wesley Zuber upon the death of their father; To Mrs. W. O. Taylor upon the death of her father.

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

Envelopes used	765
Specials	\$1737.70
Budget	\$2293.75
Total	\$4031.45

ARE YOU IN THIS NUMBER?

868 signed commitment cards have been received in our Stewardship Emphasis Campaign. Isn't it wonderful that 510 members have indicated that they plan to practice tithing this year? The total amount pledged on the 1952 church budget is \$105,578.20. Last year's pledges amounted to \$83,000. While this is a splendid report, doubtless there are many others who would like to register their intentions by signing commitment cards. They are available in the church offices and the auditorium vestibule.

REMEMBER TO USE YOUR PACKAGE OF ENVELOPES IN MAKING WEEKLY OFFERING.

W. M. U.

MRS. M. B. DAWSON, President

The Executive Board meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. J. E. D. Yonge, 122 W. Lloyd, 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Friday, 3:15 p.m.—Beginner and Primary Sunbeams, and the Junior C. A. and R. A. will meet at the church.

Monday, 6:30—Y. W. A. Meetings will be held.



MRS. MAURICE DAVIS, Choir Director

WED,
Tuesday 6:30—Young People's Choir practice.

Wednesday 8:30—Adult Choir Practice

Friday 4:15—Youth Choir Practice.

LIBRARY NOTES

MISS KITTY SUE WIGGINS, Librarian

A Word From Financial Secretary

Members who would like to have a report for income tax purposes may get same by calling Mrs. Sutton at 5640.

Packages of envelopes are available upon request. Several boys and girls in the younger departments give through the envelopes. Do you wish envelopes for your pre-school age children? Ask for them.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Pastor.....	Dr. E. L. Skiles
Pastor Emeritus.....	Dr. G. J. Rousseau
Minister of Education.....	Thomas J. Draper
Church Secretary.....	Miss Sarah Dean
Enlistment Secretary.....	Mrs. George McNeely
Financial Secretary.....	Mrs. G. T. Sutton
Treasurer.....	Mr. Paul Caro
Director of Music.....	Mrs. Maurice Davis

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