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TOO MUCH TIME?

An Alabama Pastor did some figuring after he had persistently heard the complaint, "There are so many meetings at the church every week! They want us to maintain family worship, to attend Sunday School, Training Union, two Worship Services on Sunday, and the Church at Prayer on Wednesday night. Then I'm expected at the Officers and Teachers supper on Wednesday, and they want me to visit on Thursday night!"

The pastor did a little basic arithmetic and here is the result:

30 minutes for daily family worship . . . 3½ hours.

S. S. Officers and Teachers Meeting (including supper) . . . 1½ hours.

The Church at Prayer . . . 1 hour.

Thursday Night Visitation . . . 1½ hours.

Sunday school and Morning Worship . . . 2½ hours.

Training Union and Evening Worship . . . 2½ hours.

Preparation and Study, Sunday school and Training Union . . . 2 hrs.

TOTAL . . . 14½ hours.

Subtracted from the 168 hours in each week, 153½ hours remain. Work takes 40 hours. If we sleep 8 hours a day, this takes 56 hours. This leaves 57½ hours for MYSELF, or almost four times as much as a full program of home AND church AND worship requires of Mr. Average Member.

THINK THIS OVER!

—Exchange.

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God in his mercy may use our troubles, pains, and sufferings for the testing and strengthening of our lives.

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Often the church is guilty of gazing too steadfastly into heaven and not steadfastly enough into the needs of the present world.

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The Christian needs to realize sufficient-ly the continuing importance of the resur-rection.

GREAT DAY SUNDAY

Easter Sunday was a great day in our church. Your presence did much to inspire the preacher and others of the congregation. God will continue to bless us on every Lord's Day and through all the weeks of the year if we will be faithful to Him and to Christ's Church.

Next Sunday will be another memorial to the Resurrection of Christ, as is every Lord's Day. Let us be in our places in Sunday School, worship — morning and evening, and Training Union.

1226 in Sunday School last Sunday. No one else will take your place. Be here this Sunday.

293 in Training Union last Sunday. We can make it 350 this Sunday evening at 6:40.

Dr. Skiles will preach at both morning services on the text, "I seek not yours, but you."

Ralph Chandler, our youth pastor, will bring the message at the evening hour. This service will climax the activities of Youth Week. We thank God for the wonderful youth of our church. Remember them in prayer as they assume special responsibilities on Youth Sunday.

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INITIAL RECEPTION HUGE SUCCESS

Everyone had a good time at the first of our quarterly receptions for the new members of the church. The good ladies of the W. M. S. were at their usual best in making ample preparation for the occasion. Home made cookies and delicious punch were enjoyed by all in attendance. We were happy to have a representative group of the 108 members received since the first of the year respond to the invitation to attend this reception in their honor. On every hand we heard expressions of appreciation for the thoughtfulness of the church, the new member's committee and the ladies of the W. M. S. Thanks to everyone. The next reception will be in July.

ASSOCIATIONAL TEACHERS' CLINIC IN OUR CHURCH NEXT WEEK

IDENTICAL CLASSES

9:30 - 11:15 each morning.

OR

7:15 - 9:00 each evening.

Yes, this means that you may attend either the morning or evening session. A perfect attendance that qualifies you for an award without an exam may be had by attending five (5) different session (10—45 minute classes), all in the day time or evening, or a combination of the two. To qualify to take the exam for an award you must attend 3 days (at least 6—45 minute class periods).

OUTSTANDING CONFERENCE LEADERS

CRADLE ROLL—"Cradle Roll Dept. of the S. S."—Mrs. Elsie Turner, State approved Cradle Roll Ldr.

EXTENSION—"Extension Dept. of the S. S."—Tom Draper, Educational Director, First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla.

NURSERY—"The Nursery Dept. of the S. S."—Morning Classes: Mrs. F. W. Royals, Assoc. Nursery Supt., Whitfield Church.
Evening Classes: Mrs. R. R. Sparks, Nursery Supt., East Hill Church.

BEGINNER—"Teaching the Beginner Child"—Mrs. J. F. Batts, State approved Beginner Ldr., Tampa,.

PRIMARY—"Guiding the Primary Child"—Mrs. Fred Yeager, Assoc. Prim. Supt, Mobile.

JUNIOR—"Guiding Junior Boys and Girls"—Mrs. Tom Draper, State qualified Leader, First Baptist Church, Pensacola.

INTERMEDIATE—"Art of Teaching Intermediates"—Mrs. C. M. Coalson, State approved Leader, Jacksonville, Florida.

YOUNG PEOPLE—"Teaching Young People in Sunday School"—Mrs. J. V. Madden, State approved Leader, Tampa, Fla.

ADULTS—"Teaching Adults in the S. S."—Mrs. Waldo E. Wood, State approved Leader, Marianna, Fla.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR MIDDLE PERIODS

Monday—Film, "The Book We Teach."

Tuesday—Filmstrip, "The Teacher's Part."

Wednesday—Devotional Message.

Thursday—Film, "Tips For Teachers."

Friday—Our Teachers.

EVERY CHURCH INFORMING ITS LEADERS OF THIS CLINIC.

EVERY CHURCH WITH WORKERS IN EVERY CONFERENCE.

EVERY CHURCH MEETING ITS QUOTA.

MONDAY - FRIDAY — 9:30 A.M. and 7:15 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Theron Guthrie, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY 1226

Welcome, New Members

Adult 1—Mrs. Bessie Holbrook; Mrs. Annie Stevison.

Adult 2—E. L. Houston.

Young People 2—Mrs. Ralph Gonzalez Mrs. Sidney Farish.

Nursery 1—Mrs. John Ackerman.

Wednesday, 6:10—Sunday School Supper.
Wednesday, 7:00—Departmental meetings.

Thursday, 3:00 P.M.—Convention Bible Class will meet with Mrs. Agatha Wolff, 825 N. 7th Ave.

1226 PRESENT LAST SUNDAY!

We can beat that! Let's do it this Sunday! What a wonderful way to show our hearty approval of the Young People in our church as they are serving in various capacities on Youth Sunday.

The departmental assemblies this Sunday will be under the direction of the following Young People:

Adult 1, Judy Smith; Adult 2, Jeannette Smith; Adult 3, Jane Austin; Young People 1, Pat Crain; Young People 2, Nancye Bousman; Seniors, Joye Austin; Intermediate, Anne Kreitlein; Junior 1, Sue Parker; Junior 2, Betty Parker; Primary 1, Janet Lunday; Primary 2, Betty Merritt; Primary 3, Carolyn Brooks; Beginner 1, Nita Eickler; Beginner 2, Dorothy Keith; Nursery 1, Betty Walker; Nursery 2, Charlotte Daw; Nursery 3, Norma Overton; Nursery 4, Anne Austin; Cradle Roll, Gwen Dannelly; Extension Superintendent, Betty Ann Johnson; and General Superintendent, Sid Kennedy.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

SYMPATHY: We commend those who sorrow to the comfort of our Heavenly Father—Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jackson and children upon the death of Allen; Mr. Sam Eickler upon the death of his father; and the Gevaldo family upon the death of Mr. Gevaldo.

IN HOSPITALS: Mr. Howard Blackmon and Mrs. Fannie Myers in Baptist; Mrs. Roger Harrington in Naval; Miss Audrey Watts in Escambia General.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Captain and Mrs. W. E. Wilson who have a new daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kerley (Gloria Brooks) who have a new son; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sheridan, Jr. (Bradford Keene) who have a new daughter; and Mr. and Mrs. William Harris (Mary Ferry) who have a new son.

TRAINING UNION

Haywood Arnold, Director

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY 293

Welcome, New Members

Adult 3—Mrs. Charles Deese; Mrs. Amos Garrett.

Young People—Willard L. Freely.

Junior 2—Judy Gann.

Primary 1—Sue Baldwin; Kenneth Parker.

TRAINING UNION EXECUTIVE MEETING SUNDAY AFTERNOON 5:00 P.M.

YOUTH TO DIRECT TRAINING UNION

Our Training Union this Sunday evening will be under the direction of the Youth Week officers. Let us have a record attendance to show our appreciation for them. The following will be serving as Training Union Directors:

Adult 1, Charles Brown; Adult 2, Ernestine Davis; Adult 3, Edna Garrett; Young People, Adda Franes Layton; Senior, Anita Brown; Intermediate, Annette Brown; Junior 1, Faye Yonkers; Junior 2, Darlyn Sassnette; Primary, Peggy Watts; Beginner, Evelyn Allen; Nursery, Mary Jo Hill; General Secretary, Ben Stevens; and General Director, Billy Stephens.

DISTRICT TRAINING UNION CONVENTION

On April 21 the District Training Union Convention will be held in the First Baptist Church of Panama City. Dr. C. H. Bolton will be the inspirational speaker. Dr. Bolton is a former pastor and denominational leader. He is now serving as Secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation.

Ralph Chandler will represent this church and this association in the better speaker's tournament to be held at 3:00 p.m.



... Mrs. Maurice Davis, Choir Director

REHEARSALS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 7:00—Adult Choir Practice.

Wednesday 6:45—Young People's Choir Practice.

Friday 4:15—Carol Choir Practice.

Welcome New Members



By letter:

- 105—Mrs. Julia Amodeo, 1410 W. Romana St.
106—Miss Dora Etta Soliomon, 812 N. Alcaniz St.
107—Mrs. Glennis J. Russell, 1902 W. Romana St.
108—Carl Roberts, HTU-1 Ellyson Field.
109—Mrs. Ilene Brazile, 412 W. Hernandez

By Baptism:

- 52—Harold Bell, 211 W. Hernandez St.
53—Leroy Nims, 115 W. Wright St.

Instruction for new members is given each Wednesday at 7 o'clock. This class is held in the room opening onto the north wing of the auditorium. There are four forty-minute periods.

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

Envelopes used	746
Specials	\$ 232.81
Budget	2316.43

Total\$2549.24

Quarterly reports have been mailed to all of our people who are "givers of record." Errors should be reported to the Financial Secretary. In response to the action of the church in business session, such reports will be sent each quarter unless the member requests otherwise.

The purpose of these reports is stated on the face of them as follows: "This is an acknowledgment of your gifts for the past three months. This quarterly thank-you note from your church will serve many purposes: (1) It will show you that records are accurately kept by those who serve you in that capacity. Errors should be reported. (2) It will encourage you to systematic giving through the envelope system. This will enable us to meet our obligations. (3) To save each one will give you a record for your income tax return. Thank you for your cooperation."

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- Saturday 7:00—Recreation Hall open.
Sunday 8:30—Singspiration Time in lower auditorium.
Sunday 8:30—Teen Time in Log Cabin.

W. M. U.

MRS. M. B. DAWSON, President

Tuesday, 10:00 A.M.—WMU Executive Board Meeting with Mrs. J. T. Murphy, 1711 N. Whaley Ave. Mrs. R. J. Meacham, Co-hostess.

Wednesday, 5:00—Intermediate G. A. Meeting.

Thursday, 10:00 A.M.—Associational WMU quarterly meeting at Whitfield Church. Nursery open. Lunch served by host church.

Thursday, 7:00 P.M.—Associational Business Women's Federation at Brownsville Church. Dr. Ivylyn Girardeau, Medical Missionary from India will be the guest speaker. Supper served at 7 o'clock.

DON'T PARK AT K OF C THIS SUNDAY

Because of an Initiation at the Knights of Columbus, we have been asked not to park on their property next Sunday. Please.

BRIDGES ALL THE WAY

A tiny girl was taking a long journey, and in the course of the day her train had to cross a number of rivers. The water seen in advance always awakened doubts and fears in the child. She did not understand how it could safely be crossed.

As they drew near the river, however, a bridge appeared and furnished a way across. Several times the same thing happened, and finally the child leaned back with a long breath of relief and confidence. "Somebody has put bridges for us all the way," she said in trusting content.

That is how it is in life. God has built bridges for us all the way. They are his promises. Just last week I heard a man who lives under the shadow of communism pray, "Lord, we are thankful that you are not nervous in the least over your plans."

It is exciting to step out on the promise of God. There are blessings in the uncertainty which places trust in him. There is joy in walking in a way never traveled before. There is satisfaction in knowing that an all-seeing eye is guiding the unknown path.—Ione Gray, Open Windows.

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