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Last Sunday . . .

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Was Pledged On Our 1953 Budget by

819

OF OUR PEOPLE



442 PLEDGED TO TITHE!!

377 PLEDGED TO GIVE SYSTEMATICALLY!



THIS IS A GLORIOUS BEGINNING!!

LET'S FINISH THE JOB!

IN OUR PULPIT

MORNING

8:30 and 11:00 o'clock

Pastor

"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"

EVENING

7:30 o'clock

Rev. Robert Casey

"The Real Thing"

Special Christmas N

SUNDAY SCHOOL

HERON A. GUTHRIE, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY—1022

New Members

Nursery 4—Max Whittington, Harold Stevens, Jr., Sharon Fowler.

Junior 2—Maxine MacLaren.

Young People 2—Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McVoy.

Adult 2—Mrs. Otto Whittington, Mrs. Thelma Carroll.

Adult 3—Mrs. Ella MacLaren, Mrs. Vada Jernigan.

General Officers—Otto Whittington.

Cradle Roll—John Wesley Williams, Jimmy O. Cobb, Jr., Edith Cobb, Larry Claude Black, Jr.

Monday, 7:30 p.m.—Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. A. H. Arnold, 2342 Es-cambia Ave.

Monday, 7:30 p.m.—Deborah Class with Mrs. Sue Brantley, 1609 N. Spring St.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.—Faithful Workers Class will meet with Mrs. J. S. Baisden, 1818 East Strong St.

7:30 p.m.—Senior Department party in Log Cabin.

Thursday, 2:30 p.m.—Convention Bible Class will meet with Mrs. A. V. Freeman, 1610 E. La Rua St.

7:30 p.m.—Willing Workers Class will meet with Mrs. Eva Reynalds, 201 Rue Max.

7:30 p.m.—Lydia Bible Class will meet with Mrs. Doris Berlin, 1601 East Lakeview.

Friday, 7:30 p.m.—T. E. L. Class meeting in lower auditorium.

EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

It certainly has been a joy working with you this first week. We have met so many new people that remembering all the names is just next to impossible. Be patient. We are grateful for the many courtesies you have shown us and pledge to you our best efforts.

One doesn't have to stay here long to be able to see the fine spirit among the people. Your vision of the task before us and your willingness to serve have not come about accidentally but are the result of capable and consecrated leadership throughout the church organizations.

As we think about the future of our church, all of us should resolve in our hearts to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit, wherever He leads. He can't lead, however, unless He finds it easy to dwell in our hearts.

TRAINING UNION

HAYWOOD ARNOLD, Director

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY—307

New Members

General Officers—Otto Whittington.

Adult 2—Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Marshall, Mrs. Otto Whittington.

Young People 1—James Hendrix.

Primary 2—Janice Boggess.

Nursery 4—Max Whittington.

Friday, 7:30 p.m.—Senior Party with Mr. and Mrs. George McNeely, 51 Druid Dr.

HOW MISSIONARY ARE WE?

One overseas missionary for each:

1,530 Presbyterians, U. S. A.

1,600 British Baptists.

1,714 Presbyterians, U. S.

2,500 Congregationalists.

2,727 Northern Baptists.

4,422 Protestant Episcopalians.

5,666 American Methodists.

7,500 Disciples of Christ.

10,000 Southern Baptists.

WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR?

We stopped at a garage just at dusk one evening. Something about the engine needed attention. A mechanic examined the trouble while a helper stood by, directing the beam of a powerful flashlight into the recesses under the hood. Something attracted the helper's attention. He turned away and in doing so inadvertently turned off the light. The mechanic looked up, and with good humored impatience exclaimed: "Shine your light! What are you here for anyway?" There's something to think about in that sentence.

—Gospel Herald.

A MODERN MIRACLE

As a result of the recent revival campaign of Billy Graham in Columbia, John C. Sox, owner of seven popular eating places in the capital city of South Carolina, was soundly converted, and on Wednesday, March 15 he inserted a full page advertisement in THE STATE, the leading newspaper of the state, in which the following statement appeared:

"As a result of my recent conversion and on account of becoming a member of the Colonial Heights Baptist Church it is my desire to transact my business on thorough Christian principles. As of March 13, no beer will be sold at any of my eating places."—Copied.

Music Sunday Night

W. M. U.

MRS. M. B. DAWSON, President

Monday, 7:00 p.m.—Associational Y. W. A. banquet in lower auditorium.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.—Sunbeams and Junior and Intermediate G. A.'s meet.

Lottie Moon Offering to date...\$1074.31

A Statement About

THE REVISED STANDARD VERSION OF THE BIBLE

By Clifton J. Allen

Editorial Secretary, Baptist S. S. Board

The Sunday School Board plans to continue the use of the King James Version as the basic text in all its publications. The blessing of God has been upon this Version, so that it has brought light and life, faith and consolation, direction and inspiration and strength, to countless millions of people.

No one need have any uneasiness about the fidelity of the Sunday School Board to the Bible and to the faith and conviction of our Baptist people.

We need to understand, however, that the King James Version is only a translation of God's Word. The Scriptures, inspired by the Holy Spirit, were first written in Hebrew and Greek by holy men of God in the long ago. Had the Scriptures not been translated, most of us would not be able to read them. It is surely God's will that His Word be translated into all languages and that it be translated into the common language of succeeding generations.

This makes it natural and proper that the Scriptures be translated into the living language of our day. The changes in the meaning of words since the time of the King James Version, the fact that some older manuscripts have been found, and the discoveries by archeologists which have thrown new light on the meanings of ancient languages—all make it possible for another version to be a great step in God's purpose to reveal himself through His Word.

The publication of the Revised Standard Version has been made possible after years of laborious and self-sacrifice on the part of godly and scholarly students of the Bible. Many questions are arising, but we are confident that the translators will give

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Budget	\$3,118.54
Specials	267.84
Building Fund	95.10
Total.....	\$3,481.48

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

SYMPATHY TO: Mr. and Mrs. Victor Jones upon the death of her father; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Miller upon the death of her brother.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Villane, Hickory Shores, upon the adoption of a son, Alfred Michael, Nov. 30.

IN BAPTIST HOSPITAL: Mrs. J. E. Watts.

BROTHERHOOD SUPPER

THURSDAY NIGHT

DECEMBER 18

7:00 o'clock—COME!

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—a precious moment set with golden opportunities. No reward offered, for it is lost forever.—Anon.

FOUND—a friendly smile and hand-clasp in a world of chaos and confusion. They will be returned.

LOST—peace of mind in the Valley of things! Generous reward for its return.

FOUND—peace of mind and satisfaction of soul in humble Christian living.

"If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies. Yet the distance makes no difference. He is praying for me."

Robert Murray McCheyne.

"Few things are more pathetic than the sight of one who has become so busy with the Lord's work that he has neglected the Lord himself."—J. B. Chapman.

The great problem in winning people to Christ is not, primarily, a problem of lost people, but rather the problem of finding Christians who are willing to witness for the Saviour.

Be careful how you live, you may be the only Bible some people read.

—Selected

Welcome New Members



By Letter:

- 45 Robert E. Cannon, 114 Lemhurst Rd.
- 46 Mrs. Robert E. Cannon, 114 Lemhurst Rd.
- 47 Ens. W. H. Reed, 124A Catherine Ave.
- 48 Mrs. W. H. Reed, 124A Catherine Ave.
- 49 Otto Whittington, Bayou Vista Hotel.
- 50 Mrs. Otto Whittington, Bayou Vista Hotel.
- 51 R. S. Boggess, 721 N. Baylen St.
- 52 Mrs. R. S. Boggess, 721 N. Baylen St.
- 53 Nancy Boggess, 721 N. Baylen St.
- 54 Heber Marcus Geiger, 203 Oak St.,
- 55 Mrs. Maude G. Cassidy, 501 7th Ave.
- 56 Connie Carroll, 420 W. Brainerd St.
- 57 James M. Hendrix, USS Monterey.
- 58 Wm. E. Brabandt, NAS.

By Baptism:

- 10 Mrs. D. E. Edye, 121 Marine Drive.
Watchcare:
Paul W. Bente, Chaplain's Office,
Corry Field.

ASPIRATION

Lord, give me not words to say,
Tho' I need right words too;
But strength to live in such a way
My life will make my words come true.

No other agency in all the world reaches so many people at such a plastic and responsive period in life, with influences so helpful and fruitful as does the Sunday School.

There is no better exercise for the heart than reaching down and lifting somebody up.

Every Christian that goes before us from this world is a ransomed spirit waiting to welcome us in heaven.—Jonathan Edwards.

If you would slander someone—don't speak it—but write it—write it in the sand, near the water's edge.

THE REVISED STANDARD

VERSION OF THE BIBLE

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a sincere answer and explanation for all changes that have been made.

Baptists believe in the Bible, and they stand for its widest possible distribution. It is our earnest prayer that the wide publicity given this new Version may be blessed of God to set forward a new interest in Bible reading and Bible study throughout our nation. God grant this blessing to America!

TITHING

I make no apology for lifting the scriptural standard of giving to Christian people, "for I seek not yours but you." In my experience as pastor, I have never known a Christian who read his Bible regularly, prayed daily, attended church faithfully, and tithed his income who was unhappy. Take that statement for what it is worth and you check up on it from your own observation.

With the Bible in her hand the church indicates the portion of your income that you should contribute:

"The tithe is the Lord's."

You say: "But I don't see it that way."

Possibly not, but the Bible says: "The tithe is the Lord's."

You say: "But I am in debt."

Yes, but the Bible says: "The tithe is the Lord's."

You say: "But I have dependents and other obligations that no one knows about."

That is true. Heroically, unselfishly, sacrificially, some of you are caring for others.

But the Bible says: "The tithe is the Lord's."

Whatever one may say or think, the Bible answers back: "The tithe is the Lord's."

How much you should subscribe? I don't know, but I do know the proportion of your income which the Bible says belongs to God.

"The tithe is the Lord's."

—Dr. Fred E. Brown,
Knoxville, Tennessee.

TRY THIS

Feel glum?—keep mum!
Don't grumble—be humble.
Trials cling?—Just sing.
Can't sing—just cling.
Don't fear—God's near!
Money goes?—He knows.
Honor left—not benefit.
Don't trust—Work! Trust!

A single conversation across the table with a wise man is better than ten years' study of books.—Longfellow.

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