

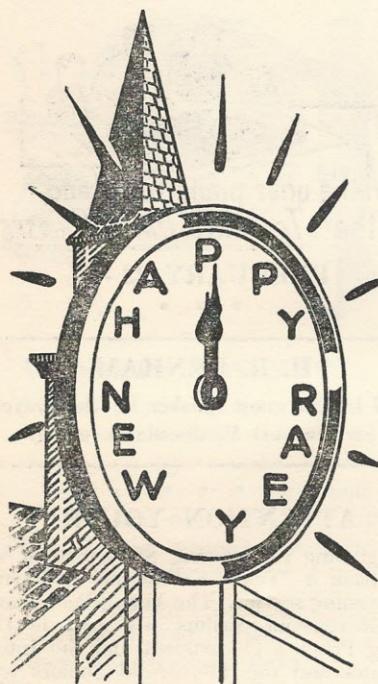
The Baptist Builder

A publication of First Baptist Church
ELWIN L. SKILES, Ph.D., Pastor
Palafox and LaRua—Pensacola, Fla.

VOL. 4

JANUARY 1, 1953

NO. 1



New Year Prayer

Dear Master, for this coming year
Just one request I bring:
I do not pray for happiness,
Or any earthly thing—
I do not ask to understand
The way Thou leadest me,
But this I ask: Teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

I want to know Thy guiding voice,
To walk with Thee each day.
Dear Master, make me swift to
hear
And ready to obey.
And thus the year I now begin
A happy year will be—
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.
—Author Unknown

—RESOLVE—

TO MAKE 1953 THE BEST YEAR
IN THE HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH

IN OUR PULPIT

8:30 A.M.
REV. J. GORDON KINGSLEY

11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.
DR. G. W. ROUSSEAU

OUR THEME FOR 1953

WHY ATTEND THE SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE?

The Lord's Day begins at midnight Saturday and closes at midnight Sunday, 24 hours of it. It does not close when we leave the church on Sunday morning.

At the night service we worship the same God we worshiped at 10:55 a.m.

At the night service the same pastor preaches.

At the night service we pray in the name of the same Christ.

At the night service we sing the same worshipful hymns.

At the night service we follow the leading of the same Holy Spirit.

Consider what our best friends attending the night service think of the absence of any of our members.—Selected.

WOMEN MEET

The Pensacola Bay Baptist W. M. U. Associational Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Brownsville Baptist Church, January 5, at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Elizabeth Province will be the guest speaker. Lunch will be served by the host church and the nursery will be opened.

TODAY IS THE DAY

Yesterday is gone forever.

Tomorrow may never come.

Today is all the time we have to serve Christ!

Today is the day of preparation! This life is a preparing place for life to come. Today is the day to prepare!

Today is the day of reparation! The mistakes of the past must be cast aside. Today is the day to repair them!

Today is the day of separation! "Come ye apart and be ye separate," is the call of Christians today! The world expects us to be different, separated from the world and worldly things.

Resolve today to begin Preparation, Reparation, and Separation for your Lord and Master!

TODAY IS THE DAY!

—The Bulletin.

**DON'T MOVE
UNTIL YOU HAVE CALLED
THE CHURCH OFFICE
AND CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS
PHONE 2712**

BIBLE STUDY W

MORE THAN EVER BEFORE

— IN —

- EVANGEL
- STEWARD
- SUNDAY S

PASTOR TO JAMAICA

Dr. Skiles left the city Thursday morning to participate in an evangelistic effort being conducted by our mission boards in Jamaica. We wish him God's speed and a safe journey. Our prayer is that God will use him to bring about a spiritual awakening and Holy Spirit revival among these needy people. Pray for him daily.



FEBRUARY 22 - 27

H. R. DENHAM

will be our guest speaker for the Prayer Service next Wednesday evening.

ATTENTION YOUTH!

Beginning this coming Sunday night we will have a "Youth Fellowship" following the evening service. The Young People and the 16-year-old Seniors will meet in the Young People's Department and the Intermediates and the 15-year-old Seniors will meet in the cabin. Refreshments will be served. This will be an "every Sunday night" activity unless otherwise announced.



WANTED: A WORKER

God is constantly calling workers into His vineyard. Some hear and answer the call while others try to make excuses.

When God wants a great work done, He goes to those who are already busy. Both Scripture and history prove this truth:

Moses was tending sheep.

Elisha was ploughing.

Peter, Andrew were fishing.

Matthew was collecting taxes.

What are you busy with? Are you willing to put the call of God first?

—Selected.

WHO SHOULD NOT GO TO TRAINING UNION?

All church members who are full grown spiritually; who are already perfect workmen and do not need to study further to show themselves approved unto God; who know all about church policy, doctrine, world-wide missions, and other activities of their church and denomination; and who do not need the fellowship of other Christians on Sunday evening would be just wasting their time.

Are You Enrolled In Training Union?

Nobody in this church has graduated from Training Union.

WEEK—JANUARY 18 - 23

MAKE YOUR PLANS

LISM • TRAINING UNION
DSHIP • W. M. U.
SCHOOL

CHESTER SWOR WRITES ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE

Many thousands of Baptist young people are loyal to the principals of Christian living at its best.

All young people have been faithful in participation in youth activities sponsored for them by our denomination. Below the adult level of Southern Baptist life, there are enrolled 2,823,517 young people in weekly activities directed by the Training Union, Sunday School, and Woman's Misionary Union.

Our young people have been most faithful to our denomination's emphasis upon evangelism. During 1948, more than 1,000 youth revivals were held and 20,000 college young people participated in summer work.

Our young people have been faithful in dedication of life to full-time Christian leadership. At the present time, there are 6,400 ministerial students in our Southern colleges, and 2,931 young men and women in our seminaries. It is estimated that during 1948, approximately 2,000 Baptist young people offered their lives in dedication to Christian service.

In the fast-moving stream of American young life, our young people have been found faithful in their devotion to the principles of uncompromising Christian living.

Nearly 2,000,000 of our young people read their Bibles and engage in personal prayer every day.

The response of our young people to courageous Christian living in the matters of personal honesty and moral purity is profoundly inspiring. The number of those who have ever dared to stand alone for principles of maximum Christian living is very large.—Chester Swor.

* * *

CHURCH ENVELOPES

If you did not get your box of envelopes last Sunday, they will be mailed to you this week. You will need the first envelope next Sunday. URGENT—It would be a great help to the financial secretary if you would make certain that the envelope is properly filled out.

* * *

**TOTAL
LOTTIE MOON
OFFERING
\$1,327.36**

TO ATTEND

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	722
New Members	4
Visitors	96
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	822
Last Year	808
Training Union Attendance.....	187
New Members	3
Visitors	37
Total Training Union Attendance.....	227
Last Year	228
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$2,489.61
Des. Bld.	8.85
Specials	335.63
TOTAL	\$2,853.99
Additions to the church:	
By letter	2
By Baptism	2
* * *	

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Baptist Hospital: Mr. A. V. Freeman. Sacred Heart: Anne Kreitlein.

WEDDING BELLS FOR: Jake Godwin, Jr., and Miss Jane Co, Milledgeville, Ga., on December 23.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. William O. McClain, 225 Willow Street, Pinehurst, upon the birth of a son, William Douglas, on December 20.

Douglas, on December 20. Mr. and Mrs. James LaCarter, 430 W. Jackson Ave., Warrington, upon the birth of a daughter, December 29.

Welcome New Members

By letter:	
70 Joe L. Ballenger, 3270 N. Torres Dr.	
71 Mrs. Joe L. Ballenger, 3270 Torres Dr.	
By baptism:	
11 Miss Nelda E. Bowen, 2100 E. Lakeview Ave.	
12 James P. Fiveash, 615 W. Garden St.	
* * *	

CHALLENGE OF THE NEW YEAR

One time when I was but a child,

 A challenge came to me;

But could I? Would I take it up?

 I pondered thoughtfully.

And did the prize they offered me

 My efforts justify

Yes, I would show what I could do

 For certain I could try!

I tried and won and then my heart

 Rejoiced in childish glee;

The prize I quickly carried home,

 For all my friends to see.

Today another challenge comes,

 In accents loud and clear:—

How am I going to spend my life

 Throughout the coming year?

Shall I for self and pleasure live,

 And listless pass the days?

Or shall I live for Christ, the Lord,

 And render Him my praise?

Lord, I would spend this year for Thee.

 So, help me, as I try;

My Saviour's smile—the glorious prize

 Awaits me by and by.—Marie L. Olson.

THE KING'S BUSINESS

December 31, 1952 - January 7, 1953

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2—

2:30 p.m.—Willing Workers Class meeting with Mrs. M. L. Ward, 2100 N. "A" SUNDAY, JANUARY 4—

8:30 a.m.—Early Morning Worship.
 Rev. Gordon Kingsley, speaker.

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School.
 Theron Guthrie, Supt.

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
 Dr. G. J. Rousseau, speaker

5:00 p.m.—Youth Choir rehearsal.

5:00 p.m.—Program at USO.

6:10 p.m.—Training Union,
 Havwood Arnold, Director

7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship Service.

 Dr. G. J. Rousseau, speaker.

8:45 p.m.—Young People's Fellowship in lower auditorium.

8:45 p.m.—Teen Time in log cabin.

MONDAY, JANUARY 5—

10:00 a.m.—W.M.U. Quarterly meeting at Brownsville Baptist Church.

3:00 p.m.—Circle 8 to be announced.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6—

10:00 a.m.—W.M.S. Circles will meet as follows:

1—Mrs. J. L. Mayo, 1500 E. Lee.

2—Mrs. George Yarbrough, 921 N. Palatfox St.

3—Mrs. Grady Wilson, 420 S. Second St.

4—Mrs. A. C. Johnson, 1721 E. DeSoto.

5—Mrs. E. A. Frank, 2020 E. Lakeview.

6—Mrs. Sam Hall, 1016 E. Jackson.

7—Mrs. P. G. Batson, 225 W. Gonzales.

3:00 p.m.—9 Mrs. H. Reeves, 1010 N. Baylen St.

2:00 p.m.—T.E.L. Class meeting at the church.

7:00 p.m.—Chancel Choir rehearsal.

7:30 p.m.—Lydia Class meeting at 1920 Barrancas Ave., Mrs. Naomi Holbrook, hostess.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10—

5:00 p.m.—Sunbeams, Junior and Intermediate G. A. Meetings.

6:10 p.m.—Sunday School teachers and officers supper.

7:45 p.m.—Prayer and Praise Service. H. R. Denham, Jr., guest speaker.

* * *

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Church Office 2712
Educational Office 8 - 0779

Elwin L. Skiles, Pastor 8 - 4727

Otto Whittington, Music-Education 8 - 0779

Mrs. G. T. Sutton, Church Sec 5640

Mrs. George McNeely, Enlistment Sec. 8 - 0779

Mrs. S. L. Fulghum, Financial Sec 7032

Paul W. Caro, Treasurer 8 - 3789

Mrs. G. F. Manning, Dietician 2422

Alberta Hudson, Maid 8 - 0779

S. R. Rutherford, Custodian 8 - 0779

FIRST BAPTIST BUILDER

Published Weekly by the
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Subscription Price: 50c per year
Entered as second-class matter April 21, 1950,
at the post office at Pensacola, Florida, under
the act of March 3, 1879.