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"The Church of Jesus Christ is supernatural in origin and super-national in position. The Gospel of Grace levels all national, racial, and social boundaries erected by man. We are knit together by ties not made with hands, and no human power can break them, nor can principalities of darkness destroy them.

"While gladly acknowledging our unity in Christ with believers in other denominations we have convincing reasons based on Scripture and supported by history and

accredited scholarship for maintaining our separate witness. That witness finds its focus in and derives its force from the sole Head of the Church himself; and him we gladly obey. 'One is our master even Christ, and all we are brethren.' Therefore our boast is not in our denominational history, numerical strength, theological position, names of great scholars and leaders and preachers, or phenomenal growth. It is in our God and our common Saviour Jesus Christ, to whose gracious sovereignty we submit."

A PORTION OF THE GREETING

RECEIVED FROM THE OFFICERS OF THE
BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

In Our Pulpit

PASTOR

8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

7:30 P.M.

"OVERCOMING TEMPTATIONS" "WHERE ARE YOU GOING?"

Training Union

- 308—332—329—these figures show our attendance for the past three weeks. Let's keep it growing. There is a place for you in the Training Union program.

From Our Pastor's Pen . . .

Many of our people have been ill in recent days and weeks. As we continue to pray for you who are sick, we eagerly look forward to your return to places of leadership and service in the church. God bless each one of you.

We are passing through great and glorious days in the life of our church. Following upon the spiritually enriching days of Bible Study Week, Sunday was a great day. We thank God for His goodness to us. Then on Monday evening we had a wonderful meeting of Training Union workers. You who seem to be allergic to the Training Union have my sympathy.

Deacon Paul Caro has performed yeoman service for fourteen years as church treasurer. As we salute him for a job well done, we pledge our prayerful support to Deacon Ernest Barrineau who was elected treasurer on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. George McNeely has been one of our most loyal staff members for more than two years. As she accepts a position elsewhere, we assure her of our best wishes. It is good that Helen and George can remain in our active fellowship. They are among our finest.

Mrs. S. L. Fulghum advised us some months ago that she would not be able to continue her work as financial secretary. Thank you, Mrs. Fulghum, for your fine work. As you visit with your children, our best wishes travel with you. Miss Lorraine Worley will serve as financial secretary. Her number is 8-0779.

Devotional Speaker

Chaplain A. W. Robertson of Ellyson Field will be the devotional speaker in Wednesday night's Prayer Service. A graduate of Baylor and Southwestern Seminary, Chaplain Robertson has recently returned from Korea where he served with the First Marine Division. Chaplain and Mrs. Robertson were received into our fellowship last month. They are making their home at 208 Brown Road, Navy Point.

Sunday School

- The time is next Wednesday evening at 6:10! The place is the Lower Auditorium! The occasion—we begin our new Teachers' and Officers' Meeting schedule. Who should be present? Every elected Sunday School worker plus any others who are willing to help build a greater Sunday School at First Baptist.

How To Find Help From Bible Reading

1. Set aside and keep a regular daily time for Bible reading.
2. Read prayerfully and thoughtfully. Try to relive the scenes.
3. Read carefully and unhurriedly. "Time exposures," not snapshots, should be the rule.
4. Read expectantly and reflectively. Look for the personal message in each day's passage.
5. Read till a verse strikes fire. Your inner response to God's message is vital. When He condemns, bow penitently. When He offers lights, place your hope on it. When He commands, obey. When He guides, follow.
6. Cut out a key verse daily. Carry it with you, refer to it and repeat it throughout the day.
7. Become a daily reader of the Bible. Make it a habit.

—Copied

NEW CHURCH MEMBERS

Beginning Sunday evening at 6:30 and continuing through Sunday evening, February 22, we will have a "New Church Members" class in the Church Auditorium. All members who have come into our church since October 1, 1952, are urged to be in this first series of classes. The meeting will begin each Sunday evening at 6:30 immediately following the Training Union Opening Assembly. The meetings on the first and second Sundays will be conducted by the Pastor; the third and fourth, by Mr. Whitington.

There is a definite need for this activity, and if you are a new member, we urge your attendance.

If you were not present for the Planning Meeting Monday evening, you missed a good meeting. The 76 present reported enthusiastically that much work was accomplished during the evening. The next Training Union Planning Meeting will be on Monday evening, February 23. Plan now to be there.

"I Don't Want to Be Tied Down"

So a member of a church expressed himself recently in declining to assume a certain official responsibility that would call for his regular attendance in the services of his church.

That statement expressed plainly, bluntly, what seems to be the attitude of some church members. "I don't want to be tied down. Let somebody else do it." It means, "Let Rome burn. I'm going to fiddle."

What are you going to do? God is calling for leaders NOW.

Are you willing to give Christ right-of-way in your life? If you are, then let it be known that you are willing to serve Him wherever the need and whenever the call.

Will you say, "Here am I, use me, for I am willing to give my Lord the right-of-way in my life."

WILL YOU DARE TO ACCEPT YOUR OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE?

—The Church Voice.

Music Notes

Following is the attendance record of our choirs Sunday:

Chancel	24
Young People	18
Vesper	33
Carol Juniors	54

These choirs will rehearse on schedule unless members are notified to the contrary. If you are interested in belonging to any of the groups, see Mr. Whitington. We will use all of our choirs together for the first time on Sunday night, February 15.

Our lives are the little garden plots in which it is our privilege to drop seeds. We shall have to eat the fruits of the seeds which we are planting these days.

—J. R. Miller.

Kind hearts are the gardens;
Kind thoughts are the roots;
Kind words are the flowers;
Kind deeds are the fruits.

—Anonymous

Educational Director

Very little is accomplished in religious or secular life without adequate planning. In the growth of the organizational life of our denomination, this fact has been clearly recognized. Two of our main "organizations", the Sunday School and the Training Union, are dependent upon their planning meetings. As go these meetings, so goes that organization. If we are to have a great Training Union, we will have it, to a large degree, as a result of our monthly planning meeting. If we grow a great Sunday School here, it will be because the workers in the Sunday School give themselves unselfishly to the Wednesday evening meeting and the activities presented there. These are not "extra" meetings—they are the heart of the work. We must place more importance on them. If you are a worker in either of these organizations, there should be no question in your mind as to whether or not you will attend.

I am becoming convinced more and more that one of the basic requirements for a worker in the Kingdom is "attitude". One's attitude toward the moral responsibilities of the Christian life, toward the church, the pastor, and those with whom he must work will determine his success. There is a difference between criticizing and suggesting. Most people in places of leadership don't need nearly as much advice as they do help. We are fortunate at First Church in that there is an absolute minimum of wrong attitudes. Remember—there is nothing that takes the heart out of leadership like heartless fellowship.

Pastor to Be At Auburn

Dr. Skiles will be in Auburn on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. He is to be the Baptist speaker in the Religious Emphasis Week at Alabama Polytechnic Institute. Let us pray both for our Pastor and for the students of this large institution.

The Sunday School Is The Church Teaching!

You need not attend Sunday School if you have already reached the saturation point in your mental development. It would logically follow then that all of us should study God's Word. Every Christian ought to be in Sunday School. Every Christian ought to study God's Word. Be regular in your Sunday School attendance.

Looking At Last Sunday

Sunday School Attendance.....	970
New Members	9
Visitors	66
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	1045
Last Year	948
Training Union Attendance.....	264
New Members	7
Visitors	58
Total Training Union Attendance.....	329
Last Year	309
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$2,950.49
Specials	129.80
Building	128.67
Total Offering	\$3,208.96
Additions to the church:	
By Letter	7

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Welcome New Members

83	R. Brentwood Bryan, 1115 W. Avery.
84	Mrs. R. Brentwood Bryan, 1115 W. Avery St.
85	Dewey Creach, Comm. Dept. NAAS, Corry Field.
86	NavCad Julius C. Wink, Class 3-52, Batt. 5, NAS.
87	Royce O. Bell, Operations, NAAS, Corry Field.

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Our Church Family

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. John Arden, 1403 E. Hernandez St., upon the birth of a son, Jan. 17; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Chuites, 30 W. Wright St., upon the birth of a daughter, Jan. 22.

WEDDING BELLS TO: George Ronald Jackson and Joan Loretta Blackburn on Jan. 17.

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. G. J. Rousseau upon the death of her brother.

OUR SICK: Baptist Hospital: Mrs. Earl Kendrick.

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Six Baptized Sunday, January 27

John Yelverton, Lester Burdick, Mrs. Ann Burleson, Nelda Bowen, Mrs. D. E. Edge, Jo Ann McCart.

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The King's Business

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1—

8:30 a.m.—Early Morning Worship.
9:40 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron Guthrie, Supt.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
Sermon by the pastor.

12:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WEAR.

4:30 p.m.—Vesper Choir rehearsal.

5:00 p.m.—Young People's Choir rehearsal.

5:40 p.m.—Carol Choir rehearsal.

6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.

 Haywood Arnold, Director.

7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship.

8:45 p.m.—Youth Fellowship for Young People.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2—

3:00 p.m.—Circle 8 will meet with Mrs. Everett McGowin, 1008 North Palafox.

6:30 p.m.—Y. W. A. Supper in lower auditorium.

7:30 p.m.—Sunday School Superintendents will meet.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3—

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

1—Mrs. Tom Wash, 1660 E. Hatton.

2—Mrs. Elwin Skiles, 1400 N. Spring St.

3—Mrs. H. G. Gray, 1709 E. Jackson St.

4—Mrs. E. W. Hopkins, 1005 N. 16th Av.

5—Mrs. J. A. Frye, 1012 N. Palafox.

6—Mrs. Paul Caro, 2020 E. Maxwell.

7—Mrs. Warren J. Twiddy, 934 Fairway Drive.

3:00 p.m.—

9—Mrs. J. E. Yonge, 122 W. Lloyd St.

7:30 p.m.—Chancel Choir rehearsal.

7:30 p.m.—Monthly meeting of Deacons.

7:30 p.m.—T.E.L. Class Meeting in Lower Auditorium.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4—

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

6:10 p.m.—S. S. Workers Supper.

7:45 p.m.—Prayer and Praise Service.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5—

7:00 p.m.—B. W. C. Federation. Brownsville Baptist Church. Rev. Gordon Kingsley, guest speaker

7:30 p.m.—Faithful Workers Class supper in lower auditorium.

7:30 p.m.—Friendly Class (A-2) meets with Mrs. W. F. Bratcher, 1824 Escambia Ave.

DEACONS MEETING

7:30 TUESDAY

Superintendents' Meeting

Monday Evening—7:30

Let's Make It 100%

Present