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"Six Successive Sundays — IN — Sunday School"

- Attendance Campaign
- BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 1st
- ENDS EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5th



"BREAK THE RECORD SUNDAY"
MARCH 29th



At their regular meeting last Monday evening, our Sunday School superintendents voted to promote an all-out attendance campaign to be known as S-6. Beginning on Sunday, February 15, members of our church and Sunday School will be asked to sign an "S-6 Commitment Card," agreeing that, unless hindered by a reason approved by a good conscience, they will attend the Sunday School of our church for Six Successive Sundays beginning Sunday, March 1, and ending with Easter Sunday, April 5.

In Our Pulpit
All Services — Hear Our Pastor

Educational Director

These are strategic days for us at First Baptist. Our attempt to put renewed emphasis into all phases of our program and to create needed activities demands prayerful consideration on the part of leadership, and sincere cooperation on the part of fellowship. The teachers and officers of our Sunday School are endeavoring to increase the effectiveness of their work through a planned program of work on Wednesday evening. The Training Union is of like mind and is coming along in good shape. Our music program, insofar as our department choirs are concerned, is in its infancy. These three basic arms of our church program need our constant attention.

The S-6 campaign, which is advertised in this bulletin, with its culmination in an evangelistic effort, will require additional prayer and work from all of us.

We are engaged in a tremendous enterprise—the greatest on earth. Our goals are clearly set and our approach to these goals, we firmly believe, is right. We do it because "the love of Christ constraineth us." We serve for the joy to be found in service. Let's give ourselves to the task wholeheartedly. We receive our reward, not for results obtained, but for effort made. The future of our church is as great as the vision of its leadership.

I Am a Junior Boy

Last Sunday night I thought I'd go to the church for Training Union and Worship. My buddy was going swimming and wanted me to go along. But I didn't think I ought to go and came on to church.

I looked for a couple of the deacons I knew, but neither one was there.

I looked for my mother's Sunday School teacher, who called on us, but she wasn't there either.

I guess they don't think that Church or Training Union on Sunday night is important.

What Is Love?

It's silence when your words would hurt,
It's patience when your neighbor's curt,
It's deafness when the scandal flows,
It's thoughtfulness for another's woes,
It's promptness when a stern duty calls,
It's courage when misfortune falls.

—Copied.

Sentence Sermons

"A prayer that does not change us will not affect God very deeply."

"God has worked some very surprising results with some imperfect people."

"We have not really begun praying until we are strictly honest with ourselves."

"Some people think prayer has failed because God has not accepted their judgment of the case."

"Too many people think they are defending the faith when they are only stirring up dissension."

"Don't talk it over with the neighbors—talk it over with the person you feel has done you the wrong."

"It is always easier to find fault than it is to produce results."

"The Bible does not need defense. It needs investigation." —Copied

A Strange Paradox

It is a paradox of life

That by hoarding our talents—

Our abilities—our gifts,

Our love, joys, or any possession,

We lose them.

Only by serving, by giving, using,

These talents and possessions

Can we keep them.

The more we share—and serve,

The more we give—then

The more we possess. It is our

Giving—Our serving

That makes us eternally wealthy.

What we give—we serve—we take with
us

The rest we leave behind.

—Adapted.

Our Southern Baptist Seminaries

American Baptist Theological Seminary
—Nashville, Tennessee.

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary—Berkeley, California.

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary—New Orleans, Louisiana.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—Louisville, Kentucky.

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary—Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—Fort Worth, Texas.

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OUR TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE FOR THE
THING ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE—YOU DON'T
ING UNION!!

Plan Now

To Participate In This Worthy Campaign

S-6

*Mrs. Edward Anderson Allen
requests the honour of your presence
at the marriage of her daughter*

Carol Evelyn

to

*Mr. William Earl Prosser
on Saturday February seventh
at eight o'clock
First Baptist Church*

Our Workers Planning

The following report shows the attendance at the Teachers' and Officers' meeting this past Wednesday evening:

Department	Attendance
General Officers.....	7
Nursery 1.....	2
Nursery 2.....	0
Nursery 3.....	1
Nursery 4.....	2
Beginner 1.....	4
Beginner 2.....	3
Primary 1.....	6
Primary 2.....	5
Primary 3.....	3
Junior 1.....	17
Junior 2.....	11
Intermediate.....	7
Senior.....	4
Young People 1.....	10
Young People 2.....	16
Adult 1.....	9
Adult 2.....	14
Adult 3.....	34
Total Attendance.....	155

Remember—Next week the supper is at 6:00 o'clock.

Your Sunday School workers are busy trying to become better workers in order that they may please God and serve you better. Let's give them encouraging support through our attendance and prayers.

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Gratitude to God should be as habitual as the reception of mercies is constant, as ardent as the number of them is great, as devout as the riches of divine grace and goodness is incomprehensible.—C. Simmons.

The "Six Successive Sundays in Sunday School" attendance campaign has been planned to reach its climax on Sunday, March 29, which will be the closing Sunday of our Revival Meeting, and Sunday, April 5, which will be Easter. This "Spring Offensive" has as its purpose the enlistment of many new people and the increased regularity in attendance of our absentees. Sunday, March 29, will have two main emphases. Of course, our attempt to break all attendance records on that day will be one. Evangelism will be the other. Our hope and prayer is that the attendance campaign will bring into our evangelistic services that day many unsaved and unaffiliated Baptists. The campaign, then, would close the following Sunday, Easter.

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Scout Service

The Sunday evening, February 8, Worship Service will be designated as "Boy Scout" Worship Service, at which time our Scouts will be special guests.

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Music Notes

At the Sunday evening service, February 15, we will present the four choirs of our church for the first time. Each of the choirs will present special music and the entire group will sing two numbers together.

The flu bug has hurt our attendance somewhat the last two weeks. This past Sunday, there were 119 who participated in our choir program.

All choirs will rehearse on schedule each week unless notified otherwise.

New Church Members

Last Sunday evening at 6:30 in the Church Auditorium, our Pastor began the "New Church Members" class. The purpose of this activity is to inform new people coming into our church about the activities here and around the world. If you have affiliated with First Baptist Church since October 1, 1952, you should be in this class. It will meet at the same time each Sunday in February.

PAST FOUR WEEKS. LET'S MAKE IT GROW. IF YOU KNOW EVERY-
ONE WHO NEEDS THE TRAINING UNION. IF YOU DON'T—COME TO TRAIN-

Looking At Last Sunday

Sunday School Attendance.....	886
New Members	8
Visitors	66
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	960
Last Year	970
Training Union Attendance	248
New Members	11
Visitors	62
Total Training Union Attendance.....	321
Last Year	325
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$2,388.78
Specials	124.71
Designated Building	165.00
Total Offering	\$2,678.49
Additions to church.....	6
By Letter	5
For Baptism	1
Rededications	2

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By Letter:

88. Miss Lois Williams, 14 W. Cervantes St.
 89. Hobart Worley, Route 1, Box 68, Cantonment.
 90. Lt. Jack D. Tucker, USMC, BOQ, NAS.
 91. Lt. D. E. Edge, 121 Marine Drive, Warrington.
 92. Mrs. C. J. R. Rogers, 14 Saufley Hgts.
- By Baptism:
14. Kay Mortensen, 6309 W. Jackson St.

REDEDICATIONS

Miss Betty Fowler, 212 Lakewood Road.
Henry L. Hines, Jr., Corry Field

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Our Church Family

WEDDING BELLS TO: Ray Morris and Phyllis Marjorie Jenkins upon their marriage January 31.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Mrs. M. Holt, Hotel Dieu Hospital, New Orleans; David H. Parker, Baptist Hospital.

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The King's Business

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8—

- 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. 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.
6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
Haywood Arnold, Director.
6:30 p.m.—New Church Members' Class.
Pastor.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.
8:45 p.m.—Youth Fellowship for Young People.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9—

- 7:00 p.m.—W. M. S. Auxiliary Leadership Course at East Hill.
7:30 p.m.—Assoc. Training Union Officers and Leaders at Southside.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10—

- 7:30 p.m.—B. W. C. No. 10 meets with Miss Fronie Lipham, 1906 E. Mallory.
7:30 p.m.—B. W. C. No. 11 meets with Miss Bessie Yates, 1000 E. DeSoto.
7:30 p.m.—B. W. C. No. 12 meets with Miss Inez Ware, Scenic Hiway.
9:30-3:30—Auxiliary Leadership School at East Hill. Carry your lunch.
10:00 a.m.—W.M.S. Bible Study by Mrs. S. G. Kennedy, Jr., missions program and business.
12:15 p.m.—Luncheon.
7:30 p.m.—Chancel Choir rehearsal.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11—

- 5:00 p.m.—Junior R. A., Junior and Intermediate G. A.'s and Sunbeams meet.
6:00 p.m.—S. S. Workers' Supper.
7:45 p.m.—Prayer and Praise Service.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12—

- 6:00 p.m.—Senior Training Union Progressive Dinner. Lower Auditorium.
7:00 p.m.—Intermediate 1 Sunday School Social in Log Cabin.
7:30 p.m.—Winsome Class in Lower Auditorium.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13—

- 7:00 p.m.—Sweetheart Banquet for Young People's Dept. No. 1 in Lower Auditorium.

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Trust

Build a little fence of trust
Around today;
Fill each space with loving work
And therein stay;
Look not through the sheltering bars
Upon tomorrow,
God will help thee bear what comes,
Of joy or sorrow.

—Mary Frances Butts.