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FIRST SUNDAY OF S-6 SUCCESSFUL

GOAL—1100 — WE HAD 1138

(543 Absent)

GOAL FOR SUNDAY (S-2) IS 1150

LET'S GO OVER THE TOP

"MARCH WITH THE MASTER IN MARCH"



**Make a Special Offering Sunday
A GIFT FOR HOME MISSIONS**

Each of our Sunday School departments will give its members an opportunity Sunday morning to make a special offering for Home Missions. This offering is one of four adopted by our Southern Baptist Convention. The need in our homeland is great. Let's answer the call with a worthy offering.

— In Our Pulpit —

PASTOR

8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

"THE LAST TEMPTATION"

7:30 P.M.

"THE CRY OF DESOLATION"

1050 Signed for

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Why I Tithe . . .

Because God commands it. Because my mother commanded it. Because I have found, after fifty years of tithing, that it enables me to know exactly what I am giving. Because I find that I can do more with the nine-tenths after bringing the first tenth into the Lord's treasury. Because I have the joy of going on beyond the tithe in bringing offerings of love unto the Lord. Because every tither I have ever known was a happy disciple. Because it affords fellowship with all who gladly honor the Lord with the first fruits of all his increase. I commend tithing to everyone who wants to experience daily joy in his religion.

—Louie D. Newton

REGIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

GONZALEZ BAPTIST CHURCH

(10 Miles North of Pensacola)

Monday, March 9 — Three Sessions

9:45 A.M.—1:45 AND 7:30 P.M.

Men's Rally 7:30 p.m.

HEAR: 10:10 a.m. Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board

11:05 a.m.—G. A. Leichter, Executive Secretary Florida Baptist Foundation

2:00 p.m.—Floyd Chaffin, Executive Secretary Louisiana Baptist Convention

7:45 p.m.—C. A. Ratteree, Brotherhood Secretary of Florida

Attend One or More of These Sessions

REVIVAL

for S-6 • Keep Pushing

TRAINING UNION DOES

UNITES ALL IN TRAINING

NEGOTIATES THE CHURCH PROGRAM

INSURES THE EVENING SERVICE

OFFERS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NEEDS YOU

Five Sundays Yet to Go

The attendance on the first Sunday of our S-6 Campaign certainly is an encouragement to all of us to continue our efforts for the five weeks remaining. Don't ease up. Keep inviting. Keep signing people up on the S-6 cards. We must reach our goal of 1150 Sunday.

S-6 HONOR ROLL

The following departments met their goals last Sunday: Nursery 2, 3, and 4, Primary 1, 2, and 3, Junior 1 and 2, Intermediate, Senior, Young People 2, Adult 2 and 3.

Evangelism For Our Day

In our evangelism today we must have many pulpits. The houstop was a pulpit to Jesus. The fisherman's boat was a pulpit to Jesus; so was the shadow of a sycamore tree; so the dining table; the well curb; the sick room; the hillside; the roadway; the by-path; the door step; the mountainside; the market place; all of these places were pulpits of Jesus. All such places were to Him pulpits where He preached to one or to many. The woman at the well—to her Jesus preached with the well curb as pulpit and the noon-day sky as a roof!

Let us not forget that "he that winneth souls is wise."—Dr. R. G. Lee.

ment increased 5.2 per cent to a new high of 1, 143,993; while the Brotherhood gained 15.6 per cent to an enrolment of 214,486.

Church property valuation stood at \$890,697,339, a gain of 17 per cent over 1951.

Thus, Southern Baptists pass another milestone in their spiritual conquest. A gain of 365,507 in 1953 will enable us to reach 8,000,000 in church membership this year. We are writing this record today and the immediate days ahead.

The Survey Bulletin

By J. P. Edmunds

Southern Baptist mission gifts reached an all-time high in 1952 with a total offering to all mission causes of \$45,822,830, a gain of 23 per cent over 1951.

Other records were broken, as indicated by the release of 1952 statistics by the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board this week.

Total gifts to all causes reached \$248,004,289, compared with \$222,838,109 in 1951. Per capita giving climbed from \$30.22 in 1951 to \$32.48 in 1952. Per capita mission gifts increased from \$5.05 to \$6.00.

Church membership increased to 7,634,493, a gain of 3.5 per cent. A total of 354,384 people were baptized in 1952.

Sunday School enrolment reached 5,491,056, a gain of 4.5 per cent over 1951. Seven hundred new Sunday Schools were reported to bring the total to 28,040.

Training Union enrolment advanced 7.9 per cent to bring the total to 1,677,293. A gain of 895 new Training Unions was reported.

Vacation Bible Schools reported an enrolment of 2,059,163, gaining a million in enrolment in six years, from 1,055,678 in 1946.

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Looking At Last Sunday

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| Sunday School Attendance..... | 1057 |
| New Members..... | 9 |
| Visitors..... | 72 |
| Total Sunday School Attendance..... | 1138 |
| Last Year..... | 1000 |
| Training Union Attendance..... | 223 |
| New Members..... | 1 |
| Visitors..... | 43 |
| Total Training Union Attendance..... | 267 |
| Last Year..... | 262 |
| Tithes and Offerings: | |
| Budget..... | \$3,005.60 |
| Specials..... | 112.75 |
| Designated Building..... | 12.00 |
| Total Offering..... | \$3,130.35 |
| Total in Building Fund..... | \$154,364.19 |
| Additions to the church: | |
| By Letter..... | 7 |
| For Baptism..... | 1 |
| Baptized..... | 1 |



By Letter:

- 102 Bryan, Dr. John N., B.O.Q., NAS.
 103 Dove, Harold Clavton, 1100 E. Lakeview Ave.
 104 Dove, Mrs. Harold C., 1100 E. Lakeview Ave.
 105 Garner, Cecil, 26 E. LaRua St.
 106 Garner, Mrs. Cecil, 26 E. LaRua St.
 107 Massingill, N/C D. E. Class 6-53 Batt. 1 Pre-Flight.
 108 Jordan, Donald C., Class 6-53 Batt. 1 Pre-Flight.

By Baptism:

- 16 Charles Lee, 2217 N. 17th Ave.
 Baptized:
 Kay Mortensen, Route 2, Box 64.

Our Church Family

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. B. H. Overton in the loss of her father; Mrs. Frank C. Johnson in the loss of her father; Mr. Espin Bullock and Mrs. L. M. Steele in the loss of their sister.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Rodney O. Bell, 262 Pinecourt, Pinehurst, on the birth of their daughter, February 28.

IN NAVAL HOSPITAL: Mr. Ben Stevens, Sr. AT HOME: Mrs. Harry Sampley; Mr. and Mrs. Pope Shank; Mr. A. V. Freeman.

The King's Business

SUNDAY, MARCH 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.
 5:20 p.m.—Carol Choir rehearsal.
 6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages. Haywood Arnold, Director.
 7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.
 8:45 p.m.—Youth Fellowship for Young People.

MONDAY, MARCH 9—

- Regional Conference and Layman's Rally, Gonzalez Baptist Church.
 7:30 p.m.—Deborah Class meets with Mrs. Marie Reynolds, 1724 E. LaRua.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10—

- 10:00 a.m.—W. M. S. Bible Study by Mrs. S. G. Kennedy, Jr., Missions program and business.
 12:15 p.m.—W. M. S. Luncheon.
 7:30 p.m.—Chancel Choir rehearsal.
 7:30 p.m.—Circle No. 11 will meet with Mrs. Margaret Creighton, 1901 E. Maxwell St.
 7:30 p.m.—Circle No. 12 will meet with Mrs. Claude Vice, 112 N. "C"

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11—

- 4:30 p.m.—Junior R.A., Junior and Int. G.A.'s and Sunbeams will meet
 6:00 p.m.—S. S. Workers' supper.
 7:45 p.m.—Prayer and Praise Hour.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12—

- 7:00 p.m.—Brotherhood supper meeting.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13—

- 6:30 p.m.—Frontier's Class meeting.

Still the Nation's Need

D. L. Moody said: "I do not know of anything that America needs more today than men and women on fire with the fire of heaven; and I have yet to find a man or woman on fire with the Spirit of God that is a failure. They are never discouraged or disheartened. They rise higher and higher and it grows better and better all the while."

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| Church Office | 2712 |
| Educational Office | 8 - 0779 |

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| Elwin L. Skiles, Pastor..... | 8 - 4727 |
| Dr. G. J. Rousseau, Pastor Emeritus..... | 4601 |
| Otto Whittington, Music-Education..... | 3 - 0779 |
| Mrs. G. T. Sutton, Church Sec..... | 5640 |
| Lorraine Worley, Ed. Secretary..... | 3 - 0779 |
| Ernest Barrineau, Treasurer..... | 5079 |
| Mrs. G. F. Manning, Dietician..... | 2422 |
| Alberta Hudson, Maid..... | 3 - 0779 |
| S. R. Ruthenford, Custodian..... | 3 - 0779 |

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