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SUNDAY
MORNING
EVENINGS

THRU
WEEK



**"Go Ye Into
All The World..."**

CLASSES

FOR

ALL

THE

FAMILY



NURSERIES

OPEN

MEET SOME OF OUR MISSIONARIES—
THRILL TO THEIR MESSAGES!

- CHINA Sends Miss Addie Cox
- AFRICA Sends H. R. Littleton
- THE WEST Sends C. F. Frazier
- BRAZIL Sends Miss Sophia Nichols
- THE WEST Sends Fred DeBerry
- SOUTHERN RHODESIA Sends Clyde Dotson

In Our Pulpit

Pastor

8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

Chaplain Elroy Lamb

7:30 P.M.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN . . .

It is a joy to welcome Miss Betty Hubbard to our church as Director of Youth Activities, a position we have been seeking to fill for a year and more. We believe there was purpose in this delay, as Miss Hubbard possesses a variety of qualifications and talents which equip her in an ideal way for a ministry with youth. In addition, she will also serve as our church organist.

Miss Hubbard's office will be just inside the south entrance to the main church building. Her phone will be the same as the educational office—8-0779.

We wish to express appreciation to Mr. Herschell Pierce who has served as organist for the past year.

March Was a Record Month

Total Offerings	\$16,483.05
(NEW RECORD)	
Budget Offerings	14,035.78
(NEW RECORD)	
Transferred to Bldg. Fund.....	7,085.78
(NEW RECORD)	
Over Budget requirements for Bldg.	2,085.78
(NEW RECORD)	
Sunday School Average Attendance	1201
(NEW RECORD)	
High Attendance	1336
(NEW RECORD)	
Training Union Attendance average	293
Additions to Church:	
Baptism	34
Letter	47

IT HAPPENS TO EVERY PASTOR

"I stood at my study window watching the people as they came to church. Their very attitude was one of expectancy, and I said: 'Oh, God, help me to break the 'Bread of Life' for these Thy people.' My heart was warmed. I felt a spiritual uplift and was ready for the pulpit—when—like a plummet I came from the 'Mountain Top to the Valley'—Why?—I saw scores of our people walk away from the worship service of the church. And the tragedy of it all was that some of our Sunday School officers and teachers led the way.

"It was hard for me to believe—but it was true. My interest was aroused enough that I looked at some of our records.

"The record revealed that some of our teachers had not attended a worship service of our church this quarter. I was ashamed or afraid to look back further.

"Loyalty to your church is a first prerequisite for any teacher. Loyalty in attendance, loyalty in giving, loyalty in love, are all necessities. I sincerely believe that if you are in this group, you will change your record."

So writes a pastor in Florida. And this is the experience of many pastors. Put yourself in the window of the Pastor's Study just before 11 o'clock—or just before 8:00 in the evening.

HAPPILY WE PRESENT—



MISS BETTY HUBBARD

Director of Youth Activities and Church Organist
Biographical Sketch:

Born: Fairfax, Virginia.

Schools: Meridian High School. Graduated May, 1944. Blue Mountain College. Graduated May, 1948. Major: Music Theory. Minors: Bible and English. Activities: College Glee Club, Quartet and Operetta, four years. Y. W. A. President, one year. B. S. U. Council member, three years. Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. W. M. U. Training School, attended one year.

Work: B. S. U. Secretary, Jones Junior College, Ellisville, Miss. Educational Secretary, First Baptist Church, Meridian, Miss. Church Secretary and Organist, Brownsville Baptist, Pensacola.

MISS HUBBARD, WE WELCOME YOU!

THE SURVEY BULLETIN

By J. P. EDMUNDS

Congressman Brooks Hays, Arkansas, Baptist layman, has presented to the 83rd Congress a Chapel resolution which, if approved, will provide a prayer room where members of Congress may retreat for prayer and meditation.

Drs. Hight C. Moore and Homer L. Grice have given their personal libraries to the Sunday School Board. They include many valuable and historic volumes and will be valuable for research work.

Oak Ridge atomic center is not only a "city of science," but a city of churches. It has 27 churches, or one for every 1,000

residents. Men famous in the world of nuclear physics are regularly engaged in preaching, teaching Sunday School classes, and filling other places of leadership in the 27 churches. Only established churches are permitted to own land in the atomic center.

Some parts of the Bible has been published in 1,059 languages and dialects, as of December 31, 1952, according to the American Bible Society. Ten new languages were added last year. The whole Bible has now been published in 197 languages.

HOW TO BE A FAITHFUL STEWARD



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

WEDDING BELLS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Gonzalez, upon their marriage, April 2.

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. W. W. Stephens upon the death of her mother.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Mrs. J. F. Cobb, Houston, Texas.

Houston, Texas; Mr. Emil Anderson; Mr. J. P. Harrell. Baptist Hospital: Mrs. J. C. Gilmore; Mr. E. A. Eastman.

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AROUND THE CORNER

Around the corner I have a friend
In this great city that has no end;
Yet days go by and weeks go on,
And before I know it a year is gone,
And I never see my old friend's face—
For life is a swift and terrible race.
He knows I like him just as well
As in the days when I rang his bell
And he rang mine. We were young then,
And now we are busy, tired men—
Tired with playing a foolish game—
Tired with trying to make a name.
"Tomorrow," I say, "I will call on Jim,"
Just to show that I am thinking of him."
But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes—
And the distance between us grows and
grows—

Around the corner, yet miles away.
"Here's a telegram, sir—Jim died today."
And that's what we get—and deserve in
the end—

Around the corner—a vanished friend.
—C. H. Towne

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Keep The Bible Central

The way to keep religious education Christian is to teach the Bible as the Word of God. Until Baptists realize that their strength lies in the teaching of the Word, we will continue to substitute culture for conversion and will continue to depend upon man and his opinions rather than upon the Word of God, which is the basis of our faith and practice. We are utterly defenseless when we allow anyone to take out of our hands the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God.

—R. Wilbur Babcock.
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What Have You To Live For?

The psychologist, William Moulton Marston, asked three thousand persons:

"What have you to live for?" HE WAS SHOCKED TO FIND that 94 per cent were simply enduring the present while they waited for the future; waited for "something to happen"; waited for children to grow up and leave him; waited for next year; waited for another time to take a long dreamed about trip; waited for someone to die; waited for tomorrow without realizing that all anyone ever has is TODAY . . . because YESTERDAY is gone . . . and TOMORROW never comes!!!—Copied.

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1010
Members in Attendance.....	923
New Members	12
Visitors	75
Attendance a year ago (Easter).....	1222
Training Union Attendance.....	327
Members in Attendance.....	294
New Members	2
Visitors	31
Attendance a year ago.....	293
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$2,335.06
Specials	29.10
Total Offering	\$2,364.16
Total in Building Fund.....	\$161,655.17
Additions to the church:	
By Letter	7
For Baptism	1
Baptized	6



By Letter:

- 154 Lewis Mayo, 405 9th St.
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- 156 D. T. Strickland, 1717 N. 17th Ave.
- 157 Mrs. D. T. Strickland, 1717 N. 17th Ave.
- 158 Sam P. Jones, 1928 E. Blount St.
- 159 Nicholas Anest, 3702 W. Gadsden St.
- 160 Mrs. Nicholas Anest, 3702 W. Gadsden St.
- 161 Prince L. Watkins, Barracks 502.
- 162 A. M. DuBose, 1025 E. Gonzalez St.
- For Baptism:
- 59 Mrs. A. M. DuBose, 1025 E. Gonzalez St.

BAPTIZED

David Butler, Aldine Baird, Jr., Marilyn Browning, Tommy Browning, Betty Stark, Dinah Stark.

YOUR SERVICEMAN



Do you have a loved one in service? Are you keeping the office posted on his change of address? We have had to take some of them off our mailing list because of a lack of address. Please! Let us minister to them through "The Builder"

and our church and Sunday School literature. Give us your loved one's address.

Could I climb to the highest place in Athens, I would lift my voice and shout: "Fellow citizens, why do you turn and scrape every stone to gather wealth and TAKE SO LITTLE CARE OF YOUR CHILDREN to whom one day you must relinquish all?"—Socrates, 400 B. C.

THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, APRIL 19—

- 8:30 a.m.—Early morning Worship.
Pastor
- 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.
- 2:30 p.m.—Associational G. A. Federation in Auditorium.
- 5:00 p.m.—Training Union Executive Meeting.
- 6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
Haywood Arnold, Director.
- 7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship Service.
Chaplain Elroy Lamb, speaker.
- 8:45 p.m.—Youth Fellowship for Young People.

MONDAY, APRIL 20—

- 7:30 p.m.—Y. W. A. meetings in the homes.
- 7:30 p.m.—Associational S. S. meeting at Bellview Baptist Church.
- 7:30 p.m.—Scout Troop 10.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21—

- 10:00 a.m.—Faithful Workers Class Officers and Group Captains' meeting with Mrs. J. F. Busey, 1001 E. Strong St.
- 7:30 p.m.—Chancel Choir Rehearsal.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22—

- 4:30 p.m.—Junior R. A., Junior and Intermediate G. A.'s and Sunbeams meet.
- 6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Workers' Supper.
- 6:30 p.m.—General Promotion.
- 6:45 p.m.—Departmental Period.
- 7:05 p.m.—Teacher Improvement—Workers planning (Y. P. & Adults).
Departmental Studies (Seniors and below).

THURSDAY, APRIL 23—

- 7:30 p.m.—Associational Brotherhood Meeting at Gonzalez Baptist Church.

NEW CHURCH MEMBERS CLASS

SUNDAY NIGHT, 6:30

CHURCH AUDITORIUM

ALL NEW CHURCH MEMBERS ARE URGED TO BE PRESENT

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