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SUNDAY IS - - - -

Mother's Day

RECOGNITION OF BABIES—

On Mother's Day we plan to recognize all the babies that have been born into the families of our church during the past year.

Parents are invited to bring their babies to one of the morning services. Please be in the nursery prior to the service in order that the Cradle Roll and Nursery workers may present you to the pastor at the proper time in the worship hour.



SPECIAL OFFERING—

A special offering will be taken through the Sunday School to help with charity work being done by our local Baptist Hospital. Special envelopes have been distributed throughout the Sunday School, and our people are urged to surpass the offering of last year, which was \$1,500.

In Our Pulpit

8:30 A.M. — 11:00 A.M. — 7:30 P.M.

P A S T O R

What First Brought You?

A questionnaire was presented to all who were present at the morning worship service in a certain church. One of the most revealing facts was that a large percentage of the people indicated that what first brought them to church was an invitation of a friend. Other reasons were given, but no one of them accounted for as many contacts as this personal introduction.

Newspaper and other forms of publicity are important in making the church known, but all of them together are less effective than members who are enthusiastic about their church and who invite their friends to come and share in the worship and fellowship.

"Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city . . . and compel them to come in that my house shall be filled."—Selected.

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Visitation Pays

There was a fellow one time who met a girl. He decided to do some heavy courting with his girl. He bought 365 post cards—one for every day in the year.

For twelve long months he sent her a love letter per day, written on the back of these post cards. Every day for 365 days, she received a card from him.

At the end of the twelve months period she got married. But she married the postman. Visitation paid off!

It's the constant visit that counts. Post cards are fine, letters and phone calls are wonderful, but the constant repeated visit brings the result.—Charles L. McKay.

W. M. U.
ANNIVERSARY TEA
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
LOWER AUDITORIUM
MAY 19—4 to 6 p.m.
Anniversary Offering
Will Be Taken

YOUTH DIRECTOR

"God has a plan, a place and a purpose for every life." With this profound truth, a former professor of mine begins every year's work with each class. Isn't it a cause for rejoicing with all of us that God has revealed this place to one of our own young people. Martha Anne Rowell, Senior Department, volunteered her life for foreign mission service during the School of Missions last week. Four of our Juniors, Sarah Jean Williams, Ann Dismukes, Judy and Patsy Wash, came forward signifying their willingness to do God's will. If there were no other benefits from the School of Missions to our church than these dedicated lives, it would be worth every effort that was made by every person to bring it to completion. Let us pray that God will give us vision equal to their dedication that we may challenge the best that is in them and in our other young people as well.

One of our own, Miss Olive Ann Allen, was a cover-girl this past week. She was chosen "Miss Southern Baptist Hospital" in New Orleans, and a picture of her and two maids was on the front of the Baptist Witness. Congratulations to her and to her fine family for bringing up such an outstanding girl.

Monday night at 6:15, the Y. W. A. will go to the Navy Hospital to help with some planned recreation. If you'd like to do a service for these who have done much for

THE BAPTIST TRAIL
WANTS YOU
SUNDAY EVENING

IN MEMORIAM
MRS. EMMA STITH
Joined First Baptist Church
May 13, 1914
Went to Be With the Lord
April 29, 1953

When We Go They Come!!

EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR . . .

Let me report a very good Superintendents' meeting last Monday evening. We are fortunate to have such a fine group of general officers and departmental superintendents. Their hearts are right. Their desires for our church and Sunday School are true to the spirit of Christ's commands. Our Sunday School will grow under their leadership.

Thursday of this week, we began a church-wide program of visitation. Its value to the church, of course, will be in direct proportion to the manner in which we support it. Every member should visit. Let me urge you to cooperate in it. "When we go, they come!"

us, meet us here to go out. You don't have to be a member to go and take part.

Wednesday night at 5:00, we're meeting with the Sunday School Superintendents, Training Union Directors, Y. W. A. leaders, G. A. and R. A. leaders of the ages concerned with our work to map out plans with reference to the youth work here. Letters are going out this week to these, and I want to urge you through the column to be here if it is at all possible, and to let me know if you can't come.

See you—Same time—Same place—next week. Till then, remember: "Knowledge is proud that he has learned so much; wisdom is humble that he knows no more."

TRAINING UNION ENTS YOU Y EVENING

BUILDING FUND

To date, we have \$165,750.36 in the Building Fund. Since the first of January, there has been transferred into the Building Fund from our regular Budget offerings \$19,090.17. Let's deal fairly with God and God will deal fairly with us.

A DOZEN VALUES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS IN THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

1. The Boys and Girls learn more of the Bible.
2. They commit more of its choice passages to memory.
3. They listen to stories that enrich character.
4. They participate in daily worship services of real value.
5. They learn to love and memorize choice songs.
6. They engage in choice recreational activities.
7. They make worthwhile things with their hands.
8. They develop an interest in the missionary, educational and benevolent work of Southern Baptists.
9. They make new friends in wholesome social activities.
10. They develop a greater love and appreciation for the church.
11. They come in close contact with the pastor and Christian workers.
12. They come to the Savior and to the church for membership.

TEN WONDERFUL DAYS

JUNE 8 - 19

Preparation Day, Saturday, June 6

We need 100 volunteer workers for the School this year. Certainly this is a worthy undertaking which should receive our complete cooperation.

OUR THANKS

Thanks is extended to Mr. David Raley for his contribution of the Neon lighting in our new Missions Library.

G. A. FOCUS WEEK

MAY 10 - 16

Participate In the
CHURCH VISITATION PROGRAM
Every Thursday—10 A.M. — 2 P.M. — 7 P.M.

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1071
Members in Attendance.....	977
New Members	19
Visitors	75
Attendance a year ago.....	1052
Training Union Attendance.....	316
Members in Attendance.....	256
New Members	4
Visitors	56
Attendance a year ago.....	270
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$2,577.11
Specials	139.37
Designated Building	25.00
Total Offering	\$2,810.13
Additions to the church:	
By Letter	4
For Baptism	1

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By Letter:

- 168 Jack H. Akridge, 313 Frisco Ct., Edgewater.
- 169 Mrs. Jack H. Akridge, 313 Frisco Ct., Edgewater.
- 170 N. S. Martin, 324 Second St., Edgewater.
- 171 Mrs. N. S. Martin, 324 Second St., Edgewater.
- For Baptism:
- 64 Mrs. Corinne A. Turnage, 117 Kalash Rd., S. E.

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

BAPTIST HOSPITAL: Mrs. Clay Davis, Dr. W. H. Coker, Sr.

ILL AT HOME: Mrs. Claud Donaldson, 401 E. Gregory St.; Mrs. E. O. Spare, 1216 E. Gadsden St.; W. W. Stephens, 1000 E. DeSoto.

SYMPATHY TO: Mr. J. J. Petty in the loss of his Mother.

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THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, MAY 10—

- 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.
- 5:00 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.

MONDAY, MAY 11—

Asso. Officers and Leaders Training Union
Conference at Pleasant Grove Baptist.

TUESDAY, MAY 12—

- 10:00 a.m.—W.M.S. Monthly meeting.
Bible Study, Mission Program
and Business Session.
- 12:15 p.m.—W.M.S. Luncheon.
- 7:30 p.m.—B.W.C. No. 10 meets with
Miss Ethel Harrison, 851 N.
10th Ave.
- 7:30 p.m.—B.W.C. No. 11 meets with
Mrs. Marvin Lee, 3800 W.
Gadsden.
- 7:30 p.m.—B.W.C. No. 12 meets with
Miss Annie Mertins, 1106 E.
Jackson.
- 7:30 p.m.—Chancel Choir rehearsal.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13—

- 3:30 p.m.—Vesper Choir rehearsal.
- 4:30 p.m.—Junior R. A., Junior and In-
termediate G.A.'s and Sun-
beams meet.
- 6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Workers' Sup-
per.
- 7:45 p.m.—Prayer and Praise Service.

THURSDAY, MAY 14—

- 7:00 p.m.—Brotherhood Meeting and
Supper.

Suppose

Just suppose the Lord should begin to-
morrow to make people as sick as they are
on Sunday.

Just suppose the Lord should take away
the child whom the parents use as an ex-
cuse for staying away from church.

Just suppose the Lord should make some
people as poor as they say they are when
asked to help finance his program.

Just suppose the Lord should have every-
one stoned for covetousness as He did
Achan.

Just suppose the Lord should strike dead
all who lie about giving or paying their
tithe, as He did Ananias and Sapphira for
lying about money matters.

Just suppose the Lord should let some
parents look into the future and see what
their example and lax control did for their
children.

Just suppose all Christians should really
live consistently and prove by their lives
that they really loved the Lord.—Selected.