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YOUR BUILDING COMMITTEE
WILL BRING
IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS
AT BOTH THE MORNING SERVICES
• SUNDAY •
Every Member of the Church
Should Be Present
(SEE INSIDE ARTICLE)



SUNDAY IS

"HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES DAY"

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL OUR YOUNG
PEOPLE WHO FINISH HIGH SCHOOL THIS SPRING.**

A FULL DAY OF ACTIVITY AWAITS YOU

- 1. RECOGNIZED AT SUNDAY SCHOOL IN YOUR DEPARTMENT.**
- 2. "SENIOR SESSION" AT PASTOR'S HOME—4 - 5 P.M.**
- 3. GIFT FROM CHURCH AT EVENING SERVICE. CAP AND GOWN
PROCESSIONAL. RESERVED SECTION.**

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RECOMMENDATIONS THAT VOTE ON AT EITHER N

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS . . .

Last Sunday was a wonderful day in our church. We had excellent attendance in all services and a marvelous spirit was in evidence. Many people expressed their gratitude for God's blessings as they left the church Sunday night.

The Building Committee and the deacons are presenting some important recommendations. Let us consider them carefully and prayerfully that we may vote intelligently on Sunday.

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YOUTH COUNCIL ELECTION SUNDAY

All departments of our youth have nominating committees at work this week in preparation for the election of our Youth Council Sunday. This Council, under the direction of Miss Hubbard, will plan, promote, and correlate the activities of the youth of our church.

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WOODLAWN GROUNDBREAKING

Groundbreaking services will be held at the Woodlawn Baptist Church on Davis Highway at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Woodlawn is an arm of our church, although we do not include the statistical reports of that work in our "Builder." We are invited to attend this service and to rejoice with our friends in their progress.

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ABOUT RELIGION

President Eisenhower recently recalled "the most agonizing decision of my life"—to postpone the Normandy invasion by 24 hours, then added:

"If there were nothing else in my life to prove the existence of an almighty and merciful God, the events of the next 24 hours did it. This is what I found out about religion: It gives you the courage to make the decisions you must make in a crisis, and then the confidence to leave the result to higher power. Only by trust in oneself and trust in God can a man carrying responsibility find repose."

THE SURVEY BULLETIN

By J. P. EDMUNDS

The ninety-sixth session of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Houston, registered 12,981 messengers, for an all-time record.

Officers elected were: James Wilson Storer, pastor of First Church, Tulsa, president; E. H. Westmoreland, pastor South Main Church, Houston, first vice-president; R. C. Campbell, Shelby, North Carolina, second vice-president; George B. Fraser, attorney, Washington, D. C., and Joe W. Burton, Nashville, secretaries; Porter Routh, Nashville, treasurer.

The 1954 Convention will be held in St. Louis, June 2-6.

The 1955 Convention will be held at Washington, D. C., June 1-5.

Other important dates and events voted upon included: 1953 Transfer Membership Week, September 13-20, 1953; Evangelistic Crusade of all Southern Baptist churches and mission stations, March 26-April 24, 1955.

The Executive Committee reported total receipts during the year amounted to \$13,923,025.73, and Cooperative Program receipts, \$9,076,047.82. It recommended that \$8,750,000 of Cooperative funds in 1954 be distributed among its 19 agencies and institutions, and that Cooperative Program funds above that amount be distributed to the Advance Program, with the Home Mission Board receiving 25 per cent and the Foreign Mission Board 75 per cent.

The Foreign Mission Board reported work in 32 countries where 879 missionaries are serving. The missionaries reported 18,154 baptisms. Eighty-four new missionaries were appointed in 1952. Total income was reported as \$7,785,699.42, of which approximately 94 per cent was used for support of missionaries and work conducted abroad.

The Home Mission Board reported 1,274 workers, including 362 student workers; 30,565 conversions; 600 new missions open-

RIDGECREST AND WEST FLORIDA RESERVATIONS

Miss Hubbard, our Youth Director, is now receiving reservations for:

1. RIDGECREST—June 25 - July 1. We have room for 32 people. The Sunday on these reservations. After them—first come basis. \$2.00 Reservation Fee.
2. WEST FLORIDA—July 20 - 28. For Intermediates, Seniors and Young People. \$3.00 Reservation Fee.

GET YOUR RESERVATION IN NOW.

THAT YOU WILL BE ASKED TO ER MORNING SERVICE SUNDAY

CONGRATULATIONS! HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Betty Louise Adkison, Kenneth U. Andrews, Ken Ashmore Brock, J. Glynn Brown, Dorothy Jean Cunningham, Charlotte Ann Daw, R. E. Eickler, Jr., Joe Lauren Gillespie, Richard Hardin, James Lester Hawkins, Barbara Jean Hockenjos, Betty Holmes, Vernon Noel Hopkins, John L. Ingram, Freddie Franklin Kelly, Sidney G. Kennedy, Katherine Anne Kreitlein, Nancy Ann Larson, Billy Joe Little, Carlton Sylvester Medlock, Suzanne Page, Patricia Sutton, Nina June Thompson, Alta Regina Whiting, Shirley Williams, Nancy Catherine Worley.

You are cordially invited to participate in all the activities of "High School Graduates' Day" this coming Sunday. The activities are listed on the front side of "The Builder." We will be looking forward to seeing you Sunday.

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REMEMBER MISSIONS LIBRARY

Most of us will be taking vacations this summer. Some will go abroad and will be able to observe some of our Foreign Mission activity. Others will be visiting Home Mission fields here in the States. Mrs. Stoesen requests that we remember the Missions Library and bring back any interesting mission item that could be added to our Library.

ed; 265 new churches constituted; and 425 chaplains. The chaplains reported 11,284 professions of faith.

The Sunday School Board reported an expenditure of \$624,756.74 (from its income) in denominational appropriations through cooperative work with the state mission boards, and in donations of Bibles, literature, and tracts. Total circulation of periodicals in 1952 was 50,027,842, an increase of more than four million over 1951.

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ing People. We can send all who wish to go.

The Following Recommendations Come From the Building Commit- tee Through the Board of Deacons

1. That Mr. Charles H. McCauley, Birmingham, Alabama, be engaged as our Architect.
2. That the church officially authorize the Building Finance Committee to proceed in deciding upon a sound financial program to be recommended for adoption by the church.
3. That Mr. Dixie Beggs and Mr. Earl Gaston be named as co-chairmen of the Building Committee.
4. That the following compose an advisory committee of the Building Committee: Pastor, Chairman of the Board of Deacons, General Chairman of the Building Committee, Co-Chairman of the Building Committee, Secretary of the Building Committee, and the chairmen of all committees appointed within the Large Building Committee.

Adoption of these recommendations will be considered a confirmation of the congregation's desire to build, its recognition of the personal sacrifice which must be made, and its willingness to do that which will make for inevitable victory.

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

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| Sunday School Attendance..... | 1145 |
| Members in Attendance..... | 1036 |
| New Members | 12 |
| Visitors | 97 |
| Attendance a year ago..... | 1035 |
| Training Union Attendance..... | 314 |
| Members in Attendance..... | 267 |
| New Members | 7 |
| Visitors | 40 |
| Attendance a year ago..... | 257 |
| Tithes and Offerings: | |
| Budget | \$2,614.29 |
| Specials | 180.60 |
| Total Offering | \$2,794.89 |
| Additions to the church: | |
| By Letter | 4 |



By Letter:

- 175 Douglas P. Jones, 3721 Theresa St.
- 176 Mrs. Douglas P. Jones, 3721 Theresa.
- 177 Miss Clara Crutcher, 510 N. Spring.
- 178 Douglas R. Jones, 16 N. Spring.

BOY SCOUTS COURT OF HONOR FIRST CHURCH

MONDAY EVENING, MAY 25
7 O'CLOCK

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Warren, 1818 E. Gadsden St., upon the birth of a son, May 16; Comdr. and Mrs. J. R. Thomson, (Babette Page), 2014 Escambia Ave., upon the birth of a daughter, May 16; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Boutwell, 7 Horn St., upon the birth of a son, May 12; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Buchanan, 601 12th St., EPH, upon the birth of a daughter, May 16.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Baptist Hospital: D. W. Dunning, Sr.; Mrs. L. M. Bradley; Mrs. W. A. Mosley; Mrs. Cecil Ross. At Home: Mrs. R. L. Kendrick, Mrs. Roy Evans.

ONLY A SMILE

A smile costs nothing but creates much; It happens in a flash and the memory sometimes lasts forever.

It cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen.

But it is something that is no earthly good to anyone until it is given away.

THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, MAY 24—

- 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.
- 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. Pastor
- 8:45 p.m.—Youth Fellowship.

MONDAY, MAY 25—

- 7:30 p.m.—Scout Troop No. 10.

TUESDAY, MAY 26—

- 9:30 a.m.—T. E. L. Class meets for Visitation. Covered dish luncheon at the home of Mrs. H. J. Goss, 202 Donald Drive, Warrington.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27—

- 8:30 p.m.—Vesper Choir Rehearsal.
- 4:30 p.m.—Junior R. A., Junior and Intermediate G.A.'s and Sunbeams meet at the church.
- 6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Workers' Supper.
- 7:45 p.m.—Prayer and Praise Service.

THURSDAY, MAY 28—

- 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.—

CHURCH-WIDE VISITATION.

- 3:00 p.m.—Convention Bible Class will meet with Mrs. L. L. Hanks, 530 S. First St., Warrington.
- 7:00 p.m.—Chancel Choir Rehearsal.

Do Not Let Yourself

- WORRY when you are doing your best,
- HURRY when success depends upon accuracy,
- THINK evil of a friend until you have the facts,
- BELIEVE a thing is impossible without trying it,
- WASTE time on peevish and peevish matters,
- IMAGINE that good intentions are a satisfying excuse,
- HARBOR bitterness in your soul toward God or man.—Copied.

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