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A Pastor's Ideal For His Church

Several years ago your pastor came to feel that he should give expression to some of the long-term goals toward which he and the church he served should move by divine guidance and strength. These are presented now for your personal consideration and commitment rather than for formal adoption by the church. Would you suggest some changes or additions?

1. Each member a Christian — "born again."
2. Family worship in every home.
3. Each member "a witness."
4. Constant professions of faith at regular services.
5. The members participating in a vital worship experience at the church house on Sunday.
6. A wholesome program of recreational guidance.
7. A stimulating mid-week worship service.
8. Each member a good steward of possessions.
9. Gifts to missions at least equal to local gifts.
10. The **Florida Baptist Witness** reaching each home.
11. Every woman an active member of the Missionary Society.
12. An effort to teach the Bible to every prospect in the community.
13. The church training program contributing to the growth of every church member.
14. The church library growing in size and circulation.
15. A week-day church kindergarten.
16. The establishment of needed missions.
17. The members loving and praying for one another.

THE LORD'S SUPPER
Sunday Night, January 10
7:30 O'CLOCK

A LOYAL CHURCH MEMBER CANNOT IGNORE THE TRAINING UNION

The Training Union is a church ministry for all the church members, just as are the worship services, prayer services and Sunday School. A loyal church member cannot ignore any all-church ministry.

The training function is not optional for the church or the church members. The Bible commands it.

The nature of the Christian life requires growth to reach maturity.

All the members of a Baptist Church should be workers and some should be leaders. The Training Union trains all to work, to share, to give, and discovers and develops those who can lead.

The Training Union gives doctrinal instruction.

The Training Union develops faithful givers.

The Training Union develops Bible reading and praying members.

The Training Union trains soul-winners.

The Training Union is a school in Christian living, where we learn by doing and live richly through doing.

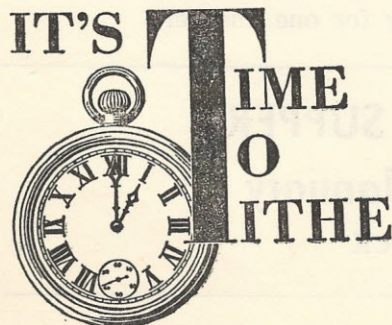
Church members who take part in Training Union like it and so will you.

* * * —J. E. Lambdin

TOO BUSY

He hadn't time to greet the day,
He hadn't time to laugh or play.
No time to wait a while,
No time to smile.
Yes, not time to read the news,
No time to dream or muse;
No time to train his mind,
And certainly no time to be a little kind;
He hadn't time to send a gift,
He hadn't time to practice thrift;
He had no time for exercise
He had no time to scan the skies;
He hadn't time to heed a cry;
He had no time to go abroad,
He had not time to serve his God;
He hadn't time to lend or give,
He hadn't time to really live;
Certainly he hadn't time to read this verse,
He hadn't time—he's in a hurry!

* * * —Author Unknown



Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

Thank You!—The welcome which you have given your new pastor has been all but overwhelming. Already we feel that we "belong" at Pensacola, First. Please consider this a personal word of our appreciation for your kindness and hospitality.

This Column each week will be a place where we can talk with you about the things that are in our heart. Sometimes it will serve as a sounding board. A suggestion will be made in passing, just to find out your reaction. Again, it will serve as a place where we can tell you of our reaction to various events, plans, and programs.

Building—You are going to hear a lot from us about our new building. It is good to see the two dwellings next the church being torn down and know that they will be replaced by a worshipful sanctuary. I do not consider the erection of a new building our main task, but I know that we cannot meet our opportunity adequately until the new building is a reality. More than \$9,300.00 was contributed toward the Building Fund on last Sunday. Let's keep those gifts coming in regularly.

Pastoral Ministry—Your cooperation in helping the pastor to render his best service will be appreciated. In case of serious illness, a death in the family, a birth in the family, or other unusual experience, please have someone to notify the Church Office. Your Pastor will be available by appointment for counselling with you concerning your life and its problems. In any emergency, feel free to call upon me. Together we will seek the Lord's help in everyday living.

Lottie Moon—\$147.36 is needed to bring our Lottie Moon Offering up to the \$1,800 goal. You may still make your contribution for this purpose.

Congratulations to the Sutton family. After two years away from home, Jimmie expects to arrive in New York from Germany about January 12.

Phone—There has been some unavoidable delay in connecting the phone at the Pastor's Study. It will probably be several days yet, before you can reach me at home by phone.

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"Any thing that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult is wrong for me, and I must, as a Christian, turn away from it."—J. Wilbur Chapman.

Sermon Topics

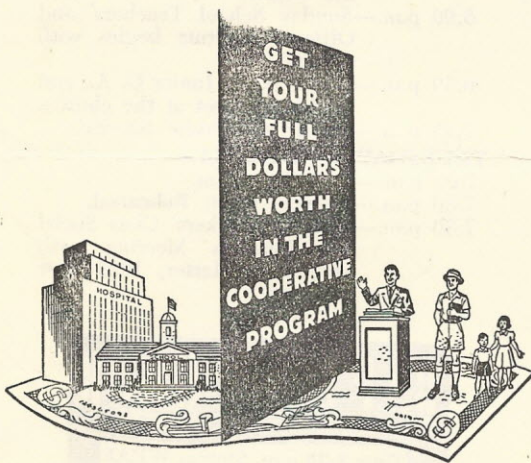
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
"A DESIRED ALLERGY"

7:30 p.m.
"THE VOICE OF A CUP"
Ordinances of Baptism and
Lord's Supper

GIFTS

Dr. Merrill D. Moore says: A bridge across the Mississippi River is considerably larger than the bridge across the creek near my boyhood home. It has to be because it carries four lanes of traffic instead of one . . . for several miles instead of a few feet. "So it is with our church budget. It must be larger and stronger, for there are four lanes of traffic . . . all the local needs of our church . . . State Missions . . . Home Missions . . . and World Mission needs . . . it must reach around the world. It has to be strong. And I will help to make it so."

—Copied



WHAT DOES GOD SAY?

"On the first day of the week let each one of you lay by in store as the Lord hath prospered him."

"The silver is mine and the gold is mine, saith Jehovah of Hosts."

"Remember the words of our Lord Jesus, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son."

"You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that he was rich and for your sake became poor that you, through His poverty, might become rich."

"Freely you have received, freely give."

"For the Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

"And Jesus sat down against the treasury and beheld how the people cast their money into the treasury."—Copied.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Davis on the birth of their daughter December 24. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cutts on the birth of their daughter December 24. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stevens on the birth of their daughter December 30. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Danforth on the birth of their son December 30.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Baptist Hospital—Mrs. Glennis J. Russell, Mrs. Vora Wilkinson, Mrs. R. D. Bonham, Mrs. Lucille Campbell, Mrs. Ethel Curbow. At Home—T. M. Carroll, 903 N. 14th; Mrs. J. C. Allen, 410 E. Strong; Mrs. A. M. Crutchfield, 114 W. Wright; Mr. E. C. Rogers, 200 S. E. Kalash Rd.; James Cork, Jr., 3808 N. 10th Ave.

SYMPATHY TO: Mr. Raymond Olds, Jr. in the loss of his father.

WEDDING BELLS TO: Miss Faye Morris and Charles Raymond Palin who were married on January 2.



W.M.U.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the W.M.S. will be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Circle No. 3, Mrs. H. R. Denham leading, is in charge of the program, to be followed by the regular business session. Mrs. S. G. Kennedy, Jr., will lead the Bible Study until 12:15, at which time the W. M. S. Luncheon will be served.

RECIPE FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Take time to work—it is the price of success.

Take time to think—it is the source of power.

Take time to play—it is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to read—it is the foundation of wisdom.

Take time to worship—it is the highway to reverence.

Take time to be friendly—it is the road to happiness.

Take time to dream—it is hitching our wagon to a star.

Take time to love and be loved—it is the privilege of the gods.

"We are not always what we think we are—but what we think, we are."

"He had not learned the lesson of life who does not every day surmount a fear."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

I pointed a finger of bitter scorn
At an erring friend, alone, forlorn;
So quick to judge, I had not seen
That my own hands were far from clean.
—Copied

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1059
Members in Attendance.....	956
New Members	10
Visitors	83
Attendance one year ago.....	1025
Training Union Attendance.....	300
Members in Attendance.....	263
New Members	7
Visitors	24
Attendance one year ago.....	292
Additions to the church.....	11
(Baptism, 1; Letter, 10)	
Tithes and Offerings:	
December 31	
Budget	\$1,657.83
Specials	323.70
Building Pledges	8,732.20

January 3, 1954:

Budget	\$1,983.09
Specials	26.50
Building Pledges	620.15

TOTAL OFFERING\$13,344.52
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BY LETTER:

- 32 Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., 1400 N. Spring.
- 33 Mrs. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., 1400 N. Spring.
- 34 Frank Lane Brooks, 1400 N. Spring.
- 35 Nathan C. Brooks, III, 1400 N. Spring.
- 36 Mrs. Lillian Gareau, 607 N. Barcelona.
- 37 Henry L. Ashmore, 2960 Magnolia Av.
- 38 Mrs. Henry L. Ashmore, 2960 Magnolia Avenue.
- 39 Percy O. Davis, Jr., 1807 E. Cross St.
- 40 Mrs. Percy O. Davis, Jr., 1807 E. Cross.
- 41 Mrs. Lola Helm, 20 W. Lee St.

FOR BAPTISM:

- 7 Edgar E. Olson, 815 W. Moreno St.

"Gratitude is not only the memory but the homage of the heart—rendered to God for His goodness."—N. P. Willis.

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THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 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

3:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WEAR

6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.

Miss Lettie Baxter, Director

7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12—

10:00 a.m.—Regular Meeting of W. M. S.

12:15 p.m.—W. M. S. Luncheon.

7:30 p.m.—B. W. C. No. 10 meets with Miss Ethel Harrison, 851 North 10th Ave.

7:30 p.m.—B. W. C. No. 11 meets with Miss Verla Cates, 505 N. Baylen St.

7:30 p.m.—B. W. C. No. 12 meets with Mrs. C. C. McCurley, 1405 E. Brainerd.

7:30 p.m.—Deacons' Meeting.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13—

5:00 p.m.—Intermediate G. A. meets at the church.

6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Teachers' and Officers' meeting begins with supper.

6:30 p.m.—Junior R. A., Junior G. A., and Sunbeams meet at the church.

7:45 p.m.—Prayer and Praise Service.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14—

7:00 p.m.—Y. P. Visitation.

7:30 p.m.—Chancel Choir Rehearsal.

7:30 p.m.—Faithful Workers' Class Social and Business Meeting with Mrs. Scott Harter, 1629 East Lakeview.



DR. RAMSEY POLLARD, Speaker

for January, February, March

Pastor, Broadway Baptist, Knoxville

Jan. 10—"What Makes One a Christian?"

Jan. 17—"Going Home With Jesus."

Jan. 24—"The Unpardonable Sin."

SERVICEMAN OF THE WEEK

Major and Mrs. J. Lee Booker

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