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MISSIONARY SERMON SUNDAY

"Just Average"

(7:30 — "THE VILLAINS OF JESUS")

All
the
Ladies
In
Church
Sunday



Missionary
Emphasis
Wednesday
Night
7:45

JANUARY 17 - 22

RECEPTION FOR PASTOR

(Sponsored by W.M. S.)

Friday, 7:00 P.M., Lower Auditorium

Everyone Invited



Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

Missions—I believe that any church that is faithful to its opportunities is going to strive constantly to increase its missionary efforts at home and abroad. Sometimes there are those who try to place local work over against work away from home. Jesus made no such distinctions. He called the disciples to witnessing in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Our task at Pensacola, First, is one that involves erecting a building. It also includes starting and developing needed mission projects in the Pensacola area. Yet, we must not forget that our support of missionary causes to the end of the earth through the Cooperative Program must grow, too. There is no question of doing one or the other. We must do all if we please Christ.

I am already convinced that our church can do anything that it really wants to do enough to sacrificially attempt. This is not idle boasting. It is based upon faith in the reality of the experience that Paul talked about when he said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

The Record—When our Treasurer finished his 1953 report, he was able to tell us that we had made the following record:

Total Budget Receipts.....	\$134,900.15
Non-Budget Receipts	48,590.31

GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	\$183,490.46
MISSION DISBURSEMENTS..	\$ 36,832.75
FUND BALANCES, Dec. 31, 1953:	

General	\$ 2,235.48
Mission Expansion	8,970.66
Student Loan	747.01
Building	202,541.27

GRAND TOTAL BALANCES..	\$214,494.42
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Death—A message came on Tuesday morning that Mrs. Tom Durham, wife of one of the deacons at Emmanuel Church, Alexandria, La., had passed away during the night. Naturally, since the church there is without a pastor now, Brother Tom wanted me to return for the funeral service. I felt, at once, that all of you would expect me to go back to Alexandria for the service, under the circumstances.

As this is being written, I plan to leave here at 9:05 Wednesday morning by plane. I will get to Alexandria in time for the funeral service at 2 p.m. Then I will return home Wednesday night.

Prayer Service—The Alexandria trip means missing the first regular prayer serv-

ATTEND MID-WEEK PRAYER SERVICE REGULARLY

1. It IS a long step from Sunday to Sunday.
2. One does not eat just once a day—You can spiritually starve on just one service a week.
3. At Prayer Meeting we join hands and hearts in prayer and everyone has an opportunity to pray.
4. It is "The Sweetest Hour of the Week."
5. It is "The Hour of Power." Those who attend have more spiritual power than those who do not.
6. Christians can share their burdens of prayer.
7. Here believers pray as a church, which according to Acts 12:5 brings down the fire of heaven.
8. A Revival of Soul Winning is neer apart from prayer.
9. You don't pray enough as it is.
10. Worldliness and indifference engulf the home and hearts of those who have no time for prayer.
11. God answers prayer, and there is plenty we ought to be praying for. "Ye have not because ye ask not . . ." says the Apostle James.
12. The great need of a nation is a church AT PRAYER.
13. Your own life will be richer and sweeter when the mid-week service becomes your own.
14. YES, THE STEP BETWEEN SUNDAYS IS TOO LONG . . . Bridge the gap by Prayer Meeting.

**HOWARD COLLEGE
A CAPELLA CHOIR
WILL SING HERE
WEDNESDAY NIGHT,
JANUARY 27**

Lottie Moon Offering—\$1,704.00

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. Randall Cawthon in the loss of her father.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Baptist Hospital—Mr. Haywood Arnold, Mrs. V. R. Byrd, Mr. S. G. Kennedy, Sr.; Sacred Heart—Mrs. W. A. Mosley; Hotel Dieu in New Orleans—Mrs. M. Holt; At Home—Mrs. R. D. Bonham, 517 N. W. Florida Blvd.



Newcomers

CRADLE ROLL DEPARTMENT

Charles Gibson Danforth
Neal Edwin Eller, Jr.
Jan Elaine Cutts
Cynthia Ann Stevens
Diane Alyce Davis
John Franklin Rogers, Jr.
Daniel Watts Berry

BROTHERHOOD

— MEETS —

TUESDAY, 7:00

THE PASTOR
WILL SPEAK

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MEN

This Is Your
Opportunity

BE PRESENT ON
TUESDAY NIGHT AT 7:00



*Don't let
your giving
get*

OUT OF BALANCE

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A person who goes to church regularly has:
A better chance of being at home with himself and the universe.

A better chance of getting along with other people.

A better chance of fellowship with God now and eternally.

A better chance of properly using his time, talents and money.

A better chance of making his life count for good and right.

A better chance of successfully dealing with evil, crushing sorrow, and unhappiness.

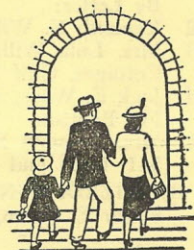
A better chance of keeping mentally healthy.

A better chance of receiving mercy and forgiveness.

A better chance of becoming thoroughly honest, sincere and humble.

A better chance of helping his neighbor.

A better chance for a well-rounded, full life . . . physically, mentally and spiritually.



MAKE A NEW START—SUNDAY
ATTEND EVERY SERVICE

HE ASKED ME FOR THE GIFT

By Kathryn L. Hollingsworth

He asked me for the gift within my hand,
But I was slow in letting go.

Somehow I thought in making this demand
God did not understand or know

That I but sought to serve Him in my way.
And so, I held more firmly still

Until God loosed my fingers and I found
The joy of living in His will.

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1092
Members in Attendance.....	1000
New Members	16
Visitors	76
Attendance one year ago.....	1028
Training Union Attendance.....	268
Members in Attendance.....	253
New Members	1
Visitors	14
Attendance one year ago.....	308
Additions to church membership.....	4
(Letter, 3; Baptism, 1)	
Baptized	1
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$2,347.59
Specials	172.69
Building Fund Designated.....	739.30
TOTAL OFFERING	\$3,259.53



By Letter:

- 42 Kenneth E. Williams, P. O. Box 541.
 - 43 Mrs. Lula Williams, Surf and Sand Cottages, Gulf Breeze.
 - 44 Jack E. Ware, 1375 W. Garden St.
- For Baptism:
- 8 Mrs. Kenneth E. Williams, P. O. Box 541. (Surf and Sand Cottages).

BAPTIZED, SUNDAY, JANUARY 10
Edgar E. Olsen, 815 W. Moreno St.

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**THE RECEPTION
FOR
OUR PASTOR
AND FAMILY
FRIDAY, 7:00**

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SERVICEMAN OF THE WEEK

Lt. and Mrs. Harry W. Colonna
VR 24 Navy 214 FPO
New York, N. Y.

THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17—

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.

5:00 p.m.—Training Union Executive Committee.

6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
Miss Lettie Baxter, Director.

7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.

8:45 p.m.—Youth Fellowship.

JANUARY 17-22—W. M. S. FOCUS WEEK MONDAY, JANUARY 18—

6:00 p.m.—Y. W. A. Supper at church.

7:30 p.m.—Ass'n S. S. meeting, Brownsville Baptist Church.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19—

9:30 a.m.—Willing Workers Class meets at the church for visitation.

10:00 a.m.—Faithful Workers Class Officers and Group Captains meeting with Mrs. W. G. Foxworth, 916 W. Gregory.

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20—

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 21—

7:30 p.m.—Chancel Choir Rehearsal.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22—

7:00 p.m.—Pastor's Reception in Lower Auditorium.

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IN MEMORIAM

MRS. J. F. COBB
Joined First Baptist Church
June 27, 1948.

Died January 7, 1954
The church extends its sympathy to
the family