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LONG DISTANCE MEMBERSHIP

There are in every church and Sunday School people who are miles away from their own church. Some of them have been away for years and have not united with the church they attend and enjoy. The reasons for clinging to the old church usually are:

First, father and mother belong there. Exactly so; father and mother belong there because they live there. Why not be as sensible as father and mother were and belong to the church in your neighborhood? If you want to honor them, do as they did.

Second, the old church needs me. Perhaps it does, but it doesn't get you. In spite of all your spasmodic efforts to get back to the old church for communions, and perhaps, a few times between, you are not giving the old church an honest support. Pulling a church is like pulling a wagon, the further away you get from the load the less you pull. Some are so far away from the pole that their traces have not been up off the ground for years. They are eating grass while the others are pulling.

Third, we have a burial lot there. God bless you for thinking of the burial place of the dead. Earth has no more sacred spots, but they will be still more secure to you if you enter wholeheartedly into the work of the church of Jesus Christ where you live.

Fourth, it costs too much in town. It will not cost you a cent more than you are willing to give. If some churches of equal means give more per capita than others it is because they love more. Enter the church of your neighborhood and give what you can.

Fifth, I am not ready. How long did you wait to connect with a grocery store, a new butcher, a new baker, a new bank, a new doctor, a new school, a new gasoline station, a new shoe store when you moved to town? You found those at once. Your spiritual interests are just as important. Do not neglect them.—Selected.

OUR BUILDING FUND TO DATE

\$205,141.74

HELP IT GROW



- 1 God's Work
- 2 Food
- 3 Rent
- 4 Clothing
- 5 Automobile
- 6 Medical
- 7 Recreation

GIVE AS GOD HAS PROSPERED YOU

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

Feezor Coming—Dr. Forrest Feezor, Executive Secretary of Texas Baptists, is coming to be with us for revival services April 11-18. Dr. Feezor has served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Waco; Broadway, Fort Worth; Tabernacle, Raleigh, N. C., and First Baptist, Liberty, Missouri. He was a Baptist Hour speaker for three months about three years ago.

Activities—The Activities Committee has prepared a Church Calendar of Activities for 1954, including all major dates in the program of our church. Printed copies will be available to our leadership shortly. Dates and events in the official calendar will be given priority in the event of conflicts with activities that may be planned later. Thanks to Haywood Arnold and his committee for their work!

Reservations—In planning for meetings and the use of church facilities, be sure to check with the Church Office. In this way, conflicts and misunderstandings will be avoided.

Pictures, Please—I like the featuring of one of our church leaders in **The Builder** each week. It helps me to know our people better, and I believe that it helps you. I want to ask all Sunday School, Training Union, W. M. U., and Brotherhood leaders to cooperate by furnishing Miss Worley with a picture.

Don't be bashful! This will help our church as it enables us to know one another better.

'Phone—At last I have a telephone in my Study. I can be reached there over 3-1502, or at the Church Office over 3-2712.

Banquet—The Training Union will be sponsoring a Bible Readers' Banquet during the summer for all of those who have kept up their daily readings for six months. That will be an occasion worth being in on.

Radio—During February, our 11 a.m. services will be broadcast over Station WCOA. Tell all of your sick and shut-in friends about this.

Thank You!—I have never learned of an adequate way to say "Thank You", except by trying to live for the Lord with His help. I was completely surprised and delighted last week at the Teachers' meeting when Mr. Almon presented me with the Scheaffer desk pen set and leather desk pad. He said it was a token of appreciation for teaching "Studies in Psalms." I had already gotten the blessing that a teacher gets from

WANT TO HELP YOUR CHURCH

Suppose we visited every home and asked the question, "Do you want to really help your church and save many hours of extra work?" We feel sure that every person would answer immediately, "I surely do . . . tell me how!"

Here are ways you can help:

1. PLEASE DESTROY ALL YOUR OLD CHURCH ENVELOPES. You have been assigned a new number for this year and your old envelopes are out of date. Please throw them away.

2. PLEASE USE ONLY YOUR OWN ENVELOPES. Each member of our church is assigned a number and contributions are posted by both name and number to insure accuracy. It is confusing when you use someone else's envelope and requires extra time in posting. If you sometimes forget your envelope and have to use an odd one at the church, please cross out the old number and write in your own number.

3. PLEASE PUT YOUR ENVELOPE NUMBER ON YOUR BUILDING FUND ENVELOPE. Any special offering envelopes you use do not have your number on them, of course, and it is helpful if you will write it on.

4. WRITE BOTH NAME AND AMOUNT ON THE ENVELOPE. This saves time and is a double check in posting the correct amount to your contribution record.

5. PLEASE USE ONLY ONE ENVELOPE FOR ONE SUNDAY. When catching up for Sundays missed, it is not necessary to use a separate envelope for each of those Sundays. Simply put the total amount in the current envelope and destroy the others. Your total gifts will show up correctly in the quarterly totals.

6. PLEASE PUT YOUR ADDRESS ON THE ENVELOPE. If you will do this for a few weeks it will help the office to check addresses. When you move, be sure to put your new address on your envelope.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1—

3:00 p.m.—Circle No. 8 meets with Mrs. George Yarbrough, Jr., 1806 N. Barcelona.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2—

10:00 a.m.—Circle No. 1 with Mrs. J. E. D. Yonge, 122 W. Lloyd.
 10:00 a.m.—Circle No. 2, with Mrs. Sam Jordan, 1217 E. Mallory.
 10:00 a.m.—Circle No. 3, with Mrs. Joe Ladner, 219 Marine Drive, Warrington.
 10:00 a.m.—Circle No. 4, with Mrs. J. F. Busey, 1001 E. Strong.
 10:00 a.m.—Circle No. 5, with Mrs. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., 1400 N. Spring.
 10:00 a.m.—Circle No. 6, with Mrs. J. E. Rucks, 2338 Escambia.
 10:00 a.m.—Circle No. 7, with Mrs. William McCaskill, 1816 E. Jordan.
 3:00 p.m.—Circle No. 9, with Mrs. Grady Wilson, 420 Second Street, Warrington.
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LIQUOR ADVERTISING

"In the theatre,
 On the radio,
 On the signboard,
 In the papers and magazines,
 I say what I'm paid to say.

"But in the laboratory,
 In the wrecked automobile,
 In the city jail,
 In the roadhouse,
 In the veins of the drunk,
 I tell the truth."
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"The driver is safer when the roads are dry; the roads are safer when the driver is dry."—Pure Oil News.
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"A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step."—Lao Tsu.

such an effort, but I really appreciate this "over and above" gift. Thanks!

Visitors—Our guests Sunday came from Louisiana, Illinois, Virginia, Ohio, Tennessee, Iowa, North Carolina, Massachusetts, Alabama, Texas, Georgia, and Canada. We were especially happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Benton M. Worley of Madisonville, Tennessee, the parents of our Educational Secretary.

"KNOW OUR WORKERS"



THOMAS H. (RED) MILLER

Mr. Thomas H. (Red) Miller, 1718 E. Lee Street, joined this church by baptism when Dr. Leo Green was pastor. He has been a member of the Sunday School here for about 20 years, and was in the Master Workmen's Class until three years ago when he became Department Superintendent for Adult 2 Sunday School. He served for a while as a teacher in the Young People's Department. He is a member of the Brotherhood.

Mr. Miller was born in Guntersville, Alabama on December 30, 1908. He was married to the former Pearlie Mae Holley of Flora, Alabama, on May 2, 1930. They have one daughter Gwen (Mrs. Jack Rogers) a member of this church. And . . . "Red" is a grandad.

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THE SURVEY BULLETIN

By J. P. EDMUNDS

Duke K. McCall, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and president of the National Temperance League, has been credited for playing a major role in the announcement by the Defense Department that package liquor stores would close on all military installations beginning April 1. As a result of the announcement, practically every federal agency in Washington ruled out alcoholic beverages for the first time in many years at the traditional holiday office parties.

Southern Baptist Convention causes received \$15,359,142 during 1953 through the offices of the Executive Committee, a gain of 10.31 per cent over 1952. Cooperative Program receipts for Convention-wide causes accounted for \$9,683,360 of the amount. More than half of the total money, \$8,373,630, went to foreign missions, a gain of \$891,000.

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1029
Members in Attendance.....	952
New Members	12
Visitors	65
Attendance one year ago.....	1045
Training Union Attendance.....	287
Members in Attendance.....	257
New Members	2
Visitors	28
Attendance one year ago.....	329
Additions to the church.....	8
Baptized	2
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$2,898.11
Specials	193.07
Building Designated	663.15
TOTAL OFFERING	\$3,754.33



By Letter:

47 Mr. Dexter Leslie, Jr., 1505 W. Cypress For Baptism:
 9 Mrs. Dexter Leslie, Jr., 1505 W. Cypress.
 10 Mrs. L. J. Stewart, 518 Frisco Road, Warrington.

TWO BAPTIZED SUNDAY

Mrs. L. J. Stewart and Mrs. Dexter Leslie, Jr.

“Character is not made in a crisis—only exhibited.”—Copied.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Baptist Hospital—
 Mrs. Lola Helms, C. C. McCurley.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Don Newbauer, 229 North Spring, on the birth of their son January 21; Mr. and Mrs. George Russell on the birth of their daughter on January 27.

WEDDING BELLS: Mr. Woodrow Lester and Miss Vora Lee Bray were married on January 22.

PASTOR'S SERMONS

SUNDAY

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

“THE SIN OF THE OVER-CROWDED LIFE”

7:30 p.m.

“DON'T FOOL YOURSELF”

THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31—

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.

8:45 p.m.—Youth Fellowship.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1—

6:00 p.m.—Y. W. A. meeting.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2—

7:30 p.m.—Lydia Bible Class meets with Miss Montaree Barrineau, 921 North 19th.

7:30 p.m.—For Circle meetings, refer to that column.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3—

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, FEBRUARY 4—

6:30 p.m.—Faithful Workers Supper at the church followed by business and social meeting. Please make reservations with your group leader.

7:30 p.m.—Chancel Choir Rehearsal.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4—

2:30 p.m.—Willing Workers Class meets with Mrs. W. B. Trotter, 3900 W. Gadsden.

7:00 p.m.—Homemakers Class Sweetheart Banquet. Lower Auditorium.

SERVICEMAN OF THE WEEK

Lt. Col. James W. Keene, USMC

Hdqr. 5th Marines

1st Marine Division, FMF

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