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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

DON'T MISS IT!

**PREPARATION
DAY
FRIDAY,
JUNE 4**

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

- REGISTRATION
- FACTS ABOUT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- REFRESHMENTS
- MOVING PICTURES OF PREVIOUS
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Parents: Please help us by having your boys and girls here promptly at 8:30 Friday morning. Parents of pre-school children are invited to come with their children so that the workers can get to know the children.

MONDAY, JUNE 7—FRIDAY, JUNE 18

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

16 DEPARTMENTS ————— FACULTY OF 100

Graded Departments for Boys and Girls 3 - 16

The Nurseries will care for Children below 3

MANNER FOR ELECTING DEACONS

Our church has thirty Deacons who are elected for staggered terms of three years each so that the terms of ten members expire each year. Under our present procedure these ten, as well as any inactive Deacons who were ordained by our church, except those who ask to be omitted, are automatically placed in nomination for the ten vacancies. In addition, a nominating committee, after careful consideration, recommends several additional nominees from the active laymen who have not previously served as Deacons in our church.

At one time our policy was to make the Deacons whose three year terms were expiring ineligible for re-election as active Deacons for a period of one year. This policy was abandoned during World War II because of reduced "manpower." From time to time the Deacons and other members of the church have considered whether we should return to this former plan of compulsory retirement.

The Deacons have decided to seek the will of the church on this question without a recommendation from the Board as to either plan, but with a summary of some of the points that have been made in favor of each. Of course, the preference of a majority will control in this as in all other church matters.

POINTS IN FAVOR OF PRESENT PLAN

- (1) The church should not be deprived of the services of a Deacon merely because he has served three years.
- (2) New members, recommended by a nominating committee, and also inactive Deacons who were ordained by our

church, can be elected by the church membership in lieu of one or more Deacons whose terms are expiring. This itself brings about some rotation in the office.

- (3) Experience has shown that "new blood" is customarily added to the Deacons each year.
- (4) Usually one or more of the Deacons whose terms are expiring request that their names be omitted from the ballot, thereby voluntarily creating vacancies.

POINTS IN FAVOR OF COMPULSORY RETIREMENT PLAN

- (1) There is much greater likelihood of electing new members to the Deacons under this plan, especially younger men as well as other outstanding laymen who have joined our church in recent years.
- (2) This plan enables the church to retire "lukewarm" Deacons without shock and disappointment to them, to their families and to their friends.
- (3) A Deacon, during his compulsory one year "vacation" will have the opportunity to study the office from a new angle. If he is later returned to the Deacons, he brings a new vigor and a broader conception of his duty.
- (4) No man is indispensable, and a retiring Deacon, as a consecrated Christian Deacon, will serve his church regardless of whether he remains active, which will certainly result in his re-election later.

(The election will be held on Sunday, June 6).

PARKING

This Sunday, May 30, the Knights of Columbus will be having a meeting. They request that we not use their parking lot this Sunday. Let us cooperate with them in this request, as we have access to it most of the time. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LOT ON THIS SUNDAY.

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"Some people have minds like concrete—thoroughly mixed and permanently set."

SERMON TOPICS

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

"The Faith That Makes the Difference"

(Baptismal Service at 11:00 Worship)

7:30 p.m.

"Wrecks On the Sea of Matrimony"

OUR BUILDING FUND TO DATE

\$242,944.81

HELP IT GROW!

As I See It!

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

We Are Almost Ready for a good Vacation Bible School. Our faculty members are busy making plans. On next Monday, there is to be a General Faculty Meeting at 9:00 a.m. to be followed by department meetings. We are hoping to have 100% attendance of the faculty.

Our Training Union could have 340 in attendance next Sunday night, bringing our average for the month up to the average for last May. Your presence can make it possible.

Our Sunday School Attendance is lagging behind last year's average of 1096 for May. Persistent effort can bring our attendance up. Let's go over 1100 next Sunday!

Extension Department Day will be observed on Sunday, June 6th. We are anxious to strengthen this Department of our Sunday School and to enlarge its ministry. Pray with us as we seek to enlist new workers and reorganize this department and our Cradle Roll Department. These two departments can help us reach our share of "A Million More."

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MONDAY, MAY 31—

3:00 p.m.—No. 8 meets with Mrs. C. M. Fillingim, 901 E. Maxwell St.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1—

10:00 a.m.—No. 1, with Mrs. C. E. Dannelly, 1915 E. Avery St.

—No. 2, with Mrs. G. R. McDonald, 2860 Blackshear.

—No. 3, with Mrs. E. A. Allen, 100 W. Brainerd.

—No. 4, with Mrs. E. J. Buchanan, 1500 W. LaRue. Mrs. E. E. Lane, co-hostess.

—No. 5, with Mrs. Allen England, 1519 E. Lloyd. Mrs. N. L. Carl, co-hostess.

—No. 6, with Mrs. Shelby Sanders, Bayou Blvd., EPH.

—No. 7, with Mrs. H. R. Jones, 4532 Davis Highway.

3:00 p.m.—No. 9, with Mrs. H. O. Williams, 1607 E. 34th St.

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"He who never changes any of his opinions; never corrects any of his mistakes."

Citizen's League—Clarence Taylor, of our church, has done an excellent job leading the newly-organized Citizens' League. This group has come into being for the one purpose of seeking to prevent the sale of alcoholic beverages at our new city auditorium. This agency ought to be kept alive beyond the settling of this issue. Your support of its emphasis is needed and will pay spiritual dividends.

Mission Pastor—As this goes to the printer the Personnel Committee is planning to bring a recommendation that Mr. Charles Albert Ambrose be called as pastor of our New Warrington Road Mission. Mr. Ambrose is a native of Asheville, N. C., where he grew up in the First Baptist Church. He went to Mars Hill College one year and then to Wake Forest College for three years. He received his degree from the Southern Baptist Seminary last week.

It is our hope that Mr. Ambrose can begin his work June 15. His wife, who is a nurse, will not be able to move to Pensacola until July, since she has a nursing contract with a Louisville hospital that requires a notice.

As soon as possible we hope to present Mr. Ambrose to the entire church.

Associational Missionary—It has been announced that Dr. A. L. Cox, formerly of Illinois and now connected with the Southern Baptist Radio Commission, will become the missionary in the Pensacola Bay Association shortly. Your pastor has known Brother Cox for a number of years and considers his call to the work fortunate for the Association.

Graduates—Last Monday night our Training Union honored our high school graduates with a supper. The pastor presented each one with a copy of *I Dare You* as a gift from our church.

Picture—A recent issue of *The O. B. U. Bison* carried a picture of Bob Brooks presenting a religious journalism award to Jack Hamm, well-known religious cartoonist. Hamm's cartoons appear on the religious page of *The Pensacola News* every Saturday, and in hundreds of publications over the country.

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST
CONVENTION
MEETING IN
ST. LOUIS
JUNE 2 - 6**

SUNDAY SERVICES: Sunday School, 9:40
Morning Worship, 8:30 and 11:00

JUNE, 1954

SUNDAY SERVICES: Training Union, 6:10
Evening Worship, 7:30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00—Youth Council Meeting	2 5:00—Int. G.A. 5:30—Jr. R.A. 6:00—Supper 6:30—Jr. G.A. Sunbeams 7:45—Prayer Service	3 7:30—Choir Rehearsal	4 8:30-10:30 D.V.B.S. Preparation Day	5
6 Extension Day in Sunday School	7 7:30—S.S. Supts. JUNE 7 - 18	8 10:00—W.M.S. 7:30—Deacons DAILY	9 VACATION	10 7:30—Choir Rehearsal BIBLE	11 SCHOOL	12
13	14 7:30—Browns- ville T.U. Mass Meeting DAILY	15 7:00—Brother- hood VACATION	16 Church Picnic BIBLE	17 7:30—Choir Rehearsal SCHOOL	18 6:30—Handwork Exhibit 7:30—Commence- ment D.V.B.S. JUNE 7 - 18	19
20 5:00—T.U. Exec.	21 6:00—Y.W.A. Supper	22	23	24 7:30—Choir Rehearsal JUNE 24 - 30	25 Sunday School Week	26 At Ridgecrest
27 JUNE 24 - 30	28 6:00 T.U. Supper Planning Meeting Sunday School	29 7:00—Bible Readers Banquet Week At	30 Ridgecrest			

Congratulations To Our Graduates

LAWYER?
DOCTOR? // MERCHANT?



"The future lies with those whose eyes
Are wide to the necessities,
And wider still with fervent will,
To all the possibilities."

—John Oxenham

PENSACOLA HIGH SCHOOL

Janice J. Anderson
Francis Robert Andrews
Charles Robert Barnard
Ronald D. Blue
Nathan Cohn Brooks, III
Robert Edward Broxton
Sarah Frances Caro
Dorothy Joy Craig
John Dudley Davis
Mary Kay Denham
Betty Joyce Fendt
Betty Steele Fowler
William Grady Foxworth
David Lawrence Gatling
George Marshall Gentry
Robert Arnold Gober
Mollie Sue Graves
Guinevere Jane Dannelly
Ronald Graham Higgins
Joyce Elizabeth Huskin
Donald H. Johnson
Dorothy Ann Johnson

Samuel Lightfoot Jordan III
Ethel Delores McCord
Elizabeth Ann McCrory
Glenn Edwin McDonald
Ruth Nutt
Mary Susan Pohlmann
Robert Cooper Pyle
David Harold Robbins
Emory Wade Rogers
Linton Morris Shehee, Jr.
Lucille C. Wastler
Linton Norris Webster, Jr.
June Westelle Wells
Cecelia E. Yates
William Franklin Jackson

Fork Union Military Academy
Bill Powers

Castle Heights Military Academy
Jimmie Knight

Sewanee Prep School
Tommy Ellinor

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Pensacola Junior College
Betty Jo Walker

Oklahoma Baptist University
Robert M. Brooks, Jr.

S.E. State Teachers College, Hammond, La.
Malcolm Patterson

University of Florida
Rusley Meeker

Florida State University
William Chavers

Emory University School of Dentistry
John B. Coker

Mississippi College
Charles Deese, Jr.

The Citadel
Alexander R. Stoesen
John Paul Jones

Lincoln Chiropractic College,
(Indianapolis, Ind.)
Edwin Roberts

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1015
Members Present	932
New Members	7
Visitors	76
Attendance one year ago.....	1077
Training Union Attendance.....	258
Members Present	224
New Members	4
Visitors	30
Attendance one year ago.....	274
Additions to the church.....	4
(Letter—2; Baptism—2)	
Baptized	2
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$2,229.54
Specials	72.86
Building Pledges	463.20
Building Interest on Bond.....	515.75
TOTAL OFFERING	\$3,281.35



New Members

By Letter:

- 2144 109 B. Edison Lewis II, BQQ, NAS.
 2143 110 Miss Mary Kelly Brooks, 1400 North Spring St.
 For Baptism:
 *35 Miss Shirley Ann Pitman, Route 6, Box 20.
 —36 Mr. T. A. Pitman, Route 6, Box 20.

BAPTIZED TWO SUNDAY

Mr. T. A. Pitman and Miss Shirley Pitman.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK:

Baptist Hospital: Everett Eastman, Wayne Martin, Mrs. Lucius Stanley, J. H. Holley.
Sacred Heart Hospital—Mrs. James L. Drexler, Clarence Gentry.

WEDD'NG BELLS: Miss Lynder Anne Kersh and Allen L. Credeur who were married May 22. Miss Mollie Sue Graves and Aubrey Mills. Thomas A. Nichols and Charlotte C. Smith.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Balfour, 1019 E. Lloyd St., on the birth of their son, William Henry, Jr., May 17. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gorum, 1210 W. Magnolia, on the birth of their son, May 19.

SYMPATHY TO: Mr. B. I. Rowell in the loss of his father.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Amelia Mertins Lindsey

Joined this church October 7, 1901

Died May 24, 1954

The church extends its sympathy to the family.

THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, MAY 30—

- 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.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1—

- 7:30 p.m.—Lydia Bible Class meets at 919 E. Cross, Group 3 hostess.
 7:30 p.m.—Winsome Bible Class meets with Mrs. J. A. Riddle, 1619 E. Scott.
 7:30 p.m.—Deborah Class meets with Mrs. Cecil Jones, 1414 Dexter Ave.
 7:30 p.m.—Bykota Class meets with Mrs. M. B. Dawson, 1415 E. Malory.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE —

- 5:00 p.m.—Intermediate G.A. at church.
 5:30 p.m.—Junior R.A. Supper.
 6:00 p.m.—Junior R.A. Meeting.
 6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Teachers' and Officers' Meeting begins with supper.
 7:45 p.m.—Prayer Service.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3—

- 2:30 p.m.—Convention Bible Class will meet in the Convention Classroom at the church.
 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4—

- 8:30 a.m.—Preparation Day for Vacation Bible School.
 2:30 p.m.—Willing Workers Class meets with Mrs. J. E. D. Yonge, 122 W. Lloyd, for business and social meeting.

Serviceman Of The Week

ROBERT C. HAUFFE, MUS
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 WASHINGTON, D. C.

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