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Vacation Bible School Commencement

Our Vacation Bible School comes to a close with the Commencement Program on Friday Evening at 7:30 in the Church Auditorium.

The Notebooks and Handwork completed during the School will be on display in the Lower Auditorium between 6:30 and 7:25.

The Commencement Program will include the Worship Program in which the entire group will participate and a brief presentation of the work of each of the departments.

An offering will be taken to give parents and others an opportunity to share in the expenses of this Vacation Bible School.

Through Wednesday we have enrolled 424 and have had an average attendance of 361.

Parents and friends are cordially invited to be present on Friday Evening.

1954 Vacation Bible School Faculty

General Officers

Principal.....Clyde Bizzell
Pastor.....Nathan C. Brooks, Jr.
S. S. Supt.....Theron A. Guthrie
Asso. Principal.....Mrs. Joe B. Ladner
General Secretary.....Mrs. J. F. Busey
Librarian.....Mrs. S. L. Fulghum
Asso. Librarian.....Mrs. Robert Todd
Pianist.....Miss Barbara Arnold

Music Director.....Mrs. Maurice (Dolly) Davis
Assistant to Principal.....Mrs. G. T. Sutton
Asst. to Principal.....Miss Lorraine Worley
Visual Aids Chairman.....Mr. David Raley
Boys' Handwork: Mr. Elmer H. Peterson
Mr. A. J. Butler
Mr. G. C. Payne
Bob Andrews
Refreshments.....Mrs. G. F. Manning

OUR BUILDING FUND TO DATE

\$252,220.79

HELP IT GROW!

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

Deacons Emeritus—Following its action asking that our deacons retire for at least a year from active service at the end of each term, our church voted last week to name two of our men as Deacons Emeritus. Dr. W. H. Coker, Sr., and Mr. F. G. Almon were both elected to serve the church for life in this capacity. This means that these men will serve the church the rest of their days as deacons, attending all meetings as possible, participating in the discussions and voting their convictions, but will not be required to assume or retire from responsibility except by their own choice. Both of these men have served as active deacons of our church for more than 30 years.

Convention—Those of us who did not get to attend the Southern Baptist Convention have been impressed by several things:

1. Baptists can change their plans. Next year's Convention has been moved to Miami, Florida, May 18-21, and will not meet in Washington, D. C. in June. The 1956 meeting is scheduled for Kansas City, and the 1957 session for Chicago.

2. Baptists can afford positive leadership in facing practical problems. The vote of the Convention in commending the Supreme Court decision on segregation was overwhelming. Baptist people in the South are ready to take the lead in facing the practical problems involved. We believe that God's love extends to ALL men.

3. Baptists can make mistakes when not adequately informed. Some important matters came to the Convention without sufficient information and time being given to the people for their consideration. It is always a mistake for Baptist people to be "pushed" in making decisions. Wise actions can be taken only when people find and follow the leading of the Lord. Perhaps this is a part of the reason for President Storer remarking concerning the 1954 Convention, "Parts of it will not bring, in retrospect, much satisfaction, either mentally or spiritually."

Bulletins—Some of our people who have been away on vacation trips have mailed or brought the pastor church bulletins. I like for you to do this.

Prayer—The Emmanuel Baptist Church, Alexandria, La., from which Mr. Bizzell and I came to you, has called Dr. Sam Reeves, El Dorado, Ark., as its new minister. Dr. Reeves, a schoolmate of mine at Louisville, is to begin his work August first. I want to request that our people join in prayer for God's leadership and blessing upon this church and pastor as they move forward to

1954 Vacation Bible School Faculty

Nursery II

Mrs. Tom Nabors, Superintendent

Nursery III

Mrs. W. T. Osborn, Superintendent

Mrs. Zelma Gregory, Pianist

Mrs. David Raley

Mrs. W. F. Bratcher

Miss Mary Kelly Brooks

Beginner I (4-year-old)

Mrs. Lee Hardy, Superintendent

Mrs. Harry Merritt, Pianist

Mrs. E. E. Lawrence, Pianist, Secretary

Mrs. Vann Santoro

Mrs. Tom Jernigan

Mrs. Tom Lewis

Beginner II (4-year-old)

Mrs. Louis Berlin, Superintendent

Mrs. R. C. Eickler, Secretary

Mrs. Hubert Weed, Pianist

Mrs. C. W. Noblin

Mrs. Bernice Smith

Miss Ruth Bussey

Beginner III (5-year-old)

Mrs. Gerald Garrett, Superintendent

Mrs. Ferman Minshew, Asso. Supt.

Mrs. Herbert Gladden, Secretary

Mrs. Carmon Boone

Mrs. T. O. Bales

Mrs. Marvin Garrett, Jr.

Mrs. J. T. Smith

Miss Betty Graham

Beginner IV (5-year-old)

Mrs. Elliott Dobelstein, Supt.

Mrs. Olivia Crosby, Secretary

Mrs. L. M. Gatlin, Pianist

Mrs. Earl Gentry

Mrs. John P. Register

Mrs. Adelaide Teal

Miss Darlene Blackmon

Primary I (6-year-old)

Mrs. Espin E. Bullock, Superintendent

Miss Martha Ann Rowell, Secretary

Mrs. J. L. Hackett, Pianist

Mrs. Angus Andrews

Mrs. Ben McLeod

the glory of God.

Mr. Bizzell—I want to express publicly my appreciation to our Assistant to the Pastor for the fine way in which he has assumed his place of service and leadership in the life of our church. As for that matter I am grateful for the contribution of every member of our staff.

SERMON TOPICS

8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

**"The Most Disbelieved Verse
In the Bible"**

8:00 P.M.

"The Cry Of a Broken Heart"

Mrs. J. W. Spirakis

Mrs. S. O. Levy

Mrs. Lewis Steele

Mrs. Ralph Gonzalez

Primary II (7-year-old)

Mrs. S. A. Palmer, Superintendent

Mrs. Catherine Power, Superintendent

Mrs. George Yarbrough, Jr., Pianist

Mrs. Adolph Fields

Mrs. Harold W. Stevens

Miss Joyce Fendt

Mrs. R. F. Jernigan

Mrs. Sam Hall

Primary III (8-year-old)

Mrs. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., Superintendent

Mrs. Max Kohr, Secretary

Mrs. Judson Gillespie, Pianist

Mrs. Nixon Daniel, Jr.

Mrs. Theron Guthrie

Mrs. Thames Jernigan

Mrs. Irvin Roberts

Junior I (9-year-old)

Miss Georgia Ruth Lee, Superintendent

Mrs. O. M. Vineyard, Asso. Supt.

Mrs. W. B. Townley, Pianist

Miss Dot Johnson, Pianist

Mrs. Clarence Taylor

Mrs. E. H. Peterson

Mrs. C. M. Filligim

Junior II (10-year-old)

Mrs. W. E. Jackson, Superintendent

Mrs. Alma Branch, Asso. Supt.

Mrs. George Yarbrough, Asso. Supt.

Mrs. A. H. Arnold, Secretary

Mrs. W. E. Conway

Mrs. A. J. Butler

Mrs. L. D. Allen

Miss Olive Swearingen

Junior III (11-year-old)

Mrs. Clarence Dannelly, Superintendent

Mrs. Carlton Fendt, Secretary

Mrs. C. C. McCurley

Miss Gwen Dannelly

Mrs. Lois Leslie

Junior IV (12-year-old)

Mrs. W. H. Williams, Superintendent

Miss Joan Cunningham, Secretary

Mrs. F. G. Almon, Pianist

Mrs. Amos Garrett

Mrs. A. R. Kickliter

Mrs. Charles Marshall

Intermediate (13-14-year)

Mrs. Frank P. Bridges, Superintendent

Mrs. Sybil Belford, Secretary

Mrs. Mary Lenz

Mrs. W. L. Warren

Mrs. Charles Leaman

Rev. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr.

Senior (15-16-year)

Mrs. George Russell, Superintendent

Mrs. J. A. Watson, Secretary

Mrs. R. G. Brannen, Jr., Asso. Supt.

Mrs. M. B. Dawson

Miss Joye Austin

Mrs. J. Norwood Cobb

As I See It!

Sunday School—Our Sunday School attendance last Sunday surely didn't represent our best. Even during these summer months we ought never to fall below the 1000 mark. Let's do better Sunday. Every officer and teacher, every class officer, every member remaining faithful to the task will keep our attendance climbing during these summer months.

We missed the inspiration and planning of our Wednesday night Teachers' Meeting this week on account of the Picnic. Let's make up for it by doing some visiting and using the telephone.

It was good to see our Training Union attendance last Sunday above 300. Let's keep it above that figure!

Officers and Teachers—Don't Forget—Preview Studies and Leadership Training Class continue Wednesday.

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SUMMER ASSEMBLY OPPORTUNITIES

STATE ROYAL AMBASSADOR CAMPS

Intermediate—Tampa, June 21-26.

Junior—Tampa, June 28 - July 3

Junior—Tampa, July 5-10.

Junior—Panama City, July 13-17.

Junior—Swan Lake, July 18-24.

STATE GIRLS' AUXILIARY CAMPS

Junior—Swan Lake, June 21-26.

Junior—Panama City, June 28 - July 3.

Intermediate—Panama City, July 5-10.

Intermediate—Tampa, July 19-24.

Junior—Tampa, July 26-31

Junior—Tampa, August 2-7.

Junior—Tampa, August 9-14.

STATE Y. W. A. CAMPS

Tampa, July 12-17.

Total cost for any of the State Camps is \$12.50.

ASSOCIATIONAL R.A. - G.A. CAMP

July 5-10, Mt. Calvary.

Total cost is \$7.50.

HARMONY BAY YOUTH MUSIC CAMP

Young People ages 14-24

West Florida Assembly Grounds,

July 29 - August 6

Total cost is \$18.68

WEST FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

For Intermediates, Young People and Adults

July 19-27

Total Cost, \$18.68

RIDGECREST

Sunday School Week, June 24-30

Training Union Week, July 22-28

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CAMPS

For Intermediates, Seniors and Young

People—August 19-21

For Juniors—August 23-25

Further Details will be Announced Later

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	929
Members present	818
New Members	11
Visitors	100
Attendance one year ago.....	958
Training Union Attendance.....	310
Members present	258
New Members	14
Visitors	38
Attendance one year ago.....	246
Additions to church (Letter).....	11
Baptized	2
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$1,888.00
Specials	558.56
Building Pledges	3,196.00

TOTAL OFFERING\$5,642.56



New Members

By Letter:

- 2159 127 W. K. Boger, 1575 N. 20th Ave.
128 Mrs. W. K. Boger, 1575 N. 20th Ave.
2160 129 Miss Sandra Boger, 1575 N. 20th Ave.
2161 130 Kent Walker, BOQ, Ellyson Field.
2162 131 Tommy Jones, Jr., M.B., NAS.
2163 132 Miss Jane Austin, Rte. 7, Box 358.
2164 133 James C. Wilson, Jr., 11 Paradise
Beach Courts, Myrtle Grove.
134 Mrs. James C. Wilson, Jr., 11 Paradise
Beach Courts.
2165 135 Jack C. Brown, 2801 W. Jackson St.
136 Mrs. Jack C. Brown, 2801 W. Jackson.
2166 137 Tommy Brown, 2801 W. Jackson St.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK:

Baptist Hospital—Ben A. Stevens, Jr., John Ackerman, John R. Russell.

Ill At Home—Mrs. J. C. Allen, 410 East Strong St.; Leon Pyle 405 9th St., EPH; Louis Higgins, 816 E. Jackson St.; Mrs. C. F. Lewis, 1023 E. LaRua St.; Ronald Jutila, 919 E. Cross St.

Jackson County Hospital, Pascagoula—Mrs. Lee Munao (Joyce Fuller).

SYMPATHY TO: Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stringfield, Sr. in the death of her father.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Julian Wilson on the birth of their daughter June 11; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Parker on the birth of their daughter on June 11.

WEDDING BELLS: Elaine Pearl Howes and Lt. (jg) Melvin Adams Strong who were married June 12; Miss Joyce Dantzer and Frank H. Blue, Jr., who were married June 12; June Wells and Lt. Fred S. Gull, who were married June 4.

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THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, JUNE 20—

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.

5:30 p.m.—Training Union Executive
Committee.

6:40 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
Miss Lettie Baxter, Director.

8:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.

9:00 p.m.—Youth Fellowship.

MONDAY, JUNE 21—

6:00 p.m.—Y.W.A. Supper at church.

7:30 p.m.—Associational Sunday School
Meeting. Bellview Baptist.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22—

9:30 a.m.—Faithful Workers Class meets
at the church for officers and
group leaders meeting, visita-
tion and covered-dish luncheon.

10:00 a.m.—W.M.S. Monthly Meeting.
Business, Program, Bible Study.
Circle 8 in charge.

12:15 p.m.—W.M.S. Luncheon.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23—

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.

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

7:45 p.m.—Prayer Service.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24—

7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crawford

1602 North Ninth Avenue

are celebrating their

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, June 20th.

They will have Open House

from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

You are invited to call

during these hours.

Serviceman Of the Week

Pvt. Francis Eugene Brasher,

U. S. 3214055

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