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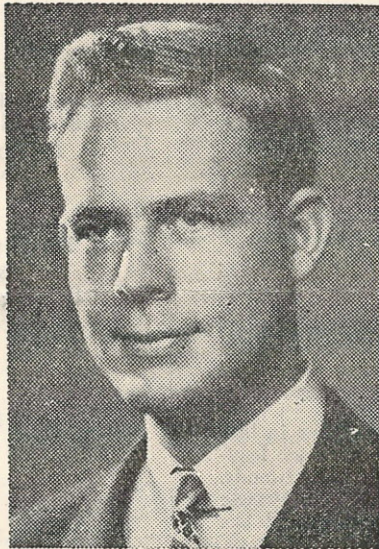
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IN OUR PULPIT SUNDAY



DR. LARRY MAYO
Smithfield, North Carolina

Our guest preacher for all of the services next Sunday is Dr. Larry Mayo, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mayo, Sr., 1500 E. Lee Street, and married to the former Lucille Halstead, a graduate of Stetson University. Dr. Mayo is a graduate of the University of Florida and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. They have two children, Larry and Wally.

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HELP IT GROW!

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

Are You Wondering what a pastor does when he takes his vacation to go to summer school? I'll see if I can explain just a little. On the train up I read about half of each of two books I brought along: Barnes: **The Southern Baptist Convention**, and Pearce: **I Believe**. I hope to finish both shortly.

Then I have been reading considerably in connection with the three courses I am taking. I and II Samuel are getting a very thorough study under the leadership of Dr. Sam Terrien. In a course in Missions under Dr. Charles Iglehart we are making a country by country survey of the various mission fields today, seeking to understand their background and current Christian opportunity. In the Philosophy of Religion with Dr. Paul Tillich we are trying to face and understand some of the problems of existence that men meet day by day.

Along with that I am trying to do some extra reading and study as I make tentative plans for my fall preaching. By the time I get home I hope to have a pretty good idea about my pulpit ministry through December. In this, of course, the pastor is dependent upon the leadership of the Holy Spirit. I have learned in the past that changes will take place in this tentative preaching program, but that if the Lord is given a real chance to guide, some fairly well defined subjects will be clearly settled upon well ahead of the actual preaching dates.

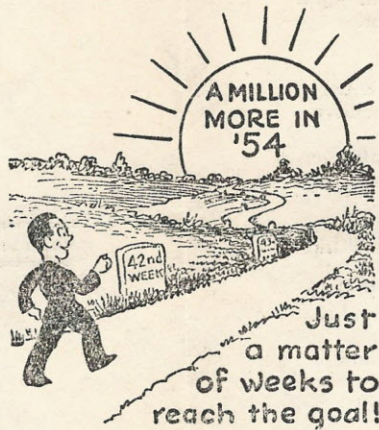
Friends mean a lot to each of us in life. I've seen a number of old friends since leaving home, and I am making new friends. For example, I have seen again Dr. Wayne Oates, of our Louisville Seminary, and Dr. John Slaughter, formerly of Birmingham, First Baptist. Then, for the first time, I have met Dr. John Allen Moore, who is teaching Missions and Church History at our Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board Seminary at Zurich, Switzerland. I have met, also, Professor Ward, of Louisville.

Then, last Saturday night as I feasted on a hamburger and milk shake (yes, I could have left the shake off), a lady seated beside me spoke and asked me if I knew whether one could get meals there on Sunday. That opened the door to conversation. She is an Atlanta school teacher who lived in Greenville, S. C., when we lived there. And her son is Louis F. Carson, B.O.Q. 600, NAS, Pensacola, Fla. And, of course, she was anxious for some of our people to contact him and get him to First Baptist Church. I assured her that we'd do that. Now since I've given you his address, and I'm away, what about several of you writing him and getting him out. You know how Mothers are. She would appreciate it, and I will, too.

ON TO VICTORY

V-10

July 18 - September 26



After a review of the present status of our Sunday School, the following STEPS TO VICTORY, a Ten-Week program of Visitation, Enlargement, and Evangelism, has been adopted by our Sunday School for the remaining 10 weeks of this Sunday School year.

I. Absentees

Every Absentee contacted Every Week

By Group Leaders in Young People's and Adult Classes

By Teachers in younger Departments.

II. Visitors

Every Visitor who is a prospective member visited during the following week.

III. Visitation

1. A definite Visitation program

(A definite time

(Make definite assignments

(Expect definite reports

2. In July—every class will set some definite time and plan for visitation and, in addition, will cooperate with the church-wide VISITATION DAY on July 30. August—every Department will plan for some definite visitation and, in addition, will cooperate with the church-wide VISITATION DAY on August 27. September—Thursday of each week will be observed as VISITATION DAY.
3. Every person visiting will seek to bring back complete census information on every member of the family visited.

IV. A Re-Vitalized Wednesday Night Program

1. We will make a definite effort to get our Officers and Teachers to attend our Wednesday Night Meetings.
2. We will check up every Wednesday Night on progress attained. The General Superintendent and Assistant to the Pastor will meet with a different department each Wednesday Night on a definite schedule to check up on progress.

V. Enlargement

That we proceed with our plans for:

1. Re-organization of our Cradle Roll Department, and the enlistment of additional workers.
2. Re-organization of our Extension Department and the enlistment of additional workers.
3. Enrolling those in Military Service through the Military Service Membership Plan.
4. A Vacation Bible School and Sunday School at the New Warrington Road Mission.

VI. Transfer Church Membership Week will be observed September 12-19 with special Visitation emphasis and Evangelistic Services.

VII. Victory Week will be observed September 20-24 with the teaching of the book "One to Eight", by Dr. J. N. Barnette.

It Is All For Winning People To Christ

"LET US GO ON"

(Mark 1:38)

As I See It!

Sunday School Attendance

Our Sunday School attendance for the last two Sundays has been below that for the same Sunday a year ago. Our average for the year is below that of last year. And this is the year when Southern Baptists are seeking to do MORE than ever before. Let us do our best during the remaining two Sundays in July, and then plan to do even better with the return of our Superintendent and Pastor in August.

On To Victory

Elsewhere in "The Builder" this week, you will find an outline of the STEPS TO VICTORY Program which has been adopted by our Sunday School for the last Ten Weeks of this Sunday School year. It is my conviction that we can achieve victory if we are willing to pay the price.

Everyone Can Help

Every member of First Baptist Church can help in this VICTORY EFFORT. You can pray, you can visit, you can encourage, you can attend regularly and faithfully, and if you are an officer or teacher, you can be present every Wednesday night.

Visitation

One of the most important steps to victory is VISITATION. To be worthwhile Visitation must be consistent and persistent. On June 25, the first of our church-wide Visitation Days, we only had seven people to meet for Visitation. Let's have not less than 50 on Friday, July 30th.

Extension Department

We are seeking to get to work on our Extension Department reorganization. For the time being, I shall be directing the work of this department until a Superintendent is selected. I would like to talk with any of our members who feel that they would like to have a part in this ministry. And, we would like to have reported any prospective members, those who cannot come on Sunday morning.

Last Sunday

It was a real joy to have Dr. and Mrs. Guinn with us last Sunday. Dr. Guinn's morning message on "Missionary Imperatives" ought to send us out to do more than we've ever done here at home and around the world. And the Sunday evening message on "The Ministry of Angels" will provide food for thought for weeks to come.

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BROTHERHOOD MEETING

TUESDAY—7:00

SPEAKER:

PROF. DICK SCHELKIN

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	874
Members present	794
New Members	5
Visitors	75
Attendance one year ago.....	1008
Training Union Attendance.....	243
Members present	214
New Members	6
Visitors	23
Attendance one year ago.....	287
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$2,098.73
Specials	63.35
Building Pledges	668.12
TOTAL OFFERING	\$2,830.20

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK:

Foundation Hospital, New Orleans—Mrs. J. W. Gaither.

Ill at Home—Robert Gilmore, 1505 Bayou Blvd.; Mrs. Clarice Murphy, 230 N. Barcelona.

SYMPATHY TO: Mr. C. L. Strickland and Mrs. Clara Hart in the loss of their brother.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hernandez, Jr., on the birth of their daughter, July 12, 1954.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON HELPS

For the Third Quarter, 1954

Our Library is seeking to make available to our Sunday School officers and teachers books which will be of help in preparing to teach.

The Library has all of the suggested books for the present quarter. Come by and check out one of these:

Vital Problems in Christian Living, J. M. Price.

Progress in the Christian Life, Austin Crouch.

The Growing Christian, Joseph T. Watts.

Living Abundantly, Frank E. Burkhalter.

Deepening the Spiritual Life, G. S. Dobbins.

The Religion of a Mature Person, R. Lofton Hudson.

Taproots For Tall Souls, R. Lofton Hudson.

A Guide to Confident Living, Norman Vincent Peale.

Commentaries on the New Testament, Charles R. Erdman.

The Christian in the Modern World, T. B. Maston.

How to Read the Bible, Julian Price Love.

The Book We Teach, J. B. Weatherspoon.

The Growing Christian, Joseph T. Watts.

A WORD FROM DR. CRAIG

The visit was one of the most delightful we have had in our humble labors for the Lord. We shall cherish the memory of the day with you and your great church. We shall thank you to express our gratitude to the friends there.

THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, JULY 18—

8:30 a.m.—Early Morning Worship.

Dr. Larry Mayo

9:40 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.

Theron Guthrie, Supt.

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.

Dr. Larry Mayo

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.

Dr. Larry Mayo.

9:00 p.m.—Young People's Fellowship in Lower Auditorium.

9:00 p.m.—Intermediate-Senior Fellowship in Adult II Assembly.

MONDAY, JULY 19—

6:00 p.m.—Y.W.A. Supper at church.

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

TUESDAY, JULY 20—

9:30 a.m.—Faithful Workers Class will meet at the church for Officers and Group Leaders Meeting, visitation, and covered-dish luncheon.

7:00 p.m.—Brotherhood Meeting.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21—

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, JULY 22—

7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal.

"A MILLION MORE IN '54"

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