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## DO YOU WANT TO BE A DEACON?

A splendid young woman said to me: "Someday I'd like for my husband to be a deacon." Well, the highest honor a layman can ever receive is to be elected as a deacon by his church. But, a man must pay a price for this honor. There are certain requirements which he must meet. For the benefit of our young men who aspire to this high office, I am giving you these requirements:

1. He should measure up to the requirements given in I Timothy 3:8-13.
2. He should live a consecrated Christian life, bringing no reproach by his conduct upon the Church or the cause of Christ.
3. He should attend Church every Sunday morning and Sunday night, every Wednesday night, and all special Church meetings, unless hindered by some reason which is approved by a good conscience.
4. He should be a tither—bringing his tithe systematically to the Church for the Lord's work.
5. He should be evangelistic and missionary in spirit, deeply interested in the salvation of souls at home and abroad.
6. He should be fully cooperative with the pastor and Church in a great spiritual program of advancement.
7. He should be a man who refrains from destructive criticism of his pastor and Church, willing to settle all difficulties in a quiet and Christian manner, without hurting the cause of Christ and His Church.
8. He should be able to keep in secrecy those things which should not be discussed with others.
10. He should be a man about whom people say, "He is a good Christian man."

—Copied from the bulletin of Central Park  
Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

OUR BUILDING FUND TO DATE

**\$264,443.48**

HELP IT GROW!

# Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

**Life Commitment**—Several of our young people have surrendered for special Christian service this summer. At the West Florida Assembly, there were three. At least one other of our young men feels that God is calling him to definite service. On Wednesday night of last week Stella Nipper, who first took a public stand at West Florida, came before the church indicative that she was answering God's call. She feels now that He wants her on the mission field. Let us pray for and support these fine young people.

**Revivals**—For your information: we are to have Dr. Guy Moore, Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, to assist in special evangelistic services in March, 1955. Chester Swor is to be with us in January, 1956. Tentative arrangements have been made to have Dr. Duke McCall in 1957. Because of another date that has not yet been settled for him, Dr. McCall at present is reserving the right to cancel this proposed engagement with us if there is a conflict. We rejoice in the prospect of the coming of these men. Let's not wait upon them to be busy witnessing to the lost, however.

Our architect has informed us, through Brother York Colson, who has recently been to Birmingham and gone over the work being done for us, that our plans are scheduled to be put in the mail on Monday, August 23. I must confess that I was a little disappointed that they had not arrived when I returned from vacation. If the architect is able to meet the deadline he has set, we will be ready to submit the plans to contractors for bids within a few short weeks.

I am making no more tentative predictions about "Ground-Breaking" until those plans are in hand. It looks like the time is almost upon us, however.

**Eleventh**—Last January first our church stood 13th in total mission gifts through our state office. If I have checked recent published reports correctly, we now stand 11th in the State. The record is as follows:

Tampa, First .....	\$49,348.44
Miami, Central .....	45,774.67
West Palm Beach, First.....	28,904.61
Orlando, First .....	26,010.19
St. Pete, 5th Ave.....	22,716.40
Plant City, First.....	21,689.46
Jacksonville, First .....	21,270.00
Jacksonville, Main St.....	20,767.39
Lakeland, First .....	20,709.12
Southside (South Fla.).....	18,746.73
Pensacola, First .....	17 618.04

Our gifts to Associational Missions and the New Warrington Road Mission are not included in this figure.

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"You may give without loving, but you cannot love without giving."



# SHOULD WE MAKE THEM COME?

"I let my boy decide for himself, on religious questions," said the father. "I was forced to go to church when I was a boy, and I didn't like it, so my son is going to make up his own mind about religion, when he wants to. Real freedom!"

"Let's see if that's true," I replied. "You say you let your boy make up his own mind. Do you mean that if he decided to join a gang of young thieves you wouldn't raise a hand to hinder him?"

"Certainly I'd stop him," snapped the father. "Stealing is against the law; I don't want a law-breaker in my family."

"Yes," I replied, "stealing is against human law, and also against divine law, which, in the Eighth Commandment says, 'Thou shalt not steal.' You would discourage your son from breaking the Eighth Commandment. But you will not try to keep him from breaking the First Commandment, which says, 'Thou shalt have no other gods before me,' or the Fourth, which says, 'Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.'"

"I hadn't thought of it in that way," said the father, surprised. "Really, I ought to encourage my son to keep the Fourth Commandment just as much as the Eighth, shouldn't I?"

"Yes," I went on, "in the long run your son will have to choose whether or not he will be a thief, an idolater, a sabbath breaker. But you ought to give him all the encouragement you can to help him choose the right rather than the wrong—are you in Training Union yourself, Mister?"

"Well, no, that's just for children, isn't it?"

"Not at all. We have departments in the Training Union, as in the Sunday School, for every age group. You need to be in both for one is the laboratory, the other the lecture period, of Christian education."

"All right, I'll try it Sunday night. And say—I'm going to bring my boy and stay for the evening preaching service, too!"—Jimmy McClendon.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CAMPS

AT CAMP INKY, GIRL SCOUT CAMP, 6 MILES FROM TOWN ON THE  
FORT WALTON HIGHWAY

TOTAL COST PER CAMPER \$2.50

For Intermediates, Seniors and Young People—August 19-21. Leave Church at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, 19th. Return after lunch Saturday, 21st.

For Juniors—August 23-25. Leave Church at 9:00 a.m. Monday, 23rd. Return after lunch Wednesday, 25th.

Registration begins Sunday, August 8 and closes Sunday, August 15th.

### REGISTRATION BLANK

I agree to abide by the Camp Rules.

Signed..... Age.....

Address..... Phone.....

The above-named child has my permission to attend the

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CAMP

.....Intermediate, Senior, Young People's Camp, August 19-21.

.....Junior Camp, August 23-25.

Signed.....

Parent or Guardian

(Please tear this out and bring with the \$2.50 to the church Sunday.)



# As I See It!

By CLYDE K. BIZZELL

Visitation Day last Friday was a good beginning for what we are hoping will be a real VISITATION PROGRAM in our church. Last Friday, 52 people visited in the interest of our church. To be successful, visitation has to be consistent and regular. As we approach the end of this Sunday School year, our Sunday School workers have adopted Thursday of each week as VISITATION DAY beginning on August 26. You will want to make this correction on your August Calendar, and begin planning to cooperate in this important work.

**Echoes from Ridgecrest**—The group from our church who attended the Second Training Union Week at Ridgecrest brought inspiration to all of us at Training Union Assembly last Sunday evening.

A letter received today from Dale Bryan, Educational Director at the Central Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C., says in part "We've just returned from a very profitable week at Ridgecrest. Our young people certainly enjoyed being with the group from your church." The Central Baptist Church was my first place of full-time service while a student at Furman University and for the next two years. Our group and the Central group were in the same cottage at Ridgecrest.

**To Mississippi**—I will leave on Monday for the Mississippi State Training Union Assembly at Camp Garaywa near Clinton, Mississippi. During the week I will be teaching "Baptist Young People's Administration."

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## Wednesday Night Officers and Teachers Meeting

One part of our V-10 Program is a Revitalized Wednesday Night program. With 205 officers and teachers in our Sunday School, for the month of July we had an average of 55 present each Wednesday. This means that slightly over 25% of our workers attended. We should and must do better.

Next Wednesday evening, Mr. Guthrie will meet with the workers in Adult III Department during their Department Meeting for a special check-up session. Every officer and teacher in Adult III is urged to be present.

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The starting of each day is always the hardest task we have to perform. Yet, if someone with a pleasant smile says, "Good morning," then our day becomes a pleasant success from the start.



## LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	946
Members present .....	845
New Members .....	4
Visitors .....	97
Attendance one year ago.....	947
Training Union Attendance.....	259
Members present .....	227
New Members .....	4
Visitors .....	28
Attendance one year ago.....	243
Additions to the church.....	3
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$2,306.35
Specials .....	19.00
Building Designated .....	697.30
<b>TOTAL OFFERING .....</b>	<b>\$3,022.65</b>



## New Members

- 148 Rev. A. L. Cox, 110 Pineda.  
 149 Mrs. A. L. Cox, 110 Pineda.  
 150 Kenneth L. Scarborough, BTU 1-C,  
 Corry Field.

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## Sunday School

### "A Million More In '54" Progress-O-Gram

Enrolment of regular depts.....	1655
Cradle Roll Dept.....	94
Extension Dept. ....	56
Total Enrolment .....	1805
Goal .....	400
Net Gain .....	120
Left to Go.....	280

### Seven Weeks Until Victory

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### OUR KNOWN SICK:

Baptist Hospital: O. M. Sharp, Mrs. F. Guy Keen.

At Home: Mrs. J. E. Rucks.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Ansley on the birth of their son August 2; Mr. and Mrs. Carmon S. Boone on the birth of their daughter August 4.

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. G. M. Howell in the loss of her sister; Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Denham, Jr. (Margaret Ann Davis) in the loss of their infant son; Mrs. Henry L. Ashmore in the loss of her father.

WEDDING BELLS TO: Miss Dianne Fay Eichelberger and Herbert Cecil Johnson, Jr.; Miss Betty Holmes and Jimmy Radcliffe who were married July 31.

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"Prayer will make a man cease from sin; or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer."—Bunyan.

## THE KING'S BUSINESS

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 8—

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.

6:40 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.  
 Mrs. Stanley Lassiter, Director.

8:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.

9:00 p.m.—Intermediate-Senior Fellowship in Adult 2 Assembly.

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

### MONDAY, AUGUST 9—

7:30 p.m.—Training Union Leaders and Officers Council. Brownsville.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 10—

10:00 a.m.—W.M.S. Monthly Meeting at church. Program, Business and Bible Study led by Mrs. S. G. Kennedy.

12:15 p.m.—W. M. S. Luncheon.

7:30 p.m.—B.W.C. No. 10 meets with Mrs. Hilda Mack, 731 W. Hernandez.

7:30 p.m.—B.W.C. No. 11 meets with Miss Iva Hart, 1504 N. Baylen.

7:30 p.m.—B.W.C. No. 12 meets with Mrs. A. R. W. Stoesen, 1919 E. Mallory

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11—

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.

8:45 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal.

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