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INSTRUCTION FOR CHURCH COMMITTEES

Annual Associational Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Pensacola Bay Association is to be held next Thursday and Friday, October 21 and 22.

The Thursday meeting will be held with the Highland Baptist Church and the Friday meeting with the East Hill Church. We hope that many of our people will attend all or parts of

OUR RECORD SPEAKS

According to our Church Letter being sent to the Pensacola Bay Association, our 1953-1954 record looks as follows:

Baptisms	52
Other Additions	192
Total Additions	242
Losses (letter, erasure, death)	268
Resident Membership	1898
Non-Resident Membership ..	808
Total Membership	2706
Sunday School Enrolment ..	1813
Training Union Enrolment ..	501
W.M.U. Enrolment	269
Brotherhood Enrolment	125
Enrolled in Choir	30
V. B. School Enrolment	429
Totals reported	584
Coop. Program Gifts	\$15,187.13
All Mission Gifts	25,945.41
Total Gifts	214,328.99

Church Committees To Meet

All committees of the First Baptist Church are requested to meet in the Church Auditorium, at 7:45 p.m., Wednesday, October 20th. At that time the pastor will lead the church in a discussion of the responsibility and opportunity of each committee. This instruction period should enable the church better to carry on its committee activity during the year.

In a church as large as ours the leadership load cannot be carried by just a few people. It is necessary for all of our people to share. When each one does his part faithfully and well, the Lord can use the entire church in a glorious way.

Some committees have already begun to carry out their responsibilities. All committees will want to begin to function in the immediate future. The October 20th instruction period will help in that direction.

OUR BUILDING FUND TO DATE

\$280,726.15

HELP IT GROW!

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

Central—The revival services in which the pastor has been preaching at the Central Baptist Church got off to a good start Sunday night. There were six who answered the first invitation—four making profession of faith and two others uniting with the church by letter. One responded to the second invitation, joining the church by letter. A number of our people have encouraged the pastor by visiting at Central. I'll be back in our pulpit on Sunday.

Thanks—To Clyde Bizzell for his Sunday night message, and to Joe Ladner for leading the worship on Wednesday!

Association—The Pensacola Bay Association will meet at Highland Church, Thursday, October 21. Your pastor has been asked to preach the annual sermon. The sessions will be held at East Hill on Friday, the 22nd.

C. Oscar Johnson is a well-known Baptist, pastor of the Third Baptist Church in St. Louis. He is scheduled to speak at Christ Church, Pensacola, at 8 p.m., Tuesday, October 19. This service is a part of a naval chaplain's program being conducted here. The public is invited to this service. You'll want to be there if you possibly can.

Panama City—I am to have the privilege of speaking at an Associational Training Banquet to be held at the First Baptist Church, Panama City, next Thursday night.

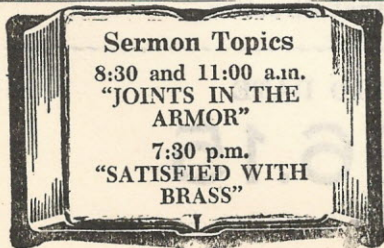
WFFA-TV—Our church will have the devotional period on WFFA-TV, Oct. 25-29. Pass the word along to your shut-in friends.

Missions—Sometimes false rumors are spread concerning the part of your Foreign Mission dollar that gets to the mission field. Here are the facts, for example, for the year ending December 31, 1953.

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| 1. Administrative expenses | 2.98 % |
| 2. Promotion expenses | 2.62 % |
| 3. General expenses | 0.59 % |
| 4. Foreign fields | 93.81 % |

That's what your Foreign Mission Board's \$9,116,984.97 operating costs were last year, with \$8,552,643.65 of the total reaching the Foreign work.

A little over 6c out of each dollar cares for all expenses of the home office, including salaries, travel, postage, stationery, office equipment, literature, legal expenses, auditor's fees, the deputation work of mis-



ATTENTION, MEN

Next Tuesday evening will be the first Brotherhood Meeting in the new year. The new officers will be in charge of this meeting, which will begin with supper at 7:00 o'clock. After supper and a brief business period, our men will go to Christ Church for a public meeting sponsored by the Chaplains of the Naval Air Command. Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of the Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri, will be the featured speaker.

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We are happy to announce that we now have two Royal Ambassador Chapters. The Intermediate Chapter (for boys 13-16) meets on Wednesday Evenings. At 5:30, Mr. J. A. Watson and Mr. J. F. Boykin are working with their group.

Our Junior Chapter will meet on Tuesday afternoons at 4:00.

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ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Activities Committee, composed of the Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, Brotherhood President, and W.M.U. President, presented to the church last Wednesday evening the Calendar of Activities for the year 1954-55. The printed Calendar of Activities is now ready for distribution.

The following recommendation has been adopted by the Activities Committee and the church:

1. The coordinated Calendar of Activities in the Church Office is the official calendar for our church. All activities and meetings should be cleared and entered on this Calendar.

2. Weeks of study, revivals, and other church-wide activities should take precedence over meetings of classes, circles, and similar smaller groups. Circle chairmen, class and union presidents should check their meeting time and plan ahead to avoid conflicts.

3. Arrangements should be made for use of building and facilities. Any group planning to have any activity in the church building should make arrangements through the Church Office for the use of facilities. This must be done to avoid conflicts and have the necessary space ready for use.

sionaries on furlough, audio-visual education, insurance, Board meetings, and so forth.



CLASS OFFICERS CLINIC

On next Wednesday evening during the Officers and Teachers Meeting, there is to be a Clinic for all the newly-elected class officers of Intermediate, Young People's and Adult classes.

These class officers are invited to come for supper at 6:00 p.m. and urged to make reservations. The Clinic will begin at 6:40.

There will be Conference for each officer.

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I WILL

For Newly-Elected Officers

- I WILL accept my office believing God needs me right here.
- I WILL do my best and not my "excuse best."
- I WILL be loyal and faithful to the worship services.
- I WILL learn the "how" of my office and not remain ignorant as to its functions.
- I WILL spend some time each day in prayer.
- I WILL not only pray for the lost; I will go and try to win them.
- I WILL be friendly and will make people love this church because of my love for my church and my Savior.
- I WILL work with the whole church program and not develop a class loyalty or an organization loyalty.
- I WILL study God's Word, the Bible, daily.
- I WILL strengthen the hands of my pastor and the leaders of my church.
- I WILL follow God's way in matters of stewardship.
- ABOVE ALL, I WILL try to know God's will and follow it.—Copied.

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I WONDER WHY?

- My Darry thinks it's nice for me to go to Sunday School,
- To hear the helpful lessons and to learn the Golden Rule.
- And if some Sunday morning something else I'd like to do,
- My Dad looks very stern and says, "I'm surprised at you."
- So I dress up very neatly and I travel off alone.
- While Dad hunts up his paper and decides he'll stay at home.
- Now I've wondered and wondered, ye time and time again.
- Why Sunday School's so good for boys and not for grown up men.



Good Week of Study

We had a good week of Study, using the Manuals and Leadership Books.

All of those who completed the Junior, Intermediate, or Adult Union Manual or the Baptist Young People's Union Administration book are eligible to receive a Diploma, or a Seal if they have already received the Diploma.

Diplomas are not granted for the Leadership Manuals. The Leadership Manuals are a part of the Administration Course and it is necessary to complete one of the following books to receive an Administration Diploma: **The Baptist Training Union Manual, Building a Church Training Program.**

Directors To Meet

Mr. Arnold is calling for the Department Directors and General Officers of the Training Union to meet on next Sunday afternoon, October 17, at 5:15.

Reserve November 1

Every member of our Training Union will want to reserve Monday night, November 1st, for the first Officers' Council Meeting of the new year.

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YOUTH COUNCIL

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

New Youth Council representatives from the Intermediate, Senior, and Young People's Departments of Sunday School and Training Union, and from the other youth organizations are being elected this week.

These representatives will meet on next Monday evening at 7:30 for their organizational meeting. At this meeting officers will be elected and plans made for the year.

We are especially urging the Superintendents and Directors who work with these groups to be present for this meeting.

As the representatives from the various groups are chosen, they are asked to keep in mind the following qualifications:

1. Be a member of First Baptist Church.
2. Attend worship services regularly.
3. Be loyal to the organization he will represent.
4. Have a cooperative spirit.
5. Seriously strive for practical Christian living.
6. Be willing to attend regular Monthly Meetings of the Youth Council.

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A smile is a curve that sets things straight.—Selected.

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance (FBC).....	1068
Members in Attendance.....	984
New Members	16
Visitors	68
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	64
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	1132
Attendance one year ago.....	1138
Training Union Attendance (FBC).....	292
Members in Attendance.....	254
New Members	10
Visitors	28
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	30
Total Training Union Attendance.....	322
Attendance one year ago.....	
Additions to Church (FBC) (Letter).....	1
Additions to Circle Chapel (Baptism)....	2
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$2,034.90
Specials	94.42
Building Designated	526.90
Total Offering	\$2,656.22
(The above figure includes the Chapel offering of \$74.97).	



2223 192 Mrs. F. E. Norwood, 1717 N. 12th Avenue.
 2224 - 4 Don West, NAAS, Whiting Field, Milton.

CHAPEL

- 5 Willie D. Davis, 4321 Martha St.
 6 Mrs. Willie D. Davis, 4321 Martha St.

CHAPEL CHIMES

Growing pains! Even though our Sunday School has met for only two Sundays, we are beset by the problem of lack of adequate classroom space. Last Sunday the enrolment rose to 64, a growth of 19 new members. We began on October 3 with five classes, two of which have already been divided and two more of which must be divided when teachers and space are available. Contrary to the old adage, we are having to divide because we are multiplying!

Prayer Service attendance on Wednesday, October 13 was 16. We are seeking to make our prayer services a time of prayer, praise and Christian fellowship. We have no sermon, but read from God's Word and seek His guidance and counsel in prayer.

Our hearts rejoiced Sunday as Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Davis presented themselves to the Church upon profession of faith in Christ as candidates for baptism and full Church membership. Mr. and Mrs. Davis and their children have been faithful in all our services, and we praise the Lord with them in their new-found relationship with Christ.

THE KING'S BUSINESS

- 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.
 5:15 p.m.—Training Union Directors.
 6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
 Haywood Arnold, Director.
 7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.
 8:30 p.m.—Intermediate-Senior Teentime,
 Adult 2 Assembly Room.
 8:30 p.m.—Young People's Fellowship in
 Lower Auditorium.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18—

- 6:00 p.m.—Y.W.A. Supper.
 7:30 p.m.—Youth Council.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19—

- 7:00 p.m.—Brotherhood Meeting.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20—

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21—

- 9:30 a.m.—CHURCH
 2:30 p.m.— WIDE
 7:00 p.m.— VISITATION
 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY—

- Annual Association Meeting.
 Highland Baptist and East Hill Baptist.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK:

- Sacred Heart—Bartlett I. Rowell.
 Lakeside, DeFuniak Springs—Mrs. E. C.
 Rogers.
 Ill At Home—Allen England, Jr., 202
 Marine Drive.

God giveth true grace to but a chosen
 few, however many aspire to it.—Dewey.

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