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VICTORY DAY NOVEMBER 21

**"Sure, I
Signed
Up"**



"I signed up for electricity and gas and water and telephone service in my house. And I expect to pay for it."

"If I can pledge to pay for the utility service I get, why shouldn't I sign a pledge for my church? Besides, I get more out of it when I put more into it."

VICTORY DAY SCHEDULE

9:40 - 9:50—Department Assembly
 9:50 - 10:00—Class Period (For Records)
 10:00—Senior, Young People, and Adult Departments Assemble in Auditorium for VICTORY DAY SERVICE
 10:10—VICTORY DAY MARCH
 All Departments beginning with Primary I
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Victory Day Goals

Dept.	Enrolled	Last Sunday's	Goals
Gen. Officers	14	11	14
Adult III	316	168	267
Adult II	172	90	157
Adult I	180	98	150
Young People II	72	33	50
Young People I	119	58	100
Senior	83	48	88
Intermediate	108	74	94
Junior II	96	72	88
Junior I	111	86	92
Primary III	74	55	66
Primary II	59	42	50
Primary I	65	43	60
Beginner II	46	37	35
Beginner I	47	32	37
Nursery IV	28	19	30
Nursery III	34	22	30
Nursery II	21	13	20
Nursery I	14	14	15
TOTALS	1659	1015	1443

TRAINING UNION Victory Day Goals

Dept.	Enrolled	Last Sunday's	Goals
Gen. Officers	6	7	6
Adult III	23	18	26
Adult II	33	20	40
Adult I	56	17	60
B & P	25	17	25
Young People	76	37	60
Senior	34	27	34
Intermediate	44	41	43
Junior II	25	21	27
Junior I	39	20	30
Primary III	24	14	22
Primary II	16	7	10
Primary I	17	7	17
Beginner II	13	6	13
Beginner I	12	5	12
Nursery III	11	4	11
Nursery II	4	3	4
Nursery I	10	3	10
TOTALS	469	274	450

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

On Thanksgiving Morning our Training Union is sponsoring a church-wide Thanksgiving Service.

The Service will begin at 7:00 a.m. with the Pastor leading. Following this Service, Training Union groups will go out to deliver Thanksgiving Baskets and return to the church at 8:30 for Breakfast. Every member of First Baptist Church is invited to participate in these activities and services.

Our Church is to be host to the Downtown Thanksgiving Service at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. J. B. Nichols, Pastor of First Methodist Church, bringing the message.

Due to the Thanksgiving Services, there will be no Prayer Service on Wednesday Evening. We will have a Devotional Service in connection with our Wednesday Night Teachers Meeting.

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WORKERS ELECTED LAST WEDNESDAY

By recommendation of the Nominating Committee the following officers were elected at the business conference on November 10:

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

PRIMARY I—Asso. Supt., Mrs. T. H. Miller; Teacher, Miss Gwen Dannelly.

JUNIOR I—Teacher, A Roy Ingram, Asst. Secretary, E. B. McCloskey.

JUNIOR II—Teacher, Miss Gladys Windsor.

ADULT II—Teacher, E. G. Owens; Pianist, Mrs. Zelma Gregory.

ADULT III—Teacher, Mrs. M. A. Farmer
TRAINING UNION:

PRIMARY I—Secretary, J. A. Agee; PRIMARY III helpers, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hackett; JUNIOR I Director, Mrs. W. H. Williams; Leader and Sponsor, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Riddle; Pianist, Mrs. Jack Brown; INTERMEDIATE Sponsor, Mrs. Bernice Smith; SENIOR Leader and Sponsor, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Gentry; GENERAL ASSOCIATE SECRETARY, Mrs. A. H. Arnold.

CHURCH LIBRARIAN:

By recommendation of the Royal Ambassador Committee and the Nominating Committee the following Royal Ambassador Counselors were elected:

JUNIOR Chapter: Mr. E. H. Peterson and Bobby Atwell.

INTERMEDIATE Chapter: Messrs. J. F. Boykin, J. A. Watson and Billy Renfroe.

The following messengers were elected to represent our church at the Florida Baptist Convention being held in Daytona Beach this week: Rev. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., Mr. Earl Gaston, Mr. Clyde K. Bizzell, Mr. and Mrs. Herman O. Williams.

QUESTIONS YOU MAY BE ASKING

1. What if I should move away during 1955, or should become unable to meet my obligation?

Signing a Covenant Card simply expresses our intention, God making it possible, for 1955. Of course, circumstances may arise that make impossible the fulfillment of one's pledge. Remember, in your church no "dun" is sent asking one for the "balance" of one's pledge. Only a quarterly report is sent each contributor telling him what he has given, so he may have a record for tax purposes, or for his own records. Your pledge is entirely between you and God. A phone call to the office can cancel the balance at any time, or, if nothing is done, it still is not recorded against one's record. Your pledge simply expresses your faith in 1955, and in God's help to make possible its fulfillment.

2. With the economy moves of the government, the continuation of my job is uncertain. What if I am terminated in 1955?

Again, we need to remind ourselves that a pledge is simply a declaration of one's purpose for 1955, if God continues to make it possible. Do you not think that there is more possibility of keeping one's job, or securing another job, if we take God as our partner in 1955? Go on and sign your covenant card for 1955 and leave these matters of vital and anxious concern in the hands of the God we trust.

3. What if I feel that I cannot give anything in 1955 but the tithe. Should I give it all through the "Budget Envelope" and ignore the "Building Fund Envelope" from week to week?

Surely, all of us wish to participate in both sides of the financial program of our church. Even if one can only give the humblest amount above the tithe in the Building Fund Envelope, the thrill of making a LOVE GIFT above the tithe will bring great joy.

Remember, however, that our regular budget includes \$52,000.00 for the Building Fund. Your pledge of your tithe through the regular budget enables you to have a part in our Building Program.

4. If I pledge a love gift, in faith, above my tithe, do you believe God will help make it possible for me to make that gift?

I certainly do! He may bring into our hands extra money we had not planned on, or He might make it possible for the remainder of our money to go further in our daily expenditures. This is where faith comes in. To go beyond the tithe, for many of our people, is a daring enterprise with God.

5. If there are just one or two wage earners in the family, but each person contributes from that income, how do you count the tithers?

If your children give part of your tithe, they are contributing tithed money, and are eligible to check the tither's box on the covenant card. After they become juniors, they should check or fail to check in accordance with their own convictions and their willingness to tithe their own allowance, or the money that comes their way.—Adapted.



YES, I TITHE!

And what a difference it has made in my enjoyment of my religion and my church!

I don't have a guilty feeling when the offering plate is passed or when I turn my envelope into the Sunday School with my offering. I have a satisfaction and a peace in the knowledge that I am doing my part.

I don't feel resentment toward my pastor any longer when he preaches faithfully the Bible doctrine of the tithe. I really know he wasn't "preaching for my money", but for me, because giving is a spiritual experience, but I didn't love to hear him preach on stewardship as I do now.

I don't feel like it is "their" church, but "our" church, for when I put my tithe into my church, I am putting part of my life, spent in earning that money, into my church. My heart is where my treasure is, so I find my heart in my church as never before.

Now I know I believe the Bible from cover to cover, and I am done with explaining away its obvious commandments and promises.



—Adapted from
The Beech Street Baptist

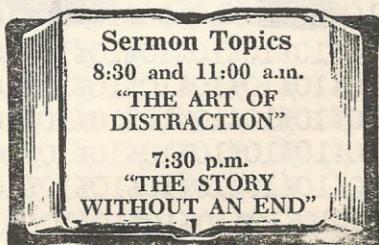


OPENING OF BIDS — WEDNESDAY

CLINIC FOR ROYAL AMBASSADOR COUNSELORS

On Saturday Evening at 7:30 o'clock, there is to be a Clinic for Royal Ambassador Counselors meeting here at First Baptist Church. Members of our Royal Ambassadors Committee, as well as the Counselors, will want to attend.

On Sunday afternoon at 2:30, there is to be an Associational R. A. Conclave at Highland Church, Molino. Our boys are urged to attend.



ARE YOU NEGLECTING GOD'S PLAN?

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance (FBC).....	1043
Members in Attendance.....	974
New Members	8
Visitors	61
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	72
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	1115
Attendance one year ago.....	1036
Training Union Attendance.....	274
Members in Attendance.....	242
New Members	2
Visitors	30
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	35
Total Training Union Attendance.....	309
Attendance one year ago.....	306
Additions to Church Membership (FBC)	1
Baptized	3
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$2,156.24
Specials	57.40
Building Designated	539.72
TOTAL OFFERING	\$2,753.36
(The above figure includes the Chapel Offering of \$113.11)	



For Baptism:

2229 5 Mrs. Elwood Burks, 2019 N. 12th Ave.
THREE BAPTIZED SUNDAY

Misses Jeanette and Frances Dachille,
1781 E. Baars, Mrs. Elwood Burks.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK:

Baptist Hospital—V. R. Byrd, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Woody Creel.
Sacred Heart—Mrs. Maggie Brown.
Ill At Home—Mr. Raymond Barrow, Mrs. R. H. Wilson, Sr.
CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mitchell on the birth of their son, November 14.

BROTHERHOOD MEETING

The Rev. Donald Graham, Pastor of McIlwain Memorial Presbyterian Church, is to be the guest speaker at the November meeting of the Brotherhood, meeting at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 23. Please get your tickets or make your reservation for the supper before Tuesday morning. All the men of the church are invited to attend.

THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21—

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.
5:00 p.m.—General Executive Committee of Training Union.
5:30 p.m.—Department Executive Committees of Training Union.
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. W.M.U. Room.
8:30 p.m.—Young People's Fellowship in Lower Auditorium.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23—

10:00 a.m.—W.M.S. Executive Committee.
4:00 p.m.—Sunbeams, Junior and Intermediate G.A.'s, Junior R.A.'s.
7:00 p.m.—Brotherhood Meeting.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24—

11:00 a.m.—Opening Bids in Social Hall.
6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Officers' and Teachers' Meeting begins with supper.

6:30 p.m.—Intermediate R.A. Meeting.
7:45 p.m.—Prayer Service.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25—

7:00 a.m.—Thanksgiving Service and Baskets.
8:30 a.m.—Thanksgiving Breakfast.
10:00 a.m.—Union Thanksgiving Service. First Baptist Church.



Training Union

Executive Committee Meetings

Next Sunday afternoon, our Training Union Executive Committee Meetings will be held as follows:

5:00 p.m.—General Executive Committee.
5:30 p.m.—Dept. Executive Committees.

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