

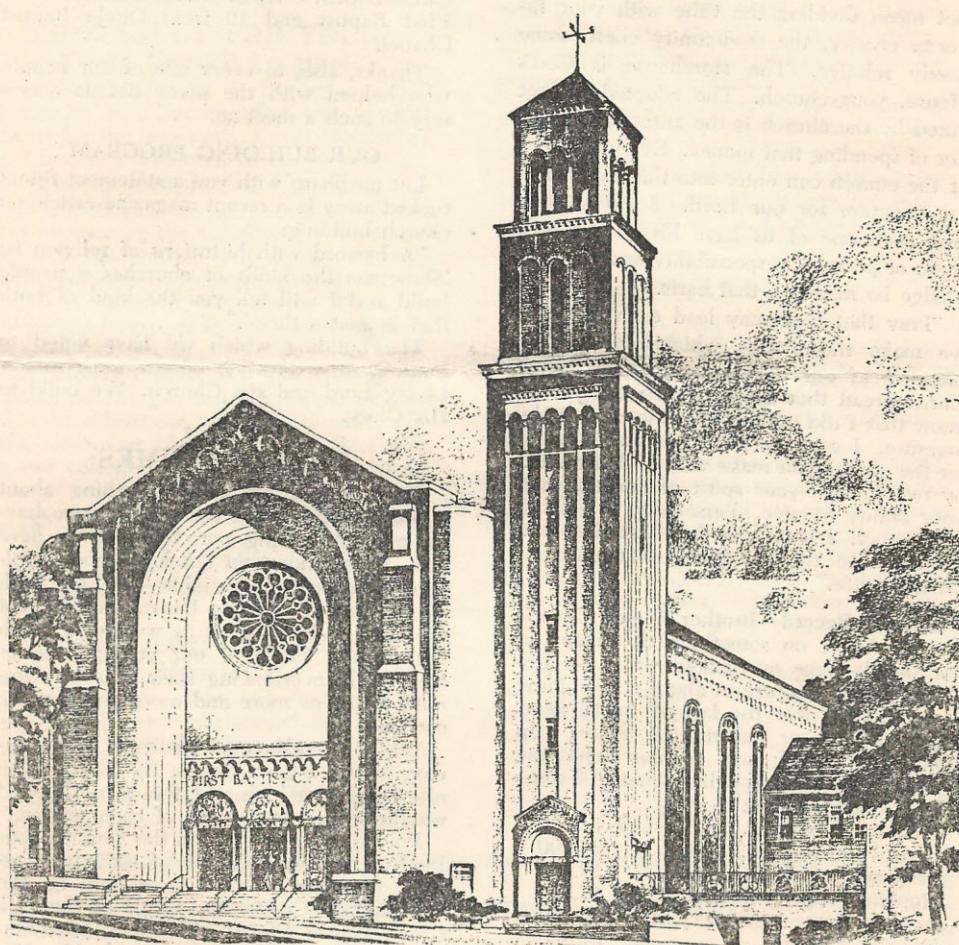
# The Baptist Builder

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## Ground Breaking Ceremonies

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## Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

Wallace Rogers Speaks—I was quite impressed with what Dr. Rogers had to say to The Citadel Square Church in the Citadel Square News, November 28. It read in part as follows:

"A frank word from your pastor needs to be spoken just here about our Every Member Canvass. God's standard is the tithe. The tithe brought in to the storehouse is the only scriptural method I know. That does not mean dividing the tithe with your favorite charity, the community chest, some needy relative. The storehouse is God's House, your church. The adopted budget voted by the church is the authorized manner of spending that money. Every member of the church can enter into this commanding program for our Lord. I am anxious that each one of us have his or her own sense of personal responsibility and that the pledge be made on that basis.

"Pray that God may lead each of us as we make the pledge which will be the measure of our devotion to the cause of Christ—read that again, for I want you to know that I did not say the amount was the measure. I said the pledge is the measure for the pledge you make will be determined by two things—your spirit of devotion and your ability to give. Personally, I want to be a tither. I hope you do. God bless you as you face this grave question in your Christian life."

**Our Past Record**—Brother Theron Guthrie put his finger on something that many of our people have overlooked when he suggested in our discussions about our building program that over the last 12 or 13 years our people have contributed more than \$600,000 beyond our regular operating budget. Here is a rough estimate of some of these special gifts:

Pollock Property .....	\$ 11,000
Sunday School Building.....	26,500
Renovation .....	15,000
Hopkins Property 20 E. LaRue .....	17,500
Pastor's Home .....	30,000
Rosasco Property .....	27,500
Accumulated Building Fund.....	295,207
Contributions to Baptist Hospital.....	175,000
Circle Chapel .....	14,000
Scout Hut .....	1,500
 TOTAL.....	 \$613,207

Someone has already pointed out that the Southside Chapel, now Southside Church, is not included in these figures.

## As I See It!

By CLYDE K. BIZZELL

### "M" NIGHT

The attendance at "M" Night Monday evening exceeded all expectations. There were 1,200 people present from 39 churches and chapels. Thirty-three (33) of the 39 churches were represented, and six of the eight chapels and missions were represented.

I am personally grateful for the good attendance from First Baptist and from the Circle Baptist Chapel. There were 105 from First Baptist and 10 from Circle Baptist Chapel.

Thanks, also, to every one of our people who helped with the many details necessary to such a meeting.

### OUR BUILDING PROGRAM

Let me share with you a statement found tucked away in a recent magazine article on church building:

"A byword with historians of religion is: 'Show me the kinds of churches a people build and I will tell you the kind of faith that animates them'."

The building which we have voted to build is an expression of our faith in our Living Lord and His Church. We build to His Glory.

### CHAPEL CHIMES

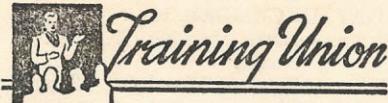
Once before we said something about "growing pains", but the ones we are having now are hurting more than any we have had. Last Sunday our Sunday School enrollment went up to the heights—101; and with 50 enrolled in Training Union, we feel that the Lord is blessing us as we try to reach the people. Some of our younger classes are swiftly overflowing their present classroom space as more and more children are enrolled.

While attendances were quite low Sunday, it was a good day in the Lord. The offerings were high and the Spirit of God was present in every part of each service.

Pray now for our part in the Simultaneous Revival Crusade in March of 1955. Our revival preacher at the Chapel will be the Rev. Robert Covington, pastor of the Oak Grove Baptist Church, McComb, Mississippi. The dates, March 6 through 12. We are expecting a great revival in Circle Baptist Chapel.

### "THE MESSIAH"

Next Monday evening at 8 o'clock, the Pensacola Oratorio Society is to present Handel's "Messiah" here in our Auditorium. You will want to be present for this presentation.



## Watchnight Service

Our Training Union is working with other committees to make our Watchnight Service this year an all-church activity.

On Friday evening, December 31st, the Training Union will have its Monthly Officers' Council Meeting at 6:30. Then, at 8:00 o'clock there is to be a Reception for all members who have come into our church during 1954. Other activities will follow, leading up to the Worship Service at 11:30. Plan now to attend.

## ESPECIALLY FOR YOUTH Youth Council To Meet

Our Youth Council is having a called meeting at 5:30 Sunday afternoon to elect officers for the new year. Every member of the Council is expected to be present.

## Young People Go Caroling

On Christmas Eve Night the Youth Council is sponsoring the Caroling for all of the youth of the church. All of the Intermediates, Seniors, and Young People will be invited to come to the church. Then, we will go out in groups to sing Carols to shut-ins and others.

## Student Night At Christmas

Plans are being completed for our Student Night at Christmas program Sunday evening, December 26th and for the Reception for our college students on that afternoon.



## Brotherhood

### Associational Brotherhood Meeting

Next Monday night, December 13th, there is to be an Associational Brotherhood meeting at Highland Church in Molino at 7:30 p.m.

### Next Brotherhood Meeting

The next meeting of our Brotherhood is



## Sunday School

### Superintendents' Meeting

Our Monthly Superintendents' Meeting will be held on Monday evening at 7 o'clock, meeting at this earlier hour to make it possible for those desiring to attend "The Messiah" to do so. Every General Officer, every Department Superintendent and every Associate Superintendent of Departments is urged to be present.

### Southwide Adult Conference

A South-wide Adult Conference is to be held December 30-31 at the First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia. These will be "two power-packed days of Conferences focusing on adults in Sunday School."

The conferences begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 30, and close at noon on December 31.

It is hoped that some of our adult officers and teachers can attend. If you are interested, please talk to Mr. Guthrie or to Mr. Bizzell.

### CHRISTMAS BASKETS

This year the Benevolence Committee is asking the Church Office to serve as a clearing house for Christmas baskets in order to avoid duplications and make it possible to remember a greater number of families during the Christmas Season.

A list is being prepared in the Church Office and names of families and individuals will be available to any group desiring to assist a worthy family.

If a class or department or other group selects their own family to be remembered, please report this information to the Church Office to avoid possible duplications.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated as we seek to minister to a larger number of people. Mrs. Sutton will be happy to assist in any possible way.

on December 28th. Rev. Gerald Walker, Pastor of the Brownsville Baptist Church is to be the speaker.

### LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Our women last week observed the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and are now receiving the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

There may be other individuals or groups in our church who would like to have a part in this special offering for foreign missions. You may do so by marking the envelope "Lottie Moon Offering". With a goal of \$2,000 we have contributed something over \$800 to date.

**LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY**

Sunday School Attendance (FBC).....	1025
Members in Attendance.....	962
New Members .....	10
Visitors .....	53
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	56
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	1081
Attendance one year ago.....	847
Training Union Attendance.....	274
Members in Attendance.....	246
New Members .....	6
Visitors .....	22
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	27
Total Training Union Attendance.....	302
Attendance one year ago.....	291
Additions to church membership.....	2
(Letter—First Baptist)	
Baptized (Circle Baptist Chapel).....	3
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$2,612.33
Specials .....	652.24
Building Designated .....	945.53
<b>TOTAL OFFERING .....</b>	<b>\$4,210.10</b>
(The above figure includes the Chapel Offering of \$138.66)	
OUR BUILDING FUND	
TO DATE.....	\$298,362.37

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FIRST BAPTIST (By Letter)

31 Walter L. Dixon, Class 39-54-3-F, U.S. Naval School, Pre-flight.

32 Miss Patricia Ann Hitt, 511 E. 51st St.

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The W.M.U. will meet Tuesday for its last regular meeting of the year. Mrs. J. E. D. Yonge is in charge of the program. Gifts of pecans for Carver School in Louisville and gifts for Naval Air Station hospital will be received at this meeting.

The Red Cross is asking that our church members furnish gifts of ties, ballpoint pens, helanca socks, flashlight costing one dollar. These gifts are to be wrapped to put in stockings for the patients at the Naval Air Station hospital. This is sponsored by the W.M.U. Any person desiring to make a gift or contribution for this cause may leave at the church office or give to Mrs. George Yarbrough, Sr.

The Business Women's Circles will meet on Tuesday night at 7:30, as listed:

B.W.C. No. 11 with Mrs. E. A. Bratcher, 100 W. Cervantes.

B.W.C. No. 12 with Mrs. W. H. Crawford, 1602 N. 9th Avenue.

B.W.C. No. 13 with Miss Iva Hart, 1504 N. Baylen.

**THE KING'S BUSINESS**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12—

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.
3:30 p.m.—Intermediate Training Union Visitation.
5:30 p.m.—Youth Council Meeting.
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.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13—

7:00 p.m.—Sunday School Superintendents' Meeting.
7:30 p.m.—Dorcas Class of Adult 1 meets in Lower Auditorium.
7:30 p.m.—Associational Brotherhood Meeting, Molino.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14—

10:00 a.m.—W.M.S. Monthly Meeting.
Program, Business, and Bible Study.
12:15 p.m.—W.M.S. Luncheon.
4:00 p.m.—Sunbeams, Junior and Intermediate G.A.'s, Junior R.A.'s
7:30 p.m.—B.W.C. Meetings. (See W.M.U.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15—

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 and Praise Service.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16—

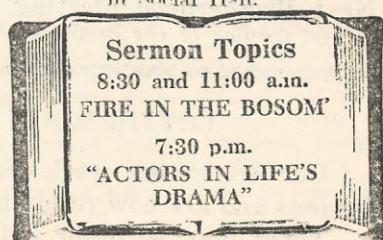
9:30 a.m.—CHURCH.
2:30 p.m.— WIDE VISITATION
7:00 p.m.—
7:30 p.m.—Bykota Christmas Party, with Mrs. T. B. Shell, 1216 E. Avery
7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17—

7:00 p.m.—Adult III Training Union Party in W.M.U. Room.
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18—

7:00 p.m.—Junior I Training Union Social in Social Hall.
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