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"For Unto Us A Child Is Born  
Unto Us A Son Is Given"

. . . Isaiah 9:6



Our wish for you is that the  
Son of God shall reign supreme  
in your hearts every passing day.

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REMEMBER GROUND-BREAKING  
JANUARY 2 — 10:55 A.M.



# Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

**Appreciation**—Mr. and Mrs. G. R. McDonald and Glenn have been seeking a way to express gratitude to their many friends for their recent assistance, kindness and prayers. It has occurred to them that perhaps a gift to the Building Fund of the church at this time would be one way of saying "Thank you." A substantial gift has been sent to the church for this purpose. In calling attention to this, the pastor would like to add that he has not known any more genuine gratitude for what friends have meant than has been shown by the McDonalds. All of us want to assure them of our continuing love and friendship.

**Evangelism**—Each of us needs to be just as faithful as possible in seeking to lead others to Christ. It was good to have a mother to come to me this week with two of her children who are ready to make profession of faith. Our hearts were made glad last Sunday as a Saufley Field man surrendered to Jesus. During the Christmas season we ought to see many others making room for the Saviour in their hearts.

**Students**—Many of us can scarcely wait for our sons and daughters to get home from school for the Christmas season. It will be good to see them in our services these next two Sundays.

**Servicemen**—Let's not forget our men in the Armed Forces during the Christmas days. A greeting, a prayer for them, and a word of encouragement will bless them.

**January 2**—Our Ground-Breaking Ceremony is scheduled for 10:55 a.m. Sunday, January 2, 1955. Should extremely bad weather prevail at that hour, the ceremony will be held at another hour that will be announced publicly.

**Sunday Night**—A special Christmas Service in song will be held at the 7:30 hour Sunday night. The Choir will render several special numbers, while the congregation will join in singing familiar Christmas music. It will be a service for all of the family. Don't leave Christ out of Christmas and this service will help you to give Him his rightful place.

**Hebrews**—Already I am enjoying the preparation for teaching during Bible Study Week, January 3-7. At least 200 of our Adults ought to plan now to take part.

**Lottie Moon**—I am pleased with the report that our Special Christmas Offering now is over the \$1,300 mark. Surely many others will want to join in this great missionary offering of Southern Baptists.

## LOCKING OF BUILDINGS

At the Business Meeting of the church last Wednesday evening, the church adopted the following recommendation brought by the Board of Deacons:

"Due to the location of our church, with ready access to all who pass by, we feel that it will be to our definite advantage to lock all of the buildings. It is suggested that the buildings be locked beginning Sunday night, December 12, 1954. The procedure for using the church facilities after normal working hours of the church staff will be as follows:

1. All requests for use of the buildings must be cleared through the church office in order to have the building unlocked and avoid conflicts with other groups.
2. Persons requesting use of the building shall be responsible for: Protection of property, turning off gas, lights, and locking the building.
3. Keys will be issued to: Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, Treasurer, Chairman Building Committee, Chairman Deacons, and Church Staff.
4. All keys are to be returned upon request, and no duplicate keys shall be made."

This action is not to limit the use of our building, but will assure the protection of our property.

Organizations and groups in our church will clear with the church office and arrange for place of meeting. Outside groups will get permission to use building and equipment from the Building and Grounds Committee.

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## LAST-MINUTE REMINDERS

The **Junior II Christmas Party** will be this Friday night (today), December 17, in the Junior II Department, for all parents and children and other invited guests.

The **JOY Class (Adult II) Christmas Party** will be held in the home of Mrs. Frank Johnson, 105 W. Jackson Street, tonight (Friday), December 17.

The **Adult III Training Union Christmas Party** will be held in the Social Hall of the church tonight (Friday), December 17, at 7:30 p.m.

The **Junior I Training Union** will meet in the Social Hall on Saturday night, December 18, at 7:00 p.m.

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## LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to date is \$1,325.87.

Every member of First Baptist Church is invited to have a part in this worthy offering. Your offering may be turned in designated "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering."





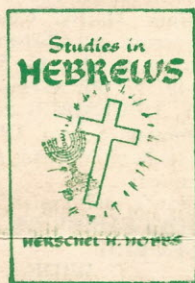
### Let's Keep It Up

Our attendance for the first two Sundays in December has surpassed the last two years. Let's keep it up!

### Southwide Adult Conference

Many prominent Sunday School personalities will be on the program of the Southwide Adult Conference held in Atlanta December 30-31. Serving as speakers and conference leaders will be: Ernest J. Loessner, Ralph E. Longshore, Dr. James L. Sullivan, Dr. Charles L. McKay, Rev. Wayne Dehoney, Dr. Homer G. Lindsay, Dr. W. A. Criswell, Dr. W. L. Howse, and others.

We hope that some of our adult workers can go.



### BIBLE STUDY WEEK

January 3-7, 1955

Young people and Adults study "Studies in Hebrews". Books for all ages.

### Our Visitation

As we come to the end of 1954, we complete the first quarter of our church year. One of the things that we shall want to do in a better way during the rest of the year is VISITATION. The pastor will meet the Visitation groups on December 23rd and December 30th. On Thursday, January 6, we will visit morning and afternoon only, since we will be engaged in our Bible Study Week. On Thursday, January 13th, we are hoping to have between 150 and 200 people engaged in our Church-Wide Visitation Program.

It's good to visit, but it's better to have a Visitation Program that seeks to enlist all



### Executive Committee Meetings

The Training Union Executive Committee Meetings will be held Sunday afternoon as follows:

5:00 p.m.—General Executive Committee Meeting.

5:30 p.m.—Department Executive Committee Meetings.

### Remember Watchnight

Remember that Friday, December 31, is our Monthly Officers Council Meeting, Reception for New Members, and Watchnight Service. Plan to be present.

### Especially For YOUTH

### Welcome Home, Students

We are happy to welcome our college students home for the Christmas holidays.

All of our college students are urged to "check in" Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in the Church Auditorium to assist in making the final plans for our Student Night program.

### Youth Go Caroling

Our Youth Council is inviting all Intermediates, Seniors, and Young People to go caroling Christmas Eve Night. We will meet at the church at 7:00 p.m.

### Youth Council Elects Officers

New Officers elected by the Youth Council are:

President—Jack Anderson

Devotional Vice-President—Judy Barri-neau

Social Vice-President—Nancy Larson

Enlistment Vice-President—Wade Rogers

Secretary—Jane Wamble

Publicity Chairman—Pat Robertson

of us in a united effort to reach people.

Any visits made in the interest of our church are counted in the organization's Visitation report, but only those who come to the church and participate in the Visitation Program are counted in the reported Number visiting on Thursday.

OUR BUILDING FUND TO DATE

**\$299,457.77**

HELP IT GROW!



## LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance (FBC).....	1055
Members in Attendance.....	997
New Members .....	4
Visitors .....	54
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	71
<b>Total Sunday School Attendance.....</b>	<b>1126</b>
Attendance one year ago.....	574
Training Union Attendance.....	225
Members in Attendance.....	203
New Members .....	7
Visitors .....	13
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	22
<b>Total Training Union Attendance.....</b>	<b>247</b>
Attendance one year ago.....	211
Additions to church membership.....	9
(FBC—4 by Letter; 2 for Baptism)	
(Circle Chapel—3 by Letter)	
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$2,212.40
Specials .....	121.42
Building Designated .....	1,095.40
<b>TOTAL OFFERING .....</b>	<b>\$3,409.22</b>
(The above includes the Chapel offering of \$112.63)	

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### FIRST BAPTIST (By Letter):

- 33 Miss Ruth Helton, 1408 50th, Pen Haven.
- 34 Mrs. L. M. Teal, 106 W. Shadowlawn.
- 35 John N. Conner, NATTU, NAS.
- 36 N/C James Redhage, Bldg. 140S 228, Whiting Field, Milton.

### FIRST BAPTIST (For Baptism):

- 9 Miss Diana J. Orvis, 1408 50th, Pen Haven.
- 10 Donald M. Hamilton, Saufley Field.

### CIRCLE CHAPEL (By Letter):

- 37 Mr. L. B. Mills, 4 Flynn Drive, Corry Heights.
- 38 Mrs. L. B. Mills, 4 Flynn Drive.
- 39 Harold Mills, 4 Flynn Drive.

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## THE KING'S BUSINESS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19—

- 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.
- 3:00 p.m.—Junior I Dept. of S. S. meets  
at church to go caroling. Will  
return to church at 5:00.
- 3:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WEAR.
- 3:30 p.m.—Student "Check-In"
- 5:00 p.m.—Training Union Executive  
Committee.
- 5:30 p.m.—Training Union Department  
Executive Committee.
- 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 20—

- 7:30 p.m.—Mary Martha Class business  
meeting and Christmas party in  
home of Mrs. C. E. McNabb,  
3421 N. 9th Avenue.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22—

- 6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Officers' and  
Teachers' Meeting begins with  
supper.

- 7:45 p.m.—Prayer and Praise Service.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23—

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

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31—

- 7:00 p.m.—Young People to go Caroling.
- 5:30 p.m.—Meeting of Directors of Cor-  
poration.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs.

Ervin England, 7 Rosea Drive, on the  
birth of their daughter, Caprice Michelle,  
on December 6. To Mr. and Mrs. Everette  
McGowin on the birth of their son, Ever-  
ette III, on December 2. To Mr. and  
Mrs. L. E. Wiggins on the birth of their  
daughter, Janice Christine, December 10.

### OUR KNOWN SICK:

Baptist Hospital—Mr. B. D. Swain, Mr.  
Guy Andrews, Mr. H. P. Peake, Mr. Pat  
Groner.

W. T. Edwards Hospital, Tallahassee—  
Miss Mary Creel.

Lakeside Hospital, DeFuniak Springs—  
Mrs. E. C. Rogers.

Ill at Home: Mrs. L. L. Hanks, 520 South  
First Street, Warrington; Mrs. Julian Wilson,  
1608 E. Baars Street; Mrs. Ileen Brazile,  
200 Kalash Road, NP; Mrs. W. D. Davis,  
4321 Martha Street; Mr. F. G. Keen, 1607  
E. Lee St.; Mrs. G. H. Johnson, Rt. 5, Box  
728-A; Mrs. M. L. Ward, 2100 N. "A" St.

WEDDING BELLS TO: Miss Marie Evelyn  
Kirk and Robert E. Blackford who were  
married on November 27.