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STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS

7:30 P.M.

DECEMBER 26, 1954

FEATURING OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

IN

MUSIC AND PANTOMINE

THEME: "SPIRIT OF B. S. U."

PASTOR'S MESSAGE:

"TODAY'S STUDENTS LOOK ON THE FIELDS"

OUR BUILDING FUND TO DATE

\$301,042.52

HELP IT GROW!

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

WELCOME HOME!—We are glad to welcome home Mr. and Mrs. Brentwood Bryan who have been in Alaska and Major and Mrs. J. Lee Booker who have been in Japan.

Dr. Rousseau has written a Christmas message from California. He indicates that he finds it impossible to write a personal message to all of the Pensacola friends who have been so gracious at this season. He wishes to say "Thank You" through these lines.

Gratitude!—Again we find ourselves trying to express appreciation to you for being you. Like Dr. Rousseau we want to let these lines say "Thank You" for all of your Christmas remembrances.

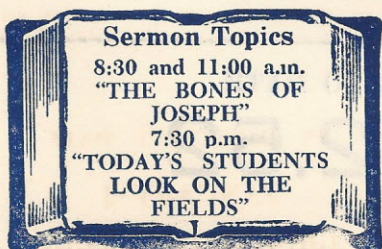
Purchase Order System—After the first of January any purchase made in the name of the First Baptist Church should be accompanied by a signed purchase order secured from the church office. Mrs. Sutton will serve as the authorizing agent. This new system is not designed to hamper any legitimate operation of the church, but is to enable the office to keep an accurate record of all purchases. Your co-operation in securing a proper purchase order will help.

1954 Financial Records—The 1954 financial books will be kept open until January 10th. Any gifts to be credited to your 1954 account should be made by that time.

Evangelism is a major emphasis of our church. Let's not forget to witness at this Christmas season.

Directors Elect Officers—When the board of Directors of the Church Corporation met last Monday p.m. the following officers were named: Dr. W. H. Coker, President; Mr. Mose Penton, Vice President; Mr. Paul Caro, Treasurer. In keeping with the action of the church the Directors instructed the officers to sign the Loan and Binding Contracts. Now we will be legally ready for Ground Breaking, 10:55 a.m., January 2nd.

The Lord's Supper will be observed the second Sunday in January.





GOOD FOOD

GOOD FELLOWSHIP

GOOD PROGRAM

AT BROTHERHOOD MEETING

TUESDAY EVENING, 7:00 P.M.

Guest Speaker: Rev. John B. Cheshire, Chaplain at Baptist Hospital

MEN: Get your ticket Sunday from one of the following men:

W. E. Jackson

Jack Rogers

Jim Drexler

Billy Renfroe

Clarence Taylor



BIBLE STUDY WEEK

JANUARY 3-7, 1955

Adults will study: "Studies In Hebrews," taught by the Pastor. Other books for other age groups.

CHAPEL CHIMES

A good deal of sickness and some holiday trips have hit our attendance pretty badly at the Chapel. Sunday we had 61 in Sunday School, a drop of 10 from the past week. Our average attendance for December stands at 62, which is far below our goal of 100. Training Union reported 23 in attendance on Sunday night, an increase of one.

We are looking forward to a big year in 1955. Already in view are steps toward a visitation program, the organization of auxiliary groups for boys, girls and ladies, as well as a Brotherhood for the men, and the extension of our building for some much-needed space. Our resolution for the New Year is to Go, Give, Grow and Sow. With the Lord's help we will win many victories for Him.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

**Friday Evening
December 31**

Theme: "TIME MARCHES ON"

6:30—Supper in W. M. U. Room.

**6:45 - 7:55—Training Union Monthly
Workers Council Meeting**

**8:00 - 9:00—Reception for New Church
Members**

**9:00 - 9:30—A GLANCE BACKWARD —
A LOOK FORWARD**

9:30-10:30—FELLOWSHIP PERIOD

10:30-11:30—FILM

11:30-12:05—WORSHIP

Our Annual Watchnight Service sponsored by the Training Union has been planned to include every member of the family.

All members of the Training Union will want to be here for the Monthly Workers' Council Meeting.

Every member of First Baptist Church will want to be here for the Reception honoring all of the members who have come into our church during 1954.

Others will want to participate in the various other activities of the evening, leading up to the Worship and Dedication Service at 11:30.

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LIFE SERVICE GROUP TO VISIT

Next Thursday Evening our Life Service Group will meet at 5:30 p.m. for Supper. Following the supper and their meeting, they will participate in the Visitation program.

Other members of our church will want to join them at 7:00 p.m. for the Visitation program.

The pastor will meet the visitation groups at 9:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

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AN IMPORTANT DATE

JANUARY 2

GROUND BREAKING

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance (FBC).....	997
Members in Attendance.....	921
New Members.....	8
Visitors	68

Circle Baptist Chapel.....	61
Total Sunday Attendance.....	1058
Attendance one year ago.....	808
Training Union Attendance.....	275
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	23
Total Training Union Attendance.....	298
Additions to church membership.....	6
(First Baptist by letter)	

Baptized	1
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$2,630.73
Specials	274.28
Building	1,584.75

TOTAL OFFERING\$4,489.76

(The above figure includes the Chapel Offering of \$114.38)

Our Building Fund To Date.....\$301,042.52



40. Malcolm W. Gilchrist, 101 Edgewater Dr.
41. Mrs. Malcolm W. Gilchrist, 101 Edgewater Dr.
42. Malcolm Lane Gilchrist, 101 Edgewater Dr.
43. David Gilchrist, 101 Edgewater Dr.
44. Joe Robert Gilchrist, 101 Edgewater Dr.
45. Gerald Schroeder, 403 South First Street, Warrington.

BAPTIZED SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

Donald Hamilton

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK:

Baptist Hospital—R. D. Bonham, Pat Groner, Berney M. Henderson.

Ill at Home—J. Norwood Cobb, 1801 E. Maxwell; Mrs. Vera Coons, 1209 N. 18th Avenue; Paul W. Caro, 2020 E. Maxwell.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs.

Ralph Williams, 920 N. Baylen on the birth of their son, Ralph Glynn, on December 9; **Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith, Jr.**, Gulf Breeze, on the birth of their daughter, Eleanor Jean, on December 16; **Lt. and Mrs. Neal Douglas Blue, Jr.**, on the birth of their daughter, Deborah Ann, born at Fort Meade Hospital on Dec. 19.

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

GOAL\$2,000.00

TOTAL TO DATE.....\$1,672.67

HAVE YOU HAD A PART?

8:30 a.m.—Early Morning Worship. Pastor.

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastor.

THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26—

- 8:30 a.m.—Early Morning Worship. Pastor.
 9:40 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
 Theron Guthrie, Supt.
 11:30 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastor.
 3:00 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WEAR.
 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, DECEMBER 28—

- 4:00 p.m.—Sunbeams, Junior and Intermediate G. A.'s, Junior A. A.'s at church.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29—

- 6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Officers and Teachers Meetings begins with supper.
 6:30 p.m.—Intermediate R. A. Meeting.
 7:45 p.m.—Prayer and Praise Service, and Church Business Conference.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30—

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30—

- 6:00 p.m.—Watchnight Service begins with Training Union
 6:30 p.m.—Training Union Monthly Workers Council Meeting begins with supper.
 8:00 p.m.—Reception for New Church Members.
 9:00 p.m.—Watch Night Service.

LAST MINUTE REMINDER

YOUNG PEOPLE GO CAROLING

FRIDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE

MEET AT THE CHURCH AT

7:00 P.M.

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