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W. M. S. FOCUS WEEK ENDS SUNDAY



I am your W.M.S.—
Those who join me
Are greatly blest
With a sense of partnership with God
In life's most noble conquest.

I am your W.M.S.—
Those who do not belong
Can never guess
Their lack in missionary knowledge and zeal
Thus to realize would not be best.

I am your W.M.S.
Of the First Baptist Church
Pensacola, Florida, and I request
A chance to help you share God's redeeming love
Which is the Christian's test.

I am your W.M.S.
And to you I stretch my hand.
Determine to join, lest
The worldwide vision, missionary opportunities missed
You fail to enter fully "God's rest".

—Mrs. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr.

OUR BUILDING FUND TO DATE

\$314,371.82

HELP IT GROW!

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

Nashville—Some of you have been wondering what in the world I have been doing in Nashville. I have been asked to write for Open Windows for October 23-29, 1955, for The Baptist Adult Union Quarterly for January, 1956, and for Home Life, for February and October, 1956. My trip to Nashville was for the purpose of conferring with Sunday School Board folks about these writing assignments.

Writing—I enjoy trying to use my pen for the Lord whenever I can find time to attempt to write. Some of you noticed the article in the Adult section of **The Builder**, January, 1955. Three programs will appear in the June, 1955, **Baptist Adult Union Quarterly**. I would appreciate your praying that the Lord will somehow take these efforts of your pastor and bless them to the enrichment of Christian life. You have a part in enabling me to attempt this ministry beyond our own borders.

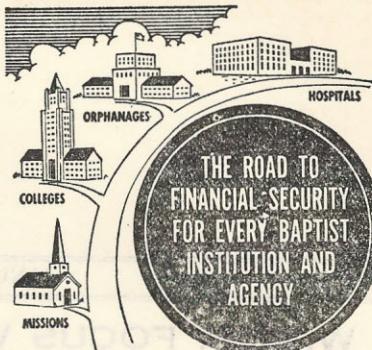
Using Time—I consider that the demands of a pastoral ministry in Pensacola have a priority upon my life and time. I am convinced, too, that you want and expect your pastor to fill his place as Christ's representative supported by you in a worthy participation in denominational and community activities. I was elected President of the Pensacola Minister's Conference while absent from the last meeting. Also the President of our Florida Convention has asked that your pastor serve on a committee to study the building needs of churches in college centers. Every acceptance of a new responsibility like these makes new demands upon one's time and energy. I pledge you that I will say "No" to such calls upon your pastor when that seems to be the will of the Lord. I am just as ready to say "Yes" when it seems to be His will. You will pray for the pastor to be able to know the Master's will.

Conferences—While in Nashville I spent some profitable time with Mr. Hardie Bass, of the Architectural Department, talking over our building plans. I also visited with Mr. Hines Sims, of the Music Department, seeking some assistance for our church.

Visitors—By the way, a young college professor and his wife will be visiting our church on January 30th. The Music Committee has invited them to come. They are both graduates of the Music Department of one of our Baptist schools. Both hold Master's degrees in the musical field from Juilliard School of Music, New York City. Both have directed church choirs. Their visit is exploratory, as we and they seek the Lord's will. Again, let's pray for divine guidance.

A Small World—While in Nashville, I met a sister-in-law and other relatives of

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM DAY SUNDAY, JANUARY 23



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

SERMON TOPICS TODAY

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

'CAN A MAN BE A CHRISTIAN TODAY?'

7:30 p.m.

"THE TALLEST MAN IN JERICHO"

OFFICERS ELECTED WEDNESDAY

The following people were elected by the church last Wednesday evening in business conference:

SUNDAY SCHOOL—

Mr. M. A. Farmer, teacher Adult 2.

Billy Renfroe, teacher 10-year boys, Junior 1.

Don Boothe, teacher 11-year boys, Junior 2.

Mrs. T. A. Wash, substitute teacher, Young People 1.

Mrs. R. J. Smith, worker in Nursery 3.

Mrs. J. W. Taylor, teacher in Beginner 2.

CRADLE ROLL WORKERS—

Department 1:

Mrs. H. H. Higgins, Mrs. Clyde Hood.

Mrs. Jesse Henderson, Mrs. Walter Bedford, Mrs. T. A. Wash.

Department 2:

Mrs. H. H. Hobbs, Mrs. Jack Brown, Mrs. Millie Alf, Mrs. E. C. Austin, Mrs. D. E. Robertson.

Department 3:

Mrs. Lewis M. Steele, Secretary.

Mrs. David Raley, Mrs. C. W. Harris.

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Brother E. W. Sudduth. Yes, they were attending Prayer Service at the First Baptist Church. Then I got to talk by 'phone with Mrs. F. B. Keene's daughter.

Sympathy to Mrs. S. L. Fulghum in the loss of her granddaughter in Lakeland.

Again, Thanks!—Yes, for the gift certificate for books presented the pastor at the close of the Study of Hebrews. I've already forwarded an order to the Baptist Book Store, Jacksonville.



Training Union

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Next Sunday afternoon, the Executive Committee of our Training Union meets as follows:

5:00—General Executive Committee Meeting in the W. M. U. Room (All General and Department Officers).

5:30—Departmental Executive Committee Meetings. (All Leaders and Sponsors, Counselors, Young People's and Adult Presidents).

RESERVE JANUARY 31

Our Monthly Workers Council Meeting comes on Monday night, January 31. Our December meeting came at a time when some of our people were out of town and others were busy, and our attendance was not as good as the October and November meetings. All Training Union members are reminded and urged to reserve Monday, January 31st, for this important meeting.

REGIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AT MILTON

The Regional Leadership Conference held in each section of the state each year will be held next Monday at the First Baptist Church, Milton.

The program is scheduled to begin at 2:30. Supper will be served by the host church. The Evening Session will begin at 7:00.

We hope that many of our leaders will be able to attend all or part of this important meeting.

The program emphasizing EVANGELISM, MISSIONS, STEWARDSHIP, includes the following:

Afternoon

- 2:30—Devotional—Willis E. Knopp.
- 2:45—Announcements.
- 3:00—The Holy Tithe—G. A. Ratteree.
- 3:30—Conference Period—Clifford Walker.
- 4:00—The Cry of a Sin Sick World—Courts Redford.
- 4:45—Adjourn for supper.

Evening

- 7:00—Song, Scripture, and Prayer.
- 7:10—God's Call for Men—John Maguire.
- 7:45—Here Is What I Will Say—Rogers M. Smith.

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DON'T THROW IT AWAY!

Don't throw your January Sunday School Builder away without reading the article by our pastor entitled "The Busy Years—Young Adulthood" on page 48. God grant that we see the challenge and go after the hundreds of adults not now in Sunday School. 64% of our population are adults. More than 31



Sunday School

CRADLE ROLL AND NURSERY STUDIES

Our Cradle Roll and Nursery workers have responded well to our week of special studies. Mrs. Barry has been a great help to our work. We look for better work as a result of this week.

CENSUS

On Sunday, January 30, all of the Baptist churches in this area will be engaged in taking a Religious Census. Plan now to help in this important undertaking. Many census takers will be needed to cover our assigned territory.

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THE NEXT SEMESTER OF THE SEMINARY EXTENSION CENTER

Begins at the Brownsville Baptist Church on January 25, and Continues for 18 Weeks The courses being offered are:

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

1. New Testament 132—A study of the Epistles and Revelation. Rev. J. K. Knight, Jr., teacher.

2. Old Testament 111—A historical study of the first ten books of Old Testament (Adam to David). Rev. A. C. Abney, teacher.

3. Religious Education 125—A study of the organizations of a Baptist church with suggestions as to their place and functions. Rev. A. B. Allen, teacher.

8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

1. Theology (doctrine) 116—A study of the basic doctrines that Baptists believe. Rev. James K. Knight, Jr., teacher.

2. Church History 124—A study of the history of the churches from the time of organization until present time. Rev. E. S. Owens, teacher.

3. New Testament 112—A historical study of the life of Jesus and of the Christian church up to the time of the conversion of Saul of Tarsus. Rev. W. H. Peters, teacher.

There is also to be a class in Spoken English taught by Rev. Angus Neel.

The cost includes: Enrollment fee (per course), \$4.00; tuition (per course) \$5.00; text books (average per course), \$3.50.

College and Seminary credit is given for the work completed. Anyone regardless of educational background may enroll. You may apply on January 25, February 1, 8, 15. Contact A. B. Allen, 3601 N. 12th Avenue, Pensacola, Phone HEmlock 3-8193, director, if further information is desired.

million of the 48 million unreached white population in our Convention territory are adults.

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	793
Members Present	748
New Members	3
Visitors	42
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	75
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	868
Attendance one year ago.....	1075
Training Union Attendance.....	252
Members Present	233
New Members	1
Visitors	18
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	36
Total Training Union Attendance.....	288
Attendance one year ago.....	318
Additions to church membership (First) (Letter—1: Baptism—2)	
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$2,194.71
Specials	442.53
Building Designated	319.90
TOTAL OFFERING	\$2,957.14
(The above figure includes the Chapel Offering of \$100.94)	
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BY LETTER:

60 Miss Pat Taylor, 310 Forest Park Drive.
FOR BAPTISM:
13 Mrs. Mildred Burns, 508 W. Gregory.
14 Miss Cheryl Griffin, 1709 E. Gonzalez.
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

SYMPATHY TO: Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Barrieneau, Jr., in the loss of their infant child. Lt. Commander J. W. Bullis in the loss of his father. Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Jones, Jr., in the loss of their son. Mr. J. L. Hackett in the loss of his father. Mrs. H. L. Drown in the loss of her daughter. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Townley in the loss of his brother. OUR KNOWN SICK—ILL AT HOME: Mr. C. E. Roth, 5916 Lillian Highway; Mrs. Ed Green, 318 Murray Blvd.; John Bratcher, 1625 N. 17th Ave.

Baptist Hospital—Lonnie Webster, Jr., Mr. T. B. Lucas, Mr. E. Dixie Beggs.

Sacred Heart—Mrs. Marie Reynolds, Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell.

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THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23—

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.
(Broadcast WCOA)

3:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WEAR.

4:30 p.m.—Showing of Camp Ridgecrest
film. Lower Auditorium.

5:00 p.m.—General Executive Committee
Meeting (Training Union)
W.M.U. Room.

5:30 p.m.—Departmental (Training Union)
Executive Committee Meetings

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.
Lower Auditorium.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24—

2:30 p.m.—Leadership Conference.
Milton.

7:00 p.m.—Leadership Conference.
Milton.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25—

10:00 a.m.—W.M.S. Executive Committee
Meeting.

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26—

5:30 p.m.—Intermediate R.A. meeting.

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

6:45 p.m.—New Members' Class.

7:45 p.m.—Prayer and Praise Service.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27—

9:30 a.m.—CHURCH-

2:30 p.m.— WIDE

7:00 p.m.— VISITATION

7:00 p.m.—B.W.C. Federation meeting.
Woodlawn.

7:00 p.m.—Choir Banquet. Social Hall.
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MR. GEORGE PICKERING HERE SUNDAY

Mr. George W. Pickering, Director of Camp Ridgecrest for Boys, will be in our church on next Sunday to make announcements and confer with interested boys and parents about Camp Ridgecrest.

This Camp operates two five-week camping seasons each summer for boys 9-16. The total cost per camper per five weeks is \$175. The 1955 dates are:

June 6 - July 11

July 15 - August 20

At 4:30 p.m. Mr. Pickering will show a colored motion picture of Ridgecrest, primarily depicting the work at Camp Ridgecrest for Boys. All interested persons are invited to be present at 5:00 in the Lower Auditorium for this showing.