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THIS FIRE BRINGS OPPORTUNITY

Look at a half glass of water! The pessimist says that it is half empty. The optimist points out that it is half full.

Look at the picture of the burning building at Stetson. Some will say, "Tragedy"! Florida Baptists are saying, "Opportunity"!

On Easter Sunday we will join other Baptist churches in the state in an effort to build a new Food Facility for Stetson University. The State Goal—\$175,000. Our Goal—\$2,000.

HEAR THE
STETSON UNIVERSITY GLEE CLUB
MARCH 28 — 8:00 P.M.
OUR AUDITORIUM

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

Register—A Christian should be a good citizen of his state and community. I consider it my Christian responsibility to register at the City Hall, so that I may take part in the coming election. You can do that now. Later you may wish that you had, only to find that it is too late. Let's encourage all qualified citizens to register to vote.

Annie Armstrong Offering—The month of March is almost past and the completion of the 1955 Annie Armstrong Offering should take place by the end of the month. Under the leadership of our Woman's Missionary Union a gift of \$674.00 has been made thus far for this Home Mission project. Additional gifts can be placed in the offering Sunday by making an envelope "Annie Armstrong." Our goal is \$1,000. Let's go beyond the goal as we did for the Lottie Moon Foreign Mission Offering.

Library—Just a reminder that you can secure good reading material from your Church Library. Have you used it lately?

Summer Plans—I am happy to know that a number of our people are making plans to attend Ridgecrest this summer. Several of our boys are to be at Camp Ridgecrest. Others will attend the Assembly at Ridgecrest. As you look toward the summer, be sure to include Panama City, Ridgecrest, or Clorieta in your schedule.

Christian Parents always follow the development of their children with prayerful interest. Several of you have commented about the picture of Nathan III in last Sunday's paper. The Mars Hill College News Bureau sent out the article which appeared locally. Naturally, as a father, I have been pleased: (1) that God has called our oldest son to the ministry; (2) that he has been selected on his school campus to direct the Training Union work next year; and, (3) that he had the privilege of editing the freshman edition of his school paper.

All of us are humbled as parents when we think of how good God has been to entrust us with young lives. Let us pray for and encourage one another to be faithful to God as parents. We have not succeeded in life, whatever else may be true, unless we have succeeded in being good parents. And that is not easy!

Music and Personnel Report—The Music and Personnel Committees made a report to the deacons Wednesday night. And next Sunday morning the church will have an opportunity to extend a call to a full time music director.

CHAPEL CHIMES

Things are buzzing busily around the Chapel every Sunday. To those passing by about 9:30 of a Sunday morning, the many cars and the crowds of people around the Chapel are a sure sign of a growing church.

Among the 101 present in Sunday School were three new members, bringing our total enrolment to 143. We now have three adult classes, and two primary classes, in addition to the regular classes of the other age groups. Two classes are meeting in homes, one in an automobile, four in the auditorium, and beds have been moved from the nursery to make room for another primary class. In growth there is both joy and heartache.

The church welcomed Miss Gloria Fowler, 206 N. Warrington Rd., into its fellowship by transfer of letter. We are happy that Gloria has found a church home in this city.

LOST BIBLES

There are a number of Bibles which have been left in the church building. Some of them have been here for weeks and months.

These Bibles have been placed on a table in the hall just outside of the Lower Auditorium on the first floor. If you have lost a Bible, please take time to look through this group. Those not claimed will be given to someone who can use them.

NORTH HILL

Our church last Wednesday Evening voted to accept the North Hill Church as a Mission. Their acceptance of our offer and legal details are still to be completed.

YOUTH WEEK NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO MEET

TUESDAY NIGHT, 7 O'CLOCK

Plans are well underway for our observance of Youth Week April 10-17. The Youth Week Nominating Committee will meet Tuesday Evening, March 29, at 7 p.m.

PRAYER SERVICE WEDNESDAY EVENING

7:45

Sermon Topics

8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

"THE ARROGANCE
OF EVIL"

7:30 P.M.

"STAGNANT LIVES"



Sunday School

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Our Sunday School attendance last Sunday of 1171 was less than our goal of 1260. We will want to work harder and visit more for Sunday.

Our Goals for the remaining three Sundays in our effort to CROWN HIM LORD" are:

March 27—1323

April 3—1389

April 10—1458

We Can, If You Will.

OUR VISITATION PROGRAM

We want to see our VISITATION PROGRAM continue to grow, both in the number of people participating, and in the results accomplished.

More of our people, more of our classes, more of our departments, ought to join in this effort.

Plan to visit next Thursday!



There were about 100 men present for the Brotherhood Meeting on Tuesday Evening. Everyone present enjoyed the music presented by the group from First Baptist Church, Milton, and the message by Rev. Joe Bamberg. It was good to have them with us.

And, it was good to see so many of our men present. There were seven men from the Circle Baptist Chapel. Already they are planning to organize a Brotherhood there.

Our Brotherhood approved plans of the Boys' Work Committee to send a group of our Ambassadors to the Royal Ambassador Congress to be held in St. Petersburg April 15-17.



Training Union

MONTHLY WORKERS' COUNCIL AND CLINIC

Our Monthly Workers' Council Meeting will be held next Monday Evening.

Supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. so that we can complete our meeting in time for the Concert by the Stetson Singers. The Singers will be our guests for Supper.

In connection with this meeting, we will have a Clinic Period for all Officers and Committee Members. Every member of the Training Union is urged to be present, but we especially want every officer to be here.

Our schedule will be:

6:00—Supper

6:25-6:35—General Promotion

6:35-7:15—CLINIC PERIOD

7:15-7:45—Program Planning and Committee Meetings

YOUTH CORNER

ATTENTION!

ALL INTERMEDIATES, SENIORS,
YOUNG PEOPLE

Do you know what happens on April 9?



Watch this space next week for answer.

REMEMBER—

YOUTH WEEK

IS

APRIL 10-17

ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING UNION MASS MEETING

SWORD DRILL AND SPEAKERS' TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, MARCH 25—7:30 P.M.

MYRTLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Oscar T. Reed will represent our church in Young People's Speakers' Tournament.

Miss Kay Revis will represent our church in Intermediate Sword Drill.

Support them by your prayers and presence.

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1171
Members Present	1056
New Members	9
Visitors	106
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	101
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	1272
Attendance one year ago.....	1039
Training Union Attendance.....	285
Members Present	264
New Members	3
Visitors	19
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	34
Total Training Union Attendance.....	319
Attendance one year ago.....	285
Additions to church membership.....	5
(Circle Chapel—1 by Letter)	
(First—1 for Baptism; 3 by Letter)	
Baptized	8
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$2,862.28
Specials	61.66
Building Designated	331.65
TOTAL OFFERING	\$3,275.62
(The above figure includes the Chapel Offering of \$126.73).	
Our Building Fund to Date:.....	\$323,150.85

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CIRCLE CHAPEL (Letter)

108 Miss Gloria Fowler, 206 N. Warrington Road.

FIRST BAPTIST (Letter)

109 Mr. Harold Martin, Class PH (A) 5511, NATTU, NAS.

110 Mrs. Mae Chapman, 3201 Torres Ave.

111 Miss Mary Virginia Cawthon, 105 W. Brainerd St.

FIRST BAPTIST (For Baptism)

63 Mrs. W. W. Chatwood, 36 E. Gregory.

EIGHT BAPTIZED SUNDAY

Miss Rachel Chatwood, Mrs. W. W. Chatwood, Terry Nettles, Bobby Joe Nettles, Ronald Maddux, Eugene Irwin, David Johnson, Miss Royce Yarbrough.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Baptist Hospital—

Mrs. Jack Macon, Mrs. A. L. McCrory.

Sacred Heart—Mr. B. I. Rowell.

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. E. C. Gentry, Sr. and Mrs. A. J. Gahan in the loss of their sister.

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THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, MARCH 27—

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.

6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
Haywood Arnold, Director.

7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.

8:30 p.m.—Young People's Fellowship.
Lower Auditorium.

8:30 p.m.—Intermediate-Senior Teentime.
W.M.U. Room.

MONDAY, MARCH 28—

6:00 p.m.—Training Union Monthly Workers' Council begins with supper.

6:30 p.m.—Training Union Officers' Clinic.

8:00 p.m.—Stetson Glee Club Concert.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29—

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

7:30 p.m.—Bykota Class meets with Mrs. E. S. Boddy, 905 N. Reus St.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30—

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

6:30 p.m.—Intermediate R.A.'s.

7:45 p.m.—Prayer and Praise Service.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31—

9:30 a.m.—CHURCH—

7:00 p.m.—WIDE

7:00 p.m.—VISITATION

7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1—

2:30 p.m.—Willing Workers' Class meets with Mrs. W. R. Parks, 4417 Davis Highway.

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