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## I AM MUSIC

I am MUSIC, most ancient of the arts. I am more than ancient; I am eternal. Even before life commenced upon this earth, I was here—in the winds and the waves. When the first trees and flowers and grasses appeared, I was among them. And when man came, I at once became the most delicate, most subtle, and most powerful medium for the expression of Man's emotions. When men were little better than beasts, I influenced them for their good.

In all ages I have inspired men with hope, kindled their love, given a voice to their joys, cheered them on to valorous deeds, and soothed them in times of despair. I have played a great part in the drama of Life, whose end and purpose is the complete perfection of man's nature. Through my influence human nature has been uplifted, sweetened, and refined. With the aid of men, I have become A Fine Art. From Tublacain to Thomas Edison a long line of the brightest minds have devoted themselves to the perfections of instruments through which men may utilize my powers and enjoy my charms.

I have myriads of voices and instruments. I am in the hearts of all men and on their tongues, in all lands and among all people; the ignorant and unlettered know me, not less than the rich and learned. For I speak to all men, in a language that all understand.

Even the deaf hear me, if they but listen to the voices of their own souls. I am the food of life. I have taught men gentleness and peace; and I have led them onward to heroic deeds. I comfort the lonely, and I harmonize the discord of crowds.

I am a necessary luxury to all men. I am MUSIC.

—Allan C. Inman

September Is Church Music Month

# Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

**Keep It Up!**—Circle Chapel and North Hill both broke Sunday School attendance records last Sunday. Circle set a new Training Union record. On Palafax the Sunday School attendance surpassed last year. There were 13 additions to the church, including the chapels. All together, now, let's keep it up to the glory of God!

**Staff Retreat**—Last Friday, the Staff got away from the church office. The Glenn Brantleys made their beach cottage available and the group spent the day in worship, fellowship, and planning. The discussions held were under the general headings: "Our Relationship to God", "Our Personal Relationships", "Our Five-Year Program", "Our Past Performance", and "Our Next Year's Emphasis." Out of these sessions have come the Staff recommendations for emphasis and improvement during 1956.

At night the Staff met with the Activities and Personnel Committees. It will not be long before the church will have a report from the Activities Committee.

I constantly rejoice in the spirit of cooperation and dedication that marks the service of the entire Staff. They all love the Lord. They are willing and faithful. Remember to pray for them as they serve the church.

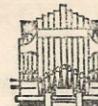
**Thank you**—R. C. Eickler, Jr., and Barbara Arnold have been helping with the music program at North Hill Chapel. As they go away to school, we want to say "thank you" for the service rendered.

**Water Damage**—Our Children's Building suffered considerable water damage during the heavy rains last week. It was not the fault of the new roof. It came about because of the construction situation in joining our New Sanctuary and the Children's Building. Repairs will be made as early as possible. Patience, please!

**Our World Travelers**—Already we have heard from Mrs. Keene and Miss Jayme Green about their trips to the Baptist World Alliance and to our mission fields. Next Wednesday, at the Prayer Service hour, Mrs. Alberta McCown is going to share with us experiences on her recent trip to the Holy Land. We appreciate these fine women helping to enlarge our vision.

**Dr. Rogers**—Members of the church will be interested to know that Wallace Rogers has accepted the call of the Downtown Baptist Church, Corpus Christi, Texas, to become the pastor of the congregation. Our best wishes to church and pastor!

**Accident**—Mr. Ed Wise, the Masonry Sub-Contractor on our new building, fell on Monday, breaking his leg. We hope that he will soon be up and about.



## Music Notes

Next week we begin our graded choir program. There is an opportunity for service for all who wish it, and we invite you to take advantage of this opportunity. There is a choir for every age group and a place of service for each person.

Tuesday, September 6, is Registration Day for all choirs. Registration will be held in the Music Room behind the auditorium between the hours of 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-5:00. Mothers, please accompany your child if he or she is below the age of 12.

A Church Music Survey will be conducted Sunday at both the Sunday School and Training Union. Your co-operation and assistance will be deeply appreciated and will facilitate the work of the music department. You can be very helpful by thinking NOW of the place that YOU can serve best in the music department.

### CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

**CELESTIAL**—(Beginners) ages 4 and 5—4:00 p.m. Tuesday in Beginner Department.

**CHERUB** (Primary) Ages 6-8—3:15 Tuesday in Primary 3 Department.

**CAROL** (Juniors) Ages 9-12—9:00 a.m. Saturday.

**CONCORD** (Intermediates) 13-16—6:45 p.m. Wednesday.

**CHAPEL** (Young People) 17-24—8:00 p.m. Monday.

**CHURCH** (Adult and Young Married and Professional)—7:30 p.m. Thursday in Church Auditorium.

The Carol, Concord and Chapel Choirs will rehearse in the Music Room.

SUNDAY BEGINS

"BUILD ATTENDANCE"

MONTH

IN

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY'S GOAL: 1035

## CIRCLE CHAPEL CHIMES

The Lord truly blessed us on Sunday, with a record day all around. As you can see from our report elsewhere in **The Builder** we had an exceptional Sunday School and Training Union attendance. The morning worship service was well attended, with the auditorium nearly filled.

We welcomed five who came asking for membership in the Chapel. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gordon, Sr., W. C., Jr., and Sandra, 15 North "J" Street, came upon transfer of letter. Jane Kohr, 3835 Idlewood Drive, came professing faith in Christ and presented herself as a candidate for baptism and church membership. We welcome them and pray for them God's blessings as they find their places of service with us.

Continue to pray for us in our expanding program. We are looking forward to a great year for the Lord.



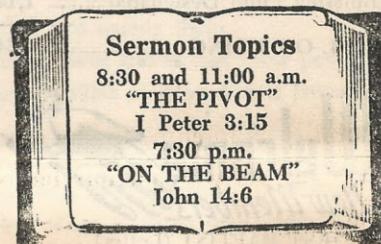
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6—

10:00 a.m.—Circle No. 1 meets with Mrs. Charles C. Wiggins, 1708 East Bobe Street.  
10:00 a.m.—No. 2, with Mrs. J.E.D. Yonge, 122 W. Lloyd.  
10:00 a.m.—No. 5, with Mrs. John Busey, 1001 E. Strong Street.  
10:00 a.m.—No. 6, with Mrs. William K. Boger, 1575 N. 20th.  
10:00 a.m.—No. 7, with Mrs. E. W. Speed, 2023 Escambia.  
10:00 a.m.—No. 9, with Mrs. Joe Ladner, 315 Panferio, Pensacola Beach.  
10:30 a.m.—No. 3, at Wayside Park.  
2:30 p.m.—No. 8, with Mrs. J. Nixon Daniel, 3641 Menendez.  
3:00 p.m.—No. 4, with Mrs. W. E. Wilson,

## NORTH HILL NARRATIONS

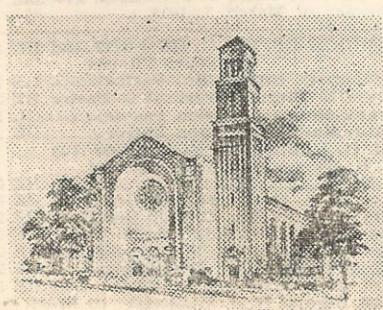
Surely our people at North Hill are dedicating themselves to the task of winning and enlisting those outside of our church for the Lord. As a direct result of extensive visitation our Sunday School attendance was 110 and our Training Union attendance was 51. I feel that we are just now beginning to really step out for our Lord in our program of visitation and that there will be a great gathering in the near future. Both our Brotherhood and our Woman's Missionary Union will be organized during this week and we know that these will greatly aid our development and growth. How thrilled I was to hear that Circle Chapel had 150 in Sunday School last Sunday and that another mission that is only four weeks old had 137. Surely God's blessing the mission program of our association.

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue and people."—Revelation 14:6.



The wedding of  
Miss Mable Ernestine Davis  
to  
Mr. William B. Mancil  
will be held at  
First Baptist Church  
Saturday, September 3rd, 1955  
at 4:30 in the afternoon

1919 N. 14th.  
7:30 p.m.—No. 10, with Mrs. E. A. Allen,  
100 W. Brainerd.



## OUR BUILDING FUND TO DATE

Received to date	\$354,500.19
Borrowed	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$354,600.19</b>
Less:	
Payments to Contractor	\$186,546.73
Balance on Hand	\$168,053.46

## ABOUT THE ELECTION OF DEACONS

Last Sunday, there were 603 ballots cast in the Deacons' Election, with a total of 5504 votes. Some very fine men were eliminated by the choice of the congregation. This is no reflection upon any man whose name does not appear on the ballot today. After all, when a church is going to name only ten men to serve as deacons, and thirty-eight have been nominated, there will be twenty-eight men who will not be asked to serve.

This does not mean that the twenty-eight men will be lost to service in the life of the church. Each of these men can continue to live and serve in the way that brought about his nomination for the office of deacon.

I am told that the vote last Sunday was the largest ever cast in a deacons' election in this church. That is a healthy sign. Whatever the results of the election, Baptist democracy will have prevailed. Our responsibility is to come to the election in a spirit of prayer, seeking the will of the Lord as we cast our ballots. When God's will is done a church is on the right track.

The ten men receiving the highest number of votes, Sunday, September 4, will be considered elected to the office of deacon by this church. The results of the election will be announced at the evening service, September 4th.

### Time Change — September 4th

The Evening Worship Service will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Training Union will meet at 6:10 p.m.

# NOMINEES FOR THE OFFICE OF DEACON

## BALLOT SEPTEMBER 4

J. A. WATSON, 131 Corry Avenue

TOM WASH, 1660 E. Hatton Street

W. B. TOWNLEY, 1404 E. Bobe St.

BILLY RENFROE, 403 N. Hayne St.

GLENN R. McDONALD, 2860 Blackshear

J. D. McCASKILL, 2013 E. Lakeview

JAMES L. MAYO, 1500 E. Lee St.

LEROY JOSEPH, 321 Third St., EPH

SAM JORDAN, JR., 1217 E. Mallory

BEN JOHNS, 1701 W. Intendencia

W. E. JACKSON, 2103 N. Magnolia

JAMES L. HURT, 1315 E. Lakeview

HAROLD GENTRY, 2623 W. Gadsden

JAMES L. DREXLER, 1512 E. Yonge

S. L. DAVIS, 1503 E. Jackson Street

C. E. DANNELLY, 1915 E. Avery

JOHN B. COKER, Route 4, Box 7

PAUL W. CARO, SR., 2020 E. Maxwell

ERNEST L. BARRINEAU, 1120 E. 38th

EDWARD ALLEN, 100 W. Brainerd

For those who are going to be out of town on Sunday, your ballot may be counted if you will mark it and see that it is in the Church Office before Noon Sunday.

## LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1059
Members present .....	935
New Members .....	12
Visitors .....	112
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	152
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	110
<b>Total Sunday School Attendance.....</b>	<b>1128</b>
Attendance one year ago.....	1031
Training Union Attendance.....	243
Members present .....	214
New Members .....	2
Visitors .....	21
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	62
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	51
<b>Total Training Union Attendance.....</b>	<b>356</b>
Attendance one year ago.....	275
Additions to church.....	13
(Letter—12; Baptism—1)	
(First—8; Circle—5)	
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$2,809.76
(Circle Chapel—\$114.62)	
North Hill—\$105.4)	
Specials .....	303.12
(Circle—\$0.27)	
Building Fund Designated.....	1,181.25
<b>TOTAL OFFERING .....</b>	<b>\$4,244.13</b>



### FIRST BAPTIST (Letter)

- 255 Mr. L. D. Rushing, 1821 W. Gov't.
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- 257 Mrs. N. C. Collier, 121-A Catherine Avenue, Ellinor Village.
- 258 Miss Pat Everage, 521 N. Spring St.
- 259 Mrs. Annabelle Gibson, 1816 W. Gov't.
- 260 Mr. Ralph Godwin, 1500 E. Lee St.
- 261 Mrs. W. F. Stephens, 1000 E. DeSoto.

### CIRCLE CHAPEL (Letter)

- 262 Mr. W. C. Gordon, 15 N. "J" St.
- 263 Mrs. W. C. Gordon, 15 N. "J" St.
- 264 Miss Sandra Gordon, 15 N. "J" St.
- 265 Mr. Walter C. Gordon, Jr., 15 N. "J" St.

### FIRST BAPTIST (Baptism)

- 103 Mr. N. C. Collier, 121-A Catherine Av.
- CIRCLE CHAPEL (Baptism)

- 104 Miss Jane Kohr, 3835 Idlewood Drive.
- DEDICATION TO FULL-TIME CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

Miss Margie Carson, 3416 W. Jackson St.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**OUR KNOWN SICK:** Baptist Hospital—Mr. Herbert Stevens.  
**Naval Hospital**—Mrs. Clyde Groves.  
**At Home**—Miss Gwen Dannelly, 1915 East Avery Street; Mrs. W. H. Coker, Jr., 611 Leonard Drive, Warrington; Mrs. Una Bratcher, 100 W. Cervantes Street.  
**SYMPATHY TO:** Mr. Jake M. Godwin in the loss of his brother.

## THE KING'S BUSINESS

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4—

- 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 over WPFA)
- 3:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WEAR.
- 6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages. A. 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, SEPTEMBER 5—

- 3:00 p.m.—Youth Beach Party leaves church.
- 8:00 p.m.—Young People's Choir rehearsal.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6—

- 10:00 a.m.—Circle Meetings (see W.M.U. Circle Meetings)
- 3:15 p.m.—Cherub Choir rehearsal.
- 4:00 p.m.—Celestial Choir rehearsal.
- 4:00 p.m.—Sunbeams, Junior and Intermediate G.A.'s, Junior R.A.'s meet at the church.

- 7:00 p.m.—Mary Martha Class Banquet. Lower Auditorium.

- 7:30 p.m.—Deacons Meeting.

- 7:30 p.m.—Bykota Class Business and Social Meeting with Mrs. G. R. McDonald, 2860 Blackshear.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7—

- 6:00 p.m.—S. S. Officers' and Teachers' meeting begins with supper.
- 6:30 p.m.—Intermediate R.A.'s.
- 6:45 p.m.—Concord Choir rehearsal.
- 7:45 p.m.—Prayer Service.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8—

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

- 7:30 p.m.—Church Choir rehearsal.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9—

- 7:00 p.m.—JUNIOR 1 BANQUET.
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10—

- 9:00 a.m.—Carol Choir rehearsal.

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