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## BANQUETS OF THE BIBLE

A SPECIAL SERIES OF SERMONS

by

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September 18—

A.M. "A BRAVE HOSTESS" ..... Esther 7:1

P.M. "A FOOLISH HOST" ..... Daniel 5:1

September 25—

A.M. "TRAGEDY AT THE TABLE" ..... Job 1:4, 18-19

P.M. "A CHANGE OF DIET" ..... Luke 15:23

October 2—

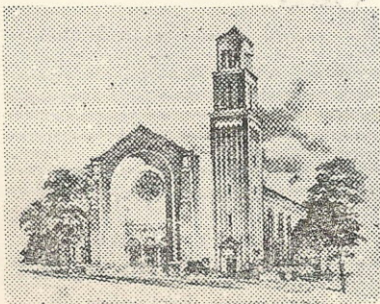
A.M. "WHEN THE SERVANTS BROUGHT PEACE"—  
Acts 6:1-3

P.M. "A SURPRISE ON THE MENU" ..... John 2:9

October 9—

A.M. "THE BEST REMEMBERED MEAL" ..... 1 Cor. 11:24

P.M. "THE GREAT SUPPER" ..... Revelation 19:17



### OUR BUILDING FUND TO DATE

Received to date ..... \$358,194.44

Borrowed ..... 100.00

TOTAL ..... \$358,294.44

Less:

Payments to Contractor ..... 239,219.33

Balance on hand ..... \$119,075.11



# Viewpoint

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**Emeritus**—At the church business session last week Mr. Earl Gaston was named a Deacon Emeritus by the church.

**At Work**—Church Committees are busily getting ready for the new church year. The Nominating Committee has completed a large portion of its work. The 1956 Budget Committee will report to the Deacons on Sunday night. The Church should hear from this report through the bulletin next week and adoption of the 1956 Budget will probably come at the morning services on September 25. The Activities Committee is ready to report concerning our 1956 program. The new Chairman of our deacons is about ready to recommend the 1956 Church Committees to the church.

**Deacons**—All deacons are urged to be present at a special call meeting at the close of the worship service this Sunday night.

**New Officers**—The Chairman of our deacons for the new church year is to be Dr. Henry Ashmore. The Vice-Chairman is to be Mr. J. Nixon Daniel, Jr. The Secretary-elect is Mr. Irvin Roberts.

**Building**—Progress on the new sanctuary has been accelerated in the past ten days. Mr. Greenhut assured me during this week that we can count on being in the new building by October 1, 1956. It is our hope that Promotion Day next year will find us moving into the new educational space.

**Welcome**—Miss Eloise Hughes, of Greensboro, North Carolina, arrived in Pensacola Wednesday to begin her responsibilities as Secretary to the pastor. She is from Greensboro, N. C., where her church home is the First Baptist.

**Not Satisfied**—I am not going to remain satisfied any Sunday that our Sunday School attendance on Palafox falls below 1100, or our Training Union attendance below 300.

## ATTENTION, MEN SEPTEMBER BROTHERHOOD MEETING

Tuesday Evening, 7:00

Lower Auditorium

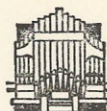
Featuring: MISS JAMYE GREEN

Tickets Available Sunday

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## SPECIAL YOUTH VISITATION

The Youth Council is emphasizing one Thursday night per month for a special time of Youth Visitation. Next Thursday night at 7:00 o'clock, Intermediates, Seniors, Young People, along with their teachers, are urged to join us for a time of visitation to be followed by a period of fellowship.



# Music Notes

The response to the Music Survey September 4 was good. There were approximately 500 persons to reply to the survey and over 200 indicated a willingness to serve. With interest like this we can go forward and do great things.

Many of you turned in the Favorite Hymn form last Sunday and over sixty hymns were requested. We can't do all of them, but will do as many as possible during the month of September.

Our graded choir program got off to a good start last week and we hope for an even better week this week. These choirs are your choirs and we need your prayers and assistance in many ways. Mothers can help tremendously by seeing that the children are provided transportation to and from rehearsals; workers are needed to help during rehearsals; choir robes will have to be procured, etc. If you can help in any way, please contact your music director. There is every reason to believe that we can have a very fine graded choir in our church. With your talents, your service, and your prayers, dreams may become realities.

**ATTENTION JUNIORS!** Carol Choir practice is Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. There has been NO change in the practice time.

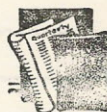
## CHOIR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Celestial .....	18
Cherub .....	31
Carol .....	51
Concord .....	15
Chapel .....	5
Church .....	22

Total.....142

"Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely."—Psalms 147:1.

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# Sunday School

## Our Record Thus Far In September:

Sunday	Goal	Attendance
Sept. 4 .....	1035	915
Sept. 11 .....	1101	1031
Sept. 18 .....	1173	.....
Sept. 25 .....	1233	.....

## REMEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP BANQUET

Wednesday, September 28  
DR. WAYNE DEHONEY, Speaker



## NORTH HILL NARRATIONS

The ninety and the nine were safely tucked in the fold in Sunday School at North Hill Sunday, but where, oh where, could that lost one be? So near the hundred mark yet only missed by one! Still what a wonderful record. We are gradually growing and believe that our growth is stable and that when we reach a large enrollment in our Sunday School that it will remain at that point. Plans are now being made for our revival to be in November and we are looking forward to a great ingathering. We hope to be able to announce the time, place, date, and evangelist within the next two weeks. With the beginning of the work on the educational unit at Circle Chapel this Monday and with the beginning of the work on our educational unit next Monday, everything is taking on a brighter aspect and we are truly thrilled over the prospects. Prayer truly changes things.

"Thus saith the Lord unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's."

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## I DON'T WANT TO BE TIED DOWN

A very prominent member of a church made such a statement to a worker the other day when an avenue of service was presented. This place of responsibility in leadership would call for regular attendance at the church on Sunday evening.

"I don't want to be tied down," means, "Let somebody else do it." It means, "I don't care whether it is done or not." It means, "Let the fires of sin burn, I'm going to fiddle." It means, "There are other members who do not have the standing in the community and in society with its pressing commitments that I do, let them do it." It often means, "I'll work in an advisory capacity, but don't count on my presence twice every Sunday. It may mean, "It is too much strain for me and mine to get ready on Sunday, for after all, the picnic, the golf, and the lake are more important than the things of the soul." Carried to its logical conclusion it will mean that there will be no Sunday School teachers and officers, no functioning deacons, no choir, no Training Union officers or members, no ushers, no congregation, no church. "For I don't want to be tied down!"—Copied.

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"A Stranger: A Friend You've Not Met Yet."

"Atheist: A Man with no invisible support."

"Do you make a problem or help give an answer?"

"Faith puts foundations under freedom."

"Character is much easier kept than recovered."

"Not doing more than the average is what keeps the average down."

## CIRCLE CHAPEL CHIMES

Our long awaited dream began to come true on Monday morning as workers began digging the foundation for our educational building. We eagerly anticipate the completion of this new building and the use of that much-needed space for the educational program. If the weather is favorable, it should be ready for occupancy in mid or late October.

Record-wise, Sunday was among the best yet. The way our attendance continues to hold up, with our limited space, is ample proof to us that more space will enable us to even double present records very shortly.

The Nominating Committee, led by Mr. Marvin Lee, has done a wonderful job in setting up our leadership for the new year. Mr. Lee and his associates are to be commended for their untiring work. Our Sunday School and Training Union workers are selected, with a few exceptions, and we look forward to a prosperous year for the Lord at Circle Chapel.

October 2 is our Homecoming day at the Chapel, beginning our second year of activity as a church. Our Revival begins on that day, and will continue through the following Sunday. The Chapel Pastor will be the preacher.

Come and join us October 2 through 8.

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## RESERVE THESE DATES:

**Monday, September 26:**

**TRAINING UNION  
LEADERSHIP BANQUET**

**September 27, October 4, 10, 11**

**TRAINING UNION STUDY**

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**REMEMBER  
OPEN HOUSE  
AT THE CHURCH  
LOWER AUDITORIUM  
After the Football Game  
FRIDAY NIGHT  
EVERYBODY WELCOME**



## LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1031
Members Present .....	958
New Members .....	15
Visitors .....	58
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	138
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	99
<b>Total Sunday School Attendance.....</b>	<b>1263</b>
Attendance one year ago.....	1077
Training Union Attendance.....	251
Members Present .....	225
New Members .....	1
Visitors .....	25
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	50
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	48
<b>Total Training Union Attendance.....</b>	<b>349</b>
Attendance one year ago.....	273
Additions to church (Baptism—1; Letter—5) .....	6
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$2,701.97
(Circle Chapel .....	\$114.74)
(North Hill Chapel.....	\$107.31)
Specials (C. C.—.06).....	76.69
Building Fund Designated.....	173.95
<b>TOTAL OFFERING .....</b>	<b>\$2,952.61</b>

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FOR BAPTISM (First Baptist)

- 105 Mrs. Tura Neuman, 635 W. Lee St.  
LETTER (First Baptist)  
268 Miss Ruth Grindle, 819 N. 19th Ave.  
269 Miss Sue Coleman, 1201 E. Gadsden.  
270 Mrs. Monaford Durnell, 105-C, Ellis Drive.  
271 Dr. Monaford D. Durnell, 105-C, Ellis Drive.  
272 Miss Eloise Hughes, 505 N. Baylen.

**ONE BAPTIZED SUNDAY, SEPT. 4**

Brenda Schroeder

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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**OUR KNOWN SICK—Community Hospital,**  
Glasgow, Ky.—Joe L. Ballenger; Baptist  
Hospital—Mr. Herbert Stevens; Mrs. Vivian Watts.

**At Home—Mrs. C. E. Touart, 77 Gonzalez Court; Joan Wasden, 18 Flynn Drive.**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Kingry** upon the adoption of their son, John Edwin, on August 28. He was born August 24.

**SYMPATHY TO: Mr. Herbert Larson** in the loss of his father; Mrs. W. D. Harvell in the loss of her two brothers; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Holbrook in the loss of his sister.

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"The biggest room in the world is the room for improvement."

## THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18—

- 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 WPPA)  
3:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WEAR.  
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.  
A. Haywood Arnold, Director.  
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.  
8:30 p.m.—Intermediate-Senior Teen-time.  
W. M. U. Room.  
8:30 p.m.—Young People's Fellowship.  
Lower Auditorium.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19—

- 6:30 p.m.—G. A. Banquet. Lower Auditorium.  
7:30 p.m.—Ernelle Brooks B. W. C. meets with Lorraine Worley, 505 N. Baylen.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20—

- 3:15 p.m.—Cherub Choir Rehearsal.  
Primary 3 Dept.  
4:00 p.m.—Celestial Choir Rehearsal.  
Beginner 2 Dept.  
4:00 p.m.—Sunbeams, Junior and Intermediate G.A.'s, Junior R.A.'s meet at church.  
7:00 p.m.—Brotherhood Meeting.  
7:30 p.m.—B. W. C. No. 12 meets with Mrs. Doris Berlin, 1601 East Lakeview.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21—

- 6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Officers' and Teachers' Meeting begins with supper.  
6:30 p.m.—Intermediate R.A.'s meet at church.  
6:45 p.m.—Concord Choir Rehearsal.  
7:45 p.m.—Prayer Service.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22—

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23—

- 7:30 p.m.—Junior II Sunday School Sing-spiration. Lower Auditorium.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24—

- 9:00 a.m.—Carol Choir Rehearsal.

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