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FEATURED NEXT WEEK

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

INSTALLATION OF ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Sunday School Officers and Teachers

Sunday, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Training Union Leadership

Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

Woman's Missionary Union

Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

Brotherhood

Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

CIRCLE CHAPEL REVIVAL

October 2 - 9, 7:30 p.m.

HOSPITALITY NIGHT — WEDNESDAY

Supper, 6:00 p.m.

Film: "This My Son" 6:50 p.m.

Evangelistic Service, 7:30 p.m.

VICTORY DAY—October 23

Budget Goal \$172,786 (January 1 - December 31, 1956)

Building Fund Goal \$100,000 (October 1, 1955 - December 31, 1956)

VIEWPOINT

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

Community Activities worthy of your consideration at this time are: the Community Chest, the Employ the Physically Handicapped Week emphasis, and the Youth-Adult Institute at Blount Junior High School. Dr. Edwin R. Hartz, of Florida State University is leading conferences at Blount at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday nights. Any adult in the community may attend.

If you know of physically handicapped people who need help in securing employment, please notify the church office. In turn, if you are in need of the skill and ability offered by some of these people, you will contact the local employment offices.

A Challenge. The church has adopted a 1956 budget of \$172,786. In addition to this, our Building Fund goal for the period October 1, 1955 - December 31, 1956, is \$100,000. This means that we are being called upon to pledge \$272,786 on October 23. Only a recognition of the Lordship of Jesus and a commitment to tithing as a minimum expression of Christian Stewardship will enable us to reach such a goal. This we can and want to do to the glory of God. Our building is going up; the Lord has been good; let us be faithful in our stewardship.

Victory Day Leadership—Dr. Gayle Batson has been elected by the church to lead our Every Member Canvass and Mr. Glenn McDonald has been elected to lead our **Building Fund Canvass**. Both efforts are being presented to the congregation simultaneously and pledges will be received for both on Victory Day, October 23.

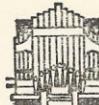
Larry Mayo wrote as follows in the bulletin of the First Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina, September 15th:

"Word just reached me that my dad was elected as a deacon of my home church, and of course I am so very proud, for such a position is both an honor and a challenge. It is a large church, and it has grown so tremendously since I left to go to college.

"However, whether a church is large or small, the position of deacon is a very important one. Soon you will be selecting the ones who will serve to replace those going off the board. You ought to give prayerful consideration so that the ones you select will be worthy as spiritual leaders and servants in this church."

OUR BUILDING FUND TO DATE

Received to Date.....	\$358,729.89
Borrowed	100.00
Total.....	\$358,829.89
Less:	
Payments to Contractor.....	239,219.33
Balance on Hand.....	\$119,610.56



Music Notes

The month of September has come to a good close with nearly 200 persons enrolled in our various choirs, from the Beginners through the Adults. This is an excellent response and we need your prayers and help not only to maintain this figure but to increase it. We hope to have 300 persons enrolled in choirs when we enter our new church. A big order but not an impossible one.

YOUNG PEOPLE. Please make every effort to be present next Monday night. We want to discuss some very important plans for the Chapel Choir. The response to this choir has been the weakest so far. Let's do something about it. Are young people not accepting the challenge of service as others are doing?

Choir Enrollment and Attendance

Church	38	28
Chapel	13	5
Concord	29	17
Carol	64	54
Cherub	34	32
Celestial	19	14
	176	150

"Music is well said to be the speech of angels; in fact, nothing among the utterances allowed to men, is felt to be so Divine."—Carlyle.

CIRCLE CHAPEL CHIMES

Promotion Day was a great event for us. About thirty people, including adults, moved up to new classes. It gave all of us a renewed fa'th in Sunday School to see the interest and enthusiasm of everyone there Sunday.

Sunday will be our First Anniversary. We are grateful for the Lord's blessings during the past year, and look forward to the year ahead. We begin our new year with a Church Revival, beginning October 2 and closing the following Sunday. Pray, work and attend—start the new church year right—start it with God.

NORTH HILL NARRATIONS

There were only two vacant seats in our auditorium at the opening assembly of our Sunday School Sunday morning and how grateful we were for this blessing. How sorely needed is our new educational unit and how happy we are that the work is progressing so rapidly on it. By the end of this week we should have the walls up and by the early part of next week we should be putting the roof on.

Our Brotherhood is having a fish fry next Tuesday night at the Chapel. Our men are working hard to make our brotherhood a success.

SUNDAY SERVICES: Sunday School, 9:40
 Morning Worship, 8:30 and 11:00
 Training Union, 6:10; Evening Worship, 7:30

October, 1955

WEDNESDAY N'GHT ACTIVITIES: 6:00—Supper; 6:25
 —Sunday School Officers' and Teachers' Meeting and Di-
 rected Activities for Children; 7:45—Prayer Service.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
REGULAR CHOIR REHEARSALS:						
	8:00 Monday—Chapel Choir (17-24 single)					1 9:00—Carol Choir
	3:15 Tuesday—Cherub Choir (6-7-8)					2:30, 6:00, 7:00 R. A. Conclave
	4:00 Tuesday—Celestial Choir (4-5)					
	6:45 Wednesday—Concord Choir (13-16)					
7:30 Thursday—Church Choir (25-up and professional young people)						
	9:00 a.m. Saturday—Carol Choir (9-12)					
2 Installation of Organizational Leadership	3 6:30—Y. W. A. 6:30—Y. M. Bro. 7:30—Deacons	4 10:00—Circles 4:00—Auxiliaries 7:00—T. U. Study Clinic	5 6:00—Hospitality Night 6:30—Int. R. A. 7:30—Prayer Service	6 9:30, 2:30, 7:00 VISITATION 7:30—Church Choir	7	8 9:00—Carol Choir
9 Layman's Day 8:30—Lord's Supper	10 6:30—Y. W. A. 6:30—Young Men's Brotherhood 7:00—T. U. Study	11 10:00 W. M. S. 7:30—B. W. C.'s 4:00—Auxiliaries 7:00—T. U. Study Clinic	12 6:30—Int. R. A.	13 9:30, 2:30, 7:00 VISITATION 7:30—Class Offi- cers' Clinic 7:30—Church Choir	14	15 9:00—Carol Choir
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	17 - 23	LIBRARY	EMPHASIS	WEEK	17 - 23	
				Associational	Meeting	
				10:00—Cradle Roll Meeting 9:30, 2:30, 7:00 VISITATION	G. A. Houseparty	Tallahassee, First
						9:00 Carol Choir
23 VICTORY DAY 5:00 T. U. Exec. Committee 5:30—Dept. T. U. Exec. Committee 30	24	25	26	27	28	29 9:00—Carol Choir
	24 - 28 State	Sunday School	Leadership	Week,	Orlando	
	6:30—Y. W. A. 6:30—Young Men's Brotherhood 31 6:30—T. U. Officers' Council	4:00—Auxiliaries 7:30—S. S. Supts.	6:30—Int. R. A.	9:30, 2:30, 7:00 VISITATION 7:00—BWC Fed. East Brent 7:30—Ch'ch Choir		

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1123
Members Present	1060
New Members	3
Visitors	60
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	149
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	110
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	1382
Attendance one year ago.....	1132
Training Union Attendance.....	297
Members Present	247
New Members	10
Visitors	40
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	62
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	62
Total Training Union Attendance.....	421
Attendance one year ago.....	277
Additions to church.....	13
(Letter—10; Baptism—3) (First—10; Circle—3)	
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$2,610.70
Circle Chapel	\$139.28
North Hill	96.63
Specials	85.28
Building Fund Designated.....	236.65
TOTAL OFFERING	\$2,932.63

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FIRST BAPTIST (Letter)

283 Joe B. Campbell, Route 3, Box 376-A, Pensacola.
 284 Mrs. Joe B. Campbell, Route 3, Box 376-A, Pensacola.
 285 Miss Noralee Kiser, Sacred Heart School of Nursing, 900 N. 12th Avenue.
 286 Miss Annie Sue Keller, 900 N. 12th Av.
 287 Robert R. Gorman, HTU 1, Ellyson Field, Personnel Office, Pensacola.
 288 James H. Garrett, Jr., AA 4693349, Central Hanger, NAAS, Whiting Field.
 289 David S. Dibble, RMSA 236-54-48, HTU 1, Ellyson Field, Communications Dept., Pensacola.
 290 Earl Horne, 919½ E. Moreno St.
 291 Mrs. Earl Horne, 919½ E. Moreno St.
 FIRST BAPTIST (Baptism)

104 Roy L. Costello, USS Saipan, CVL 48, NAS, Pensacola.

CIRCLE CHAPEL (Baptism)

105 Florence Davis, 4321 W. Cartha St.
 106 Lewis Harville, 25 Lillian Hgts. Court.
 107 David Davis, 4321 W. Martha St.

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TWO BAPTIZED SUNDAY

First Baptist: Mrs. Tura Neuman.
 North Hill Chapel: Tommy Riddles.

REDEDICATION

(First Baptist)

Byron J. Lane, 400 N. 14th Avenue.
 Roy L. Costello, USS Saipan.

W. M. U. CIRCLE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, 10:00 a.m.—

Glenn Bridges' Circle meets with Mrs. John Busey, 1001 E. Strong.
 T. A. Calloway's Circle meets with Mrs. Elwood Burks, 3801 Menendez.
 Virginia Cobb Circle meets with Mrs. Lewis White, 900 E. Maxwell.

Jane Hickman Circle meets with Mrs. Glenn McDonald, 2860 Blackshear.

R. C. Moores Circle meets with Mrs. S. L. Davis, 1503 E. Jackson.

Bernice Neel Circle meets with Mrs. J. E. D. Yonge, 122 W. Lloyd.

Laura Frances Snow Circle meets with Mrs. M. A. Farmer, 730 W. Jordan.

TUESDAY, 3:00 p.m.—

Harvey Headricks Circle meets with Mrs. Amzie Wilson, 1502 E. Strong St.

TUESDAY, 7:30 p.m.—

Elizabeth Province Circle meets with Mrs. Amos Garrett, 1120 E. Brainerd.

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Baptist Hospital—
 Mrs. W. A. Webb; Mr. G. T. Sutton; Mrs. J. T. Helms; Mrs. W. L. Warren.

WEDDING BELLS—Miss Alta Whiting to Bill Wilson; Miss Mona Licorenko to Paul Shimek, Jr.

SYMPATHY TO—Mrs. Edith Bellamy in the loss of her mother-in-law; Mrs. George Reed in the loss of her sister; Mr. L. D. Allen in the loss of his sister.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. James L. Drexler on the birth of their daughter, September 25.

Sermon Topics

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

"When The Servants Brought Peace"

Acts 6: 1-3

7:30 p.m.

'A Surprise On the Menu'

John 2:9

CLASS MEETINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4—

7:30 p.m.—Deborah Class meets with Mrs. J. T. Smith, 2409 W. Jackson Street.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6—

9:30 a.m.—Mary Martha Class meets at the church for v'sitation, then to home of Mrs. J. A. Frye, 1012 N. Palafox for covered-dish luncheon.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7—

2:30 p.m.—Willing Workers Class Business and Social Meeting with Mrs. W. E. Wilson, 1919 N. 14th Avenue.

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MY PLEDGE CARD SPEAKS

I HOLD in my hand a card; it is not very large and does not appear significant. On the basis of economic value it is not worth much, but to me this card is of great importance and I believe it is of significance to my Heavenly Father. Notice what this card has written upon it:

In recognition of God's ownership and of my stewardship, and constrained by the love of Christ, I purpose to contribute to the 1956 budget of my church the following amount per week: \$_____.

Soon I shall take great pleasure in turning this card in to my church as a token of my love and loyalty to Jesus Christ.

In my imagination I have often heard this card speak.

It speaks of my decision to do my part. I am but one member of my church and, while I cannot do much, I can do my part.

It speaks of my interest in the full program of my church. It indicates my love of these buildings and my desire that they be kept clean and attractive for study and worship and play. It speaks of my interest in the program of Bible study, worship, training, mission education and giving which is carried on week by week in my church. It speaks of my conviction that the only hope of lost men is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

It speaks of my concern for the World

Mission Program of my church. It speaks of schools, hospitals, mission churches, summer assemblies, a home for orphan children, an alert program of promotion, enlargement and evangelism in my own state. It speaks of colleges, seminaries, hospitals, publication houses, home missionaries, a radio and television ministry—all here in the Southland. It speaks of approximately 900 American men and women in the distant places of the earth, representing me as ambassadors of Christ. When I hold this card in my hand I seem to hear voices and see visions. I am in a little church in Rio, a mission station in Madrid, a school in Singapore, an orphanage in Rome, a seminary in Zurich, a hospital in Nigeria. For, as I give through my church, I support all of these and more!

It speaks of my investment in that which is eternal. So much that I do is transitory and passing. This card reminds me that what I give unto the Lord constitutes my eternal treasure.

It speaks of my love of Christ. At best, I am a poor Christian but I do love Him who first loved me and this card represents one of the best means I know of proving this love.

I have not mentioned the amount written on this card. When I think of my Saviour, I wish it were twenty times as large but at least it is a part of me and I rejoice in the privilege of "being laborers together with God."

—Luther Jo. Thompson

Yes, I Tithe

By JAMES G. HARRIS

AND WHAT a difference it has made in my enjoyment of my religion and my church.

I don't have a guilty feeling when the collection plate is passed or when I turn my envelope into the Sunday school with my offering. I have a satisfaction and a peace in the knowledge that I am doing my part.

I don't feel resentment toward my pastor any longer when he preaches faithfully the Bible doctrine of the tithe. I really knew he wasn't "preaching for my money" but for me, because giving is a spiritual experience, but I didn't love to hear him preach on stewardship as I do now.

I don't feel like it is "their" church, but "our" church, for when I put my tithe into my church, I am putting part of my life, spent in earning that money, into my church. My heart is where my treasure is, so I find my heart in my church as never before.

It was no trouble to climb from a November tither into a Tither-for-life! Now I know I believe the Bible from cover to cover, and I am done with explaining away its obvious commandments and promises.

-Mr. New Tither



Is Your Dollar Like This?

A BUSINESS man stapled a piece of white paper to a dollar bill requesting everyone who spent the dollar to write down what was purchased with it. After several weeks, the paper was returned.

It had gone ten times to the tobacco store; five times in a payroll envelope; three times to the candy shop and to the restaurant; two times to the men's shop and to the barber shop; one time to the garage, grocery, drug store, and laundry.

Not once did it go to the church in payment of the tithe which belongs to the Lord.

Let us listen to the Word of the Lord: "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord" (Lev. 27:30).

-Harold J. Fuggian