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A PERSONAL DECISION

Each of us is being called upon to make a personal decision on October 23. Our Church and its Chapels have adopted a budget goal of \$172,786.00 for 1956. In addition, we have accepted a Building Fund goal of \$100,000.00. What is my part in reaching these goals?

Our family has already settled the matter in this way. We plan to pledge a tithe of our salary toward the regular 1956 budget of our church. Then we expect to pledge and contribute several hundred dollars toward the completion of our new building. This is no more than you rightly expect of your pastor as we come to Victory Day.

In turn, I am counting upon each member of our church to make the personal decision that Christ would have him make. I believe that you will find real joy in giving at least a tenth of your income through your church budget. I am certain that you will want to contribute beyond that to the completion of our new Sanctuary. In the end, the decision is yours—yours under the leadership of the Lord!

—Nathan C. Brooks, Jr.

THE LORD'S SUPPER
WILL BE OBSERVED AT 8:30 A.M.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

THE ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM AT 7:30

Viewpoint

Home Dedication—Some nights ago Miss Jewell Garrett invited the members of her union of the Training Union to be present in her new home as the pastor led in a brief service of dedication. I like to take part in Home Dedication services of this kind and I am pleased when our members plan for them.

Last Sunday afternoon I preached the sermon as four new deacons were ordained at the Whitfield church. Men of the Master, busy at the tasks of their Lord!

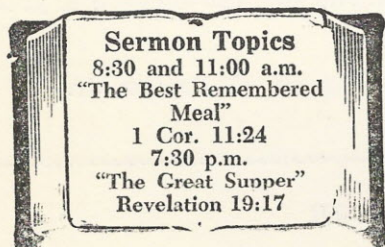
KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE FELLOW By Pierce Harris

Keep your eye on the fellow who "never makes a pledge" and you'll generally find that he never does much of anything else either.

I recall years ago, I preached a sermon on the subject: "Hitchhiking to Glory—Hoboes Along Heaven's Highway." I was going to be out of town for about ten days anyway and decided to explore the subject. I never got such a violent reaction in my life except in one other case. That was the time I agreed for my church treasurer to print a list of the members and next to their names, print in bold figures what they had paid that year to the church.

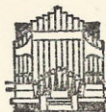
It is sort of embarrassing to drive around in a \$3,000.00 car and have it known that you paid \$27.00 a year to the church when a little girl who waited on tables in an all-night restaurant with a sick husband in a veterans hospital paid \$204.00. It wasn't the measly amount that got his goat—it was having it known.

A man who loves his family is not embarrassed when the community finds out how much he spends on his loved ones. Why should he turn red in the face when the community finds out how much he gives to support the "Family of God?" "Why?" you ask. He doesn't unless it is such a niggardly amount he feels a shame that should be his for such miserly giving.



YOUR COOPERATION, PLEASE

The parking area behind the stores across LaRua Street from our church has been available for our use on Sundays. We are not supposed to use this area at any time during the week except on Sundays.



Music Notes

WHEN YOU ENCOUNTER AN UNFAMILIAR HYMN

DO NOT BE JUVENILE (closing the book and refusing to take part because they are singing something you do not know).

DO NOT CONDEMN an artistic creation because you do not immediately appreciate it.

DO NOT SPOIL your experience of worship by blaming someone for selecting an unfamiliar hymn.

DO NOT MISS the value of the poetry because you do not immediately appreciate the melody.

DO LISTEN CAREFULLY when the music is played on the organ. You may learn to like it.

DO REMEMBER that the hymns of our hymnbook have been selected by musicians and ministers of high repute in the field. Out of thousands of possibilities these have been thought most appropriate and worthy of the common worship of the church. It is not intelligent to dismiss lightly the selection of discriminating minds.

DO THANK GOD for the privilege of extending your cultural horizon in something new; that you are not confined to the limitation of your past experience; that the created hymnody of the church is so extensive. This is God's Word: "Oh, sing a NEW SONG unto the Lord."—Copied.

CIRCLE CHAPEL CHIMES

Over the hump, and the new church year has begun! They say the first year is the hardest—well, it hasn't been all play, but the Lord has blessed all the efforts that have been put forth. We pray the Lord's blessings on our new year that it might prove as fruitful and as challenging as the last.

Our building is moving right along. By Sunday, we should have a roof over it, and in a few more weeks it should be almost complete.

We have experienced a glorious revival this week. It has been a time of review of Christian obligations and church membership responsibilities. The Lord is blessing each of us in these meetings.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Navy Hospital—Mrs. Richard Giles; Leslie Sasnett. Ill at Home—E. H. Godwin, 1606 W. Gregory; Mrs. J. A. Agee, 1226 E. Jackson; Byron Lane, 400 N. 14th Ave.; Linda Russell, 203 Donald Drive, Warrington; Susan Crosby, 14 E. Stronø St.

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. A. E. Bass in the loss of her father.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mayo (Doraine Pyle) on the birth of their son in Boosier City, Louisiana.



TEACHER TRAINING CLASS

On last Sunday we began a **TEACHER TRAINING CLASS**, meeting during the Sunday School hour. This class, taught by Mrs. F. B. Keene, is for those who are definitely committed to the idea of teaching after a period of such training.

This class meets with the Assembly of Adult II Department at the Pensacola Junior College at 9:40.

Interested persons are asked to contact Mr. Bizzell, Mr. Guthrie, or Mrs. Keene for further information.

CLASS OFFICERS' CLINIC

Next Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. there is to be a **CLASS OFFICERS' CLINIC**. All Sunday School class officers are urged to be present at 7:30 in the Lower Auditorium.

STUDY OF TEACHING METHODS

Every Department in our Sunday School will begin next Wednesday a Study of the Departmental Teaching book. This study will continue for 10 Wednesdays. It is hoped that every officer and teacher in our Sunday School will make a special effort to be present for these 10 Wednesdays.

YOUTH COLUMN

AFTER GAME FELLOWSHIP

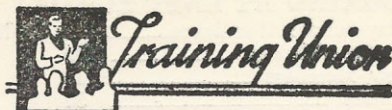
For the next three Fridays there are home football games. After each game there will be an After-Game Fellowship at the church. **U R INVITED.**

YWA-YOUNG MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

Our young people are enthusiastic about the plans for the YWA and Young Men's Brotherhood Meetings on Monday nights. These groups will meet each Monday (except the Monday of the Training Union Workers' Council) for Supper at 6:30 and the meetings at 7:00. All single young people 17-24 are urged to be present next Monday.

SCOUTS

Our Scout Troop 10 has room for 20 boys,



Study of "The Baptist Training Union Manual"

Our study of "The Baptist Training Union Manual" taught by our pastor continues Monday and Tuesday nights, beginning at 7:00.

Clinic

On Tuesday night, there will be a **CLINIC** for all Training Union Officers and Leaders. Every member of the Training Union is urged to be present.

304 in Training Union

There were 304 in Training Union last Sunday night. Let's resolve never to go below the 300 mark, and grow from there.

"CROWN HIM LORD OF ALL"

The Training Union Theme for October is "Crown Him Lord of All." The Aim for the month is "To lead us to a clearer understanding of some basic principles of Christian Stewardship." The scripture passage is I Chronicles 29:13-14: "Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee."

Let us **CROWN HIM LORD OF ALL** in Training Union attendance and effort!

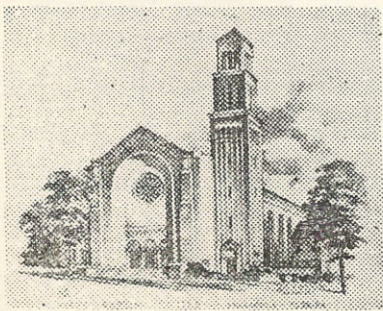
ATTENDANCE

MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

Leaders	2
Sunbaems	41
Girls' Auxiliary	43
Y. W. A.	2
Young Men's Brotherhood.....	10
Junior R.A.'s	18
Intermediate R.A.'s	6

TOTAL.....122

ages 11-13. Boys of this age are invited to come Monday night at 7:00. Further information may be secured from Mr. J. F. Boykin, Telephone Number HE 2-6898.



OUR BUILDING FUND TO DATE

Received to date.....	\$359,535.19
Borrowed	100.00
Total.....	\$359,635.19
Less:	
Payments to Contractor	239,219.33
Balance on hand.....	\$120,415.86

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1072
Members Present	999
New Members	16
Visitors	57
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	152
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	95
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	1319
Attendance one year ago.....	1041
Training Union Attendance.....	304
Members Present	251
New Members	19
Visitors	34
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	50
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	59
Total Training Union Attendance.....	409
Attendance one year ago.....	274
Additions to church.....	9
(Letter—5; Baptism—4)	
(First—5; Circle—2; North Hill...2)	
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$3,393.78
(Circle—\$147.14)	
(North Hill—\$146.05)	
Specials (C. C.—75c).....	696.55
Building Designated	805.30
TOTAL OFFERING	\$4,895.63



- FIRST BAPTIST (Letter)**
- 1 Miss Bobbie Cotton, 203 W. Gregory.
 - 2 Mr. James H. Sutton, 617 7th St. EPH.
 - 3 Bob Aslakson, BOQ 675-173, NAS.
- NORTH HILL (Letter)**
- 4 Mr. Reese W. Sumrall, 407 W. Jordan.
 - 5 Mrs. R. W. Sumrall, 407 W. Jordan.
- FIRST BAPTIST (Baptism)**
- 1 Mr. H. B. Trotter, 3900 W. Gadsden.
 - 2 Miss Alice Durham, 1724 N. 16th Ave.
- CIRCLE (Baptism)**
- 3 Babs Derrington, 211 Rue Max, Warrington.
 - 4 Suzanne Sweeney, 4338 W. Martha.



FIRST LESSON in STEWARDSHIP

THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9—

- 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.—Intermediate-Senior Teen-time.
 W. M. U. Room.
 8:30—Young People's Fellowship.
 Lower Auditorium.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10—

- 6:30 p.m.—Y. W. A. and Young Men's Brotherhood.
 7:00 p.m.—Training Union Study Course.
 W. M. U. Room.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11—

- 10:00 a.m.—W. M. S. Monthly Meeting.
 Program, Business, Bible Study.
 12:15 p.m.—W. M. S. Luncheon.
 3:15 p.m.—Cherub Choir Rehearsal.
 4:00 p.m.—Celestial Choir Rehearsal.
 4:00 p.m.—Sunbeams, Junior and Intermediate C.A.'s, Junior R.A.'s meet at church.
 7:00 p.m.—Training Union Study Course.
 7:30 p.m.—The Bill Cowleys Circle meets with Mrs. Nathan Brooks, 1400 North Spring St.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12—

- 6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Teachers and Officers' 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 and Church Conference.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13—

- 9:30 a.m.—CHURCH—
 2:30 p.m.—WIDE
 7:00 p.m.—VISITATION
 7:30 p.m.—Sunday School Class Officers' Clinic.
 7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14—

After-Ball Game Fellowship at the church.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15—

- 9:00 a.m.—Carol Choir Rehearsal.

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