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REMEMBER

Advance Conferences Continue

Under the theme "Meeting the Challenge to Advance" Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins is leading us in a study of our church program.

Every member of First Baptist Church is urged to be present at each of these meetings:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4—(tonight)

6:15—Supper for Deacons, Brotherhood Officers, Young Men's Brotherhood Officers, Finance, Building Plans and Budget Committees

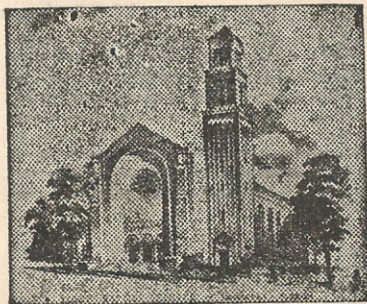
7:00—MASS MEETING OF LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:00—MASS MEETING OF LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

DR. DOBBINS SPEAKS



OUR BUILDING FUND TO DATE

Received to date	\$366,353.82
Borrowed	100.00
Total	\$366,453.82
Less:	
Payments to Contractor	\$299,477.28
Balance on hand	\$ 66,976.54

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

A Good Beginning has been made in our new Associational year. During the five Sundays we had 42 additions to our church, including seven professions of faith. Our total contributions came to more than \$24,000 dollars. It is encouraging to see the people responding to the leadership of the Lord.

Lakeland will be the meeting place of our Baptist State Convention next week. I expect to leave Pensacola Sunday night on the Gulf Wind in order to attend a committee meeting in Lakeland at 4 p.m. Monday afternoon. Remember to pray for this important Baptist meeting. Also, bear in mind that our church is extending an invitation for this Convention to come to Pensacola in 1957.

Press Reports recently have told of the action of Baptist Associations in Texas and New Mexico that have received Negro churches into their fellowship. The Ebenezer and 19th Street Baptist Churches, in Austin, have been accepted by the Austin Baptist Association. Similar action has been taken by other groups in Las Cruces and Albuquerque. Texas Baptist Students sponsored an inter-racial meeting in Waco some days ago, and the North Carolina W. M. U. is sponsoring several inter-racial institutes in that state. I feel confident that leaders in all of these states are seeking a positive approach to mutual problems. Let us pray for the Lord to give them practical wisdom.

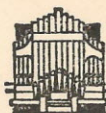
OUR CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Dobelstein, 402 W. Frisco, on the birth of their son, Robert Wayne, October 26.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Guillot, who last Sunday celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Almon, who on September 20, observed their Golden Anniversary.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Ill at Home—Mrs. M. A. Farmer, 730 W. Jordan; Mrs. A. E. Kelly, 1225 N. 13th; Mr. Pope Shank, 1120 N. Palafox; Escambia General—Evelyn Faye Morris; Baptist—Mr. Walter Belford, Mrs. T. A. Wastler.

WEDDING BELLS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bobson (Barbara Beers) who were married October 1.



Music Notes

November 20 is Choir Dedication Day. In the evening worship service all choirs will dedicate their talents and time to the service of the Lord and to the work of our church. Mothers can make this a meaningful experience by making it possible for the children to be present at rehearsals. Each choir will sing two selections after it has made its dedication. YOUR child NEEDS to be PRESENT!

WHY GRADED CHOIRS?

Graded choirs present opportunities for teaching the great, deep, and abiding hymns of the church. This is a phase of church music appreciation, understanding and participation that has been woefully neglected in many of our churches. The great hymns afford excellent opportunities for presenting beliefs and doctrines vital to Christian life.

Graded choirs develop singers for future choirs. Children who are trained for work in the church put the church foremost in their responsibilities. The learning of correct vocal habits, training for responsibility in contributing time and talent to the church, and the knowledge of the ideals of worship assure a co-operative and fruitful program in the future.

GRADED CHOIR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Church Choir	25
Chapel Choir	12
Concord Choir	12
Carol Choir	34
Cherub Choir	36
Celestial Choir	14
Total.....	133

"Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for He is gracious, and a song of praise is seemly."—Psalm 147:1.

PLACES FOR SERVICE

"We long to cross the ocean,
To serve on foreign shores,
When all around us here at home
There are lost ones at our doors.
We talk about the heathen,
And foreigners o'er the sea,
But men are waiting everywhere
A word from you and me.
A word that will tell of Jesus
And His love for fallen men;
A love that will save to the uttermost
All who will come unto Him.
No, we cannot all serve in China,
Or other foreign shores,
But we can tell of Jesus,
To those about our doors."

Author Unknown



OCTOBER ATTENDANCE

1954		1955
1041	1072
1068	1050
1049	1065
976	928
1016	1070
1030	Average	1038

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE

1954		1955
1038	?
1043	?
1089	?
965	?
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1034	Average	?

MEN

RESERVE THIS DATE

Tuesday, November 22

BROTHERHOOD MEETING

NORTH HILL NARRATIONS

With continued good weather our new educational building should be completed this week. The men of our Brotherhood will assume the responsibility for the completion of the interior and this work will be completed just as soon as the necessary building materials become available.

We had a good day Sunday with 100 in Sunday School and with 57 in Training Union. Our worship services have been blessed by good attendance and our choir has shown much improvement during the past weeks.

A definite date for our revival has not yet been set as there have been several problems connected with it that we have been unable to overcome. We hope, however, to announce the date in the immediate future. This is truly the greatest need of our chapel—a spirit-filled, heaven-sent revival. We have a wonderful opportunity to win a multitude of souls to our Lord and we believe that this can be best accomplished through a revival.

“... There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. I indeed baptize you with water; but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.” Mark 1:7-8.



OCTOBER ATTENDANCE

1954		1955
277	-----	304
292	-----	314
310	-----	270
276	-----	267
297	-----	277
290	Average	286

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE

1954		1955
294	-----	?
274	-----	?
325	-----	?
263	-----	?
<hr/> 289	Average	<hr/> ?

GOOD OFFICERS' COUNCIL MEETING

We had a good Officers' Council Meeting on Monday night with a total of 63 attending.

Our Training Union leaders adopted some goals for our work this year.

Every member of First Baptist Church is needed in our Training Union program, and we believe that every member needs to be in the Training Union program.

GROUP TRAINING SCHOOLS

The Pensacola Bay Baptist Association is sponsoring Five Group Training Schools to be held at East Hill, Whitfield, Myrtle Grove, Gonzalez, and Bratt Churches, November 14-18.

Our Training Union has set an attendance goal of 100 in these group schools.

ATTENDANCE

MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

Sunbeams	40
Girls' Auxiliary	40
Junior R.A.'s	12
Intermediate R.A.'s	8
TOTAL	100

OUR CANVASS REPORT TO DATE

Budget Pledges	\$138,249.72
Special Building Pledges....	89,163.85
Chapel Building Pledges....	2,743.30
Total Pledged.....	\$230,156.87

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1060
Members Present	981
New Members	11
Visitors	68
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	135
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	100
Class at Jail.....	13
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	1308
Training Union Attendance.....	277
Members Present	248
New Members	3
Visitors	26
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	51
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	57
Total Training Union Attendance.....	385
Additions to church membership.....	8
Baptized	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$3,524.65
(Circle—\$163.16)	
(North Hill—\$130.33)	
Specials (Circle—\$1.12).....	74.69
Building Designated	1,603.13
Circle Chapel Building.....	9.00
TOTAL OFFERING	\$5,211.47



FIRST BAPTIST (Baptism)

6 Miss Patricia Gilmour, 2100 N. 15th Avenue.

7 Jerry Bullis, 23 San Carlos Avenue.

FIRST BAPTIST (Letter)

30 Ens. Lynton B. Cooper, Jr., 1003 Pennsylvania Drive.

31 Mrs. L. B. Cooper, Jr., 1003 Pennsylvania Drive.

32 Mr. Robert D. Richards, 205 Berry Rd., Navy Point.

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34 Mrs. D. M. Gilmour, 2100 N. 15th Ave.

35 Mrs. Grace Conner, 316 E. Gadsden St.

FOUR BAPTIZED SUNDAY

Miss Patricia Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Tripp, Jerry Bullis.

CIRCLE CHAPEL CHIMES

"Bless the Lord, O my Soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name."

The Lord is leading in a marvelous way at Circle Chapel during these days. A great spirit is evident among the people, and enthusiasm for the work is growing.

Our budget and building pledges continue to come in a gratifying way. We are getting closer and closer to our total budget each day.

Our building will soon be ready for complete use. We plan to have a great service of dedication when it is ready. Pray with us that the needed materials will soon be in hand.

THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6—

8:30 a.m.—Early Morning Worship.

Dr. Dobbins.

9:40 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages

Theron Guthrie, Supt.

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Dr. Dobbins

3:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WEAR.

5:00 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal.

6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.

Haywood Arnold, Director

7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship. Dr. Dobbins

8:30 p.m.—Young People's Fellowship.

Lower Auditorium.

8:30 p.m.—Intermediate-Senior Teentime.

W. M. U. Room.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7—

2:00 p.m.—Mary Martha Class Business and Social Meeting with Mrs.

C. E. McNabb, 3421 N. 9th.

6:30 p.m.—Y. W. A.-Young Men's Brotherhood.

7:30 p.m.—Deacons Meeting.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8—

10:00 a.m.—W. M. S. Monthly Meeting.

Program, Business and 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 G.A.'s, Junior R.A.'s meet at church.

7:30 p.m.—Ernelle Brooks B. W. C. meets with Miss Kitty Sue Wiggins, 1060 E. Cross Street.

7:30 p.m.—Bill Cowleys B. W. C. meets with Mrs. Anne Wright and Miss Lois Williams, 1801 East Blount St.

7:30 p.m.—Eleanor O'Haver Howell B. W. C. meets with Miss Gladys Windsor, 503 N. Baylen.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9—

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, NOVEMBER 10—

9:30 a.m.—CHURCH—

2:30 p.m.—WIDE

7:00 p.m.—VISITATION

7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12—

9:00 a.m.—Carol Choir Rehearsal.

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