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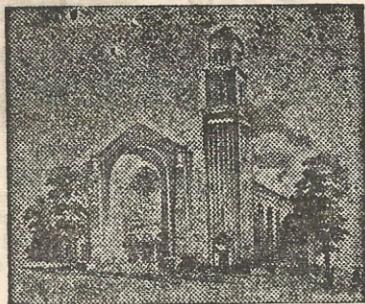
The Reverie Of A Downtown Church

I am a downtown church. Some people rather pity me, for they think I am destined to grow weak and die. But they do not know me, or they would know better.

I have an honorable history. I was here more than a century ago, and I will still be here a century hence. Long after neighborhoods have changed, and good neighborhoods have deteriorated, and strong neighborhood churches have become weak neighborhood churches, I will continue to be strong.

For I am in the heart of the city, and my ministry is not to a section of the town, but to the entire city, for I reach out in every direction. My ministry touches every neighborhood, and it extends to all classes.

I am not provincial in my outlook. In me, the rich and poor mingle in the fellowship of worship. Through me the poor are ennobled and enriched, and the rich are made generous and gentle.



I live to serve. I exist for others. This may be the reason why I continue to keep my strength through the years.

You would not want me to die through your indifference, any more than you would want your downtown post office, court house, and department store to die.

I leave my future to you, for my place in the city depends upon your loyalty. I believe that I can count on you.—The Lutheran Herald.

OUR BUILDING FUND TO DATE

Given to date	\$373,968.87
Borrowed	100.00
Total	\$374,068.87
Less	
Payments to Contractor	299,477.28
Balance	\$ 74,591.59

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

The Mirror that Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins held up before us last week revealed a mixed picture of asset and liability here at First Baptist. I think all of us who stayed with him through the conferences were convinced that the prospect for our church is very bright IF we will only pay the price. At least 200 new workers must be prayerfully enlisted, properly trained, and harnessed to the tasks of leadership and service in our church. And, as Dr. Dobbins discovered, the strongest asset that this church has from the human standpoint is its spirit. I rejoice with you in that. Above all, we can count upon the presence, power, and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Congratulations, East Hill—As Dr. Preston Sellers preaches the Florida Baptist State Convention sermon in Lakeland this week, we all want to thank him for the kind of leadership that he is offering in the Lord's work in our community. East Hill stood fourth in Cooperative Program Mission Gifts in this state in the 1954-1955 Convention year. Only Central, Miami; First, Tampa; and First, West Palm Beach surpassed our neighboring church. Congratulations!

(Yes, we stood fifteenth!)

Thank you for so many thoughtful and kind words concerning the devotional articles in "Open Window"! I had a letter from a lady in North Carolina who had discovered that I was in Pensacola through reading these articles. She asked if I could help her in locating a very dear friend with whom she had lost contact many years ago. I am happy to tell you that I found her friend right here in our church membership.

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Sermon Topics

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

"Promise and Demand"

Acts 1:8

7:30 p.m.

"A Note To Baptists"

Mark 15:46

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ATTENDANCE MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

Sunbeams	40
Girls' Auxiliary	41
Junior R.A.'s	15
Intermediate R.A.'s	8
Y. W. A.	5
Young Men's Brotherhood.....	12

Total..... 121



Training Union Group Training Schools

Monday-Friday Nights

November 14 - 18

7:00 - 8:45 p.m.

The Faculty at East Hill Baptist
Church

Teacher

Walter K. Stokes, Insurance Executive
Miami, Florida

Book	Teacher
"The Baptist Adult Union Manual".....	Walter K. Stokes, Insurance Executive Miami, Florida
"Baptist Young People's Union Administration".....	Rev. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr.
"The Intermediate Leadership Manual".....	Mrs. Justine Bishop
"The Junior Leadership Manual".....	Mrs. John F. Busey
"The Nursery, Beginner, Primary Leadership Manual"....	Miss Elizabeth Painter
"The Baptist Intermediate Union Manual"..... (For Intermediates and Seniors)	Howard Brewer
"The Baptist Junior Union Manual"..... (For Junior Boys and Girls)	Mrs. Bryan H. Myers

PROVISION FOR NURSERY, BEGINNER AND PRIMARY CHILDREN

Same Books to be taught at Whitfield, Myrtle Grove, Gonzalez and Bratt Churches

OUR GOAL 100

A MUST FOR EVERY LEADER AND WORKER IN OUR TRAINING UNION
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERY MEMBER



THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND BREAKFAST

Our Training Union is making plans for the Annual Thanksgiving Service and Breakfast on Thanksgiving Morning. At this time Training Unions and other groups in our church will deliver Thanksgiving Baskets.

Sunday School classes and other groups are invited to join in this worthy activity, and may secure a name from the Church Office.

ROYAL AMBASSADOR FOCUS WEEK November 27-December 3

BUILDING FUND ENVELOPES

Members of our congregation who made pledges to the Building Fund will receive special Building Fund Envelope through the mail this week. It will be remembered that these pledges were for a 15-months period beginning October 1. Envelopes are being sent now for the October, November, December period.

If you fail to receive yours or desire additional envelopes, please call Mrs. Fulghum in the Church Office.



LIBRARY REOPENS SUNDAY

We are happy to announce that the Library will reopen next Sunday.

Library Hours are:

SUNDAY—

9:00-9:40
10:45-11:00
5:00-6:00
7:15-7:30
8:30-9:00

TUESDAY—

3:00-5:00

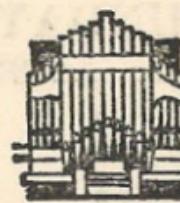
WEDNESDAY—

5:00-7:45

The Library will also be open on W. M. U. Day, and on the night of the Training Union Workers' Council Meeting.

Next Sunday the Library is observing Open House at the regular hours and also from 4:00-6:00. You are invited to come in and see your Church Library.

—Librarian, Mrs. A. R. W. Stoesen



Music Notes

The Graded Choir School experienced a fine week last week with 145 persons in attendance at the various rehearsals. This is good, but not nearly as good as it could be. The music potential in this church is not to be equaled in this area, and yet some of us are not yet awake to that truth. Your graded choirs can render a great service, but it is going to take the efforts not only of the singers involved but also the mothers and church teachers. Dr. Dobbins has opened up the way for all the work of the church to grow and expand during these next few crucial years. Our choirs have a longer way to go than other groups, because they are the youngest. Let us work now to a very practical goal of at least 300 in our choirs when we go into our new sanctuary.

There is to be a Church Music Planning meeting at the First Baptist Church, Crestview, November 14, at 2:00 p.m. It is hoped that some of you will be able to attend this important meeting. Your minister of music is going and will be glad to take several people with him.

Robes are being made for the Celestial, Cherub and Carol Choirs. Your music director wishes to take this opportunity to thank all the mothers who are helping in the momentous task. The robes will be ready for use in the Choir Dedication Program November 20, at the Evening Service. We believe that you will be proud of these new and beautiful robes.

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

GRADED CHOIR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Church	21
Chapel	10
Concord	10
Carol	41
Cherub	36
Celestial	17

Total..... 145

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Baptist Hospital—Mr. James Nelson, Jr., Miss Lola Helm, Miss Elizabeth Ray. Ill at Home: Mr. R. T. Horlick, 1920 W. Gregory St.; Mrs. W. B. Townley, 1404 East Bobe Street.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Evans, 34 Gonzalez Court, on the birth of their daughter, July Lynn, October 28.

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. Jean Crabtree in the loss of her mother.

birth of their daughter, Judy Lynn, Oc-

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	983
Members Present	913
New Members	6
Visitors	64
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	137
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	81
Class at Jail.....	17
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	1218
Training Union Attendance.....	271
Members Present	241
New Members	6
Visitors	24
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	44
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	33
Total Training Union Attendance.....	348
Additions to church membership.....	5
Baptized	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$3,724.66
(Circle Chapel.....\$229.66)	
(North Hill.....\$134.46)	
Specials	151.35
Building Fund Designated.....	899.65
Circle Chapel Building Fund.....	42.60
TOTAL OFFERINGS.....	\$4,820.26
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FIRST BAPTIST (Letter)

36 Mrs. Robert T. Godfrey, 20 Evergreen Shores, Gulf Breeze.
 37 Mr. Kenneth Godfrey, 20 Evergreen Shores.
 38 Mrs. Robert W. Fischer, 1206 Wisteria Ave., Warrington.
 NORTH HILL (Letter)
 39 Mr. Allen A. Turner, 711 W. Jordan Street.
 40 Mrs. Allen A. Turner, 711 W. Jordan Street.

FOUR BAPTIZED SUNDAY

Miss Patricia Gilmour (First Church), Lt. (ig) E. E. Stanley, Suzanne Sweeney, and Babs Derrington (3 from Circle Chapel).
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ATTENTION, MEN!
Brotherhood Meeting
Tuesday, November 22
Featuring Our Boys' Work

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THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13—

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.
 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. Pastor
 8:30 p.m.—Young People's Fellowship.
 Lower Auditorium.
 8:30 p.m.—Intermediate-Senior Teentime.
 W. M. U. Room

MONDAY through FRIDAY—

7:00 p.m.—Associational Training Union Group Schools. East Hill.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14—

2:00 p.m.—Church Music Planning Conference. Crestview.
 6:15 p.m.—Y.W.A.-Young Men's Brotherhood meet for supper and then go to Training Union Group School.

7:00 p.m.—Brotherhood Executive Committee.

7:00 p.m.—Associational Training Union Group School. East Hill.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15—

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.

7:00 p.m.—Associational Training Union Group School. East Hill.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16—

10:00 a.m.—W.M.U. School of Instruction. First Baptist Church. Bring Sandwiches.

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.

7:00 p.m.—Associational Training Union Group School. East Hill.

7:45 p.m.—Prayer Service.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17—

9:30 a.m.—CHURCH-WIDE VISITATION.

10:00 a.m.—Cradle Roll Meeting.

2:30 p.m.—CHURCH-WIDE VISITATION.

7:00 p.m.—Associational Training Union Group School. East Hill.

7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18—

7:00 p.m.—Associational Training Union Group School. East Hill.

OPEN HOUSE after Ball Game (Church)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19—

9:00 a.m.—Carol Choir Rehearsal.