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SUNDAY MORNING PREACHER



Dr. W. Perry Crouch, Minister of the First Baptist Church, Asheville, North Carolina, is to be our pulpit guest at both services on Sunday morning. Our pastor, who is helping in revival services at the Oakcrest Baptist Church, Pottery Plant Road, will be back in the pulpit on Sunday night.

Dr. Crouch is a native of North Carolina. He is currently the President of the Trustees, Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina. He has served as the President of the Southwestern Seminary Alumni Association, and has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.



OUR BUILDING FUND TO DATE

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| Given to date | \$375,980.87 |
| Borrowed | 45,100.00 |
| Total | \$421,080.87 |
| Less: | |
| Payments to Contractor | \$365,616.73 |
| Balance | \$ 55,464.14 |

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

By Their Fruits—If parents are to be judged by their children, our Sunday pulpit guest and his wife will rate high on anybody's score card. Their oldest son is pastor of the Northside Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, and doing an excellent work. Their middle son is at the Wake Forest Medical School, at Winston Salem. Their youngest son is serving his country in North Africa. I consider the parents blessed to have such sons.

At Florala—Next Monday night the pastor is to speak at the Training Union "M" Night meeting at Florala, Alabama.

"M" NIGHT

Monday, December 5—7:30

SPEAKER at the **BROWNSVILLE CHURCH**: RALPH LANGLEY, Pastor of the Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

SPEAKER at the **GONZALEZ CHURCH**: DR. PERRY CROUCH, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C. (He is also our speaker at the Sunday services).

CIRCLE CHAPEL CHIMES

The Thanksgiving week-end was a glorious time for us at the Chapel. The early morning service Thursday morning was an inspiring time, with good attendance and good spirit. Four bountiful baskets were delivered to families in need. Our Sunday services did not suffer from the holiday week-end. Sunday School attendance was up and worship services were well attended. The Lord truly blessed us on His day.

Our sheetrock has begun to arrive, and soon we will be ready to go into our new building. All the men are asked to plan to work with us on Saturday that we may get as much done as possible. We will plan to work every Thursday evening and Saturday until the work is completed.

Remember "L" Night! It means "Leadership" and will be for our Sunday School leaders. Are you ready?

The Lord has richly blessed us—let everyone hear and give thanks.

NORTH HILL NARRATIONS

We had a wonderful Thanksgiving week at North Hill Chapel and were richly blessed in so many ways. Our men worked loyally and faithfully on our building, some even giving their days off in order to do so.

With the installation of the heaters in our new building it will be, though not complete, ready for use by our Sunday School and Training Union. How truly thankful we are for this! Pray that our spiritual growth will keep abreast of our physical growth.

"And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God."—Luke 9:43a.



Music Notes

CHRISTMAS MUSIC: The work on the Church Choir's Christmas music, "Christmas Oratorio" by Saint-Saens, is progressing very nicely. This music is one of the great choral masterpieces of sacred Christmas music and is extremely beautiful. It is scored for solo voices, chorus, and a number of ensemble groups. We believe it will be a musical presentation which you will want to hear, and after having heard, will remember. This year's Christmas program will be presented Sunday evening, December 11. Keep that date open!

CAROL SING: There is to be an Associational Carol Sing Sunday afternoon, December 4, at the Gonzalez Baptist Church. The Carol Sing will begin at 2:30 and last for approximately an hour and a half. Four choirs will sing special selections, including the Myrtle Grove Baptist Church, Warrington Baptist Church, Gonzalez Baptist Church and our own choir from the First Baptist. I believe you will want to attend. The major emphasis will be on congregational singing. You plan now to go with your group.

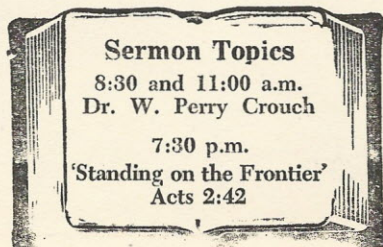
GRADED CHOIRS: Our first big program is past. Let us continue to be diligent in our attendance. Remember! There is much to be done, and we can't do it without you. Remember also—the early bird gets the worm this week!

INTERMEDIATES: The Concord Choir has changed its practice time from Wednesday night at 6:30 to Wednesday afternoon at 3:45. The boys are urged to make every possible effort to be present to join with the girls. We want to use this choir regularly, and we can if the response is good. We practice from 3:45 to 4:45. Let's be on time and have a GOOD time!

GRADED CHOIR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

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| Church Choir | 24 |
| Chapel Choir | 11 |
| Concord Choir | 10 |
| Carol Choir | 31 |
| Cherub Choir | 33 |
| Celestial Choir | 13 |

Total.....122



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

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT 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 5:00 Sunday—Chapel Choir (17-24 single) 3:15 Tuesday—Cherub Choir (6-7-8) 4:00 Tuesday—Celestial Choir (4-5) 3:45 Wednesday—Concord Choir (13-16) 7:30 Thursday—Church Choir (25-up) 9:00 a.m. Saturday—Carol Choir (9-12) | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | | | | Week of | Prayer for | Foreign Missions |
| | | | | 9:30, 2:30, 7:00 VISITATION 7:30—Asso. Exec. Com. Highland | 7:00—Primary 3 S. S. Dept. Mtg. 5:00-7:30—Jr. G.A. Party, Lower Auditorium | |
| 4 DR. PERRY CROUCH 2:30—Carol Sing Gonzalez 5:00—Youth Council | 5 7:30—Training Union "M" Night Brownsville | 6 10:00 a.m.— Circles 4:00—Auxiliaries 7:30—Special Choir Rehearsal 7:30—Y.P. 2 Party | 7 | 8 9:30, 2:30, 7:00 VISITATION | 9 7:30—Jr. 1 S. S. 7:30 Jr. 2 S. S. Party WMU Room 7:00—Adult 2 S. S. Party, Lower Auditorium | 10 |
| 11 5:00—T. U. Directors Mtg. 7:30—Christmas Music | 12 7:30—Deacons | 13 10:00—W.M.S. 4:00—Auxiliaries 7:30—Brotherhood Exec. Com. | 14 7:45—Prayer Meeting and Busi- ness Conf. | 15 9:30, 2:30, 7:00 VISITATION 10:00—Cradle Roll Meeting | 16 | 17 |
| 18 4:30—T. U. Exec. Com. and Month- ly Planning Mtg. | 19 7:00—Caroling 7:30 Asso. S S Mtg Walnut Hill | 20 6:30—Brother- hood Meeting | 21 | 22 9:30, 2:30, 7:00 VISITATION | 23 | 24 |
| 25 CHRISTMAS DAY 7:30—Student Night at Christmas | 26 | 27 10:00—WMS Exec. Com. 7:30—S. S. Supts. Meeting | 28 | 29 9:30, 2:30, 7:00 VISITATION Regional S. S. Mob | 30 Conference ile | 31 8:00—New Church Members Reception Watch-Night Service |

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

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|---|-------------------|
| Sunday School Attendance..... | 877 |
| Members Present | 818 |
| New Members | 8 |
| Visitors | 51 |
| Circle Baptist Chapel..... | 136 |
| North Hill Baptist Chapel..... | 104 |
| Escambia County Jail..... | 21 |
| Total Sunday School Attendance..... | 1138 |
| Attendance one year ago..... | 965 |
| Training Union Attendance..... | 242 |
| Members Present | 218 |
| New Members | 2 |
| Visitors | 22 |
| Circle Baptist Chapel..... | 58 |
| North Hill Baptist Chapel..... | 48 |
| Total Training Union Attendance..... | 348 |
| Attendance one year ago..... | 263 |
| Additions to church membership..... | 2 |
| Tithes and Offerings: | |
| Budget | \$2,569.35 |
| (C. C.—\$131.84) | |
| (N. H.—\$88.06) | |
| Specials | 139.95 |
| (C. C.—\$1.50) | |
| (N. H.—\$2.16) | |
| State Missions Week of Prayer.. | 119.57 |
| Lottie Moon Week of Prayer.... | 42.85 |
| Building Fund FBC..... | 706.29 |
| Building Fund, Circle Chapel.... | 13.07 |
| Building Fund, North Hill..... | 3.00 |
| TOTAL OFFERING | \$3,594.08 |



FIRST BAPTIST (Letter)

- 50 Mrs. Frances Pitts, 1807 E. Cervantes.
51 Miss Julia Pitts, 1807 E. Cervantes.

DEDICATION TO FULL TIME CHRISTIAN SERVICE Lon Roberts, III

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Baptist Hospital—
Joe Ballenger.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs.
Lon Roberts, 104 W. Jackson, on the birth
of their daughter on November 29.

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. A. R. Pennington in
the loss of her father; Miss Inez Ware in
the loss of her brother; Mr. W. D. Har-
vell in the loss of his brother; Mr. Charles
Leaman in the loss of his brother; Dr.
Allen S. Cutts (former pastor) in the loss
of his brother; Mr. Ralph Irwin in the loss
of his brother; Mr. J. T. Mackey in the
loss of his sister; Mrs. JoAnn Damon Lo-
gan in the loss of her husband.

W. M. U. CIRCLE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6—

- 10:00 a.m.—The Glenn Bridges Circle
meets with Mrs. Harold Ack-
man, 1505 E. Strong.
10:00 a.m.—The T. C. Calloways Circle
meets with Mrs. S. G. Kennedy,
2100 E. Mallory Street.
10:00 a.m.—The Virginia Cobb Circle, with
Mrs. E. W. Speed, 2023 N. Es-
cambia.
10:00 a.m.—The Jane Hickman Circle, with
Mrs. E. F. Warren, 1905 North
Baylen Street.
10:00 a.m.—The R. C. Moores Circle, with
Mrs. F. G. Almon, 1905 Wha-
ley Avenue.
10:00 a.m.—The Bernice Neel Circle, with
Mrs. R. R. Meeker, 503 North
16th Avenue.
10:00 a.m.—The Laura Frances Snow Cir-
cle, with Mrs. Gayle Batson,
225 W. Gonzalez Street.
3:30 p.m.—The Harvey Headricks Circle,
with Mrs. Norwood Cobb,
1801 E. Maxwell Street.
7:30 p.m.—The Elizabeth Province Circle,
with Mrs. E. A. Allen, 103
West Brainerd Street.

CLASS MEETINGS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6—

- 7:30 p.m.—The Deborah Class, Adult I
Department Meeting and
Christmas Party meets with
Mrs. Lowell Teal, 108 West
Shadowlawn.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8—

- 9:30 a.m.—The Mary Martha Class meets
for visitation at the church,
followed by covered dish
luncheon at home of Mrs. L.
L. Hanks, 530 S. First Street,
Warrington.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9—

- 7:30 p.m.—Junior II Dept. will stage a
family get-together in the
W. M. U. Room.
7:30 p.m.—Junior I Sunday School Christ-
mas Party in Junior I Dept.

ATTENDANCE

MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

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|---------------------------|----|
| Sunbeams | 47 |
| Girls' Auxiliary | 36 |
| Junior R. A.'s..... | 11 |
| Intermediate R. A.'s..... | 10 |

Total.....104

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