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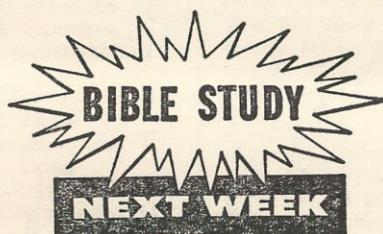
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JANUARY 2 - 6 — MONDAY through FRIDAY

Featuring Study of "The Teachings of Jesus in Matthew 5-7"

10:00 - 11:30 Each Morning

Mrs. S. G. Kennedy, Jr. will teach.

7:00 - 8:30 Each Evening

Rev. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr. will teach Adults.

Mrs. R. N. Pyle will teach Married Young People.

Dr. Henry L. Ashmore will teach Young People.

Mrs. M. A. Farmer will teach Seniors.

Clarence L. Taylor will teach Intermediates studying "Not Your Own"

Miss Genevieve Averitt will teach 11-12 year Juniors studying
"Bible Heroes."

Mrs. Genevieve Smith will teach 9-10 year Juniors studying
"Bible Heroes."

Mrs. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr. will teach Primaries.



OUR BUILDING FUND TO DATE

Given to date	\$389,251.95
Borrowed	55,100.00
Total	\$444,351.95
Less:	
Payments to Contractor	402,506.50
Balance	\$ 41,845.45

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

The Men of the Church really played Santa Claus to the pastor. At the close of the Brotherhood meeting, December 20, I suddenly found myself the recipient of shoes, socks, a suit, ties, shirts, and all the rest that it takes to "dress up." I am grateful for these gifts, but particularly for your gracious spirit. For these and all the other expressions of your generosity we say "thank you." And that goes, too, for the W. M. U. Mrs. Brooks likes those two place settings of silver that you gave her.

One Way—You have noticed, of course, that LaRue Street has been made one way from Guillemard to Palafox. That means you can travel on the South side of our church only by coming from East to West up LaRue.

Student Night afforded excellent messages from several of our young people. I particularly liked a quotation used by our own son, Nathan III. He said, "Individual greatness is no match for humble togetherness." He tells me that he thinks he got this from *Youth at Worship*, by Byrd. At any rate, I like it. May the Lord give us a spirit of "humble togetherness" in the new year.

On the Wall in the office of one of our deacons appear the following words: "Worry is like a rocking chair—keeps you busy but it don't get you no place." Wisdom!

Now Is the Time to get ready for our Spiritual Emphasis Week, January 22-29, with Dr. Chester Swor as our visiting speaker.

The Lord's Supper will be observed at the evening service on Sunday, January 8.

The Telephone Company has made a study of our telephone calls in helping us to plan for communication in our new building. You will be interested to know that between 9 and 5 on the two days checked, we had an average of 94 calls each day; 259.9 minutes were spent on the calls. The average holding time (talking time) was 1.4 minutes. A total of 53 calls were not completed. This does not account for calls at other hours. To say the least, Baptists talk.

Sermon Topics

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

"THIS IS YOUR LIFE"

Matthew 7:24-25

7:30 p.m.

"A VOICE FROM THE MOUNTAINS"

Matthew 5:2



Music Notes

WHY GRADED CHOIRS?

The following is an acrostic of the above words "Why Graded Choirs?" written and arranged by Ivan W. Baugh, Minister of Music and Education, Southside Estates Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida. Baugh has built and maintained a Standard Music Department during 1955. The ideas on the graded choir presented in this acrostic give a graphic picture of the Graded Music Department program as promoted by state and southwide leaders for every Baptist church.

Widens the circle of people in the church.
Harmonizes displeasing personality traits.
Yields music leadership for future years.

Grounds spiritual thoughts in the child's mind.

Reaches more people for church attendance.

Affords variety in programs.

Develops good singing habits.

Enlarges the education program of the church.

Deepens the worship experience for the child.

Challenges youth to work in the church.

Helps the child in emotional expressions.

Orientates the child in music fundamentals.

Improves congregational singing.

Reveals undiscovered talent.

Shapes young lives for Christ.

Graded Choir Rehearsals

Saturday, 9:00 a.m.: Carol Choir (9-12)

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.: Chapel Choir (17-24)

Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.: Cherub Choir, (6,7,8)

Tuesday, 3:15 p.m.: Celestial Choir (4-5)

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.: Concord Choir (13-16)

Thursday, 7:30 p.m.: Church Choir (Adults)

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CHURCH OFFICE.....HE 3-2712 and HE 8-0779
Residence Phones

Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., Pastor.....HE 3-1502

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Frank Bledsoe, Mission Pastor.....GL 5-5226

W. J. Runnels, Mission Pastor.....HE 3-2872

Dr. G. J. Rousseau, Pastor Emeritus

T. H. Westmoreland, Minister of

Music.....HE 8-0415

Mrs. T. H. Westmoreland, Organist.....HE 8-0415

Lorraine Worley, Educational Sec'y.....HE 3-6465

Mrs. S. L. Fulghum, Financial Sec'y.....HE 2-7032

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

January, 1956

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
1 4:00—Y. M. Brotherhood Officers	2 Bible Study	3 Week 10 a.m. 7 p.m.	4 "Teachings of	5 Jesus in	6 Matthew 5-7"	7 7:20—Convention Wide S. S. Clinic Birmingham 2:30—Assoc. R.A. Conclave, Bellview
		10:00—W.M.S. Circles 4:00—Auxiliaries				
8 7:30 p.m. Lord's Supper	9 11:30—General Ministers Conf. First Church 7:30—Deacons	10 Statewide 10:00—W.M.S. 4:00—Auxiliaries Business Conf. 7:30—Bro. Ex. Com.	11 Evangelistic Jacksonville Business Conference	12 Conference Visitation 9:30, 2:30, 7:00	13	14
15	16 W. M. S .	17 FOCUS	18 WEEK	19	20	21
5:00—Training, Union Director's Meeting	7:30—Cottage Prayer Meetings	Hospitality Breakfast 4:00 Auxiliaries 6:30—Brotherh'd 7:30—Cottage Prayer Meetings		Special Visitation Day 9:30, 2:30, 7:00	7:30—Cottage Prayer Meetings	7:30—Youth Prayer Meeting
22 22 - 29	23 SPIRITUAL	24 EMPHASIS	25 WEEK	26 CHESTER	27 SWOR	28 7 a.m. 7:30 p.m.
5:00—T. U. Exec. Com.	11:00—Baptist Ministers—First 3:00—Assn. Ldrs. Conf. 6:30—Deacons Supper	10:00—W.M.S. Exec. Com. 4:00—Auxiliaries		B. W. C. Federation		
29	30 6:30—Monthly Workers' Council	31 4:00—Auxiliaries 7:30—S. S. Supts.	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)	6:30 Wednesday—Concord Choir (13-16) 7:30 Thursday—Church Choir 9:00 a.m. Saturday—Carol Choir (9-12)		

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	600
Members Present	554
New Members	1
Visitors	45
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	62
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	67
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	729
Attendance one year ago.....	633
Training Union Attendance.....	136
Members Present	120
New Members	0
Visitors	16
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	19
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	34
Total Training Union Attendance.....	189
Attendance one year ago.....	180
Rededication	1
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$2,693.00
(Circle	\$102.83)
(North Hill	70.67)
Specials	1,803.33
(Circle	\$2.16)
Building, First Baptist.....	2,997.17
Interest on Bonds.....	250.00
Building, Circle Chapel.....	11.50
Building, North Hill Chapel.....	47.25
TOTAL OFFERING	\$7,802.25
LOTTIE MOON OFFERING	
TO DATE	\$1,644.29

REDEDICATION

Miss Sandra Fiveash

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Baptist Hospital—
Billy Warren, E. W. Hopkins, Jr., Mary
Ann Overman, Mrs. W. P. Mooty, Mrs.
A. J. McCreary. Sacred Heart Hospital—
Mrs. B. T. Renfro.
ILL AT HOME—Pope Shank, 1120 N.
Palafox Street; Mrs. A. Z. Wiggins, 1110
E. Blount Street.
SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. George Reed, Jr. in



TUESDAY, JANUARY 3—

10:00 a.m.

Glen Bridges Circle meets with Mrs. H. H. Higgins, 1601 E. Lakeview.
The T. C. Calloways Circle, with Mrs. Mel Magidson, 200 N. Calloway, Bayou Grove.
Virginia Cobb Circle, with Mrs. King, 1111 E. Avery Street.
Jane Hickman Circle, with Mrs. C. E. Dannelly, 1915 E. Avery Street.
The R. C. Moores Circle, with Mrs. M. B. Dawson, 1415 E. Mallory St.
Bernice Neel Circle, with Mrs. George Yarbrough, 921 N. Palafox St.
Laura Frances Snow Circle, with Mrs. Walter McNeil, 1380 N. Palafox St.

3:00 p.m.

The Harvey Headricks Circle, with Mrs. Irvin Roberts, 1610 W. Chase.

7:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Provence Circle, with Mrs. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., 1400 N. Spring St.

CLASS MEETINGS

Thursday, January 5—

9:30 a.m.—Convention Bible Class meets at the church for study of "Teachings of Jesus," followed by a covered-dish luncheon and meeting at the church in Lower Auditorium.

the death of her father. Mrs. J. S. Baisden in the death of her brother.



RING OUT THE OLD RING IN THE NEW Watchnight Service

Saturday, December 31

- 8:00—"Get Acquainted Period" with New Church Members as special guests.
- 9:00—Refreshment Period
- 9:30—Stunts
- 10:30—Film
- 11:30—Watchnight Service
Led by Pastor