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Bible Study Week



DR. CLIFTON J. ALLEN
Editorial Secretary
Baptist Sunday School Board
Nashville, Tennessee

Dr. Allen will preach Sunday
11:00 A.M. — 7:30 P.M.

Dr. Allen will teach each day next week
10:00 - 11:30 A.M.
7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

Dr. Allen is a native South Carolinian, a graduate of Furman University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He served as pastor of churches in Kentucky and North Carolina. Since 1945 he has served as Editorial Secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board. He is responsible for formulating the over-all editorial policies for the periodicals, tracts, and books published by the board.

DON'T MISS HEARING HIM!



OUR BUILDING FUND

Given to Date.....	\$483,136.45
Borrowed from Bank.....	385,100.00
Total.....	\$868,236.45
Payments to Contractor.....	\$717,199.44
Payments to Architect.....	35,952.66
Equipment and Furnishings.....	73,277.60
Interest on Loan.....	8,227.67
Other Expenses	5,875.11
Total Disbursements.....	\$840,532.48
Balance	\$ 27,703.97

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

On Friday of this week the pastor will be in Nashville, Tennessee, attending a conference with those who are to prepare the "Altar Fires" material for **Home Life** for 1958. I am scheduled to prepare the devotional comments for January and April. I plan to fly, leaving Thursday afternoon and getting back on Friday night.

The Student Loan Fund of our church is at present helping several of our young people who are in school. Mr. Wilson Harris, the Chairman of the Student Loan Committee, indicates that the funds are available to help those who are preparing for what we usually call "full time Christian service." At present the outstanding loans total \$1550.00. In our December business meeting the church voted to make \$1000.00 from the fund available for use in caring for our Building debt. When this transfer is completed there will be a cash balance of \$377.01 available in the Student Loan Fund as of January 1, 1958.

Church Envelopes have been mailed to all of our members who did not get them on last Sunday. If you fail to get envelopes, please notify the church office.

The Pastor wants to say a hearty "thank you" to the Deacons, the Brotherhood, and the men of the church who provided him with the new suit that he will be wearing Sunday. That was a real Christmas gift. Thank you!

Speaking of Thanksgiving—As our Watch Night Worship was in progress, I was reminded that it had been just three years since I attended my first service as your pastor, the Watch Night Service on December 31, 1953. Our three years together have been rich and full of blessing for me. I am grateful to God for our mutual opportunities for service in His name. Let's make our fourth year together more meaningful to the glory of our Savior.

And We Are Grateful to Miss Willie Kendrick and Miss Alice Daw for the gift of the set of the **Encyclopedia Britannica** for our Church Library.

Warning—I understand that a man is approaching some people in our community asking for contributions for a Baptist Orphanage in Pensacola. Such an effort is entirely without Associational or Denominational sponsorship. Florida Baptists have a good Children's Home in Lakeland, and a new branch is being opened in Miami. Any contributions for Children's work through these homes are carefully safeguarded by



FIRST BAPTIST—Letter

56. Mr. P. H. Heard, Jr., Box 263, Gulf Breeze, Fla.
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NORTH HILL—Letter

58. Mrs. Tommie Brown, 720 W. Hernandez Street,

BAPTIZED LAST SUNDAY

Diane Danforth, Linda Joe Parker, Deborah Arnold, Cynthia Arnold, Jacquard C. Neuman.

IN APPRECIATION

The W. T. Creel family would like to express sincere appreciation to every member of the First Baptist Church for the many expressions of sympathy and concern during their recent bereavement.



W.M.U.

W M. S. MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

- 11:00—Bible Study led by Dr. C. J. Allen.
(In Auditorium of Educational Building).
11:30—Business.
12:15—Luncheon.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

- Tuesday, January 8—
6:00 p.m.—Brownsville Baptist vs. First Baptist (Junior Boys).
Thursday, January 10—
6:00 p.m.—Brownsville Baptist vs. First Baptist (Senior Boys).
At the Y. M. C. A.

the denomination. Any gifts that you may make to an individual who may approach you will be entirely at your own risk.

RADIO BROADCASTS
for January
over
WCOA and WPFA

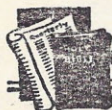


Training Union

DON'T FORGET BIBLE READING CRUSADE

January 1 - June 30, 1957

A Bible Reader's Banquet in July will honor those who do not miss a day during this Six-Months period, following the Training Union Bible readings.



Sunday School

Our record for December:

Sunday	1953	1954	1955	1956
1st	847	1025	942	1030
2nd	574	1055	981	1045
3rd	808	997	936	989
4th	718	633	600	893
5th	839
Averages	737	928	865	959

Our record for January:

Sunday	1953	1954	1955	1956
1st	1025	1059	941	825
2nd	1028	1092	1094	1080
3rd	697	1075	793	1062
4th	1045	1029	720	561
5th	993	1023	1091
Averages	949	1050	914	924

LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs. Stoesen, our Librarian, is asking that each Department of the Sunday School appoint a Library Representative to assist her in promoting the reading of good books in each department of the Sunday School. This should be an adult member or worker in the department. Each Superintendent is asked to report to Mrs. Stoesen the name of this person when appointed.

Liquor establishments outnumber churches better than four to three. FBI say 60 per cent of 2,945,216 arrests during the first six months of '56 related to alcohol.—*Christianity Today*.

Reception For New Members

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

After the Evening Service

Honoring those who have joined our church during 1956. All members of the congregation are invited.

As I See It

By CLYDE K. BIZZELL

THANKS

Each member of the Staff would like to say "Thank You" for the gift from the church at Christmas.

LAST WEEK

This past week has been a real blessing to our children's workers. Mrs. Maurice Williams has challenged all of those who attended to do more effectively the work we are doing with children, and has made many valuable suggestions to us about our work.

BIBLE STUDY WEEK

We are announcing that the Bible Study classes will be held in the Auditorium of the Educational Building. I am hoping that we will have such a large group on Monday Evening that we will have to move to the Sanctuary. You will miss a real blessing if you miss this week of study with Dr. Allen.

VISIT YOUR LIBRARY

If you have not been in the Library since it has been enlarged and repainted, you ought to do so!

While you are there, look around and see the many good books which are available for all age-groups.

We appreciate all of the fine work that has been done and is being done by Mrs. Stoessen, members of the Library Staff, and members of the Library Committee.

The Library Report for the month of December is as follows:

Total number of books in library.....	2486
Books circulated during December.....	176
Fines collected	\$5.00

(Part of this month the Library was closed due to remodeling, redecorating, and moving-.

The Library Report for 1956 shows the following:

Total number of books circulated.....	4456
New books added.....	206
Fines collected	\$97.00

Two of our Junior boys deserve special recognition for having read more than one hundred books from the Church Library during 1956:

Robert Hood (in Junior 10 Department)
158 books.

Jimmy Pipkin (in Junior 12 Department)
109 books.

CHRISTMAS PLAY

A special vote of thanks to the Church Dramatics Committee for the splendid presentation of "White Christmas" December 21. Every member of the cast, and each person who in any way deserves our appreciation. Also, to Pensacola Housefurnishing Company for the furniture used.



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CHURCH OFFICE.....HE 3-5451

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6—

- 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron Guthrie, Supt.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
Dr. Clifton J. Allen.
3:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WEAR.
Dr. Baker James Cauthen.
4:00 p.m.—Young People A Training
Union Visitation.
4:45 p.m.—Young People A Training
Union Study Course.
6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
Clarence L. Taylor, Director.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship.
Dr. Clifton J. Allen.
8:30 p.m.—Reception for New Church
Members.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7—

- 10:00 a.m.—Bible Study Week.
“Gospel According to Paul.”
11:00 a.m.—Pensacola Ministerial Associa-
tion Meeting at First Baptist.
7:00 p.m.—Bible Study Week.
“Gospel According to Paul”

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8—

- 7:15 a.m.—Morning Watch. First Baptist.
10:00 a.m.—Bible Study Week. W.M.S.
Bible Study.
“Gospel According to Paul.”
11:30 a.m.—W.M.S. Business.
12:15 p.m.—W.M.S. Luncheon
3:30 pm.—Cherub Choir Rehearsal.
3:30 p.m.—Beginner Sunbeams, Junior
G. A. and R. A. meet at church
4:15 p.m.—Carol Choir Rehearsal.
4:15 p.m.—Celestial Choir Rehearsal.
4:15 p.m.—Primary Sunbeams meet at
church.
7:00 p.m.—Bible Study Week.
“Gospel According to Paul.”

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9—

- 10:00 a.m.—Bible Study Week.
“Gospel According to Paul.”
4:45 p.m.—Junior High School Choir
Rehearsal.
4:45 p.m.—High School Choir Rehearsal.
6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Officers’ and
Teachers’ Meeting begins with
supper. Junior 11 serving.
6:40 p.m.—Intermediate R. A.
6:40 p.m.—Y.W.A.’s meeting in Young
People A Dept.
7:00 p.m.—Bible Study Week.
7:45 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10—

- 10:00 a.m.—Bible Study Week.
“Gospel According to Paul.”
2:00 p.m.—Faithful Workers Class Meet-
ing with Mrs. M. S. Hill, 11

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	839
Members Present	780
New Members	2
Visitors	57
(Attendance one year ago.....)	825
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	88
Escambia County Jail.....	27
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	954
Training Union Attendance.....	242
Members Present	219
New Members	2
Visitors	21
(Attendance one year ago.....)	225
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	41
Total Training Union Attendance.....	283
Additions to church membership.....	2
Baptized	5
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$4,219.23
(North Hill.....)	\$116.39
Specials	2,075.80
Building Fund, First Baptist.....	1,128.23
Building Fund, North Hill.....	11.00
TOTAL OFFERING	\$7,434.26

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Sacred Heart Hos-
pital—Mrs. M. B. Griffith. Baptist Hos-
pital—Mrs. Ruth Ray, Mr. Robert Bell,
Mr. Angus Andrews. Ochsner Clinic,
New Orleans—Miss Evelyn Peavy. Hos-
pital, Richmond, Va.—Mrs. W. B. Town-
ley.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs.
Travis Vickrey on the birth of their
daughter, Cynthia Ann, December 27.

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. H. B. Trotter in the
loss of her brother.

Lieutenant Street, Corry Hts.
Group 3, co-hostess.

- 7:00 p.m.—Bible Study Week.
“Gospel According to Paul.”
7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11—

- 7:15 a.m.—Morning Watch. North Hill.
10:00 a.m.—Bible Study Week.
“Gospel According to Paul.”
7:00 p.m.—Bible Study Week.
“Gospel According to Paul.”

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12—

Associational Royal Ambassador Conclave,
Myrtle Grove Baptist Church.