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A Parable

For Sunday School Teachers

"What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home he calleth together his friends and neighbors, saying unto them, Rejoice with me: for I have found my sheep which was lost." (Luke 15:4-6).

He was not satisfied with 99 per cent attendance. He did not go about shouting, "What a remarkable showing, only one absent."

He felt personally responsible for the one who was not there. He went after the missing sheep. He did not say, "It will probably come back."

He did not give up. He went until he found it. Hidden away in its own indifference or worse, or in the indifference of father and mother, the straying sheep needs the searching shepherd.

He was not satisfied until it was safe within the fold. This is the ultimate endeavor of every true Sunday School teacher.

He wanted others to share his interest and his joy. His friends and neighbors must have come to feel that to find a lost sheep was the most joyous and worthwhile work in the world.

—Church Chimes, Tampa

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

I Am Proud of the way that some of our "Pew Captains" have accepted responsibility during our Home Folks Revival. In some cases pews are not filled even after one has done his best. The effort at visitation and invitation has not been wasted, however. Let us continue to serve the Lord faithfully. When seed are prayerfully sown the harvest will come. Thank you for all that you have done!

The Lord's Supper is to be observed at the evening service, 7:30 p.m., March 3. This will be our first observance in the new sanctuary.

Mrs. Jesse Miller and **Mrs. Martha Parker** are serving us mighty well in our music program. Let's not forget to let them know that we appreciate them.

Home Missions will be a special object in our prayers during the annual Week of Prayer sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union. The pastor will bring a sermon on the title, "America, the Beautiful" at the morning hour March 3. The women will lead the church in a program of study and prayer throughout that week.

Our County Delegation (at least through one of its members) is arranging a series of meetings in March to give citizens an opportunity to express their views concerning proposed legislation. I confess to complete ignorance of any "political implications" that may be involved. I want to urge Christian citizens to avail themselves of the opportunity to enter the discussions as individual citizens. Good government is an outgrowth of active participation in governmental affairs by good citizens. Too often the "vested interest" is left to guide in our government. The public press will keep you informed about dates and meeting places.

Still Needed on our \$28,000 Building Fund Goal—\$7,912.04.

An Unusual Number of our people have recently experienced bereavement. Let's be mindful of the tender hearts in our midst.



IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Celestial Mandell

Joined this Church Nov. 27, 1910
Died February 18, 1957



The Valentine Banquets last week were a highlight for our Intermediates, Seniors, and Young People.

A hearty vote of thanks to all of the Committees! Mrs. O. E. Congdon was General Chairman for the Intermediate-Senior Banquet and Mrs. Nathan C. Brooks for the Young People's Banquet.

Chosen as King and Queen from the two Young People's Departments were:

Gary Kohr and Marilyn Barrineau from YP-A.

Sue Coleman and Bill Bedenbaugh from YP-B.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the auditorium Sunday will be placed there by Mrs. W. L. McKittrick in memory of her Mother, Mrs. J. L. Ingram.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: **Baptist Hospital**—Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Morton, John Ackerman, Mrs. Charles Asher, Mr. Bennie Swain, Karen Miller, Mr. E. H. Godwin. **Home from Hospital**—Mr. E. H. Pittman. **Sacred Heart**—Mrs. Mary Phillips, Mrs. Henry Smith.

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. J. S. Atchison in the loss of her father. Mr. Angus Andrews in the loss of his mother.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Theron Guthrie on their 25th wedding anniversary February 21.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne D. Chestnut, 310 Sunset Avenue, on the birth of their daughter, February 18. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Quinlan, 5514 Mayfair Drive, on the birth of their son, February 6.

WEDDING BELLS TO: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Music (Mrs. Mabel Davis) who were married on February 19.

JUNIOR CHOIR AT CRESTVIEW

Our Junior Choir is going to Crestview on Saturday, March 1 to participate in the State Music Festival. The Juniors are to meet at the Church at 6:45 and will bring a lunch with them.



Sunday School

The next several months ought to be our best months in Sunday School attendance. Some of our Departments are working hard on their attendance and new member goals. Let's visit prospects and absentees! Let's fill every chair.

FILL EVERY CHAIR

10 Sundays
February 17 - April 21

SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING

Wednesday, February 27
5:30 P.M.

Adult B Department

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SUNDAY SCHOOL A WASTE OF TIME?

An article on current Sunday School methods has appeared in a current issue of a widely read magazine. The Sunday School hour as conducted in a host of Protestant churches is characterized as "the most wasted hours of the week." "Ministers are often badly informed about what goes on" the writer states. "Often lay people with virtually no training" direct the school which "is often nothing more than a glorified baby-sitting service, or a place where children listen to grotesque stories . . . or a Sunday morning social hour characterized by a considerable amount of horseplay," the writer charges.

The article may serve a useful purpose, however right or wrong the charges may be. The Sunday School is the heart of the Bible teaching plans of our Church.

TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM

A well-rounded teacher-training program is conducted. A weekly officers and teachers study and planning meeting is held. To achieve greatest effectiveness, every teacher must participate regularly in the full teaching and planning activities of the Sunday School.

IMPROVE THE SCHOOL

If the indictments against Sunday Schools are true, the situation is tragic. We can be helped by examining closely our school and its workers and following the excellent Sunday School program of which Baptists are a part.—From Bulletin, Southside Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida.



Training Union

TRAINING UNION ON THE INCREASE

We are grateful for the good attendance in Training Union during February. We have been above the 300 mark for three Sundays. Let's go way over Sunday!!

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MONTHLY OFFICERS' COUNCIL MEETING

Monday night, February 25, is the regular time for our Monthly Officers' Council meeting.

Supper will be served at 6:30. Be sure to make your reservation Sunday!

A highlight of the evening will be the Sword Drill Elimination for Intermediates and Seniors and the Speaker's Tournament Elimination for Young People. These events will come immediately following supper.

We need to know by Sunday night those who are going to participate in either of these activities.

MARCH 18 - 22

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Watch this space for details

ATTEND PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, 7:45

In the Sanctuary

We resume our study of Revelation



SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Twins"

I John 3:23

7:30 P.M.

"Freedom From Fear"

I John 4:18

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1072
Members Present	1009
New Members	9
Visitors	54
(Attendance one year ago....)	1068
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	87
Escambia County Jail.....	22
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	1181
Training Union Attendance.....	315
Members Present	289
New Members	5
Visitors	21
(Attendance one year ago....)	319
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	61
Total Training Union Attendance.....	376
Additions to church membership.....	12
Baptized	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$2,851.20
(North Hill	\$145.22)
Specials	317.08
(North Hill	\$ 50.00)
Building Fund, First Baptist.....	\$ 846.85
Building Fund, North Hill.....	10.70
TOTAL OFFERING	\$4,025.83

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

FIRST BAPTIST—Baptism

52. Mr. Patrick Goodway, Corry Field.
53. Miss Betty Lou Register, 27 Escalona Avenue.
54. Mrs. Gary O. Cooper, 28 Horn Street, Buena Vista.
55. Mr. Sherwood Cooke, Ellyson Field.

FIRST BAPTIST—Letter

85. Mr. Jerry R. Payne, 5517 W. Jackson.
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87. Miss Hazel Childress, 51 Druid Drive.
88. Mr. Kay Russell, BOQ Bldg. 675. Room 242.
89. Miss Mildred Ladner, 200 S. "I" St.
90. Miss Sylvia Kling, 200 S. "I" St.
91. Mr. Gary O. Cooper, 20 Horn St., Buena Vista.
92. Mrs. Mattie E. Clements, 515 N. Barcelona Street.

FOUR BAPTIZED SUNDAY

Miss Joan Bellamy, Miss Carol Ann Rogers, Miss Cindy Hobbs, Mr. Jerome Hobbs.

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTENTION,

Commander Miller, who is working with the Junior High School Choir, is asking that this group be enlarged to include the Junior and Senior High School groups.

Rehearsals are at 4:45 Wednesday in the Chapel.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24—

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages. Theron Guthrie, Supt.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastor. Broadcast on WPFA.
3:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WEAR. Speaker: Dr. Baker James Cauthen Subject: "Power For Christian Living."
5:00 p.m.—Young People "B" Training Union Supper in Lower Auditorium.
6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages. Clarence Taylor, Director
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor. Baptismal Service.
8:30 p.m.—Intermediate-Senior Fellowship. Married Young People's Dept.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25—

6:30 p.m.—Training Union Officers' Council Meeting begins with supper. Jun-9-10 serving.

FEBRUARY 25 - 27—

Florida Baptist Sunday School Convention. Daytona Beach.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26—

7:15 a.m.—Morning Watch. First Baptist.
10:00 a.m.—W. M. S. Executive Committee. meeting in the Chapel.
3:30 p.m.—Cherub Choir Rehearsal. Adult E. Dept.
3:30 p.m.—Beginner Sunbeams, Junior G. A. and R. A.'s meet at church. (Junior G. A. Mission Study postponed)
4:00 p.m.—Junior High G. A.'s meet at church.
4:15 p.m.—Primary Sunbeams meet at church
4:15 p.m.—Carol Choir Rehearsal. Married YP Dept.
4:15 p.m.—Celestial Choir Rehearsal. Beginner 5 Dept.
7:00 p.m.—Play Rehearsal. Dining Room.
7:30 p.m.—B. W. C. Chairmen, Co-Chairmen, Community Missions Chairmen, and Mission Study Chairmen meet at church in Chapel.
7:30 p.m.—Lydia Bible Class meeting with Mrs. Emily Work, 840 W. Jordan St.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27—

4:45 p.m.—Junior-Senior High School Choir.
5:30 p.m.—Sunday School Superintendents' Meeting. Adult B Department.
6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Teachers' and Officers' Meeting begins with supper. Married YP Dept. serving.
6:40 p.m.—Intermediate R. A.'s in Lower Auditorium.
6:40 p.m.—Edith Chaney G. A.'s in Senior 16.
6:40 p.m.—Y. W. A. meeting in Young People "A" Dept.
7:45 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28—

9:30 a.m.—CHURCH- WIDE VISITATION.
2:30 p.m.—
7:00 p.m.—
6:00 p.m.—Church Choir Supper in the Dining Room.
7:00 p.m.—Play Rehearsal. Dining Room.
7:00 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1—

7:15 a.m.—Morning Watch. North Hill.
2:30 p.m.—Convention Bible Class monthly meeting with Mrs. Agatha Wolff, 823 N. 17th Avenue. Group 4, Co-hostess.