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A SUNDAY TRAGEDY

Sunday School was over. A door opened. An attractive young woman came out with a Bible under her arm. A group of little girls thronged around her affectionately. They followed her down the street.

Another door opened. Another teacher came out with Bible in hand. He was a middle-aged man. He, too, was going home and so was his class of adolescent boys. Another came out, and still another, their pupils following them.

The angels weep. The very teacher to whom the destinies of these boys and girls had been entrusted was leading them away from the Lord's appointed hour of worship. Unwittingly, they lead the unsaved away from the Savior.

The Sunday School teacher who, by example, leads a class away from the church after Sunday School, has done more harm by the act than the good done by teaching the lesson.

—Copied

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

Two Concerns of the pastor for our church are: (1) That we shall be more faithful witnesses; (2) That we shall be better stewards of our material possessions. You would expect a minister to say something like that. Let's think about the matter for a moment.

Witnessing To Others is a chief responsibility of Christian people. There are many ways in which we witness. It is very evident about the early Christians that they told men about Jesus. Witnessing is more than "telling", but it is hardly testimony in the New Testament pattern unless it involves "telling". Yet there are literally hundreds of members of our church who let an entire year pass without making any serious effort to witness in the New Testament sense. What would happen at the invitation period next Sunday if just 100 of us would make a real effort to tell somebody about Jesus before Sunday?

Our Stewardship of money has been growing, but it is not keeping pace with our opportunities and with God's blessings. Unless we increase our gifts at least 10 per cent above the present level, we will not be able to do some of the things that we proposed to do as we adopted our budget this year. Our people have been patient about the purchase of needed pianos. We will be able to get them when our contributions through regular budget gifts come up to the level proposed in our budget. For the first 19 weeks of this year our budget gifts have averaged about \$3,200 per week. They must average \$3,400 a week for us to do all that we have set out to do. Let's do our best to the glory of God.

A Quote I Like: "Many a child is spoiled because you can't spank two grandmothers."

Your Pastor has been asked to preach the Baccalaureate Sermon for the Pensacola High School graduates this year. The service will be held in the City Auditorium at 8:00 p.m., Sunday night, May 26. Dr. Henry Ashmore, chairman of our deacons, will speak at the 7:30 p.m. service in our own sanctuary that same night.

The Time Change for our Sunday evening services will take place on Sunday, June 2. During June, July, and August the Training Union will meet at 6:40 p.m. Evening worship will be at 8:00 p.m. Remember—the change begins in June!

Kindergarten—At the Church Business Meeting, Wednesday, Night, May 15, the recommendation of the deacons that a church kindergarten start operations this fall was approved. Mrs. Stoesen was elected as principal. Mr. Charles Overman, Jr. is chairman of the Kindergarten Committee.



IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Avin C. Johnson

Joined this Church November 9, 1924

Died May 14, 1957

MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS ATTENDANCE

Sunbeams	39
Senior G. A.'s.....	6
Intermediate R. A.'s.....	20
Total.....	65

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Baptist Hospital—Dr.

Brunson, Mrs. Dorothy Holt. Home from Hospital—Miss Deborah Arnold, Miss Judy Wash, Mrs. Bill McCaskill, Mrs. J. O. Rainer. Ill at Home—Mrs. G. B. Lowe.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pearson on the birth of their daughter, Daby Maria, on May 7. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Peterson on the birth of their daughter, Lyetta Frances, on May 8. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cunningham, Jr. on the birth of their son, Christopher Noble, on May 4. Mr. and Mrs. Bonis Mitchell on the birth of their son on May 14.

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. O. G. Matthews and Miss Lessie Till in the loss of their sister and mother. Mrs. Harry Sampley in the loss of her brother. Mrs. Oscar Bullard in the loss of her mother.



SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Bright, The Morning Star"

Rev. 1:8, 22:16

7:30 P.M.

"The Man Who Could Not Be Bought"

Matthew 26:15 Acts 8:20



REV. HAROLD COLE
Pastor of First Baptist Church
Auburn, Alabama

**Will Speak
at the**

BROTHERHOOD MEETING

**Tuesday, May 21
7:00 P.M.**

HONORING OUR 1957 GRADUATES

MEN: Get your tickets from one of the following men:

Mel Magidson in Adult A
W. L. Warren or Joe Ladner in Adult B
T. A. Wash in Adult C
Claude Vice or W. P. Mooty in Adult D
R. C. Merritt or John Myrick in Adult E
Jim Watson in Teacher Training Class
Jim McCaskill, Clyde Bizzell, Clarence Taylor or
from the Church Office

MEN'S CHORUS REHEARSAL after Brotherhood Meeting

GRADUATES: Make reservations for you and your date by mail or telephone.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WORKERS NEEDED

We are in need of workers for our Vacation Bible School June 10-21. If you can help, please sign below and give to Mr. Bizzell or drop into the offering plate.

I WANT TO HELP

in the Vacation Bible School June 10 - 21. I have indicated below the age group with which I prefer to work, and the activities in which I am most interested.

AGE GROUP

.....Nursery
.....Beginner (4-5)
.....Primary (6-8)
.....Junior (9-12)
.....Intermediate (13-16)

ACTIVITIES

.....Story Telling
.....Handiwork
.....Music
.....Pianist
.....Bible
.....Secretary

Signed.....

Address..... Telephone.....

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1047
Members Present	973
New Members	7
Visitors	67
(Attendance one year ago.. 991)	
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	114
Escambia County Jail.....	15
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	1176
Training Union Attendance.....	258
Members Present	237
New Members	3
Visitors	18
(Attendance one year ago.. 250)	
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	63
Total Training Union Attendance.....	321
Additions to church membership.....	6
Baptized	10
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$2,572.55
(North Hill	\$112.15)
Specials	108.90
Hospital Charity	519.92
Building Fund, First Baptist.....	337.92
Building Fund, North Hill.....	7.00
TOTAL OFFERING	\$3,546.26

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

FIRST BAPTIST—Statement

130. Mrs. R. Pierre Brown, 1200 W. Moreno Street.

REDEDICATION

Miss Janie Louise Merck, 3676 Mobile Highway.

NORTH HILL CHAPEL—Letter

131. Mrs. Jewel Boone, 501 N. W. Florida Blvd.

132. Mr. Ray Boone, 501 N. W. Florida Blvd.

NORTH HILL—Baptism

84. Mr. William Lloyd Renfro, 821 West Maxwell Street.

85. Mr. Frankie Laritz, 908 W. Lakeview.

86. Mrs. Ann Putt, 904 W. Jordan Street.

TEN BAPTIZED SUNDAY (North Hill Chapel)

William Renfro, Janice Hobbs, James Hobbs, Mr. Paul Henderson, Harold Putt, Mrs. Ann Putt, Mrs. Jewel Laritz, Frankie Laritz, Mr. John Adams, Mrs. John Adams.

**SUNDAY IS
JOIN THE BLOOD BANK
SUNDAY**



SUNDAY, MAY 19—

- 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages. Theron Guthrie, Supt.
- 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastor. Broadcast on WPFA.
- 2:30 p.m.—Associational Hymn Sing. Brent Baptist Church.
- 5:00 p.m.—Training Union Executive Committee. Married Young People's Dept.
- 5:05 p.m.—Baptist Hour—WCOA.
- 6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages. Clarence L. Taylor, Director.
- 7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.
- 8:30 p.m.—Intermediate-Senior Fellowship. Married Young People's Dept.

MONDAY, MAY 20—

- 8:30 a.m.—Vacation Bible School Study.
- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts meeting in Lower Auditorium.
- 7:30 p.m.—Associational Sunday School Meeting. Central Baptist Church.

TUESDAY, MAY 21—

- 7:15 a.m.—Morning Watch. First Baptist.
- 3:30 p.m.—Cherub Choir Rehearsal. Primary 6B Dept.
- 3:30 p.m.—Beginner Sunbeams, Junior G. A. and R. A.'s meet at church.
- 4:15 p.m.—Celestial Choir Rehearsal. Beginner 5 Dept.
- 4:15 p.m.—Primary Sunbeams meet at church
- 4:15 p.m.—Carol Choir Rehearsal. Married Young People's Dept.
- 7:00 p.m.—Brotherhood Supper Meeting Honoring High School Graduates

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22—

- 4:45 p.m.—Junior-Senior High School Choir.
- 6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Teachers' and Officers' Meeting begins with supper. Fidelis Class serving.
- 6:40 p.m.—Intermediate R. A.'s in Lower Auditorium.
- 6:40 p.m.—Senior G. A.'s in Senior 16 Dept.
- 6:40 p.m.—Y. W. A. Meeting in Young People's "A" Dept
- 7:00 p.m.—Teaching Improvement Period.
- 7:45 p.m.—Prayer Service.
- 8:30 p.m.—Nominating Committee Meeting. Chapel.

THURSDAY, MAY 23—

- 8:30 a.m.—Vacation Bible School Study.
- 9:30 a.m.—CHURCH-WIDE VISITATION
- 7:00 p.m.—Softball Game. First Baptist Church vs. Richards Memorial Methodist at Exchange Park.
- 7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

FRIDAY, MAY 24—

- 7:15 a.m.—Morning Watch. North Hill. (Last Morning Watch of the year)

"Faithfulness is the result of a lofty and pure motive found in lives enriched by God's grace."—Selected.

"Never waste time reflecting on opportunities you have missed, in doing so, you might miss new opportunities."