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Cultivating the Art of Reverence

"Reverence for the Eternal is the first thing in knowledge, but the impious scorn sagacity and intelligence." Proverbs 1:7 Moffatt

1. **ENTER HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE.** I will go quietly to my pew, recognizing the organ prelude as affording me the opportunity of meditation, cleansing my mind, centering attention, getting in the right spirit.
2. **GOD'S HOUSE IS A HOUSE OF PRAYER.** I will be seated and consciously bow my head to pray for the service, the preacher, the lost, the tempted, myself, and World Missions.
3. **WORSHIP IS THE RESPONSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL HEART TO GOD.** Therefore, I will participate in worship, joining in the morning prayer, singing hymns of praise, giving attention to scripture reading, following the words of the anthem, listening attentively to the sermon, praying for decisions at the invitation.
4. **OBSERVING GOOD CHURCH MANNERS IS CHRISTLIKE.** Others about me will come to worship; therefore, I will not whisper or distract. I will not attempt to move in and be seated among others during the call to worship, prayer, special music, or the reading of the scripture.
5. **HEARING THE WORD OF GOD FEEDS THE SOUL.** I will be a good listener, following the minister's text and message with a prayerful heart.
6. **I AM HOST TO THE VISITOR AND STRANGER.** Immediately after the benediction, I will in warm cordiality seek out the visitors with welcome. I will introduce them to others about me as a good host should.

—Adapted

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

It Seems that I have accepted another office and a big responsibility. At the special session of the Florida Baptist State Convention in Jacksonville, June 25, I was elected President of the new Trustees of Baptist Bible Institute, Inc., at Graceville. I rather suspect that there will be some work involved.

On Top Of That, I understand that I am asked to serve on the special committee from Carver School, Louisville, that is to recommend a President for that institution.

Standing In The Need Of Prayer will HAVE to be my theme song during these next few months. By virtue of serving as your pastor, I am being called upon to assume these added responsibilities. You'll not only want to be grateful that our church can share in denominational responsibilities, but you'll want to hold your pastor up in prayer as never before.

Mr. Bizzell and the entire staff will make every effort to absorb some of the privilege of pastoral ministry while I am away on vacation. If you need to contact me, my New York address from July 3 - 26 will be Hastings Hall, 600 West 122nd Street, New York 27, New York. I want to pay tribute now to the fine way that the various members of our staff accept added responsibilities when any one of us is out.

Last Sunday Morning I completed the extended series of messages that I have been bringing, using the texts behind the windows and doors of our new sanctuary. I hope that before too many months we can prepare a souvenir pamphlet listing the title of each window symbol, the texts, and perhaps a bit of additional information.

Remember: Next Sunday, Dr. P. L. Elliott, President of Gardner-Webb College, North Carolina, is to be our guest minister.

A Reminder: It seems that some of our members are overlooking the policy adopted by our church, October 10, 1956. "It is requested that there be no smoking anywhere in the buildings." One Sunday afternoon recently a fire was discovered on the front lawn of the church. Somebody had thrown a cigarette into the peat moss around our shrubbery. Stubs and ashes are being cleaned out of the rest rooms in the buildings.

Congratulations to Mrs. K. K. Knight who won second place for essays at the Writers' Conference at Ridgcrest. The title of her essay was "Hi, Teacher".



Sunday School

BEGIN THE NEXT QUARTER RIGHT

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of a new quarter. We hope that every member of our Sunday School will be present.

Our Intermediates, Young People, and Adults will begin a series of lessons entitled "Personalities of the Old Testament."

O. H. S.

OPERATION HOME STUDY

will be explained next Wednesday.
Watch this space for details



Training Union

BIBLE READERS' BANQUET

Our Bible Readers' Banquet will be held Friday evening, July 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Those who have read the Daily Bible Reading Course of the Training Union from January 1 to June 30 are eligible to attend.

Each union will turn in reservations next Sunday for those who are eligible to attend.

July Training Union Theme

"Christ's Standard of Greatness"

Attend Training Union
Each Sunday



ATTEND PRAYER SERVICE

EACH WEDNESDAY
IN THE SANCTUARY

Clyde K. Bizzell will bring the message next Wednesday.



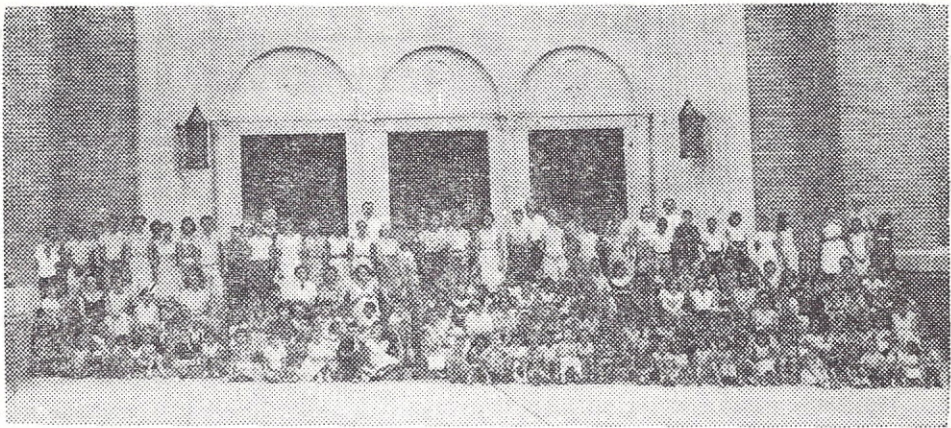
OUR GUEST MINISTER

July 7

DR. P. L. ELLIOTT, President
Gardner-Webb College
North Carolina

Our Pastor says: "Dr. Elliott has had a more profound influence on my life than any teacher who has ever guided me."

OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Following is a report of our 1957 Vacation Bible School. This report reveals that our attendance was smaller than in preceding years. This is to be regretted because of what Vacation Bible School offers to those who attend.

We had a very good school. And, we want to express our appreciation to the 65 faculty members who helped. In addition to these, there were some who helped for one or two days. The ladies from the various W. M. S. Circles helped with the refreshments. To all of these we say "Thank you for a job well done!"

	Last Year	This Year
Enrolment	299	261
Average Attendance	236	194
Faculty	76	65
Daily Offering for Cooperative Program.....	\$78.52	\$61.04
Expense Offering (Commencement).....	\$77.70	\$71.10
Professions of Faith.....	6	5

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	987
Members Present	864
New Members	6
Visitors	117
(Attendance one year ago.. 897)	
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	108
Escambia County Jail.....	5
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	1100
Training Union Attendance.....	246
Members Present	215
New Members	4
Visitors	27
(Attendance one year ago.. 222)	
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	71
Total Training Union Attendance.....	317
Additions to church membership.....	1
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$3,052.87
(North Hill	\$226.60)
Specials	252.78
(North Hill	\$ 4 60)
(North Hill VBS.....	14.20)
Building Fund, First Baptist.....	291.15
TOTAL OFFERING	\$3,597.80

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

WEDDING BELLS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Atwell (Margaret Edmundson) who were married June 29. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Preston, Jr. (Ruth Helton) who were married June 10.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Sacred Heart Hospital—Mr. Henry Thomas. Navy Hospital—Mr. G. B. Lowe. Home from Hospital—Mrs. Emory Rogers. Mission Hospital (Asheville, N. C.)—Mrs. Scott Harter.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

FIRST BAPTIST—Letter

153. Lt. (jg) James Rogers, BOQ 661, Room 180, NAS.

NORTH HILL—Baptism

98. Era Pinckard, 800 W. Scott Street.

99. Dale Mooneyham, 105 W. Hernandez Street.

REDEDICATION

Jack Anderson

USE OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

Church Library Hours for Summer Months:

Sunday	Tuesday
9:00- 9:25	9:00-11:30
10:40-10:55	3:00- 5:00
12:00-12:20	
5:30- 6:35	Wednesday
7:45- 7:55	5:00- 7:40



SUNDAY, JULY 7—

- 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron Guthrie, Supt.
- 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Dr. P. L. Elliott, guest preacher.
- 5:05 p.m.—Baptist Hour. WCOA.
Subject: "A Spiritual Strategy For a Fagan World."
Speaker: Dr. Roy O. McClain
- 6:40 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
Clarence L. Taylor, Director.
- 8:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Dr. P. L. Elliott.
- 9:00 p.m.—Intermediate-Senior Fellowship.
Married Young People's Dept.

MONDAY, JULY 8—

- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts. Lower Auditorium.
- 7:30 p.m.—Deacons' Meeting in Chapel.

TUESDAY, JULY 9—

- 9:30 a.m.—Sunbeams, Junior G. A., Junior High G. A. and Junior R. A. meetings at the church.
- 10:00 a.m.—W. M. S. Monthly Meeting.
Program, Business and Bible Study in Adult A Department (Ground Floor of Sanctuary Building).
- 12:15 p.m.—W. M. S. Luncheon.
- 7:00 p.m.—Associational Brotherhood Meeting. Cantonment.
- 7:30 p.m.—B. W. C. Meetings in homes (see article).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10—

- 4:45 p.m.—Junior-Senior High School Choir Rehearsal.
- 6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Teachers' and Officers' Meeting begins with supper. Convention Bible Class serving.
- 6:40 p.m.—Intermediate R. A., Senior G. A., and Y. W. A. meets at the church.
- 7:45 p.m.—Prayer Service and Business Conference.

THURSDAY, JULY 11—

- 2:00 p.m.—Faithful Workers Class Business Meeting and Social with Mrs. Leo Cox, 1700 E. Brainerd Street.
Group 7 co-hostess.
- 7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.
- 6:00 p.m.—Teacher Training Class Boat Ride.

FRIDAY, July 12—

- 7:00 p.m.—Bible Readers' Banquet.

SATURDAY, JULY 13—

- 2:30 p.m.—Associational R. A. Conclave Recreation.
- 5:00 p.m.—Associational R. A. Conclave. Supper.
- 5:30 p.m.—Associational R. A. Conclave. Gonzalez Baptist Church.

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W. M. S. MEETING Tuesday, July 9th

In Adult A Department (Ground Floor of Sanctuary Building)

- 10:00 a.m.—Business
- 10:45 a.m.—Program
Speakers: Miss Jewell Garrett and Mrs. Margarette Berrisford.
- 11:30 a.m.—Bible Study
- 12:15 p.m.—Lunch