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Our Financial Picture

The Finance Committee and Deacons, feeling that the church membership wants to know the exact financial condition of our church as measured by our adopted budget, have asked that this report be made to our people.

The following figures are as of June 30, 1957:

Half of annual budget	\$88,181.50
Total Budget Receipts, January-June 30	82,228.19
Unmet Budget	\$ 5,953.31

This shows that our receipts have fallen behind about \$1,000 per month average.

This means that several of the budgeted items are not being met currently. We are a month behind in such items as the Cooperative Program, Associational Missions, and Baptist Hospital Charity work. It also means that we do not have money to place in the Mission Expansion Fund. This in turn means that we have been unable to purchase the pianos under the plan adopted by the church. If our giving can be brought to the level of our adopted budget, we can meet all obligations AND begin the purchase of the needed pianos.

The Deacons, in their meeting Monday Night, voted unanimously that each Deacon would increase his weekly gift "at least \$1.00 a week" and are urging the membership of the church to do likewise.

HOW TO BE A FAITHFUL STEWARD



PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATING DEACONS

The Committee for the Nomination of Deacons requests that every member of the church suggest men who should be considered for nomination as deacons.

There is no set limit as to the number any one person can nominate. A candidate must have at least three (3) recommendations to be placed on the ballot.

These suggestions must reach the Committee by Noon, Monday, July 29. They may be given to any member of the Committee, mailed to the Church Office in care of the Committee, or dropped in the offering plate. The Nomination Form must be signed to be counted.

Your Committee, selected for the purpose of recommending to the church the best qualified persons, wishes to submit the following Scripture passages for your guidance, and in turn requests that you offer the names of as many men as you believe to be qualified to serve as deacons:

SELECTION OF THE FIRST DEACONS:

"Now in these days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a murmuring of the Grecian Jews against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. And the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not fit that we should forsake the word of God, and serve tables. Look ye out therefore, brethren, from among you seven men of good report, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will continue steadfastly in prayer, and in the ministry of the word,"—(Acts 6:1-4)

THE CHARACTER AND QUALIFICATIONS OF ALL DEACONS

"Deacons in like manner must be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them serve as deacons, if they be blameless. Women in like manner must be grave, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. Let deacons be husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For they that have served well as deacons gain to themselves a good standing, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus."—(I Timothy 3:8-13)

We urge you to be much in prayer that we as a church may know God's will in this all-important task of making these nominations.

The ballot will be on September 8 when ten men will be elected to serve as deacons for the three year term beginning October 1, 1957.

DEACONS' NOMINATING COMMITTEE

FRANK G. ALMON, Chairman

PAUL W. CARO, SR.

JAMES D. McCASKILL

MOSE S. PENTON

PETE C. SUTTON

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The following men are now serving as Deacons and need not be nominated:

Terms 1957-58

Paul W. Caro, Sr.	S. L. Davis
Clarence L. Dannelly	James L. Drexler
Leroy Joseph	T. A. Wash
W. B. Townley, Sr.	S. L. Jordan, Jr.
James L. Mayo	Ernest L. Barrineau

Terms 1958-59

A. H. Arnold	Theron A. Guthrie
James L. Hurt	K. K. Knight
Clifford Lenz	James D. McCaskill
Glenn R. McDonald	Mose S. Penton
David L. Raley	P. C. Sutton

DEACONS EMERITUS

Frank G. Almon Earl R. Gaston Pope Shank

The following ten men who retire this year are not eligible for nomination:

J. Claude Adkison	S. G. Kennedy, Jr.
Henry L. Ashmore	Lee M. Hardy
P. Gayle Batson	Charles H. Overman, Jr.
C. Adolph Fields	Irvin Roberts
Ernest M. Gentry	G. T. Sutton

The following named men formerly served as deacons and now are on the inactive list. They will be automatically placed on the ballot unless advised by them of their inability to serve.

L. D. Allen	W. H. Coker, Jr.
E. C. Austin	R. Myrlin Brooks
J. Nixon Daniel	Pat N. Groner
Joe B. Ladner	J. T. Mackey
J. M. Ward	Herman O. Williams
A. J. Butler	W. M. Thompson
E. Dixie Beggs	E. J. Buchanan
A. V. Hatton	Wilson Harris
M. B. Dawson	Judson Gillespie
A. S. Edwards	W. T. Creel

FORM TO BE USED IN SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS

I suggest the following men to be considered as nominees for Deacons:

NAME.....

Recommended By:.....

(Your Signature)

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Additional copies of this form may be obtained from the church.

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

Sunday Night as I write this I find that I have been to the Billy Graham crusade twice (and I watched it on TV last Saturday night). Then today I have attended services at Riverside, and Fifth Avenue Presbyterian, and made a short visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral. I wrote the staff that I was trying to keep as active in church life here as you are there.

Last Saturday Night I visited with the Denham family. We spent about six hours together. That gave us plenty of time to "gossip" about all of our Pensacola friends. Don't you wish that you could have listened to what we had to say? Well, since the Denhams love Pensacola, and since I do, too, what we had to say was in warmest affection and through the eyes of Christian love.

I Understand that some of our members are visiting up here now, too. However, I have not seen any of them. I'll stay "on good behaviour" just to play safe. At the close of the eleven o'clock service at Riverside I heard someone calling my name and looked around to find Dr. Swan Haworth, minister of the First Baptist Church, Lumberton, North Carolina, and a good friend of Earl Gaston.

Southern Baptists are well represented in the city at this time. Dr. Wayne Oates, of Southern Seminary, is teaching at Union Seminary this summer. I shook hands with Dr. J. D. Franks, who has served as a pastor and as a European representative of Southern Baptists. A professor friend of mine from Wake Forest is here. I'll see others, I'm sure.

My 'Teen Age Friends will be interested to know that I heard Stuart Hamblin (they'll correct my spelling of his name) sing, "This Old House," and the Blue Jean Set will be glad to know that I saw and heard Dale Evans Rogers. Roy and Trigger were not along.

Be Certain to give the midshipmen from Annapolis a hearty welcome to our services. And don't forget to greet all strangers!

OPERATION HOME STUDY

WHAT IS IT? Operation Home Study is an opportunity to better train yourself as a Christian worker at home this summer.

HOW DOES IT WORK? The plan is for each and every Sunday School general and department officer, teacher, class officer, and pupil to complete one book in the Sunday School Training Course by the home study method.

The home study method may be done in one of two ways: (1) Write answers to the questions printed in the books, or (2) Write a development of the chapter outlines or a summary of each chapter. In each case, of course, the entire book must be read and studied. **THERE ARE NO MEETINGS TO ATTEND WITH THIS TYPE OF STUDY.**

SUGGESTED BOOKS:

This year we are suggesting some of the required books for the Sunday School Worker's Diploma:

"The Book We Teach" by J. B. Weather-spoon.

"Building a Standard Sunday School" by Arthur Flake.

"Soul-Winning Doctrines" by J. Clyde Turner.

"Baptist Distinctives" by W. R. White.

"When Do Teachers Teach" by Doak S. Campbell.

Copies of these books are available from the Church Library, or may be purchased from the Church Office.

"D" (Due) DAY—Specific groups are assigned a due date for their papers on their book, however, ANYONE MAY COMPLETE IT ANY TIME THEY DESIRE.

Group	"D" (Due) Day
General Officers.....	July 31
Department Officers.....	August 7
Teachers	August 14
Class Officers and Members.....	August 21

Get a book, start studying, and get your Examination in.

G. A. FEDERATION

The Girls' Auxiliary Federation of the Pensacola Bay Baptist Association will meet at East Hill Baptist Church on Sunday, July 14, at 3 p.m. All G. A. girls are urged to attend. A good program has been planned.

GUEST PREACHER SUNDAY

DR. G. A. LEICHLITER
Executive Secretary
Florida Baptist Foundation

11:00 A.M.—"A Peculiar People"

8:00 P.M.—"Things Which Accompany
Salvation"



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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	872
Members Present	778
New Members	9
Visitors	85
(Attendance one year ago.. 484)	
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	95
Escambia County Jail.....	37
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	1004
Training Union Attendance.....	228
Members Present	199
New Members	2
Visitors	27
(Attendance one year ago.. 228)	
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	62
Total Training Union Attendance.....	290
Additions to church membership.....	6
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$3,429.63
(North Hill	\$182.76)
Specials	405.30
Building Fund, First Baptist.....	476.90
TOTAL OFFERING	\$4,311.88

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Baptist Hospital—
Mrs. Ed Warren, Mrs. J. R. Feldman, Mr.
J. A. Riddle. Home from Hospital—Mrs.
C. A. Fields, Miss June Michele Stokes.
Sacred Heart Hospital—Mrs. Pope Shank.
Ill in Charlotte, North Carolina—Mrs.
Cassie Harrison. Ill at Home—Mrs. Hen-
ry L. Ashmore.

WEDDING BELLS TO: Mr. and Mrs.
James Reeves (former Evelyn Tidwell)
who were married July 6.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Letter—FIRST BAPTIST

154. Mr. E. G. Clements, 1115 E. DeSoto.
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156. Mr. David Richbourg, 232 Moreno Ct.
157. Miss Evelyn M. Hall, 1818 N. 12th Avenue.

Baptism—FIRST BAPTIST

100. Miss Elaine Edwards, 1517 E. Brainerd Street.

Baptism—NORTH HILL

101. Mr. Billy Nick Pieler, 100 W. Jordan.
Transferred from First Baptist to North
Hill Chapel: Mrs. Helen Pieler, 100 West
Jordan Street.

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ASSOCIATIONAL

W. M. U. MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 16

9:30 A.M. IN OUR CHURCH



SUNDAY, JULY 14—

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
 Theron Guthrie, Supt.

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
 Dr. G. A. Leichliter,
 Guest Preacher.

5:05 p.m.—Baptist Hour. WCOA.
 Subject: "Where Is Thy God?"
 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. G. A. Leichliter.

9:00 p.m.—Intermediate-Senior Fellowship.
 Married Young People's Dept.

9:00 p.m.—Young People's B Fellowship.
 1301 Dexter Avenue, Warrington.

JULY 15-23—WEST FLORIDA ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, JULY 15—

7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts. Lower Auditorium.

TUESDAY, JULY 16—

9:30 a.m.—Sunbeams, Junior G. A., Junior
 High G. A. and Junior R. A. meet-
 ings at the church.

9:30 a.m.—Associational W.M.U. Meeting.
 First Baptist Chu ch Sanctuary.

7:00 pm.—BWC Federation Supper Meeting.
 East Hill Baptist Church.

7:30 p.m.—Brotherhood Executive Committee.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17—

4:45 p.m.—Junior-Senior High School Choir
 Rehearsal.

6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Teachers' and Of-
 ficers' Meeting begins with supper.
 Lydia Bible Class serving.

6:40 p.m.—Intermediate R. A. Meeting.
 Lower Auditorium.

6:40 p.m.—Senior G.A.'s in Senior 16 Dept.

6:40 p.m.—YW.A.'s in Young People "A"
 Dept.

7:00 p.m.—Teaching Improvement Period.

7:45 p.m.—Prayer Service.
 Nathan C. Brooks, III

THURSDAY, JULY 18—

9:30 a.m.—CHURCH-WIDE
 VISITATION

7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS ATTENDANCE

Sunbeams	19
Junior G. A.'s.....	15
Senior G. A.'s.....	11
Y. W. A.'s	5
Intermediate R. A.'s.....	22
Junior R. A.'s.....	7
Total.....	79

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ASSOCIATIONAL Royal Ambassador Conclave

Gonzalez Baptist Church

Saturday, July 13

2:30 P.M.

(Leave Church at 1:30)