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Growing Minds

I believe that the Creator gave us minds with which to think, to search and find, to ask questions. What could be more stupid than a child with no questions about life, than a grown man or woman who is completely unconcerned with all that happens around him or her? God gave us brains to use, and not as terminals for our spinal cords. And I think He was wise to put some things forever just beyond the grasp of the finite mind, so that we might never become self-satisfied "know-it-alls" but always seeking, seeking, seeking. Who has any respect for a religion without mystery, without unexplored country to explore? — Iona Henry with Frank S. Mead, in *Triumph over Tragedy* (The Fleming H. Revell Company).

SUNDAY IS "ON TO COLLEGE" SUNDAY

Our Church Kindergarten Opens 8:45 A.M.
Tuesday, September 3

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

Let Me Share with you some quotations from others that have blessed me recently. I hope they will mean something to you, too.

1. **An Evaluation of Self**—"It is an article of faith in my creed to pick the man who does not take himself seriously, but does take his work seriously."—Michael C. Call, *Highway of Happiness*.

2. **Sermons**—"It was C. H. Spurgeon, I think, who one day after a morning service was confronted by a lady who said to him, 'Mr. Spurgeon, that was a wonderful sermon you preached this morning.' He replied, 'Yes, ma'am. The devil told me that ten minutes ago.'

What we need in our churches today—urgently, desperately—is not that people should come to hear a preacher, and then tell him what a good (or bad) sermon he preached, but that they should leave the house of God saying "What a wonderful Lord!" When all praise is given to Him and taken from man, a Church rises in spiritual temperature and becomes irresistible."—Alan Redpath in *Victorious Praying* (The Fleming H. Revell Company).

3. **A Good Attitude**—"I submit that it is poor grace to find fault with those who are in the thick of the battle and in the current of God's redeeming grace by one who is not willing to enter the struggle himself with utter abandon. All such critics should remember that God has said, 'Woe to them



SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Growing Minds"

Philippians 2:5

7:30 P.M.

"The Revolt That Fell Short"

Romans 3:28

that are at ease in Zion.' The infirmities of age or disability may force me to take my place on the sidelines. But I promise here and now that I will not throw brickbats and hurl criticisms at those who are carrying the load of our Southern Baptist program. I shall boost and cheer and pray for those who are in the thick of the battle in the main current of God's redeeming grace."—Former Editor B. H. Duncan, *Arkansas Baptist*.

CLASS MEETINGS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6—

2:30 p.m.—Convention Bible Class meets with Mrs. M. E. Griffith, 318 W. Intendencia, Group 2, co-hostess.

2:30 p.m.—Willing Workers Class meets with Mrs. Beulah Bradford, 610 W. Hernandez.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5—

2:00 p.m.—Faithful Workers Class meets with Mrs. M. H. Holt, Mallory Hts. Group 8, co-hostess.

CHOIR REGISTRATION

Wednesday, September 4

4:30 P.M.

All choir groups, except the Church Choir, will register in Young People's "B" Department on next Wednesday afternoon. Detailed announcements of meeting places will be provided there. The choir schedule will be as follows:

Celestial Choir—Ages 4-5—An integrated program with Sunbeams, Tuesday afternoons, 4 - 5 p.m.

Cherub Choir—Ages 6 - 8—Wednesdays, 4:45 p.m.

Carol Choir—Ages 9 - 12—Wednesdays, 4:45 p.m.

Concord Choir—Ages 13 - 16—Wednesdays, 4:45 p.m.

Because of changing voices the Minister of Music will reserve the right to assign members of this age group elsewhere as that may be found best.

Chapel Choir—Above 17—Wednesdays, 4:45 p.m.

September Is Church Music Month

SUNDAY SERVICES: Sunday School, 9:30
 Morning Worship, 11:00
 Training Union, 6:10; Evening Worship, 7:30

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES: 6:00 Supper;
 6:25—Sunday School Officers' and Teachers' Meeting.
 7:45—Prayer Service.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 OFF-TO-COLLEGE DAY	2	3 10:00—WMS Circles	4 7:45—Prayer Service	5 9:30 and 7:00 VISITATION 7:15—Choir Rehearsal	6 STAFF RETREAT	7 STAFF RETREAT Assn. R.A. Conclave Bellview Baptist
8 Elect Deacons	9 7:00—Boy Scouts 7:30—Deacons 7:30—Assoc. T. U. Meeting, Northside	10 10:00—WMS Monthly Mtg. 7:30—BWC Mtgs. 6:30—Bro. Exec. Com.	11 7:45—Prayer Service and Business Conf.	12 9:30 and 7:00 VISITATION 7:15—Choir Rehearsal. 7:00—R.A. Leadership Course Lower Auditorium	13 7:00—Teacher Training Banquet 7:00 to 9:30 R.A. Leadership Co'se Lower Auditorium	14 9:00 to 11:30 12:30 to 3:00 R.A. Leadership Co'se 5:00—Training Union Officers Picnic
15 State Missions Day in S. S.	16 Sunday	17 School	18 Preparation	19 Week, 16-19 9:30 VISITATION 7:15—Church Choir	20	21
22 5:00—T. U. Exec. Com. 7:30—Music	23 Southwide and	24 Florida 10:00—WMS Exec. 7:00—Bro. Supper 7:30—BWC Mtgs. at North Hill 7:30—S. S. Supts.	25 Leadership 7:45—Prayer Service and G.A. Coronation	26 6:15—Choir Supper 7:15—Choir Rehearsal	27 Clinic at	28 Crestview
29 PROMOTION DAY	30 6:15—T. U. Officers Council 7:00—Boy Scouts					AUXILIARIES AND CHOIRS 4:00 p.m.—Tuesdays: Sunbeams and Junior G. A. 6:30 p.m.—Wednesdays: Junior G.A., Intermediate and Senior G.A. 6:30 p.m.—Wednesdays: Junior and Intermediate R.A. 4:45 p.m.—Wednesdays: Cherub, Carol, Concord and Chapel Choirs will rehearse.

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1003
Members Present	900
New Members	15
Visitors	88
(Attendance one year ago. 914)	
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	124
Escambia County Jail.....	25
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	1152
Training Union Attendance.....	297
Members Present	233
New Members	12
Visitors	22
(Attendance one year ago. 240)	
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	85
Total Training Union Attendance.....	352
Additions to church membership.....	8
Baptized	10
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$3,544.40
(North Hill	\$142.70)
Specials	631.36
(North Hill	\$507.71)
Building Fund, First Baptist.....	288.69
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$4,464.45

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Baptist Hospital—Mr. Milton Ward, Mrs. George Yarbrough, Sr. Home from Hospital—Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Austin, Mrs. R. C. White. Ill at Home—Mr. and Mrs. Pope Shank.

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. Clarence Dannelly and Mrs. Michael Franklin in the loss of their mother. Mrs. E. H. Godwin in the loss of her sister. Mrs. G. C. Payne in the loss of her brother. Mr. C. C. McCurley in the loss of his sister.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. James B. Fillingim, 7 Bell Court, Warrington, on the birth of their son, Thomas Wayne, on July 19. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Godwin on the birth of their son, Ralph Lewis Godwin, Jr., on August 16. Lt. and Mrs. Clifton G. Gent, 700 Paulding Avenue, on the birth of their son, Jon Kelly, on August 18.

WEDDING BELLS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Johnson (Patricia Elaine Clary) who were married August 24.

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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
12:00-12:29	
5:00- 6:10	Wednesday
7:20- 7:30	5:00- 7:40



OBSERVANCE OF STATE MISSION DAY OF PRAYER IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

The program will be given in the circles, which will meet as follows:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2—7:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Provence Circle meets with Mrs. Lon Roberts, 164 W. Jackson Street.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3—10:00 a.m.

Jane McRae and Laura Frances Snow Circles meet with Mrs. Paul Caro, 2020 E. Maxwell Street.

Glenn Bridges Circle, with Mrs. W. H. McCaskill, 1816 E. Jordan Street.

Stanley Davis Circle, with Mrs. V. P. Maggio, Mrs. Ben Stevens, hostess, 903 N. Barcelona.

Mary S. Gullatt Circle, with Mrs. Carlton Fendt, 1720 N. Magnolia.

Jane Hickman Circle, with Mrs. H. R. Jones, 4532 Ravis Highway.

Dotson Mills Circle, with Mrs. F. G. Almon, 1905 Whaley Avenue.

R. C. Moores Circle, with Mrs. Norwood Cobb, 2775 Escambia Ave.

Bernice Neel Circle, with Mrs. O. H. Smith, 306 W. Lloyd.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3—10:30 a.m.

Virginia Cobb Circle, with Mrs. Lewis White, 3781 Moloree Drive.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3—3:00 p.m.

Harvey Headrick Circle, with Mrs. Grady Wilson, 420 S. 2nd Street, Warrington.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4—10 a.m.

T. N. Callaways Circle meets with Mrs. Douglas Burks, 505 Navarro, Gulf Breeze.

LAST YEAR we gave \$587.95 to State Missions. OUR GOAL FOR THIS YEAR is \$750.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

FIRST BAPTIST—Letter
182. Ens. Bert Melnick, BOQ 675, Rm. 167, NAS.
183. Mrs. C. R. Grant, 909 N. Spring St.
184. Miss Rubye LeBlanc, 202 12th St.
185. Miss Libby Smith, 2 E. Sunset, Apt. J
186. Miss Kathleen Taylor, 14 Norwood D

FIRST BAPTIST—Baptism
117. Miss Jackie Pipkin, 738 Whitney Dr.
118. Miss Karen Miller, 169 Whitney Dr.
119. Mr. John Langford, 814 W. Gregory.

TEN BAPTIZED SUNDAY

Nancy Bosenberg, Jackie Prater, Gerry Prater, Jackie Pipkin, Karen Miller, Caroline Lee, Bill Lee, Jr., Curtis Brown, Jr., Reggie Richbourg, Jimmy Ward.