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What Gives You a Thrill?

People reveal themselves by what it takes to give them a thrill.

Blessed is the man who enjoys a sunset,

Who can hear God's voice in the rustle of the leaves,
Who can see God's fingers set the stars at night.

Have you forgotten the music of a baby's laugh?

Do you remember the buoyancy of answered prayer?

Treat yourself, again, to the sheer joy of introducing someone to Jesus.

Make a sacrificial gift to help our missionaries to go into all the world.

Why miss these experiences?

Life in Christ is full, abundant, overflowing.

Renew and deepen the thrill of just being a Christian: participate in the worship of your church week by week.

Yes, people reveal inner life by what it takes to give them a thrill.

1958 BUDGET REPORT

Budget Goal.....	\$225,000.00
Budget Pledges.....	\$201,712.76
Special Building Debt Retirement.....	\$ 8,497.75
Total Pledged.....	\$210,210.51

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

The Spirit of a Church is deepened by fellowship in worship, witnessing and service. I find that those who share richly in such experiences are happy in their church life. Isn't it wonderful how the Lord binds us together in purpose and effort when we are united in surrender to Him!

Chaplain John B. Cheshire, Jr. has asked that I call to your attention the new system for visitors at Baptist Hospital. Let me quote from his letter:

"The amount of visitors at Baptist Hospital has become so acute in the recent past that some system of control has become imperative. The Medical Staff, Administration and Nursing Department feel that the following system should be put into effect. It will not only give the doctors and nurses adequate room to take care of the patient, but it will also be better for the patient. Your cooperation in helping the hospital to enforce the rules and regulations will be appreciated.

Visiting Hours: 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

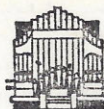
"Each patient will have two visitor cards. Each visitor is requested to stop at the information desk in the lobby and get a card. If the patient has two visitors already, the visitors will be asked to wait in the lobby until the cards are returned to the information desk by the visitors already visiting the patient. When these cards or a card is returned, another visitor may go up to see the patient.

"NO PATIENT MAY HAVE MORE THAN TWO VISITORS AT THE BEDSIDE AT ONE TIME. PLEASE RETURN THE VISITOR CARD TO THE INFORMATION DESK."

I Will Go To Nashville Monday and back Tuesday. I have been asked to appear with two other Trustees before the Budget Committee of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. This is the time when Southern Baptist Convention agencies are proposing the budgets to be submitted to the Houston Convention next May.

MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS ATTENDANCE

Sunbeams.....	30
Junior G. A.'s.....	12
Senior G. A.'s.....	11
Intermediate G. A.'s.....	7
Junior R. A.'s.....	8
Intermediate R. A.'s.....	18
Total.....	83



Music Notes

ASSOCIATIONAL CAROL SING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

At the
EAST HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Featuring

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING of many familiar carols;

GRADED CHOIRS from East Hill, Central, Whitfield, Warrington, and Myrtle Grove;

THE CHRISTMAS STORY in Scripture and in song.

B.W.C.'S MEET

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:30 P.M.

Ernelle Brooks BWC meet with Mrs. Richard Bower, 204 N. Garfield Drive, Mayfair.

Edith Chaney BWC meet with Mrs. W. J. Richardson, 1106 E. Jackson Street.

Bill Cowleys BWC meet with Miss Lucille Cotten, 1381 N. Spring Street.

Eleanor O'Haver Howell BWC meet with Mrs. W. H. Crawford, 1602 N. 9th Ave.

Charles Mullins BWC meet with Miss Annie Averett, 2056 N. 13th Ave.

6:30 P.M.—Supper Meeting

Eleanor O'Haver Howell BWC meet with Mrs. W. H. Crawford, 1602 N. Ninth Avenue. Mrs. C. C. McCurley, co-hostess.

R.A. AND G.A. MISSION STUDY THIS SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 7—9:30 A.M.

Junior G.A.'s will be studying the book "Tales From Ire" taught by Mrs. A. G. Woerner, meeting in the Married Young People's Department.

Intermediate G.A.'s and R.A.'s will study "The Bead-makers Son" taught by Mrs. E. A. Allen, in Young People's "B" Department.

Junior Royal Ambassadors will study "Tales From Ire" taught by Mrs. A. R. W. Stoesen in the Junior 11 Department. These groups will have lunch together at the church at 12:30.

CLASS MEETINGS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12—

12:00 Noon—Mary Martha Class will meet in the home of Mrs. C. E. McNabb, 3421 N. 9th Avenue, for Covered-Dish Luncheon.

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.
6:30—Sunbeams, R. A.'s and G. A.'s.
7:45—Prayer Service.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	W.M.U. Week	of Prayer for	Foreign Missions	and Lottie Moon	Christmas	Offering
	"M" NIGHT	10:00—Circles 7:30—Adult D Party 7:30—Bro. Exec.	7:45—Prayer Service	9:30 - 2:30 - 7:00 VISITATION 7:00—Sanctuary Parent-Teachers Mtg. 7:15—Church Choir	7:00—Adult C Social in Dining Room	9:30 and 12:30 G.A. and R.A. Mission Study
8 4:30—Youth Choir in Chapel	9 7:30—Assoc. Carol Sing—East Hill 7:30—Deacons 7:30—Boy Scouts Court of Honor	10 10:00—WMS Exec. 10:45—Bible Study 7:30—BWC's in homes	11 7:45—Prayer Service and Business Conf. Oratorio	12 9:30 - 2:30 - 7:00 VISITATION 6:30—Ushers' Supper 7:15—Church Choir	13 6:00 - 8:00 in Lower Aud. of Ed. Bldg., Jr. 9-10 Train- ing Union Party	14
15 7:30 CHRISTMAS MUSIC	16 7:30—Assoc. S. S. Mtg.—Century 8:00—"The Messiah" in our Sanctuary by Pensacola Oratorio Society	17 10:00—Missionary Round Table 6:30—Brotherhood 7:30—BWC Exec.	18 7:45—Prayer Service	19 9:30 - 2:30 - 7:00 VISITATION 7:15—Church Choir	20	21
22 5:00—Training Union Exec. Com.	23	24	25 5:00 p.m.— CHRISTMAS VESPER	26 6:15—Choir Supper 7:15—Choir Rehearsal	27	28
29 7:30—STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS	30	31 6:00—Watchnight Service begins with Supper	AUXILIARIES AND CHOIRS 4:00 p.m.—Tuesdays: Sunbeams. 6:30 p.m.—Wednesdays: Junior G. A., Intermediate and Senior G. A. 6:30 p.m.—Wednesdays: Junior and Intermediate R. A. 6:40 p.m.—YWA—2nd and 4th Wednesdays. 4:45 p.m.—Wednesdays: Cherub, Carol and Concord Choirs rehearse.			

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CHURCH OFFICE.....HE 3-5451



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	892
Members Present	857
New Members	2
Visitors	33
(Attendance one year ago..1030)	
Escambia County Jail.....	15
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	907
Training Union Attendance.....	256
Members Present	249
New Members	2
Visitors	5
(Attendance one year ago.. 299)	
Additions to church membership.....	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$2,855.06
Specials	304.46*
Building Fund, First Baptist.....	271.75
TOTAL OFFERING	\$3,431.27

*This includes the joint Thanksgiving
offering of \$176.47.

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LETTER

24. Rev. W. H. Peters, 1809 E. Gadsden St.
25. Mrs. W. H. Peters, 1809 E. Gadsden St.
26. Mr. Bill Peters, 1809 E. Gadsden St.
27. Miss Mary Peters, 1809 E. Gadsden St.

REDEDICATION

Miss Judy Groff, 717 N. 14th Avenue.

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

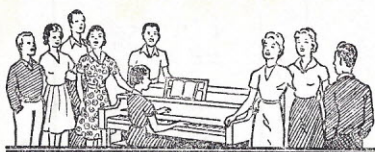
SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. Fred Stark in the loss of her brother. Mrs. Ben Stephens in the loss of her father. Mrs. H. R. Jones in the loss of her brother. Mrs. W. G. Foxworth and Mr. J. E. Bratcher upon the death of their father.

WEDDING BELLS TO: Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Ross, Jr. (former Elizabeth Ann Summerford) upon their recent marriage.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Sacred Heart Hospital—Mrs. J. A. Agee.

IMPORTANT!

Final Meeting of Canvassers
Monday—7:00 P.M.
Dining Room



YOUTH CHOIR KICK-OFF SOCIAL

Sunday, December 8, 4:30 P.M.
Chapel (in the new building)

Ages 15 - 24

Supper After Rehearsal



Training Union

"AWARDS NIGHT" IN TRAINING UNION

This next Sunday evening awards for recent training courses completed will be given out in departmental assemblies, Junior age and above.

Quite a large number of our Training Union members will receive diplomas and seals which have accumulated to your credit during recent months.

If you have attended and completed requirements in one of our training schools in the last year, you are encouraged to be present to receive your seal or diploma.

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Sunday School

TRAINING RECOGNITION NIGHT

On Wednesday night, December 11, at the Sunday School Officers' and Teachers' Meeting, we will recognize those persons in our church who have earned any of the diplomas in the Sunday School Training Course. We have in our church 26 people who have earned the Sunday School Worker's Diploma, seven who have earned the Advanced Diploma, eight who have earned the Master Diploma and one who has earned the Sunday School Worker's Citation. All of these have been invited to this special Recognition Night next Wednesday.

We would also like to have present every person who has earned one or more awards in the Sunday School Training Course during the year 1957.

If you can come and do not have a reservation, be sure to let us know that you are coming.