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"But to the dwellers in eternity
A thousand years shall as a moment be."

Abraham Coles



A NEW YEAR

A song for the Old, while its knoll is tolled,
And its parting moments fly!
But a song and a cheer for the glad New Year,
While we watch the Old Year die!
Oh! its grief and pain ne'er can come again,
And its care lies buried deep.
But what joy untold doth the New Year hold,
And what hopes within it sleep!

—George Cooper

PUT CHRIST FIRST IN 1958

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

A Telegram from Dr. Duke McCall some days ago referred to the new Library which Southern Seminary is attempting to build. He said in part, "Will appreciate your efforts to lead members of your church to give to the James Boyce Library. Southern Seminary desperately needs your help." I'm sure that there must be members of our congregation who will want to join me in a modest contribution.

In The Christmas Rush and Excitement
I am sure that I must have overlooked many things. For example, I was proud of Miss Jane Rogers and the cast that presented "The Gifts." Now I am trying to say a public "thank you." We are grateful to the various choirs for all of their service and inspiration through music. I am especially happy that the W. M. U. has led us to surpass our goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The students blessed us at the annual Student Night, and the ushers rendered a very fine service at the Oratorio Society presentation of "The Messiah." Then so many people were kind in remembering us at Christmas that I am sure that we have overlooked thanking somebody. And if you see me dressed up in a new suit, you'll have to join me in saying "thank you" to our deacons.

The Brief Visit that I had with my family at the house of a sister in Raleigh, N. C., was delightful. I got there at 4:15 p.m. Christmas Day and got back here before 2:00 p.m. on Friday. I can assure you of one thing, we talked!

Copied from the bulletin of the First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., is the article, "When the Sermon Hasn't A Chance."

WHEN THE SERMON HASN'T A CHANCE

Sometimes the sermon hasn't a chance. It may have been wrought out of the preacher's deepest conviction, bathed in sweat of brow and brain, steeped in prayer and tears and delivered with holy unction, but with some folks in the congregation, it is a case of "pouring water on a duck." It doesn't penetrate.

No sermon has a chance with a closed mind. If prejudice has priority, or if a week of shady business activities has throttled the conscience, the sermon is not likely to get beneath the surface. If a businessman mentally carries his ledger into the pew with him the sermon will have to stay out. Many a sermon is dissipated on encountering a person who comes to church merely as a social diversion. It cannot get into a heart

ATTENTION, ROYAL AMBASSADORS ROYAL AMBASSADOR CONCLAVE SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

Heights Baptist Church
2:30—Recreation
4:30—Eat (Bring your sandwiches. Drinks furnished).
5:00—Conclave.
Our District Field Secretary, Mr. William C. Carr, Jr., will speak on local missions.

OUR LOTTIE MOON GIFTS

Goal: \$2500.00

Auxiliaries	\$ 69.47
Circles	1535.29
B. W. C.'s.....	814.20
Sunday School	330.20
Training Union	16.86
R. A.'s	31.60
Total.....	\$2797.12



SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"At Half Price"

Hosea 3:2

7:30 P.M.

"When The Landmarks
Are Gone"

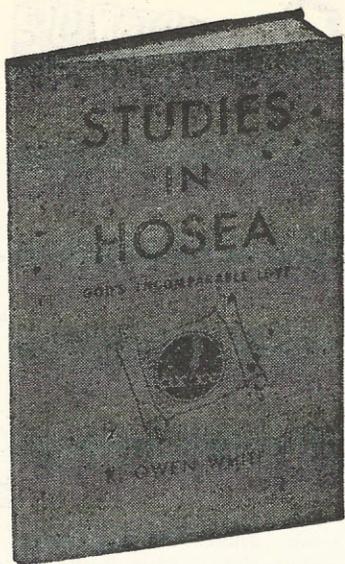
Hosea 5:10

that already is filled to overflowing with something else.

The good housewife who sits through a worship service wondering how the Sunday dinner is coming on is not giving the sermon its full chance and will go on her way when the benediction is pronounced little better for her coming. The hearer is a part of the sermon, and may enhance it or destroy it. If the sermon is to have its real chance there must be preparation for it.

The debris must be cleared from mind and heart and the sermon must be given a sympathetic response. Its need must be felt and it must be received as God's message. The man in the pew, the man in the pulpit, "Speak, for thy servant heareth." It is the duty of the worshipper to give the sermon a chance.

Witnessing—Southern Baptists are placing new emphasis upon soul-winning in 1958. Members of our church will be called upon to sign commitment cards next Sunday morning. This will simply mean a personal dedication to witnessing.



BIBLE STUDY WEEK

JANUARY 6-10, 1958

Morning Class, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
(No Class on Tuesday)

“Studies In Hosea”,
Taught by Mrs. S. G. Kennedy, Jr.

Meeting in Auditorium of
Educational Building

Evening Classes, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday

“Studies In Hosea”, taught by Pastor
Meeting in Auditorium of Educational Building

“Growing In Bible Knowledge” for Intermediates
Taught by Lt. (jg) James T. Rogers in Intermediate
14 Department

“My Family And I” for Juniors
Taught by Mrs. W. E. Jackson in Junior 11 Dept.

The Nursery will be open both Morning and Evening

W. M. S. CIRCLE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7—10:00 a.m.

T. N. Calloway Circle meets with Mrs. C.
M. O'Neill, 3960 Bayou Blvd.

Virginia Cobb Circle, with Mrs. Haywood
Arnold, 2342 Escambia.

Stanley Davis Circle, with Mrs. Roy Ingram,
1616 W. Gregory Street.

Mary S. Gullatt Circle, with Mrs. W. H.
McCaskill, 1816 E. Jordan.

Jane Hickman Circle, with Mrs. E. F. War-
ren, 1905 N. Baylen.

Jane McRae Circle, with Mrs. Elwood
Burks, 3811 Menendez.

Do'son Mills Circle, with Mrs. F. G.
Almon, 1905 Whaley.

R. C. Moores, with Mrs. R. C. Keith, 1501
E. Brainerd.

Bernice Neel Circle, with Mrs. J. E. D.
Yonge, 122 W. Lloyd.

Laura Frances Snow Circle, with Mrs. J. A.
Johnston, 16 E. Gadsden.

Betty Brewer Circle, with Mrs. Nathan C.
Brooks, Jr.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13—7:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Provence Circle meets in the
Chapel at the church.



Library Notes

NOTICE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

We have a number of excellent books
dealing with the subject of choosing a career.
Come to the Library and get some of these
books.

Guide to Career Success. Brooke.
Success and What It Takes. Edsoll.
Your Plans For the Future. Detjen.
Careers For You. Ferrari.
Careers for Christian Youth. Sigsworth.
You Have a Talent. Don't Bury It.
Bailey.

I Find My Vocation. Kitson.
The Church Secretary. Ely.
Does God Want You As a Minister of
Education. Edge.

Other new books we recommend:
“Did Man Just Happen?” by Dr. Criswell.
Understanding Your Parents. Osborne.

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CHURCH OFFICE.....HE 3-5451

CHURCH STAFF Residence Phones

Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., Pastor..... HE 3-1502
Clyde K. Bizzell, Assistant to Pastor HE 3-2580
Dr. G. J. Rousseau, Pastor Emeritus
Jesse Miller, Interim Minister of
Music..... HE 3-7596
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Lorraine Worley, Educational Sect'y HE 3-6465
Ernest Barineau, Treasurer..... HE 2-5079
S. R. Rutherford, Custodian..... HE 3-3059
Mrs. Kitty Manning, Dietician..... GL 6-2124



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance..... 862
Members Present 807
New Members 1
Visitors 54
(Attendance one year ago... 839)
Escambia County Jail..... 13
Total Sunday School Attendance..... 875
Training Union Attendance..... 239
Members Present 217
New Members 1
Visitors 21
(Attendance one year ago... 242)
Additions to church membership..... 1
Tithes and Offerings:
Budget\$ 4,564.21
Specials 79.42
Building Fund, First Baptist..... 3,119.95
Lottie Moon Offering..... 2,797.12
TOTAL OFFERING\$10,560.70

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER

LETTER

33. Mr. Jack Hastings, 700 N. Spring St.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN S'CK: Baptist Hospital—
Mrs. W. H. Lawrence, Mrs. Harold
Drown, Mrs. Letha Fillingim, Miss Inez
Ware, Harold Stokes. Birmingham—Mrs.
Rebecca Damon.

WEDDING BELLS TO: Lt. (jg) and Mrs.
Ralph A. Capshaw (former Betty Fowler)
who were married December 28. Vernon
Hopkins and Barbara Duane Bowie who
were married on December 27 in Colum-
bia, Tennessee.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs.
George Russell upon the birth of their
son, December 29.

OUR SYMPATHY: To Mr. Lee Hardy upon
the death of his father; to Mr. Andy Hat-
ton whose brother was killed in an acci-
dent last week. To Mrs. S. L. Jordan, Jr.
in the death of her father.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 5—

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron Guthrie, Supt.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastor.
4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal in Chapel.
5:05 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WCOA.
Speaker: Dr. Roy O. McClain.
Subject: "Clean Hands and Clean
Pages."
6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
Clarence Taylor, Director.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.
8:30 p.m.—Intermediate Fellowship.
Married Young People's Dept.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6—

9:30 a.m.—"Studies In Hosea", taught by Mrs.
S. G. Kennedy, Jr. Auditorium
of Educ. Bldg.
7:00 p.m.—Bible Study.
2:30 p.m.—Mary Martha Class Business and
Social Meeting with Mrs. John
Campodonico, 1206 W. Gregory St.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7—

9:30 a.m.—Associational W. M. U. Meeting.
Calvary Baptist Church.
10:00 a.m.—W. M. S. Circles meet in homes.
(See Article).
4:00 p.m.—Beginner Sunbeams meet.
7:00 p.m.—Bible Study.
7:30 p.m.—BWC Federation Meeting at the
Brownsville Baptist Church.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8—

9:30 a.m.—"Studies In Hosea", taught by Mrs.
Kennedy.
4:45 p.m.—Cherub Choir (6-8) in Junior 10.
4:45 p.m.—Carol Choir (9-12) in Junior 9.
4:45 p.m.—Concord Choir (13-14) in Adult
"B" Dept.
6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Officers' and
Teachers' Meeting begins with
supper. Homemakers Class serv-
ing.
6:30 p.m.—Sunbeams meet.
6:30 p.m.—Junior 9 G.A. meets in Room 23.
6:30 p.m.—Junior 9-10 R.A. meets in
Junior 11.
6:30 p.m.—Junior 10-11 G.A. meets in Rm. 25.
6:30 p.m.—Junior 11-12 R.A. meets in Mar-
ried Young People's Dept.
6:30 p.m.—Intermediate G.A. meets in Rm. 24
6:30 p.m.—Intermediate R.A. meets in Lower
Auditorium.
7:00 p.m.—Bible Study.
7:45 p.m.—Prayer Service. Pastor.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9—

9:30 a.m.—"Studies In Hosea", taught by Mrs.
Kennedy.
9:30 a.m.—Mary Martha Class visitation.
12:00 Noon—Mary Martha Class covered-dish
luncheon (place to be announced)
7:00 p.m.—Bible Study.
7:15 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal in Chapel.
8:30 p.m.—BWC Executive Committee Meet-
ing in Master Workmen Class-
room, Educ. Bldg.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10—

9:30 a.m.—"Studies In Hosea", taught by Mrs.
Kennedy.
2:30 p.m.—Convention Bible Class meets with
Mrs. Lucy Lane, 603 South "N"
St. Group 1, co-hostess.
7:00 p.m.—Bible Study.