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## REVIVAL SERVICES MARCH 16-23



Pictured here is Dr. Earl Guinn, the President of Louisiana College, who is to be our guest minister during our Spring Revival. Dr. Guinn supplied our pulpit one Sunday several summers ago. He formerly served as Professor of Preaching at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Before that he was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bossier City, Louisiana. Dr. Guinn is an unusually strong preacher.

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PREPARE FOR REVIVAL

PERSONAL WITNESSING WEEK — FEBRUARY 17 - 21, 1958

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# Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

I Wish that all of you could have been in the meeting of our Deacons on last Monday night. I came away with the feeling that much prayerful thinking is being done by these servants of our church. It was quite evident that no one was trying to promote a pet project, but that our men are anxious to follow the leading of the Lord. Most of the matters discussed were left open for further study. Under consideration were such things as: Shall the First Baptist Church undertake a new local mission project? Is it time for us to sponsor a 15-minute Sunday Afternoon TV Program? How does one go about leading another to become a Christian? It is thrilling to have the deacons of a Baptist Church devoting time and consideration to such primary matters. Let us remember to hold up our Deacons in prayer.

**Talking With Our Deacons** about personal witnessing I suggested eight things that it is well for us to do:

1. Pray
2. Be yourself! All do not have to witness alike.
3. Mark a Bible, Testament, or scripture portion for use.
4. Testify! Your own experience has meaning.
5. Avoid argument! You can win the argument and lose the man.
6. Be honest! Face frankly the situation as it is.
7. Leave the door open! Press for decision but if it is not secured immediately leave the way clear for another approach.
8. Pray.

**Some Simple Scriptures** to be used in witnessing are to be found in Romans. Three that I find helpful to use together are Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 10:9-10. The first of these recognizes that all are sinners. The second discloses that death is the end wage for the sinner, but that God offers the free gift of eternal life in Christ. The last of these passages calls for believers to confess Jesus as Saviour and Lord. Used together they tell a story of the way to become a Christian.

**Verses In John** that you will find very helpful in witnessing are:

- The Lamb of God—John 1:29.
- Believing Christ—John 3:36.
- Receiving Christ—John 1:12.
- The New Birth—John 3:7.
- Forgiveness—John 3:18a.
- The Only Way—John 14:6.
- The Little Gospel—John 3:16.

You may want to use these scriptures in various combinations. Marking them in your

## GOD TOUCH MY LIFE

God touch my ears that I might hear  
Above earth's din, Thy voice ring clear;  
God, touch my eyes that I might see  
The tasks Thou'd have me do for Thee.  
God, touch my lips that I might say  
Words that reveal the Narrow Way;  
God, touch my hands that I might do  
Deeds that inspire men to be true;  
God, touch my feet that I might go  
To do Thy errands here below;  
God, touch my life that I might be  
A flame that ever grows for Thee!

—Copied.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**OUR KNOWN SICK:** Baptist Hospital—Mrs. Ola Rampey. Home from Hospital—Miss Inez Ware. Hospital (Andalusia, Alabama)—Miss Pat Everage. Ill at Home—Paul Caro, T. A. Wash, Mrs. Jack Hastings, Dr. Henry L. Ashmore, Miss Sue Coleman. Naval Hospital—Cdr. Jesse Miller.

**WEDDING BELLS TO:** Ens. and Mrs. James Ernest Hayford (former Miss Martha Jean Wilson) who were married February 8. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Korber (Sandra Johnson) who were married on December 19, 1957.

Testament or Bible will make them easy to find.

The "Flu Bug" seems to have gotten hold of me last week-end. I had a chill shortly before the Sunday night service. Fortunately I started on medication on Sunday night and after fever up to 102 degrees and an assortment of aches and pains I seem to be in good shape again.

East Hill Church voted, on February 2, to approved the proposed merger of Southside Church and Chase Street Chapel. First Baptist Church is quite interested in this step. Southside was a First Baptist Mission. Title to a part of its property is still held by our church. Details of the merger follow:

1. "That the Chase Street property to be the location of the new work.

2. "That a suitable educational building be erected; this to be a joint project of the East Hill and Southside Churches. East Hill to borrow funds for the building. Balance due after merger to be paid from funds realized from sale of property at present Southside location.

3. "That Sunday School continue to be held at both places until the educational building is finished, but worship services be combined at Chase Street Chapel beginning March 2, 1958.

4. "That Bro. Peter Lord serve as pastor of both groups until work is organized into a new church.

5. "Additional details will be discussed and presented to the church for adoption as necessary."

# "Personal Witnessing Week"

Begins MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Continues through FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:30 a.m. each Morning and 7:00 p.m. each Evening

The MORNING CLASS will be taught by the Pastor for Young People and Adults. This group will be studying "A Winning Witness" by Gaines S. Dobbins. It will meet in the Auditorium of the Educational Building. The Nursery will be open for both Morning and Evening classes.

Following is a list of the evening classes by age groups, including the book, teacher, and meeting place:

## Evening Classes

Age Group	Meeting Place	Book	Teacher
Adults and Young People	Auditorium of Educ. Bldg.	"Every Christian's Job" By C. E. Matthews	B. T. Dean
Seniors	Int. 14 Dept.	"Witnessing For Christ" By Ethel Hudson Williams	Jack Howes
Intermediates	Int. 13 Dept.	"Witnessing For Christ" By Ethel Hudson Williams	T. A. Wash
11-12 Juniors	Junior 12 Dept.	"Jesus Saves" By Hattie Bell Allen	Fermon Minshew
9-10 Juniors	Junior 10 Dept.	"Jesus Saves" By Hattie Bell Allen	Miss Grace Smith
Primaries	Primary 7A Dept.		Mrs. Chas. Overman Jr.
Beginners	Beginner 4 Dept.		Mrs. Gerald Garrett

## "VISITATION HONOR ROLL" PROGRAM

Our five-week "Visitation Honor Roll" program got under way Sunday, and already much evidence of concentrated visitation is apparent. Good work is being done by all of the groups concerned. Thank you for this good start.

Our Sunday School adopted this program for the period of February 9-March 15. Here again are the details:

1. Each Adult Class and each Department below Adults has a "Visitation Honor Roll" sheet posted in their room. Members have been "signed up" for each week during the campaign.

2. Beginning last Sunday, February 9, an envelope containing prospect cards will be sent to each of these groups, on each Sunday.

3. Each Sunday, the class secretary will prepare an Absentee List for the members responsible for visiting that week.

4. The class president will be responsible for assigning the prospect cards and the ab-

sentee lists to the members responsible for visiting.

5. Each Sunday morning the four class members who visited during the past week will mark their report on the Honor Roll in the classroom.

Some of our departments, lacking prospects and knowing the many who should be coming, have urged the following additions to our "Visitation Honor Roll" program:

6. Every Department to have, in addition to the "Visitation Honor Roll" sheet, a sheet headed "I Am a Missionary."

7. Each class president and teacher will encourage each boy or girl, man or woman, to search out someone in their neighborhood not in Sunday School and list the name opposite their name.

8. Effort to be made to bring that person to Sunday School, even if teacher must visit with pupil.

9. Everybody searching for prospects.

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## LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1037
Members Present .....	998
New Members .....	4
Visitors .....	35
(Attendance one year ago...1150)	
Escambia County Jail.....	13
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	1050
Training Union Attendance.....	278
Members Present .....	258
New Members .....	6
Visitors .....	14
(Attendance one year ago... 315)	
Additions to church membership.....	6
Baptized .....	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$3,773.74
Specials .....	124.10
Kindergarten .....	150.00
Building Fund, First Baptist.....	77.86
TOTAL OFFERING .....	\$4,125.70

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Baptism

12. Tim Philpot, 18 4th Street, EPH.
- Letter
43. Mr. Edwin H. Taylor, Jr., 1717 E. Gadsden Street.
44. Mr. Gene Rickett, Box 64, Gulf Breeze.
45. Mrs. Gene Rickett, Box 64, Gulf Breeze.
46. Ens. Walter Barbee, 104-C Pine Road.
47. Mrs. Walter Barbee, 104-C Pine Road.

## SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Making A Name For Yourself"

Matthew 5:9

7:30 P.M.

"Pink Tea Martyrs"

Matthew 5:10-12



**OPPORTUNITIES**  
of the week!

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16—

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.  
Theron Guthrie, Supt.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor.  
1:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WCOA.  
Speaker: Dr. Roy O. McClain.  
4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal in Chapel.  
5:00 p.m.—Training Union Executive Committee Meeting in Married Young People's Dept.  
5:30 p.m.—Departmental Training Union Executive Committee Meetings.  
6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.  
Clarence Taylor, Director.  
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor.  
8:30 p.m.—Intermediate-Senior Fellowship.  
Married Young People's Dept.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17—

7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts meet in Lower Auditorium.  
7:00 p.m.—"Personal Witnessing" Study, for all ages.  
7:30 p.m.—Associational Sunday School Meeting, East Hill Baptist Church.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18—

10:00 a.m.—Missionary Round Table.  
4:00 p.m.—Beginner Sunbeams meet in Beginner 4 Dept.  
7:00 p.m.—"Personal Witnessing" Study for all ages.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19—

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. Gleaners Class of Adult "B" serving.  
6:30 p.m.—Beginner Sunbeams meet in Beginner 4 Dept.  
6:30 p.m.—Primary 6-7 Sunbeams meet in Room 27.  
6:30 p.m.—Primary 8 Sunbeams meet in Room 26.  
6:30 p.m.—Junior 9 G. A. meets in Room 23.  
6:30 p.m.—Junior 10-11 G.A. meets in Rm. 25.  
6:30 p.m.—Intermediate G.A. meets in Rm. 24.  
6:30 p.m.—Senior G.A. meets in Senior 15.  
6:30 p.m.—Junior 9-10 R.A. meets in Intermediate 13 Dept.  
6:30 p.m.—Junior 11-12 R.A. meets in Married Young People's Dept.  
6:30 p.m.—Intermediate R.A. meets in Lower Auditorium.  
7:00 p.m.—"Personal Witnessing" Study.  
7:45 p.m.—Prayer Service.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20—

9:30 a.m.—CHURCH-WIDE VISITATION  
2:30 p.m.—"Personal Witnessing" Study for all ages.  
7:15 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21—

7:00 p.m.—"Personal Witnessing" Study for all ages.

## MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS ATTENDANCE

Sunbeams .....	18
Junior R. A.'s.....	6
Intermediate R. A.'s.....	14
Total .....	38