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## What God Hath Promised

“God hath not promised  
Skies always blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways  
All our lives through;  
God hath not promised  
Sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow,  
Peace without pain.

But God hath promised  
Strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor,  
Light for the way,  
Grace for the trials,  
Help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy,  
Undying love.”

—Annie Johnson Flint

### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

“VIEWPOINT”

Genesis 16:13

7:30 P.M.

“LIFE’S TWO’S”

Joshua 24:15

# Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

**Baptist Bible Institute** plans to let a contract for its new chapel sometime during the next week. Something like \$30,000 is needed to complete payment of the costs and furnish the building. As Chairman of the Trustees I have been asked to have a specific part in securing the needed funds. Perhaps there are some of you who would like to join the pastor in some modest special gifts. Baptist Bible Institute is an agency of the Florida Baptist Convention. All of the needs of a growing school ministry can not be fully met from the regular budget of the Convention. If you would like to share in the ministry of this fine school make your special gifts at an early date.

**Speaking of Schools**—Many of our young people are making plans for the next school year. It is my hope that a number of our high school graduates are going to plan to enter some of our Baptist Schools. Stetson is our Florida Baptist senior college at DeLand. Its standards are high and its facilities excellent. With all the educational opportunities that it offers it also affords the plus of a Christian college. If I can help you in any way in making decisions about your higher education, please call upon me.

**Charles L. Allen** is a popular preacher and writer among Methodists. The following lines came from his pen:

"The church has many critics, some of whom are outside the church. They do not worry me; I just stay away from them. The ones I do worry about are those whose names are on the church roll, but to whom that means nothing. Like the man at the pool at Bethesda, they wail that nobody will help them. They complain, "The preacher never comes to see me . . . I don't like the music . . . I go, but nobody shakes hands with me . . . the Church is after my money . . . too many of the members are hypocrites |||" and so on, ad infinitum, ad nauseam.

But I have noticed that when the complaining fellow begins to walk on his own within the church, to support it with his prayers, his presence and his gifts and his service, he finds joy and strength therein. One is "made whole" only when he begins some worthwhile activity. The sickest people are usually those who have the least to do.—Charles L. Allen, in *The Touch of the Master's Hand*.

**Dr. W. A. Criswell**, of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, wrote in their church bulletin of January 31st:

"Look again at the registered attendance for last Sunday in Sunday School and Train-

ing Union. Even though we had two rainy Sundays in January, our Sunday School averaged more than 400 in attendance over January a year ago. This is an amazing development considering the constant growth of our Sunday School and Training Union for the last several years. This growth seems to have no end and no stopping place. I do not know what to make of it. As I carefully look through the situation, our increased attendance is accounted for in the number of new units organized in our teaching ministry. Even though these units at first may be sometimes small, give them opportunity in prayer and encouragement to work and visit in the name of our Lord and soon they are getting larger and larger.

The secret of growth seems to lie in the multiplication of units. This is so in the organic, material world of vegetable and animal life. It seems to be so in the spiritual world of church life. By division and multiplications we reach more people for our Saviour."

**We Are Not So Large** as the First Baptist Church, Dallas, but the growth principles so effective there will work here. Our small units will not grow automatically, but they will grow if by work and prayer we give the Holy Spirit an opportunity to do His work. Let us not forget the work and the prayer.

**The Pastor of the Queensborough Church, Shreveport**, recently wrote his members through their bulletin, saying, "Would you be willing to pledge yourself to be a soul winner? Have you ever wished you could win a soul to Jesus? Have you thought you would if you only knew how?"

First, decide now you are going to win someone real soon. Then, think of a person you know who is lost in whom you have genuine concern. Write that name or names down in your Bible. Pray earnestly for that person every day. Ask the Lord to give you wisdom to make the best approach to that person.

It may be that you will be impressed to tell that person you are greatly concerned about him or her, and that you would like to see them trust Jesus and join the church.

You might feel impressed to tell that person your own experience of salvation. Or, you might show him two or three Scriptures that would point the way. Try these: Sin and death has passed upon all, Rom. 5:12. Christ paid the death penalty, Rom. 5:8. Faith in him and confession will save, Rom. 10:9.

Who'll be the first to lead someone to Jesus? How about this next Sunday?



# here's the PICTURE

## BROTHERHOOD SUPPER MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

SUPPER SERVED at 6:30 P.M.

The program will feature the showing of a film "The Challenge of the City" which portrays Chicago as typical of other big cities in America where we have little or no witness as Southern Baptists."

Tickets are available from the following persons:

Lon Roberts, Jr., W. L. Warren, Joe B. Ladner, T. A. Wash, Claude Vice, U. E. Jutila, R. C. Merritt, John Myrick, Jim McCaskill, Robert Jernigan, Jim Drexler, W. P. Mooty, R. L. Kendrick, Clyde Bizzell and the Church Office.

## ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

6:45 p.m.—Fish Fry (Tickets available from Mr. Kendrick)  
7:30 p.m.—Meeting.



## Sunday School

### SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:30 p.m.  
in the Chapel



On Wednesday, February 12, the following were elected to serve as Youth Week Officers for April 6-13, 1958:

Pastor.....James T. Rogers  
Assistant to Pastor.....Dick Wash  
Minister of Music.....Bill Kennedy  
Organist.....John Campbell  
Assistant Organist.....Sue Eubanks  
Pianist.....Evelyn Lancaster  
Sunday School Supt.....Jack Anderson  
Training Union Director.....Don Thomas  
Brotherhood President...Tim Gammell  
W.M.U. President...Miss Freddie Kersh  
Librarian.....Miss Patsy Wash

The complete list of Deacons elected to service during Youth Week will be published at a later date. The deacons have already elected the following to serve as their officers:

Chairman.....Bill Kreitlein  
Vice-Chairman.....Felix Monk  
Secretary.....Sonny Cushing

### STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

FEBRUARY 24-26

First Baptist Church, Tampa

Several from our church are going.  
Call Mr. Bizzell or Mr. Guthrie for details.



## Training Union

### MONTHLY OFFICER'S COUNCIL MEETING

The Monthly Officers' Council Meeting of the Training Union will be held on next Monday Evening.

Our schedule for the evening will be as follows:

6:30 p.m.—Supper  
6:55 p.m.—General Promotional Period  
7:15 p.m.—Departmental Meetings  
7:30 p.m.—Unions Meet for Program Planning  
8:00 p.m.—Closing Period.  
Young People's Speaker's Tournament and Intermediate Sword Drill.

### ADULT "A" - "B" SUPPER PARTY

Date: February 28, 1958  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Place: Church Dining Room  
Cost: \$1.00 per Plate

Tickets Are Available Now

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## CHURCH STAFF Residence Phones

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## LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance..... 882  
Members Present..... 837  
New Members..... 3  
Visitors..... 42  
(Attendance one year ago.....1072)

Training Union Attendance..... 256  
Members Present..... 248  
New Members..... 0  
Visitors..... 8  
(Attendance one year ago..... 315)

Additions to church membership..... 1

Tithes and Offerings:  
Budget .....\$2,695.39  
Specials ..... 292.15  
Kindergarten ..... 75.00  
Building Fund, First Baptist..... 231.73

TOTAL OFFERING.....\$3,294.27

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**OUR KNOWN SICK:** Sacred Heart Hospital—Miss Joyce King. Ill at Home—Mrs. Robert Jernigan, Skippy Jernigan, Peggy Hamrick, Mr. Charles Leamon, Homer Higgins, Mrs. Ruth Adams, Nixon Daniel III, Cathy Hurt, Mrs. Janie Fulghum, Clarence Taylor, J. D. McCaskill. Baptist Hospital—H. C. Stringfield.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Phillips upon the birth of their daughter on February 14. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams upon the birth of their daughter, Melissa Sue.

**SYMPATHY TO:** Mr. H. T. Lenz in the loss of his brother.

**WEDDING BELLS TO:** Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Morris (former Carolyn Jenkins) who were married February 15.

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Letter  
48. Mrs. David R. Warnock, 319 Bryant Road, Warrington.

## USE OUR CHURCH LIBRARY



### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23—

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.  
Theron Guthrie, Supt.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastr.  
1:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WCOA.  
Speaker: Dr. Roy O. McClain.  
Subject: "Life's Biggest Mistakes."  
4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal in Chapel.  
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 24—

6:30 p.m.—Training Union Monthly Officers' Council Meeting begins with supper.  
Young People "A" serving.  
7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts meet in Lower Auditorium.  
7:30 p.m.—Associational Brotherhood Meeting. Ensley First Baptist.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25—

10:00 a.m.—W. M. S. Bible Study in Chapel.  
4:00 p.m.—Beginner Sunbeams meet in Beginner 4 Dept.  
6:30 p.m.—Monthly Brotherhood Meeting begins with supper.  
7:30 p.m.—Monthly Superintendents' Meeting in Chapel.  
7:30 p.m.—JOY Class meets with Mrs. C. B. Clements, 101 High Pines Place.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26—

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. J. O. Y. 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 Room 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.  
6:40 p.m.—Y. W. A. meets in Young People "A".  
7:00 p.m.—Teacher Improvement Period.  
7:45 p.m.—Prayer Service.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27—

9:30 a.m.—CHURCH—  
2:30 p.m.—WIDE  
7:00 p.m.—VISITATION  
7:15 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.  
7:15 p.m.—Deacons in South Dining Room Area.  
7:30 p.m.—Meeting of Assemblies Committee in Office.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28—

6:30 p.m.—Life Service Group meets at 1400 N. Spring Street.  
7:00 p.m.—Adult "A" and "B" Banquet. Church Dining Room.