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Week of Prayer for Home Missions MARCH 3-7, 1958

Theme
"FAITH WORKING THROUGH LOVE"

MONDAY—10:00 A.M.—Program in the Chapel. Jane Hickman Circle
in charge.
Film: "Challenge of the City."

TUESDAY—Circle Meetings.
5:30—BWC Mission Study at the church.

WEDNESDAY—Prayer Service. Home Missions Emphasis.

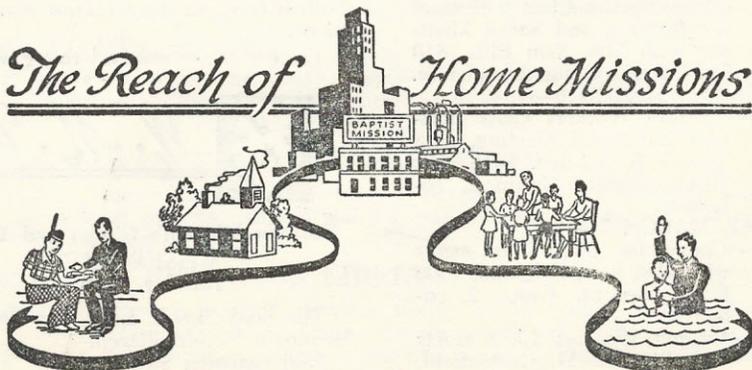
THURSDAY—10:00 A.M.—Program in the Chapel.
Harvey Headrick Circle in charge.

FRIDAY—10:00 A.M.—Program in the Chapel.
Jane McRae Circle in charge.



ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING

Our Goal, \$1,500.00



Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

The Pastor of Pineville, Louisiana, First Baptist Church, has discussed friendliness with his members. Said he, "Occasionally I get complaints about the church people not being friendly. I suppose that is more or less true of all churches as large as ours. Let us do our best to make such criticism less justified all along. If you are a member of the church you are a part of it and if you will show yourself friendly you will find that others are friendly. While you are wondering why they do not speak to you, they may be wondering why you do not speak to them. All of our people should be on the alert to meet and greet the visitors and the new comers. "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers." (Heb. 13:2).

W.M.U. CIRCLE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 10:00 A.M.

The T. N. Callaway Circle, with Mrs. J. P. Register, 27 Escalona.

Virginia Cobb Circle, Mrs. W. L. Warren, 1818 E. Gadsden.

Stanley Davis Circle, Mrs. V. R. Maggio, 903 N. Barcelona. Co-Hostess, Mrs. Ben Stevens.

Mary S. Gullatt Circle, Mrs. A. O. DeWeese, 1601 E. DeSoto.

Jane Hickman Circle, with Mrs. J. T. Murphy, 1711 N. Whaley.

Jane McRae Circle, with Mrs. A. J. McCreary, 724 W. Moreno.

The Dotson Mills Circle, with Mrs. R. L. Kendrick, 729 W. Moreno.

R. C. Moores Circle, with Mrs. W. F. Bratcher, 1824 N. Escambia.

Bernice Neel Circle, with Mrs. Sam Hall, 1016 E. Jackson.

Laura Frances Snow Circle, with Mrs. W. A. Hibbert, 1120 N. Spring.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 3:00 P.M.

Harvey Headrick Circle, with Mrs. Myrlin Brooks, 2006 N. Barcelona.

CLASS MEETINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 3—

2:30 p.m.—Mary Martha Class will meet for Business and Social Meeting with Mrs. Sam Ellis, 840 W. Moreno. Group 2 in charge.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6—

2:00 p.m.—Faithful Workers Class Business and Social Meeting, with Mrs. J. S. Baisden, 1818 East Strong Street. Group 2, co-hostess.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7—

2:00 p.m.—Convention Bible Class meets with Mrs. S. L. Fulghum, 1306 E. Mallory St. Group 2, co-hostess.

2:30 p.m.—Willing Workers Class meets with Mrs. A. M. Crutchfield, 114 W. Wright St. Group 4 will entertain.



LIFE SERVICE GROUP

Young People who have committed themselves to vocational Christian service are reminded of the meeting at the Pastor's home, 1400 N. Spring Street, Friday, February 28, 6:30 p.m.

JUNIOR HIGH BANQUET

Tickets for the Junior High Banquet to be held Friday, March 7, at Morrison's Cafeteria, are available from the church office. These must be secured before Wednesday, March 5.



ASSEMBLIES COMMITTEE

The Assemblies Committee met Sunday to begin planning for our 1958 Church Camps. They are meeting again on Monday, March 3.

Any suggestions should be given to Mr. J. F. Boykin, Chairman of the Committee.

PLAY TRYOUTS

Clay Davis, Chairman of the Dramatics Committee, announces that there will be tryouts for the Easter Play Sunday, March 2, 3:00 p.m., on the Stage in the Church Dining Room.

The play selected to be given on Friday, April 4, is "The Symbol of A Cross."

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Senior Boys Team in the Church Basketball League who won both halves and are therefore league champions.

Dudley Davis coached this group.



Business Women's Circles and Y. W. A.

MISSION STUDY

Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

The book "Look, Look, the Cities" is to be taught by Mr. Bizzell.

5:30—Mission Study. Adult "A" Dept.

6:30—Supper

7:00 - 9:00—Mission Study

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

MARCH, 1958

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
AUXILIARIES AND CHOIRS 4:00 p.m.—Tuesdays: Sunbeams (Beginner). 6:30 p.m.—Wednesdays: Jr. G. A., Int. and Sr. G. A., Sunbeams. 6:30 p.m.—Wednesdays: Junior and Int. R. A. 6:40 p.m.—2nd and 4th Wednesdays: Y. W. A. 4:45 p.m.—Wednesdays: Cherub, Carol and Concord Choirs Rehearse 4:20 p.m.—Sundays: Youth Choir Rehearses.						1 2:30— R. A. Conclave Myrtle Grove
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
March 2 - 7	W.M.U. Week of	Prayer for Home	Missions and	Annie Armstro	ng Offering	
1:30—Baptist Hour 3:00—Play Tryouts	10:00 a.m.—Week of Prayer, Chapel 7:30 p.m.—Assem- blies Committee	10:00—Circles 7:30—Bro. Exec. 5:30—BWC Mission Study	4:30—Youth Week Nominating Committee	9:30 - 2:30 - 7:00 VISITATION 10:00 a.m.—Week of Prayer, Chapel 7:15—Choir	10:00—Week of Prayer, Chapel	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1:30— Baptist Hour 4:00—R. A. Review- ing Council	7:30— Deacons 7:30—Assoc. T. U. Meeting Pleasant Grove	10:00—WMS Meeting 11:00—Business 12:15—Lunch 7:30—BW Circles	7:45— Business Conference	9:30 - 2:30 - 7:00 VISITATION 7:15—Choir Cottage Prayer Meetings	Cottage Prayer Meetings	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Sunday, Mar. 16	thru Sunday,	March 23	REVIVAL—	Dr. G. Earl	Guinn	10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
1:30— Baptist Hour		6:30—Brotherhood Prospect Supper			12:10-12:40—Evan- gelism Service	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	24 - 28	SUNDAY	SCHOOL	CLINIC	MOBILE	
1:30—Baptist Hour 5:00—T. U. Exec. Committee		10:00—WMS Bible Study 7:30—S. S. Supts. 7:30—BWC Exec.		9:30 - 2:30 - 7:00 VISITATION 7:15—Choir 7:30—RA Counselors East Hill	7:30— R. A. Recognition Service East Hill	
30	31					
Home and Foreign Missions Day in S.S. 7:30—Oratorio	6:30— T. U. Officers' Council					

DOCTRINES

WHICH BAPTISTS HOLD IN COMMON WITH OTHER EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

There are many great doctrines which Baptists hold in common with most, if not all, evangelical Christians. Among these doctrines are the following:

1. THE TRIUNE GOD

We believe in the existence of one God, creator and ruler of the heavens and the earth. This infinite and eternal God is revealed to us as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

2. THE INSPIRED WORD

We believe that the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, was written by men moved by the Holy Spirit, and that it reveals the will of God concerning the salvation of men and concerning the kingdom of God.

3. THE GOD-MAN

We believe that Jesus Christ was and is the Son of man and the only begotten Son of God, and that he is the only and all-sufficient Saviour of all who truly put their trust in him.

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a distinct Person of the Trinity, that he convicts, regenerates, sanctifies, comforts, guides, and enlightens, and that he inspired the writers of the Bible.

5. SIN AND SALVATION

We believe that man is a sinner both by nature and choice, and that he must repent of his sins and accept Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour and Lord in order to be saved.

6. THE FREE OFFER OF SALVATION

We believe that Christ tasted death for every man, that it is the privilege and duty of all men to accept Christ and be saved, and it is our duty to make known to all men this free offer of salvation.

7. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

We believe in the Christian life motivated by love for Christ and gratitude to him; and that this life should be characterized by righteousness, love, and service to Christ and all mankind.

8. THE LORD'S DAY

We believe in observing the first day of the week as the Christian Sabbath, and that it should be observed as a day of rest from unnecessary secular labor, and as a day of divine worship and living deeds.

9. THE FUTURE LIFE

We believe in the resurrection from the dead and in the eternal separation of the righteous from the wicked in the world to come.

10. THE DAY OF GRACE

We believe that now is the accepted time, that this is the day of grace, and that one's eternal destiny is settled in the present life.

SOME DISTINCTIVE BAPTIST DOCTRINES

There are some doctrines which Baptists hold, if not exclusively, at least more persistently and insistently and, we think, more consistently than other Christian bodies:

1. THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

All our distinctive principles may be said to grow out of one great fundamental; the absolute Lordship of Christ. We ask, What did Jesus say? What did he do, and what does he want us to do?

2. THE AUTHORITY AND SUFFICIENCY OF THE BIBLE

For Baptists the New Testament is the rule of faith and of practice; by it all creeds and conducts, all principles, programs, and practices are to be judged. When any question of doctrine or practice arises, we ask one question only, "What saith the scripture?" (Rom. 4:3).

3. THE COMPETENCY OF THE SOUL IN RELIGION

Baptists believe that every individual has the right to approach God for himself and that no person, institution, or ordinance should come between the soul and God. Each one must hear, heed, repent, believe, be baptized, worship, serve, and contribute for himself.

4. AN EXPERIENCE OF GRACE

Baptists believe that being a Christian is essentially a spiritual experience and is not a matter of creeds, rituals, and ceremonies. "Ye must be born again." (John 3:7).

5. A CONVERTED CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Only persons who are old enough to make intelligent choice, to realize and repent of sin, and to accept Christ by a definite and voluntary act of faith can become members of a Baptist church.

6. THE CHURCH A PURE DEMOCRACY

Baptists believe that a New Testament church is an independent, self-governing body of baptized believers, the members possessing equal rights and privileges.

7. THE SYMBOLISM OF THE ORDINANCES

Baptists believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances rather than sacraments and that they are symbolic in that they teach and portray but do not effect salvation or impart spiritual grace.

8. BAPTISM OF BELIEVERS ONLY

Baptists believe that only those persons who have repented of their sins and accepted Christ as Saviour and Lord are proper subjects for baptism.

9. ONLY IMMERSION IN BAPTISM

Baptists believe that only immersion is scriptural baptism. No one questions the validity of immersion but many do question the right of any person or organization to change the mode of baptism or to substitute something else for it.

10. THE LORD'S SUPPER

Baptists believe that the Lord's Supper is a memorial ordinance and that it serves to commemorate the love and sacrificial death of our Lord and to declare anew our love, loyalty, and dependence upon him.

11. PERSEVERANCE AND PRESERVATION

Baptists believe that true believers will persevere and be preserved unto the end. The believer may be tempted and may fall into sin, but he will not be contented and remain there.

12. ABSOLUTE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Baptists believe in absolute religious liberty for all people, for themselves and for all others. The principle of religious liberty carries with it the idea of a free church in a free state, which means the separation of church and state so that neither shall infringe upon the rights and prerogatives of the other.

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	907
Members Present	860
New Members	4
Visitors	43
(Attendance one year ago....)	1021
Training Union Attendance.....	231
Members Present	218
New Members	2
Visitors	11
(Attendance one year ago....)	267
Additions to church membership.....	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$3,420.10
Specials	130.52
Building Fund, First Baptist.....	150.51
Kindergarten	90.00
TOTAL OFFERING	\$3,791.13

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

LETTER—

49. Lawrence T. Shelby, Cadet Batt., Saufley Field.
50. Mrs. Maxon West, 2014 E. Hernandez.
51. William H. Martin, 1005 New York Dr.
52. Mrs. William H. Martin, 1005 New York Drive.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK—Ill at Home — Joe Ladner, Mrs. W. T. Creel, Mrs. Henry Ashmore, Mrs. R. C. Keith, Mrs. J. E. D. Yonge, Raymond R. Steele, Mrs. Vora Wilkinson, Mrs. W. R. Parks, Mrs. Joe Brookins. Baptist Hospital — Mrs. Ruth Cvitanic. Sacred Heart Hospital — Mrs. R. M. Merritt.

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. Gene Rickett in the loss of her father.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Travis Vickery upon the birth of their son, James Travis, Jr.

CORRECTION, PLEASE

The play-off for the Church League Championship will NOT be held Saturday night. It will be held at a later date.

SUNDAY

11:00 A.M.

“It's Time To Grow Up”

7:30 P.M.

“Will America Listen?”

Messages by Clyde Bizzell



ASSOCIATIONAL CONCLAVE

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

MYRTLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

- 2:00—We leave First Baptist Church.
2:30—Recreation begins.
5:00—We eat (Bring your own sandwiches. Drinks will be furnished).
5:30—Program.
A film “Look, Look, the Cities” will be shown.

REVIEWING COUNCIL

A Reviewing Council is being held Sunday afternoon, March 9, at 4:00 p.m. Boys who have completed all requirements for a rank and passed these to their Counselor are eligible to come before the Reviewing Council.



Training Union

SPEAKERS' TOURNAMENT

Both of the young people who spoke in the Speakers' Tournament on Monday did an excellent job.

Dick Wash spoke on “God's Valuation of a Human Life.” Paul Ward spoke on “Making My Vocation Christian.”

Paul Ward was chosen to represent our church in the Associational Speakers' Tournament to be held Monday, March 10, at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.



IN
MEMORIAM

JAMES O. MacARTHUR

Joined this Church Sept. 14, 1944

Died February 22, 1958