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## What's the Matter With Mrs. Craig?

The following news item appeared in the Nashville BANNER, on June 18, 1956:

PORTER, Oklahoma—(AP)—Mrs. Ella Craig, 81, hasn't missed Sunday School attendance in 1,040 Sundays—a perfect record for 20 years.

This prompted us to ask the following questions:

Doesn't Mrs. Craig ever have company on Sunday to keep her away from her Church?

Doesn't she ever go somewhere on Saturday night and stay out so late that she gets up tired on Sundays?

Doesn't she ever have headaches, colds, nervous spells, dizziness, tired feelings, poor breakfasts, sudden calls out of town, business trips, Sunday picnics or trouble of any kind?

Doesn't she have any friends at all—friends who invite her for a week-end in the mountains, or friends whom she can invite for a week-end on the beach?

Doesn't she ever sleep late on Sundays?

Doesn't she ever get mad at the preacher or her Sunday School teacher or someone in the Church?

What's the matter with Mrs. Craig, anyhow?

—Copied

# Viewpoint - - By Nathan C. Brooks, Jr.

Congratulations to all of our Youth Week Officers, leaders, teachers, and committee members on a job well done!

**A Winner**—Paul Ward, who represented our church and Association in the regional meeting at Crestview last Monday was the Better Speakers' Tournament Winner. He will now take part in the State Tournament this summer. Congratulations! This is the third time in four years that we have had a state participant.

**Our Dramatics Committee** and the members of the cast of "The Symbol of A Cross" have been asked to present the play at a Drama Festival in Shreveport, Louisiana, on May 2. Let's remember to pray for God to use this group effectively.

**R. C. Eickler, Jr.** has been called into the armed service of our country. Next Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, he is going to render a Concert Recital in the Sanctuary. Those who find spiritual uplift and inspiration in good music will want to attend, inviting their friends. R. C. has been rendering service in the music program at Circle Baptist Church, formerly our mission.

**A Farewell Reception** was held at the East Hill Baptist Church last Sunday night for the Preston Sellers Family. Your pastor was asked to speak a word on behalf of Baptists in the area. I was particularly impressed by two things: the genuine love and appreciation of East Hill Baptists for the minister who is leaving them after 8½ years of service, and the expressed determination to find and follow the leadership of the new pastor to whom the Lord will direct them. Both outlooks are marks of maturity and of a great church.

**East Hill** will need the prayers of fellow Christians as the congregation seeks a pastor. One of the mysteries of the Christian faith is the way God always has leadership for any task that He wants done. A Moses may pass from the scene but God will have a Joshua ready. The Pharisee Saul may not appear to be a likely leader of the Christian movement as the friends of Stephen look at him, but God makes of him a world figure, the Apostle Paul.

**It is Not Easy** for men to discover and yield to God's will. Dr. Sellers, for example, might have continued in a fruitful ministry in Pensacola for many more years. There was no "reason" for him to leave here. The ties of affection and mutual understanding grow deeper as the years go by when the Lord binds a pastor and people together. Those who know Dr. Sellers understand that he went to Tampa for just one reason—an overwhelming conviction of the leadership of the Lord. It is not easy to break ties

when people are working together in a happy church relationship. It is the only thing to do when God is calling.

**Sidney W. Powell** has told the story of a child falling into a river. In a moment a man was in the water bringing the child to safety. As he was being proclaimed a hero he said to those standing by, "Just a minute! What I want to know is who shoved me into the water?" (page 113, **Where Are The Converts?**) The writer then points out that Matthew 9:39 may be translated, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will thrust forth laborers into his harvest." Then Powell points out that Spurgeon said, "I never did anything which was a blessing to my fellow-creatures without feeling compelled to do it."

**Have You Been Thrust Forth** into any task, teaching, leading, serving? Perhaps you did not want to do it. Reason suggested that you ought not to do it. But God said, "Do it!" Under such a compulsion those who accept responsibilities know that they are doing what they ought. This is to hear and answer God's call.

**The Dedication of Children**—Sunday, May 4, will be observed as Cradle Roll-Nursery Day in our church. It has been our custom for several years to have a service of dedication on the first Sunday in May at the 11:00 a.m. hour. Parents are urged to bring their children for public dedication on that day in the spirit of and following the example of Hannah. She said, "For this child I prayed; and Jehovah hath given me my petition which I asked of him; therefore also I have granted him to Jehovah; as long as he liveth he is granted to Jehovah" (I Samuel 1:27-28 ASV).

**Well Done, W. M. U.!** The Chapel at the Baptist Hospital has 25 new Baptist Hymnals as a gift from Circles and Youth Organizations of our W. M. U.



## SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

**"The Road To Eternal Life"**

John 14:6

7:30 P.M.

**"Glory For Me"**

John 14:2-3



# OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

## THE BAPTIST BUILDER

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### SUNDAY, APRIL 20—

- 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.  
Subject: "Salvation Without  
Guesswork."
- 3:00 p.m.—R. C. Eickler Recital. Sanctuary.
- 4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal in Chapel.
- 5:00 p.m.—Training Union Executive Com-  
mittee. Adult "A" Department.
- 6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.  
Clarence Taylor, Director.
- 7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.

### MONDAY, APRIL 21—

- 9:30 a.m.—Vacation Bible School Clinic.  
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.
- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scout Meeting. Lower  
Auditorium.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 22—

- 10:00 a.m.—W.M.S. Bible Study.
- 4:00 p.m.—Beginner Sunbeams meet in Be-  
ginner 4 Dept.
- 7:00 p.m.—Sunday School Study.  
"The Book We Teach", taught by Miss  
Annie Averett, meeting in Room  
110 (Adult B).  
"Building A Standard Sunday School",  
taught by T. A. Guthrie, meeting in  
Room 117 (Adult A).  
"Building A Better Sunday School  
Through the Weekly Officers and  
Teachers Meeting", taught by  
Clyde K. Bizzell, meeting in Room  
105 (Teacher Training Class).

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23—

- 12:00 Noon—Euzelian Class Luncheon.  
Lower Aud. of Ed. Bldg.
- 4:45 p.m.—Cherub Choir (6-8) in Junior 10.
- 4:45 p.m.—Carol Choir (9-12) in Young Peo-  
ple "A" Dept.
- 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. Willing Workers Class  
serving.
- 6:30 p.m.—Beginner Sunbeams meet in Be-  
ginner 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 16.
- 6:30 p.m.—Junior 9-10 R.A. meets in Inter-  
mediate 13 Dept.
- 6:30 p.m.—Junior 11-12 R.A. meets in Mar-  
ried 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" Dept.
- 7:00 p.m.—Teacher Improvement Period.
- 7:45 p.m.—Prayer Service.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 24—

- 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School Study.  
"Soul Winning Doctrines", taught by  
Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., in Room  
110 (Adult B).  
"Outlines of Bible History", taught by  
Clyde K. Bizzell, in Room 117  
(Adult B).
- 9:30 a.m.—CHURCH-  
WIDE VISITATION
- 2:30 p.m.—
- 7:00 p.m.—
- 7:00 p.m.—Sunday School Study.  
"The Improvement of Teaching in the  
Sunday School", taught by Percy  
M. Pentecost in Room 110 (Adult  
B).  
"Baptist Distinctives", taught by Paul

## LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1007
Members Present .....	951
New Members .....	6
Visitors .....	50
(Attendance one year ago....)	1108
Escambia County Jail.....	13
<b>Total Sunday School Attendance.....</b>	<b>1020</b>
Training Union Attendance.....	286
Members Present .....	274
New Members .....	0
Visitors .....	12
(Attendance one year ago.....)	322
Additions to church membership.....	2
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$2,993.66
Specials .....	167.11
Kindergarten .....	105.00
Building Fund, First Baptist.....	114.35
<b>TOTAL OFFERING .....</b>	<b>\$3,380.12</b>

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

### BAPTISM—

37. Mrs. Billy Renfroe, 208 Greve Road.

### LETTER—

70. Mr. Charles Griffin, 1015 N. Barcelona.

### REDEDICATION

Miss Marietta Philpot, 18 4th St., EPH.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Baptist Hospital—  
Mrs. W. H. Smith, Miss Mary Albreast,  
Mrs. Carlton Fendt, Kathy Jones and Judy  
Jones. Sacred Heart Hospital—Mrs. Vir-  
ginia Miles, Mrs. J. H. Parker. Ill at  
Home—Mrs. L. D. Allen. Home from  
Hospital—Mrs. Bob Drew.

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. Angus Andrews in  
the loss of her father.

W. Caro, in Room 117 (Adult A).  
"Jesus the Teacher", taught by Clyde  
K. Bizzell in Room 105 (Teacher  
Training Class).

7:15 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal. Chapel.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 26—

9:30 a.m.—Associational R.A. Advisory Staff  
Meeting. Lower Aud. of Ed. Bldg.  
p.m.—Play Rehearsal.