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CHURCH TO BE SOLD!

ADVANCE ON PROGRAM DEMANDS URGENT ACTION

VALUE UNDETERMINED

To some this may be big news, but we feel that our church ought to be sold! A great many of the members want to sell and we are going to do our best.

We want to sell our buildings, the worship programs, the pastor, the staff, the music program, the missionary society, brotherhood, prayer meeting, Training Union and Sunday School. Everything will be sold!

We believe you will agree our church should be sold! First, we want to sell it to you, and you in turn must sell it to someone in your neighborhood. Our church could very easily be sold if every member would be faithful in praying, attending, giving, living, and witnessing. The question arises—what is our church worth? How much of the program will you try to sell? And how hard will you work at selling the part which holds your interest?

Every member of our church is daily selling the church —either at a high price or a low one. Protect your interest in the church by seeing that it is sold at full value to every person in this area who needs a church home.

Our public relations committee is composed of every member of our church and educational organizations. It is important what people think of the First Baptist Church. It's a strong testimony of our Lord in our community. Take care to speak highly of our church by action and word. Every member is on the sales staff. We have a product of highest quality, one that the consumers of our town need.

Every day you have opportunities to sell First Baptist Church. Plan and work to be an effective salesman.



From the PASTOR'S STUDY

Last Sunday you reconfirmed something I have known since the very first day we arrived in Pensacola—you are a GREAT and WONDERFUL people! So many of you made it a point to come by and tell your pastor how much you appreciated the Bible message on stewardship. (As a rule, this is the best way I know to put people "in a stew"). What a thrill to hear that you honestly believe the words of Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Please continue to pray with me that the day will soon come when all of our people will realize the importance of faithfulness in the matter of materially supporting God's work in a manner pleasing to him. THE NEED IS GREAT. There is so much that we need which cannot be done until all of us are faithful in the matter of Christian stewardship. How can we afford to do otherwise when the Lord has promised: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Malachi 3:10).

In just four short weeks, the summer of 1959 will be history. Thus far it has been a good one for First Baptist Church. Your continued faithfulness through August will make it a truly great one. I will see you Sunday—1025 Bibles strong.

Faithfully your pastor,
JAMES L. PLEITZ



MEMORIAL FLOWERS SUNDAY

The memorial flowers for the sanctuary Sunday will be in memory of Mr. O. M. Sharp. They will be given by Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Villar, daughter and son-in-law.



Whether it rains or not,
Whether it's hot or not,
Whether you're busy or not,
Whether you feel good or not,
COME TO TRAINING UNION
ANYWAY!

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"No Exemptions"

(Matthew 17:24)

8:00 P.M.

"Having the Right Enemies"

(Matthew 5:10-12)



Library Notes

Give attention to reading I Timothy 4:13.

Our Summer Reading Clubs closed Sunday night. Monday, we had our parties for the Primaries and Juniors. The top reader among the Primaries was John Ladner with 52 books to his credit. Other high scores were Susan Dreher 41, Danny Pleitz 36, Barbara Babcock, Patricia Roberts 33, Linda Wallace and Barbara Stuart 28. The high score of 44 for the Juniors goes to Leean Centry; Marsha Smith 38, Kahl Edwards 33, Ronnie Minshew and Patricia Stewart each 26. The two highest for the Intermediates were Ann Hardy who read 40 books and Lynda Bales 19. Their treat will be a tour to the Quadracentennial.

Congratulations to all! We are glad so many of you participated. We invite you to continue to give good attention to reading as Paul advised his young friend, Timothy, so long ago.

THE LIBRARIANS



W.M.U.

As our secretary read a letter at our business meeting this month from the Servicemen's Center, my heart rejoiced as it told about a young man finding Christ as his Saviour and how he thanked each one that had a part in his conversion. Aren't you glad that you are a member of an organization that has a part in making a statement like that possible?

Let's do a selling job to the women that have recently come into our church. My prayer is that we will reach each one. They will not only vitalize our society but will receive a personal blessing as they participate in our four fundamentals.

Each month as you plan your community missions, let's see how much you can do instead of how little. Community missions is doing in our own community what a missionary does on the foreign fields. Let's rejoice that our community church has led us so faithfully in this new project as well as other activities. Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.

MRS. JOHN BUSEY



SUPPER RESERVATIONS

Please be sure to make reservations for all supper meetings. If you are on the "permanent supper list," please call the church office when you are not to be here. This will enable us to provide only for the correct number of plates.

ATTENTION ALL MEN OF THE CHURCH

MONDAY, AUGUST 10,
NEW SCHEDULE

6:30 P.M. Supper

6:55 P.M. Brotherhood Program Meeting
featuring message by



Mr. Henry Barksdale, County Solicitor

7:30 P.M. Deacons Meeting



New Members

July 29, 1959

BY LETTER:

197. Mr. Hoben Lane, 306 Boston Ave., Beach Haven. From: First Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama.

August 2, 1959

BY LETTER:

198. Miss Ethelene Reynolds, 3011 Blackshear Ave. From: Fairmount Baptist Church, Red Level, Alabama.

199. Mr. Thomas L. Boggs, 240 West Garden. From: Eureka Baptist Church, Anderson, South Carolina.

200. Mr. John R. Feldman, Jr., 708 Boxwood Drive. From: Granada Baptist Church, Pensacola.

201. Miss John R. Feldman, Jr., 708 Boxwood Drive. From: Granada Baptist Church, Pensacola.

202. Miss Nancy Boyd, 16 Tenkwood Drive. From: Granada Baptist Church, Pensacola.

FOR BAPTISM:

203. Mr. Roger Wiggins, 1705 East Bobe. Miss Bama Jean Smith, 917 East Maxwell.

BAPTIZED:

- Roger Wiggins, Walter Belford, Jr., William P. Belford.



Contrary to general belief, retirement doesn't lead to downhill health, two Cornell sociologists find in an eight-year study. Rather, it seems to lead to improved health. A favorable and realistic attitude toward retirement seems to be the most important thing. Affection, personal visits, and letters from children were ranked by retired people as more important than material help from their children.



Music Notes

BEATITUDES FOR THE CHOIR

By Agnes M. Pharo

BLESSED are the choir members who are faithful at rehearsal and worship services alike.

BLESSED are they who come to rehearsal and services on time, ready to sing.

BLESSED are they who are cheerful and co-operative.

BLESSED are they who are not jealous when another member is invited to sing a solo part and who do not covet a special place in the choir.

BLESSED are they who pay attention to their choir director, remembering that he is their leader both at rehearsal and during the service.

BLESSED are they who do not talk when they should be singing or listening to the director or uniting their hearts with others in prayer.

BLESSED are the singers who remember that they are leaders of church music and a vital part of the worship service.

BLESSED are they who do not whisper, giggle, or squirm, remembering that their every action can be seen by the congregation.

BLESSED are the singers who do not seek to take all the credit themselves, remembering that their voices are gifts from God.

BLESSED are they who sing with joyful hearts and faces, for the congregation finds them pleasing to the eye as well as to the ear.



As I See It

By CLYDE K. BIZZELL

GREETINGS FROM RIDGECREST!

Your Ridgecrest delegation is having a good time and learning a lot. We have representatives in the Primary and Junior conferences. In the Administration conference, which I am attending, we are having the privilege of hearing all of the age-group leaders from the Sunday School Department. This gives us an opportunity to get a preview of new materials and procedures in each age group.

One of our Junior workers has just told me about the wonderful literature for 9 year olds that is coming this October. We will also have new literature for 6 year olds.

I am getting a lot of information about the new Church Study Course for Teaching and Training. This new correlated study course system becomes effective October 1.

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should be in the office, preferably in writing,
not later than 9:00 A.M. Tuesdays.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	963
Members Present.....	881
New Members.....	4
Visitors.....	78
(Attendance one year ago. 887)	
Training Union Attendance.....	257
Members Present.....	221
New Members.....	2
Visitors.....	34
(Attendance one year ago. 276)	
Adoptions to church membership.....	3
Baptized.....	3
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget.....	\$1,966.74
Specials:	
Local.....	152.40
Missions.....	16.26
Building Fund.....	146.60
TOTAL OFFERING.....	\$4,232.00



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. Irene Rampey, Mr. Sam Ellis
Mr. Claude Vice, Tommy Pitman,

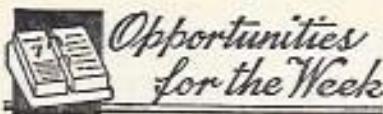
Home From Hospital:

Mr. Ed Warren, Mrs. Iris Coker, Mr. Tom
Wash, Dr. Henry L. Ashmore, Mrs. W. H.
Ferry, Mrs. John Myrick, Mr. Lee Hardy,
Mr. J. T. Jackson.

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To
Bill Pinney in the loss of his brother.
Mrs. Beulah Bradford in the loss of her
brother.

Congratulations To:

Elizabeth Elaine Austin and Richard Sher-
rell Fair who were married on July 24.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 9—

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron A. Guthrie, Supt.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service. Pastor.
Broadcast over WCOA.
1:00 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WCOA.
Speaker: Dr. H. H. Hobbs.
Subject: The Glory of the Church
5:30 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal.
6:40 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
Clarence L. Taylor, Director.
8:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.
9:00 p.m.—Intermediate Fellowship in Mar-
ried Young People's Dept.
9:00 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal.

MONDAY, AUGUST 10—

2:30 p.m.—Primary Music Activity.
3:30 p.m.—Junior Music Activity.
6:20 p.m.—Brotherhood Supper.
7:30 p.m.—Deacons Meeting.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11—

10:00 a.m.—Beginner Music Activity.
6:30 p.m.—Robert Goldie Circle will meet
with Miss Sarah Andress, 3011
Blackbear.
7:30 p.m.—Ernestine Brooks Circle will meet
with Mrs. Billy Renfroe, 721 Gentian
Drive, Woodlawn Heights.
7:30 p.m.—Charles Mullins Circle will meet
with Mrs. Billy Renfroe, 721 Gentian
Drive, Woodlawn Heights,
with the Ernestine Brooks Circle.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12—

2:00 p.m.—The Faithful Workers Class, busi-
ness and social meeting at home
of Mrs. L. L. Hanks, 530 South 1st
St., Warrington. Group 5 will be
co-hosted.
5:40 p.m.—Superintendents' Cabinet Meeting.
Adult A Department.
6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Officers' and
Teachers' Meeting begins with
supper. Adult B Dorcas Class
(Mrs. Dean) will be serving.
6:40 p.m.—Beginner Sunbeams meet.
6:40 p.m.—Primary 6-7 Sunbeams meet.
6:40 p.m.—Primary 8 Sunbeams meet.
6:40 p.m.—Junior 9 G.A.'s meet in Rm. 23.
6:40 p.m.—Junior 10-11 G.A.'s meet in Rm. 25
6:40 p.m.—Junior R.A.'s meet in Married
Young People's Department.
6:40 p.m.—Intermediate R.A.'s meet in Lower
Auditorium.
6:40 p.m.—Senior G.A.'s meet in Senior 18.
6:40 p.m.—Girls' Ensemble Practice.
7:45 p.m.—Prayer Service.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13—

10:00 a.m.—Nursery Leadership Study.
7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.



BAPTIST HIGHLIGHTS

... Plans are being made to accommodate
the more than 15,000 persons who are ex-
pected to attend the first Southern Baptist
wide Sunday School Convention in Fort
Worth, Texas, March 29-31, 1960. All even-
ing sessions will be held in the Will Rogers
Memorial Coliseum. Direct reservations
should be made with desired hotels and
motels.

... Golden Gate Baptist Theological Semi-
nary has begun to function officially on its
new 126-acre campus at Strawberry Point,
California, according to Harold K. Graves,
president of the school.