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SUNDAY IN OUR CHURCH



PROMOTION DAY

9:30 A.M.—Sunday School (GOAL: 1300)

Everybody comes to regular departments where you have attended all year.

11:00 A.M.—Election of Deacons.

Recognition of Sunday School and Training Union Workers.
SERMON: "THE PRICELESS PEARL" (Matthew 13:45-46)

4:30 P.M.—Training Union Officers' Council Meeting.

6:10 P.M.—Training Union (GOAL: 400).

7:30 P.M.—SERMON: "HOW JOSEPH DEALT WITH SIN" (Genesis 39)



CRAWFORD HOWELL

CHURCH LEADERSHIP BANQUET

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 5:50 p.m.

Mr. Crawford Howell, Superintendent of Training in the Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, will be the speaker for our Church Leadership Banquet next Wednesday.

Mr. Howell is a graduate of Howard College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He held pastorates in Alabama and Kentucky and was formerly Minister of Education at Parker Memorial Baptist Church, Anniston, Alabama and First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama.

Recognition will be given to those who have earned awards in the Sunday School Training Course, the Training Union Study Course, and the Church Music Training Course. Mr. Howell will give us information regarding the Church Study Course for Teaching and Training, which becomes effective October 1.

Our schedule for Wednesday will be as follows:
5:50 P.M.—Banquet in Church Dining Room.
Recognitions and message by Mr. Howell.
6:45 P.M.—Departmental Meetings.
7:25 P.M.—Prayer Service in the Sanctuary.

All church leadership is invited. If you do not have a permanent reservation, be sure to call the church office (HE 3-5451).

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Many letters that come addressed to the pastor of the First Baptist Church are a blessing to my heart. The following letter, especially, has meant a great deal to me, and I wanted to share it with us.

"Dear Pastor:

"Yesterday when I visited the First Baptist Church, I found a spirit of welcome and friendliness unmatched by any church I have ever visited. God was there. I knew Him in the old familiar hymns of praise and in the organ meditation. I knew Him in the smiles of the people I met and in your own warm enthusiasm. I knew Him in the prayer that filled a deep yearning within my own soul. Somehow, your church has captured the spirit of worship without making a show. I believe that heaven will be like First Baptist Church was yesterday."

Perhaps now, after reading this letter, you will understand why I say again and again our greatest asset is the wonderful spirit that exists here.

JAMES L. PLEITZ

BIBLE SURVEY PLAN TO BE OFFERED

The response to Bible Survey Plan has been much more than we had anticipated.

Following the preference indicated by the largest number of our people, the Bible Survey Plan will be offered on Tuesday nights, beginning on October 6 (7:00 - 9:00 p.m.)

In addition to the Tuesday night classes, the Bible Survey Plan will be held on Thursday mornings (9:30 - 11:30 a.m.), beginning on October 8.

We are asking those who indicated a Thursday night preference to let us know if they plan to attend the Tuesday night sessions.

Some have asked about the cost of the materials to be used. The textbooks will be 75c each (there are six of these). The Supplementary Study Helps are 90c each (only one set is needed for the entire course). We will let you know as soon as these materials are in.

The Nominating Committee Makes Its Report

The Nominating Committee wishes to thank the church for the many names that were recommended for deacons. From your recommendations, twenty-five men have agreed to serve, if elected by the church.

These names are in alphabetical order on the ballot. Vote for ten men only. If more than ten are marked, the ballot will be declared invalid. The ten receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to serve for three years, effective October 1, 1959.

Balloting will be at the 11:00 o'clock service Sunday, September 27. Absentee ballots must be signed and be in the church office by noon Sunday, September 27.

By the Committee:

A. HAYWOOD ARNOLD, Chairman
JOE B. LADNER, Co-Chairman
MOSE S. PENTON
DAVID L. RALEY
BO MITCHELL
LON ROBERTS

NOMINEES for the OFFICE OF DEACON

— CLAUDE ADKISON	— BEN C. JOHNS
— O. F. AULTMAN	— WILLIAM L. LEE
— ERNEST L. BARRINEAU	— FERMAN MINSHEW
— J. G. BROOKINS	— BILLY RENFROE
— R. MYRLIN BROOKS	— MILTON RICHARDSON
— PAUL W. CARO	— HENRY W. SMITH
— DR. W. H. COKER, JR.	— ROBERT E. SPARKS
— CLARENCE E. DANNELLY	— CHARLES WAMBLE
— S. L. DAVIS	— J. M. WARD
— JIM DREXLER	— THOMAS A. WASH
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— M. A. FARMER	
— WILSON HARRIS	
— WILLIAM E. JACKSON	

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CHURCH OFFICERS

J. Nixon Daniel, Chr. of Deacons.....HE 8-5573
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Mrs. A. R. W. Stoessen, Librarian.....HE 2-6502

CHURCH STAFF

Residence Phones

James L. Pletsch, Pastor.....HE 3-1502
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Miss Betty Sue Holt, Pastor's Sec.....HE 2-6375



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance	1228
Members Present	1128
New Members	14
Visitors	84
(Attendance one year ago, 1070)	
Training Union Attendance	210
Members Present	244
New Members	5
Visitors	21
(Attendance one year ago, 282)	
Additions to church membership	8
Baptized	0
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$4,739.42
Specials	221.31
Building Fund	134.30
TOTAL OFFERING	\$5,095.03



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to the Following

New Parents:

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hicks, baby girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Payne, baby girl.
Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hartsfield, baby boy.

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. Irene Rumpey, Mrs. Nixon Daniel,
Mrs. Iris Coker, Mrs. Everett McDowell,
Mrs. Mary Frances Dillard, Mrs. Maggie
Brown, Mrs. Charles Danforth, Mrs.
Adolph Alf, Mr. Leon Roberts, Jr.

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mr. A. G. Hudson.

Home From Hospital:

Mr. G. C. McKinnon, Mrs. Yvonne Mandel,
Mrs. H. L. Schlevoight, Mrs. Woody
Creel, Mrs. Ola Rampey, Miss Lucille
Wastler, Mrs. Thomas McVoy.

III At Home:

Ronnie Mitchell.

Other Known Sick:

Mrs. Tom Jernigan, Hospital in Biloxi,
Mississippi.

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27—

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron A. Guthrie, Sept.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor.
Broadcast over WCOA.
1:00 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WCOA.
Speaker: Dr. H. H. Hobbs.
Subject: "The Battle Cry of
Freedom."
4:30 p.m.—Training Union Officers' Council
Meeting.
5:30 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal.
6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
Clarence L. Taylor, Director.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor.
Ordinance of Baptism.
8:30 p.m.—Intermediate Fellowship in Mar-
ried Young People's Department.
8:30 p.m.—Chapel Choir Fellowship.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28—

2:30 p.m.—Mary-Martha Business Meeting for
election of officers at the home of
Mrs. R. S. Rouse, 313 N. Barcelona
7:00 p.m.—Baptist Class, Adult D, Banquet in
Dining Room.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29—

7:00 p.m.—Teacher-Training Banquet in
Church Dining Room.
7:30 p.m.—Lydia Bible Class will have busi-
ness meeting at the home of Miss
Carrie Lee, 1610 N. Baylen.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30—

FAMILY NIGHT AT CHURCH

4:45 p.m.—Choirs
—G. A. Leadership Course in Room
127 ground floor of new building.
5:30 p.m.—Superintendents' Cabinet Meeting.
Adult B Dept.
5:30 p.m.—Training Union Directors Meeting.
Room 131.
5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner. (Bykota
Class Adults D serving)
6:20 p.m.—Recognition Service
6:30 p.m.—Auxiliary Meet
6:45 p.m.—Sunday School Officers and
Teachers meet
7:25 p.m.—PLAYERS SERVICE. Mr. Crawford
Howell speaking
8:00 p.m.—Visitation

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1—

7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2—

2:00 p.m.—Convention Bible Class will meet
with Mrs. F. G. Almon, 1905
Whaley Ave., Group 3 will be co-
hostess.
2:30 p.m.—Willing Workers Class will meet
with Mrs. H. B. Trotter, 3900 W.
Gadsden Street.
Young People's fellowship in lower audito-
rium following football game



NEW MEMBERS

FOR BAPTISM:

- Mr. M. H. Crammer, 717 Whitney Drive,
Cordova Park.
- Mr. William W. Foster, 131 South "L" St.
- Mrs. William W. Foster.

BY LETTER:

- Mrs. A. R. Kickliter, Jr., 16 Lieutenant
St., Corry Mts. From: Circle Baptist
Church, Pensacola.
- Miss Laura Jean Kickliter.
- ATNAM Robert Allen Justice, HTU-1 El-
lyson Field. From: First Baptist Church,
Memphis, Tenn.
- Miss Mary McCleskey, 223 Willow Street.
From: Avondale Baptist Church, Jack-
sonville, Fla.
- Mrs. Melvin Runzo, BOQ 662 Room 203,
NAS. From: Ferris Hill Baptist Church,
Milton, Fla.