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PASTOR



RULES FOR DAILY LIVING

BEGIN THE DAY WITH GOD:

Kneel down to him in prayer;
Lift up the heart to his abode
And seek his love to share.

OPEN THE BOOK OF GOD,
And read a portion there;
That it may hallow all thy thoughts,
And sweeten all thy care.

GO THROUGH THE DAY WITH GOD,
What'er thy work may be;
Where'er thou art — at home, abroad,
He still is near to thee.

CONVERSE IN MIND WITH GOD,
Thy sins to him confess;
Trust in the Lord's atoning blood,
And plead his righteousness.

LIE DOWN AT NIGHT WITH GOD,
Who gives his servants sleep;
And when thou tread'st the vale of death,
He will thee guard and keep.

—Selected

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We Extend our deepest sympathy to:

Mr. W. L. "Bill" Warren in the loss of his mother.

Escambia General Hospital:

Mrs. J. F. Holder.

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. John Feldman, Miss Bessie Yates, James A. Reeves, Mack Holt.

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mrs. John Kelly, Mrs. R. C. White.

Home From Hospital:

Mrs. Patsy Southern, Mrs. Byron Lane, Mrs. F. B. Peake, Miss Ruth Busey, Elwyn Dennis.

Congratulations To:

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Southern upon the birth of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. John Feldman upon the birth of a baby boy, Dec. 27.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. (Joyce Austin) of Biloxi, Miss., upon the birth of a baby boy, David Brooks, Dec. 27. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Austin.

Congratulations To:

Emily Collins and Patrick Simmons O'Hara who were married December 18 in the Normandale Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama.

LIBRARY NOTES

Your church library resolves to do the following for you:

- To be a reserve of knowledge in materials which are screened and selected to retain only the pure and wholesome.
- To make the Book of Books — The Bible — the center and to see that all other materials are kept within the standard of this eternal guide.
- To give you information, inspiration, entertainment and indoctrination.
- To help you remember if you don't take advantage of reading good books you haven't any advantage over the illiterate who can't read them.

MRS. HENRY L. ASHMORE
Church Library Committee

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"An Old Watchword For The New Year"

(Philippians 3:13-14)

7:15 P.M.

"The Love Of God"

(I John 4:9-10)

Rev. H. R. Denham

THE CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR 1961

This Calendar of Activities for 1961 is presented to you with the hope that you will make use of it in planning to participate in every activity of our church life.

Please note:

1. The coordinated Calendar of Activities in the church office is the official calendar for our church. All activities and meetings should be cleared and entered on this calendar.

2. Weeks of study, revivals, and other church-wide activities take precedence over meetings of classes, circles, and similar smaller groups. Circle chairmen, class and union presidents should check their meeting time and plan ahead to avoid conflicts.

3. Arrangements should be made for use of buildings and facilities.

The Church Activities Committee

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LOVE

Without love, words even the most moving, deeds even the most brilliant, count as nothing.

Without love, scholarship and learning, scientific research and truth, mean nothing.

Giving to the poor, or any self-sacrifice without love, will have no results.

Love seeks to understand why people think and say and do things, thus love never accuses, is never too severe, does not frighten.

Love is never unfair or angry, but always believes the best in its loved ones — forgiving and self-giving, thus helping them to grow spiritually; even sensitive to their deepest needs.

Love finds the gentle, happy kind — yet firm — way, instead of the hurtful, sarcastic, jealous way which blights all growth in souls.

Love does not pamper nor weaken; but love shares, gently disciplines, winsomely teaches, helps to face reality, admits its own wrongs, encourages, strengthens.

But love cannot attain these qualities of life and share them until it is first directed toward God and others, instead of toward self: putting away the childness of bad temper, touchiness, hurt feelings, vanity, jealousy, covetousness, fear; freeing oneself entirely from worries and anxieties, cares and fretfulness.

Love is the greatest force and power in the universe.

—Selected

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**There Is No Substitute
For Prayer and
Bible Study**

Calendar of Activities for 1961

JANUARY, 1961

- 10-12—State Evangelistic Conference, Jacksonville
- 16-19—Bible Study Week (Studies in I Corinthians taught by Dr. Millard J. Berkquist, 9:30 A.M., 7:00 P.M.; Courses for all ages at evening hour)
- 22 —Lord's Supper observance at evening service
- 27-28—Associational Music Festival Brownsville
January 27, 7:00 P.M.—Intermediates and Young People.
January 27, 8:00 P.M.—Adults
January 28, 9:30 A.M.—Children

FEBRUARY, 1961

- 13 —Evangelistic Rally — Dr. Grady Wilson
- 17 thru 24—Community Religious Survey
- 17-18—State Music Festival, First Baptist Church
- 27 thru 3/1—State Sunday School Convention, Tallahassee

MARCH, 1961

- 5-April 2—Sunday School Attendance Campaign
- 6-10—WMU Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering
- 19 —Lord's Supper Observance at morning service
- 20-23—Revival Preparation Week (Studies of soul-winning books sponsored by Training Union)
- 24-25—Associational Church Related Vocation's Conference, Camp Ada.
- 30 —Revival Visitation Day — Goal 100

APRIL, 1961

- 1 —Associational Youth Night, Gonzalez
- 2- 9—Revival — Dr. W. O. Vaught, Preacher. George Stark, Singer
- 8 —All Night Prayer Meeting
- 16-23—Youth Week
- 17 —Vacation Bible School Clinic, East Hill
- 25-26—State WMU Meeting, Orlando
- 28-29—State Royal Ambassador Congress, Panama City
- 28-30—Y. W. A. Conference, Stetson

MAY, 1961

- 7-14—Christian Home Week
- 14 —Mother's Day
—Lord's Supper Observance at evening service
- 14-20—G. A. Focus Week
- 23-26—Southern Baptist Convention, St. Louis

JUNE, 1961

- 12-23—Vacation Bible School
- 26-30—Intermediate G. A. Camp, Camp Ada

JULY, 1961

- 3- 8—West Florida Assembly, Panama City
- 9 —Lord's Supper Observance at morning service
- 10-14—Royal Ambassador Camp, Camp Ada
- 14-16—Youth Led Revival
- 20-26—First Sunday School Week at Ridgecrest
- 28-29—Brotherhood Encampment, Panama City

AUGUST, 1961

- 7-11—Junior G. A. Camp, Camp Ada
- 14-18—First Baptist Church Junior Camp, Camp Ada
- 13-19—Sunbeam Focus Week

SEPTEMBER, 1961

- 2- 4—BWC Conference
- 4 —Labor Day Beach Party
- 10 —Lord's Supper Observance at evening service
- 12-14—School of the Prophets
- 12-13—Season of Prayer for State Missions
- 13-15—National Conference Southern Baptist Men, Memphis
- 19-21—WMU Leaders Conference, Panama City
- 24 —Promotion Day

OCTOBER, 1961

- 2 —Churchwide Leadership Banquet
- 3- 5—Leadership Improvement Week (Sunday School study)
- 8 —Laymen's Day
- 19-20—Associational Meeting
19th—A.M. Myrtle Grove
P.M. Woodlawn
20th — Whitfield
- 20-22—G. A. House Party
- 30-Nov. 1—Statewide Intermediate—Young People Leadership Institute

NOVEMBER, 1961

- 5-11—Royal Ambassador Focus Week
- 14-16—Florida Baptist Convention, Orlando
- 22 —Lord's Supper Observance at prayer service hour
- 23 —Thanksgiving Service
- 27-Dec. 1—Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas offering

DECEMBER, 1961

- 1- 2—Church Related Vocations Conference
- 4 —"M" Night, First Baptist Church
- 31 —Student Night at Christmas
—Watchnight Service

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All material to be included in The Builder
should be in the office, preferably in writ-
ing, not later than 9:00 A.M. Mondays.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	830
Members Present.....	773
New Members.....	0
Visitors.....	57
(Attendance one year ago.....)	845)
Training Union Attendance.....	190
Members Present.....	164
New Members.....	2
Visitors.....	24
(Attendance one year ago.....)	181)
Additions to church membership.....	5
Baptized.....	1
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget.....	\$3,953.89
Specials.....	151.84
Lottie Moon.....	410.10
Building Fund, First Baptist.....	1,180.01
TOTAL OFFERING.....	\$5,695.84

NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:

63. Mrs. Howard Nix Jr., 2601 Hallmark Drive.
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Atlanta,
Georgia.
64. Howard Nix, Jr.
65. Luther Eason, 1804 W. Wright Street.
From: First Baptist Church, Fayetteville,
North Carolina.
66. Noel H. Chamberlin, Second Div., USS
Antietam. From: Cherryville Baptist
Church, Flemington, New Jersey.

BY STATEMENT:

21. J. W. Fields, 2909 Mobile Highway.
BAPTIZED:
Carol Lewis.

Your Sundays Belong to God



SUNDAY, JANUARY 1—

- 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron A. Guthrie, Supt.
- 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastor
(Broadcast over WCOA)
- 1:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour over WCOA
- 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
Capt. R. E. Sparks, Director.
- 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.
- 8:30 p.m.—Intermediate fellowship in lower
auditorium of educational build-
ing.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3—

- WMU GENERAL MEETING
- 9:45 a.m.—Executive Committee meets
- 10:30 a.m.—Missionary Program.
- 11:15 a.m.—Business.
- 11:45 a.m.—Bible Study.
- 12:30 a.m.—Lunch.
- 7:30 p.m.—Joint Meeting of Recreation,
Assemblies and Youth Activities
Committee. Church Dining Room.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4—

- 5:30 p.m.—Children's Choirs.
- 6:30 p.m.—Teachers and Officers Meeting.
- 5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner.
Study of "Mastering Life's Prob-
lems".
- 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5—

- 7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6—

- 2:00 p.m.—Convention Bible Class will meet
with Mrs. Elaine Booker, 110 W.
Gadsden. Group II will be hostess.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7—

- 2:30 p.m.—R. A. Conclave, West Highland
Church.

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

As of press time, our Lottie Moon
Offering was

\$5,156.37

Have YOU given?

WEDDING RECEPTION

Everyone is invited to an open house
Friday night, December 30, 7:00-8:30 after
the chapel wedding of Miss Sue Jernigan
and Ensign Emmett A. Mathews at the
home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs.
R. F. Jernigan, 1301 North Baylen.

BASKETBALL

Monday, January 2, 9 P.M.—First Baptist
Church Men's Team vs. Heights
Baptist Church.

Thursday, January 5, 7 P.M.—Intermediate
Boys vs. McIlwain Presbyterian.
8:00 P.M.—Senior Boys vs. Gulf
Breeze Baptist.