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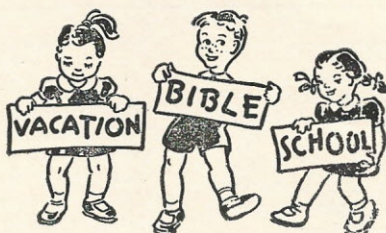
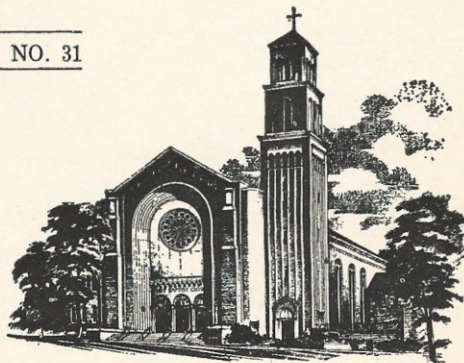
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## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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PASTOR



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**BEGINS MONDAY, AUGUST 5th**  
**8:30 - 11:30**

**Regular Departments for those 3 through 12 years of age**

**T. A. B. S. for 13-16 Year Olds**

**Register in Sunday School Departments Sunday Morning**





## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS MONDAY, AUGUST 5th

NURSERY AND BEGINNER CHILDREN will be taken directly to their departments. (NOTE: The 3-year VBS Departments are for those children now enrolled in the 3-year Sunday School Departments. Nursery facilities below this age are for the children of faculty members only.)

PRIMARIES AND JUNIORS will go directly into the Sanctuary upon arrival. Places will be marked. Those who get here before 8:20 may wish to go to the Library which will be open at 8:00.

INTERMEDIATES AND SENIORS are to go directly to their meeting place (South end of Fellowship Hall).

Parents and workers need to remember that VBS departments parallel Sunday School departments. In other words all children now in Beginner 4A and 4B go to the 4-year VBS departments even though they are a year older now.

### LIBRARY NOTES

What is a symbol? Symbols take many forms and serve many uses. A handshake signifies friendship; a wedding ring is a symbol of the marriage vows. Numbers are symbols for quantities and measurements. Even words are symbols—symbols used to express thoughts and ideas.

In YOUNG READERS BOOK OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLISM, Michael Daves tells the story of Christian symbols and their relationship to the church and its history and traditions.

Explanations of the origins of symbols, fascinating stories about many of them, and Gordon Laite's handsome drawings provide the reader, young or old, with a rich and meaningful insight into the use of Christian symbols in the twentieth century.

### SERMON TOPICS

The Pastor Will Be Preaching  
At Both Services Sunday

Sunday Morning He Will Be  
Speaking On

"A Visit To Philippi"  
(Acts 16:9-34)

### SURRENDER SELF

What the Lord wants in our lives and our money is but an expression of life. They must not be separated. One cannot buy himself off from personal surrender with any money gifts any more than one can let professed consecration get by without cash. God wants our money only because he wants us. Salvation is essentially in union with God through Christ. Repentance is an utter surrender of the self-will. Faith issues at once in action—action for him, as in sin it was action for self.

—Earle V. Pierce



### DOUBT AND FAITH

Doubt sees the obstacles—  
Faith sees the way!  
Doubt sees the darkest night!  
Faith sees the day!  
Doubt dreads to take a step—  
Faith soars on high!  
Doubt questions, "Who believes?"  
Faith answers "I."



### FAITH

Faith came singing into my room,  
And other guests took flight;  
Fear, Anxiety, Grief, and Gloom  
Sped out into the night.  
I wondered that such peace could be,  
But faith said gently, "Don't you see?  
They really could not live with me."

—Tower Tidings



## A LETTER TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

DEAR NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

It was about this time last year that you asked me to accept a place of service in my church. At first, I made all kinds of excuses. But then you led me to see the challenge of my place of service.

I had never realized before the importance of a growing Christian having a definite place of service, but you helped me to see that by serving and giving myself I would get back far more in return than I would give.

I have heard it said, "But we must have someone for this place." This approach did not impress upon me the importance of this place of responsibility. It seemed to me a job that really did not matter.

Your approach was different! You really caused me to think when you said, "We know you love people and are anxious to pass on to them what Christ has done for you." You made me see that it is important for our church to have the best leadership we can give in every place of service.

You did not ask for an immediate answer, but urged me to take time to pray about it and seek God's leadership. You asked me to study the duties of my place of service, and pointed out that my church would provide help in the form of training courses and personal counseling. I felt that you were really concerned in helping me do a good job.

Now that I have been serving nearly a year, let me share with you some of the happy moments, and thank you again for the privilege of experiencing them.

My heart jumped with joy when that member in my department walked the aisle and gave Christ his all. I thought, "this is what it is all for." Then again when I received a valentine from one of my group with the words "I love You" scrawled across the bottom, I realized I had more than money can buy.

I was deeply moved when one of my group prayed in public for the first time. It was haltingly done, but I knew he had spoken with our Lord. I recall other times when I tried to help in "little" ways that seemed to mean so much.

They have taught me to be more loving, more patient, more tolerant. I have learned much about humility, gratitude, and the need for dependence on God.

It is my prayer that I will do a better job next year, and I wouldn't go back to "just sitting" for anything.

Sincerely yours,  
Dedicated Worker

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### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

#### CUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Neil Blue in the loss of a sister.  
Mr. Bernard B. Bond in the loss of his father.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Lynda Louisa Williams and Lt. (jg) Paul Dennis Shuman upon their marriage July 27 in Mobile, Alabama.  
Lt. (jg) and Mrs. J. R. Kappes upon the arrival of a son, Michael Stephen, born July 12 in Charleston, South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bales are the maternal grandparents.

#### IN THE HOSPITALS:

##### Baptist:

Miss Bessie Yates

##### Sacred Heart:

Mr. James R. McCoy  
Mr. John Vaughn

#### HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mr. Clay S. Davis, Sr.  
Mr. Charles Griffin

### DEACONS OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST

Mr. F. Willard Vickery  
Mr. Milton Richardson

### MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of  
Mr. Jack Shoemaker  
and are given by  
Mrs. Jack Shoemaker



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should be in the office, preferably in  
writing, not later than 9:00 a.m. Mondays.



## LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

The Church in Study .....	978
Main Sunday School .....	962
Crippled Childrens Home .....	16
The Church in Training .....	207
Training Union .....	147
Weekday .....	60
Additions to church membership .....	5
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$4,332.63
Specials .....	86.61
TOTAL OFFERING .....	\$4,419.24



## NEW MEMBERS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24—

BY LETTER:

194. Mr. David R. Hall, 100 Hancock Lane  
From: Olive Baptist, Oak Haven Mission,  
Pensacola

SUNDAY, JULY 29—

FOR BAPTISM

FROM OTHER DENOMINATION:

62. Miss Joan Baston, 823 E. Jackson

BY LETTER:

195. Mr. Frank Rushing, 8720 Scenic Hills Dr.  
From: First Baptist, Dothan, Ala.  
196. Mrs. Frank Rushing  
197. Rick Rushing



## WELCOME PASTOR HOME

How good it will be to have the pastor  
here Sunday. All of us will want to be  
in our places and welcome him with a  
good attendance in all services.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

\*9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages  
Mr. A. H. Arnold, Supt.  
\*\*11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service.  
Pastor  
4:21 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal  
\*6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.  
Mr. F. Willard Vickery, Director  
\*7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship.  
Pastor

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

\*8:30-11:30 a.m.—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
AND TEEN AGE BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

\*8:30-11:30 a.m.—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
AND TEEN AGE BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

\*8:30-11:30 a.m.—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
AND TEEN AGE BIBLE STUDY  
4:45 p.m.—Junior Music Workshop  
Junior High G.A.'s  
\*5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner  
\*6:30 p.m.—Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s Y.W.A.'s  
Junior High Choir Workshop  
Officers and Teachers Meeting  
\*7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service  
\*8:01 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

\*8:30-11:30 a.m.—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
AND TEEN AGE BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

\*8:30-11:30 a.m.—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
AND TEEN AGE BIBLE STUDY



## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., Aug. 4: "The Call to Service"  
Exodus 3:7-17

MON., Aug. 5: "The Provision for Service"  
Exodus 4:1-17

TUES., Aug. 6: "The Servant Is Tested"  
Exodus 5:1-7, 15-23

WED., Aug. 7: "The Servant Is Reassured"  
Exodus 6:1-8

THURS., Aug. 8: "The Blood of the Lamb"  
Exodus 12:21-30

FRI., Aug. 9: "Redemption and Guidance"  
Exodus 13:17-22

SAT., Aug. 10: "Who Are the Truly  
Happy?"  
Matthew 5:1-16



The charitable are meek without being  
weak.



It is a man's principle that draws our  
interest.