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## SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK January 22-29



DR. CHESTER E. SWOR

Our visiting speaker, January 22-29, will be Dr. Chester E. Swor, a native of Mississippi, who was born in Harrison County. He grew up at Mount Olive and graduated from the D'Lo High School. Mississippi College awarded him his B. A. degree, and the University of North Carolina granted his M. A. He has studied at Columbia University, New York City, and at Oxford University in England. In 1945, Baylor University conferred an L.H.D. degree upon him.

Best of all, Chester Swor is known for his fruitful work with youth. We look forward to his coming.



### OUR BUILDING FUND TO DATE

Given to date	\$392,199.17
Borrowed	55,100.00
Total	\$447,299.17
Less:	
Payments to Contractor	402,506.50
Balance	\$ 44,792.67



## Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.



The Shadow of this man will fall across our lives during January. Be sure that you get to know him. Plan now to have every contact with him that you can. Remember to pray for him. Dr. Chester Swor cannot "produce" a revival, but if we will join him in giving God full sway in our lives the Lord will pour out spiritual blessings upon us.

Baptist history can be quite stimulating. On November 13, 1955, Dr. Henry S. Stroupe, of Wake Forest College, read a historical sketch on the 200th anniversary celebration of the Sandy Creek Church in North Carolina. It was organized by a group of 16 "Separate" Baptists who had come south from New England. This name was given to those followers of George Whitefield who wanted to separate themselves from the Congregational Church, which then was the established church (sanctioned by law) in New England. These people practiced the following nine rites: baptism, the Lord's Supper, love feasts, laying on of hands, washing feet, anointing the sick, the right hand of fellowship, the kiss of charity, and devoting children.

In three years time the group had increased to 3 churches with about 900 "communicants". When Morgan Edwards wrote about them 17 years later, 42 churches and 125 ministers had "sprung from the parent church." As frontier conditions scattered the people to Tennessee, South Carolina, and Georgia, they established Baptist churches as they went.

Time has all but by-passed Sandy Creek as other centers of Baptist life have become stronger and more influential. We can thank God, however, for a fervent people whose zeal and faithfulness has become a vital part of the larger stream of Baptist life.

The Lord's Supper is to be observed at the evening hour next Sunday, January 8th.

### SPECIAL CLASS FOR JUNIORS

Beginning next Wednesday night, Mrs. A. G. Woerner will teach a book for Junior boys and girls during the Teachers Meeting. The book will be "LIVING FOR JESUS."



## Music Notes

As we come to the beginning of a new year let us realize that there are new opportunities awaiting us in every field. There will be many ways in which you, ALL of you, can enrich your spiritual life and deepen your enjoyment of the great songs and hymns of our church. Why not make a resolution to take advantage of these opportunities this year? There is a place of service in our choirs, in Sunday School and Training Union as song leaders and pianists, soloists—both vocal and instrumental, listeners and participants in congregational singing, etc. There will also be music study courses to help you to understand and enjoy music more. The opportunity is yours. Accept it and use it.

We want to remember the Associational Music Festival which is to be held in our church on January 22. All of our choirs will participate as well as many choirs from other churches in our Association. Make your plans to attend now.

Our graded Choir Program resumed activities this week after a few weeks vacation. PARENTS! The conduct of your child depends upon your influence on his life. Your child needs the experience and joys of participating in a choral group. Do not deny him or her that privilege. Encourage your child to come to practice and see that he comes regularly and on time EVERY TIME. The responsibility is YOURS—NOT HIS!

Anyone having copies of the "Christmas Oratorio" is urged to return them to the music office. Some of the copies are borrowed and we cannot return them until all copies are in.

It is the prayer and sincere hope of your music director that this year will see a rapid growth in the music life of our church. I pledge myself to do all that I can to make it so. Will you join me? Music experiences are deepened and enriched best by participation. Try it and see if it isn't so.



## W.M.U.

10:00 A.M.—Business

10:45 A.M.—Program—Mrs. A. O. DeWeese

11:30 A.M.—Bible Study

Please bring Christmas cards to the meeting for use in African missions (See Dec. Royal Service) if you desire our committee to mail them.



## CIRCLE CHAPEL CHIMES

The new year has come, with its promise and opportunities. May we have our hearts turned to His leadership as we anticipate the activities of this year ahead.

Christmas Sunday was a record low in attendance, but wonderful services manifested the Spirits' presence. New Year's Sunday began the new year aright with good attendance and inspiring worship services.

As the members of our church continue to give of their time and skills in the finishing of the new building, it is rapidly nearing completion. Our greatest needs now are furnishings for the departmental rooms. Pray with us that this building will soon be completed to the glory of God.

## ATTENDANCE MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

Sunbeams.....	45
Girls' Auxiliary.....	28
Junior R. A.'s.....	12
Intermediate R. A.'s.....	6
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>91</b>

## Officers and Teachers MEETING

All officers and teachers of our Sunday School are urged to make a special effort to be present on Wednesday evening. A filmstrip on "The Laws of Sunday School Work" is to be shown and discussed during the General Period. Come for supper at 6:00, or be here at 6:25 for the General Period.

## VISITATION

Now that the Holiday Season is over, we have much work to do. We need to get under our VISITATION PROGRAM.

Plan to meet at the church on Thursday to go visiting.

9:30

2:30

7:00

### Sermon Topics

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

'An Appointment to Keep'

Mark 2:27-28

7:30 p.m.

The Two Ends of Memory

Genesis 9:15

I Corinthians 11:24



## Brotherhood

Our men are urged to reserve Tuesday, January 17, for Brotherhood Meeting.

## YOUNG MEN'S BROTHERHOOD AND Y. W. A.

Our Young Men's Brotherhood and YWA will meet next Monday. They will have supper at 6:30 and then go out visiting. All young men and women (17-24) are invited.

## ROYAL AMBASSADOR CONCLAVE

On Saturday, January 7, there will be an Associational Royal Ambassador Conclave at the Bellview Baptist Church.

All of our Royal Ambassadors are urged to attend. Meet at the church at 2:00. The recreation period will begin at 2:30, supper will be at 6:00, and the Conclave Meeting at 7:00. We will be back at the church by 8:30.



## Library Notes

Books that give fresh insights into the Sermon on the Mount:

SERMONS FROM THE MOUNT By Charles M. Crowe.

A collection of sixteen sermons pointing the way to a radiant, adventurous and rewarding life.

JESUS' DESIGN FOR LIVING By Thomas S. Kepler.

In forty brief meditations, Dr. Kepler examines the greatest sermon ever preached and interprets it for men and women who face the perplexities of life.

SO WE BELIEVE, SO WE PRAY By George A. Buttrick

Brings a brilliant and penetrating exposition of our fundamental Christian belief. AT THE MASTER'S FEET By H. H. Hargrove

A series of sermons from the Sermon on the Mount.

THE HIGHER HAPPINESS By Ralph W. Sockman

This timely book probes the nature of true happiness set forth so clearly and unforgettably in the Beatitudes of Jesus.

THE GOSPEL AND THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT By Arnold T. Ohrn

Dr. Ohrn believes the Sermon on the Mount combines with and emphasizes both the Gospel and its ethics, both salvation and righteous living, both grace and Christian duty, each being harmonized with the other.

These books are in the Library. Check one out NOW.



## LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	825
Members Present.....	776
New Members.....	6
Visitors.....	43
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	108
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	69
Class at Jail.....	16
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	1018
Training Union Attendance.....	225
Members Present.....	209
Visitors.....	16
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	49
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	57
Total Training Union Attendance.....	331
Attendance one year ago.....	247
Additions to church membership.....	5
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget.....	\$5,238.79
(Circle.....)	\$225.58
(North Hill.....)	\$185.59
Specials.....	302.84
(Circle.....)	\$43.39
Building, First Baptist.....	3,170.32
Building, Circle Chapel.....	52.30
Building, North Hill Chapel.....	13.50
<b>TOTAL OFFERING.....</b>	<b>\$8,777.75</b>
Lottie Moon Offering.....	1,904.09

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- FIRST BAPTIST (Baptism)  
 10. Mr. Bill Pinney, 1600 E. Bobe Street.  
 FIRST BAPTIST (Letter)  
 61. Miss Patsy Withrow, 670 Whitney Drive  
 62. Mr. Henry Reid McKenney, Jr. 620 N. Barcelona Street  
 63. Mr. B. K. Hurst, 121 W. Government Street  
 64. Miss Elizabeth Thomas, 315 Payne Road, Navy Point, Warrington.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN S'CK: Baptist Hospital — Mrs. C. B. Dykes; Ruth Busey. Ill at home—Mrs. Martha Parker, 1967 E. Bobe Street; Mrs. J. R. Marble, 805 N. Corry.

WEDDING BELLS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wesner (former Miss Mary Ann Moore) who were married January 1. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith (former Jov Craig) who were married December 17. Mr. and Mrs. Elton P. Rabey (former Miss Joyce Druan).

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Felton Odum, 222½ W. Jackson Street on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Ring, December 22.

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. Byron Ellinor in the loss of her son; Mrs. W. M. Baxter in the loss of her sister.

Miss Norma Jean Overton and Lieutenant Elwin Reichert, Jr., will be married in the church auditorium, Saturday, January 14th at 7 o'clock. Reception will follow in Lower Auditorium.

## THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8—

- 8:30 a.m.—Early Morning Worship.  
 Pastor  
 9:40 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages  
 Theron Guthrie, Supt.  
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastor  
 3:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WEAR  
 6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.  
 Haywood Arnold, Director  
 7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor  
 Observance of Lord's Supper  
 8:30 p.m.—Intermediate-Senior Teentime:  
 WMU Room

MONDAY, JANUARY 9—

- 7:30 p.m.—Deacon's Meeting  
 6:30 p.m.—Young Men's Brotherhood and  
 YWA meets at church

TUESDAY through THURSDAY—  
 Statewide Evangelistic Congerence,  
 Jacksonville

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10—

- 10:00 a.m.—Monthly Meeting of W. M. S.  
 Program, Business and Bible  
 Study  
 12:15 p.m.—W. M. S. Luncheon  
 3:15 p.m.—Beginner Sunbeams meet a.  
 church  
 3:15 p.m.—Cherub Choir Rehearsal  
 4:00 p.m.—Celestial Choir Rehearsal  
 4:00 p.m.—Primary Sunbeams, Junior and  
 Intermediate C. A.'s, Junior R.  
 A.'s meet at church  
 7:30 p.m.—Brotherhood Executive Com-  
 mittee Meeting at church  
 7:30 p.m.—Nominating Committee Meeting  
 7:30 p.m.—The Eleanor O'Haver Howell  
 B. W. C. meets with Mrs. Ruth  
 Vice, 112 N. "C" Street, with  
 Mrs. Alma Branch, as co-  
 hostess  
 7:30 p.m.—The Ernelle Brooks B. W. C.  
 meets at the church, Lower  
 Auditorium  
 7:30 p.m.—The Bill Cowleys B. W. C.  
 meets with Miss Mary Ethel  
 Harrison, 815 North 18th Ave.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11—

- 6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Teachers' and  
 Officers' Meeting begins with  
 supper  
 6:30 p.m.—Concord Choir Rehearsal  
 6:30 p.m.—Intermediate R. A.'s at church  
 7:45 p.m.—Prayer Service and Business  
 Conference

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12—

- 9:30 a.m.—CHURCH—  
 2:30 p.m.—WIDE  
 7:00 p.m.—VISITATION  
 7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal  
 SATURDAY, JANUARY 14—  
 9:00 a.m.—Carol Choir Rehearsal

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