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WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

- * Just another good institution like a school or hospital?
- * A large brick building at Palafox and LaRue?
- * Those who attend the First Baptist Church?
- * Everyone who ever professed faith in Christ?

What Are Church Members Supposed To Do?

Don't guess at the answers! Be sure!
Attend the classes for all ages during

"MAGNIFY-CHURCH-MEMBERSHIP WEEK" A CHURCH-WIDE WEEK OF STUDY MARCH 19 - 23 7:00 Each Evening

| AGE GROUP | BOOKS |
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| Adults..... | "Joy in Church Membership"..... Dr. Henry L. Ashmore and Clyde Bizzell |
| Young People..... | "The Challenge of Church Membership"..... Rev. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr. |
| Seniors..... | "Now You Belong"..... Miss Winona King and Mrs. Lawren McEacham |
| Intermediates..... | "Now You Belong"..... Mrs. T. A. Wash |
| Juniors (11-12)..... | "My Church and I"..... Mrs. W. E. Jackson |
| Juniors (9-10)..... | "My Church and I"..... Mrs. O. M. Vineyard |
| Primaries..... | "To Church We Go"..... Primary Workers |

**The Nursery Will Be Open for Pre-School Children
FOR ALL THE CHURCH FAMILY
FOR EVERY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY**



| OUR BUILDING FUND TO DATE | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Given to date..... | \$415,237.94 |
| Borrowed..... | 90,100.00 |
| Total..... | \$505,337.94 |
| Less: | |
| Payments to Contractor..... | \$484,536.43 |
| Interest on Loan..... | 712.83 |
| Other Expense..... | 398.00 |
| BALANCE..... | \$ 19,690.68 |

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

Last Sunday was a joyous day at the Earle Street Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina. I watched the burning of the paid-up mortgage with delight. I invited those who are miserable without a mortgage to come on down to Pensacola and join us.

Quotes Worth Remembering

"Even a mule can not pull while he's kicking; neither can he kick while pulling."

"Never believe anything bad about anybody unless you positively know it is true; never tell even that, unless you feel that it is absolutely necessary, and that God is listening while you tell it."—Henry van Dyke.

"Too many of us are like the old Negro deacon, who wound up a long prayer by saying, 'Use me, O Lord, use me in thy work—especially in an advisory capacity.'"

An Important Committee — Dr. Henry Ashmore, Chairman of our Deacons, announces the appointment of the following committee to work out the plans and program for entrance into our new sanctuary: E. W. Sudduth, Sr., Charman, Mr. Frank Almon, Dixie Beggs, Glenn Brantley, Mrs. Stanley Lassiter, Mrs. Paul Caro, Mrs. Sid Kennedy, Mrs. Chandler Yonge; Ex-officio members: T. A. Guthrie, General Chairman of the Building Committee; S. L. Davis, Building Charman; Earl Gaston, Finance Committee Chairman; Henry Ashmore, Chairman of the Deacons. You may pass along your suggestions to any of these.

Prayer Service is held at 7:45 p.m. each Wednesday. Some of our people have forgotten this. Don't forget to remember! We are all "standing in the need of prayer."

Camp Ridgecrest For Boys was represented in our Community By Director Harry McCall, last Monday and Tuesday. Parents or interested boys can secure information from our church office. Several of our young people are planning to attend this summer.

Sermon Topics
8:30 and 11:00 A.M.
"The Church In Crisis"
Acts 17:6
7:30 P.M.
"Commissioned To Heal"
Mark 3:14-15



Music Notes

HYMN OF THE MONTH

"Jerusalem The Golden" words by Bernard of Cluny

From the early days of Christianity it has been a universal experience of Christians to lift their eyes and look away to heaven when times are dire upon earth. And dire indeed were the days of Bernard of Cluny. The twelfth century was a time of wickedness in high places, and the lonely monk, Bernard, sorrowed over the wickedness and corruption of the church and society.

The days before the Reformation were terrible, when kings and nobles had to bow to the will of unscrupulous Popes, and the shadow of Rome was heavy over Europe. But there were pious souls within the Church who raised their voices against corruption and whose efforts foreshadowed the Reformation.

Bernard's Lamentation, "De Contemptu Mundi," was a poem of three thousand lines, expressing his contempt of the world as he lifts his eyes in contemplation of the New Jerusalem.

Dr. John Mason Neale has translated this poem and from this translation several hymns have arisen of which the most important one is "Jerusalem, The Golden."

The tune "Ewing," well suited to these words, was composed by Col. Alexander Ewing, who fought in the Crimean War. He was considered to be a fine amateur musician. The tune is his only composition and was originally used as a setting for another hymn which was derived from "De Contemptu Mundi".

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Baptist Hospital—Mr. Carl Dodson, Mr. Emery Kendrick, Mr. James H. Holley, Mrs. B. B. Steele, Mrs. Bob Drew. **Ill at Home**—Mrs. John Ackerman, 206 Rentz Avenue.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Durward Minor, 305 Rue Max, on the birth of their son, Ronald Keith, on March 6. Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Alf, 1615 N. 58th, on the birth of their son, Michael Gustive. Mr. and Mrs. York Colson who are celebrating their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary Sunday.

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. T. H. Blackmon in the loss of her brother. Mrs. Genevieve Smith on the loss of her son-in-law.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers are being placed in the auditorium on Sunday by Mrs. S. C. Dupree in memory of Dr. W. H. Coker, Sr.

ASSOCIATIONAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLINIC

MONDAY, MARCH 19

EAST BRENT BAPTIST CHURCH

9:30 — 3:00

TAKE WITH YOU:

Paper and Pencil

Textbook (May be secured from the Office)

Your Lunch (drink will be furnished)

This is the first opportunity to get ready for Vacation Bible School.

Anyone interested in working in Bible School is urged to attend.

The Nursery will be open at the East Brent Church.



Library Notes

The following new books have been received in the Library.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"The Will of God" by Weatherhead;

"Meeting the Challenge of Life" by Rhodes.

FOR YOUTH

"For You Miss" by Ferntheil.

"Living With Parents" by Overton.

"Young Edwin Booth" by Powell.

FOR JUNIORS

"Slim Green" by Harris.

"Queer Animals" by Gable.

"From Seed to Tree" by Gable.

FOR CHILDREN

"Always There Is God" by Robbie Trent.

"Up Above and Down Below" by Webber.

FOR ADULTS

"Gift From the Sea" by Anne Lindbergh.

"Art of Counseling" by May.

"Storytelling" by Royal.

"Baptist Deacon" by Naylor.

"Teaching for Results" by Edge.

NORTH HILL NARRATIONS

Our Lord has abundantly blessed the North Hill Chapel during these past weeks. We have seen a greater interest being manifested in all the activities of our church. With the tile floor being laid in our new educational building and with the varnish work being completed we will be through with our new building within the week. How grateful we are for those blessings.

Come and visit our new building and rejoice with us in it. We are grateful to everyone concerned for having made this new building possible.

ROYAL AMBASSADOR RECOGNITION SERVICE

On Saturday Night, March 24, 7:30 we will have a Royal Ambassador Recognition Service. Mr. Armand Ball, our Royal Ambassador Secretary, will be present.

The entire church family is invited to attend.

THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, MARCH 18—

- 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.
- 5:00 P.M.—Senior Ensemble Rehearsal.
- 5:00 P.M.—Training Union Executive Committee.
- 5:30 P.M.—Training Union Department Executive Committees.
- 6:10 P.M.—Training Union for all ages.
- 6:10 P.M.—New Members' Class. Mr. Paul Caro.
- 6:10 P.M.—"Christian Leadership" Class taught by Mr. Bizzell. Convention Classroom.
- 7:30 P.M.—Evening Worship. Pastor.
- 8:30 P.M.—Intermediate-Senior Teen-time. W. M. U. Room.

MONDAY, MARCH 19 — through

FRIDAY, MARCH 23—

- 7:00 P.M.—"Magnify-Church-Membership Week"

MONDAY, MARCH 19—

- 9:30 A.M.—Associational Vacation Bible School Clinic. East Brent Baptist Church.
- 7:00 P.M.—Church Study. (All Assemble in Church Auditorium).

TUESDAY, MARCH 20—

- 7:15 A.M.—Morning Watch. First Baptist.
- 3:15 P.M.—Cherub Choir Rehearsal.
- 3:15 P.M.—Beginner Sunbeams.
- 4:00 P.M.—Primary Sunbeams, Junior G. A.'s and R. A.'s, and Intermediate G. A.'s.
- 4:15 P.M.—Celestial Choir Rehearsal.
- 6:00 P.M.—R. A. Reviewing Council.
- 7:00 P.M.—Church Study.
- 7:30 P.M.—Church Choir Rehearsal. (20 LaRua Street).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21—

- 6:00 P.M.—Sunday School Teachers and Officers Meeting begins with supper. Teacher Training Class serving.
- 6:30 P.M.—Intermediate R. A.'s.
- 6:30 P.M.—Concord Choir Rehearsal.
- 7:45 P.M.—Prayer Service.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22—

- 9:15 A.M.—VISITATION STUDY.
- 7:00 P.M.—Church Study.
- 7:30 P.M.—Church Choir Rehearsal. (20 LaRua Street).

FRIDAY, MARCH 23—

- 7:15 P.M.—Morning Watch. North Hill Chapel.
- 7:00 P.M.—Church Study.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24—

- 9:00 A.M.—Carol Choir Rehearsal.
- 7:30 P.M.—R. A. Recognition Service.

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

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| Sunday School Attendance..... | 767 |
| Members Present..... | 712 |
| New Members..... | 3 |
| Visitors..... | 52 |
| Circle Baptist Chapel..... | 129 |
| North Hill Baptist Chapel..... | 62 |
| Escambia County Jail..... | 28 |

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| Total Sunday School Attendance..... | 986 |
| Attendance one year ago..... | 1204 |
| Training Union Attendance..... | 243 |
| Members Present..... | 206 |
| New Members..... | 4 |
| Visitors..... | 33 |
| Circle Baptist Chapel..... | 66 |
| North Hill Baptist Chapel..... | 49 |

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| Total Training Union Attendance..... | 361 |
| Attendance one year ago..... | 300 |
| Additions to church membership..... | 3 |
| Tithes and Offerings: | |

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| Budget..... | \$2,044.50 |
| (Circle.....) | \$210.32) |
| (North Hill.....) | 109.79) |
| Specials..... | 132.25 |
| (Circle.....) | \$ 39.60) |
| Building, First Baptist..... | 294.35 |
| Building, Circle Chapel..... | 14.00 |
| Building, North Hill Chapel..... | 7.50 |

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| TOTAL OFFERING..... | \$2,492.60 |
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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

FIRST BAPTIST (By Letter)

113. Miss Winona King, 733 Lakewood Drive, Warrington.
131. Mrs. Ben Martin, 211-C Lorena Avenue, E. V.
- CIRCLE CHAPEL (For Baptism)
38. Miss Doris Burnham, 4519 Martha Avenue.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BANQUET

Tickets are now available from the Office for the Junior High School Banquet to be held Friday Night, March 23rd, at Laritz Cafeteria. Each person will pay 75c with the church paying the other 50c.

ATTENDANCE MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

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|---------------------------|-----|
| Sunbeams..... | 45 |
| Girls' Auxiliary..... | 35 |
| Junior R. A.'s..... | 12 |
| Intermediate R. A.'s..... | 9 |
| Y. W. A.'s..... | 4 |
| Total..... | 105 |

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