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Think This Over!

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WOULD YOU LIKE

- To live in a country where there are no churches?
- To see all preachers, teachers, missionaries and workers for righteousness go on a strike?
- To see all churches close their doors on Sunday?
- To see the Kingdom of God hindered by a lack of finances?
- To see the Blessings of God withdrawn from this land?

THEN TAKE STOCK:

- Am I doing my part in preventing such a calamity?
- Do I "ride free" on the sacrifices of others?
- Does Christianity "show" in my daily life?
- Does Christianity mean "getting" or "giving" to me?

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OUR BUILDING FUND TO DATE

Given to date	\$420,139.89
Borrowed	165,100.00
TOTAL	\$585,239.89
Payments to Contractor	\$526,398.57
Payments to Architect	35,952.66
Interest on Loan	712.83
Other Expense	398.00
BALANCE	\$ 21,777.83

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

An Appreciated Gift to the Building Fund of \$3600. was received last week from a person who lives out of the state and who is not a member of our congregation. Another friend, from the Earle Street Church, Greenville, South Carolina, contributed \$5.00 toward an organ. A gift to the Building Fund was received from Mr. and Mrs. Paul Caro in memory of Dr. W. H. Coker, Sr.

The Trustees of the First Baptist Church Corporation met last Friday afternoon to elect a President to succeed Dr. W. H. Coker, Sr., deceased. They named Mr. Earl Gaston as the new president.

Next Wednesday Night at the Prayer Service Hour the pastor proposes to speak on "Our Church Staff". I believe that we have an unusually fine group of workers and we want to give recognition to them and the work that they do. Remember to pray for each one.

Several References have been made lately by the pastor to the questions and problems that are currently about us. A Christian would be foolish to try to hide from the problems of everyday living. He would be just as foolish to try to solve them apart from the leadership of the Holy Spirit and a life of prayer. Let us be certain that we are a part of the answer and not a part of the problem. Remember, in the midst of tensions, Jesus told the parable of the "Good Samaritan".

Miracles in Mark began as a series of Sunday night messages. When I accepted the invitation to Greenville the sequence was broken. Now the last of the messages will be brought next Sunday morning.

Sermon Topics

8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

"The Great Miracle"

Mark 16:6

7:30 P.M.

Easter Music

EASTER MUSIC

Sunday Evening

7:30 P.M.

"The Seven Last Words of Christ"
By Theodore Dubois



Music Notes

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

By Theodore Dubois

SUNDAY NIGHT is the time for the Easter Music Program which is prepared each year by the Church Choir. This year will feature "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Dubois. This cantata is probably the most popular of all the Easter Cantatas because of the beauty of the music, the message of the text, the "singability" of the choruses and solos, and the overall appeal of the cantata as a whole. Our people will want to hear this special Easter service, for all who come will be blessed.

CHOIR MOTHERS NEEDED! Our youth choirs need more assistance from mothers. There are many things to be done before, during, and after rehearsals. Mothers can render a great service to the church by helping with robes, maintaining discipline, taking roll, planning for socials, handing out materials, helping to line up children for services, etc. If you can serve and serve regularly in some way, please get in touch with your Minister of Music. Our choirs will progress as parents show their interest. Show YOUR interest by SERVING!

THE CAROL CHOIR will supply the music at the 8:30 Service this Sunday morning. We are proud of the work these youth choirs are doing and will continue to do. YOU can encourage them to do even better—tell them that you appreciate their service.

"The better the voice is, the meet it is to honor and serve God therewith; and the voice of man is chiefly to be employed to that end." — William Byrd, "Psalms, Sonets, and Songs of Sadness and Piete"— 1588.

ATTENDANCE MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

Sunbeams	41
Girls' Auxiliary	36
Junior R. A.'s	13
Intermediate R. A.'s	8
Total	98

ROYAL AMBASSADOR RECOGNITION SERVICE

Saturday, March 24th

7:30 P.M.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING

Our Monthly Superintendents' Meeting will be held next Tuesday Night, 7:30, in the W. M. U. Room.

All Department Superintendents and their Associates, and General Officers, are urged to be present.



TRAINING UNION MONTHLY OFFICERS' COUNCIL

Monday Night is the time for our Monthly Officers' Council Meeting. We will have a CLINIC for all Training Union Officers. It is important for the officers of all unions to be present. Be sure to make your reservations for supper Sunday.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RESERVATIONS

All who come regularly for Supper on Wednesday Nights have made PERMANENT SUPPER RESERVATIONS. These are reminded to cancel by 9:00 a.m. Wednesday if they will not be present.

Any member is welcome to come for this supper provided reservations are made by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday.

CIRCLE CHAPEL CHIMES

We rejoice in the victories won during our revival season as we were led by Brother James Butler. During the eight days of revival, eight were added unto the Lord's church—two by letter and six for baptism. We eagerly anticipate the months ahead, knowing that fruits of this revival shall be harvested for a long time. We realize, too, that many of the benefits of this week have not been seen but have occurred in the inner hearts of men.

Our sincere appreciation is expressed to all who were interested in and supported our meeting. Your material help, personal activity and progress did much toward the successes of the week. Our gratitude to Brother Butler, too, for taking off this time from his busy ministry at West End to lead us in the Lord's service. It was a great blessing to each of us.



FIRST BAPTIST (Letter)

132. Walter T. Miesse, BTU IS, NAAS, Whiting Field, Milton.
133. Mr. O. Burton Carlisle, 1421½ Poppy Avenue, Warrington.
134. Mrs. O. Burton Carlisle, 1421½ Poppy Avenue, Warrington.
- CIRCLE CHAPEL (Letter)
135. Mrs. Nita Mullins, 4511 Martha Street.
136. Mrs. Bernice Johnson, S405 W. Jackson Street.

CIRCLE CHAPEL (Baptism)

39. Leonard Kersey, 4324 W. Perdido.
40. Mr. Pat Sweeney, 4338 W. Martha Street.
41. Miss Donna Wall, 607 Francis Avenue, Pinehurst.
42. Miss Pat Harper, 1402 N. 48th Avenue, Pen Haven.
43. Mr. James C. Harper, 1402 N. 48th Avenue, Pen Haven.
- FOUR BAPTIZED SUNDAY
- Mrs. Cecil Barnes (First)
- Misses Donna Wall and Pat Harper,
- Mr. James C. Harper (Circle).
- REDEDICATION
- Mr. W. H. Williams, 131 E. Gregory Street.

Youth Week

Youth Week will be observed in our church April 1-8. Youth Week is a plan for our church to use its young people in official positions of church life for one week. It is a laboratory project in which Intermediates and Young People of the church may have further opportunity to learn by doing.

On Sunday, April 1, the pastor will present the key of the church to the Youth Week pastor. During the week of April 1-8, they will serve in various phases of our church work and activities, and on Sunday, April 8, they will "take over" the Sunday School and Training Union.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our Young People to learn more about all phases of our church work. Indicate to these young people by your presence and your prayer that you are interested in them and their activities.

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1041
Members Present	971
New Members	7
Visitors	63
Circle Baptist Chapel	179
North Hill Baptist Chapel	109
Escambia County Jail	18
 Total Sunday School Attendance.....	1347
Attendance one year ago	1171
Training Union Attendance	272
Members Present	230
New Members	2
Visitors	40
Circle Baptist Chapel	72
North Hill Baptist Chapel	50
 Total Training Union Attendance.....	394
Attendance one year ago	285
Additions to church membership	10
Baptized	4
 Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$3,449.48
(Circle	\$199.47)
(North Hill	\$188.25)
Specials	131.43
(Circle	\$1.58)
(North Hill	\$22.37)
Annie Armstrong Offering)	
(Circle Chapel Revival	90.14
(Or gan Fund)	5.00
Building Fund Special:	
C. E. Pearce, Jr. Memorial	10.00
Dr. W. H. Coker, Sr. Memorial	5.00
Building, First Baptist	4,901.95
Building, Circle Chapel	67.00
Building, North Hill	6.00
 TOTAL	\$8,666.00

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK — Home from Hospital—Mr. James White, III at Home—John Blackmon, 1620 N. 15th Avenue; Linda Russell, 206 Donald Drive; Mr. Judson Gillespie, 1815 Escambia Avenue; Mr. Theron Guthrie, 1403 E. Lakeview; Mrs. A. T. England, 1519 E. Lloyd Street.

SYMPATHY TO: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shoemaker on the death of Ted.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Lt. and Mrs. M. H. Crammer, 422 First Street, on the birth of their son, Michael Clayton, March 20.

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CHURCH OFFICE HE 3-2712 and HE 8-0779
Residence Phones
Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., Pastor.....HE 3-1502
Clyde K. Bizzell, Assistant to Pastor.....HE 3-2500
Frank Bledsoe, Mission Pastor.....GL 5-5226
W. J. Runnels, Mission Pastor.....HE 3-2872

THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, MARCH 25—

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.
3:00 P.M.—Youth Week Planning and
 Nominating Committee.
3:30 P.M.—Baptist Hour on WEAR.
5:00 P.M.—Senior Ensemble Rehearsal.
6:10 P.M.—Training Union for all ages.
 A. Haywood Arnold, Director.
6:10 P.M.—New Members' Class. Mr.
 Bizzell.
6:10 P.M.—"Christian Leadership" Class
 taught by the Pastor. Convention Classroom.
7:30 P.M.—Evening Worship Presentation
 of Easter Music.

8:30 P.M.—Intermediate-Senior Teentime
 W. M. U. Room.

MONDAY, MARCH 26—

6:30 P.M.—Training Union Monthly Of-
 ficers' Council begins with
 supper.

7:00 P.M.—Scout Council Meeting,
 Church Auditorium.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27—

7:15 A.M.—Morning Watch. First Baptist.
10:00 A.M.—W. M. S. Executive Commit-
 tee.
3:15 P.M.—Cherub Choir Rehearsal.
3:15 P.M.—Beginners Sunbeams.
4:00 P.M.—Primary Sunbeams.
4:00 P.M.—Junior and Intermediate
 G. A.'s-R. A.'s Mission Study.
4:15 P.M.—Celestial Choir Rehearsal.
5:30 P.M.—Junior and Intermediate R. A.-
 G. A. Supper

7:30 P.M.—Sunday School Superinten-
 dents' Meeting. W. M. U.
 Room.

7:30 P.M.—Teacher Training Class Busi-
 ness Meeting in home of Mr.
 and Mrs. Leslie Sasnett, 418
 W. Gonzalez.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28—

6:00 P.M.—Sunday School Teachers and
 Officers' Meeting begins with
 supper. Nursery Departments
 serving.

6:30 P.M.—Intermediate R. A.'s.

6:30 P.M.—Concord Choir Rehearsal.

7:45 P.M.—Prayer Service.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29—

9:15 A.M.—VISITATION STUDY.

6:30 P.M.—Choir Supper.

6:45 P.M.—VISITATION STUDY.

7:30 P.M.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30—

7:15 A.M.—Morning Watch. North Hill.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31—

9:00 A.M.—Carol Choir Rehearsal.

2:00 P.M.—Primary I Easter Party.
 Lower Auditorium.

2:30 P.M.—Associational R. A. Conclave.
 Central Baptist.