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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- To see the Blessings of God withdrawn from this land?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.



## 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 meeter it is to honor and serve God therewith; and the voice of man is chiefly to be employed to that ende." — 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.

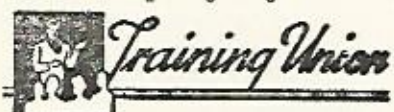




## SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING

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 success 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, 3405 W. Jackson Stret.

## CIRCLE CHAPEL (Baptism)

39. Leonard Kersey, 4324 W. Perdidio.
  40. Mr. Pat Sweeney, 4338 W. Martha Street.
  41. Miss Donna Wall, 607 Francis Avenue, Pinchurst.
  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
<b>Total Sunday School Attendance.....</b>	<b>1347</b>
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
<b>Total Training Union Attendance.....</b>	<b>394</b>
Attendance one year ago .....	285
Additions to church membership .....	10
Baptized .....	4
<b>Tithes and Offerings:</b>	
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
(Organ 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
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$8,666.00</b>

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**OUR KNOWN SICK — Home from Hospital—**Mr. James White. Ill 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. Cranmer, 422 First Street, on the birth of their son, Michael Clayton, March 20.

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**CHURCH OFFICE.....**HE 3-2712 and HE 3-0779  
**Residence Phones**  
Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., Pastor.....HE 3-1502  
Clyde K. Bizzell, Assistant to Pastor.....HE 3-2500  
Frans Bledsoe, Mission Pastor.....GL 5-3226  
W. J. Runnels, Mission Pastor.....HE 3-2372

## 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 Officers' 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 Committee.  
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.  
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 Superintendents' Meeting. W. M. U.  
Room.  
7:30 P.M.—Teacher Training Class Business 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.