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AN APPEAL FOR A CHRISTIAN SPIRIT IN RACE RELATIONS

Southern Baptists and Negro Baptists constitute the largest Christian groups in the South. The consequences of failure to find a Christian solution to the problems of tension in race relations will rest more heavily upon these groups than others. In view of the many influences that are contributing to an emotional approach to these problems, it becomes urgently imperative that Christians consider them calmly and on the basis of Christian teachings.

We are speaking as individuals, desiring to witness for Christ, and have no thought of speaking for Southern Baptists or for any church or agency affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

We appeal to our Baptist brethren, white and Negro, and to other Christian friends, to give careful consideration to the following statement of principles, setting forth, we believe, the truth of the Bible and offered in the spirit of good will and Christian love:

1. God created man in his own image. Therefore, every man possesses infinite worth and should be treated with respect as a person.

2. Christ died for all men. Therefore, the Christian view of man, every man, must reflect the spirit of the cross.

3. God is no respecter of persons. Therefore, prejudice against persons or mistreatment of persons on the grounds of race is contrary to the will of God.

4. Christ said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Therefore, Christians are obligated to manifest active good will toward all people and to help them to achieve their fullest potentialities as persons.

5. Christian love, as exemplified by Christ, is the supreme law for all human relations. Therefore, Christians have the assurance that such love, conscientiously practiced, will resolve tensions and bring harmony and good will in race relations.

6. All true Christians are brothers in Christ and children of God. Therefore, they are obligated to cultivate prayerful concern for one another and to show confidence in one another.

7. Every person is accountable to God. Therefore, the right of individual opinion, tested by the teachings of Christ, and freedom to express it, always in the spirit of Christian love, should be granted to all and respected by all.

We commit ourselves to seek new insights as to our Christian duty and to seek more grace in manifesting Christian love toward all men. We earnestly appeal to others to join with us in making this commitment and in the resolve to pray unceasingly that the Spirit of God will help us to create a fellowship that will be a witness for Christ to all people and all races around the world.

—Signed by 28 Southern Baptist Leaders.

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

The Organ question was settled by vote of the church on last Sunday. The present organ is to be reconditioned and enlarged so that its volume and range will be increased. More than nine thousand dollars of the \$13,868 cost of this work has already been underwritten by various members of our congregation. All gifts for the organ fund should be made over and above regular church and Building Fund gifts. Your special gifts for this purpose may be made by marking any envelope "Organ Fund". Twenty-five hundred dollars of this amount became due with the signing of the contract with Mr. F. E. Norwood.

Ken Andrews spoke at the Young People's Worship Service last Tuesday morning, bringing a most excellent message on the Christian and Race Relations. I was quite pleased with the maturity and Christian common sense manifest in his message.

Your Pastor is in full agreement with the statement appearing on the front of this issue of the bulletin. When so many irresponsible things have been written and said by so many people it is difficult to keep from being confused. I am glad that 28 of our leaders, including T. F. Adams, O. T. Binkley, Duke K. McCall, Ralph A. Herring, H. H. Hobbs, C. C. Warren, H. Guy Moore, Louie D. Newton, and J. D. Grey, have signed such a statement. I do not know all of the answers to all of the questions that may be posed in this field, but I am sure that Christian people are the ones to help our country find the right answers.

Prayer Service next Wednesday night will be led by Rev. Charles W. Shirley, one of the newer members of our congregation. The pastor will be in revival services at the West Highland Baptist Church, Andalusia, Alabama, beginning Monday night, April 23.



Music Notes

The CONCORD CHOIR is now a mixed choir. This week young men between the ages of 13 through 16 were invited to join. If there are others who were not able to come to the first rehearsal and who are interested, please contact the Music Director, Intermediates! Here is your opportunity to show what you can do!

Dr. W. G. Stracener, Editor of the "Florida Baptist Witness", in talking about the Russian Baptists, said that music was the most important means of teaching the Bible other than through preaching. In Russia there can be no Sunday School, Training Union, or any other kind of group instruction in religious matters. Music, however, may be studied and taught at length. Choir practice in Russian Baptist churches often last THREE HOURS, or longer, and are held two or three times a week! We could learn from the Russian Baptists the educational values of teaching religion through music.

Beginning next week in the BUILDER will appear the average attendance of each of our choirs. This is a means of showing the church how we attend choir rehearsals, as well as to give our choir members the opportunity of bettering their average. All of our choirs will want to raise their percentage. In one church where this has been tried the Church Choir had an average attendance of 97 per cent. Let's get to work, Choirs!

DO YOU HAVE TIME ON YOUR HANDS? If you do and wish that you didn't, why not ask to do something at your church? There are always many things to be done with which you could help. Your Music Director needs several persons to help with reconditioning the hymn books and the more than 250 anthems that we have. If you want to work you can find it at your church.

"It is remarkable to see how men quarrel over dogma, and then sit down and rejoice over a hymn which expresses precisely the same sentiments over which they have differed."—Henry Ward Beecher.



OUR BUILDING FUND TO DATE

Given to date.....	\$425,057.72
Borrowed.....	165,100.00
TOTAL.....	\$590,157.72
Payment to Contractor.....	\$526,398.57
Payment to Architect.....	35,952.66
Equipment & Furnishings.....	3,600.00
Interest on Loan.....	967.23
Other Expense.....	623.00
BALANCE.....	\$ 22,616.20



Sunday School

SUPERINTENDENT'S MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 24 7:30 P.M.

The Monthly Superintendents' Meeting will be held Tuesday Evening, 7:30, in the W. M. U. Room.

All General Officers of the Sunday School, Superintendents and Associate Superintendents of all Departments are urged to be present.

GETTING READY FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The date for our Vacation Bible School is June 11-23, with Preparation Day on June 8.

Here are some dates to help us get ready:
Monday, April 30—Study of "The Vacation Bible School Guide"

Monday, May 7—Study of the Vacation Bible School Textbooks

Monday, May 21—Vacation Bible School Faculty Meeting

Monday, June 4—Vacation Bible School Faculty Meeting

We will need workers for every age group. If you can help, please let Mr. Bizzell know.

TEACHING CLINIC CONTINUATION CLASSES

The Morning Class of the Teaching Clinic decided to meet on Monday Morning, April 23, 9:30 a.m., for a Continuation of the Workbook study. Those who were in the Morning Class are hereby reminded, and others are invited to join.

For five Sunday Evenings, during the Training Union Hour, we will have a group study of the last five of the teaching situations in the Workbook.

Also, on Wednesday Night, April 25, there will be a group Workbook study.

Those who attended during the Teaching Clinic and others are invited to join one of these groups for further study.

ADULT II DEPARTMENT TO BE "PASTOR'S GUEST" SUNDAY

The Adult II Department of the Sunday School will be recognized in both Morning Worship Services Sunday. This Department meets in the Pensacola Junior College Building at the present time, and is for Adults 35-44 years of age.

All officers, teachers, and members of this Department are urged to be present Sunday, and to be in one of the Worship Services.



Training Union

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Sunday Afternoon is the time for our TRAINING UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

All General Officers, Department Officers, and other workers are asked to meet in the W. M. U. Room at 5:00.

RESERVE

MONDAY, APRIL 30

for

OFFICERS' COUNCIL MEETING

LIBRARY NOTES

GOOD BOOKS TO READ

"Take a Second Look at Yourself" by Miller.

"The Art of Counseling" by May.

"The Fine Art of Living Together" by Beaven.

"The Kingdom of God" by Bright.

"A World In Travail" by Maston.

"How To Speak in Public" by Kirkpatrick.

"Time To Remember" by Lloyd Douglas.

"Life At 80" by Flake.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Sacred Heart Hospital—Mr. Clarence Dannelly. Baptist Hospital—Mrs. Espin Bullock, Mrs. W. D. Johnson, James Duncan. Escambia General Hospital—Mrs. Cecilia Browning. Home from Hospital—Mr. G. C. Payne. Illat Home—George Brooks 1400 N. Spring Street; Mrs. W. W. Foster, 131 South "L" Street; Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Lenz, 542 Barrancas Avenue.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. John Blair, 315 Melton Road, on the birth of their son, Samuel Lawrence, on April 14.



Sermon Topics

8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

"Before And After"

Luke 15:24

7:30 P.M.

"A Program For
Prejudice"

Acts 1:8

MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS ATTENDANCE

Sunbeams	41
Girl's Auxiliary	36
Junior R. A.'s	16
Intermediate R. A.'s	10
Young Men's Brotherhood	3
Y. W. A.'s	6
TOTAL	112

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1027
Members present	975
New Members	4
Visitors	48
(Attendance one year ago	1100)
Circle Baptist Chapel	165
North Hill Baptist Chapel	104
Escambia County Jail	20
Total Sunday School Attendance	1316
Training Union Attendance	227
Members Present	197
New Members	7
Visitors	23
(Attendance one year ago	287)
Circle Baptist Chapel	69
North Hill Baptist Chapel	50
Total Training Union Attendance	346
Additions to church membership.....	7
Baptized	10
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$2,947.06
(Circle	\$257.02)
(North Hill	\$169.01)
Specials	135.67
(Circle57)
(North Hill	7.20)
Organ Fund	59.09
Building, First Baptist	637.71
(\$30.00 in memory of Dr. W. H. Coker, Sr., Mr. Claude Ware, Mr. E. G. Newman)	
Building, Circle Chapel	38.34
Building, North Hill	8.50
TOTAL OFFERING	\$3,826.23



FIRST BAPTIST (Letter)

146. Miss Ann Nichols, 1600 W. Chase St.
147. Mrs. W. C. Williams, 315 Payne Rd.
148. Mr. Donald Edmund Thomas, 1821 E. Avery Street.

FIRST BAPTIST (For Baptism)

58. Miss Diane Stewart, 916 E. Lakeview.
CIRCLE BAPTIST (Baptism)
59. Bobby Connors, 500 First Street, Jackson Hts.

NORTH HILL CHAPEL (Baptism)

60. Mrs. Vaughn Watson, 710 W. Jackson Street.
61. Mr. Vaughn C. Watson, 710 W. Jackson Street.

TEN BAPTIZED SUNDAY, APRIL 15

First Baptist: Mrs. G. M. Leavines, Mrs. Ben Stephens, Miss Pam Alexander, Miss Jo Ann Wood, Miss Misa Brooks, Miss Diane Stewart.

Circle Chapel: Alvin Reeder, Leonard Kersey, Pat Sweeney, Bobby Connors.

REDEDICATION

Jimmy Taylor, Patsy Calhoun.

THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, APRIL 22—

- 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. 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.—“Christian Leadership” Class taught by Mrs. Keene.
Convention Classroom.
7:30 P.M.—Evening Worship. Pastor.
8:30 P.M.—Intermediate-Senior Teentime.
W. M. U. Room.

MONDAY, APRIL 23—

- 9:30 A.M.—Teaching Clinic Continuation Class. W. M. U. Room.
6:30 P.M.—Y. W. A. and Young Men's Brotherhood Supper and Supper.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24—

- 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.—Beginner Sunbeams.
4:00 P.M.—Primary Sunbeams.
4:00 P.M.—Junior and Intermediate G. A.'s, Junior R. A.'s meet at church.
7:30 P.M.—Sunday School Superintendents. W. M. U. Room.

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY W. M. U. STATE CONVENTION. ST. PETERSBURG

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25—

- 5:30 P.M.—Intermediate R. A.'s.
6:00 P.M.—Sunday School Teachers and Officers' Meeting begins with Supper. Primary III Dept. serving.
6:45 P.M.—Concord Choir Rehearsal.
7:45 P.M.—Prayer Service.
Rev. Charles Shirley.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26—

- 9:30 A.M.—Church-wide VISITATION.
6:30 P.M.—Church Choir Supper.
6:45 P.M.—VISITATION STUDY.
7:30 P.M.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27—

- 7:15 A.M.—Morning Watch. North Hill.
SATURDAY, APRIL 28—
9:00 A.M.—Carol Choir Rehearsal.

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