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MAKING YOUR HOUSE A HOME A Christian Emphasis

Sunday Morning, May 6, 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

Dedication of Children

Sermon: MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS, Pastor

Monday, May 7

Family-At-Home Night

Tuesday, May 8

The Christian at the Poll — Vote

10:00 A.M., WMS — Mrs. Howard Reeves

Wednesday, May 9

7:45 P.M.—Family Prayer Time

Thursday, May 10

7:00 P.M.—Parent-Workers Night At Church

Sunday, May 13

Mother's Day—Hospital Offering



OUR BUILDING FUND TO DATE

Given to date.....	\$423,410.87
Borrowed.....	165,100.00
TOTAL.....	\$591,510.87
Payment to Contractor.....	\$526,398.57
Payment to Architect.....	35,952.33
Equipment & Furnishings.....	3,600.00
Interest on Loan.....	967.29
Other Expense.....	623.00
TOTAL.....	\$567,541.52
BALANCE.....	\$ 23,969.35

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

Last week in Andalusia was a delightful personal experience though the visible results of the revival were very few. Thank you for remembering the pastor in prayer.

Mrs. Howard Reeves, wife of the minister at the First Baptist Church, Mobile, is to be the guest speaker at the W. M. S. Meeting on Tuesday. She is the daughter of a Baptist minister and a writer for Southern Baptist periodicals, especially *Home Life*. She is to speak on "The Christian Home."

Vote your convictions and preferences at the polls on Tuesday. As a Christian citizen cherish and utilize your heritage.

The General Board of the Florida Baptist State Convention is meeting on Friday in Jacksonville. Your pastor will attend this meeting, as well as two committee gatherings on Thursday.

Mr. Bizzell was named the President of the Training Union District Convention during its session in Milton last week. We are happy to have him serve in this capacity. And I have been hearing that he brought an excellent message at the evening hour last Sunday!

Some people's religion is just like a wooden leg. There is neither warmth nor life in it; and, although it helps them to hobble along, it never becomes a part of them, but has to be strapped on every morning.—Information.

Dedication of Children—At both Morning Services Sunday we will have a service of dedication for parents who desire to bring their babies for such a service. We are asking that parents and babies meet in the Lower Auditorium at 8:30 or at 11:00.

Sermon Topics

8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

"Memories Are Made Of This" — II Timothy 1:5-6
7:30 P.M.

"Our Strange Refusal To Accept Responsibility"
Matthew 21:30

GOOD NEWS

We are happy to announce that we will have a full week this summer for Junior Camp and a full week for Youth Camp.

August 6-10, Youth Camp.

August 13-17, Junior Camp.



Music Notes

Our Young People, ages 17-24, will meet for a few minutes immediately after the evening service Sunday evening to discuss the plausibility of having a Young People's Choir on Sunday afternoon. The rehearsal of this choir will conclude in time to have a Fellowship Period before the Training Union hour. All Young People are urged to be present for this meeting Sunday night.

The CHERUB CHOIR will have a party next Friday afternoon, May 11, at Bayview Park. Games, food and fun will be had by all. All members of the Choir are urged to plan to go. Mothers will be needed to help.

Have YOU kept your choir's attendance record DOWN. You will make it go UP if YOU are present—100% is the goal. It can't be done without YOU!

OUR RECORD LAST WEEK

	En.	Pct.	Atten.	rolled Pres.	Loss	Gain
Church Choir	22	39	56%	4%		
Senior Ensemble			No rehearsal last week.			
Concord Choir	20	girls 22	71.5%	8%		
Carol Choir	31	49	63%	9%		
Cherub Choir	22	40	55%	6%		
Celestial Choir	10	22	48%	14%		
	105	182	59%	5%		

A singing church is a successful church. Music is the one art we know exists in Heaven. Harmony is a great basis of unity, for music knows no particular country; it is universal. Music touches all phases of life, sanctifies it, and uplifts it.

The Bible saints sang—Miriam, Hannah, David, Mary and Simeon. Paul and Silas with their feet in stocks woke to sing praises although their backs were bleeding with the stripes they had suffered for the testimony of the Lord.

"The distinct purpose of sacred song is to lead men and women to Christ. If it fails here, it is a failure indeed. The Choir is for the purpose of leading the singing, not for doing the singing for the congregation. Anthems and other special music are provided for the choir to give inspiration and to teach the beauty of worship."—Copied.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers are being placed in the auditorium Sunday by Mrs. R. C. White in memory of her husband, Mr. White.

VISITATION

THE POWER OF THE PERSONAL TOUCH

There were 222 persons who filled out Visitors' Cards in our services during April. Forty-two of these are definite prospects for membership in our church.

Let's make every effort to contact these!

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

A special meeting of the Youth Council and the Superintendents and Directors of Intermediate, Senior, and Young People's Departments will be held Sunday afternoon, 5:00 P.M., in the W. M. U. Room.

We are also asking that members of the committees who have worked on the Morning Watch Services attend.

MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS ATTENDANCE

Sunbeams	45
Girl's Auxiliary	36
Junior R. A.'s	9
Intermediate R. A.'s	7
TOTAL	97

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our 1956 Vacation Bible School will be held June 11-22, with Preparation Day on June 8.

We are in need of dedicated and consecrated workers who are willing to give of themselves, their talents, and their time for this important work. Nothing that you could do this summer would bring such rich rewards to you and to the Kingdom of God.

Don't wait to be asked. Volunteer your services now by calling Mr. Bizzell or by turning in your name Sunday.

Our next meeting of workers is Monday, May 7, 9:30-11:00 A.M.

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THE SURVEY BULLETIN

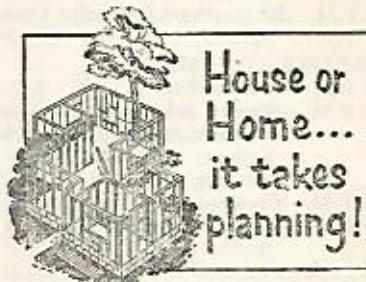
W. W. Willian, Florida pioneer Sunday school and Training Union leader and state secretary for many years before his retirement, died April 5, at Jacksonville, Florida.

The First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, registered on March 25 a record Sunday school attendance of 6,216—4,840 in the main school and 1,376 in its six missions. Training Union attendance on that Sunday was 1,772.

Funds for use by Southern Baptist Convention boards, agencies, and institutions so far this year are running 12.29 per cent ahead of the first three-month period in 1955. For March, 1956, receipts totaling \$1,786,106 were received — \$1,082,6602 through the Cooperative Program and \$703,604 by designations.

Enrollments in Southern Baptist colleges and school reached a record total of 53,682 for 1955-56, surpassing by 3,602 the previous high of 1954-55. This nonduplicating net total does not include 7,772 students in special, noncredit or extension classes, or 3,135 students enrolled in the Seminary Extension Department. For the fifth year in succession, enrollments of ministerial students reached a new record. The 1955-56 total of 10,782, surpassing by 323 the 1954-55 figure of 10,454, includes 3,894 in the seminaries, 6,448 in the colleges, and 440 in the academics and Bible schools.

The enrollment in Roman Catholic schools and colleges has reached a record of 4,500,000, and is expected to reach an additional million by 1980. The growth of Catholic schools has been about 10% per cent in the last twenty-five years.



PARENT - WORKER'S NIGHT AT CHURCH

Thursday, May 10

7:00 — Assembly in Church Auditorium. Message by Pastor.

7:30 — Open House in Departments. Nursery through Senior.
(Seniors will have Open House in the W. M. U. Room).

8:00 — Social Period. Lower Auditorium.

All Sunday School members, parents, and friends are cordially invited.

THE KING'S BUSINESS

CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 6—

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
 2:30 P.M.—Associational Hymn Sing. Olive.
 3:30 P.M.—Baptist Hour on WEAR.
 5:00 P.M.—Senior Ensemble Rehearsal.
 5:00 P.M.—Youth Council Meeting.
 6:10 P.M.—Training Union for all ages. A. Haywood Arnold, Director.
 6:10 P.M.—Teaching Clinic Continuation Class taught by Mr. Bizzell. Convention Classroom.
 6:10 P.M.—New Members' Class.
 7:30 P.M.—Evening Worship. Pastor.
 8:30 P.M.—Intermediate-Senior Teentime. W. M. U. Room.

MONDAY, MAY 7—

FAMILY-AT-HOME NIGHT

9:30 A.M.—Vacation Bible School Department Textbook Study.
 2:00 P.M.—Mary Martha Class will meet with Mrs. J. A. Frye, 1012 North Palafox Street

TUESDAY, MAY 8—

7:15 A.M.—Morning Watch.
 10:00 A.M.—W. M. S. Monthly Meeting. Business, Program and Bible Study.
 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.
 4:15 P.M.—Celestial Choir Rehearsal.
 7:30 P.M.—Brotherhood Executive Committee.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9—

6:00 P.M.—Intermediate R. A.'s.
 6:00 P.M.—Sunday School Teachers and Officers' Meeting begins with Supper. Junior II Dept. Serving.
 6:45 P.M.—Concord Choir Rehearsal.
 6:45 P.M.—Y. W. A. and Young Men's Brotherhood.

7:45 P.M.—Prayer Service.

THURSDAY, MAY 10—

9:15 A.M.—Mary Martha Class meets at the church for visitation and at noon at the cottage of Mrs. W. L. Greer, 106 Oriole Drive, Pensacola Beach, for a covered-dish luncheon.
 9:15 A.M.—VISITATION STUDY.
 7:00 P.M.—PARENT-WORKER NIGHT at church. Assembly in Auditorium.
 7:30 P.M.—Open House in Departments.
 8:00 P.M.—Social Period. Lower Auditorium.

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	989
Members Present.....	939
New Members.....	3
Visitors.....	47
(Attendance one year ago.....	1048)
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	145
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	119
Escambia County Jail.....	22
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	1275
Training Union Attendance.....	273
Members Present.....	250
New Members.....	1
Visitors.....	27
(Attendance one year ago.....	285)
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	74
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	71
Total Training Union Attendance.....	423
Additions to church membership.....	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget.....	\$2,525.48
(Circle.....	\$168.12)
(North Hill.....	\$109.81)
Specials.....	227.13
(Circle.....	\$ 5.84)
Organ Fund.....	1,000.00
Building Fund, First Baptist.....	779.60
Building Fund, Circle Chapel.....	15.00
Building Fund, North Hill Chapel.....	24.50
Total Offering.....	\$4,571.71



FIRST BAPTIST (Letter)

152. Mrs. Jordan J. Ham, 1801 Yates Avenue.
 153. Mrs. Voncile M. Avery, 12 East Gadsden Street.
 CIRCLE CHAPEL (for baptism)
 62. Mr. J. W. Derrington, 211 Rue Max.
 63. Miss Debbie Derrington, 211 Rue Max.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Baptist Hospital—Mr. B. B. Steele, Mrs. J. L. Ingram. Sacred Heart Hospital—Mrs. B. T. Renfroe. Home from Hospital—Mrs. William Hull, 100 W. Jackson, Mrs. Marie Reynolds, 1724 E. LaRue Street. Ill at Home—Frank Brooks, 1400 N. Spring Street, O. C. Butler, 3460 Bayou Drive, Mrs. Minnie Cooper, 803 N. 6th Avenue.

7:30 P.M.—Church Choir Rehearsal. Church Auditorium.

FRIDAY, MAY 11—
 7:15 A.M.—Morning Watch. North Hill.
 4:00 P.M.—Cherub Choir Party.

SATURDAY, MAY 12—
 9:00 A.M.—Carol Choir Rehearsal.