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MAKING A MESS OF LIFE

Dr. Perry F. Webb tells how.

FOLLOW the line of least resistance. Be neutral on Moral, Spiritual, and Religious issues. Straddle the fence.

ALIENATE yourself from church membership. Go to church when you "feel" like it and when it is most convenient. Disregard the mid-week prayer meeting.

INDULGE your carnal appetites. Take it easy on Sunday; it is a rest day. Be lazy, be selfish. Accept the pleasures offered by the world.

LOOK at the inconsistencies and sins of others. Pick flaws, find fault, and criticize. Ignore your own faults.

UNITE with worldly organizations. Join some good lodge; be a member of some club or fraternity. They do lots of good, and you don't have to be narrow either.

RUN around with carnal believers and worldlings. Don't bring religion into your social life. Make intimate friendship with their attitude toward Christ.

ECLIPSE your salvation with business interests. You have a living to make and a home to keep. Work overtime on Sundays because it will make you more money. Get dollars. Business first.



OUR BUILDING FUND

Given to Date.....	\$442,589.82
Borrowed	235,100.00
TOTAL	\$677,689.82
Payment to Contractor.....	\$615,916.09
Payment to Architect.....	35,952.66
Equipment & Furnishings.....	3,783.00
Interest on Loan.....	3,341.22
Other Expense.....	1,987.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$660,982.97
Balance	\$ 16,706.85

REV. DONALD ACKLAND TO PREACH SUNDAY

Rev. Donald F. Ackland will be the preacher for all of the services next Sunday.

Rev. Ackland is Editor of Devotional Materials and General Tracts for the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee. He is the editor of **OPEN WINDOWS** which many of our people read. Dr. Ackland was the devotional speaker at the Florida Baptist Convention meeting in Lakeland last November.

Our people who have heard him at Ridgecrest and other places assure us of splendid messages Sunday.

Let's have good attendance at all of the services!



THE SURVEY BULLETIN

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in its June meeting, appointed thirteen young people for overseas service, bringing the total number of active missionaries to 1,067.

More than ninety-three cents of every dollar received last year by the Foreign Mission Board went directly to mission fields—or \$10,017,383 out of \$10,736,271. Less than three cents of the dollar went for administrative expenses; slightly more than three cents, for promotion of the Board's work; and slightly more than half a penny of the Board's dollar went for general expenses.

Offenses related to alcoholic beverages caused 59 per cent of all arrests in the United States last year, the Methodist Board of Temperance reports. These arrests totaled 1,099,255 of the overall 1,861,764.

According to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C., philanthropic giving in 1954, latest year for which figures are available, reached an estimated record of \$5,401,000,000, of which churches and other religious agencies received \$2,850,000,000, or fifty-three cents of every dollar. In 1945, of \$3,299,000,000 contributed, only \$1,158,000,000, or a little more than a third, went to religious groups.

The American Baptist Convention, meeting in Seattle, Washington, has reported that Sunday school enrollment now exceeds the million mark for the first time in fourteen years. A unified budget of \$8,764,527 for 1957 has been adopted—

WEST FLORIDA ASSEMBLY

The following young people from our church will be leaving Monday to attend West Florida Assembly:

Jimmy King
Timmy Gammell
Don Thomas
Lon Roberts, III
Ted Andrews
Joe Boykin, Jr.
Sarah Jean Williams
Betty Lawhon
Jane Wamble
Henry Hardin (from Brownsville Baptist)
Dickie Lastinger (from Hillcrest Baptist)
Lois Barrington (from North Hill Chapel)
Mr. and Mrs. Westmoreland (Faculty)
Mrs. W. G. Jackson (Faculty)

Let us pray for them as they represent us there.

This group will meet for a few minutes at the close of the Service Sunday Evening.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING AWARDS EARNED

October 1—June 30, 1956

First Baptist Church.....	264
Circle Chapel.....	9
North Hill Chapel.....	23

TOTAL	296
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\$750,000 more than the 1956 budget. Also, a reorganization plan designed to eliminate duplication of activities and authority within the Convention was adopted at the 49th annual meeting.



ATTEND PRAYER SERVICE
Wednesday Night
Speaker: Dr. Henry L. Ashmore

MY FIRST VACATION THOUGHT

Let me see . . .
What ought I do first,
As I plan my vacation,
Hmmmmmm. Let me think . . .
Sure! That's it!
"I must secure someone
To take my place while I
Am on Vacation!
Oh, my position may not
Sound so important —
BUT my church has a lot of
Faith in me . . . I just
Could not fail."
PRAYER: "Oh God, Give our
Church many such members."

—Selected.



In order for our church to have a more effective Youth Choir program during and after the Vacation Music Program we must have an active **CHOIR MOTHERS** organization to assist the Minister of Music in his work with these young people. Some of the duties of this group would be to monitor rehearsals, help maintain accurate attendance records, plan social activities, oversee the maintenance of vestments, devotional leadership, provide transportation for rehearsals, aid with passing out and collecting materials, etc. etc. etc. The choir mothers are truly the right arm of the Minister of Music and are greatly needed for a successful program. Anyone interested in serving the church in this important activity may contact Mr. Westmoreland or call the church office as soon as possible.

The Westmorelands will leave Monday for the West Florida Assembly in Panama City, where they will assist in the music program. The opportunity of helping our Young People is pleasant to anticipate as well as fraught with responsibility. You will want to remember them in your prayers during the week. Mrs. Jackson will also be a faculty member and will appreciate your remembering her.

The Vacation Music Program is progressing nicely but we can accommodate twice as many. When you are in town send or bring your child. He will not only enjoy himself, but will also learn a great deal. It gives him an outlet for some of his unbounded energy. Mothers! Take advantage of your opportunities!

BROTHERHOOD MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 17
7:00 P.M.

(Brotherhood Choir Rehearsal at 6:15)

Program: "Our Local Mission Work"

Rev. W. Frank Bledsoe, Pastor of Circle Baptist Chapel will speak.

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	484
Members Present	430
New Members	3
Visitors	51
Circle Baptist Chapel	109
North Hill Baptist Chapel	52
Escambia County Jail	28

TOTAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

673

Training Union Attendance.....

228

Members Present194

New Members 4

Visitors 30

Circle Baptist Chapel 63

North Hill Baptist Chapel 60

Total Training Union Attendance..... 351

Additions to church membership..... 1

Tithes and Offerings:

Budget\$2,332.56

(Circle Chapel\$243.70)

(North Hill 97.49)

Specials 56.35

First Baptist Building 801.10

Circle Chapel Building 49.00

North Hill Building Fund 3.50

TOTAL OFFERING\$3,242.51

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Baptism—First Baptist

82. Mr. Michael Littleton, Special Service,

N. A. S.

SIX BAPTIZED SUNDAY—CIRCLE

CHAPEL

Mrs. C. H. Harper, Miss Rebecca

Harper, Miss Marcia Barnes, Mr. Joe

Wheeler Barnes, Mr. J. W. Derrington,

Miss Debbie Derrington.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Baptist Hospital

—Mr. Wilberne Wallace. Home from Hos-

pital—Mr. Thomas Nabers, Dr. R. A.

Brown, III at Home—Mr. and Mrs. T. B.

Lucas, Mr. George Reed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and

Mrs. Thomas V. McVoy, 125 State Street,

on the birth of their son.

WEDDING BELLS TO: Mr. and Mrs.

Adrian Kendrick (former Miss Dorothy

Ruchman) on their recent marriage.

SYMPATHY TO: Mr. and Mrs. F. G.

Smalley in the loss of his father. Rev. John

D. Wiggins in the loss of his stepfather.

MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

ATTENDANCE

Sunbeams25

Girl's Auxiliary23

Junior R. A.'s 6

Y. W. A.'s 6

Intermediate R. A.'s 4

TOTAL67

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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. Blizzell, Assistant to Pastor HE 3-2520

Frank Bledsoe, Mission Pastor.....GL 5-5226

W. J. Runnels, Mission Pastor.....HE 3-2872

Dr. G. J. Rousseau, Pastor Emeritus

T. H. Westmoreland, Minister of

MusicHE 8-0415

Mrs. T. H. Westmoreland, Organist.....HE 8-0415

Eloise Hughes, Pastor's Secretary.....HE 3-3419

Winona King, Financial Sec'y.....HE 3-6035

Lorraine Worley, Educational Sec'y HE 3-6465

Mrs. S. L. Fulghum, Receptionist.....HE 2-7032

Ernest Barrineau, Treasurer.....HE 2-5079

THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, JULY 15—

8:30 A.M.—Early Morning Worship.

Rev. Donald Ackland.

9:40 A.M.—Sunday School for all ages.

Theron Guthrie, Supt.

11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship. Donald

Ackland.

3:30 P.M.—Baptist Hour on WEAR.

5:30 P.M.—Senior Ensemble Rehearsal.

5:30 P.M.—Young People's Choir Re-

hearsal.

6:40 P.M.—Training Union for all ages.

A. Haywood Arnold, Director.

8:00 P.M.—Evening Worship. Rev. Don-

ald Ackland.

9:00 P.M.—Intermediate-Senior Teentime.

W. M. U. Room.

TUESDAY, JULY 17—

9:30 A.M.—Sunbeams, Junior and Inter-

mediate C. A.'s, Junior R. A.'s

meet at church.

10:30 A.M.—Vacation Music Program.

6:15 P.M.—Brotherhood Choir Rehearsal.

7:00 P.M.—Brotherhood Supper Meeting.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18—

6:00 P.M.—Sunday School Teachers and

Officers' Meeting begins with

supper. Dorcas Class serving

6:30 P.M.—Intermediate R. A. meeting.

6:45 P.M.—Y. W. A. and Young Men's

Brotherhood Meeting.

6:45 P.M.—Concord Choir Rehearsal.

7:45 P.M.—Prayer Service. Dr. Henry

Ashmore, leading

THURSDAY JULY 19—

9:30 A.M.—Visitation.

10:00 A.M.—Cradle Roll Meeting.

7:00 P.M.—Visitation.

7:30 P.M.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

DON'T FORGET

First Baptist Church

YOUTH CAMP — August 6-10

JUNIOR CAMP — August 13-17

Reservations Should Be Made NOW.