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Pastor Preaches Sunday

OUR MISTAKES AND GOD

Our mistakes won't irreparably damage our lives unless we let them. It is said that in making Persian rugs the artist stands before the rug while a group of boys stands behind to pull the thread after the artist starts it. If one of the boys makes a mistake, the artist adjusts the pattern accordingly so that when the rug is finished no one can tell where the mistake was made. The same kind of adjustment will take place in our lives if we will but let go of the mental thread of each mistake and let God weave it into a successful, orderly pattern.

—James E. Sweaney

We are happy to remind you that the Pastor will preach at all services Sunday.

8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

"THE AUTHENTIC NOTE"—John 1:6

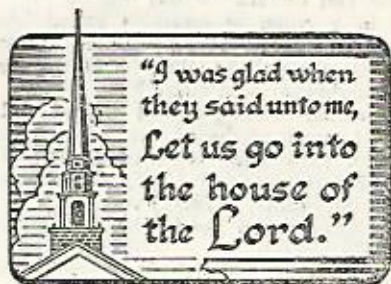
Read John 1:6-8, 19-36

8:00 P.M.

"THE GREAT BORROWER"—

Matthew 21:2-3

Read Matthew 21:1-11



Sunday is a good time to bring your friends with you to the house of the Lord. Help them to say, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1.



OUR BUILDING FUND

Given to Date.....\$445,081.78
Borrowed 235,100.00

TOTAL.....\$680,181.78
Payment to Contractor.....\$615,916.09
Payment to Architect..... 35,952.66
Equipment and Furnishings..... 3,786.00
Interest on Loan..... 3,341.22
Other Expense 1,987.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....\$660,982.97
BALANCE\$ 18,734.06

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

Home Again! When you receive this issue of the bulletin, vacation will be over for the pastor and his family. Time to go to work! Let's go!

My Preaching this fall and winter will be marked in part by our entrance into the new building. The last Sunday morning service in the old building will find us using the title, "Our Father's God". A series of three messages, "Symbols of Our Faith", will deal with scriptures involved in the symbols over the front doors of the new sanctuary. Another series of three messages, "Scriptures In Stone", will grow out of the passages inscribed over three of the other doors. Two groups of sermons will deal with the symbols portrayed in the stained glass windows. One will be called "A Story From Palestine" and the other, "Letting the Light Shine Through."

Your Help will be needed in the preparation of three messages that I plan to bring in September on "Favorite Texts In the Bible". I am asking that members of the congregation indicate their favorite texts at the services August 5. A blank will be provided on the Order of Service. You may be thinking about this between now and Sunday so that you will be prepared to indicate your favorite.

The Ten Commandments will be considered in a group of messages called "Anchors For the Storm." The series will answer the general question, "Will the Ten Commandments hold today?"

Individual Messages will probably be brought sometime during the fall and winter with such titles as "Military Morals", "The Extravagance of God", "When God Reads Statistics", "The Eyes of Jesus", "Born Rationalizers", and "The People Who Forgot".

You Will Understand that a minister's tentative planning of his preaching during his vacation is subject to change as the Holy Spirit leads. Certainly all of us would like to feel that the pastor is speaking under divine direction and not just as one man to others. One purpose of a minister's vacation is to give him an opportunity to "stand off" and look at himself, his people, what they have done or failed to do, and what they ought to be and do. Above all, it is a time for him to look again to Jesus for guidance as he prepares himself for preaching. The tentative plans that I have made are a result of looking to the Lord.

DON'T MOVE

without letting the church office know your new address and telephone number.



Music Notes

Well! What do you know! The summer is almost past and it is time to be thinking of the new church year. Sunday School and Training Union Officers and Teachers, mothers and fathers, W. M. U. and Brotherhood Officers, **EVERYBODY — SEPTEMBER IS CHURCH MUSIC MONTH!** All choirs will resume work the first week in September. Workers are needed in every choir—choir directors, accompanists, choir mothers and sponsors, teachers, programs to be planned and a thousand other jobs. If you have any musical talent or are interested in music please contact your minister of music now.

Note: Concord Choir, Senior Ensemble and Young People's Choir will be "on vacation" during the month of August. Let's plan now to have a large increase in attendance in each of these choirs.

VISITATION

During the month of July there were 279 Visitor's Cards signed in the Worship Services. Fifty-two of these are definite prospects for our church.

We need to go and visit these. Prospect cards have been placed on the VISITATION BOARD. Sunday School classes ought to check their prospects regularly.



ring it often

Mr. and Mrs. Tate Bousman
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Nancye Carole

to

Mr. Allen Jennings Owens, II

on Saturday, the fourth of August
at half after seven o'clock in the
evening

First Baptist Church
Pensacola, Florida

and afterwards at the reception
Lower Auditorium

YOUTH CAMP — AUGUST 6-10

We can still take some Intermediates and Seniors in the YOUTH CAMP. If you would like to go and have not made your reservations, please let us know before Sunday. We will leave the church at 9:00 a.m. Monday.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RETREAT — AUGUST 10-11

The Retreat Friday and Saturday, August 10-11, at Camp Glory is for single young people, 17-24. The theme will be "CHRISTIANITY IN ACTION." A good program has been planned, and all young people are urged to attend. The cost will be \$2.00 per person. Please make your reservation in Sunday School or Training Union Sunday, or through the Church Office.

CHURCH NIGHT

Friday night will be CHURCH NIGHT at Camp. The public is cordially invited to attend the Evening Service beginning at 7:00 p.m. Rev. W. Hal Hunter, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Crestview, will speak.

JUNIOR CAMP — AUGUST 13-17

To be held at Camp Glory, Perdido Beach, Alabama

Cost \$10.00

Reservations must be in by Sunday, August 5.



WAYNE CRAIG
of Alexandria, Louisiana
Student at Southern Seminary
Louisville, Kentucky



ADALBERTO RIUSECH
Habana, Cuba



Training Union

There were 48 people present for our Training Union Workers Council Meeting Monday night. This was good considering the fact that this is July and that there were 12 of our faithful members at Ridgecrest.

More of our leaders and members are beginning to see the importance of definite visitation. At least 12 of our people went

out visiting last Thursday in the interest of our Training Union.

We're on the right track. Let's just get moving!

TRAINING UNION AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

	'53	'54	'55	'56
July	274	222	209	209
August	274	251	241	?

CAMP COUNSELORS' MEETING

We are asking all of those who are to serve on the staff for either of the camps to meet Sunday afternoon, 3:00 p.m. in the Lower Auditorium.

THE KING'S BUSINESS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3—

2:30 p.m.—Willing Workers Class will meet with Mrs. J. T. Mackey, 922 N. 19th Avenue, for business meeting and social.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5—

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 on WEAR.

6:40 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.

A. Haywood Arnold, Director.

8:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.

9:00 p.m.—Intermediate-Senior Tecntime.

W. M. U. Room.

MONDAY, AUGUST 6—

7:30 p.m.—Mary Martha Class will meet at the home of Mrs. Lois Everett, 1324 E. Bobe Street, for social and business meeting.

7:30 p.m.—Elizabeth Province Circle meets with Mrs. E. A. Allen, 100 W. Brainerd.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7—

9:30 a.m.—Sunbeams, Junior and Intermediate G. A.'s, Junior R. A.'s meet at church.

10:00 a.m.—Glen Bridges Circle meets with Mrs. E. J. Buchanan, 1500 W. LaRue Street.

10:00 a.m.—T. C. Calloway Circle meets with Mrs. A. C. Johnson, Jr., 319 Ariola Avenue, Granada.

10:00 a.m.—Virginia Cobb Circle meets with Mrs. Raymond Edwards, 1517 E. Brainerd Street.

10:00 a.m.—Jane Hickman Circle meets with Mrs. R. C. Keith, 1501 E. Brainerd Street.

10:00 a.m.—R. C. Moore Circle meets at church.

10:00 a.m.—Bernice Neel Circle meets with Mrs. N. C. McMillan, 1002 N. Baylen.

10:00 a.m.—Laura Frances Snow Circle meets with Mrs. Chandler Yonge, 2324 E. Lakeview.

10:30 a.m.—Vacation Music Program.

3:00 p.m.—Harvey Headricks Circle meets with Mrs. L. D. Allen, 830 E. Scott.

7:30 p.m.—Brotherhood Executive Committee Meeting at the church.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8—

6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Teachers and Officers' meeting begins with supper. Friendly Class serving.

6:30 p.m.—Intermediate R. A. meeting.

6:45 p.m.—Y. W. A. and Young Men's Brotherhood meeting.

7:45 p.m.—Prayer Service. Pastor.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9—

9:30 a.m.—Church-wide Visitation.

9:30 a.m.—Mary Martha Class meets at church for visitation and at

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance..... 887

Members Present 801

New Members 0

Visitors 86

Attendance one year ago..... 934

Circle Baptist Chapel..... 149

North Hill Baptist Chapel..... 99

Escambia County Jail..... 25

TOTAL Sunday School Attendance..... 1160

Training Union Attendance..... 203

Members Present 181

New Members 1

Visitors 21

Attendance one year ago..... 222

Circle Baptist Chapel..... 59

North Hill Baptist Chapel..... 59

TOTAL Training Union Attendance.... 321

Tithes and Offerings:

Budget \$2,539.55

(Circle Chapel \$143.32)

(North Hill 134.97)

Specials 303.50

(North Hill \$ 6.00)

Organ Fund 20.00

Building Fund, First Baptist..... 464.75

Building Fund, North Hill..... 23.50

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Sacred Heart Hospital—W. A. Webb. Baptist Hospital—Wilson Harris. Touro Infirmary (New Orleans)—Mr. E. E. Lawrence. Home from Hospital—Rev. A. M. Smith, Dickie Creel, Mrs. Maude Cassidy.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Dr. and Mrs. William Overman, 618 Lakewood Road, on the birth of their son July 26.

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. W. A. Hibbert in the loss of her brother in Mobile. Mrs. Willard Gillespie in the loss of her mother.

MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS ATTENDANCES

Sunbeams 14

Senior G. A.'s..... 5

Junior R. A.'s..... 8

Intermediate R. A.'s..... 7

Y. W. A.'s..... 4

Total..... 30

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

	'53	'54	'55	'56
July	960	842	896	817
August	986	952	951	?

noon for covered dish luncheon. Place to be announced later.

7:00 p.m.—Church-wide Visitation.

7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10—

7:00 p.m.—Church Night at Youth Camp. Rev. W. Hal Hunter, Speaker.