

# The Baptist Builder

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## Organization Time

"Have you ever been approached by a nominating committee and asked to accept nomination for a place of service in your church? Probably most church members have had such an experience. The way a person reacts to such a request may reveal much about that person. Of course, a committee can be mistaken; but to be thus approached on behalf of one's church is, at least, a challenge to one's best thinking and highest loyalty . . . .

To all nominating committees, we would offer a few simple suggestions: (1) Depend much upon prayer. (2) Be sure to get yourself and all your selfish wishes out of the way so the best interests of the whole church can prevail. (3) Let nothing in the way of personal opinions, likes or dislikes, prevent you from nominating the most capable and worthy person who is available for each position. (4) Consider some of those good people who have not yet been recognized as leaders. (5) Remember that no one person can do everything. Avoid putting too many responsibilities on any person. (6) Be patient with those who decline to accept or defer a decision. They may be wiser and better than you know. (7) Consider your task as a sacred one, and keep at it until it is done to the best of your ability.

To the other members of the church, we would suggest: (1) Give serious consideration to what the committee asks. This might be God's open door for you. Accept it if you can. (2) Be honest about it all and do not accept a position to which you are not willing to give your best. (3) Avoid pride. If you are asked to do a seemingly small thing, it may be bigger than you think; and it might grow under your efforts. (4) Pray about it, and follow the promptings of your mind and heart. (5) If you must decline, do so in a good spirit; and you might be able to give the committee a good suggestion."—S. H. Jones in *The Baptist Courier*.

## Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

**Favorite Passages** — John 3:16 is by far the favorite verse of members of our congregation according to the ballots cast last Sunday. Psalm 23 received second place in the voting. Several other passages were close to third place but the one that received enough votes to give it that place was Philippians 4:13. I plan to prepare three messages using these passages as texts and will bring them to the congregation in September.

Next Week will find our Building Fund gifts passing the \$450,000 mark. This means that we will have qualified to borrow the maximum amount of \$450,000 from the bank—**IF THAT IS NECESSARY**. The “if” in this case depends upon our own Building Fund gifts in the next few months. The completion date on the building should be reached within the next 90 days. Each of us will want to do the best he can in stewardship during the coming days.

**Twenty-four Hours** often afford a minister a variety of activities and experiences. During the first 30 hours that I was back in Pensacola after vacation, I had a wedding rehearsal, a rehearsal dinner, two weddings, two wedding receptions, a call to a hospital emergency room where one of our members lay dead of a heart attack, and hospital calls involving other sick members of our church. Whether the hours bring joy or sadness, your pastor is happy to share your experiences in the Lord. I regret that human limitations make it impossible to answer many opportunities for service that come.

### LAST MINUTE REMINDER

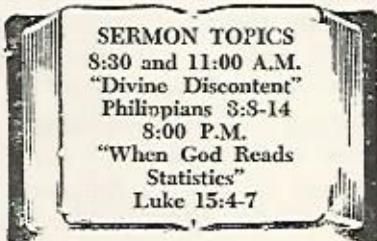
Camp Glory, Friday Night (August 10), Rev. W. Hal Hunter, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Crestview, will speak at the Service beginning at 7:00. The Intermediates and Seniors will return home after this service.



## Music Notes

THE SINGING OF HYMNS is a way that every member of the congregation may contribute actively to the worship experience of a church service. Often we sit back and become “listeners.” Listeners are fine in the proper place. One can learn much about the beauties of music by listening. Music appreciation is not possible without listening. There are, however, times to listen and times to participate. The time to participate is when the hymns are sung. Paul realized the value of the hymn as an integral part of the worship experience when he said to the Corinthians, “What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also; I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.” (1 Corinthians 14:15). To sing a hymn is not enough—we must sing from the heart (led by the Holy Spirit, and the words must have meaning to us). There is much to gain from singing in this manner. The singer feels a definite “lift” and feeling of satisfaction; the people are joined in one great body—they think alike and are spiritually ready to receive the message of the minister. One can forget the cares of worldly matters and prepare himself for a great spiritual experience through the singing of a hymn. The hymns give us the opportunity of sharing together in a great worship experience. One of the Psalms tells us to “let ALL the people SING”! A singing church is a happy church, it has been said, and surely we can profit by so doing.

SERMON TOPICS  
8:30 and 11:00 A.M.  
“Divine Discontent”  
Philippians 3:8-14  
8:00 P.M.  
“When God Reads  
Statistics”  
Luke 15:4-7



### BUILDING FUND

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Given to Date             | \$449,990.43 |
| Borrowed                  | 235,100.00   |
| Total                     | \$685,090.43 |
| Payment to Contractor     | \$615,181.78 |
| 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                   | \$ 24,107.46 |

## Reading Club Honorees



### SUMMER READING CLUB SUCCESSFUL

The "Round-the-World" Summer Reading Club was successfully completed last Wednesday evening with the presentation of a skit entitled "My Favorite Book" and the awarding of Certificates to 35 Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors. Twenty of these received Certificates with an Honor Seal indicating the completion of books totaling 25,000 miles.

#### Honor Seal—(25,000 up)

Joan Bellamy, Sylvia Bernhardt, Judy Bousman, Lynn Brantley, Dannell Danforth, Marcia Dean, Clay Davis, Sandra Fiveash, Joan Hernandez, Robert Hood, Sylvia J. Nabors, Jackie Neuman, Jackie Overman, Jimmy Pipkin, Lon Roberts, David Riddle, Carol Roth, Jimmy Roth, Marsha Smith, Harry Wash.

#### Red Seal—(15,000-20,000)

Marsha Creel, Bill Kreitlein, Sandra Merritt, Pat Nabors.

#### Certificates—(10,000-15,000)

Patsy Calhoun, Theron Guthrie, Jr., Maria Gentry, Allan Kohr, Keith Kenny, Susan Lurton, Grady Merritt, Lynette Overman, Jackie Pipkin, Sandra Wilson, Harrilee Santoro.

### *A Reminder*

Please turn in all Vacation Bible School Textbooks.

### JUNIOR CAMP

Our Juniors leave for Camp Glory Monday Morning, August 13, at 9:00 a.m. Friday Night, August 17, will be PARENTS' NIGHT. The parents and friends are invited to come out for the Evening Service beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Juniors will return home after this service.

Parents are reminded that the girls will need dresses for the Evening Services.



### IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Amzie Wilson

Joined this Church January 21, 1934

Died August 3, 1956

## LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Sunday School Attendance.....               | 932               |
| Members Present .....                       | 838               |
| New Members .....                           | 3                 |
| Visitors .....                              | 91                |
| (Attendance one year ago.....               | 946)              |
| Circle Baptist Chapel.....                  | 134               |
| North Hill Baptist Chapel.....              | 80                |
| Escambia County Jail.....                   | 13                |
| <b>Total Sunday School Attendance.....</b>  | <b>1159</b>       |
| Training Union Attendance.....              | 205               |
| Members Present .....                       | 186               |
| New Members .....                           | 6                 |
| Visitors .....                              | 13                |
| (Attendance one year ago.....               | 257)              |
| Circle Baptist Chapel.....                  | 65                |
| North Hill Baptist Chapel.....              | 37                |
| <b>Total Training Union Attendance.....</b> | <b>307</b>        |
| Additions to church membership.....         | 3                 |
| Tithes and Offerings:                       |                   |
| Budget .....                                | \$3,289.95        |
| (Circle .....                               | \$231.35)         |
| (North Hill .....                           | 123.62)           |
| Specials .....                              | 362.21            |
| (Circle .....                               | .16)              |
| (North Hill .....                           | 4.00)             |
| Building, First Baptist.....                | 4,908.65          |
| Building, Circle Chapel.....                | 17.00             |
| Building, North Hill.....                   | 4.50              |
| <b>TOTAL OFFERING .....</b>                 | <b>\$8,582.31</b> |
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214. Don Jensen, 1823 North 9th Street.  
 215. C. W. Wright, 401 N. Baylen Street.  
 (Circle Chapel—Baptism)  
 87. Jimmy Harper, 1402 N. 48th.  
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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Baptist Hospital—  
 Dickie Creel, III At Home—Mrs. Vivian  
 Gordon, 1400 E. Bobe Street. Home  
 from Hospital—Wilson Harris, 1900 E.  
 Lakeview.

SYMPATHY TO: Mr. Wiley McDavid in  
 the loss of his sister. The Ed W. Peake  
 Family in the loss of Mrs. Ed W. Peake,  
 Sr.

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## MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS ATTENDANCE

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Sunbeams .....      | 32        |
| Junior R. A.'s..... | 5         |
| G. A.'s .....       | 13        |
| <b>Total.....</b>   | <b>50</b> |

## THE BAPTIST BUILDER

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 Circle Chapel Office.....GL 5-8270  
 North Hill Chapel Office.....HE 3-0222

## THE KING'S BUSINESS

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 12—

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.—Planning Committee for  
 Morning Watch.  
 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 Teentime.  
 W. M. U. Room.

AUGUST 12 through 18 is  
 SUNBEAM FOCUS WEEK

### MONDAY, AUGUST 13—

7:30 p.m.—Deacons' Meeting.  
 7:30 p.m.—Associational Training Union  
 Meeting, Pleasant Hill.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 14—

9:30 a.m.—Sunbeams, Junior and Inter-  
 mediate G. A.'s, Junior R. A.'s  
 meet at church.  
 10:00 a.m.—W. M. S. Monthly Meeting.  
 Program, Business and Bible  
 Study.  
 10:30 a.m.—Summer Music Program.  
 12:15 p.m.—W. M. S. Luncheon.  
 6:30 p.m.—Eleanor O'Haver Howell Cir-  
 cle meets with Mrs. Bennie  
 Swain, 1121 Barcia Drive.  
 7:30 p.m.—Friendly Class meets at church  
 7:30 p.m.—Ernelle Brooks BWC meets  
 with Miss Laura Lynn, 725  
 N. 8th Avenue.  
 7:30 p.m.—Bill Cowleys Circle meets with  
 Mrs. Lois Everett, 1321 East  
 Bobe.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15—

6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Teachers and  
 Officers' Meeting begins with  
 supper. J. O. Y. Class serving.  
 6:30 p.m.—Intermediate R. A. Meeting.  
 6:45 p.m.—Concord Choir.  
 6:45 p.m.—Y. W. A. and Young Men's  
 Brotherhood Meeting.  
 7:45 p.m.—Prayer Service and Business  
 Conference.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 16—

9:30 a.m.—Woman's Bible Class mee's at  
 the church for visitation.  
 9:30 a.m.—Church-wide Visitation.  
 10:00 a.m.—Cradle Roll Meeting.  
 7:00 p.m.—VISITATION.  
 7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.