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I Am a Junior Boy

Last Sunday night I thought I'd go to church. My buddy went to the movies and wanted me to go along, but I didn't think I ought to go, so I went to church.

I looked for my Sunday School teacher, but he wasn't there.

I looked for a couple of deacons I know, but they weren't there.

I looked for my mother's Sunday School teacher who has called at our house, but she wasn't there.

I guess they don't think that church on Sunday night is important.

—Copied



BUILDING FUND

Given to Date.....	\$455,813.66
Borrowed from Bank.....	250,100.00
Total.....	\$705,913.66
Payments to Contractor.....	\$633,796.93
Payments to Architect.....	35,952.66
Equipment and Furnishings.....	3,786.00
Interest on Loan.....	4,174.89
Other Expense.....	2,032.00
Total Expenditures.....	\$679,742.48
Balance.....	\$ 26,171.18



Sunday School

SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING

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

Every General Officer, every Department Superintendent, and Associate Superintendent is urged to be present. This includes those who are now serving and those who will be serving in the new year.

PRIMARY I DEPARTMENT TO BE 'PASTOR'S GUESTS'

Members of Primary I Department will be the "Pastor's Guests" at both Morning Worship Services Sunday. Mrs. K. K. Knight is Superintendent of this Department.

Let's have a good attendance in this Department Sunday with every person staying for the worship services.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: III at Home—C. J. Rice, J. T. McNair. Home from Hospital—Wilberne Wallace. Sacred Heart Hospital—Mrs. W. D. Davis, Mr. T. M. Carroll, James D. Stevson. Baptist Hospital—Mrs. Earline Lindsey.

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. Ella Cunningham in the loss of her brother. Mrs. Pauline Stultz in the recent loss of her father.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. James Harvell, 3290 Bayou Drive, on the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Jean, August 13. Mr. and Mrs. Ernie L. Magaha, 3109 N. 6th Ave., on the birth of their son, Ernie, Jr., August 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edward Adams request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter

Mary Charles
to

Mr. Billy Vernon Renfroe
on Saturday, the twenty-fifth of August
at five o'clock in the afternoon

First Baptist Church
Pensacola, Florida

Reception
following ceremony
Lower Auditorium



Music Notes

OUR NEW PIANO is now being used in the church auditorium. We are proud of it and its contribution to the worship services. It is an instrument of beauty—being hand made from the finest materials by dedicated craftsmen—the finest piano that money can buy. Knowing that you want to keep it in the best condition so that it will serve its maximum purposes we are asking that you observe the following procedure concerning its use:

1. Persons desiring to use it will first secure permission from the Minister of Music.
2. Permission will be granted to qualified persons. (Preparing for service responsibilities, special rehearsals, etc.)
3. Practicing will be done during Church Office hours ONLY. Hours are 8:30-5:00.
4. All who use it will remember that it is to be played in a manner befitting the Lord's instrument, and will treat it with respect and care.

By following this procedure we can expect it to last a lifetime—fifty or more years.

Let us enjoy hearing the glorious music of its notes and dedicate it to the service of God and our Christ.

FALL CHOIR PROGRAM. Our music program will resume full swing the first week of September. Choir Registration Day is Tuesday, September 4. All Choirs will register at this time. Mothers will plan to bring the younger ones to become acquainted with the Choir Standards. The first rehearsals will begin the second week of September. Watch for further details!

OFF-TO-COLLEGE BANQUET

Rev. Bob Norman, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Atmore, Alabama, will be the featured speaker for the "Off-To-College Banquet", Tuesday Evening at 7 p.m.



Training Union

MONTHLY OFFICERS' COUNCIL MEETING

The monthly Officers' Council Meeting will be held Monday night with supper beginning at 6:30 p.m.

All Training Union officers, leaders, and members are urged to be present. Be sure to make supper reservations Sunday!

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

A Committee to nominate deacons to serve during the term beginning October 1 has been named by Dr. Ashmore. Mr. Frank Almon is Chairman. Others asked to serve are Mrs. W. H. Coker, Sr., Mrs. W. K. Boger, Joe Ladner, and Myrlin Brooks. I am certain that this committee will welcome your suggestions.

The Florida Baptist Board Meeting is in Jacksonville next week. I will be attending that and committee meetings in Jacksonville Wednesday through Friday.

W. Barry Garrett, Editor of the Arizona Baptist Beacon, published the following under the title "God Chose The Wrong Day." I thought that some of us might need it.

"Many are the excuses men devise to get out of the service of the Lord. There has hardly been a new excuse invented since Adam, although each excuse-maker seems to think his is entirely original. They are merely variations and adaptations of the basic excuses that never change.

One of the most interesting variations and yet one that sounds so familiar to our ears was recently furnished us by G. P. Newman of Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Newman has composed a letter to God from a man who is too busy. Here is the letter:

Dear God:

I am sorry you made Sunday when you did. You see it is like this. We could attend church more regularly if your day came some other time. You have chosen a day that comes at the end of a hard week, and we are tired out. Not only that, but it is the day following Saturday night.

Saturday evening, you know, is one time we feel we should enjoy ourselves, so we go to the movies or a party, and often it is after midnight when we reach home. It is almost impossible to get up on Sunday morning. You have chosen the very day we want to sleep late, and it makes it mighty hard to get the children off to Sunday School and especially when they have it so early. Then there are the dishes to wash, and we always have some things we have to wash out.

I mean no disrespect, Dear God, but you must realize you have picked out the day on which we have the biggest dinner. Not only that, but the church has fixed the hour of worship at the very time we must be preparing the dinner.

Then, too, you must think of John, he is cooped up in his office all week, and Sunday morning is the only time he has to tinker with the car, and mow the lawn. When he gets into his old clothes and his hands are greasy, you couldn't expect him to be able to get off to go to church.

I am telling you these things, Dear God, because I want you to get our viewpoints.

SERMON TOPICS

8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

"Military Morals"

Joshua 7:20-21

8:00 P.M.

"A Forgotten Virtue"

Ephesians 4:32

PLANNING FOR YOUTH

LABOR DAY BEACH PARTY

Plans are being made for the Labor Day Beach Party for our Intermediates, Seniors, and Young People.

Be listening for details and be planning to go!

MORNING WATCH

The Committees for the Morning Watch Services have been named and plans are being made to begin on Tuesday, September 11.

1956 CAMPS SUCCESSFUL

We have just completed our 1956 Church Camps.

Our Youth Camp was smaller in numbers than we had hoped with only 29 Intermediates and Seniors present. From every standpoint it was a fine camp.

We had 69 Juniors at Junior Camp.

We are grateful to Mr. Westmoreland, Wayne Craig, Felix Monk, Mrs. Manning, Jack Anderson, Nell Smith, and Judy Barineau who helped both weeks. Also to Mrs. Westmoreland, Mr. Pat Clendinning, George Evans, Mrs. Joe Payne, Percy Pentecost, Georgie Ruth Lee who helped with the Youth Camp and to Rev. Frank Bledsoe, Miss Sandra Boger, Albert Riusech, M. J. Menge, Stan Davis, Mrs. W. E. Jackson, Eloise Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hardy for their help in the Junior Camp.

Those who were present Sunday saw some of the visible results of the camps. All of us who had the privilege of working with these young people know that the fellowship and inspiration of these days at camp will pay rich dividends in the Kingdom of God.

It is not our fault that we are not able to get to church on Sunday morning. We would like to go, and we know we should go, and need to go. But it must be clear to you, that the real reason we cannot go is because you have chosen the wrong day. If you will select another day, we shall be glad to go to church and Sunday School and be more faithful.

Sincerely yours,
I'm Too Busy"

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	907
Members Present	807
New Members	11
Visitors	89
(Attendance one year ago.....	895)
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	123
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	84
Escambia County Jail.....	8
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	1122
Training Union Attendance.....	240
Members Present	210
New Members	3
Visitors	27
(Attendance one year ago.....	227)
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	54
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	50
Total Training Union Attendance.....	344
Additions to church membership.....	13
Baptized	9
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$3,120.30
(Circle Chapel \$126.21)	
(North Hill Chapel 122.61)	
Specials	136.83
(Circle Chapel25)	
Organ Fund	\$1,000.00
Building Fund, First Baptist.....	1,939.65
Building Fund, Circle Chapel.....	9.00
Building Fund, North Hill Chapel	1.00
TOTAL OFFERING	\$6,206.78

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

(FIRST BAPTIST—LETTER)

225. Miss Mary Jo Fain, 2 Sunset Avenue, Warrington.
 226. William H. Bedenbaugh, BOQ Bldg. 675, Room 251.
 227. Miss Carolyn Jenkins, 100 W. Brainerd Street.

(NORTH HILL—BAPTISM)

88. Linda Jean Snodgrass, 2108 N. Spring.
 (FIRST BAPTIST—BAPTISM)
 89. Gene Ellis, 911 W. Chase Street.
 90. Patsy S. Robertson, 1813 E. Maxwell.
 91. Jackie Robertson, 615 N. Spring St.
 92. Bob Montgomery, 818 E. Moreno.
 93. Harrilee Santoro, 15 E. LaRue St.
 94. Roland McDavid, 1521 E. Fisher.
 95. Robert Jernigan, 18 N. Reus St.

(CIRCLE—BAPTISM)

96. Patsy Kilcrease, 4324 Perdido St.

(CIRCLE—LETTER)

228. Miss Martha Hyatt, 4728 W. Gregory.

REDEDICATION

Jimmy Roth, 1712 E. Avery St.
 Patricia Gilmore, 2100 N. 15th Ave.
 Ramona Lowell, 1319 E. Moreno St.
 Larry Tyree, Rt. 1, Box 60, Cantonment.
 Bill Brown, 114 W. Mallory St.
 Tom Balkcom, Whiting Field.

NINE BAPTIZED SUNDAY

Patsy Robertson, Jackie Robertson, Bob

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G. A. CHRISTMAS MIGRANT PARTY

Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.

Home of Mrs. Lon Roberts, 104 West Jackson Street. All Intermediate and Senior girls invited to come and bring gifts to fill boxes to send migrants for Christmas.

THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26—

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. (Broadcast over WPFA)
 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.
 9:00 p.m.—Young People's Fellowship.

MONDAY, AUGUST 27—

6:30 p.m.—Training Union Monthly Officers' Council.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28—

9:30 a.m.—Sunbeams, Junior and Intermediate G. A.'s, Junior R. A.'s meet at church. Film: "Ambassadors for the King."
 10:30 a.m.—Auxiliaries and Choirs Picnic. Bayview Park.
 7:00 p.m.—Off-To-College Banquet.
 7:30 p.m.—Sunday School Superintendents' Meeting.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29—

6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Teachers' and Officers' Meeting begins with supper. Sun Rays 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.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30—

9:30 a.m.—CHURCH-WIDE
 7:00 p.m.—VISITATION.
 7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

Montgomery, Harrilee Santoro, Roland McDavid, Robert Jernigan, David C. Dignon, Mrs. D. C. Dignon, Patsy Culbertson.

FULL TIME CHRISTIAN SERVICE

James Mooty, 18 First Street.
 Ronnie Bullock, 1703 E. Mallory Street.
 Jimmy Taylor, 724 North 12th Avenue.