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Why I Love the Church

It is the shrine of my faith at whose altar I offer sacrifices to God.

It is the sanctuary of my worship in whose holy place I seek the presence of God.

It is a retreat amid the temptations of life where I lift up my eyes to the hills whence cometh my help.

It is Bethel amid the fears of life where I catch a vision of the open heavens and the ministering hosts.

It is the birthplace of faith and hope and love, and the cradle of peace and good will and brotherhood.

It is in the church that I find Christ, hear His Word read and learn the way of life more perfectly.

It is the body of the church that I feel the fellowship of a more blessed life, and find the pure friendships that spring from its faith.

It is the church that calls me to better living, and shows me the way of service through its unselfish ministries.

“Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it,” and surely it is worthy of my best love and loyalty.—Selected.



OUR BUILDING FUND

Given to Date.....\$459,816.91
Borrowed from Bank.....250,100.00

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| TOTAL..... | \$709,416.91 |
| 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 |

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| TOTAL EXPENDITURES..... | \$679,742.48 |
| Balance..... | \$ 29,674.43 |

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

Our Mission Hospital at Asuncion, Paraguay, is the beneficiary of numerous memorial gifts in the name of Stanley L. Davis. The family has added to the gifts the money that was in Stanley's pocket at the time of his death. At present the Memorial Fund amounts to \$715.69. Several persons have indicated that other gifts for the hospital dear to Stanley will be made through our church.

Many necessary changes are about to take place in the organization and life of our church as we prepare to enter our new building. We will move from three to five Adult Departments in our Bible School. Certain regulations likely will be adopted by the church with reference to the use of our buildings, weddings and funeral services, the use of kitchen facilities, and the planning for recreational features.

This is your church. You are urged to be present at all business sessions and to take an active part in all discussions. In this way we will seek to find and follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit in making careful plans for the proper use of our new facility.

Your comments and suggestions, as always, will be welcome as we prepare for the new church year.

Your Budget Committee, of which Mr. Jimmie Hurt is Chairman, will be meeting from time to time in the immediate future. They, too, will welcome your assistance.

The Pastor will be preaching in revival services at Cantonment each night next week. In my absence this Sunday night, Mr. Westmoreland will lead the congregation in a Song Sermon. The pastor will be going to Cantonment for the services each night at 7 o'clock, beginning Sunday.

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MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS ATTENDANCE

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|---------------------------|----|
| Sunbeams | 22 |
| Junior G. A.'s..... | 7 |
| Junior R. A.'s..... | 7 |
| Intermediate R. A.'s..... | 7 |
| Y. W. A.'s | 4 |

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. C. J. GLEASON
(Joyce Gullatt)

Joined this church January 7, 1945

Died September 1, 1956

The church extends its sympathy to the family.

Important Facts Concerning Promotion Day

Promotion Day will be observed in our church on Sunday, September 30.

After careful study over a period of several years, the church has voted to change the division date for grading from April 1 to January 1. This was done to help alleviate some problems in the departments where children in different grades in the public school were in the same Sunday School and Training Union departments.

The adjustments are to be made as we observe Promotion Day this year. This means that some persons in our Sunday School will be asked to remain in the department for another year.

The workers in the organizations are going to seek to give full information to each person involved. Parents of children involved and other are urged to talk with Mr. Bizzell, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Taylor, or any worker if there are questions or problems.

As we come to Promotion Day, our Adults and Married Young People are being asked to meet together in the Church Auditorium on Sunday Morning, September 16, at the regular Assembly period. At this time complete information concerning our Enlargement program will be outlined. As we move into the new building and enlarge from 3 departments with 24 classes for adults to 5 departments with 32 classes for adults, some adjustments need to be made. We urge that all of us enter into this enlargement program prayerfully.

Detailed information of the proposed enlargement will be found in next week's Builder.

MORNING WATCH

Sponsored by the Youth Council

at First Baptist Church Each Tuesday Morning, 7:15; at North Hill Chapel Each Friday Morning, 7:15.

Beginning Next Week

Do-nuts and Chocolate served after Morning Watch. Transportation to school provided.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PREPARATION WEEK

September 17 - 20

7:00 each evening

Monday through Thursday

BROTHERHOOD MEETING

TUESDAY NIGHT

7:00 p.m.

Chaplain Keen is a native of Mississippi, and is a graduate of Mississippi College and of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He will tell

ut his w as a Navy Chaplain and will show some slides taken while on board a destroyer.



CHAPLAIN H. E. KEEN
Navy Chaplain at Ellyson Field
Speaker

SUNDAY'S SERMONS

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

"From Motto To Life"

Philippians 4:13

Read Philippians 4:10-13

Sermon by Pastor

7:30 p.m.

SERMON IN SONG

"THE GLORIOUS CHRIST"

Led by Mr. Westmoreland
and Church Choir



ADJUSTED SCHEDULE FOR AUXILIARIES AND CHOIRS

(Effective Tuesday, September 11)

3:30 to 4:15

Beginner Sunbeams

Cherub Choir—Primary III Department
Junior G. A.'s and R. A.'s

4:15 to 5:00

Celestial Choir—Beginner 1 Department
Primary Sunbeams
Carol Choir—W. M. U. Room.

"MESSIAH" REHEARSALS. Rehearsals for the "Messiah" to be given during Christmas, were begun last Thursday evening. Many of our people have sung this great oratorio and we invite you to sing it with the Church Choir. If you have an interest in singing it please contact your Minister of Music as soon as possible. We are most anxious that our choir have as many as possible at rehearsals in order to have a wonderful performance. Join the Church Choir and have a wonderful time!

ADULT DEPARTMENTS will conduct the MUSIC SURVEY this Sunday instead of next. All persons are urged to fill out the card as completely as possible, whether you have musical inclinations or not.

"PASTOR'S GUESTS" SUNDAY

BEGINNER I DEPT.

The Beginner I Department of our Sunday School will be the "Pastor's Guests" Sunday. Members of this department will be recognized at both Morning Worship Services.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Baptist Hospital—
Mrs. R. M. Merritt, R. T. Horlick, Wayne
Woerner, R. D. Bonham, Mrs. Walter
McNeil. At Home—J. P. Harrell, 1718
Osceola Blvd.; T. M. Carroll, 903 North
14th Avenue; Frank Bledsoe, 3 Haven Ct.

THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9—

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.
6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
A. Haywood Arnold, Director.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship.
8:30 p.m.—Intermediate-Senior Teentime.
W. M. U. Room.
8:30 p.m.—Young People's Fellowship.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10—

7:30 p.m.—Deacons' Meeting.
7:30 p.m.—Associational Training Union
Meeting. Gonzalez Baptist
Church.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11—

7:15 a.m.—Morning Watch. First Baptist.
10:00 a.m.—Monthly Meeting of W.M.S.
Program, Business and Bible
Study.
3:30 p.m.—Beginner Sunbeams, Junior
G. A.'s and R. A.'s.
3:30 p.m.—Cherub Choir Rehearsal. Pri-
mary 3 Dept.
4:15 p.m.—Celestial Choir Rehearsal.
Beginner I.
4:15 p.m.—Carol Choir. W. M. U. Room.
4:15 p.m.—Primary Sunbeams.
7:00 p.m.—Brotherhood Supper Meeting.
7:15 p.m.—Teacher Training Class Sup-
per Meeting. Woerner's Res-
taurant.
7:30 p.m.—Bill Cowleys Circle meets with
T. J. Parda, 903 W. Moreno.
7:30 p.m.—Ernelle Brooks B. W. C. meets
with Miss Lorraine Worley,
505 N. Baylen Street.
7:30 p.m.—Deborah Class meets with
Mrs. Darrell Jones, 141 High
Pines Place, Cordova Park.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12—

4:45 p.m.—Junior High School Choir Re-
hearsal.
4:45 p.m.—High School Choir Rehearsal.
6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Teachers' and
Officers' Meeting begins with
supper. Bykota 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, SEPTEMBER 13—

9:30 a.m.—Mary Martha Class meets at
the church for visitation, and
at noon at the home of Mrs.
John Campodonico.
9:30 a.m.—CHURCH-WIDE
7:00 p.m. VISITATION
7:00 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14—
7:15 a.m.—Morning Watch. North Hill.
7:00 p.m.—Junior I Sunday School Ban-
quet. Lower Auditorium.

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

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| Sunday School Attendance..... | 847 |
| Members present | 778 |
| New Members | 1 |
| Visitors | 68 |
| (Attendance one year ago.... | 915) |
| Circle Baptist Chapel..... | 127 |
| North Hill Baptist Chapel..... | 73 |
| Escambia County Jail..... | 7 |
| Total Sunday School Attendance..... | 1054 |
| Training Union Attendance..... | 231 |
| Members present | 210 |
| New Members | 3 |
| Visitors | 18 |
| (Attendance one year ago.... | 215) |
| Circle Baptist Chapel..... | 41 |
| North Hill Baptist Chapel..... | 39 |
| Total Training Union Attendance..... | 311 |
| Additions to church membership..... | 3 |
| Baptized | 6 |
| Tithes and Offerings: | |
| Budget | \$2,503.21 |
| (Circle Chapel..... | \$165.07) |
| (North Hill | 140.56) |
| Specials | 738.99 |
| Building Fund, First Baptist..... | 904.10 |
| Building Fund, Circle Chapel..... | 16.00 |
| TOTAL OFFERING..... | \$4,162.30 |
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New Members

FIRST BAPTIST (Letter)

233. Mr. Robert M. Brooks, Jr., 2006 North
Barcelona.
234. Mrs. Robert M. Brooks, Jr., 2006 N.
Barcelona.
235. Mrs. Paul Murphy, 110 W. Strong St.
FIRST BAPTIST (Baptism)
101. Mr. Gary Cushing, 2416 North 15th
Avenue.

SIX BAPTIZED SUNDAY, SEPT. 2

John L. Berry, Jr., Roland Bradley, Misses
Anne and Julie Merritt, Gene Ellis, Gary
Cushing.

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JUNIOR II DEPARTMENT TRAINING UNION DUNGAREE PARTY

at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jackson
2103 N. Magnolia Avenue

Thursday, September 13

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

(ATTENTION JUNIOR—Bring your
Mission Clothes)