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YOU DON'T HAVE TO TITHE
as a matter of Christian law

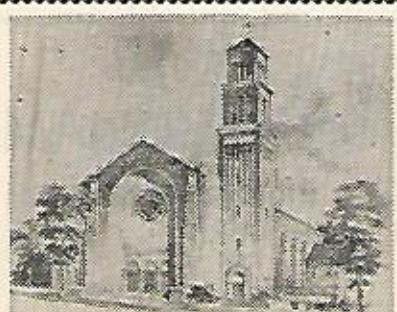
YOU CAN WANT TO TITHE
through Christ's love

"Tithing is not the way the Church tries to get money out of its members, but the way God tries to get His Grace into your heart."

—Hunter B. Blakely.

Will You Pray About It?

—Copied



OUR BUILDING FUND

Given to Date.....	\$476,508.24
Borrowed from Bank.....	360,100.00
Total.....	\$836,408.24
Payments to Contractor.....	\$716,381.41
Payments to Architect.....	35,952.66
Equipment and Furnishings.....	24,516.92
Interest on Loan.....	6,999.78
Other Expenses.....	3,541.19
Total Expenditures.....	\$787,391.96
Balance.....	\$ 49,016.28

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

Robbery—Twice within the last ten days thieves have entered our church. A typewriter taken from Mr. Westmoreland's office was recovered from a local pawn shop. Then Mr. Rutherford, our custodian, came upon a thief last Sunday morning as he was preparing the building for the services. The man was taken by local police later in the day. "Bad", you say!

Malachi quoted God as saying, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye rob me" (3:8). The prophet was not talking about the men who broke into our church. He was talking about God's people. He added, "But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." I wonder how many robbers Malachi would say that we have had at church lately?

To discourage some robbers—leave no money in cabinets and tables. The Financial Secretary will be glad to help you with the handling of funds.

Budget—Our 1957 pledges now amount to \$160,210.99. Our goal: \$176,363.00.

The Picture—At the 11:00 a.m. service last Sunday, Mr. S. L. Davis, Chairman of our Building Plans Committee made it clear to the congregation that at least \$25,000 is needed for the Building Fund at once to enable us to care for present obligations in our construction program.

Mrs. Jess Miller has agreed to serve as supply organist for the present. We are grateful for her ministry in this field.

The Messiah is to be presented twice in our sanctuary. Sunday morning our choir will bring excerpts at 11:00 a.m. On Monday night, at 8:00 o'clock, the Pensacola Oratorio Society is to present the complete work by Handel. These should be great worship experiences.

The County Commissioners have been asked by the Pensacola Ministerial Association to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages from midnight Saturday night until 7:00 a.m. Monday morning. Some of us who prefer that there be no legal sale of alcoholic beverages at any time think that the ban on Sunday sales would be a desirable step in the right direction. Let your Commissioners know how you feel.

Revival Services are being planned for February 17-24. Your pastor will preach. In 1958 we are to have Dr. Earl Guinn of Louisiana. In 1959, Dr. J. Winston Pearce of Baltimore, Maryland is coming.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

The Monthly Officers' Council Meeting will come on Monday, December 31 to be followed by the annual Watchnight Service.



Music Notes

Some interesting facts concerning the "MESSIAH" by George F. Handel. It was written over two hundred years ago in only 24 days. There are 53 different selections including instrumental pieces, recitatives, arias, and choruses. It is divided into three parts: the first concerned with the prophecy and birth of Christ; the second concerned with His crucifixion and burial; the third with the resurrection and salvation. Rarely is it performed in its entirety—the full performance requiring approximately three and one-half hours. It should be sung with an orchestra and an average size chorus. Its popularity is universal because the average church choir is capable of performing it as well as large massed choirs. It was not intended to be sung by a large choir but by a group with limited musical resources. Through the years it has been an inspiration to countless thousands and its presentation has become traditional in many towns. It is our hope that our people will find it entertaining as well as proving to be a rich blessing spiritually.

Your CHURCH CHOIR will perform a portion of this great sacred choral masterpiece for the Morning Worship Service this Sunday. Invite your friends.

"M" Night Monday night proved a high point for your Minister of Music. The people SANG and it sounded wonderful. We can make the singing of hymns a wondrous experience, but remember ONLY YOU CAN DO IT! Christmas is a time for rejoicing and happiness and there is no better way to express it than through singing. Fifteen hundred people SINGING is wonderful. Three hundred singing and twelve hundred listening makes for mournful music. Let's be a singing church!

CAROL CHOIR will furnish music for Sunday night.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Copies of the new Calendar of Activities are now available for all members of the congregation and may be secured from the Church Office.



IN MEMORIAM

RICHARD CREEL

Baptized into this Church
November 4, 1951

Died November 30, 1956



Training Union

"M" NIGHT ATTENDANCE

We were happy to see so many of our Training Union members at "M" Night on Monday Night.

Our church had the largest number present with 122 of the total attendance from First Baptist Church. The total attendance was 1414.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee Meetings for December will be moved to December 16 to avoid the holiday season.

TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS' MEETING

Mr. Clarence Taylor, our Training Union Director, is calling for a special meeting of all Department Directors Sunday, December 9, at 5:00 p.m. This group will meet in the W. M. U. Room.

LIBRARY NOTES

The second issue of Southern Baptist Career News has just been received in the library. This newsletter contains information for young people about vocations in which they are interested. This second issue will be of special interest to young people thinking of nursing, teaching, or architecture as a career.

BROTHERHOOD

Plans have been completed for the December Brotherhood Meeting. About 20 children from the Lurton Receiving Home will be the guests of our Brotherhood at this meeting. The men who have volunteered to provide a gift for one of the children and who have been given a name are reminded to bring these gifts to the church office by Sunday, December 16.

REMEMBER
CHURCH PHONE
HE 3-5451

SUNDAY
11:00 A.M.
"MESSIAH"
by
Church Choir
7:30 P.M.
"BEYOND"
Matthew 28:19-20



W.M.U.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11—

7:30 p.m.—Eleanor O'Haver Howell BWC with Mrs. W. H. Crawford, 1602 N. 9th Avenue.

7:30 p.m.—Bill Cowleys BWC with Miss Montarce Barrineau, 921 North 19th Avenue.

7:30 p.m.—Edith Chaney BWC with Mrs. Claude Adkison, 710 N. 7th Avenue.

7:30 p.m.—Auris Pender BWC, with Miss Annie Averett, 2056 N. 13th Avenue.

7:30 p.m.—Charles Mullins BWC, with Miss Iva Hart, 1504 N. Baylen.

7:30 p.m.—Ernelle Brooks BWC, with Miss Laura Lynn, 725 N. 8th Avenue.

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETING

TUESDAY

10:00 a.m.—Business

10:45 a.m.—Program "In The Land of the River Jordan."

11:30 a.m.—Bible Study

12:15 a.m.—Luncheon, Bernice Neel Circle in charge.

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MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS ATTENDANCE

Sunbeams	53
G. A.'s	26
Junior R. A.'s	13
Intermediate R. A.'s	14
Total	106
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Baptist Hospital
Mrs. Frances Ellinor.
SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. Charles Overman,
Jr. in the loss of her brother. Mrs. Leslie
Sasnette in the loss of her father. Mr. A.
L. Stanton in the loss of his father.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10—

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages. Theron Guthrie, Supt.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Choir.
3:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WEAR. Dr. Baker James Cauthen.
4:00 p.m.—Young People A Training Union Visitation.
4:45 p.m.—Young People A Training Union Study Course.
5:00 p.m.—Meeting of Training Union Directors.
6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages. Clarence L. Taylor, Director
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10—

6:00 p.m.—Activities Committee Supper Meeting.
7:30 p.m.—Deacons' Meeting.
7:30 p.m.—Ruth and Bykota Classes will meet with Mrs. G. R. McDonald, 2360 Blackshear, for a joint Christmas Party.
7:30 p.m.—Associational Sunday School Meeting. Oak Grove Baptist Church.
8:00 p.m.—Pensacola Oratorio Society presents "The Messiah". Sanctuary, First Baptist Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11—

7:15 a.m.—Morning Watch. First Baptist.
10:00 a.m.—W. M. S. Monthly Meeting. Program, Business, Bible Study.
12:15 p.m.—W. M. S. Luncheon.
3:30 p.m.—Beginner, Sunbeams, Junior G. A.'s and R. A.'s.
3:30 p.m.—Cherub Choir Rehearsal. Primary 8 Dept.
4:15 p.m.—Celestial Choir Rehearsal. Beginner 4 Dept.
4:15 p.m.—Carol Choir. WMU Room.
4:15 p.m.—Primary Sunbeams.
7:00 p.m.—Christmas Play Rehearsal. New Dining Room.
7:30 p.m.—Business Women's Circles (see article).

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12—

4:45 p.m.—Junior High School Choir.
4:45 p.m.—High School Choir Rehearsal.
6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Officers' and Teachers' Meeting begins with Supper. Primary 8A and 8B serving.
7:45 p.m.—Prayer Service and Business Conference. Sanctuary.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13—

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

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1030
Members Present	979
New Members	8
Visitors	43
(Attendance one year ago.....	942)
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	88
Escambia County Jail.....	20
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	1139
Training Union Attendance.....	299
Members Present	282
New Members	1
Visitors	16
(Attendance one year ago.....	296)
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	44
Total Training Union Attendance.....	343
Additions to church membership.....	5
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$6,645.40
(North Hill.....	\$168.26)
Specials	186.39
(North Hill.....	\$ 6.00)
Building Fund, First Baptist....	860.25
Building Fund, North Hill.....	157.25
TOTAL OFFERING	\$4,853.29

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

FIRST BAPTIST—Letter
42. Mr. Whit King, Jr., 1225 E. Blount St.
43. Miss Carolyn Chamblee, 1780 N. Barcelona St.
44. Dr. James E. Shuffield, 109 S. First St.
FIRST BAPTIST—Baptism
34. Mrs. James E. Shuffield, 109 S. First Street.
35. Miss Linda Gayle Jernigan, 1409 East Blount St.

FULL TIME CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Miss Betty Lawhon, 704 W. Lee Street.

by covered dish luncheon at home of Mrs. J. F. Busey, 1001 East Strong.
9:30 a.m.—CHURCH-
2:30 p.m.— WIDE
7:00 p.m.— VISITATION
7:00 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.
7:00 p.m.—Play Rehearsal.
New Dining Room.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14—

7:15 a.m.—Morning Watch. North Hill.
7:30 p.m.—Junior 9-10 Training Union
Christmas Social. Lower Auditorium. Educational Building.