

The Baptist Builder

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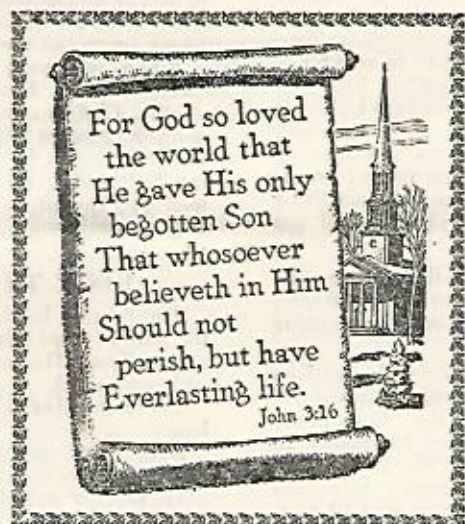
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Season's Greetings



... The Pastor and the Staff



OUR BUILDING FUND

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| Given to Date..... | \$480,620.64 |
| Borrowed from Bank..... | 385,100.00 |
| Total..... | \$865,720.64 |
| Payments to Contractor..... | \$717,199.44 |
| Payments to Architect..... | 35,952.66 |
| Equipment and Furnishings..... | 73,277.60 |
| Interest on Loan..... | 8,227.57 |
| Other Expenses..... | 5,875.11 |
| Total Disbursements..... | \$840,532.48 |
| Balance..... | \$ 25,188.16 |

Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

A Gift of a dictionary stand for the Church Library has been made by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Overman, Jr. Thanks!

The Church Books will be open for 1956 contributions through noon, Saturday, January 5. Church envelopes for 1957 will be available at the Church on Sunday, December 30th. When Uncle Sam checks up on your income tax report—as he has done for some of our members this year—it is good to have the church record of your giving to show Uncle. Certainly our basic reason for good stewardship runs deeper than this, but use of your envelopes does provide a careful record of giving.

Your Christmas Greetings, kindness, and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated by the Brooks' Family.

The County Commissioners are making plans for a county election on the question of the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday. Now is the time for you to register so that you can vote on this matter. Your pastor feels that there are other issues of civic importance calling for each of us to be registered for voting, but the moral welfare of the community demands that Baptist people express their convictions on this particular question. You can't speak effectively if you are not a registered voter.

A Reception honoring all of those who have joined the First Baptist Church during 1956 will be held following the evening service January 6.

TV Program—The pastor and members of the Carol Choir are to appear on the TV Program sponsored by the Community Council, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, December 22 on WEAR. The theme is, "The Real Meaning of Christmas." The Junior boys and girls are to be at the church at 4:30 p.m. Robes will be used. Mrs. Curtis Morris is to direct the group and Mrs. Lee Hardy will arrange the transportation. If there is any delay in the program going on the air parents will know that the children will be returned to the church at the end of the program.

1957 Budget Goal \$176,363.00
Pledges to Date \$162,384.39

Christmas

The important question before us this season of the year is, "How shall we observe Christmas?" Every Christian needs first of all to resolve that he will have no part in the pagan revelry that will be on every side. December parties and pagan excesses come near to being blasphemous. The New Testament is strong in its emphasis for separation from such practices.

It is possible for the individual to refrain from such celebrations and at the same time not appear prudish. A person of any decency will respect the right of an individual to follow his Christian conscience.

To refrain from pagan conduct is only one part of our Christian celebration. It is needful that we place Christ at the center of our thoughts and plans. It is His coming as a little babe to be the Saviour of mankind that we commemorate. The occasion is deeply religious. Christmas should be the holiest of all our holidays. Our hearts should try to feel the flowing tides of God's love which prompted the sending of our Saviour.

When we grasp the true meaning of Christmas our hearts are stirred to the depths. Christmas means that the incomprehensible love of God sent forth His only Begotten Son to begin the work of reconciling lost, sinful, rebellious and unbelieving men to Himself.—The Pendleton Street Baptist, Greenville, S. C.

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VISIT THE LIBRARY

The Library has been enlarged to include the outside room formerly used as the downstairs office. The space has been repainted and rearranged.

Every member is invited to visit the library.

And, when you go, express your appreciation to Mrs. Stoesen who has spent many hours moving and cleaning. Thanks also, to Mr. Stoesen, to the Intermediate Royal Ambassadors, and others who helped.

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

Goal \$2200.00
Gifts to Date \$1666.74

January 7 - 11 BIBLE STUDY WEEK

"The Gospel According To Paul"

A Study of Romans
Led by Dr. Clifton J. Allen



Conference on Children's Work

December 31 - January 4

Morning and Evening Conferences

Led By

MRS. MAURICE WILLIAMS

Director of Nursery, Beginner, Primary
Work, Training Union Department
of Alabama



Training Union

Monthly Officers' Council Meeting
and Annual Watchnight Service

Monday, December 31

beginning with supper at 6:30 p.m.

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BIBLE READING CRUSADE

Our Training Union leaders have announced a Six-Months Bible Reading Crusade, beginning January 1, 1957.

A Bible Readers' Banquet to be held early in July will honor those who have not missed a day of Bible Reading following the Training Union readings.

Begin now!

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**OFFICERS' AND TEACHERS'
MEETING
NEXT WEDNESDAY
NO SUPPER**

6:45 p.m.—Department Meetings.

7:00 p.m.—Teacher Improvement Period.
The pastor will lead the discussion of the lesson for teachers of Adults in Adult B Department.

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**CHURCH PHONE
HE 3-5451**

A STORY FROM PALESTINE

Morning Sermons By The Pastor
With Attention Upon The South
Windows

December 16—The Annunciation
Luke 1:26.

December 23—The Birth of Jesus
Matthew 2:9.

December 30—The Flight to Egypt
Matthew 2:13.

January 6—Dr. C. J. Allen, Preaching

January 13—In The Temple
Luke 2:46.

January 20—The Baptism
Matthew 3:16.

January 27—The Transfiguration
Matthew 17:2-3.

February 3—Cethsemane
Matthew 26:39;
John 18:3.

February 10—The Crucifixion
John 19:2, 18.

April 21—(Easter) The Resurrection
John 19:39; 20:1.

April 28—The Ascension
Acts 1:9.

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CHURCH OFFICE.....HE 3-5451

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

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|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Sunday School Attendance..... | 989 |
| Members Present | 938 |
| New Members | 9 |
| Visitors | 42 |
| (Attendance one year ago.....) | 997) |
| North Hill Baptist Chapel..... | 103 |
| Escambia County Jail..... | 11 |
| Total Sunday School Attendance..... | 1103 |
| Training Union Attendance..... | 281 |
| Members Present | 269 |
| New Members | 2 |
| Visitors | 10 |
| (Attendance one year ago.....) | 229) |
| North Hill Baptist Chapel..... | 53 |
| Total Training Union Attendance..... | 334 |
| Additions to church membership..... | 6 |
| Tithes and Offerings: | |
| Budget | \$2,918.26 |
| (North Hill | \$186.58) |
| Specials | 692.63 |
| (North Hill | \$ 61.62) |
| Building Fund, First Baptist..... | 758.17 |
| Building Fund, North Hill..... | 5.25 |
| TOTAL OFFERING | \$4,374.11 |

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

FIRST BAPTIST—Baptism

40. Mr. Jack Neuman, 635 W. Lee St.

FIRST BAPTIST—Letter

49. Mr. Ben C. Johns, 1701 W. Intendencia St.

50. Mrs. Ben C. Johns, 1701 W. Intendencia St.

51. Mr. Jerry Johns, 1701 W. Intendencia.

52. Mrs. T. C. Cassidy, 3308 W. Gadsden.

53. Mr. Henry Pfister, NAAS, Corry Field.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Naval Hospital—Mr. R. A. Peurifoy. Baptist Hospital—John Blackmon, Talmadge Blackmon. Sacred Heart Hospital—Mr. Felix Woolf.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Avery, 3540 W. 10th Street, on the birth of a new baby.

SYMPATHY TO: Mr. Charles Wiggins in the loss of his Mother.

WEDDING BELLS TO: Lt. and Mrs. L. Glyn Bryan on their marriage in Shreveport, Louisiana, on December 16.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23—

9:30 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.
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.

6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
Clarence L. Taylor, Director.

7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26—

4:45 p.m.—Junior High School Choir.

4:45 p.m.—High School Choir Rehearsal.

6:45 p.m.—Sunday School Officers' and
Teachers' Meeting.

6:45 p.m.—Y. W. A.'s meet in Young
People "A" Dept.

7:45 p.m.—Prayer Service.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27—

9:30 a.m.—CHURCH—

2:30 p.m.— WIDE
7:00 p.m.— VISITATION

7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28—

7:30 p.m.—Adult E Training Union Party
Lower Auditorium of
Educational Building.

MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS ATTENDANCE

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| Sunbeams | 34 |
| Junior G. A.'s | 13 |
| Junior R. A.'s | 9 |
| Total | 56 |

LAST MINUTE REMINDER

Christmas
Play

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Dining Room