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"CHRISTIAN LIFE STUDIES" — FOR ALL CHURCH MEMBERS NEXT WEEK — MONDAY THRU THURSDAY — 7:00 - 8:45 P.M.

CHURCH ELECTS DEACONS

DEACONS ORGANIZE

The following named brethren have been elected to serve as active deacons: Myrlin Brooks, M. B. Dawson, A. S. Edwards, Ernest Gentry, Wilson Harris, S. G. Kennedy, Joe Ladner, J. T. Mackey, M. S. Penton, Irvin Roberts, G. T. Sutton, W. B. Townley, J. M. Ward and H. O. Williams. Others whose terms have not expired are: E. A. Allen, L. D. Allen, F. G. Almon, A. H. Arnold, E. Dixie Beggs, J. Lee Bookner, Paul Caro, W. H. Coker, Clarence Dannelly, S. L. Davis, H. R. Denham, C. Adolph Fields, Earl R. Gaston, Judson Gillespie, T. A. Guthrie and Emory Rogers.

In an organization meeting following the election, the officers chosen were: Chairman, H. R. Denham; Assistant Chairman, Emory Rogers; Secretary, Joe Ladner, and Assistant Secretary, Ernest Gentry.

Committees are being named and will be announced in next week's "Builder."

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HITHERTO GOD HAS BLESSED US

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for His manifest blessings upon our church. While a statistical report does not show everything, we feel that there are many indications of growth and development in our annual report to the Pensacola Bay Association. As you read the following digest of last year's work, please hold in mind that these figures do not include a report of the activities at Southside Mission.

1. Gains and losses in membership:
(a) Baptisms reported, 106; (b) Letter and other additions, 162; (c) Loss by death, transfer, etc., 169; (d) Total resident members, 1711; (e) Total non-resident members, 778; (f) Grand total of present members, 2489.

2. Organizations:
(a) Sunday School enrolment, 1595; average attendance, 900; (b) Training Union enrolment, 326; average attendance, 238; (c) W. M. U. enrolment, 253; total enrolled in mission study, 220; (d) Brotherhood enrolment, 107 (organized during the year).

3. Church Receipts and Expenditures:
(a) Receipts during associational year, \$98,341.06; (b) Local expenditures, \$63,906.00 (This figure includes \$22,677.75 on the Pastorium); (c) Gifts to mission objec's, \$25,371.72; (d) Grand total expenditures for all purposes \$89,277.72; (e) Amount in Building Fund, \$73,214.83.

An excellent faculty has been secured for our week of study.

Dr. E. L. Skiles — "Meeting the Needs of Adults."

Rev. H. H. Aultman, Holly Springs, Miss. — "Deepening the Spiritual Life."

Tom Draper — "The Training Union Manual."

Mrs. H. H. Aultman — "Junior and Intermediate Leadership Manual."

Miss Mary Ellen Lisle — "Intermediate Manual."

Mrs. H. J. Taylor — "Not Your Own."

Mrs. John Busey — "The Junior Manual."

Mrs. R. L. Brooks — "Story Hour Manual."

A playtime class will be provided for the Story Hour Children and the nursery will be open for babies. Classes will start at 7 o'clock and will be over promptly at 8:45. Plan to come and bring the entire family.

"TRAINING UNION IS A FAMILY AFFAIR"

FROM OUR PASTOR'S PEN . . .

It was a thrilling experience for us as the doors of the new Pastorium were opened to the many members and friends who called on Tuesday evening. Your thoughtfulness in making possible such an attractive and comfortable home for your pastor and his family has been, to the four of us, an humbling experience. And now you have been so wonderful in your treatment of us as we have begun to live in your house! From the bottom of our hearts, we say, "Thank you very, very much."

We wish that everyone could have been present during the period of dedication. Joshua 24:14f was read by one of our deacons, Mr. Penton. Then Dr. Rousseau made appropriate remarks and offered the prayer of dedication. Later, Mr. Sam Jordan sang "Bless This House, O Lord."

While Tuesday was official open-house night, we want to assure you that the doors of the pastorium will always be open to you. Come to see us.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CENTRAL

TRAINING SCHOOL

November 6-10 is the date set for the Associational Training School. This week of training will be held in our church. Associational superintendent, R. C. Fickler is securing some of the outstanding departmental leaders in our area to lead the discussion groups. Administrative books will be taught for all departments.



"THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH."
READ IT DAILY

BANNERS
Efficiency — Pastor's Partners 87%
Attendance — Willing Helpers 100%

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An Open Letter . . .

To All College Professors

MY DEAR PROFESSOR:

Today I paid you the greatest compliment any human being can pay another. I took my son, my first born, to your college and put him completely in your care. I voluntarily sat him at your feet to learn of you. I want him to know the things you know, the best of what you know.

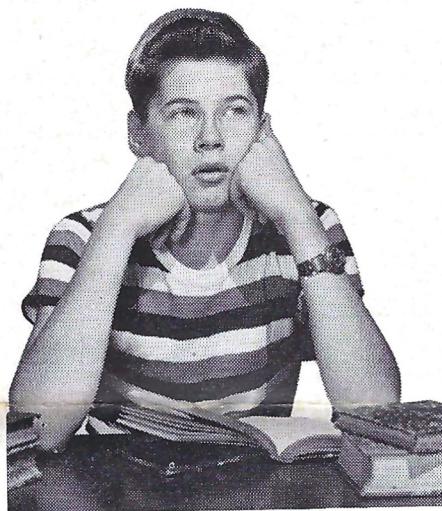
When I left your campus it was as if I had left half my heart there. He's yours now. He will be yours for the next four years, just as he has been mine for the last seventeen. It hurt to let him go but I would not have held him back. Deal carefully and tenderly with him. He's more than just a boy on the verge of manhood. He's my life investment—he (like thousands more) is the future, my future, your future, the world's future.

For the privilege of being his mother and making a proper home for him I laid aside my own college degree, and knowledge and skills I acquired on the campus were never tried. For him I chose to become a cook, a bottle washer, a nursemaid, a housewife. But I did not forget the things I learned in college, rather I have tried to pass on the best to him. I tried to teach him the best my professors taught me.

He's been worthwhile thus far, Professor. He's strong of body and clean of mind. He's a good boy with high ambitions, a good mind, a good future, if all goes well. I'm just a woman but soon he'll be a man and a man can more easily translate ideals and dreams into practical realities. The world needs men—real men.

I trust you, Professor. You will know best what to tell and what to withhold. Teach him that a lie can never be the truth; that love is the antidote of greed; that generosity is greater than material possessions. Never let him learn to scoff at the good and simple things of life. Teach him to be clever but not cruel or callous. Let him scorn brittle sophistication; teach him to practice simplicity. Teach him to shun pride and hate lust as a serpent. Teach him to be faithful, courteous, firm.

Fill him with hope, stir within him all the wistful aspirations of mankind. Cultivate within him an appreciation of all that is beautiful and genuine. Teach him that the world owes him nothing but that he owes the world a lifetime of service. Show him the sores of mankind and give him the skills to heal them. Let him love honor above life. Teach him to be just, pure, kind. Never let him have so much worldly knowledge that he feels himself above the common stream of life. Teach him the beauty and fruitfulness of sympathy.



—A. Devaney

Remember, Professor, that he is a spiritual being as well as a mind and a man. Quicken his knowledge of his Creator. Sharpen his sense of spiritual realities. Nurture his spiritual hungers. Feed his soul on the Bread of Life. Guide him into a more perfect knowledge of the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Without him all else will be folly and futility. He's yours now, Professor, but he's also mine.

A MOTHER
(From the *Presbyterian Outlook*, Oct. 7, 1946)

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Joy In Giving

It is in the constant increase of giving to the cause of Christ that the true steward finds his greatest joy. At twenty-three years of age, Nathaniel Cobb committed himself to the following statement: "By the grace of God I will never be worth more than \$50,000. By the grace of God I will give one-fourth of the net proceeds of my business to charitable and religious uses. If I am ever worth \$20,000 I will give one-half of all my net profits. If I am worth \$30,000 I will give three-fourths and the whole after \$50,000. So help me, God, or give to a more faithful steward and set me aside."

He lived thirteen years after making that covenant, and on his deathbed gave this testimony: "By the grace of God, nothing else, I have been enabled under these resolutions to give away more than \$40,000. How good the Lord has been to me!"

I Have Tried—

Laughing at difficulties and found many of them disappearing.

Attempting heavy responsibilities and found them growing lighter.

Facing a bad situation and found it clearing up.

Telling the truth and found it the easiest way out.

Doing an honest day's work and found it the most rewarding.

Believing men honest and found them measuring up to my expectation.

Trusting God each day and found him surprising me with his goodness.

Reputation or Character?

The circumstances amid which you live determine your reputation; the truth you believe determines your character.

Reputation is what you are supposed to be, character is what you are.

Reputation is the photograph; character is the face.

Reputation comes over one from without; character grows up from within.

Your reputation is learned in an hour; your character does not come to light for a year.

Reputation is made in a moment; character is built in a lifetime.

Reputation grows like a mushroom; character grows like an oak.

Reputation goes like the mushroom; character lasts like eternity.

A single newspaper report gives you reputation; a life of toil gives you your character.

Reputation makes you rich or makes you poor; character makes you happy or makes you miserable.

—WILLIAM HERSEY DAVIS

Southern Baptist Schools

Total enrolment in the 64 Southern Baptist colleges and schools last year was 61,615 with 3,290 in the seminaries, 46,285 in colleges, 10,491 in junior colleges, and 1,549 in academies. There are 12,698 veterans, 6,446 ministers, and 2,253 mission volunteers. A total of 10,133 were graduated. The all-time total of graduates is 150,290. The estimated total enrolment since founding is 509,422.

A Professor Replies . . .

To a Freshman's Mother

MY DEAR FRIEND:

Your letter about your son touched all of us deeply and I want you to know that we appreciate it. I only wish that some better man might speak for all professors, and that you spoke for all mothers. We have to take what material the admissions office sends us; we cannot make ivory cuttings out of clay. So we are glad when a letter like yours comes in, for it testifies that you have well begun what it is our hope well to continue.

We share your ambitions, we unite your aims. You have put into good words a good hope. We here are committed to the ideal of a whole man—body, mind and spirit; we believe in religion that illuminates and integrates life, we do not think well of intellectual skills which are not undergirded by Christian character nor undedicated to Christian purposes. And we are happy that you have set your son thus far on his way. We believe that the fervent prayers of righteous mothers avail much.

However, we think you magnify too greatly our place in your boy's education. You know he will not see us very often, as compared with the time he will spend with other people. Even if we were as good and noble as you could possibly wish, individually and collectively ours is only one of many influences playing on that boy's mind and life.

He will be molded by his roommate, his classmates, his fraternity brothers perhaps . . . the seniors, for example. Never in all his life will any class of persons seem quite so wise and powerful as the seniors now here do to the average freshman.

He is likely to be influenced far more by campus opinion than by what he hears in the classroom. If he goes out for athletics the coach will probably know him better than any of us, for the coach will have him under his eye two hours a day while none of the rest of us will see him more than three hours a week.

Nevertheless, when all is said and done, we professors do have a responsibility, and I would not have you think we are trying to shirk it. None of us can love your boy as you do, but it may turn out—for it has happened before—that we may come to understand him even better than you.

We have a privilege no mother has—we have been boys ourselves, some of us not so long ago, either. We can remember quite well what it was to feel oneself a man but to be treated like

a boy. Not one of us, no matter how learned, will ever again feel so wise and able as he felt at the age of seventeen.

We shall be patient with your son, knowing that he is trying his best to be patient with us. We know how you feel about leaving him with strangers, even respectable strangers. Many of us have sons of our own, some in school, some in college. We have seen our own boys go off and we have wondered about their teachers as you won-

Some of us remember his father at his age, and can understand him the better for that, and some of us perhaps remember you when you used to visit our campus—how recent it seems!—on festive occasions. So, knowing you both, we can understand him much better than he understands us. We can see him in perspective.

We have been at this business long enough to be able to picture your son as he will be ten, twenty years hence. We shall not please him all the time, he will complain about us, and he may even complain most bitterly when we are doing him the most good. You picked a college where there is a tradition of hard work, a college therefore whose influence far outreaches its numbers. And when we are putting him to work he may not always appreciate it.

But we all agree that our duty is not to the boy that he is, but to the man that he will be. We shall not ask, "Does he thank us now?"; but, "Will he be grateful twenty years from now?" Our real patrons, after all, are not these students in our classes, they are not even the parents; they are the men your boys, and ours, will be. That they may "grow up in all things into Him" is our prayer not less than your own.

Sincerely,

ONE OF MANY WHO WILL
TEACH YOUR SON

(From *The Presbyterian Outlook*, Oct. 28, 1946)

der about us. Our own wives, for the most part, are women who like yourself have given up degrees and careers to give themselves to the greater career of motherhood.

—JOHN CALVIN SLEMP
In Baptist Leader, Philadelphia

FOR THE BEST FOUR YEARS

To be at home in all lands and all ages; to count nature a familiar acquaintance and art an intimate friend; to carry the key to the world's library in your pocket, and feel its resources behind you in whatever task you undertake; to make friends among men of your age who are to be leaders in all walks of life; to lose oneself in generous enthusiasm and cooperate with others for common ends; to learn manners from students who are gentlemen and form character under professors who are Christians—these are the returns of a college for the best four years of one's life.

—PRESIDENT HYDE
Bowdoin College

SUNDAY SCHOOL

	Enrol.	Total	Pres.	Contacts
Gen. Officers	8	7	84	
Adult 1	114	80	172	
Adult 2	103	77	65	
Adult 3	218	207	106	
Young People 1....	108	68	52	
Young People 2....	49	32	32	
Senior	81	50	26	
Intermediate	77	64	51	
Junior 1	124	100	47	
Junior 2	93	73	20	
Primary 1	60	37	17	
Primary	49	28	8	
Primary 3	65	37	12	
Beginner 1	62	47	0*	
Beginner 2	45	45	7	
Nursery 1	9	6	2	
Nursery 2	14	7	27	
Nursery 3	63	29	0*	
Nursery 4	21	13	0*	
Total.....	1363	1007	735	

* No contacts reported.

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LET'S ANCHOR OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TO THE RIGHT OBJECTIVES

Mr. J. P. Edmunds of our Sunday School Board likens the Standard of Excellence to a Sunday School to an anchor for a drifting boat. The Standard of Excellence when properly used, is a safe anchor for our Sunday School. However, just as the anchor of a boat may be ineffective when not properly used, the Standard of Excellence will be ineffective unless it is properly used.

The anchor of a boat is merely a contact or a link between a boat and something to keep it from drifting. The Standard of Excellence can be the connecting link between our Sunday School and objectives that will build our Sunday School.

1. Our Sunday School should be anchored to the principle of church relationship. Christ and His church should be pre-eminent in our thoughts.

2. Our Sunday School should be anchored to the principle of reaching people. We cannot teach an unenlisted prospect, an absentee or an empty chair.

3. Our Sunday School should be anchored to the principle of efficient Sunday School administration. A Sunday School is no stronger than its leadership and its organization.

4. Our Sunday School should be anchored to the principle of effective Bible teaching. The major task of the Sunday School is to teach the Bible. Effective Bible teaching will result in soul winning and Christian development.

The Standard of Excellence will anchor our Bible School to these principles and objectives and make it a great Bible teaching agency of the church.

VISITATION BOARD

"Keep the Board Clean" is the slogan on our visitation board. Some of the adults have not begun to use the prospects which have been placed on the board. Others have not returned the cards that they picked up.

Here is the way the board works: The names of those who are church members but not in Sunday School are on orange colored cards. Blue cards represent those who are not church members. The original card is dated forward three weeks and retained in the office with the duplicate being put on the hook representing your class.

Membership vice presidents in adult classes and associate superintendents in the other departments are responsible for checking the board each week for new prospect cards. When the prospect has been contacted, the card is to be returned at the box attached to the visitation board with all information written on the card. Please return at earliest convenience after making call on prospect. They will be posted every three weeks until enlisted or eliminated as a prospect. "Keep the Board Clean."

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SYMPATHY

To Mrs. R. C. Sawyer in the loss of her husband.

To Mr. Curtis Bragan in the loss of his father who passed away in Birmingham.

To Mrs. Wm. H. Balfour in the passing of her father.

To Mrs. Tate Bousman in the loss of her father.

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MEET AND VISIT OUR NEW MEMBERS

By Letter:

- 4 - Mr. Harry E. Rooker, Naval Hospital.
- 5 - Miss Marie Johnson, 230 N. Barcelona.
- 6 - Mr. Fred W. Jordan, 18 Lt. St., Warrington, Fla.
- 8 - Mrs. W. B. Fulton, 2520 N. Magnolia.
- 9 - Mr. Donald C. Davis, 810 W. Avery.
- 10 - Mrs. Donald C. Davis, 810 W. Avery.

By Baptism:

- 2 - Miss Barbara Beers, 18 Ruberia Ave. Warrington, Fla.
- 3 - Mr. Fred Stark, Rt. 1, Box 108.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

OCTOBER 15 - 21

MAKE SUNDAY THE LORD'S DAY—IT IS!

Morning Worship.....	8:30 and 11:00
Sermon	Pastor
11:00 Service Broadcast over WEAR	
Evening Worship.....	7:30
Sermon	Pastor
Sunday School9:40
Training Union	6:15

MONDAY —

6:00 — Virginia Wingo Y. W. A. Supper.
7:00 - 8:45 — Study Course.

TUESDAY —

3:15 — Junior G. A. and Sunbeams meet at the church.
6:30 — Youth Choir practice.
7:00 - 8:45 — Study Course.
7:30 — Adult Choir practice.

WEDNESDAY —

7:00 A.M. — Morning Watch.
6:15 — Sunday School Workers' supper.
Primary 3 will assist the dietician.
7:00 - 7:40 — Study Course.
7:45 — Prayer and Praise Service.

THURSDAY —

3:00 — Nursery Workers Study Class.
7:00 - 8:45 — Study Course.

FRIDAY —

3:15 — Junior R. A. meeting.

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LAST SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

Sunday School 1007
Training Union 300

OFFERING:

Local and Missions.....	\$1,562.84
Building Fund	396.03
Total.....	\$1,868.87

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