

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

December 30

Dept.	En-rolled	Pres-ent	Con-tacts
General Officers	6	5	?
Nursery 1	7	5	?
Nursery 2	10	5	?
Nursery 3	10	5	?
Nursery 4	11	7	?
Beginner	32	24	11
Primary	56	49	8
Junior 1	52	40	10
Junior 2	50	35	9
Intermediate	53	37	18
Senior	57	34	18
Young People	36	27	10
Married Y. P.	13	9	3
Adult 1	50	21	13
Adult 2	49	16	9
Adult 3	134	61	42
Totals	646	380	151

GOLDEN AGE HOME

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Murrell will be moving to our community in the very near future. Dr. Murrell will take over as administrator of the Golden Age Home project. He will need our prayers and support.

Our efforts toward raising the \$65,000.00 for the erection of the first unit of the Home are still a long way short; about \$28,000 to be exact. Please plan to sign a pledge card for this worthy cause and let's finish our task in a fine way real soon.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

300 East Jackson St.
Hugo, Oklahoma

TRAINING UNION REPORT

Dec. 30

Daily

Department	En-rolled	Attend-ance	Bible Readers
Gen. Off.	4	4	1
Nursery	7	5	2
Beginner	9	8	2
Primary	28	14	0
Junior 1	26	18	10
Junior 2	26	18	12
Intermed	26	9	2
Senior	30	16	13
Y. People	12	13	4
Adult	62	34	20
Totals	231	139	66

VISITATION PROGRAM

You will be receiving extra information and encouragement about our visitation program in the next few weeks. You must remember that VISITATION is a first in the New Testament. If we are to be Christians according to the New Testament pattern we must be visiting Christians.

Remember visitation day each Thursday. The nursery is open from 9:30 until 11:00 during the morning; from 3:30 until 5:00 in the afternoon and from 7:00 until 9:00 in the evening on each Thursday. Plan to meet us at the church the hour of your convenience and let's VISIT IN THE NAME OF THE LORD AND HIS CHURCH.

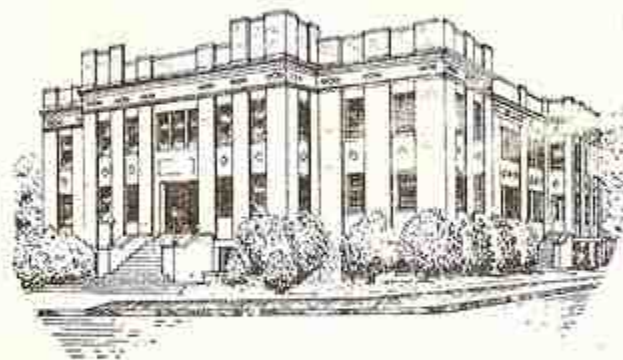
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Bible Study Week to Start Monday

Beginning Monday night, January 7th, and continuing through Friday night, January 11, our church will engage in "Bible Study Week." Churches over the Southern Baptist Convention will be studying the book of Romans with the text book "The Gospel According to Paul" as a basis for study. Our pastor will teach the book. This study is for adults, young people and seniors. Credit may be had in either Sunday School or Training Union for the study of this book.

YOUTH LFD REVIVAL COMING

The date for this very important meeting is January 27th through February 3. Bro. C. A. Roberts is to be our Evangelist. In this meeting our young people, seniors and intermediates will be in charge. Surely we will now begin to pray for this evangelistic effort.

FINANCIAL REPORT

December 30

Sunday School Receipts	\$517.92
Plate Offering	59.74
Lottie Moon, Foreign	
Missions	11.43
Total Receipts	\$589.09

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER

Baptism:

20—Velta Watson.

Provision is also made for our younger folk. Intermediates will study the book, "Growing in Bible Knowledge" under the direction of Mrs. John Bills; Juniors will study the book "This is My Bible" under the direction of Mrs. Willis Fry; the Primaries and Beginners will study the book "To Church We Go" under the direction of Mrs. D. L. Moore. Special provision is also made for the nursery children.

The study will begin promptly at 7 o'clock and will close at 8:30 each evening. This will be a time of great profit to all who will attend. We should have more than 100 each night.

THE BAPTIST CONTACT

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FROM THE PASTOR

I suppose most preachers are in the habit of using superlatives in describing their ideas and feelings. I must confess to you, however, that I am completely without words to express my feelings in response to the many expressions of sympathy and love you have shown us during the past few days since the death of my brother in California by car accident. It seems to me that my feelings can only be expressed in service during this new year, and if God allows me strength I shall endeavor to tell you during this new year 1957 just how much we appreciate your interest.

Could I encourage each member of our church to make three or four new year's resolutions. First—let us pledge to attend with regularity every service of the church we are humanly able to do so. Second—let us resolve to be personal witnesses for Christ by visiting systematically every week. Third—let us resolve to pray and read His Word daily during the new year. Fourth—let us resolve to live pure and holy lives before our God and the world.

Plan to be in the services this Sunday. See you then.

C. Fred Williams, Pastor.

I'M GOING BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

These are the words we hope to hear from scores of our church members. One of the easiest negative habits to form is that of not going to church. There are so many ready-made excuses: "Sunday is my day to sleep," "Sunday is my day to visit," "Sunday is my day to catch up on my recreation."

The family that begins to operate upon that philosophy sooner or later finds itself in serious difficulty.

He who has cut the church out of his life has done irreparable injury to his own life and the life of his family.

The present collapse and disintegration of Europe began very subtly—it began when "Continental Sunday" became the fashion in the twenties.

"Continental Sunday" was not simply one day, it was a weekend of fun and picnic, beginning at sundown Friday. The shorter week was a blessing and a curse. A blessing because it meant more time for relaxation for burdened workmen. A curse because millions of liberal people took advantage of their new liberty. They choose to play rather than worship. What has happened to Europe can well happen to America — even in our own homes!

—Copied.

VISITATION

Some years ago Miss Mattie C. Leatherwood stated in an interesting and forceful way some of the things that visitation could do. Given below is the acrostic which she formed:

- V—italizes the work of the department.
- I—ncreases the enrolment.
- S—ecures home co-operation.
- I—nspires regularity and punctuality in attendance
- T—ies the homes closer to the church.
- A—ids in the solving of problems
- T—ypifies the loving interest of the great Teacher
- I—nsures growth in grace on the part of the one who visits
- O—pens the doors of homes to the Lord Jesus
- N—urtures friendliness and good will.

THANKS FROM THE PASTOR AND FAMILY

The pastor and his family take this means of expressing their thanks to the wonderful people of the church for two things just now.

First and foremost we thank you for your many expressions of sympathy during our recent loss of a brother in a car accident. We have never been so greatly impressed in our ministry. Second: we want to thank you for the lovely Christmas gift. You are so thoughtful and gracious. We certainly hope and pray that our God shall bless each of you in the new year and that our church shall prosper with the winning of many lost to Christ.

LUTHERIANS ARE THE GREATEST GIVERS

The Lutherans, according to Christian Century, are the most liberal and consistent givers to the causes sponsored by their denomination. There are approximately three million Lutherans in the U. S. divided into about a half dozen groups.

Christian Century says, "For never - flagging philanthropy over many years, binding together in bonds of compassion millions of givers and millions o needy receivers, the Lutherans are unequaled among major Protestant confessions. According to the bulletin of the National Lutheran Council, since 1939 Lutherans have given in cash and goods over \$100 million."

Jewish Americans, we are told, are giving more than the Lutherans at the present time to their fellow religionists in Israel, and Roman Catholics possibly are giving more to their enormous system of church - controlled schools. The Seventh-Day Adventists, which require each member to tithe, and other smaller denominations, may give more percentage-wise, but for

consistent giving to their missionary and educational causes none equal the Lutherans.

If, however, the Baptists with all their freedom from any type of coercion, were to tithe, what a tremendous gift they would make to the causes of our Lord and King for the work in every country in the world.

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Have you made your offering to foreign missions yet? We still lack \$280.14 reaching the goal of \$1,500.00 which was set by our church. It would be fine if we could go beyond that goal. If you have not made your offering yet you should do so immediately. Bring your offering this Sunday.

Listed below are the department, their goals and the amount they have already given:

Department	Goal	Given
General Officers	\$90	\$42.00
Nurseries	\$45	20.50
Beginners	\$45	*51.60
Primary	\$135	*138.33
Junior 1	\$135	*163.98
Junior 2	\$135	64.25
Intermediate	\$90	70.80
Senior	\$90	*100.25
Young People	\$90	58.00
Married Y. P.	\$45	23.00
Adult 1	\$135	64.00
Adult 2	\$180	72.50
Adult 3	\$315	*350.00
	\$1,500	1,219.86

*indicates passing goal.

PERSONAL TOUCH

"I laid my hand upon the shoulder of a noble specimen of young manhood and asked him was he a Christian. He replied, 'No sir; I have heard you preach Sunday for seven years without exception, but I am not a Christian yet.' He is now one of the most faithful members of the church. What seven years of preaching had failed to do, five minutes of heart-contact accomplished."

Dr. Courtland Myers.