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# THE FIRST BAPTIST INFORMER

"If you are looking for a Church Home, come! we can help you: If you are looking for Church work, come! you can help us."

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

This past Sunday was indeed a high day as we witnessed the moving of God's Spirit to bring honor and glory unto Christ in the salvation of souls and the rededication of lives to the cause of Christ. We are grateful to God for that which we have seen and heard.

Such an experience as that just mentioned should prepare us to turn our attention to such things as our stewardship responsibilities. As we consider the blessings God has provided we should also remind ourselves that these come only out of God's grace and love rather than out of our goodness or merit. Our stewardship of these blessings is that which we must realistically face. What will we do with the time, talents, abilities, and money that is provided for our use? Are these to be used for our own glorification or are these intended for higher use? As we think on these things we are aware the money is an essential part of the living of mankind. For it is with money that bread, clothing, shelter, transportation are purchased. But the real question is "For what reason do we need these things?" Is bread only to be used just to keep us alive or that we may have the energy and strength to serve God? Is our desire for clothing only that we not be embarrassed or that we may be clothed for the purpose of witnessing to others effectively? Is shelter simply to keep up with our neighbors or is it that we can more adequately show others the shelter of God's love? Is transportation only so that we will not have to walk or should it be that we may bring others to God's house for praise and worship? **NONE OF THE BLESSINGS OF GOD ARE GIVEN FOR OUR SELFISH CONSUMPTION. THEIR PURPOSE IS GREATER THAN THIS.** Consider all of God's blessings in the light of their greater intended use. This will help us grow in stewardship responsibilities. For it gets things in their right perspective.

The month of November will be used for stewardship emphasis. This is appropriate for it is the month of Thanksgiving.

"It is better to be silent and be thought a fool than to open the mouth and remove all doubt."

## ARE YOU NONEST?

All the crooks aren't behind bars. If dishonesty makes a crook, and it does there are more outside of jail than inside. How many of these felonies have you committed since this time last week?

- ( ) Exaggerated the cost of a purchase.
- ( ) Minimized you weight.
- ( ) Kept something instead of trying to find its owner.
- ( ) Said you couldn't pay, though you could.
- ( ) Deducted from your age.
- ( ) Checked you'd read your Bible readings when you hadn't.
- ( ) Claimed you'd forgotten information you didn't wish to give.
- ( ) Took credit for something that belonged to someone else.
- ( ) Promised God your all, but didn't give it.

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## LIVING SERMONS

There isn't a word a preacher can say,  
 No matter how lovely or true,  
 Nor is there a prayer his eager lips pray  
 That can preach such a sermon as you.  
 You vowed to serve Christ; Men know you did.  
 They're watching the things that you do;  
 There isn't an action of you' that is hid.  
 Men are watching and studying you.  
 You say you're no preacher; yes, but you preach a sermon each day.  
 The acts of your life are the things you teach,  
 it isn't the things that you say.  
 If Christians were Christians as they profess,  
 men would notice their glorified mein:  
 And say, "What wondrous things they possess  
 who follow the meek Nazarene!"  
 Christians, remember you bear His dear name;  
 your lives are for others to view.  
 You are living examples; men praise you,  
 or blame, and measure all Christians by you.

--Florence Anderson

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Dedication is dangerous. It cost Christ

## T. E. D. IS COMING!

I would imagine that you are wondering what T. E. D. means? All that I can tell you is that it is of great importance to all Christians and church members alike. It is a time that should be involved with prayer and soul-searching for everyone. Watch this column next week and you will find out what T. E. D. is.

It did my heart good to see the decisions that were made Sunday morning. It was a gism to me and others that there was a chance for a real revival in our church. It is too bad that we had to wait so long for such a service to happen. Just because the revival services are over that is no reason that the revival in our hearts should be over. There is still work to be done in God's vineyard. Let us not be weary but to look ahead and work for the glory of God. Thanks are in order for the fine job of singing during the revival. It was indeed a pleasure to lead the song service.

IF YOU ARE A LITTLE DISCOURAGED because you think that your class or union is not progressing as it should, ask yourself these questions: Am I praying? Am I studying? Am I visiting? Am I faithful? If the answer to these basic questions is "Yes", don't you be discouraged. My friend, this is God's work and he doesn't require you to be successful. You have faith and be faithful, and God will give the increase. If your answer is "No", don't be discouraged. Just start doing them, and God will give the increase. Don't expect an overnight harvest. Plant seeds, cultivate yourself and others, and growth will result.

## T. E. D. IS COMING IN NOVEMBER

## CHURCH STAFF

Pastor---Victor Granberry  
Music-Education--Gary  
Robinson

Youth, the contest is over. The results are below. First, the party will be on November 11. We will meet at the church at 6:00 PM sharp. Remember if you bring a guest the cost is 50¢. Please pay Gary or Mrs. Upchurch. Destination is unknown at the present time. Let us try to have the biggest group of youth that this church has ever seen at a social.

RESULTS: T. U. Contest  
October 29--

Youth Div. 1	42
Youth Div. 2	37
TOTALS--	
Youth Div. 1	384
Youth Div. 2	282

Youth, remember just because the contest is over is no reason to stay away from the church. The work of this church is your obligation also. You will be the future leaders of this church. Support it with your attendance.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP-Sunday night at Gary's house.

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## LAST SUNDAY'S REPORT

S. S. Attendance	301
T. U. Attendance	50

## FINANCIAL

Building Fund	\$1141.98
Revival	330.00

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

By Letter: Susie Payne, Patsy Payne, Lynn Beadell, Kathy Caldwell. For baptism: Phillip Baer.

## OUR HEARTS ARE SADDENED

by the death of Mrs. Regina Jinks. She was a faithful worker for the Lord.

RA NEWS: November 5-11 will be R. A. Week. The members of First Baptist Church will join thousands of other Baptist churches throughout Southern Baptist Convention in observance of Royal Ambassador Week. On Sunday night a special program will be given.

Day WMS will meet Tuesday, November 7 at 10:00 AM for Mission Study. The luncheon will be from 12:30 to 1:00. The study will conclude at 2:00. The book to be studied is "Africa... Arrows To Atoms", by V. Lavell Seats.

## MUSIC NEWS

**SANCTUARY CHOIR:** The choir rehearsals will resume Wednesday at the regularly scheduled time, 8:00 PM. Be sure that you are in your place in choir. We need your support-not in spirit but in person. Your voice can blend with others to proclaim the glory of God.

**YOUTH CHOIR:** The youth choir will be meeting this Sunday at 4:00 PM. Plan to attend and let us get started off on the right foot. We have yet to have a good rehearsal for over 30 minutes. You should use the talent that God gave you. I personally know of some young people who have nice voices and do not use them for the glory of God. Remember God gave you this talent, and He can take it away.

"Plus One" is coming. This is a program for the Music Ministry of our church. It is connected with the Church Growth Plan. Watch for more details later.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

SUN.	9:45 AM	Sunday school
	11:00 AM	Morning Worship
	4:00 PM	Youth choir
	5:00 PM	Junior choir
	6:00 PM	Training Union
	7:00 PM	Evening Worship
	8:00	Youth Fellowship at Gary's House
MON:	2:00 PM	Beginner choir
	2:30 PM	Beginner Sunbeams
	3:30 PM	Primary Sunbeams
	4:30 PM	Primary choir
	6:30 PM	RA'S
TUES:	10:00 AM	Mission study
WED.	3:45 PM	Int. GA's
	6:45 PM	Superintendents