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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH KINDERGARTEN BEGINS

1966-67 TEACHING STAFF TO INCLUDE



Important Announcements For Parents

PARENTS' NIGHT: Will be Monday night, August 29, at 7:30 P. M. in the Fellowship Hall. At this time Handbooks will be distributed and Kindergarten requirements and procedures discussed.

REGISTRATION: Thursday, September 1, registration hours will be:
9:00 - 10:00 a.m. 5 year olds only
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. 3 & 4 year olds only

OPENING DAY: Friday, September 2, the Kindergarten will operate only one hour, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. This will enable the children to familiarize themselves with their teacher and equipment.

**FULL SCHEDULE
BEGINS:**

Tuesday, September 6, the Kindergarten will operate on its full schedule, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK

 Visit our
Shut-ins

Mrs. Golding, our Church Secretary, will be taking the second of her two weeks vacation beginning Monday. We regret this off-week, but it takes skilled hands to run this delicate machinery. We are reminded again of our great need for an educational director to edit and assist in the printing of our Newsletter. Pray earnestly that our personnel committee will discover God's man for this position soon.

Mrs. Childress, our Administrative Secretary, will be in the church office to assist you in all matters during Mrs. Golding's absence.

Much Work - No Pay !



One of the hardest working committees of First Baptist is its Kindergarten Committee. It is composed of Mr. Calvin Belton, Chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Boyles; and Dr. Hugh E. Sutphin; pictured above, l. to r.; and also Mrs. Charles Atkins and Mrs. Caleb Hill

This committee links our First Baptist congregation with the work of the Kindergarten and its staff. It decides salaries, teachers, and takes many hours to assure a self-sustaining Kindergarten financially.

We congratulate the members of this committee for their untiring devotion to pre-schoolers and thank them for their continued efforts in behalf of our children. Won't you, too, express your appreciation to these people personally. A Kindergarten doesn't just happen; it's a

First Baptist has a large number of shut-in members. These are folks of all ages who are physically unable to attend their church because of a physical handicap or condition. From time to time we will spotlight some of these folks who so often are forgotten. One of these people is Mrs. Ima Lawrence.

Mrs. Lawrence has been a patient in the North Carolina Cancer Hospital at Lumberton for quite some time. Though her condition weakens with time, she remains a constant joy and spot of encouragement to her nurses and fellow patients. They call her "Princess" because of the wonderful place she holds in their hearts. The name was actually bestowed on her by her doctors.

Mrs. Lawrence can no longer leave her bed, so we must go to her. Someone in our congregation may be able to visit with her in person, but all of us can visit with her through prayer. Won't you pray for her right now and everyday this week? I hope some will even be concerned enough to write. Her address: Mrs. Ima Lawrence, c/o N. C. Cancer Inst., Box 1445, Lumberton, North Carolina.

God bless you, Mrs. Lawrence.

W.M.U.

The General Meeting of the WMU will meet Tuesday morning, September 6 at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The Mary Hester Powell Circle has charge of the program. Miss Nancy Bradley is going to show slides and tell of her work with the Cherokee Indians this summer.



College Students

A college class will meet for the next three Sundays in the church office at 9:45 a.m.

New Staff Member Selected



Mrs. James Griffin

Kindergarten begins next week with a new teacher. She is Pat Griffin. Pat received her education and training at both Converse College and the University of North Carolina. She holds an elementary education degree and comes to us with excellent recommendation and experience, having taught both in Kindergarten and in our Mount Airy Schools. Pat has taught elementary children for the past three years here in our city.

Pat is married to James Griffin, a Baylor University graduate, and they have three children: Christy, Foy and Jimmy. The Griffins attend the Methodist church.

The Kindergarten at First Baptist enters its fifth year this week and will be under the capable leadership of Mrs. James McNeil. This Kindergarten has been accredited by the North Carolina Education Association from its beginning in our church, and Mrs. McNeil intends to continue to hold our standards high. We are proud of this accreditation, and Mrs. Griffin will continue to strengthen our faculty with her elementary degree.

We welcome you to our church staff family, Pat, and we know a room of five year olds and their parents will greatly benefit from your work during this year. May God guide and bless you in this new endeavor.

Pastor



FOR BAPTISM:

Miss Martha Louise Hill

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

BEGINS ITS WORK

The Diaconate has selected the following people to serve on this year's nominating committee: Mrs. J. N. Still, Mrs. George Snow, Miss Betty Lovill, Mr. Lester Vaughn, Mr. H. M. Finch, and Mr. R. C. Patterson.

Should we have to be reminded of the difficult task that rests on the shoulders of these six people? I would hope not! However, we can compound the difficult task they have through our apathy or waiting to see if the other fellow will accept the job first.

The Lord will bless even the one talent folk who uses the talent He so graciously gave them. You think about it and be ready to answer your telephone with a "yes"!



Sunday, August 28

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Monday, August 29

7:30 p.m. Kindergarten Parents' Meeting

Wednesday, August 31

7:30 p.m. Prayer Service
8:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday, September 1

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

August 21, 1966

Budget Offering-----	\$1,348.84
Designated Funds-----	\$19.50
State Missions-----	\$12.50
Building Fund-----	\$4.00
V.B.S. Offering-----	\$3.00
Total Offerings-----	\$1,348.84
Budget Offering to Date----	\$63,643.24
Budget Requirements to Date--	\$75,192.36

NEW SANCTUARY PROGRESS REPORT

Last Sunday evening a committee of 35 met and became better acquainted with the stage of our Sanctuary building plans. How wonderful it would be if all our people could have heard the honest probing that went on in the small groups of five and then the summary placed before the entire group. This was just the first step of "Operation Understanding" as we seek to better acquaint every interested member of First Baptist with each step of our building plans as they progress. Any hum that you hear in the air will be because this committee of 35 is spreading the enthusiasm they found last Sunday. Building has been a dream for years, now it can become a reality if we are ready for it to.

In each Newsletter we will share information and facts with you concerning the program. The biggest question we need to answer first is what is the attitude of our people? Is it one of apathy or dedicated Christian concern? Most important of all is your attitude one of prayer? We need to constantly pray that the Lord will reveal his will to us in this important venture. We need to recognize that we are building a structure to the glory and praise of God and that it is too big a job for just a handful of people. Only God can successfully get this job done and only then through a dedicated servant like yourself. Your own attitude can help us find a oneness of aim and spirit. As we find the right attitude toward God and ourselves, surely it will be reflected in our desires to worship every Sunday, to learn from His word in Sunday School, and to be true stewards of what God has so freely given us. Readiness will begin first in your heart.

See you Sunday with Bible in hand and with an enthusiasm to serve our Lord.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Flowers have been placed in the sanctuary for this Sunday in memory of Mr. C. H. Baber by his family.

Ushers For SEPTEMBER

The following men have been elected to serve the church in the capacity of USHER for the month of SEPTEMBER:

Gene Frye, Captain
W. A. Campbell
Howard Key
E. C. Collins
Porter Cox
R. C. Cooke
Dan Blue
Dale Simmons

Golfers

CIRCLE THIS
DATE ON YOUR
CALENDAR



September 13 is the date of our next church-wide men's golf tournament. Don't let this date slip by you. Put a red circle around it right now and be ready to commit yourself when our golf committee calls on you. Why wait and be sorry?

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NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

Mr. Frank Hennis

FORSYTHE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Mr. Charles (Sparky) Paul

JAMES WALKER HOSPITAL

Wilmington, N. C.

Mr. Joe Edwards

AT HOME

Mrs. James Haynes

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