



TRAINING UNION BREAKS RECORD WITH 386

—For Thoughtful Reading—

EACH GAVE—Two men were at a New York pier as an ocean liner was departing. Both looked pleased.

The second man, only slightly acquainted with the other, said, "You seem to be very pleased about something."

"I am," was the reply. "Do you see that ship just departing? On that ship I have sent thousands of dollars' worth of hospital equipment for a hospital in China. I'm pleased that I had the privilege of giving that."

The giver was a wealthy businessman, and his gift a most worthy one. God rewarded him with a warmed, happy heart.

The other man said, "I am glad you made the gift. You know, I also have a gift on that ship. My daughter is there, starting for China as a Christian missionary."

The first man was a little abashed and exclaimed, "Man, I haven't given anything."

The one gave of his riches; the other gave of his blood.—Herald of Holiness

HUMILITY—On the road back after the depression I learned through experience that the foundation of a life, or a business, begins with humility. "Know thyself" is no mere platitude; it is common sense.

In the competitive hustle and bustle of the times it is not easy to take time to assay our weak points.

Yet the man who disciplines himself to this periodic inventory is much more likely to approach other men in a spirit which will invite goodwill and confidence.

Perhaps if enough of us tried it we would launch an epidemic of confidence and goodwill which would encircle the world.—J. C. Penney

—The Lighter Side of Life—

INFLATION—Two men were discussing taxes and the government's use of money. Just then a school bus passed. "See what I mean?" exclaimed one.

"When I was a boy we walked three miles a day to and from school. Now we spend five thousand dollars for a bus to pick up the children so they don't have to walk; then we spend fifty thousand dollars for a gymnasium so they can get exercise."—Cheer

PATIENTLY WAITING—The circus manager approached the little man who had applied for the job. "Aren't you kind of small for a wild animal trainer?" he asked him.

"That's the secret of my success," replied the applicant. "The animals keep waiting for me to grow bigger."—Christian Observer

NOT ENLISTING—A small boy leading a donkey passed an army camp. A couple of soldiers wanted to have some fun with the lad.

"Why are you holding your brother so tightly, sonny?" said one of them.

"So he won't join the army," the youngster replied without blinking an eye.—Watchman Examiner

ROUND TRIP—The train was puffing and grinding on the tracks raring to go, so the frantic passenger hustled up to the ticket window.

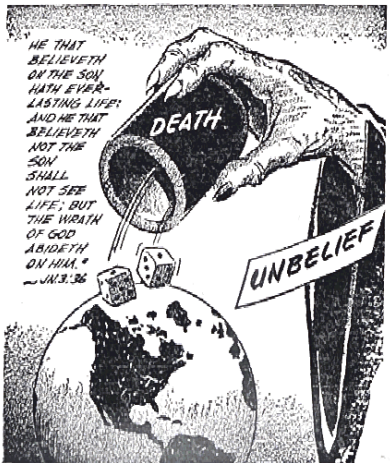
"Give me a round trip ticket," he gasped.

"Where to?" asked the agent.

"The passenger drew himself up, "Why, right back here, of course," he said indignantly.—The Lookout

—Post Script—

There is no true greatness where simplicity, goodness and truth are absent.—Megiddo Message



As I See It!

There has been an unbelievable response to our new Training Union program. During the two Sundays of our new year we have had 381 and 386 in attendance. This tremendous response shows that you, the members of MBBC, heartily accept our new and better Training Union program and also that you have a real desire to improve yourself as a servant of the Lord. We can only wish that several hundred more of our members would take advantage of this most important hour on Sunday evening.

Let me urgently request that you give Training Union one chance by attending this Sunday evening. We have a place for every member of the family from nursery through adult.

For New Church Members Only

Our pastor is extending a last chance opportunity for those of you that have recently joined our church. He is "re-opening" his enrollment for a limited number of new members. You may enroll this Sunday evening.

Classes being offered this quarter include: Our Major Baptist Doctrines (enrollment closed); Singing and Group Voice; Personal Evangelism; Bible Studies in Amos; Sunday School at Night (Ladies Only); and How to Live the Christian Life (enrollment open to new members only.)

We are also offering Sunday School teacher training courses for prospective teachers and current teachers in three age groups: Adult, Beginner and Nursery.

A Report From Our Building Committee

By the time you receive this paper the Building Committee will have met with our architectural firm, Grogan and Scoggins, and discussed in detail the final drawings of our new building. If approved by the Building Committee they will be given to contractors for bids during the next two weeks. This means that the bid accepted by the committee will be presented to the church not later than the first of November for your consideration.

Under the leadership of Mr. Bob Walker, Chairman, our Building Committee has done an excellent job in finalizing the plans for our new worship center and activities building.

Schoeppay

VITAL STATISTICS

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School — 699

Year Ago — 629

Training Union — 386

OFFERING — \$2,280.24

NEW MEMBERS:

- 8. Genita Campbell, 1024 E. Pioneer, BL 9-2169
- 9. Mr. John R. Downie, Adult 3, 3221 Harvard, BL 2-1071
- 10. Mrs. John R. Downie, Adult 3
- 11. William Ernst, Adult 3, 1313 Boyd, BL 3-8577
- 12. Mrs. William (Ruth) Ernst, Adult 3
- 13. Susan Ernst, 4th Grade
- 14. Elaine Ernst, Senior Dept.
- 15. Wylie Hawkins, Adult 2, 1205 Fairfield, BL 5-4186
- 16. Mrs. Wylie (Dixie) Hawkins, Adult 1
- 17. Sue Langley, Senior Dept., 3221 Harvard, BL 2-1071
- 18. Mrs. Beulah Moore, Adult 4, 1406 Westwood Dr., BL 3-8445
- 19. Paul Moore, Senior Dept.
- 20. Wallace J. Shanks, Adult 4, 1009 Ross Dr., BL 4-8452
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The response to last Sunday morning's message was really encouraging — at least a dozen people rushed up to tell me what I could do with burned-out light bulbs! (They make good dingbats, too.)

In 1953 I was preaching a revival in a small Eastern Oklahoma church. After the closing service, Mrs. Floyd (an aunt of the infamous Pretty Boy Floyd) came by to tell me what the meeting had meant to her. "It makes me want to do something for God," she said.

That is a really great response. Many of us deceive ourselves Sunday after Sunday by hearing the Word only, and not DOING THE WORD. For Christ's sake and our own let's practice the Word.

1. TALK TO GOD. You've heard this one before? Will you DO it? If you will spend just 5 minutes every day praying for our Sunday services, you'll be amazed at the difference. YOUR PRAYING DETERMINES WHAT YOU GET OUT OF WORSHIP AND WHAT GOD PUTS INTO IT.

2. TALK TO OTHERS. This is the sub-title of the book of Acts. You are more like Christ when you're concerned about the lost than at any other time; it's the nearest thing to God's heart. But we talk about it MORE and do it LESS than almost anything else. Some of us who used to be faithful in this, have dropped by the wayside. Rekindle your love for Christ and the fire will spread to the lost and unenlightened.

3. TALK TO YOURSELF. Be careful here. If someone overhears you they may assume you've lost your MENTAL BALANCE. But God will know you are simply keeping your SPIRITUAL BALANCE.

"Am I doing all that God wants me to do?" "Is my heart growing, cold?" "Am I as close to God as I once was?" "Am I harboring a pet sin in my life?"

These are questions of self-examination which we would answer daily. Practicing self-examination will help us closer to God, prevent bitterness and a critical spirit, make us aware of our weaknesses, and drive to God in prayer.

According to the Bible, it's important what you BELIEVE, but it's more important to BEHAVE WHAT YOU BELIEVE.

Ronald Dunn

In the Hospitals:

- (Baylor)
- Mr. Lawrence Sanders — Room 4108
- Mrs. L. R. Adams — Room 2123 (St. Paul)
- Ray Benson — Room 721B
- Mrs. Nancy Robinson — Room 633 (Irving)
- Mrs. Carol Duval — Room 111
- Mrs. Bertha Gothard — Room 211
- Deanne Johnson — Room 250

HELP BEULAH VICTIMS

Sunday is the last opportunity you have to bring items for our friends in South Texas. Their urgent need is for bedding, canned goods, staples, and clothing. These items should be placed in the Library.

—World Religious News Roundup—

WASHINGTON—Baptist women from 13 conventions and unions in three countries will attend the fourth continental assembly of the North American Baptist Women's Union here Nov. 16-18.

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Autumn I found on a mountain trail, Where spruce and pine reached straight and tall; Where squawberries grew and sumac flamed, And aspens waved a gay parasol. The trail led to a sapphire lake Reflecting trunks of bronze and gray; A quiet place I felt God near, And paused awhile to praise and pray. —Jeanette Swanson, The Christian

—What Others Say—

I KNOW, whenever I have earnestly prayed, I have been amply heard, and have obtained more than I prayed for.—Martin Luther

IT IS strong faith—not the affluent society—that makes a grateful heart.—William A. Ward

CHARACTER may be manifested in great moments, but it is made in the small ones.—Phillips Brooks

CONSCIENCE tells us that we ought to do right, but it does not tell us what right is—that we are taught by God's Word.—H. C. Trumbull

I HAVE been driven to my knees many times by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go.—Abraham Lincoln

PRAYER is not overcoming God's reluctance; it is laying hold of His highest willingness.—Richard C. Trench

GOD IS AT work and spiritual awakening is being experienced in many different countries.—Billy Graham

IF WE did not believe in the spiritual character of man, we would be foolish indeed to be supporting the concept of free government.—Dwight D. Eisenhower

BOWING THE head for a few minutes at the beginning of the day will help one to walk more erect during the hours that follow.—Ray F. Magnuson

—A Little Bit of Wit—

To make a wish come true requires both a wishbone and backbone.—Wichita Light

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