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"As My Father hath sent me, even so send I you" John 20: 1

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THE NEW YEAR

The Southwest Texas Baptist sends greetings to all its friends with every good wish for your happiness and prosperity during the New Year 1929.

This is a time for many good resolutions. The wish is that you may keep them. Likewise it is a time for many plans. If they are worthy and in accord with the Divine will, the hope is that such plans may be realized. Surely this is a time to put away all unholy ambitions, unforgiveness and unrighteous pride and to incorporate into one's plans purposes and efforts those lofty sentiments and sincere endeavors that will enrich life and make the world better for our living.

None are wise enough to foresee what is held in store for the future. The hope is that whatever may come, seemingly good or ill, that we may be always reminded that "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose."

Rough places are encountered oft times in life's way, shadows cast their length across the pathway, unpleasantnesses linger in the halls of memory, but may each of us be able to say and to do, "forgetting the things that are behind, and reaching forth to the things that are before, let us press forward to the work of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," "looking unto Jesus, who is the Author and the finisher of our faith." And so by us all may be lived the New Year, 1929.

SOUTH SAN ANTONIO CHURCH

South Plains Baptist

J. C. Everts is the first and only pastor this church has had through the eight years of his life. He is doing some of the finest work there in all the country. Attendance at prayer meetings averages about 125 and they have 6 B. Y. P. U.'s going in full blast with average attendance of 128. The Editor had the pleasure of supplying for Pastor Everts a few years ago and found a live crowd.

SAN ANTONIO ASSOCIATION STEWARDSHIP AND BUDGETING IS ANNOUNCED

Jesse Yelvington

Under the leadership of our new state Sec'y., Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Texas Baptists are planning to get every church in the state to adopt the budget plan of financing the Lord's work. The state has been organized and a great program of helpfulness in putting on the budget will be carried into every church.

San Antonio Association is conforming to the state plan and starting Monday Jan. 7 four teams of five men each will begin work. Each speaker will be asked to give one night each week for seven weeks. Each week five churches will be visited, a different speaker speaking will speak on each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights. The local church is asked to have a testimonial meeting of Wednesday night by tithers in the local church. The first week will find the speakers listed for the following churches: Picaston, Jourdanton, Charlotte, Potte and Hondo. The teams are composed of twenty pastors and laymen.

It is hoped that every church will do their best to have as large attendance as possible each evening. The program will have to be carried out regardless of weather conditions.

Copies of the entire program have been mailed this week to all churches and speakers.

THE POLITICIANS' FOOLED

I am sorry for the politicians. They do not know what to say. For one time the good people put one by the politicians. I know they say the preachers did it. But the preachers know better than that. They had a part in it to be sure, but the people did it, and that is the thing that is troubling the waters just now. This is a great country in which we live. It is, indeed, the land of the free and the home of the brave. There is no such thing in America as toleration, but freedom is the word. Every man in America is free to be as religious as he wants to be,

LAST SUNDAY IN THE CHURCHES

Church:	S.	B.Y.P.U.	Add.
San Antonio—			
Baptist Temple	365	167	3
Beacon Hill	275	90	1
Broadway	58	18	4
Calvary	346	115	
Central	106	67	
First Baptist	730	206	11
Harlandale	312	128	
Highland Park	354	94	
Immanuel	88	24	
Lakeview	75	59	
Los Angeles	105	64	1
Prospect Hill	197	72	
Pruitt Ave.	142	53	3
Riverside Pk.	267	90	
So. San Antonio	184	83	
San Jose	33	15	
Tabernacle	9		
Woodlawn	82	36	
Calvary Mexican	80	26	
Mex. Mission		25	
Sayers	46		
Austin—			
First	440	92	
University			2
East Ave.	185	66	
Hyde Park	140	91	
Southside	116	54	
West Austin	55	37	
Immanuel	75	74	
Walnut Creek	45	12	

and to join any church in the land and no man dare to molest him. Here in America, a man can vote the Democratic ticket if he so desires. If that does not suit him, he can vote the Republican ticket if the platform and the candidate is dry and suits him. Yes, I know that there were some people that told us that if we did not vote the Democratic ticket, that we would be "excommunicated" from the party, but the people knew better than that and went on and cast their vote according to their convictions. Hurrah for America.

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W. M. U. DEPARTMENT

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The Quarterly Meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the San Antonio Baptist Association will meet with the Harlandale Church on Tuesday, January 15th, in all day session. A good attendance from all of the societies in the association is hoped for. Details of the program will be given in next week's issue.

The W. M. U., Auxiliary to the San Marcos Association, met with the San Marcos Church on Thursday December 27, for their December Quarterly meeting. Although the attendance was small, on account of the holiday season and sickness, each person on the program was present. Mrs. W. R. Williams, of Martindale, brought the morning devotional, after which came the reports of the Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer, the local presidents and the chairman of standing committees.

A helpful message on the subject "W. M. U. Plans for the New Year" was brought by the District President, Mrs. Hayden, who emphasized the objects for our work for the coming year.

At noon hour, luncheon was served by the ladies of the San Marcos Auxiliary.

The afternoon devotional was given by Mrs. Marshall Manford, of Luling, after which Rev. Don Covington, of Prairie Lea, spoke on the subject "The W. M. U. in the Pastor's Plan" or "The relation of the Pastor to the W. M. U." He said that the relation of the Pastor to the W. M. U. and that of the W. M. U. to the

pastor was the same—"Laborers Together with God", and stressed the fact that since the purpose of each was to bring about the same results, that they should fit into each others plans, each being helpful and interested in the other. He quoted the definition of a successful pastor, as being one who has gained the respect of the men, the confidence of the women, and the love of little children.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. J. E. Abney, President; Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. L. Fuller, Lockhart; Corresponding Secretary & Treasurer, Mrs. Pauline Ward, San Marcos; Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. Fred Smith, Martindale; Young People's Leader, Mrs. S. J. Garner, San Marcos.

(Sent in by Mrs. Pauline Ward)

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

"As God shall help me, I will this year attempt the highest life. I will try to live as becometh an immortal soul. I will remember I am God's son, God's daughter, and that being of so high estate, I must not grovel, but live very nobly. I will endeavor to live chastely in thought and behavior, be frugal with myself, generous with others, bring myself to stringent reckoning, but give to others the benefit of widest Christian charity. I will praise rather than censure, rejoice in the prosperity and good name of others, will love and read good books, will go much out of doors to meet the sky and the lake and the seasons, will keep an affable attitude toward all whom I meet, will go out of my way to make a friend, will love all such as live in the sight of heaven, will hearken to God, will rejoice in my chance and place of labor, will treat my home folks with such sweet courtesy as I bestow on those I meet casually, will love God and serve Him in Jesus Christ, not as a cross, but as a golden opportunity.

I will make life glad for all I meet, and come a long way this good year toward my Heavenly Father's house, in which I hope to dwell with Him forever."

Wm. A. Quayle, D. D., U. S. A.

He came to my desk with a quivering lip—the lesson was done.

"Dear teacher, I want a new leaf," he said—"I have spoiled this one."

In place of the leaf so stained and blotted I gave him a new one all unspotted,

And into his sad eyes smiled, "Do better now, my child."

I went to the throne with a quivering soul—the old year was done.

"Dear Father, hast thou a new leaf for me? I have spoiled this one."

He took the old leaf, stained and blotted,

And gave me a new one all unspotted, And into my sad heart smiled,

"Do better now, my child."

Sunday School Times.

GLEANINGS FROM THE HARVEST FIELDS:

Rev. W. S. Gibbs, who has served the Blanco association for the past seven years as missionary has accepted the pastorate of the Three Rivers Baptist church. For many years Brother Gibbs has resided in Beeville.

The association discontinued the missionary work among the whites for this year.

Rev. J. S. Henderson, formerly missionary for seven years of the San Antonio Baptist association, has accepted a like position with the Grayson county Baptist association. He is now on the field and for the present is making temporary headquarters at the Y. M. C. A., Denison.

Blessings on Bro. Henderson.

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EDITOR McCONNELL SEES IT.

By M. H. Wolfe.

Editor McConnell of the Baptist Standard now sees that the Baptist house in Texas is on fire and says so in plain English in last week's Standard on the front page.

This is the first sign for several years that opens the door of hope. Some of us have seen this conflagration coming and have tried to stop the fire and prevent the consuming catastrophe that is now sweeping over our Baptist enterprises. But our efforts were misunderstood and nothing could be accomplished.

However, it is not too late to organize anew and reconstruct the denomination on safer lines and now since more of the brethren see the fire, and if other brethren can be persuaded to see, then Texas Baptist will rise phoenix like from the ashes and save everything we hold dear to our hearts.

This silver lining in the dark cloud constrains me to believe that the hour has struck when we should all preach from one text, "we wisht not that the Lord had departed from us", and then let us all join in one fervent prayer, "Oh God forgive our past mistakes and teach us and lead us in the ways and days of reconstruction."

PROGRAM OF WORKERS' CONFERENCE

The Workers Conference of the San Antonio Baptist Association meets with Calvary Baptist Church, Tuesday, January 8, 1929. The program follows:

- 10:00 A. M. Song and Devotional, M. W. Barcrafer.
- 10:20 A. M. Practicing Stewardship Through the Budget, Rev. S. C. Hubener.
- 10:45 A. M. Things That Build Up and Things That Tear Down the Budget, Rev. D. B. South.
- 11:10 A. M. Financing the Budget Through the S. S., Paul Harper.
- 11:35 A. M. How the W. M. S. may Co-operate in the Budget, Mrs. J. F. Peachey.
- 11:50 A. M. Sermon, Rev. E. F. Tatum.
- 12:30 P. M. Lunch.
- 1:30 P. M. Board Meeting.

THE AUSTIN FOLK

The Editor spent the holidays with his family in Austin. For the first time in two years the whole tribe was at home. Would you like to peep into the circle?

Mrs. Marshall presides, and is boss. The children: One is a home maker, three teachers, a farmer, an auto tire dealer, a city assessor and collector of taxes, a civil engineer, a traveling salesman. That is nine—but there are ten. One sleeps in the silent city of the dead at Laredo. Five boys and five girls.

Oh it was a great Christmas! A Christmas tree? Yes. Then the stockings were hung up. The real Santa Claus came "in due and ancient form." The genial George Green and the First Church are at the same place, serving the down-town problem. The cultural Auliek and the University Church are dealing with the interesting but difficult student problem. H. C. Morrison, the philosopher, and the peoples Church, the East Avenue, are marshalling the dense East Side population. W. G. Bug and Hyde Park are going sometimes by addition and sometimes by division. T. B. Prescott and the South Side are pulling steadily making some gains. C. L. Sausung and the Immanuel in a new field are solving problems—not strong but well organized.

The youngest, the West Side with their new pastor, E. E. Wheelless are making a good beginning. Less than 6 months they are more than 100 strong.

W. E. Collins and old Walnut Creek a full time country Church touch every interest of the Kingdom.

C. S. Harrison and Pleasant Hill another full time country Church majors in evangelism. It is a soul winning Church, and is coming more and more to be a life saving Church. We heard good reports from Dripping Springs, Manor, Cedar Valley, Manchaca, Pflugerville and others. The

Capitol Country is always interesting. Here politics heads up. The politicians get foled some times but they are an interesting bunch.

M. A. Gary the missionary is everywhere. He has nearly worn out a new Ford but he keeps stepping on it. Blessings on the old Austin Association. We failed to get into the Bastrop section but they are there.

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Excerpt of Pastoral Letter—
Walter T. Davis.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

These Christmas letters are coming thick and fast, are they not? But you would feel left out if you were passed up altogether, wouldn't you? Of course you would. But you are included. See them coming! Letters, letters! Long letters and short, day letters and night letters, -letters from loved ones far away, from friends and business people right at your door - all kinds of letters from all kind of folk. And now here is one from the preacher!

May be this letter is a bit different, though preachers themselves are not much different. The fellow who started the saying: Three kinds of people in the world - men, women and preachers, was a wag, not a wit. Just forget it.

Really, this is a love letter. Most gladly do I greet you, one and all, in the happy Christmas Spirit now upon us! Do I believe there is a Santa Claus, did you ask? Yes, indeed! If you do not I am sorry for you and here and now invite you to our Sunday morning preaching service where you can hear more about it. Please come, won't you? I'll be looking for you.

HOW DEEP IS YOUR GRATITUDE

Now this Christmas Love Letter points in four directions, as we say. Suppose we call them east, south, west and north. Take a peep with me in each direction. Listen while I talk to you. The human race has always moved from east toward the golden west, ever and anon halting a while to lovingly gaze back upon the velvety purple of the past. Let's look to the east of our lives, then. A year is closing - is all but gone! What of it in review?

One word answers the question. Blessings! Blessings! Blessings every day all the way back! Grateful we are for them, too; right now, for the blessings of God in our community, our own homes our church. More than sixty members added to our number during the year; a good showing, the best some of us have ever seen here, in the way of voluntary and continuous contributions; the unflinching faithfulness of the faithful few; the fine purpose and enthusiasm of an increasing number of our younger members; the enlarging opportunity before us as a church and the growing conviction

that the time is here for us to beatify ourselves and build a new house of worship unto our God. We thank Him for the east of our lives and what it brings us of joy, comfort and courage.

HOW RELIGIOUS ARE WE?

Turn your face to the clime of gentle breezes and mellow heat. Look to the south of your life our lives for a moment. Peep with me into one of God's human flower gardens that blooms all the while - get your soul warmed to a genial glow for a generous deed. See it? Right there! Our Buckner Orphans Home with its 712 inmates, dependent on us, by the mercy of God, for daily food, shelter, schooling loving care and a fair chance in an uneven race. I looked at it the other day until my eyes blurred and I closed them to pray. I cannot tell you more now but I want you to remember that the Christmas season is the time set apart by us Texas Baptists and others for special gifts to this blessed home of the homeless. Last year we gave more than \$50,000.00 at the Christmas time but that was less than one fourth needed for the year. Just now their need is very urgent because of the epidemic prevailing there - more than 125 were sick in bed when I looked in upon them two weeks ago - and we must help. Remember what James says? Better just read what he says, what James, the brother of Jesus, says about this. Just leave off talking about the left hand and right hand business and how good you have been and how much you are giving and how little others are giving - and how bad, really bad, they must be. Shame on us! But read: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Now let us pray for one another that each and all of us may measure up to this, God's standard of true religion. As we do it, Buckner Orphans Home will get a real gift from us this Christmas. God held us to help the helpless now!

NEWS NOTFS

THE ORPHANS HOME.—Have you sent in an offering for the Buckners Orphans Home. You won't feel good to let the holidays pass without helping the dear Home. If you haven't—DO IT NOW.

TENT MEETING. The Editor with Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Barcafer will be in a meeting at 300 South Wells Blvd. when these lines are read. The Barcafers are very capable people in evangelistic service. We are glad to join them in this revival work. Their music will be of the highest order for revival meetings. A cordial invitation is given to the Churches to join us in this campaign. Personal workers are needed and will be welcomed. Take a Hot Wells Bus and get off at 300.

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