

# BIBLE STUDY WEEK

JANUARY 6 - 9

Book	Age Group	Teacher
Studies in Matthew	Adults	Frank Hughes, Jr.
Studies in Matthew	Married Young People	Ridley Garner
Studies in Matthew	Young People	Mrs. George Dennis
Exploring the New Testament	Intermediates	Bonnie Ray Smith

A Study Hall and activity time will be directed by Mrs. A. L. Pierce for school age children so that their parents may attend. Beginner and nursery activities are also planned.



- Sunday, January 6**  
 9:30 a. m.—Sunday School  
 11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship  
 5:00 p. m.—Youth Choir  
 6:15 p. m.—Training Union  
 7:30 p. m.—Evening Worship
- Monday, January 7**  
 6:00 p. m.—Brotherhood Supper  
 7:00 p. m.—Bible Study
- Tuesday, January 8**  
 6:00 p. m.—Brotherhood Planning Meeting  
 7:00 p. m.—Bible Study
- Wednesday, January 9**  
 10:30 a. m.—WMS Meeting  
 7:00 p. m.—Bible Study  
 9:00 p. m.—Church Choir
- Thursday, January 10**  
 8:00 p. m.—Ruth Walden Circle,  
 1517 Rodgers Street

The Total Lottie Moon Christmas Offering By Dec. 30 in our Church was \$ 2,865.00

## Report for Sunday

DECEMBER 30, 1962

### Our Church

Sunday School Attendance.....	488
Training Union Attendance.....	125
Tithes and Offerings Budget.....	\$ 1,731.10
Designated.....	\$ 35.04
Lottie Moon Offering.....	\$ 293.00

### Plaza Chapel

Sunday School Attendance.....	187
Tithes and Offerings.....	\$ 178.16

### CHURCH STAFF

Frank Hughes, Jr. ....	Pastor
Harvey M. Brown.....	Min. of Education
Herman May.....	Min. of Music
Miss Phyllis Lamkin.....	Church Sec'y.
Mrs. W. L. Fulcher, Sr.....	Fin. Sec'y.
Mrs. Harvey Whitehurst.....	Organist

### MISSIONARIES

Mark Alexander.....	Argentina
Frances Hammet.....	Nigeria

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*Herman May*



## Mr. and Mrs. Herman May and Darrell

Brother May has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church of Russellville, Kentucky to become their minister of music. This will be the last Sunday the May's will be with us.

## The Following Two Pages Are Devoted To The May's From The Pastor . . .

It is with reluctance we give up our minister of music for the Kentucky hills. His position on our staff has been filled with dignity and effectiveness. Also, Brother May has given his ability and talent freely to all of the church organizations. We salute him for his superb voice and the way in which the music program blended in with church activities. We commend him for his initiation of a graded choir program, and the good foundation for future development of the music ministry in the South Norfolk Baptist Church.

His presence on our staff will be missed greatly, and his loyalty to the pastor will ever be appreciated.

Rev. Frank Hughes, Jr.

## From The Financial Secretary . . .

Since Mr. May has been with us many things have happened to our music program—all of them nice.

We are enjoying so much the "fruit of his labor" in our Beginner, Primary, Junior, and Youth Choirs. The Adult Choir has a "new look" since he came; the Brotherhood Croakers have been an added attraction. In his service to God, he has helped us truly appreciate the part music should play in the worship program.

All of these things tell us that we shall miss our Music man. We can only wish him, his lovely wife, Grace and little Darryl success and happiness wherever they go.

Gladys Fulcher

## Farewell to Brother May and Family

As January 7, 1963 approaches, the Brotherhood of the church takes this opportunity to express our appreciation to the Mays. We say "thank you for all that you have done and God bless you in your new endeavors."

A. L. "Red" Chiles  
Brotherhood President

*You are cordially invited to a  
reception honoring*

*Mr. and Mrs. Herman May*

*immediately after the  
evening worship service*

*January 6, 1963*

Church Music Committee

## Where the Road Forks

About 2½ years ago our church voted to call a full time minister of music. This was an important milestone in the life of our church.

Mr. May came to us and set up the music ministry in our church. For those of us that had the pleasure of hearing especially the Youth and the little folks sing recently know what a blessing it has been to our church.

I am personally thankful for the great deal of interest Mr. May has taken with the youth and the way the youth have responded to the opportunity. Training Union has definitely been helped. Youth fellowships have been well attended and our jobs as parents have been made less difficult because our children's interests have been channeled in the right direction.

Now we have reached the place where the road forks. Mr. May has been called to another field to touch and bless other lives. We dislike seeing him go but we are so thankful that he has passed this way. Albert Schweitzer once said, "no ray of sunlight is ever lost; but the green which it awakens into existence needs time to sprout, and it is not always granted to the sower to see the harvest. He must plant in faith."

I believe that the youth of today is a portrait of tomorrow and that Mr. May has done much to improve the quality of the finished canvas.

C. G. Harrell  
Training Union Director

## From the Chairman of the Deacons . . .

In this busy jet age in which we live, with everyone in step with old Father Time, we now pause to take inventory.

As we look back some two and a half years, we see coming to our membership Brother Herman May, along with his good wife, Grace, to head our music program. We very quickly recognized him as a devout Christian man devoted to his God, his church, and its ministry of music.

Those of us who have been privileged to work close with him and to enjoy his ministry of music regret that he decided to accept the call to the First Baptist Church, Russellville, Kentucky. However our loss will be their gain and we wish for him and his family every joy and much success.

R. D. Holland

## From the Minister of Education . . .

Our church has benefited greatly by Brother May's ministry. Many of us have gained a greater appreciation for good church music. He has helped us to worship through music. Some of us now distinguish between "foot music", "head music" and "heart music".

Our church choir has increased in membership. We now have five new choir or music activity groups, four of which our church had not had prior to Mr. May's leadership. Our music ministry is now a teaching ministry as well as an aid to worship.

Brother May has served our association as Director of the Music Education Department. He has been on various committees of our association. Other churches have used his talents in revivals and schools of music. In each place he has left no doubt that South Norfolk Baptist Church has capable music leadership.

We are saddened that the May's are leaving us because of our close friendship and because our church is losing a talented minister. We rejoice with them as they follow God's leadership in this new responsibility.

Harvey M. Brown.

## From the WMU President

Words are not adequate to express regret that Mr. and Mrs. May decided to leave our church. However, I know they are taking up the same quality of fine work they demonstrated here.

The music this Christmas was the best yet and showed the hours of work given to each choir in turn. We wish for the May's the best in every way. As President of Woman's Missionary Union I want to say "thank you" for their cooperation in so many things they did for us.

Mrs. Ada Hodges

It is difficult to express our appreciation to Mr. May for the many things he has contributed to our church in a short space.

His artistic, as well as his musical talents, will be missed by many of our members. He is often called upon to draw pictures, make posters, or design displays for the various organizations. And he always seems to find time to do them.

We wish for the May's much happiness and success in their new field of work.

Phyllis Lamkin,  
Church Secretary

It's been a real privilege to work with Mr. May in our church music program. I feel that he has done much in teaching us the true meaning of worship. It seems that often we strive so hard to avoid ritualism that our lack of it becomes a ritual itself, and we forget the real purpose of our worship service. But by leading us in learning more worshipful music, I feel that Mr. May has done a great deal in this area.

Our lives have been enriched because he and Grace have "dwelt among us".

Betty LeBlanc  
Church Pianist  
Former Church Secretary