

## Assembly Group Returns Saturday from Eagle Eyrie

Eagle Eyrie is a leadership training assembly owned by Virginia Baptists. The Sunday School department has two weeks of assembly there. The Training Union department uses it for four weeks. The WMU has a week long conference, and the Business Woman's Circles sponsor a separate assembly for one week. Two music camps are held there in August.

This week our church has 33 attending the third TU assembly. This is NOT a youth camp as some have thought. We do have a large number of intermediates and one junior present. However, the emphasis is on leadership training for adults. There are conferences for every age group of workers, Nursery to Adult.

There are separate conferences for every young person, intermediate, junior, and younger children. The adults are grouped either by the office held or in small discussion groups for general TU study.

The schedule this week is similar to the following:

- 6:45 Arise
- 7:15-8:15 Breakfast
- 8:30-12:30 Nursery, Beginner, Primary children in direct activities
- 8:30-9:45 Age group conferences
- 10:00-11:00 Bible study or worship
- 11:15-12:15 Age group conferences
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch
- 1:30-5:00 Recreation, rest
- 5:30-6:30 Dinner
- 6:45-7:45 Personal Interest Conference
- 8:00-9:15 Evening Worship
- 9:30-10:30 Free Time
- 11:00 Lights Out



The Executive Committee of the Training Union will meet Sunday, July 23 at 5:30 p. m. This group is composed of the department directors or leaders and the general officers. Plans are laid for the coming month and evaluation of the present month is made.



Friday, July 21  
8:00 p. m.—Nannie Bland David  
Assoc. Meeting for WMS

Saturday, July 22  
11:00 a. m.—Jr. RA's  
1:30 p. m.—Int. RA's  
5:00 p. m.—Church Choir Practice.

Sunday, July 23  
9:30 a. m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship Service  
4:30 p. m.—Youth Council  
5:30 p. m.—Youth Choir  
6:45 p. m.—Training Union  
8:00 p. m.—Evening Worship Service

Wednesday, July 26  
6:00 p. m.—Officers' and Teachers'  
Meeting.  
6:45 p. m.—Department Meeting  
7:45 p. m.—Prayer Meeting  
8:45 p. m.—Choir

Thursday, July 27  
2nd S. S. Week at Ridge-  
crest  
7:00 p. m.—Sunday School Visita-  
tion

### TEAM TAKES SECOND PLACE IN FIRST HALF

The church softball team finished the first half of the season with a 12-2 record. Raleigh Heights Baptist ended the season with an identical record. The play-off game last Thursday night was won by Raleigh Heights 9 to 6.

The second half of the season gets under way this week. Time of games will be announced in the bulletin and church paper.

### OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 1961

Sunday School Attendance .....	534
Training Union Attendance .....	154
Contacts .....	94
Tithes and Budget Offerings	\$1,278.44

### CHURCH STAFF

Frank Hughes, Jr.....	Pastor
Harvey M. Brown.....	Min. of Education
Herman May.....	Min. of Music
Mrs. Willard Fulcher.....	Records Sec'y
Miss Kay Williford .....	Church Sec'y

# THE MESSENGER

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## PRESCOTT, BABB, HARRELL, BROWN ELECTED TO LEAD CHURCH ORGANIZATION

Mr. R. G. Prescott will be the new Brotherhood president in October to lead our men in 1961-62. Mrs. N. J. Babb was chosen for a second year to head the Woman's Missionary Union. C. G. Harrell will serve as Training Union director and Harvey Brown will continue as general superintendent of the Sunday School.

Prescott has been active in the Brotherhood throughout the year. He is currently the Christian Witness Leader and has served unofficially as "Publicity Director." He is a teacher in the Sunday School, a secretary in Training Union, has been a deacon, and has served on numerous church committees.

Mrs. N. J. Babb is the Primary coordinator of the Sunday School. She is known by more of our church members in this capacity perhaps than as WMU prexy. She has led the ladies of our church faithfully this past year. A specific accomplishment of the WMU has been the organizing of a YWA.

Harrell will continue to head the Training Union which has shown growth the last two years. A new intermediate department is planned for this fall. Currently a large group of intermediates and adults are at Eagle Eyrie Baptist Assembly for a Training Union Conference.

Brown, Minister of Education, will serve as general superintendent of the Sunday School.

Dwight Holland was elected associate superintendent of the school. He capably served in this capacity last year. His experience working with people in the insurance business, his genuine interest in all of our workers, and his desire for growth will equip him for the position.

### New Space Needed For Sunday School

A growing Sunday School is healthy. Growth and expansion are necessary if a school is going to reach people. We have two groups in our Sunday School that have been growing.

Our Adult 3 department is literally bursting at the seams for additional space. We need two more classes and could use three easily. The average enrollment of the 5 classes in the department is 40. One class has fifty. A class membership of 25 is considered best and 35 should be the maximum. All of our Adult 3 teachers have been overworked this year trying to visit and meet the needs of 40 to 50 people.

Additional class space is needed. Finding additional classrooms in our building is one answer. Using sound proof folding doors to subdivide the fellowship hall is another possibility. Perhaps there are others.

We definitely need to give these workers and classes some relief. They have been faithful in their task. Now is the time to organize new classes for continued growth.

Our nurseries are also crowded. They are on the first floor, too. We will consider them in future issues of the MESSENGER.



## from the PASTOR'S PEN

The beer can is not only a menace internally but externally. Where do these cans wind up. Litter laws mean nothing to beer drinkers.

It is not unusual for people to find cans and bottles tossed on their lawns. When the contents of the can has been consumed the empty is dropped on the highway, deposited in the church yard, or cast down upon the beach. Beer cans on the beaches are now a constant headache for authorities. Fishermen heave over the side into the water ways their bottles and cans.

Besides being unsightly, they are proving a hazard. It costs money to clean up this trash, besides the replacement of tires cut by cans and bottles. Believe me, a glass bottle is capable of putting a tire out of commission for I had two decommissioned by one bottle a few months ago.

The latest skirmish happened while I was driving along through a respectable part of our city on my way to make a visit. The weather was fine, the street was clear and I was moving along about twenty miles per hour. The only thing that seemed to be stirring was a man rolling a lawn mower over his lawn. Just as my car was even with the man mowing, the mower hit a beer can and sent it like a rocket into the side of my car. Plus putting two dents in the door, and knocking off the paint, it missed my arm by about eighteen inches. Thus even the by-products are dangerous. With drunken drivers to duck and beer cans to dodge, it is no longer safe to travel the highways. One in every five highway deaths is due to drivers under the influence of alcohol.

Someone has wisely stated the truth in these lines:

"When it comes to holding liquor, Most folks are forced to tiddle. I have yet to see a person hold it better than a bottle."

There are today some 460,000 liquor outlets in this country. That's more liquor outlets than schools and churches combined.

You my friend, will also be wise if you refuse to drink.

## Action Taken In July 12 Business Meeting

Elected leaders of church organization for coming year.

Authorized contractor to build dirt road on property at Princess Anne Plaza at the approximate cost of \$256.

Voted to give janitors of church two weeks vacation after two years of service.

Agreed to purchase 15 lots of property, one-half block, at Princess Anne Plaza for the sum of \$2,000.00. This property gives us two full blocks at our present location.

Increased the salary of the organist from \$780 to \$1,200 annually.

Established a Church Music Council which will begin their work in October.



Mrs. Alvin Morrisette returned home last week from the hospital.

Mrs. Evelyn Bagley returned home last week from the hospital.

Miss Vivian Pierce was admitted last week to Leigh Hospital.

## Teachers and Officers Meet Wednesday, July 26th

Our monthly officer's and teacher's meeting will be held July 26th at 6:00 p.m. The schedule will be the same as previous months with dinner at 6:00, the general promotional period at 6:30, and department meetings at 6:45.

Just as the choir meets regularly to practice, so do teachers need to meet together and plan their work with their superintendents. No department is as strong as it can be if it doesn't have a teacher's meeting.

Reports of good work, fellowship around the dinner table, prayer together with co-workers, and plans for strengthening your work in August will highlight the meeting.

Please make supper reservations Sunday in your department.

**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMBERS**  
Deborah Kay Mallard, 913 Kinglet Street, Cradle Roll.  
Mary Thompson, 1226 Lilac Avenue, Int. 15-16.

## Hearing on Liquor Store Scheduled for Next Monday Night

The City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing Monday, July 24, at 8:00 p.m. on the application for a Use Permit for a new ABC Store. The meeting will be held at the Commission office at 10 Admirals Road.

The store is planned by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the new Ford Plaza Shopping Center.

This hearing will afford residents an opportunity to express their opinion about the need for the store in our city.

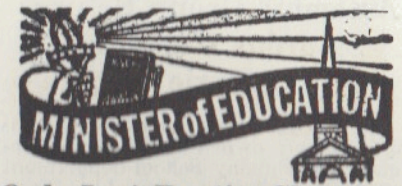


The establishment of a Music Council in our church last week was a big step for our Music Ministry. As our music education program has grown, there has also grown a distinct need for an organization with a broader contact with the whole church program. The Music Council can better serve these needs.

It will be an organization of music leaders of the church, meeting monthly, to (1) plan carefully the program of the Music Ministry; and (2) set up objectives and procedures which will help develop a well-balanced, dynamic Music Ministry.

The council will be made up of the pastor (exofficio), minister of music (chairman), church organist and pianist, director of each graded choir, an active deacon, president of the church choir, chairman of choir mothers, and sponsors for each choir, and chairman of the music committee.

The work of the council will differ from that of the music committee, whose primary function will be in the air of paid music personnel and providing suitable physical facilities as are needed year by year through the budget. The committee can serve with the council in the broader aspects of promotion, enlistment, and general policies as related to the whole church.



## Only In A Baptist Church . .

Harry Golden writes a syndicated column in papers across the country entitled "Only In America." He makes frequent references to the privileges of Americans and the unusual events that could take place only here in the U. S.

Baptist churches stand out among the denominations like the U.S.A. does in the world of nations. We can do things that no other group can. We have the liberty and democracy that is practiced nowhere else. Many times that freedom begins to wither to indifference, but then it springs forth again in full bloom as the church acts.

Let me cite some examples of this unusual privilege we have as members of a Baptist church. See the article in this week's MESSENGER telling of the highlights of last week's business meeting. Only a Baptist church would take the time to deliberate the vacation schedule of its janitors, vote to buy 50 loads of fill dirt, and purchase 15 lots of land in one meeting.

Only a Baptist church elects a nominating committee to recommend workers, asks reports from them regularly, prays faithfully for them and still has the privilege of turning down any of their nominations.

Only in a Baptist church can people strongly disagree over a matter and after voting on the issue remain strong Christian friends.

Only in a Baptist church can we choose whether or not to take part in some major programs recommended by our convention agencies.

We have a great heritage in America to choose our own way of life. The New Testament pattern that Baptist churches follow in church government is priceless. It comes from the heart of God.

I am proud to be a Baptist.

## Point To Ponder

If the cigarette industry ever really succeeds in making men think for themselves the government will be looking for another source of revenue.

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