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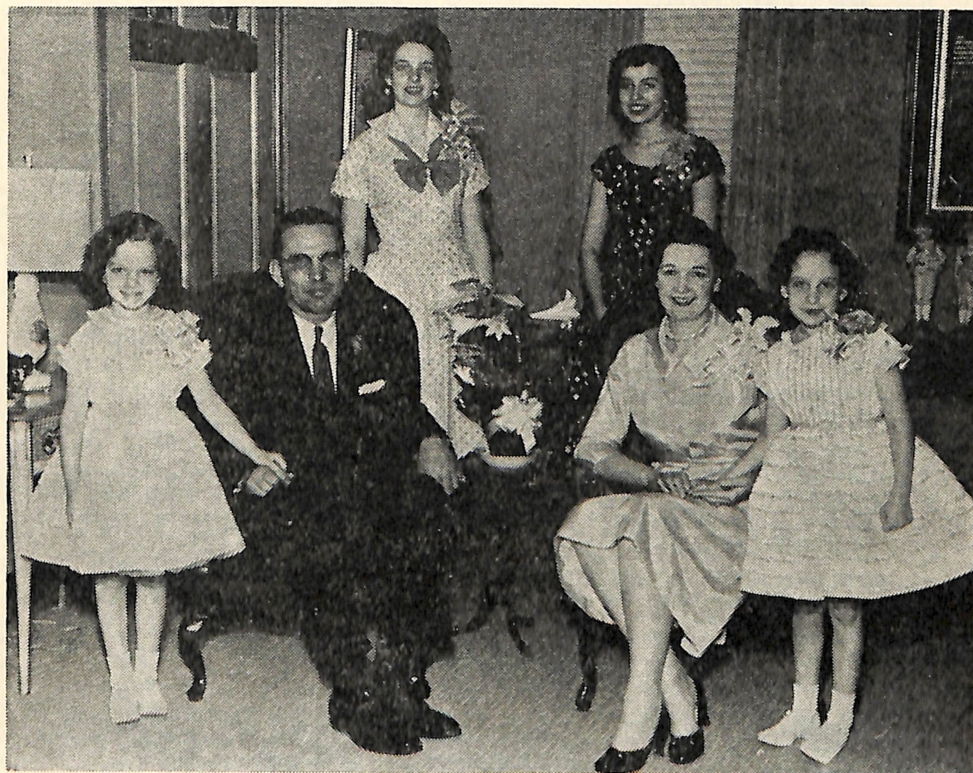
# The First Baptist Church

Limestone at Smith Street  
GAFFNEY, SOUTH CAROLINA  
FRANK ELLIOTT MORRIS, Pastor

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SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 1955

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## THE MORRIS FAMILY

Reading from left to right, front row: Janet Kay, Mr. Morris, Mrs. Morris, and Jerry Ann; back row, Louise and Martha Jean.

To you, the beloved Morris family, we express our appreciation and love, and wish for you every happiness and success possible in your new field of endeavor. God bless you as you go, and always.



## AT EVENTIDE

Training Union -----6:45 P. M.

Evening Worship -----8:00 P. M.

Organ Prelude—"Pomp and Circumstance" ----- Elgar

Song No. 355—"Praise Him! Praise Him!" ----- Allen

Song No. 201—"Faith of Our Fathers" ----- Hemy

Scripture Lesson

Evening Prayer

Greeting the Guests and Training Union Report

Presentation of Bibles

Hymn No. 233—"Wonderful Words of Life" ----- Bliss

Service of Giving

Dedicatory Prayer:

Offertory—

Sermon: "YOUR PROMISE FOR TOMORROW" ----- the Pastor

Invitation Hymn No 164—"Where He Leads Me" ----- Norris

Benediction—Choral Amen

Organ Postlude—

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### MY CHURCH — WHAT HAS IT DONE?

"Before I was born," said Rev. W. H. Brody, "my church gave to my parents ideals of life and love and made my home a place of strength and beauty.

"In hapless infancy my church joined my parents in consecrating me to Christ.

"My church enriched my childhood with romance and religion and the lessons of life that have been woven into the texture of my soul. Sometimes I seem to have forgotten and then, when else I might surrender to foolish and futile ideas of life, the truth my church taught becomes radiant, insistent and inescapable.

"In the stress and storm of adolescence my church heard the surge of my soul and she guided my footsteps by lifting my eyes toward the stars.

"When first my heart knew the strange awakening of love, my church taught me to chasten and spiritualize my affections; she sanctified my marriage and blessed my home.

"When my heart was seamed with sorrow, and I thought the sun could never shine again, my church drew me to the Friend of all the weary and whispered to me the hope of another morning, eternal and tearless.

"When my steps have slipped and I have known the bitterness of sin, my church has believed in me and wooingly she has called me back to live within the heights of myself.

"Now have come the children dearer to me than life itself and my church is helping me to train for all joyous and clean and Christly living.

"My church calls me to her heart. She asks my service and my loyalty she has a right to ask. I will help her to do for others what she has done for me. In this place in which I live I will help her keep aflame and aloft the torch of a living faith."

—Copied.



## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

As you will easily understand, this day will long be remembered by the Morris family. We have lived with you and loved you and now, by the Providence of God, we are to leave you. This is one of the most difficult assignments given a preacher. As we go away, we assure you that we carry in our hearts a warm place for this church and community! How glad we are to know that in the future years, we can look back over our sojourn here with delight and at least some satisfaction.

Let me urge you to pray for your Pastor's Nominating Committee. You have selected these people to serve; now, undergird them with your prayerful interest. God has his man for your undershepherd; do not become impatient, nor try to run ahead of God. Take time to let God lead in this important matter. When you have called a pastor, let him be your pastor. Make up your mind that you will support and love him as he stands here for God.

Now that I am leaving, I will not be able to assume the duties of a pastor any more. Already, I have declined invitations to come back for weddings. Ministerial ethics and a demanding pastorate would not allow me to do so. You will have an interim pastor, I assume, use him.

We do covet a continuation of your love and assure you that we will keep you in our hearts!

Please feel free to visit us at any time. We shall be delighted to have you.

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## TO PARENTS:

Dear Friends:

This is important to you! Why? Because it concerns that alert, energetic bundle of enthusiasm in your home — your Junior child.

You are happy, of course, that he has made the great choice of Christ

as Saviour. Now as a babe in Christ and as a young church member, his greatest need is growth. "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." (II Peter 3:18). How shall they grow? The Baptist Junior Union provides a church training program for young Christians nine through twelve years of age, where eager boys and girls "learn to do by doing." This union meets each Sunday evening at 6:45 before our preaching service.

The Junior leaders and sponsors are trying to help these young Christians get the right start in a program of spiritual growth and character development which will last through life. May we count upon your co-operation?

There is an Adult Union too for fathers and mothers.

Sincerely your friend,

Mrs. Paul C. Bell,  
Director of Junior Union Dept.

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Junior Union boys and girls please do not forget your Study Course to be held in the departmental room Friday afternoon beginning at 3 o'clock. The "Junior Union Manual" will be taught by Miss Martin and "The Meaning of Church Membership" will be taught by Mrs. B. D. Lee. You will bring your own sandwiches for a little picnic supper at 6 o'clock. We hope to close the classes at 7:30.

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## OUR THANKS TO YOU!

To each and every one who helped in any way to make the B. S. U. Retreat a success in our church last week-end, we want to say again a sincere and hearty "Thank You!!" All tasks, whether large or small, were important in the preparation and are most gratefully appreciated by the B. S. U. Department and students, by our church, and by us. Again, we say, "Our thanks to you!"

Mrs. D. E. Hudson,  
Joan Martin.



## THIS WEEK

### MONDAY:

3:00 P. M.—Primary Choir.  
 4:00 P. M.—General Meeting of W. M. S.  
 7:00 P. M.—Intermediate G. A., Betty Crocker.  
 7:00 P. M.—Y. W. A., church.

### TUESDAY:

3:00 P. M.—Junior Choir.  
 7:30 P. M.—Scout Troop.

### WEDNESDAY:

6:45 P. M.—Worker's Council Supper.  
 8:00 P. M.—Midweek Worship.

### THURSDAY:

3:30 P. M.—Girl Scouts.  
 7:30 P. M.—Senior Choir.

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Tuesday, 7:30 P. M.—W. M. S.—Broth-  
 hood joint meeting, Grassy Pond.

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## LAST SUNDAY

### Offerings:

Current Fund -----	\$ 592.68
Cooperative Program -----	386.28
Building Fund -----	250.89
Fellowship Fund -----	9.50
<b>Total -----</b>	<b>\$1,239.35</b>

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### Other Records:

Sunday School Attendance --	794
Mission School Attendance --	60
<b>Total -----</b>	<b>854</b>
Training Union Attendance --	140
Mission School Attendance --	28
<b>Total -----</b>	<b>168</b>

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## VISITORS TO OUR CHURCH LAST SUNDAY:

Mrs. Edna Philson Leavell, Winns-  
 boro, S. C.  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McLaughlin,  
 Florence, S. C.  
 Duke Snider, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Mrs. John C. Barnhill, City.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hammett,  
 City.  
 Martha McGill, Due West, S. C.  
 Agnes Clark, Wrens, Ga.  
 Nancy Robinson, Lancaster, S. C.  
 Mrs. Carlisle Robinson, Charlotte,  
 N. C.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pike, Sr., Golds-  
 boro, N. C.  
 Donald S. Pike, Raleigh, N. C.  
 Joe Hammett, City.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lawrence, Un-  
 ion, S. C.  
 Mr. and Mrs. B. C. West, Spartan-  
 burg, S. C.

## WELCOME, VISITORS

We are happy that you have come to worship with us, friend. Whether you come from far or near, we pray that in this hour you may meet God face to face and His will may be made plain to you. May you find His grace to be sufficient for your every need.

Please fill out a Visitor's Card, to be found in the pew racks, and place on the offering plate.

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The lovely FLOWERS in our sanc-  
 tuary today were given by Mrs. Helen Gooding Kincaid in loving memory of her mother, the late Mrs. Carrie Good-  
 ing, who passed away on April 25, 1954.

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We extend our very deepest SYM-  
 PATHY to the many friends and rel-  
 atives of Mrs. Carrie Jones who pass-  
 ed away April 18.

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## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

We list below our High School  
 Graduates to whom we shall present  
 Bibles at the Evening Service:

Abney, Lee  
 Beam, Joe  
 Bradley, Frederick  
 Burns, Margaret  
 Clary, Mary Vernon  
 Cooper, Carolyn  
 Fortanbary, Wayne  
 Hamrick, Babs  
 Lee, Ethel Mae  
 Parris, Donnie  
 Service, Jimmy  
 Stacy, Becky  
 Turner, Anita  
 Wood, Charlotte

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## FIRST BAPTIST MISSION Worship Services

110 McArthur Street

### SUNDAY:

10:00 A. M.—Sunday School  
 11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship  
 Doxology  
 Hymn  
 Scripture Lesson  
 Morning Prayer  
 Words of Welcome and Sunday  
 School Report  
 Hymn  
 Service of Giving:  
 Dedicatory Prayer  
 Morning Message, Mr. Gibson  
 Invitation Hymn  
 7:30 P. M.—Evening Worship.

### WEDNESDAY:

7:30 P. M.—Prayer Meeting.