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First Baptist Church Group To Present "A Better Life"

The young people of First Baptist Church will present "A Better Life" May 2, 3, 9, 10 in the Shelby Junior High School auditorium at 8:00 p.m. "A Better Life" is a Christian musical. It tells the story of Christ's redemption plan for man. The text is theologically sound. There are 200 teenagers in this choir.

The outstanding interesting thing about the music is its secular musical style. The arrangers have attempted to capture the very same "beat" found in current popular music. This, of course is designed to appeal to the youthful ear; however older adults find it meaningful and enjoyable. The accompaniment includes piano, harpsichord, drums, flutes, bass guitar, edectuc guitar, and rhythm section. This combo will play fifteen minutes prior to starting time.

This choir has had wide ex-

perience in presenting this kind of programs. Last year over 12,000 persons attended the two previous programs, "Good News", and "Sing-Out For Freedom". Between the two, 15 presentations have been given.

"A Better Life" features in addition to the large choir, solos by Gaylord Van Bralley, Lou Ann Scism, Debbie Rogers, and Chris Hudson. Also, "The Generation" will sing two num-

bers. A new group of three boys "The Revelation" will also be presented for the first time. Each presentation will contain two Christian testimonies.

Van H. Ramsey, minister of music and director of the group said, "These young people rehearse every Thursday and Saturday for two hours each time in order that these presentations be as professionally presented as possible. They come

early and stay late each time. They have something real to say to other restless young people. Adults will be deeply moved and encouraged at what they see and hear. Much care and caution has been taken to be sure the program is in good taste and is not offensive in any way. It presents the truth of Jesus' love in a very positive, persuasive manner. There is no admission charges and everyone is invited."