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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH — Shelby, N. C.

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Senior Minister

My faith looks up to Thee, Saviour divine; As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee, pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire! —Palmer

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VAN H. RAMSEY, Editor

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CANADIAN MISSION OPPORTUNITY

I am grateful to you for making it possible for me to participate in the Canadian Crusade of the Americas. Our Home Mission Board is making the arrangements in cooperation with Canadian Baptists.

I am to be located in St. John, New Brunswick with the Edith Avenue Baptist Church. The pastor Rev. A. J. Burton will be the preacher. If your geography is rusty, New Brunswick is above the state of Maine.

The plane leaves Atlanta October 31 for Boston where we will spend the night. The next day will take us to St. John and our places of service. We will return to Atlanta November 12 by way of Quebec, Montreal and New York.

I will be away one full week and two Sundays. In my absence, Rev. Joseph O. Stroud, State Music Secretary of North Carolina Baptist State Convention, will direct the music.

This is my first such opportunity to help in such a consecrated effort, especially so far away. I can only do my best when I feel real certain that God is leading. This is too much for one to achieve alone so I call for your help. When you pray, please call my name.

Thank you again and I am honored to go in your behalf as together we share the name of Jesus.

ADULT CHOIR PRESENTS PROGRAM

On Sunday evening October 12, our Adult Choir will present a program of selected gospel hymns which have been arranged by Ralph Carmichael. Some of the hymns are Rock of Ages, Amazing Grace and spirituals Amen, Jacob's Ladder and others.

We can be rightly proud of our Adult Choir for it is a mark of musical maturity when choir sings with understanding the great music of the church and with the same sensitive appreciation sings a gospel hymn. The stature and ability of our choir goes unquestioned.

SINGSPIRATION BEFORE T. U.

This is not a new idea but is one that in times past has meant a great deal to a lot of people. We will begin at 6:00 each week and sing for awhile and eat a snack before Training Union. Be ready with some of your suggestions. The nursery workers will receive your children.

REVIVAL MUSIC

During our week of Revival Services the choir each night will consist of the combined Adult, Men's, Senior High and Jr. High Choirs. As you have gathered. I like large choirs. I don't like a big noise but I do like the big sound generated by so many voices. This choir begins singing this Sunday evening and will sing each evening, except Thursday. If you can't sing regularly in either of these choirs, come help during the revival. We will meet each evening 7:00. Mr. Leath and Mrs. Plaster will serve as accompanists. There will be other special music in addition to the choir.



The choir team
needs **you!**
It's like baseball
without a pitcher.

MUSIC CLINICS

It will be my pleasure to lead two music clinics during this month. These clinics are only two days each in length and the first one is at the Plainview Baptist Church in Fallston, Monday and Tuesday October 13, 14 and the second is at the Mills Home Baptist Church in Thomasville, Monday and Tuesday October 20 and 21.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES AND BANQUETS

The music program will avail itself again this year for parties and banquets at Christmas. Last year we did 21 banquets in 18 days. If it is your intention to secure one of our groups this year, it is advisable to reserve your date soon. This year programs will be ready to be given by The Revelation, The Contemporary and Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey. We felt some good was accomplished last year and will continue with new and different programs this year.

PULPIT HYMNALS

The beautiful hymnals the ministers use have been presented to the church by Rev. C. O. Greene. The inscription reads "To the First Baptist Church, Shelby, in the worship of God." We shall long remember the stirring preaching Rev. Greene did during our interim. The hymnals add to the beauty in our sanctuary.

YOU
YOUR CHOIR
YOUR CHURCH
MUSIC PROGRAM
YOUR CHURCH
YOUR
COMMUNITY
THE WORLD

All of this—
because you joined a choir!

THE CONTEMPORARY

This group is off and going! They are the successors to The Generation. The Contemporary have sung several concerts and audiences have been very warm. They recently sang at Gardner-Webb College to the assembled student body. It was apparent the students "communicated" through the various selections.

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THE SING-OUT CHOIR

This is the largest choir we have had. The enrollment now is 265 with rehearsal attendance averaging 235. There are 110 from our church and the remaining represents over 30 other churches and denominations. Past enrollments include, Good News 97; Sing-Out for Freedom 160; A Better Life 214.

Some have asked how we maintain discipline. At times it is easy to become frustrated, but our greatest asset is that we know who we have. In addition to this we have a good idea of who we are getting.

The choir is not merely an activity where young people can go. We have a purpose and goals to achieve. One must understand this before he gains entrance. He must be willing to put sometimes four hours rehearsal time each week to the choir. He is expected to be present every time the choir sings. He is expected to give his best attention and energy at all times. Each member understands these things and in a sense this takes care of our potential discipline problems. Of course we operate on the assumption that we don't try to keep them quiet but instead, busy. Membership is gained by invitation.

The presentation dates for "Tell It Like it Is" are November 14, 15, 20, 21, at the Shelby Junior High School at 8:00.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC IN PROGRESS

Several of our choirs will be singing special music at Christmas. The Adult Choir has begun work on Vivaldi's "Gloria" and the Senior High Choir will sing Coleman's "A City of the King."

SENIOR HIGH CHOIR PARTICIPATES

This choir participates this Sunday afternoon in a unique Centennial Service at the Enon Baptist Church in Valdese. The emphasis of the program will be on youth and our young people were chosen because of the integral way they live for Christ each day.

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