

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

C. S. BLACKWELL, D. D., PASTOR.

**THE PASTOR'S PRAYER.**

Every true pastor's heart yearns over his people with infinite longing. If he could find words of expression he might say.

"May the blessing of our God wait upon you, and the sun of Glory shine around your head; may the gates of plenty, honor, and happiness always be open to you and yours. May no strife disturb your days, nor sorrow distress your nights; and may the pillow of peace kiss your cheek, and heavenly angels attend your dreams. When length of years makes you weary of earthly joys, and the curtains of death gently close around the scenes of your earthly existence, may the angels of God attend your bed, and take care that the expiring lamp of life shall not receive a rude blast to hasten its extinction. May the blood of the Saviour wash you from all impurities and cleanse your souls from all sin, and prepare you to enter the home of everlasting joy."

A NUMBER of our bright girls are preparing to get off to school next month. We were proud of our delegation last year. Misses Burr, Barnes and Keathley. We understand the number will be increased this year.

But where are our Baptist boys? We would like to see more of them stirred up to seek higher education. Where there is a will there is a way for any young man who is determined to get an education. We know. We have tried it.

OUR church seems, during the Summer, to be the meeting point of many strangers and visitors. Several of these have come to the pastor and told him that they were blessed by the services they attended, and some have written their thanks after going home. We thank God and take courage.

THE very hot Sunday mornings cut the Sunday School attendance down to about one hundred. But other schools, held in the afternoon have had practically no attendance at all.

WE are under obligations to musical people in the City, as well as visitors for their contributions to the praise part of our services during the heated term. Large audiences have heard them with delight.

REV. W. B. Oliver and his son Andrew are stopping down at Southport for a few weeks. We pray that old ocean will fan color into the face of our brother, and that sea food will put strength into his body. We enjoyed a delightful "boat ride" with him. We hope to hear him in our pulpit before he returns to Florence.

"What saith the Scripture?" is the title of a little book of 150 pages, packed full of "meat for men" and condensed "milk for babes" by John T. Pullen, of Raleigh. It will do us all good to read these words of God arranged by such a devout servant of our Master. If you will give your name and 25 cents to the pastor he will get you a copy in a week.

**KINDLY ACT.**

A few days since Mrs. Jos. H. Hanby gave the ladies of the Baptist Old Ladies' home, corner of Fifth and Wooster streets, a delightful and substantial dinner. Everything that goes to make up a good dinner was carried down, and served right in the dining room of the home. Of course the event will be remembered, and the recipients of Mrs. Hanby's kind attentions will not soon forget her thoughtfulness.

If about eleven other ladies would each select a month, and do as sister Hanby has done, the old ladies could look forward to a good dinner once a month for a whole year around. If these sisters will volunteer and give their names to the pastor he will assign each her month.

THE hand of welcome has recently been heartily extended to brother and sister C. C. Rice, and also to Miss Alice Brooks. These are punctual and skilled workers in Church and Sunday School.

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WE ARE glad to announce to the many friends of Rev. R. E. Peele that he will preach for me at Brooklyn church second Sunday while I am away. It gives us real pleasure to secure his services.

J. J. PAYSEUR.

MILTON H. McLaurin, of Bennettsville, S. C., has recently accepted a position in the Express Office. He is a young Baptist of excellent social and religious standing.

MUCH sickness among the young men of our congregation has prevailed for some weeks. John A. Orrell, R. E. Blake, Willie Herring, Herman Meredith, and others are on the list.

THE large congregations which are disposed to attend our church on Sunday nights during the summer makes it hard for the pastor to get the consent of his mind to take any sort of summer vacation. When other churches are closed and the people by the hundreds are disposed to hear, he feels it his duty to stay and preach the Word of Life.

STIRING events in China have awakened special interest in missions. To meet which the pastor has been giving "Mission Map" studies at the B. Y. P. U. meetings for the past few weeks. Many speak of the effort as being helpful.

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