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## Sunday Is Sara Posey Day

This Sunday is Sara Posey Day at First Baptist Church. We want to recognize and honor Sara for her twenty years of faithful service here. Sara is retiring as of March 1. She began her work with us March 1, 1960.

Sara grew up in Greenville, with the Pendleton Street Baptist Church her home congregation.

"The Lord has been good to me," says Sara. "My life has been like a story book, with the Lord opening the doors like pages." She recalls the miraculous way the Lord made it possible for her to enter Furman University as a religion major after she had been out of high school for two years and it did not seem possible for her schooling to continue.

She not only finished her B.A. at Furman, but went on to finish the Master of Religious Education degree at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, from what was then known as the Carver School of Missions and Social Work.

Sara led the educational work in three churches in North Carolina: the College Avenue Baptist Church of Lenoir, the Second Baptist Church of Shelby, and the Florence Baptist Church of Forest City.

While serving in these posts she also led Sunday School and Training Union campaigns and held conferences on associational, state, and convention-wide levels.

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## Renovation Project

DEPARTMENTS VACATE BUILDING  
RELOCATION INFORMATION ON PAGE 3

Last Sunday our members cooperated in a magnificent manner in vacating the old educational building. Hundreds of members carried literally hundreds of chairs and tables from the building. This week church members have continued to assist the properties committee in completing removal of furniture from the building. They have also assisted in arranging the furniture for Sunday School this Sunday. A big "Thank you" to all!

Listed inside are the new locations of Sunday School Departments which are affected by the renovation project.

PRAYER SERVICE  
IN DINING HALL

To conserve energy, prayer meeting will be held in the dining hall until further notice. Please try to go through the supper line by 6:30 if possible so that we can be ready to begin prayer meeting on time.

THE  
COACH'S  
CORNER



Sunday will be a day you will not want to miss. This Sunday, March 2, is Sara Posey Day. We are going to say thank you to the gracious lady who has served our Lord and His church here in Aiken for 20 years. Her influence has gone around the world as those whose lives she has touched have gone out.

You will want to be in worship Sunday morning and at the reception which begins at 3:00 Sunday afternoon to say thank you to Sara.

Sunday will be a day of change for Sara—marking the beginning of her well-earned retirement. Sunday will also be a day of change for all classes formerly meeting in the Old Education Building. Check the Messenger for information regarding this event.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday.

Remember, because He loves me, I love you.

*Henry Chennault*

REVIVAL DAYS COMING!  
APRIL 27-30 SAVE THE DATES  
BILL HOGUE, PREACHING

## SARA POSEY DAY Continued from page 1

She was a specialist in Cradle-Roll, Pre-School, and Youth work.

Before coming to Aiken, Sara was education director for the First Baptist Church of Rockville, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, D.C. "Baptist work was small in that area at the time, and I had many opportunities to share with mission work in the area of religious education."

Sara remembers that George Townes was chairman of the personnel committee when she was called to Aiken.

She has worked with three of the pastors of the church and during two interim pastorates. Many have recalled her steadying influence during the time before Dr. Robert Cate was called as pastor.

"I have always loved people and have tried to help wherever I could," Sara says of her work. "I especially liked setting up organizations in new work, as was needed after building programs here and in other churches I served."

"I seemed to run into building programs everywhere."

When asked what her future plans include, Sara mentions just relaxing awhile, then a California trip, to see her niece, Nita and Nita's family.

"I would like to do some short-term mission projects," she says, "I just feel like the Lord has something special for me to do." Her favorite Bible verse is called upon many times, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Sara will be missed in her full-time ministry at First Baptist, but she plans to remain in Aiken, and will undoubtedly continue to serve the Lord through her church.

"Sara has been a great help to the shut-ins of our church through her visitation and sharing of burdens," says Pastor Chennault in recalling some of Sara's many responsibilities.

Through the years she has



SARA  
POSEY

helped provide leadership for the educational organizations of the church, ordered and distributed

the literature, been editor of the church paper, and been "a second mother to lots of children."

# Home Missions Prayer Week Schedule

Prayer for mission work in the United States and its territories and the beginning of an offering to help with this work will be the objects of a series of meetings planned for this week.

Called a "Week of Prayer for Home Missions," the week is being observed by Southern Baptist Churches throughout the nation. Our goal for the mission offering is \$4,000.

The schedule for the week's activities include the following:

## MONDAY, MARCH 3

Three coffees will be held. The home of Mrs. Hoyt Grace at 2158 Huron Street will be open for the prayer time with a program led by Mrs. Billie Miller. Time is 10:00 A.M. for this group.

At 3:00 P.M. there will be two locations. At the home of Mrs. John Walker, 912 Magnolia, S.E., the program will be led by Mrs. Herb Fincher.

At the home of Mrs. Evie Brown 905 Wildwood Rd. Mrs. A. J. Rutland will lead the program.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 4

All the Mission Action Groups will meet at their regular times, but will be meeting on this first Tuesday instead of the second or third Tuesdays. See the calendar for meeting times and places.

Ladies who do not belong to a mission action group are especially welcome to visit and consider joining a group.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

During Prayer Meeting Dr. and Mrs. Troy Prince will be sharing from their experiences of mission work in Alaska.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Mission groups will hold special programs in the homes of some of our shut-ins. Others will meet with prayer partners and spend time in prayer for our work.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 7

The pastor will be presiding at a prayer retreat. The retreat will begin at 10:30 A.M. in the dining room. Bring a covered dish salad and plan to stay for lunch.

Men and women who can get away from their jobs for lunch are invited to the lunch. Plenty of food is expected.