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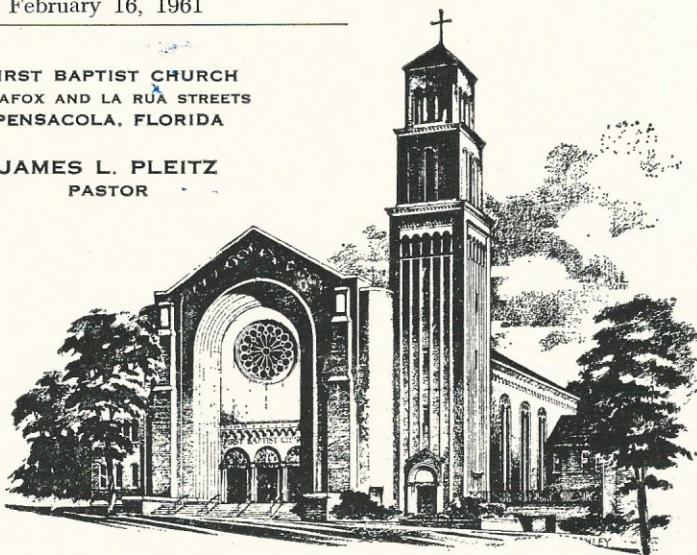
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JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



THE PSALM OF LIFE

“The Lord IS my shepherd—Protection.
I shall not want—Supply.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures—Abundance;
He leadeth me beside the still waters—Peace.
He restoreth my soul—Healing;
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness—Guidance—
For his name’s sake—Purpose.
Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death—Experience,
I will fear no evil—Confidence;
For thou art with me—Omnipresence;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me—Instruction.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine
enemies—Provision.
Thou anointest my head with oil—Consecration;
My cup runneth over—Joy.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of
my life—Assurance;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”—
Eternal Life.

—Selected

Pastor's Paragraphs

One of the professors in Southern Seminary discussed one day the difference between reputation and character. I consider his statements to be profound:

The circumstances amid which you live determine your reputation; the truth you believe determines your character.

Reputation is what you are supposed to be, character is what you are.

Reputation is the photography; character is the face.

Reputation is a manufactured thing, rolled and plated and hammered and brazed and bolted; character is a growth.

Reputation comes over one from without; character grows from within.

Reputation is what you have when you come into a new community; character is what you have when you go away.

Your reputation is earned in an hour; your character does not come to light for a year.

Reputation is made in a moment; character is built in a lifetime.

A single newspaper report gives you your reputation; a life of toil gives you your character.

If you want to get a position, you need reputation; if you want to keep it, you need character.

Reputation makes you rich or makes you poor; character makes you happy or makes you miserable.

Reputation is what men say about you on your tombstone; character is what the angels say about you before the throne of God.

Reputation is the basis of the temporal judgment of men; character is the basis of the eternal judgment of God.

I will be looking for you next Lord's Day —1250 Bibles strong.

Faithfully in Christ,

James L. Pleitz

	IN MEMORIAM
Miss Gertrude Williams	
Joined This Church 10-1-47	
Deceased 2-13-61	

Library Notes

"So We Believe, So We Pray" by George A. Buttrick.

"I believe in God, in Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit," we affirm. What do these beliefs mean in our thoughts and actions?

"Hallowed be Thy name," we pray. What do we mean? "Give us this day our daily bread." What right have we to ask for food?

"So We Believe, So We Pray" brings a brilliant and penetrating exposition of our fundamental Christian beliefs—a forceful statement of our basic relationships to God and to each other and the motivations that should govern them.

For every Christian, here is an illuminating exposition that brings new light on Christian belief, new breadth and depth to prayer.

Dr. Buttrick is one of Protestantism's keenest thinkers and most distinguished preachers.

MRS. A. R. W. STOESSEN

RELIGIOUS SURVEY

Plans are set for the religious survey of Escambia County to be made February 17-24. This is a census and more than a census. This will be a joint effort on the part of all denominations in our community.

To facilitate the work, a form will be published in the newspaper. Families may complete this card and attach it to their front doors on Saturday morning.

Our church will be working in the Cordova Park area. Wherever you live, you will want to cooperate with the surveyors who come to your home.

FINAL REPORT

LOTTIE MOON

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Total gifts through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering amounted to

\$7,361.78



SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

'Lead Us Not Into Temptation'
(Matthew 6:13)

7:15 P.M.

"Humbled and Healed"
(II Kings 5)



ASSOCIATIONAL
SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING
FEB. 20, 7:30 P.M.
WHITFIELD MEMORIAL
BAPTIST CHURCH

"CROWN HIM KING"

Our Sunday School attendance campaign using the theme "Crown Him King" will begin with sign-up day Sunday. Members of the Sunday School will be asked to sign a pledge indicating that they will attend Sunday School for the five Sundays, March 5 through April 2. Goals will be set for the various classes and departments. These ought to be the best five Sundays ever in our Sunday School.

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YOU ARE THE CHURCH

Think not what the church can do for you, but what you can do for the church! You recognize this statement as having its inspiration come from President Kennedy, "Do not ask what your country can do for you, ask rather what you can do for your country;" How basic this idea is for Americans and for members of First Baptist Church.

You say, "The church ought to do so-and-so." Who is the church? The pastor? Of course not! A special committee No.

You are the church. If you worship, then you are the church worshiping. If you do not worship, then you are the church not worshiping. If you are generous, you are a generous church. If you are stingy, you are a stingy church. If you are dedicated to positive and loving goodness then you are just that sort of church. But, if you are careless in life, you are making the church corrupt.

What kind of church do you wish to belong to? Christ-like? Friendly? Powerful? Good? Then be that kind of person and the church will be just that kind of church.

Think not what the church can do for you, but think what you can do for the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

FRED LAUGHON
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Gainesville, Florida



Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold.



As I See It!

By CLYDE K. BIZZELL

"CROWN HIM KING"

This is the theme of our Sunday School Spring Attendance Campaign. The five Sundays from March 5 through Easter Sunday ought to be Sundays when our attendance is higher than ever before. It can be if we will work at the task. Let us make this theme the theme of our lives.

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HOMES NEEDED

Our church has been asked to entertain fourteen students on Thursday evening, February 23. These students are from the University of Tampa and will be on their way to attend a missions conference at New Orleans Seminary. If you would open your home to one or more of these students, please contact me immediately.

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A HEARTY VOTE OF THANKS

The various committees that made our 1961 Sweetheart Banquet a success are due a very special vote of thanks. It was a most enjoyable occasion for each person who attended. Rev. John Warner, the scheduled speaker, could not come at the last minute because of illness. We were very fortunate to secure Roland Jarrard who has just resigned as pastor of the Boulevard Baptist Church in our city to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Selma, Alabama. He did an excellent job and we are grateful.

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Music Notes



STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL

You are reminded that the State Music Festival will be held in our church Friday and Saturday of this week. On Friday night beginning at 7:30, adult choirs will be featured. On Saturday morning beginning at 9:00, the Primary and Junior Choirs will sing. On Saturday afternoon beginning at 1:30, the Intermediate and Young People choirs will sing.

Even if you are not in a choir, you will be blessed by hearing these various choirs.



WEDDING BELLS

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williams requests the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Sarah Jane, to Mr. Danny Morgan on Saturday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The reception will be immediately following in the church dining room.

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All material to be included in The Builder
should be in the office, preferably in writing,
not later than 9:00 A.M. Mondays.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1218
Members Present	1162
New Members	8
Visitors	48
Training Union Attendance.....	319
Members Present	301
New Members	3
Visitors	15
Additions to church membership.....	6
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$4,465.58
Specials	693.80
Building Fund	44.20
Expansion Fund	1.00
Student Load Fund.....	20.00
TOTAL OFFERING	\$5,224.58



NEW MEMBERS

February 12, 1961

BY LETTER:

- Mr. Basil Yelverton, 31 Gilmore Drive, Gulf Breeze. From: Gulf Breeze First Baptist Church.
- Mr. James Alexander Carver, 1404 North Tenth Avenue. From: First Baptist Church, Crestview, Florida...
- Mr. Frank Hatch, 393 Wiggins Avenue. From: Central Baptist Church, Clovis, New Mexico.
- Dr. J. M. Burkhardt, Naval Air Station. From: First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee.
- Miss JoAnne Hart, 3203 North Sixth Avenue. From: Central Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida.
- Ens. Robert Phillips, BOQ, Bldg. 661, Room 108. From: Pleasant View Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Texas.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19—

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastor.
(Broadcast over WCOA)
1:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour over WCOA.
Speaker: Dr. H. H. Hobbs.
Subj.: "The First Question Man
Asked."

4:30 p.m.—R. A. Reviewing Council.
4:30 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal.
6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
Capt. R. E. Sparks, Director.
7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.
8:30 p.m.—Intermediate fellowship in lower
auditorium of Educational Bldg.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20—

7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts meet lower auditorium
of Educational Bldg.
7:30 p.m.—Associational Sunday School
Meeting. Whitfield Baptist Church

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21—

9:30 a.m.—Mary-Martha Class visitation.
Covered dish luncheon at Mrs. P.
E. Payne's, 430 Fairfax Drive.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22—

5:00 p.m.—Children's Choirs.
5:50 p.m.—Teachers' and Officers' Meeting.
Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Y.W.A.'s,
Study of "New Testament
Evangelism."
7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23—

7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:

Mrs. Ellis Baldwin in the loss of her
mother.
Mr. M. H. Holt in the loss of his brother;
Earl D. Crist in the loss of his mother.

Baptist Hospital:

Mr. R. E. Mabry, Mrs. John L. Vaughan.
Mrs. Jack H. Whitlock, Mrs. H. B. Trotter

V. A. Hospital, Biloxi, Miss.:

Mr. Cecil Butler.

Home from Hospital:

Mrs. Elliott Dobelstein, Mrs. C. W. Du
Bois, Mrs. Lola Bordelon, Mr. W. D.
Nettles, John R. Feldman.



ONCE UPON A TIME

I heard a story that went something like this . . . Once upon a time there was a Sunday School teacher (it could have been a T. U. Leader as well) who said he had tried just about everything to get his members to attend. They just wouldn't come. He said, "I've written them cards, letters, phoned them, and everything except go to them and beg them to come."

I believe he had left the most fruitful tool unused—the personal visit.

—Selected.