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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
PALAFOX AND LA RUA STREETS
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR

Commissioned

By MILDRED BROWN DUNCAN

For some there is an open road;
For some there is a gate.
Some are meant to run ahead;
Some are asked to wait.

While some are called to go afar,
Ways of the world to mend,
Some have been commissioned
to stay at home and send.

Pastor's Paragraphs

Most of us have known the embarrassment that comes when an important birthday is overlooked. It is mighty hard to



atone for such an oversight. I am embarrassed now for my failure to call to your attention the birthday of our church. Last Tuesday, the First Baptist Church was 114 years old. Let's plan a real celebration on the occasion of our 115th birthday next year!

Only God knows how much good has been done through the ministry of this grand old First Baptist Church. However, we must not be satisfied to rest on its past accomplishments. The future is the thing that should challenge our hearts. I honestly believe that we are right on the threshold of doing great things for God.

The following historical sketch appeared in the booklet which was published when the new sanctuary was completed:

"On Sunday, May 2, 1847, the First Baptist Church was organized under the name 'Pensacola Baptist Church of Christ.' Elders Alexander Travis and Joseph Mitchell were leaders in starting the work.

"Aaron Hendrix was elected to serve as Deacon on Monday evening after the church was organized on Sunday.

"The church was incorporated as 'The Pensacola Baptist Church' in 1852 and the East Government Street Building was erected. The first mission offering recorded was received in 1856.

"In 1870 a Sabbath School was begun, the church was reorganized and the name 'First Baptist Church of Pensacola' was adopted.

"Plans for a new building were made in 1891. By September, 1892, a sketch had been prepared of the proposed structure on Palafox Hill. The first service was held in the present building April 20, 1895. Membership seems to have been 135. The last Sunday service was held October 28, 1956, with both Baptism and the Lord's Supper being observed."

Make your plans now to be in the services here on the Lord's Day. Mr. Bizzell will bring the morning message, and Mr. Jim Rogers will bring the evening message. Your pastor will be finishing a revival meeting at the First Baptist Church, Fort Walton Beach.

Faithfully in Christ,

James L. Plettzy

YOU...TH in Particular

By JERRY HOWELL

With the meeting of the church committee on youth activities this past week, you will begin to see a bit more action and a little less talk. This group was elected to help plan, schedule, and execute the many activities in all youth departments. Each has a great concern for effective work with our youth. The group includes: Mr. Charles Overman, Jr., representing General Officers and serving as Chairman; Mrs. Lawren Meacham, Sr. 15, Vice Chairman; Mr. Lee M. Hardy, a deacon and parent; and Mrs. Barbara Methvin, Young People's Training Union.

Here are some of the activities and projects for the committee and carefully selected youth representation to consider:

Intermediate Workshop—June 19-30.
West Florida Assembly—July 3-8.
Youth-led Revival—August 11-13.

More specifically:

Sunday night fellowship
Moonlight cruise
Summer recreation
Youth newspaper
Youth visitation
Youth calendar

DON'T FORGET YOUTH FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY NIGHT—Y'ALL COME!



Training Union

ASSOCIATIONAL
TRAINING UNION MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 8
SCENIC HEIGHTS BAPTIST
CHURCH
REV. LEZELLE OWENS, Speaker



SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Living In Two Worlds"

(John 17:15)

(Mr. Clyde K. Bizzell)

7:15 P.M.

Mr. Jim Rogers



Library Notes

Last Sunday our pastor mentioned the hard commands of Jesus in his sermon. We have a book by the title, "The Hard Commands of Jesus" by Roy Pearson which I am sure some of you will want to read. What does, "Go, sell what you have" mean to me? How can I love my enemies or be perfect? Some of Jesus' commands are hard because we do not understand their meaning. Others we understand but do not believe. Still others we believe but do not have the courage to obey. Each of the twelve chapters interprets one of these hard commands. Aimed primarily at those of us who know something of the Christian faith but want to know more, the book speaks to us in our daily lives and explains the timeless Gospel in modern times.

A big thanks to all who had anything to do with making the Church Library Week a success.

MRS. A. R. W. STOESEN

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:

Mrs. William D. Minter in the loss of her father.

Mrs. J. H. Stone in the loss of her son.

Mrs. Earline Lindsey in the loss of her brother.

Baptist Hospital:

Jerry Hobbs, Mrs. Carlie Littlfield, Mrs. J. A. Frye, Cliff Mowe, Mrs. W. A. Everitt.

Navy Hospital:

Mr. H. B. Parker.

Home from Hospital:

Mrs. Douglas Busey, Mr. R. L. Kendrick, William Taylor Butler, Mrs. J. Claude Adkison, Mrs. Annie Belford, Mrs. Loam Brown, Jr., Mrs. E. H. Hawsey, Mr. E. A. Guillot, Mrs. J. C. Gilmore, Mrs. James Campbell, Mrs. Ruth Gideon.

THE *Singing* CHURCH

By JERRY HOWELL

Something Different

You will note a great difference in the evening service this Sunday when our Adult and Youth Choirs combine in a mighty voice of praise. Choir members who have not participated in a while will be thrilled with the experience of singing in the mass choir. We hope to see the entire choir loft filled with Christians anxious to voice their testimony in song.

The Youth Choir will keep its regular Sunday schedule. Both choirs will assemble in the choir room for spiritual as well as technical preparation for the service.



Brotherhood

BROTHERHOOD MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 8

Beginning with Supper at 6:15

Brother W. T. Osborn, president of the Brotherhood, announces that the program will be under the direction of Brother W. C. Carr, Jr., and will be on "Local Missions."

Men of the church are urged to attend and will want to make reservations for supper.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS SUNDAY

The memorial flowers for the sanctuary Sunday will be given by the Coley family in memory of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Coley, Sr.

**ATTEND
TRAINING UNION
SUNDAY**

THE SECRET OF THE TORCH'S BRIGHTNESS LIES IN THE FAITH OF THE LEADERS

A visitor to the White House during the days of the Civil War said: "I had been spending three weeks in the White House with Mr. Lincoln as his guest. One night—it was just after the Battle of Bull Run—I was restless and could not sleep. It was coming near to the dawn of the day, when I heard low tones proceeding from a private room where the President slept. The door was partly open. Instinctively, I looked in, and there I saw a sight which I shall never forget. It was the President kneeling before an open Bible. The light was turned low in the room. His back was toward me. I shall never forget his tones so piteous and sorrowful. 'O Thou God, that heard Solomon in the night when he prayed and cried for wisdom, hear me! I cannot lead these people, I cannot guide the nation, without Thy help. I am poor and weak and sinful. O God, Thou didst hear Solomon when he cried for wisdom—hear me and save this nation.' God heard, and He answered him then and there."

—Christian Beacon

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should be in the office, preferably in writ-
ing, not later than 9:00 A.M. Mondays.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....1241
Members Present1175
New Members9
Visitors57

Training Union Attendance.....308
Members Present279
New Members5
Visitors24

Additions to church membership.....3

Tithes and Offerings:
Budget\$5,718.97
Specials195.73
Building Fund139.35

TOTAL OFFERING\$6,054.05

NEW MEMBERS

April 30, 1961

BY LETTER:

145. Miss Alta Sewell, 607 North Barcelona.
From: Macedona Baptist Church, Cot-
tontdale, Florida.
146. N/C Eddie H. Saunders, NAAS Whiting
Field, Milton, Fla. From: First Baptist
Church, Milledgeville, Georgia.
147. Mr. C. Jim Stokes, Cadet Battalion,
NAAS Saufley Field, Pensacola. From:
First Baptist Church, Charlotte, North
Carolina.

"DEACONS OF THE MONTH" FOR MAY:

O. F. "Ben" Aultman
David Raley



SUNDAY, MAY 7—

- 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron A. Guthrie, Supt.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Clyde Bizzell.
Broadcast over WCOA.
1:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour over WDEB.
Speaker: Dr. H. H. Hobbs.
Subj.: "The Designs of Evil."
4:30 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal.
6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
Capt. R. E. Sparks, Director.
New Members' Class.
7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship,
James T. Rogers, Speaker.
8:30 p.m.—Intermediate fellowship in lower
auditorium of Educational Bldg.

MONDAY, MAY 8—

- 6:15 p.m.—Brotherhood Supper meeting.
7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts meet lower auditor-
ium of Educational Bldg.
7:30 p.m.—Deacons Meet.

TUESDAY, MAY 9—

SEE WMU CIRCLES.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10—

- 5:00 p.m.—Children's Choirs.
5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner.
6:30 p.m.—Teachers' and Officers' Meeting.
Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Y.W.A.'s.
Study of "Progress in the Chris-
tian Life."
7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service.

THURSDAY, MAY 11—

- 9:30 a.m.—WMU Associational Meeting.
Myrtle Grove Baptist Church.
7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

SATURDAY, MAY 13—

- 3-5 p.m.—Senior 15-16 Tea in Church Dining
Room.



W. M. U. Meetings

TUESDAY, MAY 9

- 10:00 a.m.—T. N. CALLAWAY CIRCLE will
meet with Mrs. R. L. McMurrain, 1118 E.
Gadsden Street.
—VIRGINIA COBB CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. Jack Allen, 725 Old Corry Rd., Warr.
Co-hostess will be Mrs. Chas. Folmar.
—JANE McRAE CIRCLE will meet with Mrs.
John Edwards, Jr., 2405 N. 18th Avenue.
—STANLEY DAVIS CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. F. G. Almon, 1905 Whaley Avenue.
—DOTSON MILLS CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. C. W. Kingry, 1908 E. Moreno Street.
—R. C. MOORE CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. Roy Ingram, 4423 N. 12th Avenue.
Mrs. H. H. Higgins, co-hostess.
—BERNICE NEEL CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. D. C. Parker, 425 10th Street, EPH.
—LAURA FRANCES SNOW CIRCLE will
meet with Mrs. W. A. Hibbert, 1716 Os-
ceola.
3:00 p.m.—HARVEY HEADRICK CIRCLE will
meet with Mrs. Myrlin Brooks, 2006 N.
Barcelona.
7:30 p.m.—BILL COWLEY CIRCLE will meet
with Mrs. Mary Ethel Harrison, 851 N.
10th Avenue.
—ROBERT GOLDIE CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. Herman Johnson, 2013 N. 11th Ave.