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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
PALAFOX AND LA RUA STREETS
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



"For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies;
Christ our God, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth, and friends above
For all gentle tho'ts and mild,
Christ our God, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on ev'ry shore
Her pure sacrifice of love,
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

—F. S. Pierpoint

Pastor's Paragraphs

Sunday was a wonderful day! The heart of this pastor thrilled to see the tremendous crowds, and all of us were



happy to have a dozen people unite with our church family. Certainly, when we work diligently at our task, God rewards our efforts. As we come into the Fall months, we should be reaching more and more people for our blessed Lord and Saviour.

Keep an eye out for our guests who visit with us each Sunday. The red ribbon will identify these visiting friends. It means much to a visitor to receive a warm welcome from a number of the members of the congregation. Nothing would please this pastor more than for the First Baptist Church to be known as the friendliest congregation in this city. Be sure and extend a warm, Christian greeting to every visitor that you see attending the services.

Sunday promises to be another glorious day. I sincerely hope that you will find your place in God's House as we come to worship Him in the beauty of holiness.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Plettz

LABOR DAY BEACH PARTY

Remember the fun which everyone had at our Labor Day Beach Party last year? The one this year will be held at the same place on Monday afternoon. Each person who plans to go should bring food for a picnic lunch. Drinks will be furnished by the church. All of our youth are to meet at the beach by 3:00 p.m. The picnic will be served at 6:00.

The youth who pretends to laugh at love is like the child who sings at night when he is afraid.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Rest For the Weary"

(Matthew 11:28 - 30)

7:15 P.M.

"Greater Than the Greats"

(Matthew 12:38 - 42)

THE *Singing* CHURCH

By JERRY HOWELL

CHOIR ENROLLMENT DAYS:

Beginning Music Activity — Ages 4 and 5 — Wednesday, September 13 at 5 P.M.

Primary Choir — Ages 6-7-8

Wednesday, September 13 at 5 P.M.

Junior Choir — Ages 9 thru 12

Wednesday, September 13 at 5 P.M.

Junior High School Choir—Ages 13 - 14

Wednesday, September 13 at 5 P.M.

Youth Choir — Ages 15 - 18

Sunday at 4:30 P.M., September 10.

Don't forget to register on the days indicated above.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. Pearl Downey; Mrs. Melvin Myrick, Mrs. Francis J. Boucher (baby boy)

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mrs. W. H. Crawford

Home From Hospital:

Mrs. Tommy Lee Husted, Jerry Hobbs, Ens. John Cooper, Mrs. W. W. Foster, Mrs. Phyllis Busey, Mrs. Cassie Harrison.

Congratulations To:

Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Boucher upon the birth of a baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. David H. Cobb upon the birth of a new baby last week.

Congratulations To:

Joanne Hart and Clarence L. Quigley who were married last Friday night in our church sanctuary. Mr. and Mrs. Quigley will reside at 415 Fairfax Drive, Highland Terrace.

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:

Mrs. A. R. Hartsfield in the loss of her father.

Mrs. L. M. Mathis in the loss of her brother.

I COUNTED DOLLARS

I counted dollars while God counted crosses,

I counted gains while He counted losses,
I counted my wealth by the things gained in store

But He valued me by the scars I bore.
I counted the honors and sought for ease,

He wept while He counted the hours on my knees,

And I never knew until one day by a grave,

How vain are these things that we spend a life to save.

—Selected

College Students---1961-62

API, Auburn

David Gilchrist
Joe Gilchrist

Emory University

Gerry Fields
Wm. E. Kennedy
Wm. D. Powers

Florida State Univ.

Joe Boykin, Jr.
Espin Bullock, Jr.
Howard Denson
Joe Gillespie
Dorothy Gilmore
Anne Kennedy
Laura Jean Kickliter
Joyce King
Evelyn Larson
Robert Macon
Linda Mathis
Sandra Myrick
Don Nelson
Wm. E. Nettles, Jr.
Julia Ann Richardson
Edward A. Scott
Ben A. Stevens, Jr.

Georgia Tech

Edward Guilbert
Charles Lee

Judson College

Marietta Philpot
Betty Stark

Livingston State Coll.

Bill Kreitlein

Mississippi College

Jack Anderson
Jerry Foshee
James Hendrickson
Gary Kohr
Wade Rogers

Mississippi Southern

F. Aldine Baird
Andrew Brahan
David Carson
W. Morrall Curtis
Carol Ann Roth

Mississippi State

Arthur Asters
John D. Morrow

Stetson University

Woodrow (Sonny) Cushing
Betty Lawhon
James Ronald Shelley

Troy State College

Sue Eubanks
Ramona Lowell

Tulane University

David Meeker

University of Alabama

Jack Siler

Southeastern State College

Robert E. Broxton, Jr.

University of Florida

Glenn Baldwin
Nancy Boggess
Timothy Gimmell
Marion F. Jones
Stephen W. Jordan
Roland McDavid
James Mooty
Mary Ann Overman
Bill Peters
Bill Pinney
Leon Pyle
John Howard Wakefield
Jo Ann Good



GRADUATE WORK

University of North Carolina

Alexander Stoese

Louisiana State Univ.

Malcolm Patterson

New Orleans Seminary

Ramon Rogers

Sou. Baptist Seminary

Kay Jernigan

Marion Military Institute

Roger Yonker
John Blackmon

Medical School

Univ. of Miami

Robert C. Pyle

U. S. Military Academy

James M. King

Univ. of Texas

Gaynell Methvin

Southern Baptist Hospital School of Nursing

Linda Patterson
Jane Wamble



Pensacola Junior College

Carolyn Barrett
Winfield W. Beck
Joan Bellamy
Betty Carr
Carol Cummings
Vivian Farrar
Carlton Fendt, Jr.
Theron A. Guthrie, Jr.
Harry Haisfield
Mary Lou Harris
Craig Hurt
Gene Irwin
Andy Jutila
Alan Kohr
William T. Kennedy
Bob Little
Bobby Joe Nettles
Robert Payne
William George Roberts
Lon Roberts III
Faye Robertson
Rella Smith
Winfield Smith
Judy Wash
Florence Watson

If any names have been omitted, please call the church office.

12 THINGS TO REMEMBER

The value of time.

The success of perserverance.

The pleasure of working.

The dignity of simplicity.

The worth of character.

The power of kindness.

The influence of example.

The obligation of duty.

The wisdom of economy.

The vitruve of patience.

The improvement of talent.

The joy of originating.

—Marshall Field



Library Notes

The eight chapters of "Did Man Just Happen?", by Dr. W. A. Criswell, are the words of a minister who, armed with the facts of science and the Bible, squares his shoulders and begins a competent attack on the theory of evolution. These chapters, which attracted Nation-wide attention as they were delivered from the pulpit, provide conclusive evidence to tumble the arguments of evolutionists. We recommend this book to our young people who will be going away to school.

Do not be embarrassed when your college friend of another faith asks you what Baptists believe, read one of the many books in our library on Baptist Beliefs.

For added strength as you "question" and make decisions, we have Chester Swor's "Very Truly Yours" and "If We Dared." "Right or Wrong," by T. B. Maston will help you to consider all activities in the light of reasonable Christian tests.

MRS. J. F. BOYKIN,
Library Staff



NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, August 27, 1961

FOR BAPTISM:

- 66. Miss Jerri Ashmore, 2960 North Magnolia.
- 67. Mr. James Leyser, 1305 East Bobe.
- 68. Mrs. Gilbert (Velda Rae) Grubbs, 222 West LaRua.

BY LETTER:

- 215. Mrs. Maurice Leyser, 1305 East Bobe. From First Baptist Church, San Diego, California.
- 216. Mr. Gilbert Grubbs, 222 West LaRua. From: Salem Baptist Church, Tylertown, Mississippi.
- 217. Mr. John D. Smith, 2711 West Jackson. From: Clinton Baptist Church, Clinton, Mississippi.
- 218. Mrs. John D. Smith (Mary Frances).
- 219. Miss Barbara Daughtry, 1724 East LaRua. From: First Baptist Church, Enterprise, Alabama.
- 220. Miss Angelin McLendon, 1724 East LaRua. From: First Baptist Church, Hartford, Alabama.
- 221. Miss Mary Wilson, 507 North 48th Avenue. From: First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Florida.
- 222. Miss Marjorie Milligan, 2046 North 13th Avenue. From: Calvary Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.
- 223. Mr. Harold McElroy, 422 North Baylen. From: Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

BAPTIZED:

Miss Jerri Ashmore, Mr. Donald L. Miller,
Mrs. Gilbert Grubbs, Mr. James Leyser.



It is better to be in a den of lions with a guardian angel than to be in a palace with Satan.

REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 10 IS ROUND-UP DAY

Our goal is 1456 in Sunday School. Every class and department is working hard to "sign up" every member and prospect to be present Sunday, September 10.

P.S. Every member is also urged to be here this coming Lord's Day.



ATTENTION JUNIOR CAMPERS

All items left at Junior Camp are on a table in the hallway just outside the church library. All Junior campers are urged to check this table and pick up your lost articles.



"THANK YOU"

"Thank you for the lovely cards and letters you have sent to me. You are so very kind to think of me and to remember me in your prayers."

MRS. FRED BAIRD,
Bonifay Nursing Home



MY TEACHER

A Sunday School teacher,
I don't know his name,
A wondrous preacher,
Who never found fame,
So faithful, so earnest
When I was a boy—
He stuck to his task
Though I tried to annoy.

He never was missing,
In heat or in cold,
A smile on his face lighted
The moment we'd meet.
He taught by example
As well as by word,
This splendid old teacher
Who honored his Lord.

He my young life
More than he ever knew.
Later years I remembered
And tried to be true.
I suppose that he has gone now
To join heaven's ranks.
May it be my good fortune
Some day to say "thanks."

"EXTENSION MEMBER OF THE WEEK"

Mrs. Mary Evelyn Cooley
14 North Reus Street

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Mrs. W. C. Carr, Jr., WMU Pres.....HE 3-0769
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Mrs. A. R. W. Stoesen, Librarian.....HE 2-6502

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All materials to be included in The Builder
should be in the office, preferably in writ-
ing, not later than 9:00 A.M. Mondays.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1256
Members Present	1154
New Members	8
Visitors	94
Training Union Attendance	301
Members Present	262
New Members	3
Visitors	36
Additions to church membership.....	12
Baptized	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$4,171.42
Specials	209.51
Building Fund	58.30
TOTAL OFFERING	\$4,416.53

INTERMEDIATE RETREAT

The Intermediate Training Union is sponsoring a Retreat, September 8-9. All Intermediates in our Training Union and Sunday School (13 and 14 Year Departments) are invited to attend this Retreat to be held at Camp Ada.

Mr. Howell will serve as Camp Director.

Reservations must be in by Wednesday, September 6. The \$1.00 cost is to be turned in at the time reservation is made. Reservations may be made through Mr. or Mrs. T. A. Wash, Mr. J. F. Boykin, or in the church office.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron A. Guthrie, Supt.
- 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor
(Broadcast over WCOA)
- 1:35 p.m.—Baptist Hour over WDEB
Speaker: Dr. H. H. Hobbs
- 4:30 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
R. F. Jernigan, Director
- 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor
- 8:30 p.m.—Intermediate and Senior Youth
Fellowship, Dining Room
- 8:30 p.m.—Young People's Youth Fellowship.
Adult A Department

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
LABOR DAY BEACH PARTY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

W.M.U. GENERAL MEETING

- 10:00 a.m.—Executive Committee Meets
- 10:30 a.m.—Business
- 11:00 a.m.—Installation of New Officers
- 11:45 a.m.—Bible Study
- 12:30 p.m.—Lunch
- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts meet lower auditorium
of educational building

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 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 meet
- 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- 2:00 p.m.—Faithful Workers Class will have
its regular monthly business meet-
ing at the home of Mrs. J. L.
Mayo, 1500 E. Lee Street
- 7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 2:00 p.m.—The Convention Bible Class will
meet with Mrs. S. L. Fulghum,
1306 E. Mallory

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 3:00 p.m.—Junior 10 S.S. Department Picnic
Bayview Park

SUNDAY IS "OFF TO COLLEGE" DAY

The "Off to College" activities will feature a special forum which will be held during the Training Union hour. Special personalities will be present: a teacher, a graduate, an upper-classman and a freshman. They will discuss many of the important phases of preparation for attending college this Fall. This will be of special interest to the people who will be entering for the first time and also to those who will be returning to their schools.

Following the evening service, there will be a social activity honoring these students.