

# The Baptist Builder

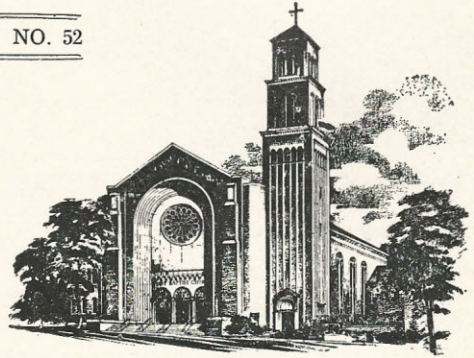
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PASTOR



## A Prayer for the New Year

Before the portals of the coming year

I bowed my head and humbly then I prayed  
"O Father, tell me how to walk with thee,  
The way is dark, and I am so afraid."

Soon came the answers as I waited there,

"The new year is a gift from God above,  
No matter what it gives you or withholds,  
You must trust God nor ever doubt his love."

"But when the burdens bend my spirit low,  
And sorrows come I cannot understand?"

Softly but surely came the voice I heard

"Then trust God more, more tightly hold his hand."

"So many problems, Lord," I said at last,

"So many ways to turn — how can I know  
Which one is best?" I heard him softly say,

"Hold thou my hand — I will not let thee go."

Then suddenly my fears seemed small indeed,

I felt a peace I never knew before,  
The portals of the New Year opened wide,  
And God was waiting just inside the door.

—Marjorie McMahan



# Pastor's Paragraphs

## I'VE GOT A SECRET

"The secret of my happy face? I'd never thought much about it," replied the elderly woman who was known for



bringing happiness to so many others. She thought a long moment before answering. "Joy," she said in a soft voice, "just that one word J-O-Y. Folks don't smile enough. If they think of JOY maybe they would go around looking less glum. J stands for Jesus, O for others,

and Y for yourself. Jesus, Others, Yourself, then you got JOY!"

Beloved, we are standing now on the threshold of a new year. I believe with all my heart it will prove to be a glorious year in the life of our beloved church.

The simple formula suggested by the elderly Christian will guarantee a success in the life of our church. This same formula will bring happiness into the heart of the individual. Make very sure that Jesus Christ has the place of pre-eminence in your heart!

Sincerely yours,

*James L. Pleitz*

## SOMETHING EVERYBODY CAN DO

Collect cancelled stamps for German Baptist Orphanage. Up to 4 pounds can be sent in large envelopes duty free. Address: Mr. Alfred Zerpner, Kassel 1, Postfach, Germany. Give return address for acknowledgment and picture of orphanage. For 12 bundles of stamps packaged, the orphanage receives money to supply one child for one day with food, clothing and shelter.

Bundle Used Christmas Cards as they are. Names written in English are proof to postal authorities in Formosa that they are "used." Cards are used in Sunday School work, and with leper patients, and in 390 mountain churches. These may be brought to church office.

## DO IT NOW

I shall pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being,

Let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

—Stephen Grellet

## THE CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR 1963

This Calendar of Activities for 1963 is presented to you with the hope that you will make use of it in planning to participate in every activity of our church life. Please note:

(1) The coordinated Calendar of Activities in the church office is the official calendar for our church. All activities and meetings should be cleared and entered on this calendar. Expenditures from the church social funds will be made only for those activities scheduled ahead of time.

(2) Weeks of Study, Revivals, and other church-wide activities take precedence over meetings of classes, circles, and similar small groups. Circle chairmen, class and union presidents should check their meeting time and plan ahead to avoid conflicts.

(3) Arrangements should be made for use of buildings and facilities.

(4) Parents expect the church office to be able to supply information about all events, even those not meeting at the church. It is imperative, therefore, that leaders supply the church office with information concerning the time of beginning and expected time of completion of all activities.

The Church Activities Committee

## THE *Singing* CHURCH

### CHOIR ENROLLMENT OPEN

New members in the Children's Choirs will be admitted during the month of January. We hope your child will be encouraged to attend the very first rehearsal in the new year on January 2, 1963.

Emphasis of the Spring session will include Associational and State Festivals (a trip out of town), new units of work, "how our neighbors worship," special guests, Easter music, and renewed vigor in preparing for achievement awards.

A maximum number is set for each choir. Enroll your child early; he will not want to miss this!

## SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

**"The Power of Persistence"**

Acts 12:1-19

7:15 P.M.

**"Three Realities"**

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# Calendar of Activities for 1963

## JANUARY

- 7-11 —Bible Study Week—9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- 13 —Lord's Supper — 7:15 p.m.
- 15-17 —State Evangelistic — World Missions Conference, Orlando

## FEBRUARY

- 1 —Associational Library Banquet, First Baptist Church
- 1 —Associational Library Workshop, First Baptist Church
- 8 —Associational Music Festival, Central Baptist Church  
7:8:30 — Adults,  
8:30-9:30 — Young People
- 9 —Associational Music Festival, Central Baptist Church  
9:00 A.M. — Children's Choirs
- 10-16 —YWA Focus Week
- 15-16 —State Music Festival, Crestview, Florida

## MARCH

- 4-8 —Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering
- 15 —Youth Banquet
- 17-24 —Youth Week
- 23 —Associational Youth Night
- Children's Leadership Workshop (2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)  
First Baptist Church, Crestview
- 29-31 —YWA Conference, Panama City
- 31 —Lord's Supper — 11:00 a.m.

## APRIL

- 5-6 —Church-Related Vocations Conference, Campa Ada
- 12 —Cottage Prayer Meetings
- 15-21 —Revival — 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.;  
Dr. Robert L. Smith
- 23-25 —WMU Annual Session, First Baptist Church, Panama City
- 29 —Regional Training Union Convention

## MAY

- 3-4 —Royal Ambassador Congress  
Panama City
- 5-12 —Christian Home Week
- 7-10 —Southern Baptist Convention,  
Kansas City
- 12-18 —G. A. Focus Week
- 19 —Choir Commencement

## JUNE

- 2 —Extension Day
- 10-21 —Vacation Bible School
- 13-19 —Ridgecrest Youth Conference
- 18-20 —G. A. 50th Anniversary Convention,  
Memphis, Tennessee
- 28-29 —Associational YWA Retreat,  
Mount Calvary
- 30 —Lord's Supper — 7:15 p.m.

## JULY

- 2-4 —Convention-wide Evangelistic Conference. Dallas, Texas
- 4 —Associational Church Family Picnic — Camp Ada
- 8-12 —Associational R. A. Camp,  
Camp Ada
- 15-21 —Sixth Baptist Youth World Conference — Beirut, Lebanon
- 15-19 —Associational G. A. Camp —  
Campa Ada
- 15-26 —Youth Workshop
- 26-27 —Brotherhood Encampment —  
Panama City
- 26-28 —Dr. John Drakeford — Christian Home Emphasis
- 29-Aug. 3 —West Florida Assembly  
Panama City

## AUGUST

- 5-9 —First Baptist Church Junior Camp  
Camp Ada
- 11-17 —Sunbeam Focus Week
- 13-15 —Third Convention-wide R. A. Congress. Washington, D. C.
- 28 —Choir Enrollment

## SEPTEMBER

- 9-13 —School of Missions
- 10-11 —State Mission Season of Prayer
- 10-13 —School of the Prophets — Panama City
- 23-27 —Preparation Week
- 29 —Promotion Day

## OCTOBER

- 13 —Lord's Supper — 11:00 a.m.
- 24 —Annual Associational Meeting  
A.M. — Highland Baptist Church;  
P.M. — Warrington Baptist Church
- 25 —Annual Associational Meeting;  
A.M. — Granada Baptist Church
- 28 —Associational Clinic for Church Officers and Committees

## NOVEMBER

- 3-9 —Royal Ambassador Focus Week
- 12-14 —Florida Baptist Convention.  
Jacksonville

## DECEMBER

- 2 —Associational Training Union  
"M" Night
- 6 —Associational Carol Sing
- 8 —Christmas Music Program
- 9-13 —Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 11 —Children's Choirs — Service of Carols
- 29 —Student Night at Christmas
- 31 —Watchnight Service

## BIBLE STUDY WEEK JANUARY 7 - 11



**DR. ROLAND Q. LEAVELL**

teaching "Studies in Matthew —  
the King and the Kingdom"  
9:30 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

## YOU...TH *in Particular*

### STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS

Not only a special program of challenging thought and conjecture, but a period of good fellowship and renewing of friendship will be programmed.

This service each year endeavors to pursue timely areas of interest where the Baptist Student and his experiences on the campus provide new challenges in his service for Christ. Among the young people who will appear on the program this year will be some of our most capable and talented students. You will be stimulated by their contributions.

A reception will follow the service and all college students will be honored.

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

#### Congratulations:

Warrant Officer and Mrs. William Ray upon the birth of a son in Fort Ord, Calif., on Dec. 4. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Foster are maternal grandparents. Miss Dona Lee Guffee and Mrs. John E. Siler, Jr., upon their marriage, December 16, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Miss Robilyn Wilhite and Mr. Luther Eason upon their marriage December 21.

#### Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mrs. W. P. Moody.

#### Naval Hospital:

Mr. Henry B. Parker.

#### Home from Hospital:

Mrs. Myrlin Brooks; Mrs. Kenneth Mellberg; Mrs. Jimmie Knight.



## — THINK ON THIS —

It was  
 Sunday morning  
 At the breakfast  
 Table,  
 And my host asked  
 Mrs. Host—  
 Meaning his wife—  
 If she was  
 Going to church.  
 And I thought  
 That was funny—  
 If that's the  
 Right word.  
 Strange is better  
 Maybe—  
 Or tragic—  
 Or Unfortunate.  
 I couldn't see why  
 It should be a  
 Matter for debate:  
 Because she was  
 In good health,  
 And they were  
 Members of the  
 Church.  
 Your children don't  
 Ask if they are  
 Going to school  
 Today.  
 They know they are—  
 If they aren't sick  
 Or Can't make it  
 You think they are.  
 I was wondering  
 Why going to church  
 Isn't taken for  
 Granted,  
 And how many  
 Fires would get  
 Put out  
 If only the  
 Chief got there,  
 And the volunteers  
 Came when they  
 Felt like it.

—Author Unknown

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



## WATCHNIGHT SERVICE MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:30 P.M. — Film "The Great  
 Commandment"  
 11:00 P.M. — Refreshments  
 11:30 P.M. — Worship Service  
 in the Sanctuary

## NEW MEMBERS

### BY LETTER:

51. Mr. Joseph H. Hamilton, 4801 West Jack-  
 son St. From: New Life Baptist  
 Church, Bay Minette, Ala.
52. Mr. Tom Standley, CVS 16, USS Lexing-  
 ton, NAS. From: Scott Memorial Baptist  
 Church, San Diego, Calif.



## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.  
 Theron A. Guthrie, Supt.  
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastor  
 Broadcast over WCOA  
 4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.  
 R. F. "Bob" Jernigan, Director  
 7:15 p.m.—Student Night at Christmas

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## TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

### OFFICE CLOSED

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

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, YWA's  
 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service  
 8:30 p.m.—Brotherhood Planning  
 Committee Meeting

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

9:30 a.m.—W.M.U. Executive Committee  
 Meeting—Fellowship Hall  
 2:00 p.m.—Faithful Workers Business and  
 Social meeting with Mrs. R. L.  
 Kendrick, 500 W. Avery St.  
 6:30 p.m.—Basketball Game: First Baptist  
 vs Richards Memorial Methodist.  
 YMCA  
 7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

2:00 p.m.—Convention Bible Class Business  
 and Social with Mrs. W. T. Hart-  
 grove, 816 North 6th Ave.  
 2:30 p.m.—Willing Workers Business and  
 Social Meeting with Mrs. O. H.  
 Smith, Sr., 306 W. Lloyd.  
 7:30 p.m.—Associational Church Library  
 Meeting Oakcrest Baptist  
 Church

## LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1036
Members Present .....	964
New Members .....	3
Visitors .....	69
Training Union Attendance .....	237
Members Present .....	218
New Members .....	1
Visitors .....	18
Additions to church membership .....	2
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$6,322.36
Specials .....	461.83
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering .....	1,111.41
Organ Fund .....	40.00
Building Fund .....	244.07
TOTAL OFFERING .....	\$8,179.67

You are not one person but three—  
 the one you think you are, the other  
 people think you are, and the one God  
 knows you to be.