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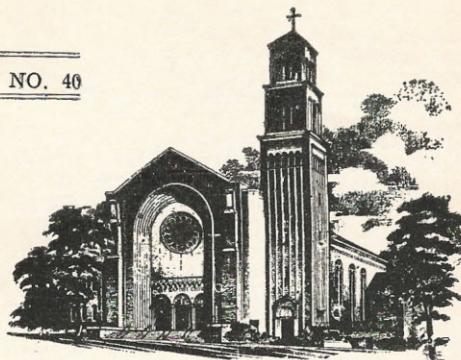
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PALAFOX AND LA RUA STREETS
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PASTOR



NEAREST OR DEAREST?

"Which church should I join?" If you are facing this question, you will find that many people are anxious to make suggestions regarding your choice of a church home. These suggestions range all the way from the sublime to the ridiculous. "Join the church that has plenty of parking space." "Join the church that has the best choir." "Join the church that has the best nursery facilities." "Join the church that gets out five minutes 'till twelve rather than five minutes after." Etc., etc.

Some suggest that the question should be answered solely on the basis of distance—"Join the church nearest to you." On this basis we would lose 95 per cent of our church membership including all of the staff. Your pastor would belong to the North Hill Baptist Church. I would have as my pastor a wonderful man of God, Brother John Holly.

Occasionally someone will even go so far as to say, "You can't be a good witness for Christ and drive out of your community to attend church." Nonsense.

Partly because of this line of reasoning, "Join the church nearest to you," many of our great old First Baptist Churches located in the heart of our cities are sick unto death. More than one has been pronounced dead.

There needs to be a strong Christian witness in the heart of every city. I know you share this conviction with your pastor.

The First Baptist Church of Pensacola is old. It's big. It is located right in the heart of this city. But this old, historic church is far from dead, it is alive and growing—Thank God! It is strong and getting stronger—Thank God! The Lord expects us to build a great lighthouse for Christ on the top of Palafox hill. We must never be satisfied just to light a candle, or a lantern, or even build a bonfire. We are here to build a LIGHTHOUSE. If we are to have this kind of church, we must have people—many, many people who are willing to go the extra mile in order to get here.

Let this one factor be the determining factor in your choice of a church home. "WHERE CAN MY LIFE BEST COUNT IN THE SERVICE OF CHRIST JESUS?" Hundreds and hundreds of you have already answered the question. That is why you have joined the First Baptist Church. I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday at 500 North Palafox in the church "dearest to your heart—and mine."

Faithfully your Under-Shepherd,

James L. Pleitz

IT'S BACK TO BOOKS AND BOOTS FOR THE HOWELLS

During the next few months I will be completing arrangements to return to school and at the end of that time, will terminate my ministry at First Baptist Church. The opportunity to complete my Master's degree and to work on the Ph.D is now a reality. We should be on our way to begin this enormous venture near the first of the year. Ten years have passed since graduation from Seminary and some time for preparation for requirements for entrance will be necessary.

This undertaking, with consideration for my family, is a terribly expensive one. I will attend the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. This school has the strongest degree program in a School of Music among the eight or more colleges and universities in that area.

The United States Army Chorus, which is an honors group of select voices and a White House support organization, based at Fort Myer, Virginia, has accepted me for membership through an audition. Following enlistment into the United States Army, I will assume this singing responsibility which will help to provide a living while going to school.

I have never enjoyed a more fruitful and gratifying ministry than what you have helped me have. There is not a finer staff in the world; to work with these people is a real honor. I could never choose a greater church. There is not another like it! Our whole church is vitally alive and strong; our music ministry is the largest and strongest in the church's history. There is real depth and dedication in our choirs. The new organ which has been looked forward for these many years will arrive in time to be put on the church's Christmas tree.

All of these things are difficult to walk away from. Wherever we go we pray for the Lord's leadership for continuing our service as a church music director whether we are in school or out.

Your continued maximum effort will be greatly appreciated as an indication of the worth of this portion of the ministries of our church. Your prayerful concern during the hard weeks ahead will bless the hearts of Corine, the boys, and myself.

JERRY HOWELL



MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary Sunday will be given in memory of Mr. J. O. Veach by Mrs. J. O. Veach.



HEAR DR. HERSCHEL H. HOBBS
ON "THE BAPTIST HOUR"

Sunday — 7:30 A. M.
Station WNVY

Subject: "Three Significant Words"

PROPOSED 1966 BUDGET



On pages 3 and 4 of this week's Builder you will find the Proposed Budget for 1966. The Finance Committee and the Deacons join the Budget Planning Committee in recommending this budget to the church. On Wednesday night, October 13, the budget will be presented to the church for discussion. Then, on Sunday, October 17, the congregation will be called on to vote upon the adoption of this budget. Members of the congregation are urged to study the Proposed Budget carefully and to be present for the presentation and discussion next Wednesday evening.



MEETING SEEDS

Early New Englanders had a name for the three herbs: Fennel, dill, and caraway. They called them meeting seeds because they carried bunches to church on Sunday to nibble on through the long service. The herbs are said to keep people awake, and to ward off hiccups.

The following are seeds for thought concerning some causes for excitement in the very near future.

1. Youth Choir members are invited to participate in a Choral Clinic to be held in First Baptist Church in Crestview, Florida, on October 9. It will be directed by a good friend of the Youth Choir, Mr. Paul Bobbitt.

2. Adult Choir and Junior Choir will combine in a pre-Thanksgiving Anthem, "Ye Lands, to the Lord Make a Jubilant Noise" by Erik Hoff, 1832.

3. "Praise, Thanksgiving, Glory, Honor" authentic very early American Anthem by Johann Christian Bechler, will be presented by the Adult Choir. This composition is by one of a large group of Moravian Brethren. In their church constitution this very meaningful sentence appears. "Our little children we instruct chiefly by hymns; whereby we find the most important truths most successfully insinuated into their minds."

A portion of a song text which was sung upon the Moravian arrival into the new world:

Called by the Lord to be of those
Who through the whole world go,
To tell of Jesus everywhere
And naught but Jesus know.

J. H.

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the week of
October 10-16

Psalm 1-11

"Meditations In The Psalms"

PROPOSED 1966 BUDGET

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

	1965 Budget	PROPOSED 1966 Budget
I. MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCES:		
1. Cooperative Program	40,400.00	43,500.00
2. Mission Fund	1,500.00	1,500.00
3. Associational Missions	3,300.00	4,000.00
4. Baptist Hospital Charity Work	1,500.00	1,500.00
5. Christian Education Campaign	2,500.00	2,500.00
6. Benevolence	1,600.00	1,600.00
7. Missionary on Foreign Field	2,000.00	2,000.00
8. Radio	2,900.00	2,900.00
SUB-TOTAL	55,700.00	59,500.00
*Anticipated Designated Offerings:		
Home Missions — Annie Armstrong	2,500.00	2,500.00
Foreign Missions — Lottie Moon	8,500.00	8,500.00
State Missions	800.00	800.00
Specials to Missions	700.00	700.00
Total Anticipated Designated Offerings	12,500.00	12,500.00
TOTAL MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCES	68,200.00	72,000.00
II. ADMINISTRATION:		
1. Pastor's Salary	10,800.00	10,800.00
2. Pastor's Annuity and Health Benefit	1,200.00	1,200.00
3. Asst. to Pastor's Salary	7,800.00	7,800.00
4. Asst. to Pastor's Annuity and Health Benefit	1,000.00	1,000.00
5. Pastor's Secretary	3,900.00	4,050.00
6. Part-time Secretarial Help	2,400.00	4,400.00
7. Financial Secretary	2,220.00	2,340.00
8. Treasurer and Audit	1,300.00	1,300.00
9. Pulpit Supply	300.00	300.00
10. Office Supplies and Postage	2,800.00	2,900.00
11. Church Bulletins and Builder	3,500.00	3,800.00
12. Retirement and Health Benefit	200.00	1,220.00
13. Social Security	1,500.00	1,800.00
14. Pastor's Convention Expense	500.00	500.00
15. Asst. Pastor's Convention Expense	200.00	200.00
16. Pastor's Car Expense	1,200.00	1,200.00
17. Asst. Pastor's Car Expense	1,050.00	1,050.00
18. Church Envelopes	500.00	500.00
19. Publicity	900.00	900.00
20. Banking Service	54.00	54.00
21. Revival Expense	200.00	200.00
22. Budget Promotion	800.00	800.00
23. Contingency	750.00	750.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	43,474.00	49,064.00
III. EDUCATION AND PROMOTION:		
1. General		
(1) Educational Secretary	3,600.00	3,720.00
(2) Library	600.00	600.00
(3) New Member Enlistment	150.00	100.00
(4) Florida Baptist Witness	600.00	650.00
(5) Boy Scouts	120.00	120.00
(6) Athletics	475.00	525.00
(7) Visual Aids	500.00	500.00
TOTAL	6,045.00	6,215.00
2. Sunday School		
(1) Assemblies	150.00	150.00
(2) Literature	4,200.00	4,300.00
(3) Teaching Supplies	800.00	800.00
(4) Training Courses	400.00	1,300.00
(5) Fellowship	350.00	300.00
(6) Vacation Bible School	650.00	700.00
(7) Leadership Banquet	100.00	100.00
TOTAL	6,650.00	7,650.00

3. Training Union			
(1) Assemblies	250.00	150.00	
(2) Literature	700.00	750.00	
(3) Training Courses	150.00	150.00	
(4) Fellowship	300.00	300.00	
(5) Banquet	50.00	50.00	
(6) Supplies	150.00	150.00	
TOTAL	1,600.00	1,550.00	
4. Music			
(1) Minister of Music	6,300.00	6,300.00	
(2) Minister of Music Car Allowance	600.00	600.00	
Minister of Music House Allowance	1,200.00	1,200.00	
(3) Organist	1,320.00	1,320.00	
(4) Music Supplies and Promotion	800.00	800.00	
(5) Fellowship	500.00	500.00	
(6) Clinic and Convention Expense	200.00	200.00	
(7) Robes and Replacement	200.00	200.00	
(8) New Equipment	100.00	100.00	
(9) Music Ministry Supply	50.00	50.00	
TOTAL	11,270.00	11,270.00	
5. Brotherhood			
(1) General	125.00	125.00	
(2) R. A. Activities	275.00	275.00	
TOTAL	400.00	400.00	
6. W. M. U.	1,260.00	1,360.00	
7. Youth Education and Activities			
(1) Director of Youth Education	4,800.00	5,500.00	
(2) Director of Youth Education Car Expense		500.00	
(3) Youth Activities	1,250.00	1,200.00	
(4) Camps	200.00	800.00	
(5) Church Picnic	50.00	50.00	
(6) Recognition of Graduates	100.00	125.00	
TOTAL	6,475.00	8,175.00	
8. Nursery			
(1) Nursery Maids	3,000.00	3,500.00	
(2) Supplies	175.00	250.00	
(3) Refreshments	275.00	275.00	
TOTAL	3,450.00	4,025.00	
9. Contingency	850.00	250.00	
TOTAL EDUCATION AND PROMOTION	38,000.00	40,895.00	

IV. OPERATIONS:

1. Building Superintendent	5,000.00	5,300.00	
2. Janitorial Workers	9,400.00	10,500.00	
3. Hostess	1,000.00	1,025.00	
4. Kitchen Help	2,000.00	2,000.00	
5. Utilities — Including Pastorium	16,300.00	16,300.00	
6. Supplies and Laundry	2,000.00	2,000.00	
7. Insurance	3,500.00	3,500.00	
8. Organ and Piano Contract	420.00	260.00	
9. Maintenance and Repairs	3,000.00	4,500.00	
10. Flowers	60.00	60.00	
11. New Equipment	800.00	1,000.00	
12. Contingency	500.00	500.00	
TOTAL OPERATIONS	44,600.00	47,565.00	

V. PROPERTY ACQUISITION FUND (Hecht)	7,500.00	7,500.00	
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VI. BUILDING FUND:

1. Mortgage Obligation	60,000.00	60,000.00	
2. Building Debt Prepayment	25,000.00	25,000.00	
TOTAL	85,000.00	85,000.00	

VII. RESERVE FOR BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT	12,500.00	10,000.00	
TOTAL	299,274.00	312,024.00	

*Anticipated Designated Offerings	-12,500.00	-12,500.00	
GRAND TOTAL OF CHURCH BUDGET	286,774.00	299,524.00	

All monies received over and above the adopted budget to be divided:

50% to Building Fund (Debt Prepayment)
 25% to Cooperative Program
 25% to Property Acquisition and Missions

TRAINING UNION FOR ADULTS

On last Sunday evening, plans for the adults in Training Union were presented. Next Sunday evening will be the first session in the October-November series. Five separate groups for adults will be offered:

- 1) "New Church Member Orientation"—Mr. Clyde K. Bizzell and Mr. Willard Vickery, leaders. This group will study a special series entitled "In Covenant" which is an adult's introduction to Church Membership.
- 2) **Organized Adult Union**—C. A. Fields, leader. This group will be using regular Training Union materials and approaches.
- 3) **Seminar "The Bible Speaks To You"**—Dr. William Moore, leader. This group will be led in a study presenting the Bible answers to some current questions.
- 4) **W.M.U. Leadership Course**—Mrs. Robert F. Jernigan, leader. This is the basic WMU Leadership Course and is designed primarily for WMU officers and members.
- 5) **Seminar "The Christian Man's World"**—Charles H. Overman, Jr., leader. This will be a consideration of the place of men in the work of the kingdom and the specific relationship of the Brotherhood Organization to the attaining of desired objectives.

Find your place in one of these groups next Sunday evening at 6 p.m.



NEW MEMBERS

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:

1. Mr. Ronald C. Gaskin.
1802 E. Cervantes St.
- BY LETTER:
 1. Miss Betty Coleman, 1401 Poppy Ave., Warrington
From: Main St. Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss.
 2. Mr. Maurice Dixon, 3506 North 9th Ave.
From: Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Pensacola.
 3. Mrs. Maurice Dixon
 4. Master Maurie Dixon
 5. Mr. Timothy R. Dixon
 6. Miss Diana Dixon
From: Raymond Baptist Church, Raymond, Miss.
 7. Mr. Henry Archie Harris, 1709 E. LaRue St.
From: Calvary Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
 8. Miss Janice Johnson, 1401 Poppy Ave., Warrington
From: Main St. Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss.
 9. Mr. J. Wayne McEwen, 4507 Landes, Eastmont
From: Highland Baptist Church, Laurel, Miss.
 10. Mrs. J. Wayne McEwen (Sandra)
 11. Mrs. Michael D. Parker (Joan Whatley)
3109 E. DeSoto St.
From: Shades Mt. Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.
 12. Mr. R. A. Wilkins, Jr., 629 Woodbine Dr., Cordova
From: Royal Haven Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
 13. Mrs. R. A. Wilkins
 14. Miss Carol Allene Wilkins
 15. Master Ronald Wilkins
 16. Master Kenneth Wilkins

BY STATEMENT:

17. Mr. Michael D. Parker, 3109 E. DeSoto St.

SERMON TOPIC

11:00 A. M.
"Charade"
(Genesis 27:1-36)

7:15 P. M.
"Who Am I?"
(Mark 8:27-33)

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Frances Heaton and Mr. Wayne Jenkins upon their marriage October 2.

CUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Stanley, Sr., Mrs. Thomas McVoy and Mrs. Richard Fuller in the loss of son and brother.

Miss Occie Clubbs in the loss of a brother.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mrs. Joe Brookins, Mrs. A. T. England, Mr. A. C. Johnson, Jr., Mrs. Cecil Ray, Mr. Edward Bryant, Mrs. Marvin Lee, Mrs. Olive Marheim.

Sacred Heart:

Mrs. E. C. Austin, Mr. Lamar Moore, Mrs. B. M. Peterson, Mrs. Earl Royals, Mrs. H. C. Stringfield, Miss Cynthia Warren.

Navy Hospital:

Mrs. Frances Cox.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mr. Walter Dearnley, Mr. Donald Gilmer, Mrs. Lois Munjar, Dr. E. G. Owens, Scott Jensen, Mrs. F. G. Smalley, Mrs. J. A. Riddle, Mrs. Oscar Mattheus, Mr. R. E. Ansley.



THE lisTEENING POST

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The young people of our church are assuming the responsibility for rendering a great service at the Crippled Children's Clinic in our city. Each Sunday during the regular Sunday School hour, various groups of them are providing a Sunday School lesson for the children at the Clinic. They are going in groups of five, accompanied by an adult worker. At this time they provide a Bible story, character story, missionary story, music and application of the Sunday School lesson. Those going this past week were Richard Holt, Carol Rogers, Barbara Hughes, Pat Roberts and Mr. Theron Guthrie.

Any young person interested in taking part in this ministry is asked to see Miss May. We will be glad to put you on the list.

What a dependable and talented group our young people are!

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Mrs. Arthur Haylock,
 Our Missionary to Honduras

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	.....1,387
Members Present	.....1,304
New Members	.....17
Visitors	.....66
Training Union Attendance	.....339
Members Present	.....315
New Members	.....5
Visitors	.....19
Additions to church membership	.....18
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	.....6,360.28
Specials	.....763.54
Organ Fund	.....10.00
Building Fund	.....25.50
TOTAL OFFERING	.....7,159.32



SINCEREST GRATITUDE . . .

could never be voiced effectively enough in the direction of the fine number of faithful choir members. Their presence and dedicated singing is a joy to any director. One could never wish for a better expression of commitment to these service organizations and to the Lord whom we serve than the way our Adult and Youth Choir members maintain their individual responsibilities. The Minister of Music is truly grateful. "And now abideth a beautiful voice, the ability to use it and faithfulness . . . these three . . . but the greatest of these is faithfulness."

J H.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

*9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
 A. H. Arnold, Supt.
 *11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastor
 Broadcast over WCOA
 2:30 p.m.—Association G. A. Meeting
 Olive Baptist Church
 4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
 *6:00 p.m.—Training Union and
 Sunday Evening Seminars
 F. Willard Vickery, Director
 *7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor
 8:45 p.m.—Singspiration at the
 Warrington Baptist Church

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

6:15 p.m.—Brotherhood Meeting
 7:00 p.m.—Deacons' Meeting
 7:00-8:30 p.m.—Boy Scouts
 Activities Center

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

*See WMS Circles
 WMU Night Society
 6:00 p.m.—Supper
 6:30 p.m.—Business
 7:00 p.m.—Program
 7:15 p.m.—Circle Meetings

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

*4:45 p.m.—Children's Choirs
 *5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
 *6:30 p.m.—Officers' and Teachers' Meeting.
 Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, YWA's
 *7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service, Business Meeting
 *8:15 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:00 p.m.—Adult D Department Social.
 Dining Room

*Indicates Nursery will be open 15 minutes prior to the time indicated above.



W.M.S. CIRCLES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

10:00 A.M.—
 T. N. CALLAWAY CIRCLE will meet with
 Mrs. Everett McGowin, 2121 N. 20th Ave.
 VIRGINIA COBB CIRCLE will meet with
 Mrs. W. A. Hibbert, 1716 Osceola Blvd.
 STANLEY DAVIS CIRCLE will meet with
 Mrs. Elmer Durden, 2 Gentian Drive,
 Woodland Heights
 MARTHA HAYLOCK CIRCLE will meet with
 Mrs. John K. Edwards, Jr.,
 2405 N. 18th Avenue
 MAMIE LOJ FOSEY CIRCLE will meet with
 Mrs. A. J. McCreary, 427 West Lee Street
 DOTTISON MILLS CIRCLE will meet with
 Mrs. Tate Bousman, 231 Dean Road,
 Cordova
 R. C. MOORE CIRCLE will meet with
 Mrs. B. W. Matthews, 115 West LaRue St.
 Mrs. R. L. Kendricks, Co-Hostess
 ERNICE NEEL CIRCLE will meet with
 Mrs. E. A. Allen, 100 W. Brainerd Street
 LAURA FRANCES SNOW CIRCLE will meet
 with Mrs. Harold Ackman,
 1505 E. Storger Street
 DONALD LANGFORD CIRCLE will meet with
 Mrs. Clarence Streetman,
 3631 Cherry Laurel Dr., Scenic Heights
 CLARICE ASHMORE CIRCLE will meet with
 Mrs. John Smith, 3480 Newton Dr.,
 Mallory Heights
 2:30 p.m.—
 HARVEY HEADRICK CIRCLE will meet with
 Mrs. D. H. Johnson, 1300 E. Lakeview Ave.
 6:00 p.m.—
 WMS NIGHT SOCIETY SUPPER-MEETING