

# The Baptist Builder

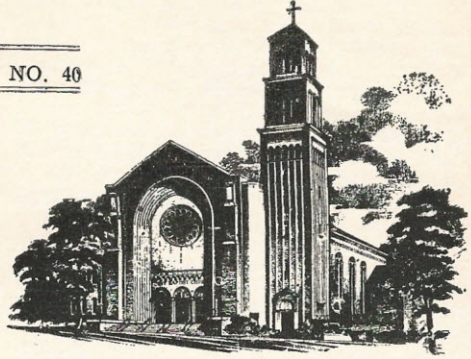
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PASTOR



## 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

**Psalms 1-11**

"Meditations In The Psalms"



# PROPOSED 1966 BUDGET

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

	1965 Budget	PROPOSED 1966 Budget
<b>I. MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCES:</b>		
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
<b>II. ADMINISTRATION:</b>		
1. Pastor's Salary .....	10,800.00	10,800.00
2. Pastor's Annuity and Health Benefit .....		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
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 .....	800.00	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
<b>III. EDUCATION AND PROMOTION:</b>		
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 .....	600.00	600.00
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
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,  
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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 Manheim.

#### 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 LISTENING 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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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 .....7,159.52



### SINCEREST GRATITUDE . . .

could never be voiced effectively enough  
in the direction of the fine number of faith-  
ful choir members. Their presence and  
dedicated singing is a joy to any director.  
One could never wish for a better expres-  
sion of commitment to these service or-  
ganizations 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 beau-  
tiful voice, the ability to use it and faith-  
fulness . . . these three . . . but the great-  
est 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  
DOTTSON 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  
EERNICE NEEL CIRCLE will meet with  
Mrs. E. A. Allen, 109 W. Brainerd Street  
LAURA FRANCES SNOW CIRCLE will meet  
with Mrs. Harold Ackman,  
1505 E. Strong 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