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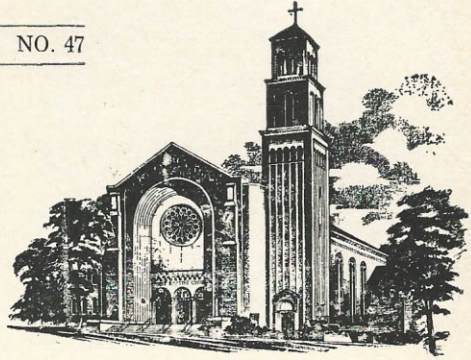
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PASTOR



"PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM
ALL BLESSINGS FLOW"

A DAY OF VICTORY FOR FIRST BAPTIST

Last Sunday history was made as members of
First Baptist over-pledged the 1968 budget.

Pledges are still coming in. As of Tuesday,
we have pledged \$346,134.88.

If yours is not in, you will want to get it
in immediately.

Pastor's Paragraphs

SHARE YOUR FAITH

I am still singing the Doxology over our victory of last Sunday. For the first time ever we oversubscribed our budget



in one day. This came as no surprise to me. I KNEW you would do it.

Now we can all turn our energies over to the most important matter — the winning of men and women to Jesus Christ. If we are going to reach them, we must give of ourselves.

Dr. Walter Shurden has written an excellent article. There is a lot of truth in what he says.

"I BELIEVE . . ."

"When I was a teen-ager and ready to make a try at getting my first job, I started calling employers on the telephone, asking if they had a job opening. When he heard how I was going about it, Daddy said to me, 'Son, when you have something as important as a job to talk to someone about, go see them in person; make him know you are interested enough to make a personal visit.' There is a lot of wisdom packed into Dad's advice — wisdom our church needs at this juncture of our ministry. Write it in bold black letters, underline it in bright, bright red, and plaster it all over your Christian conscience — CHRISTIANITY MUST BE SHARED PERSONALLY. The church has never improved upon Jesus' strategy of sending one man out to invite another man in. A mimeographed letter won't do it! A postcard won't do it. Neither will a poster in the church hall, nor a public announcement from the pulpit, or a sign out in front of the church! Hear the roll call: the Jesuits, the Salvation Army, the Mormons, the Jehovah Witnesses. What do they have in common that would cause one to lump them together. Background? Organizational structure? Theology? Of course not! Except for one thing, they are as different as religious groups can possibly be. Their similarity is their militant commitment to what they believe and their stubborn persistence in personally sharing that belief.

"Sunday School teacher, Discussion Leader, Departmental Superintendent, Pastor, Christians of First Church — if we really have something important to say to people about Jesus Christ, we're going

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Don't Tell Me God Is Good"

(Psalm 73:1-28)

7:15 P.M.

"Found Wanting"

(Daniel 5:1-30)

NEEDED:

SPIRITUAL BI-FOCALS

BY CLYDE K. BIZZELL

It had been real frustrating. No matter how often I cleaned my glasses, I was still having problems. I could not see the folk without them; I couldn't see the hymn book with them.

You've already guessed the solution. (The good doctor made a careful examination before he prescribed).

With my new glasses (bi-focals, some call them) I can see the words in the hymn book, and also see my friend Greg Tipton way up in the balcony.

And I can now see the figures on the speedometer and the speed markers on the side of the road.

We need spiritual bi-focals. It's sometimes difficult to see the needs away off in the Orient and at the same time see the needs in Pensacola.

I'm grateful for people like Bill Carr and Pearl Gifford who help us to see needs here in our own Pensacola. And, I'm grateful for men like Dr. Baker James Cauthen who help us to see needs around the world.

And, I'm grateful to my church for providing a way for me to help meet these needs. One contribution, through my church, can help me to be at work at the Baptist Center on Eighth Avenue in Pensacola and at the Baptist Center in Petah Tiqva in Israel, and a lot of other places, all at the same time.

We need spiritual bi-focals to see the needs, and a generous liberal spirit to meet those needs.



Attend Prayer Service Wednesday

to have to do like Daddy said and go see them."

"I'll see you through the week — sharing your faith.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Plettz

"WE DID IT"



W. H. Gill, General Chairman, receives from Aubrey Gomillion, Chairman of the Tally Committee, the word that we had pledged more than our \$335,019.00 budget. Looking on is Mrs. James Rountree, Financial Secretary. Standing behind her is Mr. Rountree. Seated to her right is Mr. Joe Napier.

TRAINING UNION "M" NIGHT

**Monday, December 4
7:30 P.M.**

Speaker:

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Meeting will be at the Brownsville Baptist Church.



ARROWS TO ATOMS

Dr. Robert L. Hughes has just returned from South Africa and is well qualified to teach the Mission Study book "Africa, Arrows to Atoms." The W.M.S Night Society and Brotherhood invite anyone who is interested to attend a special study on Tuesday, November 28. Supper will be served at 6:15 in the Church Dining Room. The study will begin at 7:00 P.M. Make your reservation, and plan to be present.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., Nov. 26: "Training In Church Membership"

Acts 18:12-23. Key Verse 23.

MON., Nov. 27: "Correcting False Doctrine"

Acts 18:24 to 19:6. Key Verse 26.

TUES., Nov. 28: "Teaching For Results"

Acts 19:8-20. Key Verse 10.

WED., Nov. 29: "Facing Worldly Opposition"

Acts 19:21-30. Key Verse 28.

THURS., Nov. 30: "A Plea For Order"

Acts 19:31-41. Key Verse 36.

FRI., Dec. 1: "Preaching With Fervor"

Acts 20:6-12. Key Verse 7.

SAT., Dec. 2: Sunday School Lesson

"Worship Through Remembrance"
1 Corinthians 11:17-32.



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Patricia Nan Johnson and Mr. Ronald Guy Whitfield upon their marriage November 12.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Vernon Powers in the loss of her mother.

Mr. Mose Penton in the loss of a sister.

Mr. Dan Bridges in the loss of his father.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mr. Vernie Chance, Mrs. Bessie Garrett, Mr. George Peterson, Mr. Mark Pressley, Miss Susan E. Carson.

Sacred Heart:

Mrs. Mary Kelly.

Escambia General:

Mr. Eugene Bell, Mrs. L. L. Alford.

Navy:

Mrs. H. G. Hamrick.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Elbert Gentry, III, Mrs. Mark Pressley, Julia Smith, Mr. J. L. Smith, Cdr., Robert B. Lunsford, Mrs. Charles D. Tucker, Mrs. Norman Johnson.



LAST CALL FOR PICTURE SELECTION

As the Builder goes to press on Wednesday Morning, it appears that it will be necessary to ask the representatives of Religious Pictorial Directories to schedule an additional day for those who have not done so to come by and select the picture that they want to appear in the Directory. Remember that it is necessary for the family to make this selection; we cannot do it for you. If you do not select, then your picture cannot appear in the Directory. Please, let's finish this job!



F B C

Faith

In

Religion

Saves

Thousands

Be

At your

Place

To

Insure

Service

Training

Crowds

Here get

Ultimate

Religion thru

Christ and

Home

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of

Mrs. E. L. Derby

and are given by Mr. Derby.

ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD MEETING

**Monday, November 27
Central Baptist Church**

Supper will be served at 6:45

The program will be our Associational work and will include slides of the various phases of this work.



LIBRARY NOTES

We have received a number of BEGINNING SCIENCE BOOKS. There is one on SQUIRRELS by John Feilen.

Town children know the gray squirrel, and country children know the red squirrel. The life stories of both of these saucy animals are told in detail. The book also includes information about many other squirrels of North America including ground squirrels and flying squirrels. This is illustrated in full color.

WATER by Philip B. Carona is another BEGINNING SCIENCE BOOK.

"You drink it. You wash with it. You use it for cooking and heating. Plants won't grow without it. Too much of it will kill you. Three quarters of the earth is covered with it! Young readers will learn all about the influence water has on our lives in this simply written, beautifully illustrated book.

DEER by John Feilen is a BEGINNING SCIENCE BOOK.

Following the white-tailed deer through the seasons, the young reader learns how these graceful animals live and care for their young. Moose, caribou, elk, and many interesting deer from other continents are also described and shown in full-color illustrations.



THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of

MISS KATHERINE LEAH TUCKER
daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donald Tucker
born November 14.



SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

November Meeting

Tuesday, November 28

Beginning at 10:00 A.M.

The program will include a film entitled "The Christmas Spirit". BRING a covered dish for lunch which will be at 12:00 Noon.

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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

The Church in Study1301
Main Sunday School1279
Crippled Childrens Home 22

The Church in Training 210
Additions to church membership 4

Tithes and Offerings:
Budget\$7,661.97
Specials 434.09
Building Fund 10.00

TOTAL OFFERING\$8,106.06



NEW MEMBERS

FOR BAPTISM FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS:

6. Mrs. Montague V. Agee, Pr. (Pat)
112-A Catherine Avenue

BY LETTER:

25. Mr. Montague V. Agee, Jr.,
112-A Catherine Avenue
From: Westhampton Baptist Church,
Richmond, Va.
26. Mr. Kenneth Eckley, NATTU,
Baracks 693, NAS
From: First Baptist Church,
Tyler, Texas
27. Miss Janet R. Rutledge,
Scenic Arms, Apt. 119
From: Central Baptist Church,
Pensacola



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL
AND WORSHIP SUNDAY



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
Mr. A. H. Arnold, Supt.
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor
Broadcast over Station WCOA
- 4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- * 6:00 p.m.—Training Union
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 6:45 p.m.—Associational Brotherhood at
Central Baptist Church
- 7:30 p.m.—Cub Scout Meeting,
Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 10:00 a.m.—Senior Adult Fellowship
- 12:00 Noon—Covered Dish Luncheon
- 6:15 p.m.—WMS Mission Study
- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- * 4:45 p.m.—Children's Choirs
J. High G.A.'s and R.A.'s
- * 5:30 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
- * 6:30 p.m.—Officers and Teachers Meeting
Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, YWA's
Jr. High Choir
- * 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service
- * 8:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 2:00 p.m.—Willing Workers Class will meet
with Mrs. George Yarbrough, Sr.,
921 North Palafox

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



THE LISTENING POST



THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

Twenty-six of our young people did an excellent job with the Telephone Brigade, Saturday, November 18. These young people made 1,320 telephone calls between 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to remind our members of Pledge Day. They handled their assigned tasks willingly and tactfully. And you know — they had fun too!

Those participating were:

Mary Lou Burks	Rusty Rein
Marcia Broxson	Mary Gail Lenz
Ruth Anna Payne	Libby Coker
Bobby Taylor	Nancy Pleitz
Danny Pleitz	Mark Riddles
Laurie Riddles	Ellen Hooper
Janie Garrett	Elwin Garrett
Nancy Cheshire	Kathy Bores
Janet Davis	Mary Roth
Cathy Hurt	Eleanor Kennedy
Lynn Ladner	Cole Odum
Linda Gomillion	Ann Burks
Jo Ann Lenz	Ann Fields

Thanks kids, for a job well done!