

# The Baptist Builder

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
PALAFOX and LaRUA STS.  
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

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PASTOR



## SEASON'S GREETING

From Each Member of the Church Staff to Each Member of Our Church Goes a  
Sincere Prayer for a Wonderful Christmas Season and a Happy, Prosperous New Year

# Pastor's paragraphs

## KEEPING OF CHRISTMAS

Each day the song reminds us, "It is one day closer to Christmas." Now is the time to complete your shopping, and please don't forget Lottie Moon!



The important thing about Christmas is not the buying of gifts but the KEEPING OF CHRISTMAS. Years ago Henry Van Dyke made some splendid suggestions concerning keeping Christmas. Let me share them with you:

"It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day, but there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is keeping Christmas.

"Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to put your rights in the background, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life — are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then, you can keep Christmas.

"Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open — are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then, you can keep Christmas.

"Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world — stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death — and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal love? Then, you can keep Christmas.

"And if you keep it for a day, why not

# Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Jernigan

request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter

Patricia Susan

to

Mr. Charles Henry Overman III

on Saturday, the twenty-eighth of December  
nineteen hundred and sixty-eight  
at half after seven o'clock in the evening

First Baptist Church

Pensacola, Florida

Reception  
following ceremony  
Fellowship Hall

Mr. and Mrs. Sterlin Henry Denton

request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter

Linda Carol

to

Mr. William Robert Griffin

on Saturday, the twenty-eighth of December  
nineteen hundred and sixty-eight  
at eleven o'clock in the morning

First Baptist Church

Pensacola, Florida

and afterwards at the reception  
The Garden Center

## GOD CREATED THE DEAF

They are our responsibility.  
(Isaiah 43:7-8)

There are four things you can do:

1. Realize the deaf are lost without Christ.
2. Pray for them and the ministry and the program for the deaf.
3. Learn the sign language for witnessing and fellowship.
4. Invite the deaf to attend church service with you.

Sign Language Class Beginning January 5, 1969, during Training Union Hour.

Ministry to the Deaf Needs You

## REMEMBER the LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING!

always? But you can never keep it alone."

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

## SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"On Experiencing Christmas  
365 Days a Year"  
(Luke 2:1-20)

7:15 P.M.

Junior Choir Sings  
Christmas Cantata  
"Lo! A Star!"

Youth Choir Sings  
Christmas Selections

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Shirley Jo Jackson and Mr. John Ingram Berry, Jr., upon their marriage December 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Andrews upon the birth of a son, Kenneth Tait, December 16, in Thomasville, Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Angus Andrews are the paternal grandparents.

Miss Peggy Butterbaugh and Ensign Thomas Hayes upon their marriage on December 14.

### OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. R. S. Boggess in the loss of a brother.

Miss Helen May in the loss of her mother.

Mrs. George Yarbrough, Sr., in the loss of her mother.

Mrs. Frances Cox in the loss of a sister.

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist—Mr. Shelby Sanders, Mrs. A. C. Newberry, Mrs. Frances Schlevoight, Mr. James T. Warthen, Mrs. John Ledford, Mr. Elbert W. Hopkins, Sr., Mrs. Boyd Reeder

Sacred Heart—Mrs. J. E. Kelly, Mr. C. Edward Green, Mrs. Jane Jernigan, Mrs. John Ingram

Navy — Mr. J. J. Yandle

Escambia — Mrs. Mamie Peake

### HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mr. Leonard Gay, Mr. Christian Hepfer, Jose Fernandez, James Edward Evans, Mrs. Earl Kendrick, Mr. Robert Lindner

### OPEN HOUSE AT Y.W.C.A.

The Y.W.C.A., 1417 North 12th Avenue, is holding OPEN HOUSE Sunday, December 22, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. They have extended to us a special invitation to see their "Christmas Trees Around the World" Display.

# 2 Sundays Left

in 1968 to give your  
Tithes and Offerings  
Through Your Church

## *The Listening Post*

Every day since my arrival here as your Youth Director I have thanked God for bringing me to First Baptist Church. You have been so thoughtful and kind in every way. God is always ready to surround us with just the people we need to share our joys, sorrows, and problems. How good He is!

For every prayer in Mom's behalf, for every timely deed, for just knowing that you cared and were concerned we are deeply grateful.

—HELEN MAY.

Congratulations to — Patricia Stewart Clark on her graduation from Auburn university.

"God bless our friends,  
Be with them everywhere;  
Grant them Thy peace,  
Thy shelter from life's care.

God give them joy  
While Christmas time is here;  
God bles and guide them  
Through the coming year."  
—Edgar A. Guest

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Melvin J. Simpson  
1207 West Gregory  
Joined our church by letter  
January 2, 1955  
Deceased December 12, 1968

Mrs. John V. May  
800 Scenic Highway  
Joined our church by letter  
April 11, 1965  
Deceased December 15, 1968

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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

The Church in Study.....	1161
Main Sunday School.....	1144
Crippled Children's Home.....	17
The Church in Training.....	218
Training Union .....	171
Weekday Activities .....	47
Additions to Church Membership.....	6
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$6,232.35
Specials .....	1,102.84
Building Fund .....	45.00
TOTAL OFFERING .....	\$7,400.19

## VESPER SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

On Christmas Day we will have a  
Vesper Service at 5:00 p.m. This will be  
an observance of the Lord's Supper. There  
will be no other services or activities on  
that day.

## SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP SUNDAY

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

- \* 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages  
Mr. A. H. Arnold, Supt.
- \* 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor
- 4:00 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- \* 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages  
Mr. F. Willard Vickery, Dir.
- \* 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship Hour  
The Junior High Choir sings  
the Christmas Cantata,  
"Lo! A Star"
- The Youth Choir sings a  
program of Christmas Music
- 8:15 p.m.—Junior High Get-Together at  
the home of Tempie Roberts,  
104 W. Jackson St.
- 8:15 p.m.—Senior High-College Group  
will meet with Mary Gail  
Lenz, 8121 Ridgefield Road

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

YP "A" Sunday School Dept.  
Hay Ride (Gather and re-  
turn to "The Cellar")

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

- \* 5:00 p.m.—Christmas Vesper Service

## NEW MEMBERS

### FOR BAPTISM FROM

### OTHER DENOMINATIONS:

- 5. Mr. Leonard T. Hughes,  
2200 W. Chase, Apt. 102-C
- 6. Mrs. Leonard T. Hughes (Leah)

### BY LETTER:

- 51. Mr. Philip M. Joyner,  
206 N. Pinewood Lane  
From: Bellview Baptist, Memphis.
- 52. Mrs. Philip M. Joyner (Ina Sue)  
From: Bellview Baptist, Memphis.
- 53. Mr. Nicky C. Taylor,  
3480 Newton Drive  
From First Baptist, Opp., Ala.
- 54. Mrs. Nicky C. Taylor (Charlotte)

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., DEC. 22: "Mary's Vision"

Luke 1:26-36. Key Verse 38.

MON., DEC. 23: "The Magnificat"

Luke 1:46-56. Key Verse 46.

TUES., DEC. 24: "Joseph's Vision"

Matthew 1:18-25. Key Verse 24.

WED., DEC. 25: "Shepherd's Adore"

Luke 2:1-20. Key Verse 20.

THURS., DEC. 26: "Wise Men Worship"

Matthew 2:1-11. Key Verse 11.

FRI., DEC. 27: "The Presentation"

Luke 2:21-38. Key Verses 30-32.

SAT., DEC. 28: "About My Father's

Business"

Luke 2:39-52. Key Verse 49.