

# The Baptist Builder

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## STEERING COMMITTEE

For our annual Stewardship Emphasis



Reading left to right are, standing: J. W. Harden, Jr., Co-Chairman of Budget Promotion; Clyde K. Bizzell; James L. Pleitz; Joe Napier, Chairman of Budget Pledging; Henry W. Smith, Jr., Co-Chairman of Budget Pledging; J. Nixon Daniel, Jr., Chairman of Budget Planning; Frank B. Gibbs, Chairman of Budget Promotion. Seated: Mrs. James Rountree, Campaign Secretary; Barney B. Burks, Jr., General Chairman; Mrs. J. A. Riddle, Chairman of Office Help. Not shown in picture: Aubrey Gomillion, Chairman of Tally Committee.

## 1970 Budget Adopted

Our 1970 Budget, totaling \$361,718.00 was adopted by the Congregation last Sunday. Prior to this formal vote, the Congregation had an opportunity to study the proposed budget and to discuss it in a special business session.

In adopting this budget, we have challenged ourselves to the largest budget in the history of our church and to underwrite it in one day, November 16th.

As you look toward November 16, you will want to be thinking of your part not so much in terms of what is MY share of the budget, but rather in terms of what is GOD's share of what I have.

### STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY



The Budget Promotion Committee has asked various members of our Congregation to prepare a brief stewardship testimony for THE BUILDER. We are pleased to present this first one:

**"WHY DO I FINANCIALLY SUPPORT MY CHURCH?** Because I am a born again Christian. All that I have and am - personality, time, skill, physical strength, possessions - are gifts from God, entrusted to me for the fulfillment of God's purpose. Jesus teaches us to acknowledge our financial responsibility for the work of Christ, by setting apart a generous part of our money for the growth and development of His kingdom. I financially support First Baptist Church because Jesus teaches me to."

J. Lowell Loadholtz

# Pastor's paragraphs

## ON KEEPING A SECRET

It was our intention to keep it a secret when Mr. Val Varner flew into Pensacola last week to talk to our church about receiving a national award from GUIDEPOST magazine. We had planned to keep it a secret. It just so happened that Mr. Varner talked to several others in the city about the First Baptist Church including Mr. George Parish, the religious editor of the paper. Mr. Parish mentioned the Award in his column last Saturday.

Each year since 1958 Guideposts has surveyed the programs of churches and synagogues throughout America in search of outstanding initiative and spiritual creativity by congregation and pastor, priest or rabbi. The Award itself consists of a beautifully designed bronze plaque which is presented by a Guideposts editor to the church and congregation at a special service.

Whether our church receives this Award or not, I'm proud of you for being considered.

The good Lord willing, I hope to see you Sunday in God's House and may HE bless.

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*

### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"What Do You Do With  
Your Sins?"  
(I John 1:4-10)

7:15 P.M.

"Lift Up The Lad"  
(Genesis 21:1-21)

The Woman's Missionary Union  
Invites All Members of Girls' Aux.  
To The G. A. HOUSE PARTY  
to be held

Friday-Saturday, October 31- Nov. 1  
In the Sanctuary of the First Baptist  
Church  
Registration Fee \$2.00

## THESE WERE RECEIVED INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ON LAST WEDNESDAY EVENING



Jim and Celia  
Hardekopf



Mrs. Roger (Gail) Kingry  
(Also shown is her  
husband Roger)



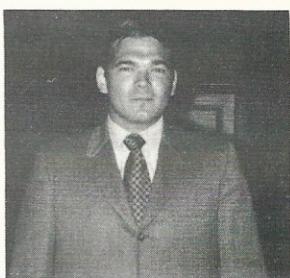
Miss Margaret Nelson



Don and Gayle Pylant



John and Ann Tidwell  
(Also shown are their 2  
children Betsy Ann and  
Wendy)



Dolph G. Williams

## INcredible, I CALL IT

A man took his family into a restaurant. They sat down at a clean table, ordered a sumptuous meal, ate with satisfaction and delight. When the waitress brought the check, the man said, "Oh, I don't believe in paying for meals. Please give the check to that man over there. He will probably be glad to pay it." The waitress took the check to the man at a nearby table. The man accepted the check and paid for it, even leaving a tip for the waitress. Incredible, I call it!

A woman went to the super-market where all manner of goodies which characterize American eating were spread out in long rows. She filled her cart with everything from a case of ginger-ale to a prime roast of beef and a large bag of out-of-season fruit. When she came to the check-out desk the cashier rang up the bill and said, "\$35.60 please." The woman put on a horrified look and said, "But I'm going to take a trip to Florida next week, and I just don't have the money to pay for this food, I'll just let these folks behind me in line pay for it." And behold, the folks in line behind reached for their pocketbooks and put out the money and paid the bill. Incredible!

A family lived in Pleasantville, one of the nicest towns in the world. The children attended fine schools, the family enjoyed the paved streets, and the excellent water and sewage facilities, the public parks and the community hospital. They liked this town. But one day a tax bill arrived and they frowned and tore it up, and threw it away. Some time later a tax collector knocked at their door and announced himself. "Get away from here," shouted the father, "that's the trouble with this town, always asking for money. I don't believe in paying taxes. Let my neighbors pay it if they want to." And the neighbors liked these people and they got together and paid their taxes!

Now there was a family that belonged to a wonderful church . . . Sorry, I just can't bear to tell this story — you tell it yourself. It is so utterly incredible. And it's true!

—Copied

## MEET



Mrs. William A. Hickman, Jr.

Missionary speaker for G.A. Houseparty  
October 31 - November 2



Robert H. Pinder

Missionary speaker for G.A. Houseparty  
October 31 - November 2

## CHAMPAIGN DIRECTORY

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CLASS OFFICERS CLINIC  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 6:30 P.M.  
CONFERENCES FOR TEACHERS  
AND ALL CLASS OFFICERS

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Bettye Jane Baker and Mr. Gary Lee Erdman upon their marriage October 17.

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist—Miss Ola Hinson, Mrs. E. F. Warren, Mr. Dewey Robertson, Mrs. F. M. Grimwood, Mr. Adrian Kendrick, Mrs. Elizabeth Vallia

Sacred Heart—Mrs. John Tidwell, Mrs. F. G. Almon, Mrs. Lois Everitt, Mr. R. A. Barrow

### HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mr. Morton Stultz, Mr. David Raley  
Mrs. W. T. Creel, Mrs. Oscar Brock,

### OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Imogene Stewart in the loss of her father.

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

### On Profession Of Faith In Christ

5. Ensign Bill Fitch, BOQ 3252 Rm. 321-A, NAS

### BY LETTER

17. Mr. Dave L. Potter, USMC, Box 15278, Corry Field

From: First Baptist, Borger, Texas

18. Miss Brenda Williams, English Cove, Apt. B-1, Gulf Breeze

From: Broadmoor Baptist, Jackson, Miss.

### BY STATEMENT

19. Mrs. Jack Guthrie, 161 Baldwin

### BAPTIZED

Floyd J. Jackson *Anderson*

Mrs. Celia M. Hardekopf

Chris Maughon

Scott Maughon

Gary MacDonald

Michael McNew

Mary Royals

## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mr. C. T. Davis and are given by Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Casselman (Vera Carter) of Jeanerette, La.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., October 26: "We Would See Jesus" John 12:20-32. Key Verse 21.

MON., October 27: "How to Recognize A Christian" John 13:31-38. Key Verse 35.

TUES., October 28: "The Untroubled Heart" John 14:1-14. Key Verse 1.

WED., October 29: "If Ye Love Me" John 14:15-24. Key Verse 15.

THURS., October 30. "The Greatest Love" John 15:12-27. Key Verse 13.

FRI., October 31: "Promise of the Spirit" John 16:1-14. Key Verse 18.

SAT., November 1: "Jesus' Prayer for His Followers" John 17:1-15. Key Verse 11.

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### LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| The Church in Study       | 1146              |
| Main Sunday School        | 1134              |
| Crippled Children's Home  | 12                |
| The Church in Training    | 717               |
| Training Union            | 209               |
| Other Training Activities | 508               |
| Coming for Membership     | 4                 |
| Baptized                  | 7                 |
| Tithes and Offerings:     |                   |
| Budget                    | \$6,105.82        |
| Specials                  | 250.50            |
| Building Fund             | 13.00             |
| <b>TOTAL OFFERING</b>     | <b>\$6,369.32</b> |



Shake hands with **MR. JERRY RHINEHART!** Jerry is a student at the University of West Florida and is going to do some work for the church on the college campuses in this area. He and his wife Glenda are faithful members of the congregation and Jerry will be a valuable staff member in working with the young people on the campuses.

### A NEW LOOK

Your Builder for the next four weeks will appear in this enlarged format. The Budget Promotion Committee of our Forward Program of Christian Stewardship is combining its promotional efforts with our regularly published Builder. The next four issues will bring you news of our Forward Program of Christian Stewardship and the many regular activities of our church. You will want to make a special effort to read each of these four issues.

## OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

- \* 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School, A. H. Arnold, Supt.
- \* 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 4:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- \* 6:00 P.M.—Training Union
- \* 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship
- 8:30 P.M.—Senior Hi—College Fellowship at the home of Susan and Barbara Hughes, 3190 N. 10th Avenue

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 10:00 A.M. Senior Adult Fellowship
- 12:00 Noon—Covered Dish Luncheon
- \* 7:00 P.M.—W.M.U. Leadership Course, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 P.M.—Ushers Banquet, Dining Room
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts Meet in Cellar

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

- \* 9:30 A.M.—W.M.U. Leadership Course, Fellowship Hall
- \* 4:45 P.M.—Choirs
- \* 5:50 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- \* 6:30 P.M.—Sunbeams, GA's, RA's, Sunday School Officers and Teachers meeting
- \* 7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service
- \* 8:00 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

- \* 9:30 A.M.—W.M.U. Leadership Course, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 P.M.—Pizza Supper for Silent Class, Fellowship Hall
- \* 7:00 P.M.—W.M.U. Leadership Course, Fellowship Hall

### FRIDAY, OCT. 31 - NOV. 2

- 5:00 P.M.—Registration begins for GA Houseparty
- 7:30 P.M.—GA Houseparty