

# The Baptist Builder

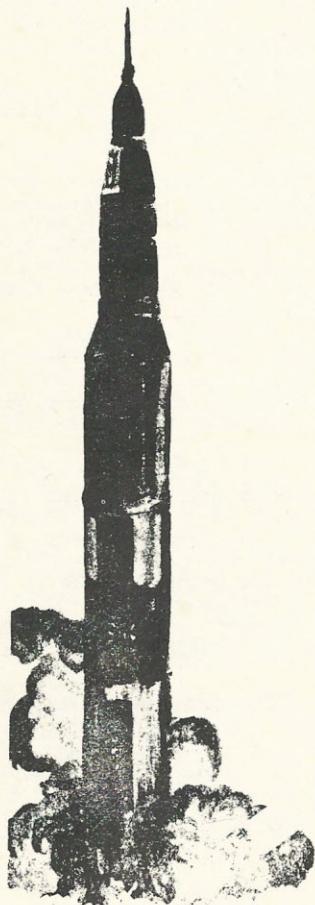
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**SUNDAY IS  
LAUNCH  
DAY  
Our Goal:  
1400  
IN SUNDAY  
SCHOOL**

## *Pastor's Paragraphs*

### On Pushing The Wrong Button

Life is full of frustrations.

The other day I put a dime in a vending machine and punched the button marked DOUBLEMINT GUM. Naturally, I expected to get a package of gum—plus a nickel change. Much to my chagrin—I got instead a small pecan pie—and no change.

Since I wanted gum and not pie (Who wants pie at 6:45 a. m. on a Monday morning—and besides

I was counting on that nickel to last me until Friday!), I told the man in whose place of business the machine was located that the machine had made a mistake.

He insisted that I had pushed the wrong button and refused to give me my money back. To prove his point—he walked over to the machine—put a nickel in—pushed the button—and out popped gum—DOUBLEMINT!

Like I said, life is full of frustrations. WHETHER WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A VENDING MACHINE OR LIFE, WE USUALLY GET EXACTLY WHAT WE ORDER. Paul used different language, but the thought is the same, "Whatsoever a man shall sow, that shall he also reap." (Galatians 6:7)

For instance, many parents today are appalled by the actions of their children. They are indifferent. They are rebellious. They have no moral standards. They have little or no interest in God.

In self defense we complain to the one who supposedly runs this universe—"Lord Lord, how did this happen? I pushed the button labeled A GOOD CHILD, and got THIS! There has been a mistake!" Has there? Has there? Has there?

One of the great tragedies of our day and age is the FAILURE OF MY GENERATION. (We have blamed the so-called younger generation long enough. They are not altogether at fault.)

Think for just a minute—there are hundreds of people in our membership—with children—who NEVER come to church. (YOU ARE PUNCHING A BUTTON, DAD.) There are hundreds who put anything and everything before Jesus Christ. (YOU ARE PUNCHING A BUTTON, MOM.) There are hundreds whose lives are worldly and morally shoddy. (HEAR ME FRIEND, YOU ARE PUNCHING A BUTTON.)

My disappointment at receiving pie instead of gum because I punched the



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Marjorie Claire Kiker and Lt. Jack Allan Tozier on their marriage September 5.

Miss Nata Pike and Mr. Carl Leonard Wheelus on their marriage August 28. Miss Sherre Anne Vickery and Mr. Kenneth Paul Sears on their marriage September 5.

Miss Robbie Lyn Savage and Mr. Donald Scott Brantley on their marriage September 3.

Miss Nini Deborah Baird and Mr. John Basil Yelverton on their marriage September 5.

Miss Paula Wiginton and Mr. Richard E. Grabowski on their marriage September 5.

### SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Vernon Cash and Bobby in the loss of husband and father.

Mrs. Georgia Stone in the loss of a brother.

Kenneth Thomas in the loss of a brother.

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mrs. Maggie Brown, Mrs. Georgia Parker, Mr. Don Schroeder, Miss Inez Ware, Mr. Herman Martins, Miss Sandra Winston, Mr. John Vaughan

Sacred Heart

Mr. J. R. Early, Mr. Bobby Wilson Navy Hospital

Mrs. Thomas O. Bales

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mr. Herman Johnson, Mrs. R. L. Kendrick, Mr. Ken Pfeiffer, Mr. Thomas O. Bales

## ALL ABOARD

Our Senior Adults are going to the Dauphin Way Baptist Church Monday for a joint meeting with their group. We will leave from the Church at 8:15 A.M. We should be back by the middle of the afternoon.

### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A. M.

"The Strategy That Wins"

(Romans 12:9-21)

7:15 P. M.

"Men Wanted"

(Acts 6:1-7)

Ordination Service for New

Deacons

wrong button was momentary—but the disappointment—and the heartache—can last a lifetime. ■

What button are you pushing, friend? I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday in God's House.

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*

**CENTRAL  
LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL — SEPTEMBER 14-17  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
7:00-9:00 P.M. Monday — Thursday**

for

**Sunday School and Church Training Leadership  
LEADERSHIP COURSES (Sunday School)**

General Officers	L. J. Newton, B.S.S.B., Nashville
Adult Leadership	“Administering the Bible Teaching Program” Dwayne Zimmer, Tampa
Youth Leadership	“Adult Sunday School Work” Bill Simpson, St. Petersburg
Children’s Leadership	“Youth Sunday School Work” Frank Delrose, Jr., S.S. Dept., F.B.C.
	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH TRAINING</b>
Pre-School Workers	Mrs. Dwayne Zimmer, Tampa
Pre-School Workers	(Birth — 3 Yr. Depts.) Mrs. James Frost, Jacksonville
	“Pre-Schoolers at Church”
General Officers	Dr. Robert Cook, C. T. Dept., F.B.C.
Adults	“Administering Church Training” Lindsey Boyd, Fort Walton Beach
Youth Leadership	“Adults in Church Training” Charles Ragland, C. T. Dept., F.B.C.
Children’s Leadership	“Youth in Church Training” Roxie Jacobs and Mrs. Lee Gaban
	“Children in Church Training”
	<b>YOUTH CONFERENCES</b>

Youth (grades 7 and up)	Bill Butler
Children (grades 4-6)	Paul Jones
Children (grades 1-3)	
Pre-Children will be provided for.	

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Monday:	Meet in auditorium for room assignments.
Tuesday-Thursday:	Go directly to conferences.
Thursday — 8:30:	Assemble in auditorium for closing session.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

Because of the Central Leadership School meeting here next week, our schedule on Wednesday night will be as follows:

4:45—Choirs  
5:50—Fellowship Dinner  
6:20—Period of Prayer (around the tables)  
6:30—Sunbeams, G.A.’s, R.A.’s, Sunday School Officers & Teachers Meeting

7:00—Central Leadership School  
This means that we will not have a Prayer Service at the regular hour, since the School will be in progress. We will have a period of Prayer around the tables. Sunday School Departments will have time for a brief meeting (6:30-7:00) before going to their class sessions. Auxiliaries will meet as usual.

**CLASSES FOR ARTHRITICS**

There will be classes for Arthritics starting September 15, 1970 and proceeding 4 Tuesday nights. They will be held at University Hospital, 7:30 P.M., and classes will be limited to 20-25 people. To reserve a place for you, please call 433-0585.

**FOCUS  
ON  
FIRST FOLKS**

DON BRANTLEY graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi. CATHY KENNEY graduated from the University of Alabama.

**“OPERATION GOOD  
SAMARITAN-SOUTH”  
T Minus 335 And Counting**

**COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**BY LETTER:**

202. Mr. Scott Armstrong, 1811 E. Moreno. From: East Hill Baptist, Pensacola
203. Mr. Julian P. Minchew, 6321 Keating Rd. From: Georgia Ave. Baptist, Silver Springs, Md.
204. Mrs. Julian P. Minchew (Flo)

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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.	

## SUNDAY IS LAUNCH DAY OUR GOAL: 1400 IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

DEPARTMENT	GOAL
General Officers	22
Adult E	200
Adult D	142
Adult C	78
Adult B	81
Adult A	86
MYP	46
B & P	23
YP B	34
YP A	25
Senior 16	53
Senior 15	51
Intermediate 14	38
Intermediate 13	50
Junior 12	59
Junior 11	52
Junior 10	49
Junior 9	51
Primary 8B	27
Primary 8A	19
Primary 7B	21
Primary 7A	23
Primary 6B	26
Primary 6A	25
Beginner 5B	21
Beginner 5A	20
Beginner 4B	22
Beginner 4A	22
Nursery 3B	13
Nursery 3A	14
Nursery 2B	14
Nursery 2A	12
Nursery 1C	9
Nursery 1B	12
Nursery 1A	10
Nursery B	10
Nursery A	9
Silent Class	13

## Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
* 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
* 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
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
8:15 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship
Trip to Mobile
* 7:00 P.M.—Association Leadership
School
7:30 P.M.—Deacons meet
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
7:00 P.M.—Association Leadership
School
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
* 4:45 P.M.—Choirs
* 5:50 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
* 6:30 P.M.—Sunday School Officers
and Teachers meeting,
Sunbeams, G.A.'s, and R.
A.'s
* 7:00 P.M.—Association Leadership
School
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
* 7:00 P.M.—Association Leadership
School

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., Sept. 13: "Ruler of the Nations"
Psalm 47. Key Verse 8
MON. Sept. 14: "Guides of the Nations"
Psalm 67. Key Verse 4
TUES., Sept. 15: "A Light to the
Nations"
Isaiah 42:1-9. Key Verse 6.
WED., Sept. 16: "Supported by God's
Love"
Isaiah 43:1-11. Key Verse 2.
THURS., Sept. 17: "The Lord Will Com-
fort"
Isaiah 5:1-11. Key Verse 3.
FRI., Sept. 18: "The Lord the Shepherd"
Ezekiel 34:6-16. Key Verse 16.
SAT., Sept. 19: "God's Tender Love"
Hosea 11:1-9. Key Verse 8.

## LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study	1136
Main Sunday School	1110
Crippled Children's Home	26
The Church in Training	619
Training Union	141
Other Training Activities	478
Coming for Membership	3
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$8,315.51
Specials	376.65
TOTAL OFFERING	\$8,692.16