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## The Gate Of The New Year

By Marcus L. Filley

I said to a man  
Who stood at the gate  
The gate of the coming year:  
"Give me a light  
That I safely tread  
Into the Dark  
And unknown land;  
Give me a light to banish fear.  
Take from my heart  
This haunting dread."  
He said to me,  
This man that stood  
At the gate of the coming year:  
"Go into the dark  
And unknown land  
And place in God's  
Your trembling hand.  
Far better than the light of day,  
Far safer than any man-known way,"  
Said the man that stood  
At the open gate —  
The gate of the coming year.

## Pastor's Paragraphs

I write these words as we stand together on the threshold of a new year. What does 1971 hold for us as a church?



Unfortunately, I left my crystal ball out at the house and I am writing these lines from the church. Some would say that the future doesn't look bright, but you'll never convince me that the future of our church has ever been brighter!

With the coming of Bill Phillips and Dale Mooneyham, our staff will be strengthened greatly. These two great spirits are going to add so much to the thrust of our ministries as a congregation.

When I just stop to think about the future of the First Baptist Church of Pensacola, I get so excited that it's very difficult for me to sleep at night!

And what does the new year hold for each one of us personally? I believe it depends upon our response to the open doors that God will set before us. I picked up this little verse that portrays the new year as a door, a task and a book . . .

### IT IS A DOOR,

By which we reach new fields  
Of service for our God and fellow man:  
A door by which we can explore  
Wide spheres of usefulness  
Our world to bless;  
And reap the sheaves God's Word of  
witness yields.

### IT IS A TASK,

Set by the Master of our souls,  
A little part of our life's work below:  
And so we ask  
The holy wisdom, which alone controls  
Our labor, teaching what and where to  
sow:

That the year, at its end,  
May show God's glory and man's profit  
blend.

### IT IS A BOOK,

With many pages and as yet all white.  
On which to write  
The history of thought, and deed, and  
word  
In this new group of days.  
We pray Thee, Lord,  
As Thou Shalt look  
Upon the book, when written o'er, may  
all be to Thy praise.

Sunday will be the first Sunday of a brand new year. So far your record is perfect. Congratulations! I'll look forward to seeing you in God's House on His Day. Let's get off to a great start together.

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*

11:00 A. M.

"1971 — A VERY Good Year!"

(John 1:43-49)

7:15 P. M.

"The Water Of Life"

(John 4:3-26)

## CHURCH ENVELOPES

All members of the Sunday School and Church have received in the mail your 1971 Church Envelopes. You will remember that your 1971 Pledge begins with the first Sunday in 1971. Most of us pledged to enlarge our giving and will want to begin with the very first Sunday. Your new envelopes contain the new Sunday School Record system presently in use and may be turned in at the Sunday School hour.

## BIBLE CONFERENCE

Dr. William E. Hull of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will lead us in our Bible Conference January 24-26.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER TICKETS

Kitchen Committee is asking that each person have his, or her own ticket when going through the supper line. In the past families have asked those persons selling tickets and those taking up the tickets to hold tickets for other members of the family. The Committee feels that it would be better for family groups to get together and go through the line together or at least see that each person has his own ticket. We will all want to cooperate with them in this request.

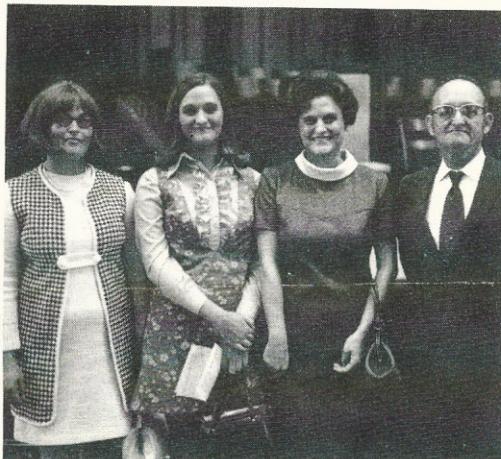
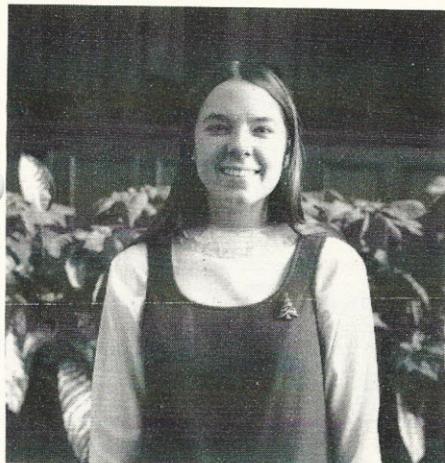
## 1971 SANCTUARY FLOWER SCHEDULE

The Flower Committee is making up the schedule for the new year. Anyone desiring to place Memorial Flowers in the Sanctuary for any Sunday is asked to call the Church office. Requests are taken on a first come-first served basis.

## "OPERATION HELP"

Our Career and Adult 1 Departments have been collecting Children's Clothing for an Orphanage in Vietnam. Shortly after the first of the year they will be sending another shipment. Any clothing that you want sent should be brought immediately to the Library or to the Church Office.

THESE WERE RECEIVED INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP  
LAST WEEK



Miss Julia Crane

**FOCUS  
ON  
FIRST FOLKS**

Mr. Homer Royals received his Masters degree in Agriculture from the University of Florida.

Mr. Richard John Westberry received his B.S. degree in Business Administration from Troy State University and will enter Cumberland School of Law, Samford University in September.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON  
FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 3**

For those who may not have received your new Sunday School quarterly the Scripture passage for the Sunday School lesson is listed here. This will give you an opportunity to Study your lesson for next Sunday. Departments using Life and Work (Adult 3 and 5) John 1:37-51. Departments using Convention Uniform (all others) Isaiah 6:9-10; Matthew 13:1-30, 34-43.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
MR. JOHN S. BAISDEN  
1818 East Strong Street  
Joined our church by transfer of  
letter February 5, 1958.  
Deceased December 29, 1970.

**Mr. and Mrs. Luther  
(Emma) Willis,  
Verna and Carole**

**WELCOME  
MISS DALE MOONEYHAM**

On Sunday we will be welcoming Miss Dale Mooneyham as Director of Children's Work. Miss Mooneyham's primary responsibilities will be the Preschool and Children's Divisions. Following the evening service Sunday night we'll have an opportunity to meet her personally at a reception being planned by our Children's Work Committee.

**BAPTIST WOMEN TO MEET  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5  
10:00 A. M.**

10:00 a.m.—Bible Study  
10:30 a.m.—Business Meeting  
11:00 a.m.—Program — Mr. Paul Royal will present plans for Operation Good Samaritan-South. What a challenge this mission project offers to our entire church family! Be informed. Come and hear Mr. Royal tell in detail what these exciting plans are.

12:00 Noon—Lunch  
(Bernice Neel Group will serve)

Dottson Mills Group will meet immediately following lunch.

**DEACONS OF THE MONTH  
FOR JANUARY**  
F. WILLARD VICKERY  
T. A. SHELL

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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.	

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., JANUARY 3: "Obedience to Truth". Exodus 24:1-7.  
MON., JANUARY 4: "Tell the Good News". Isaiah 40:1-11.  
TUES., JANUARY 5: "Words for the Weary". Isaiah 50:1-11.  
WED., JANUARY 6: "Messengers of Hope". Isaiah 52:1-10.  
THURS., JANUARY 7: "Sense of Mission". Jeremiah 1:1-10.  
FRI., JANUARY 8: "For the Heart's Hunger". Romans 15:1-14.  
SAT., JANUARY 9: "For a Mature Ministry". 2 Timothy 3:10-17.

## LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study	853
Main Sunday School	840
Crippled Children's Home	13
The Church in Training	183
Training Union	136
Other Training Activities	47
Coming for Membership	3
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$8,517.86
Specials	1,260.40
<b>TOTAL OFFERING</b>	<b>\$9,778.26</b>

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:

18. F. George Trummer, 2622 Pompano Drive.

### BY LETTER:

58. Miss Dale Mooneyham, 105 W. Hernandez St. From: North Hill Baptist, Pensacola, Fla.

### BY STATEMENT:

59. Mrs. Ada Sidbury, 1821 North Escambia.

## Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

\* 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School  
\* 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship  
3:00 P.M.—"The Reasons Why" Rehearsal

4:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal  
5:00 P.M.—Woodwind Ensemble Rehearsals

\* 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour  
\* 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

\* 10:00 A.M.—Baptist Women  
7:00 P.M.—Baptist Women

—James Robinson Preparation meeting, Dining Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

\* 4:45 P.M.—Choirs  
\* 5:50 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner  
\* 6:30 P.M.—Sunday School Officers and Teachers Meeting, Mission Friends, GA's, Acteens and RA's; Brass Ensemble Rehearsal

\* 7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service

\* 8:00 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

2:30 P.M.—Faithful Workers Class meeting in "The Cellar"

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. Wayne S. Willis and Miss Carole Anne Botts upon their marriage December 19 in Orlando, Florida.

Miss Victoria Elizabeth Hosler and Lt (jg) Richard Andrew Young upon their marriage December 20.

### SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Fred Avant in the loss of his father.

Mrs. John S. Baisden in the loss of her husband.

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### Baptist

Nix Daniel, Mr. Herbert L. Highsmith, Mr. Boyd H. Reeder, Mr. Lee Vann Byrd, Mr. Sam Hall, Sr., Mrs. Bertha Crawford, Miss Joyce Blackmon, Miss Eleanor Kennedy, Mr. Sam Hall, Sr., Mrs. Mae S. Hill.

#### Sacred Heart

Mr. Dewey H. Johnson.

#### Speciality Care Center:

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Edwards.

#### Navy

Mr. A. W. Butts, Jr.

#### Oschner Clinic, New Orleans

Mr. Thamess Jernigan.

#### HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mr. W. T. Osborn, Mrs. Lottie Bowman, Mr. Leon Singletary, Miss Melanye Ray, Mrs. Eula McCloskey.

## LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

GOAL	\$10,000.00
GIVEN TO DATE	\$ 6,933.66