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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



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

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.

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 Mis-
sion". 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
TOTAL OFFERING \$9,778.26

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:
18. F. George Trummer, 2622 Pom-
pano 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" Re-
hearsal
4:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:00 P.M.—Woodwind Ensemble Re-
hearsal
* 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 Pre-
paration 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 Dec-
ember 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. Thames Jernigan.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mr. W. T. Osborn, Mrs. Lottie Bow-
man, Mr. Leon Singletary, Miss
Melanye Ray, Mrs. Eula McCloskey.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

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