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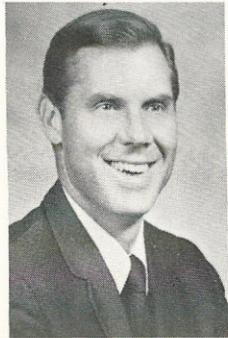
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## *Pastor's Paragraphs*

### **"FREDDIE, AND OTHER FREELOADERS"**

It's great to be back in Pensacola after an absence of 2 weeks. We clapped our hands when we crossed the Alabama line and entered Florida at exactly 11:15 P.M. last Monday Night.



Thank you for making it possible for us to be away on vacation. How sweet it was to visit with family and friends and share with them the victory of the mighty Razorbacks over the Texas Longhorns.

It's that time of year again. In the Fall we always have our Stewardship Emphasis and your response is ALWAYS MAGNIFICENT!

We have very few like Freddie in our church — Freddie, the Freeloader, that is. You remember him.

Every time I see him, I laugh until I cry. Freddie the Freeloader is certainly a hilarious character. Of all the roles he plays, Red Skelton is best known for his comic portrayal of this tramp.

Can't you just see him now — dressed in rags. He obviously has not shaved in weeks. His face is covered with stubble. His shoes are "holy" and he is puffing on a cigar someone else has discarded.

Ole Freddie is a freeloader. He doesn't have a care in the world. He lives off the other guy. Someone else will provide. Freddie will play the part of the parasite and live off their generosity. Like I said, every time I see Freddie, I laugh until I cry.

Then there are other freeloaders. Every time I see them, I cry and cry and cry some more. These are the freeloaders in the church. The freeloader gives little or nothing to the church. He is content to let someone else pay the bills while he enjoys all the privileges of membership.

Unlike Freddie, this freeloader is well dressed. He drives a good car and, in many cases, lives in a palatial home. It is not necessary for him to smoke any one else's cigar. He can buy his own. But where the church is concerned, well, that's another matter . . . at this point he is a freeloader.

Freddie the Freeloader seems to be a happy individual. This is the exception, not the rule. FREELOADERS ARE NEVER REALLY HAPPY. Like Jesus said, "It makes one happier to give than to get."

I hope that each one of us is faithfully supporting the work of our church. In sacrifice, there is joy. The freeloader never finds real happiness.

I'm surely looking forward to seeing you Sunday in God's House!

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*



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*to give . . . as God has given*

## BUS MINISTRY REPORT

October 24, 1971

AND ANOTHER RECORD ! ! !

Bus	No.	Captain	Enrolled	Riders	New Riders
1	Bob Fetrow		51	36	1
2	Max Dickson		73	59	7
3	Rat Trigg		29	15	2
			—	—	—
Workers			153	110	10
				22	
			—	—	—
		TOTAL ON BUSES		132	

Another new record was set this past Sunday as 110 riders came in on our 3 buses. This certainly represents a very fine effort on the part of the bus crews as well as those riding the buses. Many of our bus riders are assisting by telling their friends and neighbors about the Bus Ministry and are getting them to ride. The 59 riders and 8 workers on Capt. Max Dickson's bus was certainly wonderful. Due to this effort, it will take 2 buses on this route beginning next week. This will give us 4 buses in our 6 months old Bus Ministry.

The 36 on Capt. Bob Fetrow's bus is a record for this route. Previously their high had been 30 riders. Capt. Rat Trigg's new route continues to grow each week.

As our Bus Ministry grows, we must have additional help! Please contact Bill Phillips in the Church office and find out how you could assist!

## CHURCH REPORTS TO ASSOCIATION

Our church year for all of the organizations ends on September 30. Every church reports annually to the association in a document called the Associational Letter. All Southern Baptists statistics are taken from these letters.

A look at the letter just completed and adopted by our church last Wednesday reveals the following highlights of the year's work:

Baptisms	84	Baptist Women Enrolment	239
Other Additions	203	Mission Friends	50
Total Additions	287	Girls in Action	47
Removed	240	Acteens	22
Resident Members	2421	Total Enrolment	358
Non-Resident Members	1092		
Total Membership	3513	Royal Ambassadors Enrolment	85
Sunday School Enrolment	2281	Music Ministry Enrolment	431
Sunday School Average		Music Ministry Average	
Attendance	1155	Attendance	329
Vacation Bible School			
Enrolment	434	Total Receipts all sources	\$509,730.00
Church Training Enrolment	429	Total Mission Expenditures	\$187,029.00
Church Training Average			
Attendance	230		

## FAMILIES NEEDED

We need families in our church who would be willing to become a sponsor for one of our college students from out of town. This family would become the adoptive family for this young person while they are attending school here in Pensacola. This would entail maintaining contact with the student, inviting him or her to the home on occasion and helping in other possible ways.

Many of our own college students come back telling us how much this same program means to them while they are away at school.

Call the church office, 433-5631, and give your name if you would be willing to become a sponsor.

## BAPTIST WOMEN

### GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, November 2, 1971

10:00 A.M.—Bible Study
10:30 A.M.—Business
11:00 A.M.—Program — "Unconventional Witness in Israel." Ralph Bethea Group in charge.
11:30 A.M.—Luncheon — Stanley Davis Group, Hostess. Immediately following lunch, Mrs. Dell Carr requests a meeting of the Mission Banquet Planning Committee.

## IN MEMORIAM

Christian H. Hepfer, Sr.

3107 North "H" Street

Came into our fellowship by letter

November 14, 1928

Deceased October 22, 1971

## 1972 BUDGET ADOPTED

Our budget, totaling \$424,842.00 was adopted by the congregation last Sunday. Prior to this formal vote, the congregation had an opportunity to study the proposed budget and discuss it in a special business session last Wednesday night.

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 21st.

As you look forward to November 21st, 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.

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## RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



Sharon and Jerry Martin



Mike Morris

### MOTHER'S DAY OUT

We are interested in providing for our mothers of pre-school children a day when they may take a few hours away from home. We hope that this will be of service to our families, but also a way that we can reach other young families in our community.

Our Mother's Day Out Program will be held on the first and third Thursday of each month beginning the first Thursday of November. Children may be left for any period of time between 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. There will be a planned program for the children while Mothers are away. If children are to be here during the lunch hour, they will need to bring their lunch and something to rest on. There will be a small charge of \$.50 an hour for the first child and \$.25 an hour for the second child. We hope that you will help us to know how many children to expect each month by making reservations through Sunday School or calling the Church Office.

### LIBRARY NOTES

For teachers of adults and young people using the Convention Series of Lessons, the Library offers:

Rozell's Complete Lessons  
International Lesson Annual  
Matthew Henry  
Interpreters Bible  
Broadman Comments  
Broadman Bible Commentary  
Bible Dictionaries  
Bible Atlases  
Bible Concordances

COME LET US HELP YOU FIND THE AIDS YOU NEED.

Mr. & Mrs. George A. Kent will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary with open house at their home, 3295 Newton Drive, on Sunday, November 7, 2:30-4:30. All members of the Senior Adult Fellowship are invited to attend.

### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

#### "HOW TO STAND UP AND TAKE IT"

(Ezekiel 2:1, 2)

Philippians 4:11b-13)

7:15 P.M.

#### "BLUES IN THE NIGHT"

(Job 35:10)

### THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was

placed there in honor of

MISS ALLISON DENISE GAINER

daughter of

Mr. & Mrs. William H. Gainer

born October 8, 1971

### FOREIGN STUDENTS AT PENSACOLA JUNIOR COLLEGE

There are 18 foreign students (from Peru, Colombia, Thailand, Japan, Venezuela, Barbados) at Pensacola Junior College. If you would like to invite one to your home or to a Civic Club or other meeting, contact Mrs. Bert Berrisford, Telephone 476-5410 Extension 302.

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

#### IN THE HOSPITAL:

##### Baptist

Herbert L. Highsmith, Earl B. Kendrick, John H. Godwin, L. V. Byrd, Mrs. Ovie M. Blue, Mrs. Emma K. Watts, Andy Ward

##### Specialty Care Center

Mrs. J. R. (Clara) Beard

##### Sacred Heart

Dewey Johnson, Mrs. David (Merle) Wilson

#### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Judson Gillespie, Eric Hurst, Clyde Hood, Mrs. Conrad (Flossie) McDaniel

#### SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. J. Maurice Frye in the loss of his father.

Mrs. Clarence Whitehurst in the loss of her brother.

Mr. Mack Penton in the loss of his brother.

### JUST FOR YOUTH

Fellowship Sunday night will be in the Cellar for all High School and College age young people. This will be a Halloween Fellowship.

The Middle Schoolers will have a Church Training Party on Saturday, November 6, 1971. All Middle Schoolers should be in Church Training Sunday night at 6:00 P.M. (8th Grade Sunday School Dept.) to find out the details.

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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.

## LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study	1228
Main Sunday School	1215
Crippled Children's Home	13
The Church in Training	719
Training Union	160
Other Training Activities	559
Coming for Membership	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	7,298.35
Specials	355.65
TOTAL OFFERING	7,654.00

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, October 31: "In the Wilderness"  
Exodus 15:1-11  
Monday, November 1: "A Strange Sanctuary" Jonah 2:1-9  
Tuesday, November 2: "In The Tabernacle" I Chronicles 16:1-8  
Wednesday, November 3: "In The Temple" I Chronicles 23:25-32  
Thursday, November 4: "In Captivity" Ezekiel 1:26-28  
Friday, November 5: "In The Home" Daniel 6:1-11  
Saturday, November 6: "At the Wall" Nehemiah 12:30-32, 38-40

## 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.

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

OCTOBER 24, 1971

### BY LETTER:

23. Horace L. Baker, 3661 Menendez Ave.  
From: FBC, Westfield, N. J.
24. Mrs. Horace L. Baker (Gladys)
25. Michael Maynard, P. O. Box 32336 UWF  
From: N. Pompano Bapt.,  
Pompano Beach, Fla.
26. Randy Stevens, 7185 Oakcliff  
From: Old Providence Bapt.,  
Lake City, Fla.

## Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, October 31

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

Monday, November 1

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group meets in "The Cellar"

Tuesday, November 2

- 10:00 A.M.—Baptist Women
- 6:00 P.M.—Baptist Women (Night Group) meet in the Library.
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts meet in "The Cellar"

Wednesday, November 3

- \* 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, November 4

- 2:30 P.M.—Faithful Workers Class meets with Mrs. P. T. Howse, Sr., 3125 Logan Dr.

\* Provision for Preschool Children.