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125th Anniversary Celebration April 30 - May 3, 1972

Sunday, April 30

11:00 A.M.



Dr. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr.
(Pastor 1954-1958)

7:15 P.M.



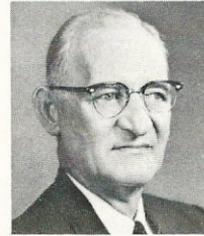
Dr. Wallace R. Rogers
(Pastor 1939-1947)

Monday, May 1
7:30 P.M.



Dr. Elwin L. Skiles
(Pastor 1949-1953)

Tuesday, May 2
7:30 P.M.



Dr. Allen S. Cutts
(Pastor 1931-1939)

Wednesday, May 3 (at Seville Square)

6:00 P.M.—Old-Fashioned Box Supper

7:30 P.M.—Unveiling of Historical Marker
At Site of First Building

8:00 P.M.—Historical Drama Depicting 125 Year History

Pastor's Paragraphs

"REGARDING RECESS"

She is a beautiful, bright-eyed little blonde. It's just a matter of time until



her father will have to deal with the suitors. They are sure to come — by the dozen—but since Lisa is not yet 5, this isn't a problem just yet.

She is fortunate to live in a Christian home where her modern day parents (Rev. and Mrs. Gene Watter-son of Shelby, N.C.)

believe in the old fashioned family altar. They take time each day to read God's Word together and pray together.

Some months ago Lisa started referring to this family devotion time as "RECESS." Since she hasn't started to school yet, no one seems to know why she chose to call the devotion time "RECESS."

- ISN'T THIS TERRIFIC! What word better describes time spent in God's presence than RECESS!

When I was a boy, this is what I liked best about school. The very word fills the mind with pleasant memories. Memories of swings and tag and peanut butter sandwiches. RECESS was a time to break away from the routine, to relax and really enjoy life. In the first grade, we had RECESS twice a day. In Grade 3, it was dropped to once a day and it was a sad day indeed when in Grade 7, RECESS became a thing of the past.

The truth of the matter is we never outgrow our need for RECESS (as Lisa uses the word). The demands of today are great and just as little folk in school feel the need to get away from it all, WE, TOO, NEED A TIME FOR REST AND RELAXATION WITH GOD. MOST FOLK WHO BREAK DOWN TODAY DO NOT DO SO FROM OVERWORK, BUT FROM UNDER BEING.

Time set aside for family devotion — pardon me, RECESS — is time well spent. We wouldn't get nearly so weary in life if we would learn a lesson from little Lisa. **TAKE TIME FOR RECESS!**

I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"THE TOUCH THAT HEALS"

(Mark 5:25-34)

7:15 P.M.

"ON TRANSPLANTING AND TRANSFORMING HEARTS"

(Psalm 51:1-19)

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Enrolled	Riders	New Riders
1	Bob Fetrow	42	14	0
2	Max Dickson	44	24	0
3	Rat Trigg	28	32	3
4	Pete Urban	35	24	1
5	Bennie Pope	35	16	0
		184	110	4
Workers			26	

Total on Buses 136

Two of our newly acquired Church Buses will be put on our regular church route beginning this Sunday, April 23, 1972. The buses have been painted (a medium blue with a white band around the middle) and completely serviced and checked out for our usage. The third bus is in the paint shop and will be on the route next Sunday.

With the purchasing of our buses, it is mandatory that we secure our own drivers. Anyone in the church who is interested in becoming a bus driver is asked to contact Mr. Phillips at the church office, 433-5631. The only requirement is that you be eligible to hold a Florida Drivers License. A training clinic will be held within the next few weeks to acquaint our men with driving buses, the rules and regulations, and safety features. It is hoped that enough people will be secured that no one will be driving on a continual basis and we will be able to rotate our drivers to fit everyone's schedule.

JUST FOR YOU(th)

Fellowship this Sunday night will be for our High School and College young people and will be at the home of Cheryl Ray, 6001 Hilltop Road.

The Middle School trip for this summer has been announced and will take place June 12-17. Our Middle Schoolers will be going to Orlando, Florida where they will be staying at the YMCA Camp Wewa. During this week the Middle Schoolers will be visiting Disney World, Cape Kennedy, Cypress Gardens as well as have a series of Inspirational programs. Any Middle Schooler interested in going on the trip is asked to contact Mr. Phillips or Mr. Royal as reservations are now being accepted on a first come—first serve basis.

"HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE"

Next Sunday evening we begin at the 6:00 o'clock hour a special study of "How To Study The Bible." This excellent study book by Dr. Olin Binkley begins by asking the question, "Why study the Bible today?" It then discusses resources of Bible study, interpretation of the Bible, Guidelines For Effective Bible Study. This study will be of interest not only to Sunday School workers, but to all adults who are interested in Bible study. Plan to join us Sunday night at 6:00 o'clock in Adult 3 department.

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



Thomas Barbig

THE VERY NEWEST

The Rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of

MISS NICHOLE LYNN ROBB

daughter of

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Robb

born February 25, 1972

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mr. E. W. Hopkins, Sr., Cathy Tufts,
Mrs. Robert (Edna) Jernigan, Mrs. Anita
Brown, Joyce Powell, Glen Lyons.

University Hospital

Mr. J. G. Lambeth

Eglin AFB Hospital

Eugene Ellis

Home From The Hospital:

Mrs. Hazel Johnson, Mrs. Myrlene
Hawks, Mr. Marion L. Jones, Mr. Joe
E. Hudnall, Mrs. Ray (Marsha) Overton,
Mrs. Irvin (Eunice) Roberts, Mr. Gordon
Towne, Cindy Martin, Mrs. Barney
(Mary) Burks, Mr. Wayne Coleman.

SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Bruce Heard in the loss of his
father.

Mrs. Mildred Livingston in the loss of
her sister.

Mrs. D. C. Parker in the loss of her
husband.

TALK ABOUT EXCITING? WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 IS GOING TO BE AN EXCITING TIME

The place is Seville Square. We're meeting there because of its close proximity to the first building erected by Baptists in Pensacola in 1852. By the way, we will erect there at the site of the first building a Historical Marker which will be there for all to see.

There will be an old fashioned box supper beginning at 6:00. Tickets must be secured ahead of time. Adult tickets are \$1.00. Tickets for school age are \$.50.

At 7:30 there will be an official unveiling of the Historical Marker, then at 8:00 a Historical Pageant depicting the 125 year history of the First Baptist Church of Pensacola.

You'll not want to miss any of the special services Sunday, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Sunday, April 23: "Prayer Instructions"
—Matthew 6:5-8.
Monday, April 24: "Our Prayer Pattern"
—Matthew 6:9-15.
Tuesday, April 25: "His Command to Pray"
—Luke 10:1-6.
Wednesday, April 26: "Apart to Pray"
—Luke 6:12-17.
Thursday, April 27: "Watch and Pray"
—Luke 21:33-38.
Friday, April 28: "The Lord's Prayer for Us"
—John 17:9-12, 20.
Saturday, April 29: Luke 22:39-46.

LIBRARY NOTES

On your visit to the Library this week you may have missed some of the new arrivals—

242.2 On a diet?

We have the very thing for you in the library, "Devotions for Dieters" written by a fellow sufferer.

241 "Ethics in a Permissive Society" by William Barclay, will help Christians deal with many of the very complex ethical dilemmas. Among other things, Mr. Barclay talks about situation ethics, the Christian view of pleasure, the Christian and his money, and the Christian and the community.

220.7 Ellicott's Bible Commentary in one volume has a verse-by-verse explanation by Charles John Ellicott.

Dr. W. A. Criswell says of this work: "Times without number I am asked by my people and my fellow pastors and friends everywhere what commentary I use. I always answer, "Ellicott's." The format is superlative, the theological scholarship is beyond question, the spirit of reverence toward the Word of God is blessed. It is truly one of the greatest commentaries of all time."

173. "The Marriage Affair" is edited by J. Allan Petersen and with more than seventy other distinguished leaders meet squarely—and scripturally—most of the vital issues of family living, all the way from courtship to the retirement years.

EXPLORERS BIBLE DRILL

Our third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade boys and girls have been hard at work this year practicing for the Explorers Bible Drill. They have been directed by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fleming. On Sunday night, April 9, during Church Training Hour, we held our church drill with five participants. These were Gina Urban, Lori Urban, Laura Anthony, Denise Morrow, and Misty Straughn. They did an excellent job on the scripture searching drills, book drills, key passage drill and unfinished quotations. For our Associational Drill, Denise Morrow and Misty Straughn were our church representatives. Misty Straughn will go on to represent us in the Regional Drill to be held here at our church on April 24. Thanks, to all these girls for their hard work.

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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.

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
New Members Class No. 3
 - * 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
 - 3:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
 - 5:15 P.M.—Bible Explorers Drill
 - * 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
 - * 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship
- ### MONDAY, APRIL 24
- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
 - 7:00 P.M.—Regional Bible Explorers Drill, First Baptist Dining Room

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

- 10:00 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship
- 7:00 P.M.—Adult 5, Friendship Class
Steak Supper, Dining Room
- 7:00 P.M.—Pageant Rehearsal
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts "The Cellar"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

- * 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.
- * 7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service
- * 8:00 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

- 7:00 P.M.—Silent Class Film-Fellowship

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

- 5:00 P.M.—G. A. Slumber Party "The Cellar"

I REMEMBER

I remember that back in 1921 upon the arrival of Dr. Moncrief as Pastor, it was decided to make some needed improvements in our church building. An estimate was made involving several thousand dollars. When the work was completed, the cost was twice the first estimate. Cash and pledges were made based on the first estimate. Result was that we were left with several thousand dollars of debt. Money was scarce in those days and for several years



we were able to pay only the interest on the bank loan.

During this period we developed an urgent need for a new roof on the church building. Our pastor at that time came up with a plan to sell shingles to the membership. This resulted in the sale of enough shingles to do the job. This was in cash and pledges.

Soon thereafter our Pastor preached some strong sermons on stewardship. This resulted in an increase in tithes and offerings and our old debts were soon paid. With continued increase in tithes and offerings, our financial troubles were over.

We are blessed now with a good Pastor, a good staff of workers and a membership working together in the advancement of the Lord's work.

Frank G. Almon

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 1972

FOR BAPTISM FROM OTHER

DENOMINATION:

44. John Ralowicz, 2220 West Gonzalez

BY LETTER:

118. William E. Bryan, 4414 Montpellier Dr.

From: Landmark Missionary Baptist

119. Mrs. William E. Bryan (Sharon)

LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study	1125
Main Sunday School	1112
Crippled Children	13
The Church in Training	694
Christian Training Hour	161
Other Training Activities	533
Coming for Membership	3
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	7,079.79
Specials	729.05
TOTAL OFFERING	7,808.84