



# The Baptist Builder

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One of the highlights of the 125th Anniversary Celebration will be the erection of a historical marker at the site of the first building erected by Baptists in Pensacola. The current pastor of the church, Dr. James L. Pleitz, is shown here standing beside the marker.



Sunday, 11:00 A.M.—Dr. Nathan C. Brooks

Sunday, 7:15 P.M.—Dr. Wallace R. Rogers

8:15 P.M.—Reception honoring former pastors and wives

Monday, 7:30 P.M.—Dr. Elwin L. Skiles

Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.—Dr. Allen S. Cutts

Wednesday — AT SEVILLE SQUARE

6:00 P.M.—Box Supper

7:30 P.M.—Unveiling of Historical Marker

8:00 P.M.—Pageant

# Pastor's Paragraphs

## "COMPANY'S COMING!!"

These are exciting times in the life of First Baptist Church. In just a few days we will celebrate our 125th anniversary.



Four of the former pastors, Dr. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., Dr. Wallace R. Rogers, Dr. Elwin L. Skiles and Dr. Allen S. Cutts will be coming for the celebration. They'll be our featured speakers in the services on Sunday, April 30, through Wednesday, May 3. Tom Westmoreland, who served as Minister of Music 1955-56, will sing a concert on Tuesday evening, May 2. These men and their wives will be joined by a host of former members returning to Pensacola for the anniversary celebration.

**COMPANY'S COMING!**

One of the highlights of the 125th Anniversary will be the Wednesday night services at Seville Square on May 3. There will be an old fashioned box supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by the unveiling of a historical marker on the site where the first church was located. This will be followed by a pageant depicting 14 scenes from the history of the church. (These scenes have been taken out of the history of the church being written by Miss Florida Waite which will be available in the not too distant future.) 350 people will be involved in this production. You will laugh. You will cry. And you will be made proud to be a part of the noble history of this great old church! Don't miss a single event. **COMPANY'S COMING!**

Faithfully—and gratefully—your pastor

*James L. Pleitz*

P.S. Every member of the congregation is encouraged to come to the Seville Square service on May 3 (in costume). People are still needed to participate in the pageant. Please call the church office if you will help.

### A REMINDER

We move to Daylight Saving Time next Sunday morning. You'll want to remember to move your clock forward one hour before retiring Saturday night so you can be on time for the services Sunday.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### Baptist:

Mr. John L. Vaughn, Mrs. Eva Harris

#### Sacred Heart:

Mrs. Ella Cunningham, Mr. Herbert Gladden

#### Eglin AFB:

Eugene Ellis

### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Richard Langford, Mrs. Edna Jernigan, Mr. Glen Lyons, Cathy Tufts, Mrs. Anita Brown, Joyce Powell, Mr. E. W. Hopkins, Sr.

### SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. J. G. Lambeth in the loss of her husband.

Mr. Fred Trummer in the loss of his father.

Mrs. Genevieve Shaffer in the loss of two brothers.

Mrs. W. F. Newman in the loss of her father.

Mrs. J. H. Holley in the loss of her sister.

## SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

The annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention will be held June 6-9 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Any member of the church who is planning to attend is asked to notify Mr. Bizzell immediately. Messengers will be elected at the next Business Meeting and we need to know any who plan to attend.

## SERVICE OF PARENTAL DEDICATION

On Sunday, May 7, we will have our annual service of Parental Dedication during the morning worship service.

The new babies born to members of our congregation will be presented and a prayer of dedication will be offered.

Parents who wish to participate in this service are asked to call the church office and let us know.

## LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study .....	1094
Main Sunday School .....	1081
Crippled Children's Home ....	13
The Church in Training .....	680
Training Union .....	185
Other Training Activities ....	495
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$7,873.66
Specials .....	416.75
<b>TOTAL OFFERING .....</b>	<b>\$8,290.41</b>

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, April 30: "Individual Worth"  
Matthew 18:1-6  
Monday, May 1: "In the Neighborhood"  
Romans 12:9-18  
Tuesday, May 2: "Among Races"  
Acts 10:25-28  
Wednesday, May 3: "Social Life"  
Romans 12:1-5  
Thursday, May 4: "The World"  
Acts 17:24-28  
Friday, May 5: "In the Church"  
Philippians 2:1-11  
Saturday, May 6: "In the Home"  
2 Timothy 1:1-6

## 50 YEAR MEMBERS

We are asking those persons who have been members of our church for 50 years or more to sit in a special reserved section during the morning worship service next Sunday. A letter has gone out to those that we know of who have been members of this church for 50 years or more. If you did not receive a letter and should have, please call the church office.

## MEMORIES . . .

### of "The Good Ole Days"

Mrs. Allen S. Cutts and Mrs. Elwin L. Skiles will be the featured speakers for the Baptist Women at 10 A.M. Tuesday, May 2nd—Anniversary Week.

A beautiful new "Anniversary Hymn" has been written by Mrs. Scott Getman and will be sung by Mrs. Frank Patterson and Mrs. Malcolm White.

All men have a special invitation to attend. Please call the church office by noon, Monday, May 1st, if you plan to stay for lunch.

## REMINDER

The ladies who have been asked to bring sandwiches and cookies for the reception Sunday night may bring them to the kitchen on their way to Sunday School or may bring them Sunday after 2:00 p.m. If they need to be refrigerated, please mark on the package.

## BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Enrolled	Riders	New Riders
1	Bob Fetro	42	14	0
2	Max Dickson	44	19	0
3	Rat Trigg	28	14	0
4	Pete Urban	35	19	0
5	Benny Pope	35	14	0
		184	80	0
	Workers		20	
	Total on Buses		100	

## IN MEMORIAM

Miss Ora House  
210 Ariola Ave.  
Joined our church by letter January 12, 1969.

Deceased April 13, 1972

## IN MEMORIAM

D. C. Parker  
3108 E. Lee St.  
Joined our church by letter October 14, 1928

Deceased April 13, 1972

## IN MEMORIAM

J. G. Lambeth  
528 E. Chadwick St.  
Joined our church by letter January 23, 1949

Deceased April 23, 1972

## SHUTTLE BUSES TO SEVILLE SQUARE

Next Wednesday we will use the church buses to provide shuttle bus service to and from Seville Square. This will enable us to utilize the parking areas around the church. Buses will leave from the church (North Parking Lot) every 10 minutes beginning at 5:10.

## HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR TICKET?

Tickets for the Box Supper at Seville Square must be secured ahead of time. If you have not gotten yours, be sure to purchase them Sunday. An adult ticket is \$1.00; a ticket for school-age people is 50c. Pre-School children who are to be left in the church nursery should be fed before you bring them. You may want to take older pre-schoolers to Seville Square with you. If so, you should purchase a ticket for them.

## BAPTIST HOSPITAL OPEN HOUSE

The Baptist Hospital will hold open house Saturday, April 29, and Sunday, April 30. Guided tours will be conducted from 1:30 to 5:00 P.M. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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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.

WHAT I REMEMBER — about the financial condition of our Church in the late twenties and early thirties; the situa-



tion was brought about by money borrowed from a well - financed businessman in our city, in the amount of \$15,000.00, to make repairs to the Church buildings. The interest rate was 8 per cent annually. Time passed, with little or nothing paid on the principal. Interest paid far exceeded the original loan. In the early

thirties, the Church called a young man, as Pastor, Allen S. Cutts, who soon became disturbed about the debt. He initiated the rotation system for Deacons in our Church, and as a result, in the early thirties, I, along with three other young men, was elected as a Deacon.

One of my first tasks was to Chair a committee to refinance the debt of the Church. Remember, this was in the midst of the depression years, and for a time we failed to make any headway. One of my closest friends and a dedicated elder in the Presbyterian Church, Sam Pasco, was attorney for the First National Bank. He worked with us as though he was a member of our Church, and with his assistance, we secured a new loan in the amount of \$18,000.00, with an interest rate of 6 per cent. We needed about \$500.00 to close the transaction with the bank. This was a real task. The two largest donations were \$25.00 each, from men who were members of the Catholic Church. The remainder came from small donations. Many elderly women gave \$.25 to \$.50 from what they had. There were no welfare or social security payments back then. We raised the necessary funds to close the transaction with the bank, then the payments started. We were due to repay \$8,000.00 the first five years, with a \$10,000.00 balloon note at the end. It was understood that payments would begin on the \$10,000.00 at the end of five years when the \$8,000.00 was paid. Through the dedication of our people, at the end of the five year period, the entire \$18,000.00 had been repaid. The Church has been spiralling upward ever since, enjoying almost unlimited credit.

BY: Mose Penton

## Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

- \* 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School  
New Members Class No. 1
- \* 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship, Dr. Brooks preaching
- 4:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- \* 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- \* 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship, Dr. Rogers, preaching
- 8:15 P.M.—Reception in Dining Room

MONDAY, MAY 1

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group in "The Cellar"
- \* 7:30 P.M.—Service, Dr. Skiles, preaching

TUESDAY, MAY 2

- \* 10:00 A.M.—Baptist Women meeting
- \* 7:30 P.M.—Service, Dr. Cutts, preaching
- 6:00 P.M.—Baptist Women, in Library
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts in "The Cellar"

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

- \* 6:00 P.M.—Old Fashioned Box Supper at Seville Square
- \* 7:30 P.M.—Unveiling of Historical Marker
- \* 8:00 P.M.—Historical Drama

THURSDAY, MAY 4

- \* 9:00 - 3:00 P.M. — Mother's Day Out
- 2:00 P.M.—Faithful Workers S.S. Class Mtg. with Mrs. W. G. Foxworth, 2038 Colony Rd.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

- 6:00 P.M.—Faith Sunday School Class Social in "The Cellar"