



# The Baptist Builder

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PASTOR

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## "Eb" (Tom Lester) Is Coming!



Tom Lester, who for six years has played the role of "Eb" of "Green Acres" and CBS TV, is coming Sunday, July 30, 1972. He will speak briefly Sunday morning and will bring the message in the Sunday evening service. You will not want to miss this outstanding Christian from Laurel, Mississippi, and now Hollywood, California.

# Pastor's Paragraphs

## "CHURCH BURGLARIZED"

It happened again. About every six months someone feels compelled to break into the church. They usually snoop around in my office for a while. Friday night was no exception. As far as I could tell, nothing was missing.



Of course they did carry off one case of our handbells. They are going to be hard pressed without the others. Of course by the same token, we're going to be hard

pressed without the ones they stole. Maybe we can persuade the culprits to bring the bells back one Sunday night and we can have a performance of the saints (those who don't steal bells) and the sinners (folks who do steal handbells). I'll bet we could pack the auditorium with such a performance.

I almost feel sorry for the burglars. They must have spent hours chiselling their way into the little office safe. Imagine their disappointment in finding it empty. Invariably this is the case unless you are looking for church records.

Believe it or not, I am more concerned about the burglars in the church than, I am the burglars out of it. This may be a harsh word to use but it is Biblical (Malachi 3:8): "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." When I spend God's money on self, it is a crime.

In the case of the persons responsible for robbing our safe Friday night, in all probability they make no pretense of being Christians. On the other hand, God's tithes and offerings are taken by those who claim to be Christians.

The police may never apprehend the people responsible for burglarizing the church office but rest assured, God always gets His man!

I will look forward to seeing you Sunday. In one hand I will be carrying my Bible — in the other, God's tithes plus an offering to be used for His work. See you then.

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*

### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"IS MARRIAGE OBSOLETE?"

(Genesis 2:18, 21-24;

Matthew 19:3-6)

7:15 P.M.

MESSAGE BY TOM LESTER

## BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Enrolled	Riders	New Riders
1	Sherry Corley	36	21	2
2	Tim Lutrick	38	27	2
3	Rat Trigg	28	5	0
4	Pete Urban	26	16	1
5	Bennie Pope	31	20	2
		159	89	7
Workers			24	
Total on Buses			113	

Most of the riders on our buses continue to be very faithful during the summer months and the number coming each Sunday continues to be a fair amount. Of course low days do occur on buses such as Bus No. 3 this week when vacations all hit at one time.

Our buses will be running their regular routes during Vacation Bible School and it is hoped not only our regular bus riders but many others will be taking advantage of this free bus service.

## JUST FOR YOU(th)

The High School and College young people will be taking a trip to Disney World on August 8 - 12. We will leave the church at 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning, August 8, returning to the church at approximately 3:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, August 12. We will be staying at one of the dormitories at Stetson University, DeLand, Florida during our stay in Central Florida. We will be spending two days at Disney World and one day at Cape Kennedy. Cost for this trip will be \$30.00 plus your meals. The \$30.00 will include your dormitory at Stetson, your admission to Disney World including a nine attraction booklet and the tour of Cape Kennedy, as well as the Bus transportation. We will be going on Greyhound and registrations will be received on a first come-first serve basis. Reservations may be made for this trip by calling the church office or Mr. Phillips.

Many of our young people will be assisting in Vacation Bible School next week. Many of them are serving in the regular departments, teaching the Bible stories and assisting in other capacities and a large number of them will be working on the recreation staff providing the recreation program for each of the age group departments each day. Recreation Program will include each day, games, tumbling, and other such activities. We appreciate the faithfulness of our young people in serving in capacities such as this in our church organization.

Only 23 days from this Monday until August 21-22-23-24

for

**FLASH!!! ZAP!!! ZING!!!**

Only people in our 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade Departments accepted.

## PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATING DEACONS

The committee for the Nomination of Deacons requests that every member of the church suggest men who should be considered by the committee for nomination as deacons. You may suggest as many as you think qualify.

These suggestions must reach the committee by Sunday, July 30. They may be given to any member of the committee, mailed to the church office in care of the committee, or dropped into the offering plate. Suggestions are to be submitted only by members of the First Baptist Church, and therefore must be signed to be accepted.

Your committee, selected for the purpose of recommending to the church the best qualified persons, requests that you read the scripture passages below and suggest the names of as many men as you believe to be qualified to serve as deacons. According to the policy of the church, inactive deacons will not be placed on the ballot unless suggested by two or more members of the church. No one who has been a member of this church for less than one year will be considered eligible for election.

## SELECTION OF FIRST DEACONS

"In those days, as the number of disciples kept growing, there rose complaint on the part of the Greek-speaking Jews against the Hebrews because their widows were overlooked in the daily charities. So the twelve summoned the assembly of the disciples and said: "It is not desirable that we should neglect the teaching of God's Word to wait tables; therefore, brothers, look around for seven men among you of good reputation and full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we shall appoint for this duty, while we continue to devote ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.'" (Acts 6:1-4, Berkeley Version).

## THE CHARACTER AND QUALIFICATIONS OF ALL DEACONS

"By the same token are deacons to be honorable, not gossips, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for ill-gotten gains but with a pure conscience keeping hold on the hidden truth of the faith. They should first be put on probation and then, if irreproachable, they may serve as deacons. Similarly must the wives be honorable, not given to slandering, but temperate and altogether trustworthy. Deacons shall be husband of one wife, admirable managers of their children and of their own homes. Because those who rendered helpful services as deacons do take a worthwhile step upward for themselves with considerable conversational freedom in the faith that centers in Christ Jesus." (I Timothy 3:8-13, Berkeley Version).

We urge you to be much in prayer that we as a church may know God's will in this all-important task.

This ballot will be on Sunday morning, September 10, when 10 men will be selected to serve on the active board of deacons.

### DEACON'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE

PAUL CARO, Chairman

JUDSON GILLESPIE

BILLY RENFROE

DR. PAUL GRAY

MILTON RICHARDSON

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The following men are now serving on the active Board of Deacons:

### TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1973

WALTER B. ARMISTEAD, JR.  
CHARLES E. CLEVINGER  
MAX DICKSON  
WILLIAM H. GILL  
PAUL R. GRAY

SIDNEY G. KENNEDY  
CHARLES H. OVERMAN, JR.  
MILTON RICHARDSON  
THURSTON A. SHELL  
LEON E. SINGLETARY, SR.

### TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1974

CLAUDE ADKISON  
PAUL CARO  
PHILLIP COOPER  
CLARENCE DANNELLY  
ROBERT HINSON

G. R. McDONALD  
DAVID RALEY  
BILLY RENFROE  
TOM WASH  
ROGER YONKER

### DEACONS EMERITUS

F. G. ALMON

MOSE PENTON

The following men who retire this year will not be eligible for nomination for a period of one year.

BARNEY B. BURKS, JR.  
J. NORWOOD COBB  
J. NIXON DANIEL, JR.  
FRANK GIBBS  
JUDSON GILLESPIE

JOE B. LADNER  
MARVIN LEE  
F. WILLARD VICKERY  
HERMAN O. WILLIAMS  
ERNEST BARRINEAU

(NONE OF THE ABOVE 32 NAMES NEED BE LISTED)

### FORM TO BE USED IN SUBMITTING SUGGESTIONS

I suggest to the Nominating Committee that the following men be considered as nominees for deacons:

NAME.....

NAME.....

NAME.....

NAME.....

NAME.....

NAME.....

Recommended by.....

(Your Signature)

NOTE: Every member of the congregation may suggest as many names as he wishes. This form must be signed to be accepted.

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## RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



Ellajean Bledsoe



Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Taylor



Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Jones



Penny Peeples



Donna Nell

Also received was Mrs. John DuBose whose picture was not available.

### DEPARTMENTS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- \*PS 3A—Birthday July-December 1968  
Mrs. Ben Stevens  
Mrs. Wayne Hickman
- \*PS 3B—Birthday January-June 1968  
Mrs. William Phillips
- \*PS 4A—Birthday July-December 1967  
Mrs. H. T. Lenz  
Mrs. Thomas Riggs
- \*PS 4B—Birthday January-June 1967  
Mrs. Tom Brown
- \*PS 5A—Birthday September-Dec. 1966  
Mrs. Billy Renfroe
- \*PS 5B—Birthday January-April 1966  
Mrs. John DuBose  
Miss Joan Peterson
- PS 5C—Birthday May-August 1966  
Mrs. Les Fairchild  
Mrs. W. M. Tarantino

(Will meet in Silent class first floor of Educational Building second entrance from North Parking Lot.)

Children in Elementary School will go to Grade level completed school year 1971-72

- \*1st Grade A—September-December  
Mrs. Charles Folmar
  - \*1st Grade B—January-April  
Mrs. George Beck
  - 1st Grade C—May-August  
Mrs. Wm. Thompson
- (First floor of Educational Building—first entrance from No. Parking Lot Special Children's Department).
- \*2nd Grade A—July-December  
Miss Mooneyham
  - \*2nd Grade B—January-June  
Mrs. Larry Stafford
  - \*3rd Grade A—September-December  
Mrs. Pete Urban
  - \*3rd Grade B—January-April  
Mrs. James Callaway
  - 3rd Grade C—May-August  
Mrs. Bob Hudson (Second floor

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

#### IN THE HOSPITALS:

##### *Baptist*

Mrs. Ben (Katie) McLeod, Jr., Mr. Milton Richardson, Mrs. Don (Nancy) Windle, Mrs. L. H. (Mary) Tompkins.

##### *Sacred Heart*

Mr. David Bagley

#### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mr. Herman Mertins, Mr. R. C. Keith, Miss Susan J. Smalley, Mrs. John (Ethel) Straughn, Miss Jan Page, Mr. Steven Davis, Mrs. Frank (Hilda) Brocato, Mrs. Jack (Minnie) Whitlock, Mr. E. C. Austin, Mrs. Joe P. (Bobbie) Tillman.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Lynn Ladner and Donald DeWayne Newton on their marriage July 22.

### MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mr. Dudley McCreary and are given by his family.

of Educational Building—1st entrance from No. Parking lot.

4th Grade A—September-December  
Mrs. Al Edwards (Adult 1 behind Library)

\*4th Grade B—January-August

Mrs. Joe Phillips

\*5th Grade A—August-December

Mrs. Max Dickson

5th Grade B—January-July

Mrs. W. D. Gibson—6th Grade room above Library).

Middle School—6th, 7th, and 8th grades  
Adult 5—Cellar area

Mrs. Wade Curington

\*-Same meeting rooms at in Sunday School.

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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, July 30*

- \* 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School  
 New Members Class, No. 2
- \* 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship  
 4:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- \* 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- \* 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship
- \* 8:45 P.M.—Assn.-wide Fellowship,  
 Tom Lester speaking

*Monday, July 31*

- \* 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.—Vacation Bible School
- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group  
 with Mrs. E. Dixie Beggs,  
 510 North 20th Ave.
- 7:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal

*Tuesday, August 1*

- \* 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.—Vacation Bible School

*Wednesday, August 2*

- \* 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.—Vacation Bible School
- \* 4:45 P.M.—Choirs
- \* 5:50 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- \* 6:30 P.M.—Summer Institute, Mission Friends, GA's, Acteens and RA's.
- \* 7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service
- \* 8:00 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

*Thursday, August 3*

- \* 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.—Vacation Bible School

*Friday, August 4*

- \* 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.—Vacation Bible School

\*Nursery open for Preschool Children

## LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study .....	1090
Main Sunday School .....	1078
Crippled Children's Home ....	12
* * * *	
The Church in Training .....	454
Christian Training Hour .....	143
Other Training Activities ....	311
* * * *	
Coming for Membership .....	5
* * * *	
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	6,314.65
Specials .....	130.12
<b>TOTAL OFFERING .....</b>	<b>\$6,444.77</b>

## BAPTIST WOMEN

### GROUP MEETINGS

**Tuesday, August 1, 1972**

10:00 A.M.—VIRGINIA COBB Group will meet with Mrs. A. T. England and Mrs. R. D. Comstock 1601 E Gonzalez.

DOTTSON MILLS Group will meet with Mrs. George Markham, 711 S. "G" St.

LAURA FRANCES SNOW Group will meet with Mrs. George Yarbrough and Mrs. C. W. Kingry, 921 N. Palafox.

2:30 P.M.—HARVEY HEADRICK Group will meet with Mrs. Lewis Mack, 731 N. Hernandez.

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

**JULY 23, 1972**

BY LETTER:

- 173. Elmer C. Deering, 4706 Huron Dr.  
 From First Baptist, Silver Spring, Md.
- 174. Mrs. Elmer Deering
- 175. Cyndi King, 2800 Blackshear Ave.  
 From: Dawson Memorial Baptist
- 176. William G. Reynolds, 2026 Broyhill Ln.  
 From: Plymouth Haven Baptist
- 177. Mrs. William Reynolds (Barbara)