



# The Baptist Builder

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
PALAFOX and LaRUA STS.  
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA  
JAMES L. PLEITZ, D.D.  
PASTOR

---

VOL. XXII

DECEMBER 14, 1972

No. 50

---



## CHRISTMAS AT FIRST BAPTIST

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

11:00 A.M. — MORNING WORSHIP HOUR

Sermon: "The Sunrise of Hope"

7:15 P.M. — "THE MANY MOODS OF CHRISTMAS" will be  
presented by the Sanctuary Choir.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:00 P.M. — Christmas Buffet

7:00 P.M. — Carol Sing

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00 P.M. — "THE NEW SAMARITANS" on Channel 3

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

11:00 A.M. — MORNING WORSHIP HOUR

5:00 P.M. — CHRISTMAS EVE VESPERS

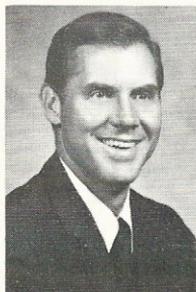
Featuring Youth Choir, Solos, Trios, Quartets, sing-  
ing your favorite Christmas Anthems and Carols.



# Pastor's Paragraphs

## "KEEPING OF CHRISTMAS"

The important thing about Christmas is not the buying of gifts but the KEEPING OF CHRISTMAS.



Years ago Henry Van Dyke made some splendid suggestions concerning keeping Christmas. Let me share them with you:

"It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day, but there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is keeping Christmas.

"Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to put your rights in the background, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life — are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then, you can keep Christmas.

"Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old: to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open — are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then, you can keep Christmas.

"Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world — stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death — and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal love? Then, you can keep Christmas.

"And if you keep it for a day, why not always? But you can never keep it alone."

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*

## BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Enrolled	Riders	Riders
1	Barbara Ann Yonker	39	12	0
2	Max Dickson	46	31	0
3	Rat Trigg	32	19	0
4	Jim Schappaugh	27	28	1
5	Bennie Pope	35	26	0
6	Jim Prim	35	18	0
		214	134	1
Workers			32	
Total on Buses			166	

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### Baptist

Paul Poe, Mrs. Hazel D. Johnson, Mrs. E. C. (Laura) Austin, Mrs. Bettie Gallo-way, Mr. Lloyd Gatlin, Mrs. Leon (Ed-die Lou) Singletary, Sr., Mr. L. V. Byrd, Mr. Ray Carter.

#### Sacred Heart

Mrs. Lennie Bonham, Mr. Bill Novick, Mrs. Thomas E. (Martha Ann) Hutcherson, Mrs. J. G. Lambeth, Linda Lovette, Mrs. Hessah Dingwall, Mrs. Bennie D. (Miriam) Swain

### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mr. Calvin B. Heine, Sr., Mrs. L. D. (Elizabeth) Allen, Mrs. Robert (Helen) Gardner, Robert H. Wilson, Jr., Mrs. Robert H. Wilson, Sr., Mrs. Grace Burriss

### SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. R. L. DeForest in the loss of her husband.  
Mr. Bennie Johns in the loss of his sister.

## THE VERY NEWEST

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

MISS KAREN RENEE FAIRCHILD  
daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Les Fairchild  
born December 7, 1972

## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mrs. W. H. Crawford and are given by her foster daughter, Mrs. Merle Wilson and her grandchildren.

Would anyone who has given instructions in quilting or had experience in quilting, please contact Diane Goeller, 476-0712, late afternoon or evenings.

## RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



Fred T. Black



Mr. and Mrs. William  
Blasingame



Mr. and Mrs. Jerry  
Thompson and Lisa

### WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

The following is our schedule for Wednesday night, December 20 and Wednesday night, December 27, instead of our regular schedule.

#### DECEMBER 20

6:00 P.M.—Christmas Dinner

7:00 P.M.—Carol Sing

—Mission Friends will have a Christmas Party after dinner. Mothers will take care of feeding them as on Wednesday nights. They will remain in their party through the Carol sing.

#### DECEMBER 27

7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, December 17: "Hearing the Lord"  
Acts 9:1-6.

Monday, December 18: "Accepting His  
Commission"  
Acts 26:13-23.

Tuesday, December 19: "Proclaiming  
Jesus' Name"  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5.

Wednesday, December 20: "Reaching Out  
to the Unreached"  
Romans 15:18-24.

Thursday, December 21: "Witnessing  
Anywhere, Anytime"  
Acts 27:20-25.

Friday, December 22: "Accepting the  
Strength God Gives"  
2 Timothy 4:14-18.

Saturday, December 23: "Expecting a  
Waiting Crown"  
2 Timothy 4:6-8.

### MENU FOR WEDNESDAY

December 20, 1972

Fruit Cup

Roast Turkey

Dressing          Giblet Gravy

Baby Lima Beans

Cranberry Sauce

Pound Cake

Coffee          Tea

Rolls

### MISSION FRIENDS

#### BIRTHDAY PARTY

Our Preschool Mission Friends group will have a birthday Party for Jesus. Their gifts will be the money they have saved for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The Birthday Party will be held in their departments on Wednesday night, December 20, while their families are involved in the Carol Sing.

### CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DEC. 18, 6:30 P.M.

Our Men's Team Vs. Gadsden St.  
Methodist Church, at Malcolm Yonge Gym.

### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"THE SUNRISE OF HOPE"  
(Malachi 4)

7:15 P.M.

The Sanctuary Choir Presents  
"THE MANY MOODS OF  
CHRISTMAS"

## THE BAPTIST BUILDER

Published Weekly by the  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 500 North Palafox Street  
 Pensacola, Florida 32501  
 Second Class Postage Paid at  
 Pensacola, Florida

CHURCH OFFICE.....433-5631

### CHURCH OFFICERS

Robert D. Hinson, Chairman of Deacons.....432-9961  
 F. Willard Vickery, S.S. Dir.....476-8431  
 Robert F. Jernigan, Dir. of Church Training.....438-6703  
 Mrs. Herman Williams, W.M.U. Dir.....432-3386  
 Mrs. Joseph F. Boykin, Sr.  
 Director of Library Services.....455-7925

### CHURCH STAFF — Residence Phones

Dr. James L. Pleitz, Pastor.....433-1502  
 Clyde K. Bizzell, Asst. to Pastor.....432-7237  
 Paul Royal, Minister of Music.....432-8573  
 Miss Dale Mooneyham,  
 Dir. of Children's Work.....476-2435  
 Mrs. Betty Getman, Organist.....432-0648  
 Mrs. Nelma Camp, Pastor's Secretary  
 Mrs. Tom Thornton, Membership Sec.  
 Mrs. Inez Warfield, Ed. Sec.  
 Mrs. Druclilla Belich, Sec.  
 Ernest Barrineau, Treasurer.....432-5079

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 .....1314  
 Main Sunday School .....1299  
 Crippled Children's Home.... 15  
 The Church in Training .....765  
 Christian Training Hour ..... 200  
 Other Training Activities .... 565  
 Coming for Membership .....6  
 Tithes and Offerings:  
 Budget .....\$10,464.65  
 Specials ..... 6,202.00  
**TOTAL OFFERING .....\$16,666.65**

## ONLY 3

Sundays left to give your  
 tithes and offerings in 1972

## OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

- \* 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School  
 —New member's Class, Ses-  
 sion 1
- \*11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship  
 4:45 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- \* 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- \* 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship—Baptism  
 —Sanctuary Choir will present  
 "The Many Moods of Christ-  
 mas"

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group  
 will meet with Mrs. Herman  
 Williams, 3636 Menendez  
 Dr.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 10:00 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship
- 7:00 P.M.—Friendly S. S. Class Christ-  
 mas Party with Mrs. Dohn  
 Sims, 1002 N. Baylen St.
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts in "The Cellar"

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

- \* 6:00 P.M.—Christmas Buffet  
 —After supper, Mission  
 Friends Christmas Party
- \*7:00 P.M.—Carol Sing

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 9:00 A.M.—Faithful Workers Sunday  
 School Visitation meeting
- \* 9:00 A.M.—Mother's Day Out

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

December 6, 1972

### BY LETTER:

- 38. Vernon E. Phillips, 3242 Wellington Rd.  
 From: Cinco Bapt., Ft. Walton Beach
- 39. Mrs. Vernon Phillips (Elsie)

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

December 10, 1972

### BY LETTER:

- 40. Franz Cornelius, No. 8 Waynell Circle,  
 Ft. Walton Beach  
 From: FBC, Ft. Walton Beach
- 41. Mrs. Franz Cornelius (Franceen)

### BY BAPTISM:

- 22. Mrs. James C. Taylor (Marjorie)  
 4311 Bayou Blvd., E-55
- 23. Lisa Thompson, 6500 Mariana Dr.

### REDEDICATION:

Diana Kay Dixon, Linda S. Rose

Give a present to the World this  
 Christmas. Lottie Moon Christmas of-  
 fering is the way.

Our Goal .....\$11,000.00  
 Offering to date .....\$ 5,101.60