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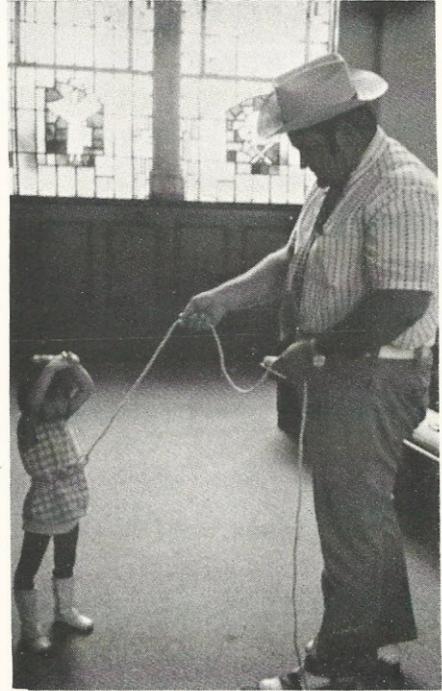
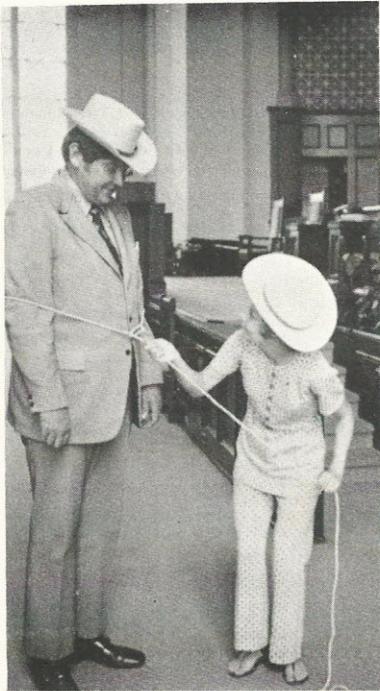
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## LARGE AND SMALL WE'RE AFTER THEM ALL



FOR ROUNDUP DAY SUNDAY

9:30 A.M.

OUR GOAL: 1600 IN SUNDAY SCHOOL



# Pastor's Paragraphs

## "OPPORTUNITY — TO SERVE OR BE SERVED"

There's no publication in all the world quite as diversified as a Baptist Church bulletin. The typical church bulletin contains:



1. A "Look at Last Week" — attendance and offering.
2. The names and addresses of the new babies and their parents.
3. The names of the recently deceased and their relatives.
4. The menu for the Wednesday night supper.

5. An admonition from the pastor to do better.
6. The pictures, names and addresses of those who have recently joined the church. (A most helpful feature would be to run the pictures, names and addresses of the numerous MISSING PERSONS who have disappeared from the church activity.)

Then there is another feature. It is found in practically all Baptist church bulletins. It may be called THE CHURCH CALENDAR or OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK, but in most cases it's called OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE. Here all the activities planned for the coming week are listed.

In most cases the Opportunities For Service takes a full half page, but in most cases, the "Opportunities For Service" are NOT opportunities for service! They are, instead, OPPORTUNITIES TO BE SERVED. There is a world of difference between the two.

The great hallmark of the Christian faith is serving others. Jesus said, "And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant; Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Also see Luke 22:26 and Matthew 25:31-40).

Thank God for the many activities going on in — and out — (especially out) of First Baptist Church that are genuine, unadulterated, opportunities FOR SERVICE.

When Christians meet for intercessory prayer — in His name — that's service.

When Christians meet to learn how to teach other people from other lands to speak English — in His name — that's service.

When Christians go out two by two into the community to share Jesus Christ with the lost — that's service.

## BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus. No.	Captain	Enr.	Rds.	New Rds.	Vts.
1.	Mr. & Mrs. L. Holt	29	17	2	29
2.	M. Dickson E. Dunson	37	18	2	39
3.	R. Trigg C. F. Wilson	40	18	0	50
4.	W. Nell R. Jackson	41	25	1	41
5.	B. Pope	38	22	0	30
6.	T. Lutrick S. Ebersold	30	30	3	30
7.	J. Schappaugh J. Anthony	49	28	1	53
8.	E. Ebersold	34	21	0	35
		298	179	9	307
	Workers		56		
	Total on Buses		235		

The honor bus this week is bus number 6 with 30 riders. They also have 30 enrolled and had 3 first time riders. Tim is doing a good job as captain of this bus.

Let me say welcome to Mr. & Mrs. Holt who are now helping us in our Bus Ministry.

This Sunday is "Round-Up Sunday". If you know of anyone interested in riding the buses, please let us know about them.

When Christians knock on doors to invite boys and girls and Mothers and Fathers to ride the church bus — in His name — that's service.

When Christians work with the underprivileged in providing wholesome, Christian recreation — in His name — that's service.

When Christians work with exceptional children — and with those who are crippled — in His name — that's service.

When Christians repair the homes of the needy — in His name — that's service.

When Christians visit the shutins and those who are infirm — in His name — that's service.

When Christians meet in God's House — in His name — to worship the risen Saviour — that's service too!

The real thrill of following Jesus comes to those who serve — not to those who are seeking to be served.

Yours for providing more opportunities to serve,

James L. Pleitz

## RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Kaiser



Shannon Sheffield



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Thorson

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

#### IN THE HOSPITALS:

##### *Baptist*

Mrs. E. C. Austin, Mr. Harold Drown,  
Mrs. Linda Taylor, Mr. Robert D. Hin-  
son

#### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mr. Jesse Smith, Mrs. S. G. (Eleanor)  
Kennedy, Mrs. B. A. (Dorothy) Smith

#### SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Adrian H. Jackson in the loss of her  
Mother, Mrs. R. C. Williams, in Meri-  
dian, Mississippi.

### BAPTIST WOMEN GROUP MEETINGS

**Tuesday, September 11, 1973**

- 9:30 A.M.—MARY SAUNDERS Group  
Luncheon with Mrs. James  
L. Pleitz, 1400 N. Spring  
Street.
- 10:00 A.M.—RALPH BETHEA Group  
with Mrs. H. T. Dukes, 4220  
Montalvo.
- VIRGINIA COBB Group  
with Mrs. G. R. McDonald,  
2860 Blackshear.
- STANLEY DAVIS Group  
with Mrs. A. Z. Lavender and  
Mrs. J. R. Early, 1901 Foulis  
Drive.
- CHARLOTTE OWENS  
Group with Mrs. W. H. Sie-  
laff, 207 Hibiscus Avenue,  
Gulf Breeze.
- DALE TERRY Group with  
Mrs. H. H. Hobbs, 3905 W.  
Gadsden Street.
- INTERNATIONALS (Eng-  
lish Teaching Group) with  
Mrs. Claude Hawkins, 4120  
Piedmont Road.
- 12:00 Noon—HARVEY HEADRICK  
Group Covered Dish Lunch-  
eon with Mrs. G. E. Zieg-  
ler, 1235 Stow Avenue.

### MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this  
Sunday are in memory of Rachel Eliza-  
beth Sims and are given by Mr. and  
Mrs. Dohn Sims, Charisse and Timothy.

### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"HIS KEYNOTE ADDRESS"

(Mark 1:1-15)

7:15 P.M.

"THE SOUND OF SILENCE"

(Jeremiah 14:1-10)



### MENU

September 12, 1973

- Baked Chicken & Dressing  
Cranberry Sauce  
Green Beans  
Snowflake Roll & Butter  
Dessert  
Tea                      Coffee

## SAMPLE BALLOT ELECTION OF DEACONS

Sunday, September 9, 1973

Vote for 10 men only. If more than 10 are marked, the ballot will have to be declared invalid. Ballots with less than 10 marked will be counted. The 10 men receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to serve.

- Robert Anthony
- Barney Burks, Jr.
- Charles Burns
- J. Nixon Daniel, Jr.
- B. T. Dean
- Joe Edmisten
- Scott Getman
- Frank Gibbs
- W. D. Gibson, Jr.
- Judson Gillespie
- Robert Hudson
- W. E. Jackson
- Joe Ladner
- Marvin Lee
- Monroe Lutrick
- Ray Overton
- Robert Peaks
- Dohn Sims
- Hiram Smith
- Raymond Taylor
- Joe Tillman
- Erastus Trigg
- F. Willard Vickery
- Roger Vinson
- Bill Warren
- Herman Williams

PLEASE FOLD ONLY ONCE

Above you will find a sample of the ballot to be used on Sunday, September 9 as we come to the election of Deacons at the 11:00 Service. If you are going to be out of town on September 9, you may secure an Absentee Ballot from the Church Office. Absentee Ballots must be signed and in the Church Office by noon Sunday, September 9, 1973.

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### LAUNCH NIGHT

Monday, September 10

7:30 P.M.

Central Baptist Church

Speaker: Rev. Joe Bamberg

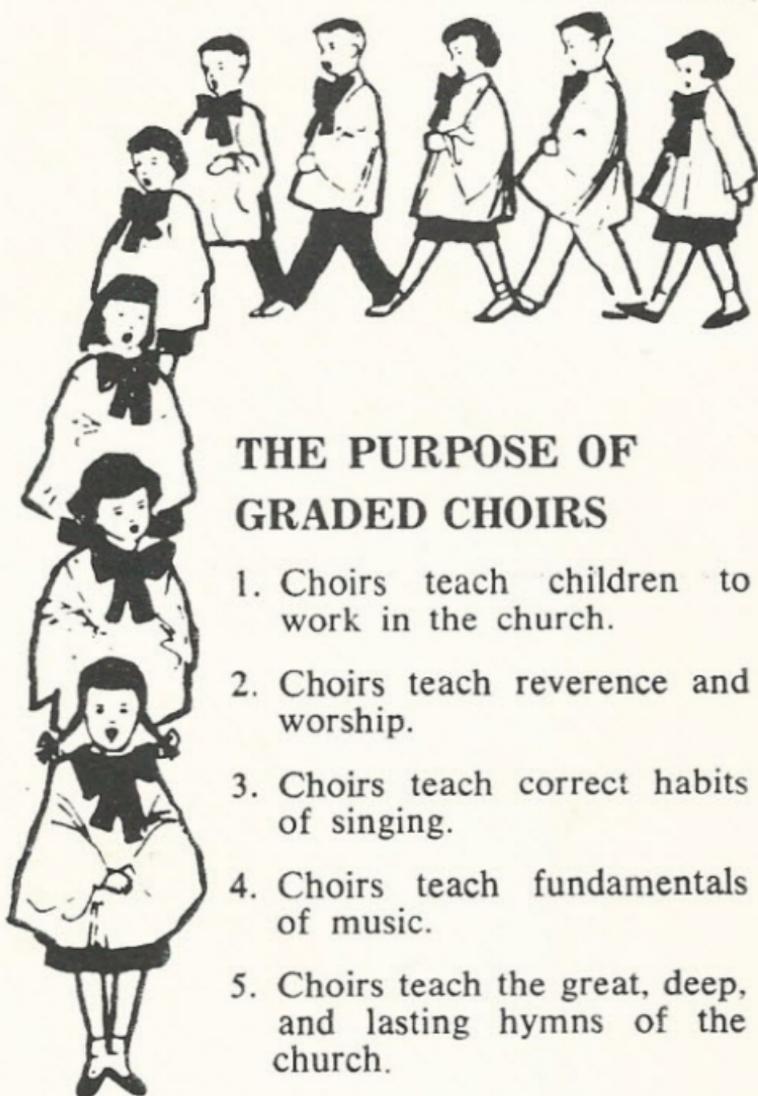
Pastor First Baptist Church,  
Milton, Florida and President of  
Florida Baptist Convention

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### PASTOR WRONG AGAIN !

The pastor's comment last Sunday night that our Sunday School Director would let his mustache grow back if we have 1600 present Sunday was just backwards. The truth is that Mr. Vickery has threatened to let it grow back if we don't have 1600 present. If you saw it, you'll want to do everything possible to have 1600 here.

## JOIN A CHOIR IN SEPTEMBER



### THE PURPOSE OF GRADED CHOIRS

1. Choirs teach children to work in the church.
2. Choirs teach reverence and worship.
3. Choirs teach correct habits of singing.
4. Choirs teach fundamentals of music.
5. Choirs teach the great, deep, and lasting hymns of the church.
6. Choirs develop singers for future choirs.
7. Graded choirs make available large body of singers for festival occasions.
8. Graded choirs are an evangelizing force.
9. A well-organized graded-choir program challenges the already developed talents of our children.
10. Graded choirs mold lives for Christ.

Graded Choirs are important. Let's enlist the children of our church in them.

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### EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- A—Mrs. Ray Wise
- B—Mrs. Norman White
- C—Mrs. Robert Stone
- 1A—Mrs. T. R. Walker
- 1B—Mrs. Mary Knight
- 2B—Dr. & Mrs. Leon Flowers
- 2C—Mrs. Eddie Strickland
- 3A—Mrs. Paul Hughes
- 3B—Mr. & Mrs. Jim Yarbrough
- 4A—Mrs. Jerry Jones

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### ORGAN RECITAL

Frederick Swann, Director of Music and Organist for the Riverside Church in the City of New York, will be presented in a dedicatory organ recital at the Aviation Memorial Chapel, Naval Air Station, Sunday, September 9, 2:30 P.M.

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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 .....1170  
 Main Sunday School .....1148  
 Chippled Children's Home ..... 22  
 The Church in Training .....414  
 Christian Training Hour .....207  
 Other Training Activities .....207  
 Coming for Membership .....10  
 Tithes and Offerings:  
 Budget .....\$10,968.68  
 Specials ..... 335.70  
 Building Fund .....

**TOTAL OFFERING** .....\$11,304.38

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP SEPTEMBER 2, 1973

**BY LETTER:**

189. James C. Bowen, Jr.,  
 3971 McClellan Rd.  
 From: FBC, Lafayette, La.
190. Mrs. James Bowen (Jean)
191. Byron Harbin, Rt. 4, Box 113  
 From: FBC of Ipiranga,  
 Sao Paulo, Brazil
192. Mrs. Byron Harbin (Dora)
193. Tricia Harbin
194. James L. Long, 3765 Piedmont Rd.  
 From: Woodland Heights Bapt.,  
 Chesapeake, Va.
195. Mrs. James Long (Patricia)
196. Stephanie Long
197. Sherry Long
198. Michael Vaughn, 34 Gloucester Ave.  
 From: Liberty Bapt., Pensacola

## OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

### Sunday, September 9

- \* 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School  
 New Member Class No. 3
- \* 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

### Monday, September 10

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
- 7:30 P.M.—Deacons Meeting
- 7:30 P.M.—Association Launch Night,  
 Central Baptist Church

### Tuesday, September 11

- 7:00 P.M.—Martha Haylock Bible Study  
 Group with Mrs. Emily  
 Work, Richelieu Apts. No.  
 316, 710 Scenic Hwy.
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts in "The Cellar."

### Wednesday, September 12

- \* 4:45 P.M.—Choirs
- \* 5:45 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- \* 6:15 P.M.—Prayer Service
- \* 6:30 P.M.—Sunday School Officers and  
 Teachers Meeting, Mission  
 Friends, GA's, Acteens and  
 RA's, Joy Group  
 —Bible Study  
 —Visitation
- \* 7:20 P.M.—Visitation  
 —Adult Choir Rehearsal
- \* 8:30 P.M.—Visitation Reports

### Thursday, September 13

- 9:30 A.M.—Internationals Meeting
- 6:30 P.M.—Silent Class Dinner,  
 Dining Room
- 7:30 P.M.—Adult 1 Bible Study  
 in "The Cellar."

### Friday, September 14

- 7:00- 8:30 P.M.—5th Grade Promotion  
 Party in "The Cellar."

### Saturday, September 15

- 8:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M.—Adult Choir  
 Party with Mr. & Mrs. Jack  
 McAndrews, 4780 Velasquez