

# The Baptist Builder

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## This "1" Is Important

The theme for our 1974 Budget Promotion Campaign is "1 Pledge Supports It All!" Everyone of us can have a part in everything being done by our church, here in Pensacola and to the ends of the world.

This year our Budget Pledging Committee is urging us not to wait until Pledge Day, November 18, to turn in our Pledge Card.



Roger Vinson, Chairman of the Budget Planning Committee, is pinning a button bearing "1" on T. H. Blackmon, Chairman of the Deacons.

Each person turning in their pledge card now is being given a button. These people are wearing their buttons as a reminder to others to have a part now in this most important effort.

# Pastor's Paragraphs

## "BUT WAIT — I'M ALIVE!"

There's nothing quite like the annual meeting of a Baptist Association. The meetings are informative and inspirational. "Dinner on the ground" lives on at the Association. With all due respect to Colonel Sanders, "finger - lickin good" fried chicken has been served for hundreds of years at these Baptist meetings.



Although the programs vary, time is always set aside for a MEMORIAL SERVICE. At this time,

tribute is paid to those who have gone on to be with the Lord.

The Memorial Service this year at the Pensacola Bay Baptist Association was unique to say the least. After the pastor leading the service had called the names of the deceased and said a number of nice things about them, one good brother stood up and said, "WAIT A MINUTE — I'M ALIVE! DON'T LIST ME AMONG THE DEAD!"

Some church clerk will have a hard time explaining this mistake. (I've since wondered why the "deceased" did not stop the service at the time his name was called, but on second thought I don't guess any of us could resist hearing some nice things said in his own funeral service.) One thing is for sure. The good brother wanted everyone to know that he was very much alive.

Strange as it may seem, some people want to be listed among the deceased. Every year thousands of people are declared legally dead when they're very much alive. They simply drop out of circulation and disappear. When you're listed among the deceased, you're relieved of all responsibilities. You're NOT OBLIGATED to anyone for anything.

The sad truth is that we have some good people like this claiming membership in our church. You won't find their name listed among the dead, but for all practical purposes, they're deceased.

I'll never understand how some people can claim to be Christians and not give anything to the work of Jesus Christ. It's been said that you can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving. How true.

During the next few days all of us will be considering our commitment to the church for the coming year. The Bible has a plan and that is tithing. One-tenth of all that we earn should be brought back to the House of God to be used in His world wide ministry. Only the tither can know the real joy that comes through faithful Christian Stewardship.

We don't have very many people in the First Baptist Church who want to be listed among the deceased. This is the reason God has blessed us so marvelously. I hope and pray that all of us will demonstrate to Almighty God that we are very much alive by our commitment to Him. Bless you for your faithfulness.

Sincerely your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*

## BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Enrolled	Riders	New Riders
1.	Mr. & Mrs. L. Holt	38	30	3
2.	M. Dickson E. Dunson	47	33	5
3.	R. Trigg C. F. Wilson	38	27	0
4.	W. Nell Roger Hornsby	42	22	0
5.	B. Pope	38	23	0
6.	T. Lutrick S. Ebersold	30	24	1
7.	J. Schappaugh L. Williams	49	41	4
8.	Mr. & Mrs. T. Thornton	35	31	0
9.	Billie Bell	22	21	1
10.	Kent Murray		3	
		<hr/> 349	<hr/> 255	<hr/> 14
Workers			52	
Total on Buses			<hr/> 307	

We are real proud of the bus response for Sunday. Many of the buses had excellent attendance. The honor bus again this week goes to Bus No. 7.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### Baptist

Mr. L. D. Allen, Mr. William H. Williams, Mrs. James (Beverly) Parker, Mrs. Emma K. Watts, Mr. Burton T. Renfroe,

### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Helen Cary, Mrs. Joe (Bobbie) Tillman, Mr. D. H. Johnson, Julie Minshew

### SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Karen Moody in the loss of her husband.

## CHURCH TRAINING "M" NIGHT

The Annual Church Training Mobilization Night will be held in our Sanctuary on Monday evening, November 5.

The speaker for the "M" Night meeting which begins at 7:00 P.M. will be George Caldwell, Church Training Director for the Alabama Baptist Convention. Our Youth choir will sing.

## A STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY

As a Christian it is my duty to support my church, because it was founded by Christ as a nucleus for sending the Gospel to all parts of the world. Being only a small part of this cooperative organization, I receive untold satisfaction and happiness.

K. K. Knight

## SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"THE MIRACLE OF THE FISHES"

(John 6:1-13)

7:15 P.M.

"BURIED WITH HIM IN BAPTISM"

## BAPTIST WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

November 6, 1973



Mrs. Byron Harbin, our missionary in residence from Brazil, will teach the foreign mission study, PASSPORT TO PEOPLE, by Dr. A. Clark Scanlon at the Baptist Women's Meeting on Tuesday, November 6. PASSPORT TO PEOPLE is an outstanding study on the diversity of vocational opportunities for the career missionary.

The Baptist Women (Day) will meet in Adult II Department at 9:45 A.M. with lunch at 11:30.

The Baptist Women (Night) will meet at 6:00 P.M. beginning with dinner in the church dining room at that time.

All ladies of the church are cordially invited to attend. And, it may be that some men would like to come, too, especially at the night meeting.

## THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of MISS JAMIE MELISSA DAVIS daughter of

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph S. Davis  
born October 13, 1973

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



Mrs. Eula Ree Burge



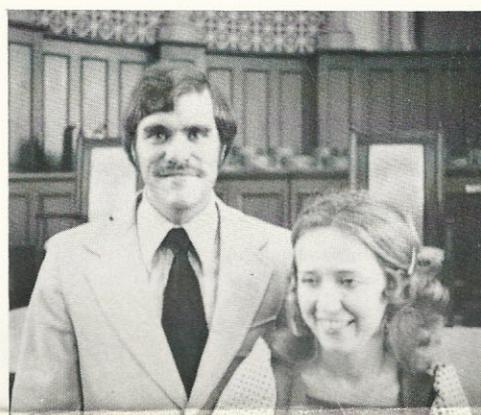
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas L. Davis  
Also shown is Bradley



Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Goodwin



Mr. & Mrs. Harold Stokes  
Also shown is Clay



Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Williamson

Also received was James Poole, whose picture was not available

NUMBER 1 AGAIN

A recent issue of the Florida Baptist Witness listed missions giving of Florida Baptist churches through the Florida Baptist Convention for the church year ending September 30. The top 10 churches in this list were as follows:

1. First Baptist, Pensacola .....	\$135,151.48
2. First Baptist, Orlando .....	120,297.30
3. First Baptist, Fort Lauderdale .....	110,797.59
4. Park Avenue, Titusville .....	73,157.00
5. First Baptist, West Palm Beach .....	70,412.20
6. First Baptist, St. Petersburg .....	66,037.88
7. First Baptist, Tallahassee .....	60,846.12
8. First Baptist, Lakeland .....	58,564.27
9. First Baptist, Winter Park .....	57,792.37
10. First Baptist, Jacksonville .....	57,083.42

We are grateful to God for the stewardship response of our members which makes this kind of missions giving possible.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Sunday, November 4: "God's Beloved Son" Matthew 17:1-8
- Monday, November 5: "Peter's Confession" Matthew 16:13-19
- Tuesday, November 6: "No Other Name" Acts 4:1-12
- Wednesday, November 7: "Beyond Compare" John 7:45-53
- Thursday, November 8: "Power Over Nature" Matthew 8:23-27
- Friday, November 9: "Power to Forgive Sins" Matthew 9:1-8
- Saturday, November 10: "Wisdom and Mighty Works" Matthew 13:53-58



MENU

- November 7, 1973
- Roast Beef
- Whipped Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Roll & Butter
- Banana Pudding
- Tea Coffee

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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 .....	1457
Main Sunday School .....	1450
Crippled Children's Home .....	7
The Church in Training .....	767
Christian Training Hour .....	235
Other Training Activities .....	532
Coming for Membership .....	10
Baptized .....	0
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$10,103.36
Specials .....	588.03
Building Fund .....	—
<b>TOTAL OFFERING .....</b>	<b>\$10,691.39</b>

## EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- A — Mrs. Joe Brooks
- B — Miss Leah Ann Jackson
- C — Mrs. Ben McLeod
- 1A — Mrs. Douglas Claybrook
- 1B — Mrs. Mary Knight
- 2A — Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sutherland
- 2B — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill
- 3A — Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reynolds
- 3B — Mrs. Buford Abeldt  
Miss Cricket Smith
- 3C — Mr. and Mrs. John Wiley
- 4A — Mr. and Mrs. David Gilbert
- 4B — Mrs. Frank Johnson  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thorson

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP OCTOBER 28, 1973

### BY LETTER:

- 10. Joe Hadden, Band 100, NAS  
From: FBC, Shawnee, Ok.

### FOR BAPTISM FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION:

- 8. Phyllis Altieri, 3515 Hopeshill Rd.
- 9. James M. Bass, VT-4, NAS
- 10. Ira B. Chambers, 3515 Hopeshill Rd.
- 11. Mrs. Ira Chambers (Verona)
- 12. Roy Hess, 2403 Bayou Blvd.
- 13. Mrs. Roy Hess (Joan)
- 14. Nina Hess
- 15. Sharon Hess
- 16. Shelly Hess

## OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

### Sunday, November 4

- 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School  
New Member Class No. 2
- 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, November 5

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
- 7:00 P.M.—“M” Night—Sanctuary

### Tuesday, November 6

- 9:45 A.M.—Baptist Women
- 6:00 P.M.—Baptist Women Supper —  
Dining Room
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts—“Cellar”

### Wednesday, November 7

- 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

### Thursday, November 8

- 9:30 A.M.—Internationals Meeting
- 7:00 P.M.—Silent Class Work Night  
“Cellar”