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## BECAUSE OF YOUR FAITHFULNESS



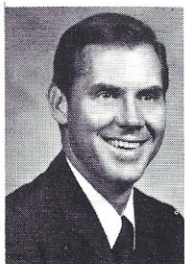
Chairman of the Deacons, T. H. Blackmon, shows other officers of the deacons, Frank Patterson, Roger Yonker, and Billy Renfroe a plaque in recognition of our church being first among Florida Baptist churches in Cooperative Program giving for the last church year. Because of the faithfulness of our people in overgiving last year's budget, we will be able to make an additional end-of-year gift to the Cooperative Program.

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# Pastor's Paragraphs

## "I DARE YOU"

I DARE YOU — to read this and ask, "Lord, is it I?" Matt. 26:22.



In the "Review and Expositor," Howard Butt, Jr., penned these words:

"One of American Christianity's most serious evils may be in the sin of 'sermon listening.' We hear, but we do not act. Doers of the word and not hearers only are living sermons daily. The intended church is a vibrant redeeming community of compassion, mission, service, witness, love and worship. It is not a fraternity of fans of the faith."

"Professional spectators almost always turn out to be professional critics. The perennial occupant of the baseball bleachers is the expert who knows when to kill the umpire. The professional observer of government who never becomes personally involved is the cynic who informs us learnedly that all politicians are crooks anyway."

"Spectator Christianity ultimately becomes critical and contemptuous, cold, cynical, sterile, and unproductive. It observes and criticizes others, but never gets committed into life with Jesus Christ. It sits in church or works in religious activity."

"It is not the critic who counts, said Theodore Roosevelt, pointing out how the strong man stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done better."

"Canon Bryan Green of England said, 'Your American churches are crowded with people today but there is no Biblical or spiritual depth among your laymen. Religion is largely a sentimental affair which does not radically influence daily life. If something doesn't change, fifty years from now your churches will be empty as ours are today.'"

Something absolutely amazing is happening in the life of our church. We've never had fewer spectators in the membership! Sunday was a fantastic day and to tell you the truth, I can hardly wait until next Sunday. Bring your family and friends and come. Your heart will be blessed.

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Plaitz*

## SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"WHY OUR PRAYERS ARE NOT ANSWERED"

(John 15:1-14)

7:15 P.M.

"LIFE AT ITS BEST"

(Luke 12:22-30)

Message by Bro. Bob Ebersold

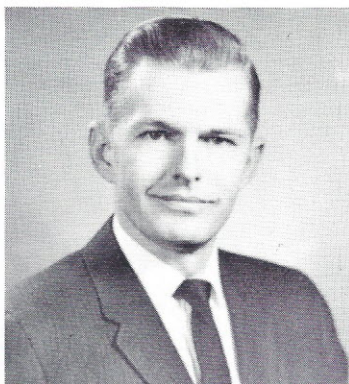
## BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Enr.	Rds.	New Rds.
1	Mr. & Mrs. L. Holt	39	26	3
2	M. Dickson			
	E. Dunson	43	30	0
3	R. Trigg			
	C. F. Wilson	29	19	0
4	W. Nell			
	R. Hornsby	42	29	1
5	B. Pope	40	20	0
6	T. Lutrick	30	31	4
7	J. Anthony			
	S. Bell	47	25	0
8	Mr. & Mrs. T. Thornton	35	20	0
9	B. Bell	22	16	0
10	A. Ford	5	3	0
		332	219	8
	Workers		57	

Total on Buses 276

The honor bus this week is Bus No. 6 with 31 riders. They had 1 more rider than they have enrolled.

## COMING FOR OUR ANNUAL BIBLE CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 24-26



DR. HAROLD S. SONGER

Dr. Songer is Associate Professor of New Testament Interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He is the author of the textbook being used in this year's January Bible Study as promoted by our Baptist Sunday School Board. He will lead us in a study of Colossians.

## A "HOW-TO" CLINIC

for those working with or interested in the sick.

Tuesday, January 29

7-8:30 P.M.

Warrington Baptist Church

103 W. Winthrop Ave.

For further information call  
Carolyn Brooks — 434-0243



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### *Baptist*

Mrs. Ernie (Anise) Priest, Mrs. Leon (Eddie Lou) Singletary, Mr. Herman Mertins, Mr. Leonard Gay, Mrs. Dohn (Lou) Sims, Mrs. L. Payne (Ann) Bryan, Mr. Kenneth Hudson, Mrs. Thomas J. (Mary) Smith, Mrs. Frank (Sara) Wharton, Mr. William Timothy Markham, Miss Lyn Kersh

#### *Specialty Care*

Mr. John H. Godwin

#### *Sacred Heart*

Mr. Henry W. Smith, Mr. Bob Crumpton

#### *University Hospital, Birmingham*

Mr. M. B. Dawson

### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. O. L. (Ruth) Forehand, Jane Ellen Garrett, Mrs. Emma Watts, Mr. James E. Davis, Mr. Herbert Richburg, Elizabeth Yarbrough

### SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Florence Reed in the loss of her brother, William W. Sterling, in McComb, Mississippi.

## CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

### WEEK OF JANUARY 21-26, 1974

Monday, Jan. 21—At Malcolm Younge Gym at 7:30 P.M.

FBC Men's Adult vs. Whitfield Baptist  
Team Record — 4-1

At YMCA at 7:30 P.M.

FBC Boys 15 and Under vs. Trinity  
Team Record — 0-2

Friday Jan. 25—At YMCA at 6:30 P.M.  
FBC Boys 13 and Under vs. John The Baptist  
Team Record — 0-2

Saturday, Jan. 26—At Escambia High at 12 Noon

FBC Boys 14 and Under Vs. East Brent Baptist

Team Record — 5-0

At Escambia High at 1:00 P.M.

FBC Boys 15 and Up (Blue) Vs. Boulevard Baptist

Team Record — 3-3

At Escambia High at 3:00 P.M.

FBC Boys 15 and up (Red) Vs. Bellview Baptist

Team Record — 1-5

At YMCA at 9:00 A.M.

FBC Boys 11 and Under Vs. Hallmark School

Team Record — 1-1

Baptist Women Night Group Meeting

January 24

7:00 P.M.

Warrington Church

Please make supper

res. by Jan. 22

## TRIUMPHANT LIVING

Dr. Jack R. Taylor, pastor of Castle Hills Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, is the author of a book entitled "The Key to Triumphant Living."

This book discusses:

The Residence of Christ in the Human Life

The Reign of Christ Over the Human Life

The Release of Christ Through the Human Life

This book will be the basis for a special study beginning Sunday night, January 20, and continuing for the next 6 Sundays. This group is open to all adults. Any High School or College youth interested are also invited. The meeting place is Adult 4 Department (ground floor of Sanctuary building). The time is 6:00 P.M.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, January 20: "A Timely Testimony"  
John 1:15-28

Monday, January 21: "Disciples of Good News" John 1:37-51

Tuesday, January 22: "A Woman's Question" John 4:24-29, 39-42

Wednesday, January 23: "A Disciple's Certainty" John 6:63-71

Thursday, January 24: "Undeniable Facts" John 9:24-34

Friday, January 25: "Discipleship Hidden" John 18:15-27

Saturday, January 26: "Discipleship Re-affirmed" John 21:15-24

## MENU

January 23, 1974

Fried Chicken

Potato Salad

Buttered Green Peas

Snowflake Roll & Butter

Dessert

Tea

Coffee

## "YOUTH EXTRAVAGANZA"

CANTONMENT BAPTIST CHURCH

JANUARY 26 — 6:00 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 .....1414  
Main Sunday School .....1400  
Crippled Children's Home ..... 14  
The Church in Training .....577  
Christian Training Hour .....199  
Other Training Activities .....378  
Coming for Membership .....12  
Tithes and Offerings:  
Budget .....\$12,254.05  
Specials ..... 1,426.15  
TOTAL OFFERING .....\$13,680.20

## EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 1974

A—Mrs. Talmadge Blackmon  
B—Mrs. David Shiell  
C—Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Ingmire  
1A—Mrs. Bonnie Martin  
2A—Mrs. Gordon Cates  
Miss Sharon Edmisten  
3A—Mr. & Mrs. Eric Simmons  
3B—Mr. Joe Tillman  
Mrs. Charles Crowder  
3C—Mrs. Mary Knight  
4A—Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Taylor  
4B—Miss Janice Parker

## OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

*Sunday, January 20*

9:30 A.M.—Sunday School  
New Members Class No. 1  
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship  
4:45 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal  
5:15 P.M.—Explorer's Bible Drill —  
Youth 6 Dept.  
6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour  
7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship-Business  
Meeting

*Monday, January 21*

10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group

*Tuesday, January 22*

10:00 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship-DR  
7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts—"Cellar"

*Wednesday, January 23*

5:15 P.M.—Choirs  
6:00 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner  
6:25 P.M.—Prayer Service  
6:40 P.M.—Sunday School Officers and  
Teachers Meeting, Mission  
Friends, GA's, Acteens, RA's,  
and Joy Group  
—Bible Study and Prayer  
—Visitation  
7:30 P.M.—Visitation  
—Adult Choir Rehearsal

*Thursday, January 24*

9:30 A.M.—Internationals Meeting  
9:30 A.M.—Assn. Baptist Women Mtg.—  
Scenic Hgt.  
7:00 P.M.—Silent Class Film-Fellowship-  
Fellowship Hall  
7:00 P.M.—Baptist Women Night Group  
Warrington

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP JANUARY 13, 1974

### BY LETTER:

41. Barry Chambers, 3555 Summit Blvd.  
From: FBC, Milton, Fl.  
42. Mrs. Barry Chambers (Sylvia)  
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From: Myrtle Grove Baptist  
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From: Normandale Baptist,  
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