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## "MY SONG IN THE NIGHT"

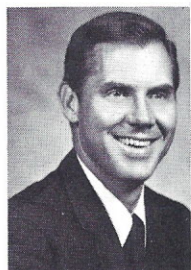
One hundred members and friends of the church choir gathered around a large bonfire Friday night to sing after the lobster boil. Live Maine lobsters were flown in for the choir social.



# Pastor's Paragraphs

## "FOUR BIRDS WITH ONE STONE"

In recent weeks I've had three letters asking me to explain the continued growth of the First Baptist Church of Pensacola.



I've given some thought to the matter. One thing is sure. Church growth doesn't happen by accident. There are reasons why this church — or any church — grows.

Let me share with you some of my thoughts. Since I'll be sharing these same thoughts with three other folks, I've decided we'll en-

title this column, "Four Birds with One Stone."

The church has grown because of the grace of almighty God. God's grace is His unmerited favor. Apart from God's grace, no church can grow. This is first and foremost. From here on, I'm not necessarily listing these in order of their importance.

The church has grown because we have a membership that does not equate attending services with performing services. Attending services is most important. Apart from attending services, very few, if any, services are performed. I thank God, however, for a congregation not satisfied just to attend. You're a bunch of doers.

The church has grown because we have a dedicated, hard-working church staff. Pound for pound, you simply will not find a more dedicated, hard-working, talented group of people. I'd put them up against anyone and that includes the Miami Dolphins!

The church has grown because we believe the Bible is God's Word. This book is taught and preached without apology in the First Baptist Church of Pensacola.

The church has grown because of a strong church program. A conscious effort is made to involve all of our membership in ministry — not simply activity.

The church has grown because of the Bus Ministry. A lot of boys and girls are now hearing the Bible taught who never heard it taught prior to the time someone knocked on the door and invited them to ride one of our big blue buses with an appropriate sign on the front — "WE LOVE PEOPLE."

The church has grown because our people love God and each other. This is a great fellowship made up of a large cross section of people. Our members come from far and near. Several families come from Alabama. Our people are involved in many occupations. In spite of great differences, there is a real spirit of family unity in this congregation.

Our church has grown because of the use of the media — radio, T.V., newspapers. The SPOTS on T.V. and radio are most effective. Every Sunday, people

## BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Enr.	Rds.	New Rds.
1.	Mr. & Mrs. L. Holt	39	28	0
2.	M. Dickson	50	26	2
	K. Wilson			
3.	R. Trigg	29	22	
	C. F. Wilson			
4.	W. Nell	42	28	0
	R. Hornsby			
5.	B. Pope	38	18	1
6.	T. Lutrick	30	24	1
7.	J. Anthony	46	41	5
	Amy Little			
8.	T. Thornton	34	31	5
	L. Clevenger			
9.	Billie Bell	22	13	1
		330	231	17
Workers			60	

Total on Buses 291

The honor bus this week is bus 7 with 41 riders and 8 workers. Considering this being a weekend that school was out both Friday and Monday, it was good to see the very good attendance. Bus 7 has a great youth crew that has taken the responsibility of this route. They are Jeanne Anthony, Amy Little, Mike Hennigan, Linda Williams, Phil Ford, Mary Edwards and Scott Bell.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### Baptist

Mrs. Mary Powell, Mrs. Fred (Blanche) Barnes, Mrs. Ernie (Anise) Priest, Mrs. Leon (Eddie Lou) Singletary, Mr. Leonard Gay, Mrs. L. Payne (Ann) Bryan, Mr. Kenneth Hudson, Mr. James E. Davis, Rev. Walter R. Doggrell

#### Specialty Care

Mr. John H. Godwin

#### Sacred Heart

Mrs. D. L. (Dannie) McDavid, Mr. Henry W. Smith

#### University Hospital, Birmingham

Mr. M. B. Dawson

### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Dohn (Lou) Sims, Mrs. Thomas J. (Mary) Smith, Miss Lyn Kersh, Mr. Bob Crumpton, Mr. Herman Mertins, Mrs. Frank (Sara) Wharton, Mr. Wm. Timothy Markham

### SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Frank Rushing in the loss of her Father, Mr. John C. Cooper, Sr.  
Mrs. Tom Little in the loss of her Mother, Mrs. Z. G. McWilliams, in Meridian, Mississippi.

come who have gotten acquainted with our church in this way.

Yes, the church has grown in the past and the exciting truth is it's growing right now. Isn't it wonderful to be a part of a great New Testament congregation that's pulsating with life. "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name."

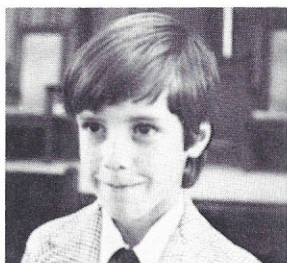
I'll see you Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*



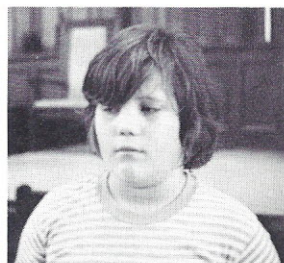
## RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



Joel Hill, IV



Beth Hunt



John Hunt



Mr. & Mrs. Pat Ketcham



Mrs. Evelyn Joy, Jennifer, Tim,  
Colleen, & Lisa Mitchell

Also received were Tim Jeavons, Dr. & Mrs. Roy Perryman, and Kathy Walker.

### NEEDED . . . . .

Surveyors for Bus Ministry  
Saturday, February 2, 1974  
9:00 A.M.

For a blessing, come and help us  
survey.

### A "HOW-TO" CLINIC

for those working with or intestered 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

### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"WHY OUR PRAYERS ARE NOT  
ANSWERED"

(Matthew 5:17-24)

7:15 P.M.

"CURSED TREES AND LIVES"

(Matthew 21:18-22)

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP JANUARY 20, 1974

### BY LETTER:

50. Mrs. Jim Allmon (Maydene),  
5705 Fairview Dr.  
From: FBC, Millington, Tn.
51. C. Phillip Bobe, Jr.,  
3601 Firestone Blvd.  
From: East Hill Bapt., Pensacola
52. Mrs. Helen Booth, 7780 LeJeune Dr.  
From: Cherokee Heights Bapt.,  
Macon, Ga.
53. Ed Jensen, 102 San Carlos, Gulf Breeze  
From: FBC, Eulless, Tx.
54. Mrs. Ed Jensen (Dottie)

### BY STATEMENT:

6. Mrs. Ann Cunningham, 151 Dean Rd.
- ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:
38. Jim Allmon, 5705 Fairview Dr.
  39. Shari Allmon
  40. Teresa Ann Cunningham

### BAPTIZED:

Ashley Askew, Joel Hill, IV, Beth Hunt,  
John Hunt, Tim Jeavons.

### MENU

January 30, 1974

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce

Tossed Green Salad

French Roll with Butter

Peach Cobbler

Tea

Coffee



**BASKETBALL SCHEDULE  
FOR WEEK OF  
JANUARY 28 — FEBRUARY 2**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 28**

FBC Men's vs. Brownsville at Malcolm  
Yonge Gym at 7:30 P.M.

FBC 15 and under vs. St. Marks at  
YMCA at 7:30 P.M.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

FBC 11 and under vs. Emanuel at YMCA  
at 10:00 A.M.

FBC 14 and under vs. Lakeview at Es-  
cambia High at 12 Noon (For champion-  
ship of the League)

15 and up (Blue) vs. Oakcrest at Escambia  
High at 2:00 P.M.

15 and up (Red) vs. Lakeview at Escam-  
bia High at 3:00 P.M.



**THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA  
FACULTY OF MUSIC —  
OMEGA COLLEGE**

presents

**WILLIAM BATES, Organist**

**January 28**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**8:15 P.M.**

## **SAMFORD UNIVERSITY CHOIR**

The Samford University A Cappella Choir will provide the music for Sunday's morning worship service. Directed by L. Gene Black, this choral group is one of the most outstanding in the country. You will want to invite a friend to hear them with you on Sunday.

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## **LIBRARY NOTES**

### **HONEY FOR A CHILD'S HEART — Gladys M. Hunt**

To the parent who would like to give a child a "headstart" into the wonder and magic of reading, Gladys M. Hunt in her book, **HONEY FOR A CHILD'S HEART** has offered many practical suggestions.

The ideas in this book run the gamut from "fun and games," to a generous bibliography of popular books for children. This book is an excellent source of information for both the parent and the teacher seeking answers to the question, "How best can I open the door of good reading to this child?"

Vonciel McCreary

### **EXPOSITORY SERMONS ON REVELA- TION — by Dr. W. A. Criswell**

This is an outstanding series of sermons by the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas and former president of the SBC. These sermons, which deal with both the prophetic and practical aspects of the Revelation, have been called "safe, sane, sound, and relevant" by various respected reviewers. They are the product of a warm pastor's heart in love with his people and his God; therefore, they are deeply devotional and warmly evangelistic in their outreach.

Ralph C. Peterson

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## **"YOUTH EXTRAVAGANZA" SATURDAY, JANUARY 26th**

All youth (High School and College) are invited to meet at the Church at 5:00 Saturday to go by bus to the Cantonment Baptist Church for the "Youth Extravaganza." It's going to be a great evening — singing, eating and fantastic fellowship. The featured speaker is Arthur Blessitt. Don't miss this great opportunity.



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should be in the office, preferably in  
writing, not later than 9:00 a.m. Mondays.

## LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study .....1393  
Main Sunday School .....1373  
Crippled Children's Home ..... 20  
The Church in Training .....554  
Christian Training Hour .....172  
Other Training Activities .....382  
Coming for Membership .....9  
Baptized .....5  
Tithes and Offerings:  
Budget .....\$10,734.00  
Specials ..... 610.15  
TOTAL OFFERING .....\$11,344.15

## EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

A—Mrs. Gordon Mattoon  
B—Mrs. Gary Sperry  
C—Mrs. Franz Cornelius  
1A—Mrs. Larry Woody  
1B—Miss Linda Jernigan  
2A—Mrs. Larry Foxworth  
2B—Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Stewart  
3A—Mr. & Mrs. Bill Reynolds  
3B—Miss Sylvia Hinton  
Miss Cheryl Horton  
3C—Miss Verna Willis  
Miss Barbara Ralowicz  
4A—Mr. & Mrs. David Gilbert  
4B—Mrs. B. R. Creel  
Miss Bridget Hubbard

## OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

### Sunday, January 27

9:30 A.M.—Sunday School  
New Members 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, January 28

10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group  
12:00 Noon—Friendly Class Luncheon  
and Class mtg.—Mrs. Sue  
White, 5700 Adelyn Rd.  
8:15 P.M.—Organ Concert—Bill Bates

### Tuesday, January 29

7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts—"Cellar"

### Wednesday, January 30

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 31

9:30 A.M.—Internationals Meeting

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, January 27: "A Winning Sermon"  
Acts 2:37-47

Monday, January 28: "A Divine Imperative"  
Acts 4:13-21

Tuesday, January 29: "Choosing a Priority"  
Acts 5:25-32

Wednesday, January 30: "Serving with  
Faith" Acts 6:5-15

Thursday, January 31: "Dying with Love"  
Acts 7:51-60

Friday, February 1: "Requiring Repentance"  
Acts 8:14-25

Saturday, February 2: "The Risk of Obed-  
ience" Acts 9:10-18