



# The Baptist Builder

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PASTOR

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## 20 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE



Mrs. Josephine Williams recently completed 20 years of service to our church. At the close of the Morning Worship Service last Sunday, Dr. Pleitz presented to her a check and an engraved tray in appreciation "for 20 years of effective and unselfish service to the First Baptist Church, Pensacola."

All of us appreciate the wonderful spirit that she has in the performance of her work here at the church.



# Pastor's Paragraphs

## "TEMPERATURE RISING"

The North Pole has long been famous as the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Claus.



Perhaps you did not know that there is a real live Baptist Church in North Pole, Alaska. The church is making remarkable progress under the leadership of Pastor Bill Duncan.

Like most churches, First Baptist, North Pole, list in their weekly bulletin their attendance, additions, and offerings. Then they record one other most interesting fact — the temperature.

From their bulletin I note on January 13th, there were 318 people in Sunday School. The offering was \$719.00 and the temperature was -33 degrees. On January 20, there were 348 people in Sunday School, the offering was \$1472.00 and the temperature was a balmy -17 degrees!

Isn't it interesting that the offering more than doubled as the temperature went up. Coincidental? Perhaps.

Mark this down as a fact — when our hearts are warm, when we really care about the work of Jesus Christ, it's reflected in our giving. Giving little or nothing to the cause of Christ is a sure sign of spiritual sickness. The warm heart is a sign of spiritual health.

Regardless of what the temperature was outside, the Christians in Macedonia had warm — healthy — hearts. (See II Corinthians 8.)

To CARE is to GIVE. To LOVE is to GIVE SACRIFICIALLY.

You don't need a thermometer to check your spiritual temperature. Just look in the checkbook and you can see immediately whether your temperature is rising or falling.

Yours for a spiritual fever,

*James L. Pleitz*

## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Jan Boghich and are given by the P. A. Boghich family.

## BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Rds.	Vts.	New Rds.
1	Mr. & Mrs. L. Holt	32	2	2
2	E. Dunson	35	5	2
3	R. Trigg			
	C. F. Wilson	32	6	3
4	W. Nell	37	1	1
5	B. Pope			
	A. Ford	21	2	2
6	T. Lutrick			
	S. Ebersold	22	0	0
7	A. Little			
	S. Bell	38	1	1
8	T. Thornton			
	E. Ebersold	25	5	2
9	B. Bell	12	1	0
		254	23	13
Workers		50		

Total on Buses 304

Honor bus this week is Bus No. 7 with 38 riders. A very close runner up is Bus 4 with 37 riders. Bus 3 had 2 more riders than they have enrolled.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### Baptist

Mrs. George (Evon) Riva, Mrs. Ralph (Carolyn) Morris, Mrs. J. A. (Mary) Johnston, Mr. Kirk Johnson, Miss Verla Cates, Mrs. Thomas (Helen) Work, Mrs. John (Dorothy) Ingram, Mr. K. S. Hudson, Mrs. Vora Wilkinson, Mrs. Claudia McCurley, Mrs. David Fleming

#### Sacred Heart

Mrs. Ralph (Ruth) Davis

#### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mr. Preston Husted, Mr. Roy Caton, Mrs. Charles (Melba) Stallings, Chris Knight, Mrs. J. Leon (Dolly) Flowers, Mrs. W. L. (Mary) Williams, Mr. Henry Beck, Mr. Herman Williams, Mrs. J. M. (Laura) Ward, Mr. J. L. Smith, Mrs. Richard (Martha) Cates, Mrs. Walter (Virgie) Armistead

#### SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Elbert Buchanan in the loss of his Mother.  
Mr. Ernie Priest in the loss of his wife.  
Mrs. Thelma Craven in the loss of her brother, John Digmon.  
Mrs. Vernon Phillips in the loss of her sister.  
Mrs. Raymond Steele in the loss of her Mother, Mrs. Baggett.  
Mrs. Aubrey Gomillion in the loss of her Father, Mr. J. G. King of Jay, Florida.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Susan Brigham and Donald Emert on their marriage February 16, in Yazoo City, Mississippi.  
Lisa Minshew who was elected House Bill Clerk in the Youth Legislature sponsored by the YWCA and participated in the Youth Legislature in Tallahassee last week.



## RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



*Mr. & Mrs. Tom Arledge  
Also shown is Julie*



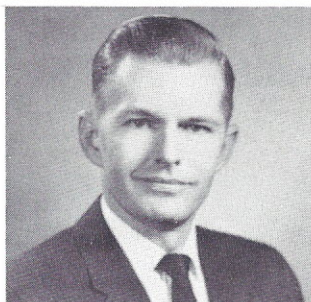
*Mrs. Helen Booth*



*Mr. & Mrs. J. Mertz Hanberry,  
Lynn & Lee*

*Also received were, Phil Bobe, Sam Halsey, Shannon & Shelly Meek*

### SEMINARY PROFESSOR TO LEAD BIBLE CONFERENCE



The study leader for adults and youth during our Bible Conference February 24-26 will be Dr. Harold S. Songer, Associate Professor of New Testament Interpretation, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. "Colossians: Christ Above All" will be the study.

Prior to joining the staff at Southern in 1962, Dr. Songer served as pastor of the West Side Baptist Church in Louisville; at the Cove Creek Baptist Church in Sherwood, North Carolina; and as assistant pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, Tennessee. He also served as a teaching fellow at Southern while working on his graduate degree.

Dr. Songer is a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers University, Boone, N. C., and earned his B.D. and Th.D. degrees from Southern Seminary. He has also studied at Goethe Institute in Passau, Germany, and at Eberhard-Karls University in Tuebingen, Germany.

He has done extensive writing in the "Review and Expositor" and other religious journals and has just recently concluded the commentary on "James" for the Broadman Bible Commentary. He is the author of the textbook on Colossians being used in many Southern Baptist churches this year. Dr. Songer is married and has one child: Christopher Mark.

Dr. Songer will be preaching at the worship services on February 24, and will begin the study sessions at 6:00 p.m. Sessions will be held on Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. There will be Bible study units for pre-schoolers and children.

### PUPPET TRAINING SEMINAR

On Monday, March 4, the New Californians Productions will present a one night Training Seminar in the use of Puppets. Training Seminar will feature "The Purple Puppet People", a professional group of puppeteers who will perform colorful puppet shows and demonstrations. They will teach the basic techniques of puppetry in the 3 1/2 hour seminar. Training will include: how to perform live shows and tape shows; using puppets as teachers; using puppets to teach music; how to manipulate hand puppets; using puppets in public schools; using puppets as an effective church ministry in Sunday School and Children's Church. The seminar is designed to train those who know nothing about puppetry, but want to learn. Also, the seminar will help polish those who have had some experience in puppetry. Registration fee for the Seminar is \$10.00 per person, but there is a special Church rate. Those interested in attending are asked to contact Mr. Bizzell, Mr. Royal, or Mrs. Taylor in the church office.

### MENU

February 27, 1974

Hamburger Steak &  
Tomato Gravy  
Snowflake Potatoes  
Congealed Salad  
Roll & Butter  
Danish Pastry

Tea

Coffee



### IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Anise Priest  
907 N. Reus St.

Joined our church by letter  
September 26, 1937  
Deceased, February 16, 1974

## **INTER-AGENCY FOSTER CARE MEETING**

The Inter-Agency Committee on Foster Care is holding a meeting for people who might be interested in providing a foster home for a child or adult or for people who would like to know more about foster care services available in our community.

This meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, at 7:30 P.M. at the Brownsville Assembly of God Church, 3100 W. DeSoto Street.

This is an excellent opportunity for you to become involved in and aware of a vital need in our community.

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## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

Sunday, February 24: "An Unexpected Gift" Acts 3:1-10

Monday, February 25: "Reason for Amazement" Acts 3:11-26

Tuesday, February 26: "Evangelism on the Move" Acts 8:26-39

Wednesday, February 27: "Beyond the Prejudice Barrier" Acts 10:34-48

Thursday, February 28: "To Win the World" I Corinthians 9:16-27

Friday, March 1: "The Essence of Good News" II Corinthians 4:1-15

Saturday, March 2: "For All Nations" Luke 24:45-48

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## **NEEDED**

The Chippled Children's Home, 1005 West Avery St., has need of the following items:

Radios  
High Chairs  
Baby Strollers  
Play Pens  
Baby Beds

If you have any of the above items which you would give, please call Mr. Bizzell or Mr. Royal at the church office.

## **HELP FIND PROSPECTS ! ! ! !**

Much of the success of the Bus Ministry and total Outreach program of our church depends on finding prospects. If you would like to be part of this important work, then plan to help us survey on Saturday, March 2 at 9:00 A.M. We will be looking for YOU ! ! !

## **THE VERY NEWEST**

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

**MISS SHELLY LYNN FLOWERS**  
daughter of

Dr. and Mrs. J. Leon Flowers  
born February 13, 1974

## **IN MEMORIAM**

Wayne D. Baumgardner  
NATTU, NAS  
Joined our church by letter  
July 29, 1973  
Deceased February 18, 1974

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## **GIRLS — WANT TO PLAY SOFTBALL?**

Remember, your registration forms must be in to Mr. Royal's office by Sunday, February 24. If you need information or forms, call Mr. Royal at 433-5631.

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## **COACHES FOR GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAMS NEEDED**

Ladies, if you are willing to coach a girl's softball team (ages 7-8, 9-12, 13-15 or 16-18), please call the church office and let us know. Four teams are being entered in the A.S.A. Junior Girls Championship Softball League sponsored by the City Recreation Department. Your help is needed.

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## **R. A. LEADERSHIP**

Mr. Jay Chance, Director of R. A. Work with the Brotherhood Commission, will be in our church on Wednesday, February 27. He will conduct an Associational R. A. Leadership Conference on Tuesday and Thursday. We have invited him to meet with the R. A. Leaders and prospective leaders on Wednesday night, February 27 from 6:45 till 9:00. If you are now working with the R. A. Program or are interested in assisting with the program, please plan to attend these conferences.

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## **PREVIEW STUDIES**

On next Wednesday, February 27, we will have a preview study especially for teachers using the Uniform Lesson Series. Dr. Byron Harbin will lead in this preview study of Acts in preparation for this new series of studies in our Sunday School beginning on March 3.

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## **SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP MEETING**

The monthly meeting of our Senior Adult Fellowship will be held next Tuesday beginning at 10:00 A.M. in the Dining Room. Dr. Harold Songer will speak at 10:45.

Plans for a trip to Gautier, Mississippi on March 21st will be discussed and reservations taken. Also, the Senior Adult Conclave at Lake Yale will be discussed.

Every person planning to attend is asked to call in your reservation for lunch.



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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 .....1374  
Main Sunday School .....1348  
Crippled Children's Home ..... 26  
The Church in Training .....525  
Christian Training Hour .....187  
Other Training Activities .....338  
Coming for Membership .....4  
Tithes and Offerings:  
Budget .....\$ 9,830.90  
Specials ..... 639.15  
TOTAL OFFERING .....\$10,470.05

## EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1974

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

## OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

*Sunday, February 24*

- \* 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School  
New Members Class No. 3
- \* 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship  
3:45 P.M.—Youth Choir —  
Greater Union Baptist  
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

*Monday, February 25*

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
- \* 7:00 P.M.—Bible Conference —  
Dr. Harold Songer

*Tuesday, February 26*

- 10:00 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship —  
Dining Room
- \* 7:00 P.M.—Bible Conference —  
Dr. Harold Songer

*Wednesday, February 27*

- \* 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, February 28*

- \* 9:30 A.M.—Internationals Meeting
- 7:00 P.M.—Deaf Work Night
- 7:00 P.M.—Youth Bible Study —  
Sanctuary

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP FEBRUARY 17, 1974

### BY LETTER:

- 61. Joel Enderson, 241 Fennel St.  
From: Central Baptist, Pensacola
- 62. Michael McAndrews, 905 Cranbrook  
From: Claim St. Bapt., Aurora, Ill.

### ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:

- 47. Charles Ernest Dean, Jr.  
117 N. 8th Ave., Apt. 2

### BY STATEMENT:

- 11. Mrs. Michael (Judy) McAndrews