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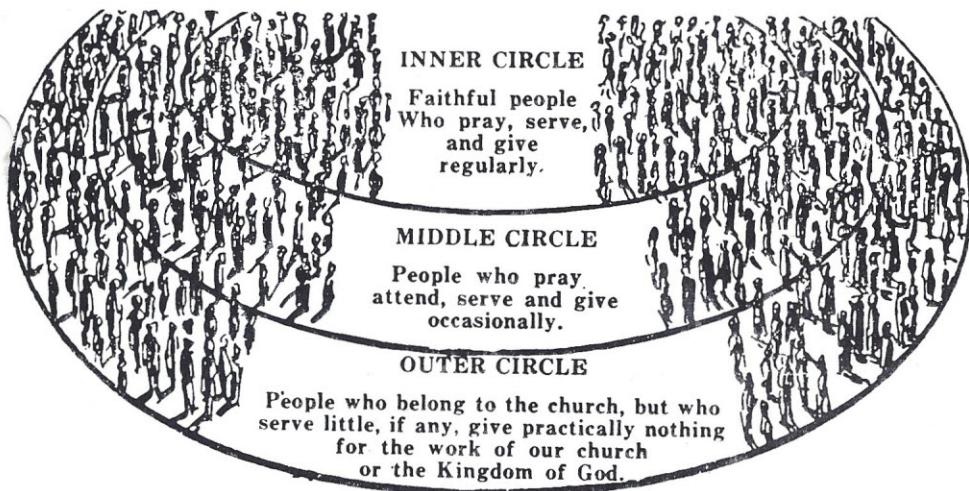
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## In Which Circle Are You?



Every member of First Baptist Church is in one of these circles. Every member can locate himself with just a few moments of thoughtful study.

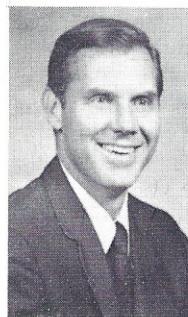
The Inner Circle should include you. Those who have placed themselves outside the Inner Circle could move in closer to their church and would find extra happiness. Every member needs to have a place of service and to fulfill that service. Each of us needs to pray, study God's word and give faithfully and regularly.



## "THE DILEMMA REVISITED"

# *Pastor's Paragraphs*

I recently read a most interesting article in one of our Baptist State papers written by a young law student at Duke University. I wanted to share this article with you for two reasons. First of all, I found it quite informative and in the second place, the author calls me Dad!



"No area of the law has given the Supreme Court more trouble than obscenity. Trying to weed out filth without infringing upon Constitutional rights has produced judicial gymnastics that leave ministers, church members, and even pornographers in a tizzy.

"The current standards for obscenity were established in the 1973 case of *Miller v. California*. The opinion required a consideration of three questions in determining if a book or film was smut unworthy of Constitutional protection:

1. Does the work, taken as a whole, appeal to a base interest in sex?
2. Does it portray sexual conduct in a patently offensive way?
3. Is it without serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value?

"If the answer to all three questions was "yes," then the material was to be ruled obscene. A local jury, applying the standards of their own community, had to come up with the answers, subject to the review of a higher court if they responded incorrectly.

"Last month the Supreme Court exercised this review for the first time. In this new case, *Jenkins v. Georgia*, the court watched "Carnal Knowledge" and then unanimously concluded that a Georgia jury, even though it must have been more familiar with community standards than they were, had gone too far in deciding the movie was obscene. In effect, the Court applied the same tests the jury used, but substituted its judgment for theirs.

"The Jenkins opinion is confusing. It emphasized the role of a local jury, but rejects a jury's findings. It shows that the Court is willing to reverse a finding of obscenity, but leaves intact the same guidelines that made the reversal necessary. It demonstrates that the Supreme Court is going to keep a tight rein on would-be

censors, but in doing so may have damped the right of local people to decide for themselves what is obscene in their communities.

"These contradictions reflect the greater struggle of the Court to balance freedom of speech with the desire to prohibit filth.

"As Baptists, we have often oversimplified this delicate equation. Of course we are right in demanding that hard-core pornography be squashed. The commercial exploitation of the human body is utterly antithetical to the God-given sanctity of man.

"Yet we also cherish our own freedom of speech. Too often we forget that an indiscriminate exorcism of offensive books or movies may undermine this fundamental right.

"Our response to the issue must combine moral outrage with clear thinking. Here are some things we can do as Christian citizens:

1. Determine for yourself your own stand on the issue; don't let extremists bend your ear.
2. Invite an attorney to speak to your church on the status of obscenity laws in your community.
3. Practice aggressive evangelism. Leading others to a whole life, secure in the One who makes the urge for pornography unnecessary, is the ultimate solution to the obscenity problem."

Sunday promises to be a great day in God's House. Bring a friend and come. I'll look forward to seeing you then.

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*

### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"ANTIDOTE FOR ANXIETY"

(Matthew 6:25-34)

7:15 P.M.

"CHRIST SPEAKS THROUGH THE ORDINANCES"

## PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATING DEACONS

The committee for the Nomination of Deacons requests that every member of the church suggest men who should be considered by the committee for nomination as deacons. You may suggest as many as you think qualify.

These suggestions must reach the committee by Sunday, July 28. They may be given to any member of the committee, mailed to the church office in care of the committee, or dropped in the offering plate. Suggestions are to be submitted only by members of the First Baptist Church, and therefore must be signed to be accepted.

Your committee, selected for the purpose of recommending to the church the best qualified persons, requests that you read the scripture passages below and suggest the names of as many men as you believe to be qualified to serve as deacons. According to the policy of the church, inactive deacons will not be placed on the ballot unless suggested by one or more members of the church.

## SELECTION OF FIRST DEACONS

"In those days, as the number of disciples kept growing, there rose complaint on the part of the Greek-speaking Jews against the Hebrews because their widows were overlooked in the daily charities. So the twelve summoned the assembly of the disciples and said: 'It is not desirable that we should neglect the teaching of God's Word to wait tables; therefore, brothers, look around for seven men among you of good reputation and full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we shall appoint for this duty, while we continue to devote ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.' " (Acts 6:1-4, Berkeley Version).

## THE CHARACTER AND QUALIFICATIONS OF ALL DEACONS

"By the same token are deacons to be honorable, not gossips, not addicted to much wine; not greedy for ill-gotten gains, but with a pure conscience keeping hold on the hidden truth of the faith. They should first be put on probation and then, if irreproachable, they may serve as deacons. Similarly must the wives be honorable, not given to slandering, but temperate and altogether trustworthy. Deacons shall be husband of one wife, admirable managers of their children and of their own homes. Because those who rendered helpful service as deacons do take a worthwhile step upward for themselves with considerable conversational freedom in the faith that centers in Christ Jesus." (I Timothy 3:8-13, Berkeley Version).

We urge you to be much in prayer that we as a church may know God's will in this all-important task.

This ballot will be on Sunday morning, August 25, when 10 men will be selected to serve on the active board of deacons.

### DEACON'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE

ROGER YONKER, *Chairman*  
FRANK GIBBS  
JOE BROOKINS  
ELLIOTT DOBELSTEIN  
JUDSON GILLESPIE

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The following men are now serving on the active Board of Deacons:

### TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1975

O. F. AULTMAN  
T. HOWARD BLACKMON  
JOE G. BROOKINS  
ELLIOTT E. DOBELSTEIN  
GERALD A. GARRETT

AUBREY GOMILLION  
THERON A. GUTHRIE  
WILLIAM L. LEE  
JOSEPH NAPIER  
FRANK PATTERSON

### TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1976

BARNEY B. BURKS, JR.  
J. NIXON DANIEL  
JOE EDMISTEN  
SCOTT GETMAN  
FRANK GIBBS

JUDSON GILLESPIE  
JOE LADNER  
MARVIN LEE  
WILLARD VICKERY  
HERMAN WILLIAMS

### DEACON EMERITUS

MOSE PENTON

The following men who retire this year will not be eligible for nomination for a period of one year.

CLAUDE ADKISON  
PAUL CARO  
W. T. CREEL  
CLARENCE DANNELLY  
ROBERT HINSON

G. R. McDONALD  
DAVID RALEY  
BILLY RENFROE  
TOM WASH  
ROGER YONKER

(NONE OF THE ABOVE 31 NAMES SHOULD BE LISTED)

### FORM TO BE USED IN SUBMITTING SUGGESTIONS

I suggest to the Nominating Committee that the following men be considered as nominees for deacons:

NAME .....  
NAME .....  
NAME .....  
NAME .....  
NAME .....  
NAME .....

Recommended by .....  
(Your Signature)

NOTE: Every member of the congregation may suggest as many names as he wishes. This form must be signed to be accepted.

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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### *Baptist*

Mr. Jesse Henderson, Mrs. G. P. (Ethel) Cobb, Sr., Mrs. Owen (Aurelia) Bell, Mr. C. T. Peterson

#### *Sacred Heart*

Mrs. W. E. (Ruth) Godwin, Jr.

#### *Children's Hospital*

Rusty Harmon

#### *Columbia General, Andalusia, Ala.*

Mrs. Howard (Adelle) Droke

### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Gladys Poynter, Miss Annie Mertins, Mr. Raymond Harper, Mrs. Carolyn Powers, Mrs. Eddie (Donna) Strickland, Mrs. Edwin (Delores) Pfalzer, Mrs. Mertz (Lynette) Hanberry

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Susan Everette and Jack Johnson on their marriage July 20.

### SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. A. S. Stanton in the loss of his sister, Mrs. Georgia Lewis.

## SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The monthly meeting of our Senior Adult Fellowship on Tuesday, July 30, will feature a program presented by the First Baptist Church Puppeteers and a look at Japan through the eyes of our guest missionary family and Miss Jewell Garrett. There will also be some music presented by Mr. Royal. This meeting will be held in the dining room. Reservations for lunch should be made by calling the church office.

## THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebuds on the pulpit Sunday  
were placed there in honor of

MASTER JOSEPH ROY CATON

son of

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Caton

born July 17, 1974

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MISS REBECCA JOANNE OVERMAN

daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Overman, III

born July 20, 1974

## BUS MINISTRY REPORT

<i>Bus. No.</i>	<i>Captain</i>	<i>Rds.</i>	<i>Rds.</i>	<i>Total</i>
1. Bill Warren	Paul Nobles	15	4	19
2. Max Dickson	Elton Dunson	17	1	18
3. Rat Trigg	Laura Langston	16	3	19
4. Walter Nell	Dave Kilpatrick	18	1	19
5. Bennie Pope	Al Ford	9	1	10
6. Jerry McNeill	Tim Lutrick	11	2	13
7. Tommy Ansley	Phil Pendleton	13	4	17
8. Doug Workman		19	3	22
9. Bill Moore		5	1	6
		123	20	143

The number of workers was down because of the Dallas trip. If you can help this Sunday, please contact the church office or come Sunday. The safety of our children is at stake.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, July 28: "Listen to Jesus"  
Luke 9:28-36

Monday, July 29: "The Least Shall Be Great" Luke 9:43-50

Tuesday, July 30: "Pray for Harvesters" Luke 10:1-12

Wednesday, July 31: "Who Is My Neighbor?" Luke 10:25-37

Thursday, August 1: "Forgiven As We Forgive" Luke 11:1-10

Friday, August 2: "Keep God's Word"  
Luke 11:21-28

Saturday, August 3: "Let Your Light Shine"  
Luke 11:33-42

## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mr. Robert H. Wilson, Sr. and are given by Mrs. Wilson and the children.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

What a tremendous week we had in Bible School! A great big thank you to all the adult and youth workers who made this week possible. We had 14 decisions for Christ and an average attendance for the week of 643.

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Mrs. Paul Gray, W.M.U. Director.....	932-3872
Mrs. Joseph F. Boykin, Sr. Director of Library Services.....	455-7925
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### CHURCH STAFF — Residence Phones

Dr. James L. Pleitz, Pastor.....	433-1502
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Paul Royal, Minister of Music.....	432-8573
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Mrs. Betty Getman, Organist.....	432-0648
Mrs. Nelma Camp, Pastor's Secretary	
Mrs. Tom Thornton, Membership Secretary	
Mrs. Betty Nash, Financial Secretary	

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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 .....	1142
Main Sunday School .....	1059
Crippled Children's Home .....	18
Youth Trip to Dallas .....	65
The Church in Training .....	139
Christian Training Hour .....	83
Other Training Activities .....	56
Coming for Membership .....	9
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$10,442.94
Specials .....	4,506.25
TOTAL OFFERING .....	\$14,949.19

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## EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 28, 1974

- A—Mrs. Tom Heifner
- B—Mrs. Gary Sperry
- C—Mrs. Franz Cornelius
- 1A—Mrs. Larry Woody
- 1B—Mrs. Ed Jensen
- 2A—Mrs. Larry Foxworth
- 2B—Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stewart
- 3A—Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reynolds
- 3B—Miss Sylvia Hinton
- 3C—Miss Barbara Ralowicz
- 4A—Mr. and Mrs. David Gilbert
- 4B—Mrs. B. R. Creel  
—Miss Bridget Hubbard

## OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

### Sunday, July 28

- \* 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School  
    New Members Class No. 1
- \* 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, July 29

10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group

### Tuesday, July 30

10:00 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship

### Wednesday, July 31

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

### Thursday, August 1

7:00 P.M.—Bible Study for Youth,  
    “Cellar”

### Saturday, August 3

6:00 P.M.—Get-together for Ushers and  
    wives, Bayview Park

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## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

JULY 21, 1974

### BY LETTER:

- 149. David Andrews, 4173 Danamar Dr.  
    From: Immanuel Bapt., Rantoul, Il.
- 150. Mrs. David Andrews (Betty)
- 151. Rebecca Andrews
- 152. Jim Keyes, 4108 Aqua Vista Dr.  
    From: Broadmoor Bapt., Jackson, Ms.
- 153. Mrs. Jim Keyes (Billy)
- 154. Tammy Keyes
- 155. Cyndi King, 2800 Blackshear Ave.  
    From: Dawson Mem. Bapt., Birmingham, Al.
- 156. Mrs. Hortense Rowe, 719 N. 69th Ave.  
    From: Myrtle Grove Bapt.
- 157. Doug Workman,  
    Box 307B, BOQ 3252, NAS  
    From: Linthicum Bapt., Linthicum, Md.