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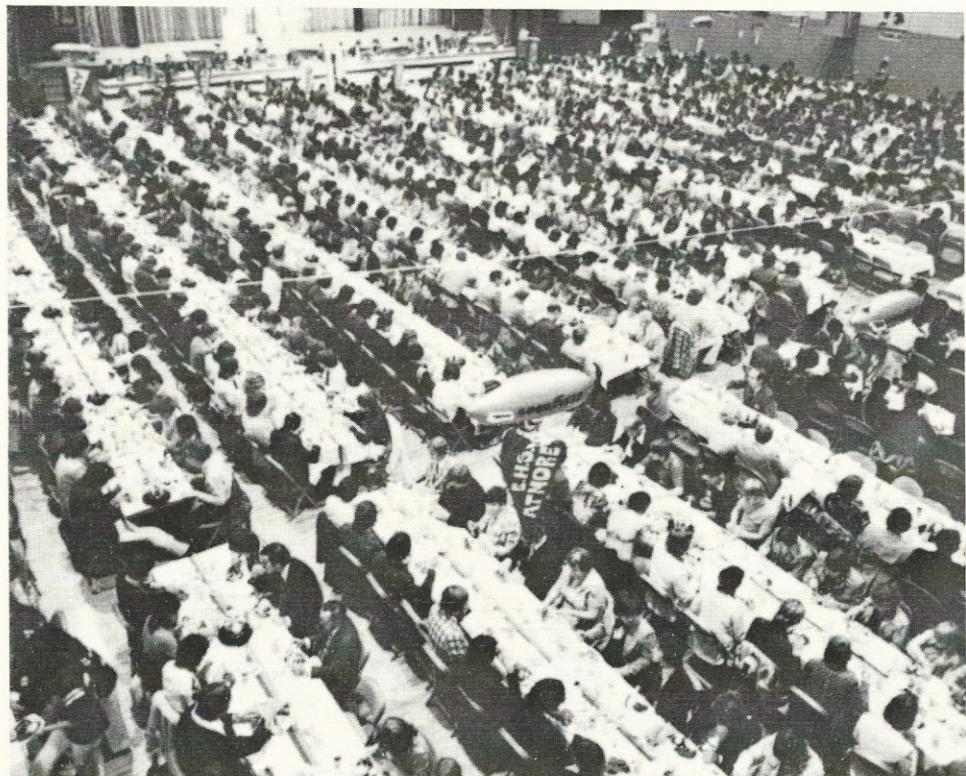
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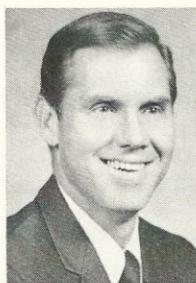
## A SEA OF PEOPLE

Over 1700 persons attended this year's Challenger Award Banquet. Tim Foley, Defensive Back of the Miami Dolphins, spoke of his personal faith in Jesus Christ. Senator Lawton Chiles told of his faith in the Lord. The Florida State University Circus acts received tremendous responses from the crowd. It was another Christ-honoring ministry of First Baptist Church.

# Pastor's Paragraphs

## "ON OBSERVING HANUKKAH"

A young man with a Jewish Father and a Christian Mother was talking to a friend about the observance of Hanukkah and Christmas. When asked about the holidays, he said, "I enjoy them both, but Hanukkah is a lot more spiritual. Christmas is much more materialistic."



Can it be true? Do our Jewish friends observe Hanukkah with greater reverence than we observe the birth of our Lord? Are we somehow missing the point of it all? Is Santa Claus upstaging Christ?

In Jewish homes, Hanukkah is primarily a spiritual celebration. Hanukkah is an 8 day Jewish holiday beginning on the 25th of Kislev. This Jewish month falls sometime in November or December. To be sure, gifts are exchanged, but they are secondary.

Hanukkah commemorates the rededication of the temple in Jerusalem after its defilement by Antiochus of Syria.

Perhaps we need to observe a Christian version of Hanukkah. Consider these elements of the celebration; each evening during the 8 day celebration, when the family gathers around the tree for the evening meal, appropriate blessings are said. Then the family joins together in singing "Rock of Ages." The hymn tune is different from the one in our hymnal, but many of the words are the same. Then appropriate Scriptures are read. Finally the members of the family are encouraged to express their love and appreciation for each other.

Observing a Christian version of Hanukkah would prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christmas in a wonderful way. I'm sure in selecting our Scriptures for the 8 days celebration, we would want to include Isaiah 7:14-16 and Isaiah 9:6-7.

The good Lord willing, I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday in God's House.

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*

### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"ON CONQUERING THE WORLD"  
(Matthew 28:1-20)

7:15 P.M.

"ON TOUCHING THE  
UNTOUCHABLE"  
(Mark 1:40-45)

## BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus	No.	Captain	Riders	Wrks.	Total
1.	Pope	26	2	28	
2.	Nelson	14	2	16	
3.	Kilpatrick	15	4	19	
4.	Sims	19	4	23	
5.	Ford	28	4	32	
6.	Goodwin	20	3	23	
7.	Holley	36	2	38	
8.	Sporck	16	4	20	
	Pace	21	3	24	
			195	28	223
UWF, NAS, Corry			7	2	9
				202	30
					232

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### Baptist

Mrs. J. C. (Judy) Parrish, Mr. Theron Guthrie, Mrs. Jack (Barbara) McAndrews, Mrs. Drexel (Gladys) Poynter

#### Sacred Heart

Mrs. John (Emily) Murphy, Mr. Lee Hardy, Mr. Phil Payne

#### West Florida

Mr. John Walker, Mrs. L. D. (Doris) Rushing, Mr. Walter Bledsoe

### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Tommy McVoy, Jr., Mrs. William (Tallulah) Killam, Kyle Lee McNair

### SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Carlton Jackson in the death of his Mother, Mrs. Pearlie Jackson.  
Mr. Bill Farris in the death of his Father.

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in commemoration of the 100th birthday of Mr. C. T. Davis and are given by his daughters, Ola Mae Abbott and Alberta McCown.

### GUEST SPEAKER TO DEAF

Don Otwell, with the Deaf Department of the Florida Baptist Convention, will be the guest speaker to the deaf Sunday, December 14. After the worship service, there will be a covered dish luncheon in the church dining room. All deaf friends are invited to attend.

## CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES CENTER SCHEDULE

*Monday, Dec. 8 (Susie Sporck—DIC)*  
11:00- 1:00 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise Program  
4:30- 6:00 P.M.—Girls High School Basketball Practice—Phillip Napier in Charge.  
6:00-10:00 P.M.—P.C.R.A. Men's Basketball League Play  
Game Rooms open from 7-9:45 P.M. for all age groups.

*Tuesday, Dec. 9 (Ed Horne—DIC)*  
11:00- 1:00 P.M.—Women's Activity Time  
4:30- 6:00 P.M.—Basketball Practice  
Unassigned  
6:00- 7:30 P.M.—Open Skating  
7:30- 8:15 P.M.—13 and Under B. B. Practice—Joel Enderson in charge.  
8:15- 9:15 P.M.—Boys High School B. B. Practice—Greg Mabry in charge.  
9:15-10:00 P.M.—Men's B. B. Practice — Gary Newton in charge.  
Game Rooms open from 7-9:45 P.M. for all age groups.

*Wednesday, Dec. 10 (Max Dickson—DIC)*  
11:00- 1:00 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise Program  
4:30- 5:45 P.M.—Basketball Practice — Unassigned  
7:00- 8:30 P.M.—Open Gym Activity  
8:30- 9:15 P.M.—Men's Basketball Practice — Rick Leathewod in charge.  
9:15-10:00 P.M.—Men's Basketball Practice — Scott Bell in charge.

Game Room open from 7-9:45 P.M. for all age groups.

*Thursday, Dec. 11*  
4:30- 6:00 P.M.—Basketball Practice — 15 & Up team — Scott Hetrick in charge.  
6:00-10:00 P.M.—P.C.R.A. Boys High School Basketball League Play

Game Rooms open from 7-9:45 P.M. for all age groups.

*Friday, Dec. 12 (John Tidwell—DIC)*  
11:00- 1:00 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise Program  
4:30- 6:00 P.M.—Basketball unassigned  
6:00- 8:00 P.M.—Open Gym Activity  
8:00-10:00 P.M.—Open Skating  
10:00- 6:00 A.M.—St. Christopher's Episcopal Lock In — Rev. Ron Davis in Charge.

Game Rooms open from 7-9:45 P.M. for all age groups.

*Saturday, Dec. 13 (Joel Enderson—DIC)*  
8:00-11:00 P.M.—P.C.R.A. Basketball games

### Recreation Notes:

1. We need score board operators on Monday, Thursday and Saturday A.M. and P.M. If you can help, please let the office know. Any time will be a help.

## BAPTIST WOMEN (DAY) GROUP MEETINGS

*Tuesday, December 9*

9:30 A.M.—ROSIE B E D S O L E at the church in Adult 1.  
—MARY SAUNDERS at the church in the Cellar.  
10:00 A.M.—RALPH BETHEA with Mrs. Claude Hawkins, 4120 Piedmont Road.  
—VIRGINIA COBB with Mrs. S. G. Kennedy, 2100 E. Mallory St., Mrs. Henry Pohlmann, co-hostess.  
—STANLEY DAVIS with Mrs. T. H. Blackmon, 151 Dean Road.  
—CHARLOTTE OWENS with Mrs. Paul R. Gray, 511 Yeseroaks Circle, Gulf Breeze.  
—LAURA FRANCES SNOW with Mrs. W. P. Mooty, Heritage Apartments, Apt. 90A, 6115 N. Davis Hwy.  
11:00 A.M.—DALE TERRY with Mrs. Marshall P. King, 8905 Chemstrand Road, Covered Dish Luncheon.  
2:00 P.M.—HARVEY HEADRICK with Mrs. M. A. Farmer, 730 W. Jordan St.

## BAPTIST WOMEN (NIGHT)

7:00 P.M.—MARTHA HAYLOCK with Mrs. Ann Berrisford in the church library.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*Sunday, Dec. 7: "New Life for All"*

Colossians 3:1-11

*Monday, Dec. 8: "Assurance of God's Victory"* Isaiah 52:7-15

*Tuesday, Dec. 9: "The Coming of the Messiah"* Isaiah 9:1-7

*Wednesday, Dec. 10: "The Suffering Servant"* Isaiah 53:1-6

*Thursday, Dec. 11: "Peter's Witness to Christ"* Acts 2:22-36

*Friday, Dec. 12: "Jesus Exalted"* Philippians 2:5-11

*Saturday, Dec. 13: "The Sign of the Messiah"* Zechariah 9:9-14

## MENU

December 10, 1975

Hamburger Steak with

Mushroom Gravy

Baked Macaroni &

Cheese

Congealed Salad

Snowflake Roll &

Butter

Dessert

Tea

Coffee



## PUPPET MINISTRY

We are beginning to work on our puppet team for the new church year. If you are interested in working in this ministry, please contact Mrs. Raymond Taylor or Mrs. Ray Overton.

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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.

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## LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study .....	1193
Main Sunday School .....	1172
Crippled Children's Home .....	21
The Church in Training .....	494
Christian Training Hour .....	149
Other Training Activities .....	345
Coming for Membership .....	3
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$ 8,392.34
Specials .....	2,404.65
<b>TOTAL OFFERING .....</b>	<b>\$10,796.99</b>

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# ONLY 4

Sundays left to give your  
tithes and offerings in 1975

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## OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

### Sunday, December 7

- \* 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
- \* 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship Service
- 4:45 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- \* 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- \* 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship

### Monday, December 8

- \* 6:30 P.M.—Internationals Banquet,  
Dining Room
- 7:00 P.M.—Deacon's Meeting

### Tuesday, December 9

Baptist Women Group Meetings listed  
elsewhere in Builder.

- 3:00 P.M.—Council on Aging —  
Dining Room

- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts — "Cellar"

### Wednesday, December 10

- \* 4:45 P.M.—Choirs
- \* 5:45 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- \* 6:10 P.M.—Prayer Service
- \* 6:25 P.M.—Sunday School Officers and  
Teachers Meeting, Mission  
Friends, GA's, Acteens, RA's,  
and Joy Group

- \* 7:15 P.M.—Bible Study and Prayer  
—Visitation

- \* 7:15 P.M.—Visitation  
—Adult Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 11

- 7:00 P.M.—Nixon Daniel Memorial Class  
Dinner — Dining Room
- 6:30 P.M.—Adult 6 Christmas Party,  
"Cellar"

### Friday, December 12

- \* 6:30 P.M.—Adult Choir Banquet —  
Garden Center

### Saturday, December 13

- 6:00 P.M.—Adult 2 Church Training  
Department Christmas Party

\*Nursery Provided

See also Christian Activities Center  
Schedule.

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## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP NOVEMBER 30, 1975

### BY LETTER:

32. Bill Tabb, 4350 Fairfield Dr.

From: First Baptist, Troy, N.C.

33. Mrs. Bill Tabb (Diane)

34. Eugene Swearingen

USS Lexington — NAS

From: First Baptist, Martinsville, Va.