



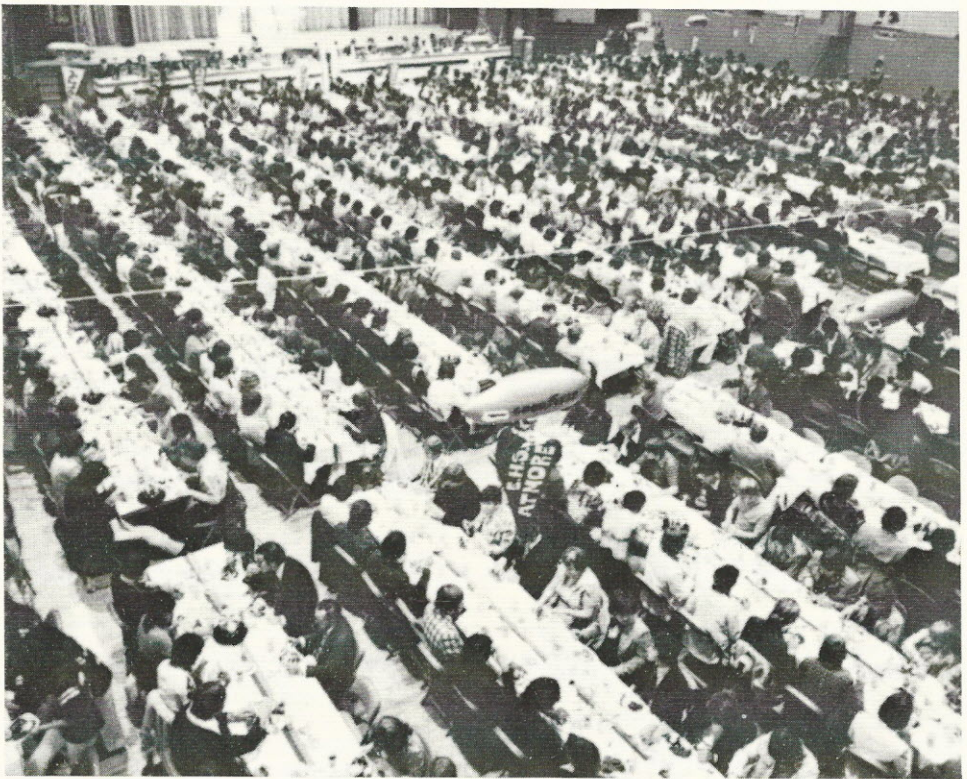
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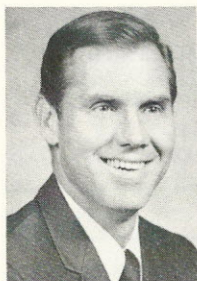
A SEA OF PEOPLE

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 |
| 9. | 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. Pearl 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 Leatherwood 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 BEDSOLE 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 Yester Oaks 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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writing, not later than 9:00 a.m. Mondays.

LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

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Tithes and Offerings:

Budget\$ 8,392.34

Specials 2,404.65

TOTAL OFFERING\$10,796.99

ONLY 4

Sundays left to give your
tithes and offerings in 1975

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

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—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.

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP NOVEMBER 30, 1975

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33. Mrs. Bill Tabb (Diane)

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