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CONGRATULATIONS MAYOR BURKS

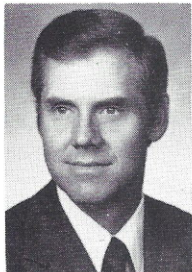


At the recent meeting of the Florida Baptist Convention, our own Barney Burks was elected President of the State Convention. We are proud of Brother Barney and pledge to him our prayers as he leads Florida Baptists in the coming year.

Pastor's Paragraphs

"A TIME FOR THANKSGIVING"

Bless you for the surprise party Sunday night! You make it a real joy to grow older. Thank you for the many, many cards and birthday remembrances. You're the greatest!



A man gave a child a piece of candy one day while visiting in a home. The age old admonition was given the child, "Now, what do you say sweetie." The answer came back fast, "Do you have another piece?" I'm afraid this seems to be the attitude of many of us. When

we should be thanking God for what He has done for us, we seem to be saying, "Lord, have you got more that I can have?" We're so busy grabbing that we fail to express our gratitude.

Thanksgiving means showing affection for the giver, and showing appreciation for the gift through activities of goodness and grace. Maybe we all need to start saying "thank you" a little more often. Surely it will make us feel better. This was the opinion of a doctor in South Wales. Nothing brightens life — our own and others — so much as the spirit of Thanksgiving. This doctor prescribed in certain cases of neurosis what he called his "thank you cure." When the patient came to him discouraged, pessimistic and full of his own woes, but without any symptoms of a serious ailment, he would give this advice; "For six weeks I want you to say 'thank you' whenever anyone does you a favor and to show you mean it emphasize the words with a smile." "But noone ever does me a favor, Doctor," the patient might complain. Whereupon, borrowing from the scripture, the wise old doctor would reply, "Seek and ye shall find." Six weeks later, more often than not, the patient would return with quite a new outlook on life, and now convinced that people had suddenly become more kind and friendly.

With a heart filled with gratitude for the blessing of being your pastor, I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday in the Father's House.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Dickie Creel and are given by Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Creel.

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

| Bus No. | Captain | Riders | Workers | Total |
|---------|------------|--------|---------|-------|
| 1 | Pope | 30 | 3 | 33 |
| 2 | Nelson | 31 | 3 | 34 |
| 3 | Kilpatrick | 31 | 4 | 35 |
| 4 | McNeill | 18 | 3 | 21 |
| 5 | Holley | 37 | 3 | 40 |
| 6 | Johnson | 42 | 4 | 46 |
| Van | | 15 | 3 | 18 |
| | | 204 | 23 | 227 |

Show Bus Results

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Attendance | 33 |
| New Riders Enrolled | 13 |

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Kimberly Warrick, Mrs. R. L. (Trish) Williams, Gary Allen, Mrs. H. G. (Catherine) Gray

Sacred Heart

Mrs. Lonnie (Marguerite) Webster

West Florida

Mrs. J. W. (Dorothy) Jones, Mr. Charles Roth, Mrs. James T. (Marie) Warthen

University

Mr. Horace Lowery

Medicenter, Mobile

Mrs. Sybil Riddell

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. James Riddle, Mrs. A. M. Crutchfield

SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Roy Ingram in the death of his sister.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"GREATER MISSION INVOLVEMENT"
(Romans 15:18-30)

(Rev. Ben Tomlinson, our Missionary in Residence, will bring the message.)
7:15 P.M.

"THE BODY OF CHRIST"
(Colossians 1:10-18)

(The Pastor will bring the message)

FOREIGN MISSIONS RALLY

On Monday, November 29, 1976, The Pensacola Bay Baptist Association will hold a Foreign Missions Rally at First Baptist Church of Gulf Breeze. Featured speakers for the 7:30 P.M. Rally will be Ben and Bettie Tomlinson, our missionaries on furlough from Taiwan.

The Rally will be preceded at 6:45 by a Brotherhood—WMU Banquet. Reservations for the banquet are made by purchasing a ticket (\$1.50 each) from the church office, not later than Sunday, November 28, 1976.



1976 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

November 28—December 5

National Goal\$29,000,000.00
Our Church Goal\$ 18,000.00

"GOOD NEWS OF A GREAT JOY"

"Joy comes with Christmas
in giving and getting presents
in hearing a carol
in reunions
in Christmas Cards"

However, the greatest joy comes in sharing and having a part in praying for our missionaries and giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering . . .

A Church wide privilege.

Sunday, Nov. 28—Ben Tomlinson, our Missionary-in-residence, preaching.

Monday, Nov. 29—10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group leads study and prayer.

6:45 P.M.—Annual Foreign Missions Banquet and Rally, Gulf Breeze Baptist Church.

Tuesday, Nov. 30—10:00 A.M.—Baptist Young Women will conduct the meeting.

Wednesday, Dec. 1—Immediately following the Fellowship Dinner, four prayer groups will be formed and will retire into separate rooms. Our Group leaders will be four Baptist Women — Miss Sarah Andress, Mrs. Michael Collins, Mrs. Wayne Hickman, and Miss Joan Peterson.

Thursday, Dec. 2—10:00 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship Meeting. The Ben Tomlinsons will be sharing their experiences.

Friday, Dec. 3—Special prayer at home with families.

THEY DID IT AGAIN!


The Post Office increased prices again on August 1st on all mail returned to the church. It now costs us 25c per piece returned. So, please let us know as far in advance as possible if you anticipate an address change so that the change can be made before the mail is returned. The cost jumped from 10c to 25c in one increase.

THANK YOU!

MENU

December 1, 1976

Fried Chicken
Buttered Lima Beans
Congealed Salad
Snowflake Roll and
Butter
Dessert
Tea Coffee



Mr. and Mrs. Luther Vernon Willis

request the honour of your presence

at the marriage of their daughter

Verna Kay

to

Mr. Robert Angus Jackson

on Saturday, the fourth of December

nineteen hundred and seventy-six

at half after seven o'clock

First Baptist Church

500 North Palafox Street

Pensacola, Florida

Reception immediately following

Fellowship Hall

CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES CENTER SCHEDULE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

6:00-10:00 P.M.—PCRA Men's Basketball
League

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Basketball practice per schedule (Call Activities Office)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

11:30- 1:30 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise
Class

7:30- 9:30 P.M.—Game Rooms Open

7:30- 9:30 P.M.—Gym Open

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

6:00-10:00 P.M.—PCRA Basketball
League

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

Activities Center Open

7:00- 9:30 P.M.—Game Rooms Open

7:00- 8:15 P.M.—Skating - Gym

8:15- 9:30 P.M.—Open Play

Puppeteers arrive from Gadsden

G.A. Slumber Party

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.—PCRA Basketball
League

10:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.—Puppet Seminar—
Game Room 2

7:00-10:00 P.M.—Activities Center Open

7:30 P.M.—Puppet Show for whole
church.

RECREATION NOTES:

All basketball coaches need to plan their practice time with the Activities Center Office. With eleven basketball teams trying to find practice time, practice will have to be limited to half court. Tuesday night is going to be the best night for practice so please call early.

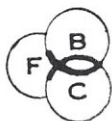
PUPPETS, PUPPETS, PUPPETS!! Saturday from 10:00 A.M. till 1:00 P.M., the "Rags & Sticks" puppet group from First Baptist Church, Gadsden, Alabama will be leading us in a puppet seminar. All interested youth and adults are invited to attend and learn first hand of this exciting ministry.

Saturday night the Christian Activities Center will be open for all to come with a special puppet show at 7:30 P.M. Bring children, youth, adults and friends for an exciting Saturday evening of fun and entertainment. Remember, Saturday Night, December 4.

SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The monthly meeting of our Senior Adult Fellowship will be held on Thursday, December 2, beginning at 10:00 A.M. The program will be on Foreign Missions and will feature Ben and Bettie Tomlinson.

We are planning a trip to the Westinghouse Plant on Thursday, December 9 and Friday, December 10. Please call the church office for reservations.



Minister of Activities

The *Christian Life Center* Committee and I feel that there is a real need for a control system for the *CLC*. We think it is important to know who is in the building at all times and that we have a system for check-out of equipment. The search for a system began. We found the "4 in 1 Name Tag System" to meet our needs.

Four things the name and tag accomplishes are:

1. It is a pass for entering the building. Those without name tags must complete a guest card and wear a guest name tag. With this system everyone in the building wears a name tag.

2. It puts name and faces together.

3. It is a method for check-out of equipment. This type of name tag has an insert tab with the individual's last name and number engraved on it; this will be left at the check-out window while using equipment. When the equipment is returned, he reclaims the insert to his name tag.

4. It serves as a way of keeping the daily attendance. Most churches are selling badges to participants to accomplish two objectives: it avoids taxing the church budget, and it motivates participants to keep up with tags realizing that they must pay again if tag is lost.

Churches that realize best results use membership policies which require joining the recreation program much like joining the Sunday School or a choir. When they join, a fee (\$2.50) is charged for the name tag only, not for membership. This also covers the cost for engraving the participant's name on the name tag.

Knowing and realizing all of these facts, we feel that this name tag system is best for the *Christian Life Center*.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, Nov. 28, 1976—Ezekiel 25:15-17
Ezekiel 24-26

Monday, Nov. 29, 1976—Ezekiel 28:12-19
Ezekiel 27-29

Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1976—Ezekiel 31:2-12
Ezekiel 30-32

Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1976—John 1:1-8
Ezekiel 33-34; John 1

Thursday, Dec. 2, 1976—John 3:14-21
Ezekiel 35-36; John 2-3

Friday, Dec. 3, 1976—John 4:5-14
Ezekiel 37; John 4-5

Saturday, Dec. 4, 1976—John 6:27-35
Ezekiel 38; John 6

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 Mrs. Lorraine Pulley, Dietician

All material to be included in the Builder
 should be in the office, preferably in writ-
 ing, not later than 9:00 a.m. Mondays.

LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study1318
 Main Sunday School1300
 Crippled Children's Home 18
 The Church in Training 674
 Christian Training Hour 201
 Other Training Activities 473
 Coming for Membership 11
 Tithes and Offerings:
 Budget\$16,133.64
 Specials 2,825.95
TOTAL OFFERING\$18,959.59

ONLY 5

Sundays left to give your
 tithes and offerings in 1976

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, November 28

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
- * 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 4:45 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 P.M.—Explorer's Bible Drill —
 Children's 5 Department
- * 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- * 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship, Ordinance
 of Baptism

Monday, November 29

- 6:45 P.M.—Assn. Brotherhood — WMU
 Mission Rally — First Bapt-
 ist Church — Gulf Breeze

Wednesday, December 1

- * 5:00 P.M.—Choirs
- * 5:45 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- * 6:15 P.M.—Mission Friends, GA's, Ac-
 teens, RA's and Prayer
 Groups
- * 7:15 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 2

- 10:00 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship —
 Dining Room

Saturday, December 4

- 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.—Puppet Seminar
 Activities Center
- * Nursery Provided
 Also see Christian Activities Center
 Schedule

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

NOVEMBER 21, 1976

BY LETTER:

- 39. Mr. William D. Cole, 4545 Menewa
 Path
 From: First Baptist, Pleasant Grove, Al.
- 40. Mrs. William D. Cole (Martha)
- 41. Kim Cole
- 42. Barry Cole
- 43. Mr. Doug Ford, Corryfield Station,
 NAS
 From: First Baptist of Lakewood,
 Tucuma, Washington
- 44. Mr. John M. Graves, 3301 E. Blount St.
 From: Olive Baptist, Pensacola, Fl.

BY STATEMENT:

- 1. Mr. Jerry Kirksey, 1601 N. X St.
- 2. Mrs. Jerry Kirksey
- 3. Mrs. Bernard B. Bond, 308 E. Sunset
 Ave.

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:

- 10. Mr. John K. McClain, 6880 W. Fair-
 field Dr., Apt. 121

FOR BAPTISM FROM OTHER DENOMINATION:

- 11. Mrs. John K. McClain (Joyce)