



# The Baptist Builder

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
PALAFOX and LaRUA STS.  
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

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PASTOR

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The Lottie Moon Christmas offering for Foreign Missions has a goal of 29 million dollars. First Baptist Church will strive to reach its goal of \$18,000.00.

Missy Fife (left to right), Becky Overman and Teresa Woody add beauty to the huge Christmas Wreath that will keep us aware of our progress toward the goal of \$18,000.00. The wreath is displayed in the Sanctuary. Each glowing light will represent \$600.00 in gifts from you. Thirty lights will indicate that we have reached our goal and light will shine where there is darkness because people will learn of the "Good News of a Great Joy."

# Pastor's Paragraphs

## DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY

Remember, the nicest gift should go to Lottie Moon! When you give a gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, you're giving a gift to Jesus Christ. Every penny of the money received in this offering will go to tell people around the world about Christ.

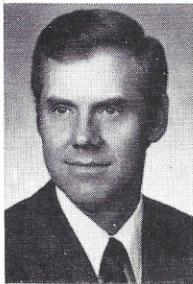
Perhaps you're not familiar with the story of Lottie Moon. She was appointed as a missionary from Virginia to China in 1873. So great was the need for telling the Gospel Story that Lottie remained in China past her second furlough — fifteen years — because there was no one to take her place. Weary, lonely, and overworked, she wrote a letter to the women of the South, begging them to take an offering at Christmas time to send two new missionaries to her field. That first offering resulted in sending three missionaries instead of two. This offering has become an annual affair. In 1918 Women's Missionary Union named it "The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering" as a memorial to her.

During the 1911 famine in China, Miss Moon wrote the Foreign Mission Board for funds with which to buy food for the Chinese. The Board was in debt and could not help. She then gave her inheritance from her Mother's estate. When this was gone, she gave part of her salary for relief and finally shared her own food with the starving Chinese until her own body was wasted.

When Miss Moon became so ill that a doctor was called, he pronounced her trouble STARVATION and advised that Miss Cynthia Miller, a trained nurse missionary to China, conduct her home to Virginia, U.S.A. Enroute home, in Kobe, Japan, Miss Moon died on Christmas Eve. According to the law of Japan her body was cremated. Her ashes were brought home by Miss Miller. Her friends in China some years later erected a marble monument over her grave in Crewe, Virginia. Engraved on it are the words, "Faithful unto death."

Each one of us should have a sacrificial part in this offering. Our church goal is \$18,000.

All of us are proud of Brother Barney Burks. As you know, he was recently elected President of the Florida Baptist Convention. We have a number of our finest people deeply involved in the work of the Lord, not only locally but throughout the Convention. Brother Charlie Overman is a member of the Brotherhood Commission. Mrs. Charles Clevenger is on the Florida Baptist Witness Convention.



## BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus	No.	Captain	Riders	Workers	Total
1.	Pope		31	3	34
2.	Nelson		27	2	29
3.	Kilpatrick		38	6	44
4.	McNeill		20	3	23
5.	Holley		30	2	32
6.	Johnson		31	4	35
	Van		9	4	13
			186	24	210

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### Baptist

Mr. Herbert Highsmith, David C. Allen, Mr. W. B. Hearon

#### Sacred Heart

Mrs. Curtis (Kittie) Morris, Miss Margaret Nelson, Mr. Warren Ackerman

#### West Florida

Mr. Ed Carp

#### University

Mr. Horace Lowery

#### Medicenter, Mobile

Mrs. Sybil Riddell

### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Kimberly Warrick, Mrs. R. L. (Trish) Williams, Gary Allen, Mrs. H. G. (Catherine) Gray, Mrs. Lonnie (Marguerite) Webster, Mrs. J. W. (Dorothy) Jones, Mr. Charles Roth, Mrs. James T. (Marie) Warthen, Dr. W. H. Coker

### SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Herbert Johnson in the death of her brother.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Linda Jernigan and Eugene Schley on their marriage November 26.

## SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"BORN AGAIN"

(John 3:1-21)

7:15 P.M.

"A GOOD MAN"

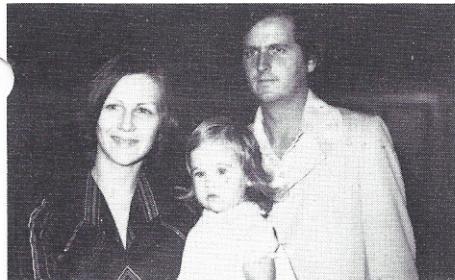
Mrs. Paul Gray is a member of the Baptist Bible Institute Board and at the recent Florida Baptist Convention, Brother Bill Gill was elected to serve on the Baptist Bible Institute Board. I thank the good Lord for a church concerned about the ministry of the Lord, not only locally but unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

God willing, I'll see you Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*

**RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP  
LAST WEEK**



*Mr. and Mrs. William J. Mabry  
Also Shown: Allison Mabry*

Also received were: Mr. Lowell W. Abney, Jr., Ms. Margaret Branning, Mrs. Jeanette Hurst, and Ms. Ann Koran.

## IN MEMORIAM

Luther C. Biddie  
1808 E. Jordan Street  
Joined our church by letter  
November 5, 1944  
Deceased November 29, 1976

TV Special  
GREATER SAN DIEGO  
BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE  
WALA-TV Channel 10

*Tuesday, December 7 — 9:00 P.M.*  
 Message "Why I Am An Optimist"  
 Guest soloists include Norma Zimmer  
 and Myrtle Hall

*Wednesday, December 8 — 8:00 P.M.*  
 Message "The Cost of Not Following  
 Christ"  
 Guest soloists include Tom Netherton  
 and Myrtle Hall

*Thursday, December 9 — 9:00 P.M.*  
 Message "The Sign of The Times And  
 The Coming Kingdom"  
 Guest soloists include Myrtle Hall

## **CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES CENTER SCHEDULE**

*Monday, December 6*  
6:00-10:00 P.M.—PCRA Men's Basketball  
League

*Tuesday, December 7*  
Basketball practice —  
Contact Activities Office

*Wednesday, December 8*  
11:30- 1:30 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise  
Program

7:30- 9:30 P.M.—Activities Center Open  
Game Rooms open  
Gym open

*Thursday, December 9*  
Basketball practice —  
Contact Activities Office

*Friday, December 10*  
7:00-10:00 P.M.—Family Night  
7:00- 8:30 P.M.—Skating  
8:30-10:00 P.M.—Gym-Open play  
Game Rooms open

*Saturday, December 11*  
8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.—PCRA Basketball  
Leagues

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, December 5: John 8:12-20  
 Ezekiel 39; John 7-8

Monday, December 6: John 10:1-11  
 Ezekiel 40; John 9-10

Tuesday, December 7: John 11:21-27  
 Ezekiel 41; John 11-12

Wednesday, December 8: John 14:1-7  
 Ezekiel 42-43; John 13-14

Thursday, December 9: John 15:1-12  
 Ezekiel 44; John 15-16

Friday, December 10: John 17:9-19  
 Ezekiel 45; John 17-18

Saturday, December 11: John 19:4-16  
 Ezekiel 46-47; John 19

## CHRISTMAS AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, Dec. 12, 7:15 p.m. —  
"The Magnificent Gift" Church Choir/  
Drama

Monday, Dec. 13, 7:15 p.m. —  
"The Magnificent Gift" Church Choir/  
Drama

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m.—  
"Sights and Sounds of Christmas"  
Children's Choirs

Sunday, Dec. 19, 7:15 p.m. —  
"A White Christmas" High School Choir/  
Brass Ensemble

Sunday, Dec. 19, 8:30 p.m.—  
Christmas Caroling - High School - Col-  
lege Youth

Wednesday, Dec. 22, 6:00 p.m.—  
"Christmas Vespers" - A Worship Service

Wednesday, Dec. 22, 7:00 p.m.—  
Christmas Buffet for the church family

Wednesday, Dec. 22, 8:15 p.m. —  
Christmas Caroling - High School - Col-  
lege Youth

Sunday, Dec. 26, 7:15 p.m. —  
"Celebrate Life" - College Choir

# "The Magnificent Gift"

presented by :

The Music Ministry of First Baptist Church



## *FBC Music Ministry Presents* **THE MAGNIFICENT GIFT**

*Sunday and Monday Evenings*  
*December 12th and 13th at 7:15*

Remember those dates because EVERYONE is invited! Even now posters and personal invitations are being distributed announcing an event that will be a season of blessing for all who come. The program includes selections from "His Love Reaching", "The Nativity" and others. A 25 piece orchestra will accompany the Adult Choir, while dramatic participants provide a visual presentation under special lighting and multi-media effects. Surely the Lord will bless the hundreds of hours spent in preparation. So come, won't you? And bring a friend!

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## **MINISTRY THROUGH FOSTER HOMES**

Mrs. Wanda Kilpatrick, a member of our congregation, is the representative of the Florida Baptist Children's Home in this area. Her office is in the Baptist Building at 260 W. Jordan Street. Mrs. Kilpatrick is anxious to enlist couples who would be interested in serving as foster parents. In that connection, she is holding an orientation conference on the foster home ministry of the Florida Baptist Children's Home on Thursday, December 9th, 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. Attendance at the conference would be for the purpose of obtaining insight and information and would not commit those attending to serve as foster parents. If you would like additional information — or just want to talk to Wanda about this ministry, call her at 434-0243.

## 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!

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## A PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

We pray, Lord Jesus, for our President. We are deeply concerned that he may know the will of God, and that he may have the spiritual courage and grace to follow it.

Deliver him, we pray from self considerations. Lift him above the claims of politics. Save him from the friends who, in the name of politics or even friendship, would persuade him from that holy path.

Strengthen and empower his advisors. Bring them, too, to their knees in prayer. May their example and their influence spread, that we, in these United States, may yet have a government of men who know Thee, the Almighty God, as their Lord, and who place Thy will first in their lives as well as in their prayers. Hear and answer, we pray Thee, forgiving us all unworthiness, cleansing us from every ignoble thought and selfish ambition that we may be renewed in spirit and mind and heart, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

—From the *Prayers of Peter Marshall*  
I pledge my prayers for OUR leaders.

### MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mrs. Charles Cox, Sr. and are given by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Burks.



### LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

OUR GOAL.....	\$18,000.00
GIVEN TO DATE .....	\$ 731.05

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### CHURCH OFFICERS

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Hiram Smith, Jr., S.S. Director.....	432-4697
William M. Hetrick, Dir. of Church Training.....	476-9266
Miss Sarah Andress, W.M.U. Director.....	432-5594
Mrs. Joseph F. Boykin, Sr., Director of Library Services.....	455-7925
Robert D. Hinson, Treasurer	

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### CHURCH STAFF — Residence Phones

Dr. James L. Pleitz, Pastor.....	433-1502
Clyde K. Bizzell, Asst. to Pastor.....	432-7237
Paul Royal, Minister of Music.....	432-8573
John G. McInnis, Jr., Minister of Outreach and Middle School Youth.....	433-8605
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Mrs. Marsha Cetti, Receptionist	
Mrs. Lorraine Pulley, Dietician	

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 .....	1005
Main Sunday School .....	989
Crippled Children's Home .....	16
The Church in Training .....	594
Christian Training Hour .....	201
Other Training Activities .....	393
Coming for Membership .....	1
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$8165.64
Specials .....	1133.04
<b>TOTAL OFFERING .....</b>	<b>\$9298.68</b>

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# ONLY 4

Sundays left to give your  
tithes and offerings in 1976

## OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

### Sunday, December 5

- \* 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

### Monday, December 6

- 7:00 P.M.—Deacon's Meeting
- 7:00 P.M.—Associational Training Union  
    “M” Night, Myrtle Grove

### Tuesday, December 7

- \* 9:45 A.M.—Baptist Women's Day
- \* 6:00 P.M.—Baptist Women's Night

### Wednesday, December 8

- \* 5:00 P.M.—Choirs
- \* 5:45 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- \* 6:10 P.M.—Prayer Service
- \* 6:25 P.M.—Mission Friends, GA's, Ac-  
        teens, RA's, and Joy Group  
        —Prayer and Bible Study  
        —Sunday School Workers  
        Meeting
- \* 7:15 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 9

- \* 6:00 P.M.—Internationals Christmas  
        Party — Dining Room
- 7:30 P.M.—Orientation Conference Re.  
        Foster Homes — Baptist  
        Office

### Friday, December 10

- 6:30 P.M.—Silent Class Christmas Party  
        Dining Room

\*Nursery Provided  
Also see Christian Activities Center  
Schedule

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## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP NOVEMBER 28, 1976

### ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:

- 12. Carole Holladay, 766 Boxwood, Pensacola, Fl.