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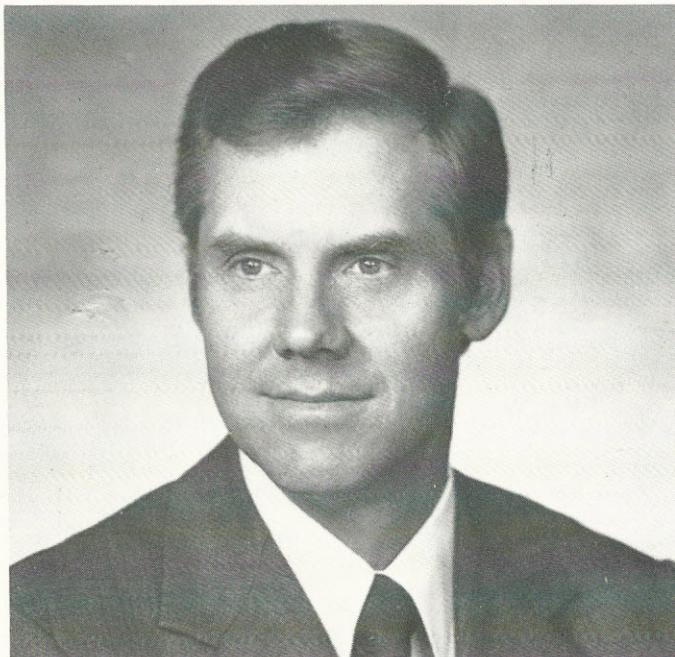
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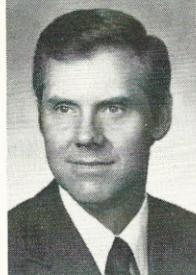
SUNDAY - 7:15 P.M.

Pastor's Paragraphs

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE NEW SHEPHERD

Dear Fellow Shepherd:

If "fellow shepherd" sounds impersonal, you will understand. We still don't know your name, but God has known since BEFORE you were born.



These wonderful people are now YOUR flock. I have fed them and led them for over 18 years - but they are now YOUR flock. To the best of my ability, I have been their shepherd - but they are now YOUR flock. (This

shepherd will always love THESE sheep, but they are now YOUR sheep, and you are THEIR shepherd.)

Be patient with them. They may look you over for a while, but they will soon come to love and trust you. If at first they tell you their former shepherd could walk on the water, don't believe it. He tried it a couple of times, but went to the bottom both times!

Shepherd, lead these sheep gently in love and compassion. Many of them have been bruised and scarred by the circumstances of life. If on occasion they are irritable and hard to lead, the chances are they're hurting somewhere.

Do your best under God to lighten their load. Lead them frequently to the lush green pastures. Quench their thirst by guiding them to the still waters of God's Word.

Give special attention to the old sheep and the little lambs. These folk are easily overlooked, but they deserve your special care. (There are a number of old sheep in this flock who have faithfully followed the Great Shepherd for years. What an inspiration they are to me!)

Lead these sheep gently, shepherd, and you'll be absolutely amazed at how they respond to your leadership . . . And finally, shepherd friend, pray for me - pray that I will be a good shepherd to the sheep that the GREAT SHEPHERD has assigned to me. My prayer for you is that your years in this church will be as happy and joyful as these last 18 years have been for this shepherd and his wife and family. May God bless you as you lead this great church.

James L. Pleitz



OCTOBER OUTREACH

A new church year means a new beginning for the Sunday School departments. One crucial task for every department is to organize for outreach. Department directors and outreach leaders need to begin some basic outreach actions this month. Here are some ideas:

Preschool - As you visit, help parents renew their lives through faith in Jesus. Begin a list of ways to locate prospects. Contact bus outreach director for names of preschoolers' families to visit. Prepare special invitations to church and place these in the treat bag on Halloween night.

Children - Assign every enrolled child to a worker for home visitation. Assign prospects to a worker for home visitation (see preschool ideas). During October, visit assigned children.

Bus outreach workers have been concerned about ministering more effectively to the spiritual needs of bus families. One project that has been completed is the distribution of HOME LIFE magazines to each family. Bus workers have been enthusiastic about establishing a pattern of concern this year. The outlook for outreach this month is a bright one if all workers in our church are committed to the task of teaching and reaching.

BUS OUTREACH REPORT

October 8, 1977

Bus

No.	Captain	Enr.	Riders	Workers	Total
1	Driskell	47	8	3	11
2	Nelson	55	25	2	27
3	Ackerman	67	31	2	33
4	McNeill	60	33	4	37
*5	Holley	69	42	3	45
6	Watson	56	22	4	26
7	Holt	30	10	4	14
Van 1	Thompson-Hutton	4	3	2	5
Van 2	Royal	3	2	1	3
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		381	176	25	201
	Other Bus Services				5
	Total Bus Services				206

*High Attendance: Bill Holley, Captain; Dave Sheill, Jimmy Magaha, Teri Beck

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.
"THE INTERRUPTIONS OF LIFE"

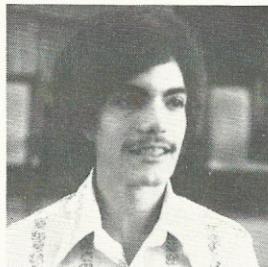
7:15 P.M.
Pleitz Appreciation Service

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP

OCTOBER 9, 1977



Greg Bass



Tom Carpenter



*Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Durrence,
Also shown: Lori & Cara
Durrence*



Alyson Eyer



Meredith King



*Mr. & Mrs. Paul Knowles,
Robert & Joseph Knowles*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mr. John W. Creel, Sr., Mrs. R. L. (Lillie) Kendrick, Mrs. Joe (Bobbie) Tillman, Mr. Morris Nunn, Mrs. J. Nixon (Chris) Daniel, Jr., Mrs. Keith (Janet) Ellis

Specialty Care

Mr. Morris Stone

Sacred Heart

Mr. Blondy A. Smith, Mr. Spencer West, Mrs. Lois Burton

West Florida

Miss Sarah Andress

University Hospital

Miss Ruth McAdams

Calgary General Hospital, Canada

Miss Gladys Windsor

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. H. (Vann) Santoro, Mrs. George (Mildred) Hughes, Mrs. Russell J. (Mary Ethel) Smith, Mrs. Gerald (Jane) Hicks, Mrs. Charles (Arla) Danforth, Mr. Mose Penton, Mrs. Pearl Owens, Mr. Hardy Cornett, Mrs. Bill (Jonnie) Combs

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Vernon Phillips in the death of her sister.

Mrs. Betty Gentry in the death of her Mother.

Mrs. Christine Gladden in the death of her Mother.

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

OCTOBER 9, 1977

BY LETTER:

9. Gerald Durrence, 4190 Stringfield From: First Baptist, Vidalia, Ga.
10. Mrs. Gerald Durrence (Elaine)
11. Paul Knowles, 3826 W. Lloyd From: West Highland Baptist, Pensacola, Fl.
12. Mrs. Paul Knowles (Gloria)
13. Robert Knowles
14. Joseph Knowles

BY STATEMENT:

1. Meredith S. King, 83 South Garfield Dr.

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:

12. Greg Bass, 4045 Kingsberry Dr.
13. Tom Carpenter, Rt. 2, Box 610-39
14. Alyson Eyer, 406 W. Lloyd

BAPTIZED:

Collin Askew, Greg Bass, Beverly Burns, Alyson Eyer, Richard Henthorn, Mark White, Bert Hickman, Marty Hickman, George Kavalaskia, Kelli Wise, Michael Wise, Darlene Withey

REDEDICATION:

Terri Driskell, Carolyn Norris

Mrs. William Sielaff in the death of her Father.

Mrs. Marguerite Agee in the death of her sister.

CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES CENTER SCHEDULE

Monday, October 17

Noon-1:30 P.M.—Men's Exercise
6:00-10:00 P.M.—PCRA High School
Volleyball

Tuesday, October 18

7:00- 9:00 P.M.—High School Puppet
Practice

Wednesday, October 19

Noon-1:30 P.M.—Men's Exercise
7:00- 9:00 P.M.—CAC Open

Thursday, October 20

9:00- 1:30 P.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship
5:00-10:30 P.M.—Middle School & High
School Youth to Fair

Friday, October 21

CAC Closed

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Baptist Hospital is presently recruiting Volunteers (15 to 18 years of age) and adult volunteers for afternoons, evenings and weekends. Training is scheduled for October. Call 434-4935 for application and information.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Middle School and High School youth will be going to the Interstate Fair Thursday, October 20. Separate buses for each group will be leaving the church at 5:00 p.m. Since Friday is a school holiday for youth, the groups will be leaving the Fair at 10:30 p.m. to return to the church.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Montaree Barrineau and are given by her family.

PENSACOLA BAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

MEETING

Thursday, October 20

9:00 A.M.—Boulevard Baptist

7:00 P.M.—Union Hill

Friday, October 21

9:00 A.M.—FBC, Cantonment

“THE LIGHT AND THE GLORY”

Peter Marshall - David Manuel

You may sit back with this book and let your mind wander into the beginning of America's history. However, it is more than history because you become very aware of your spiritual roots, the real foundation of this nation! From Christopher Columbus to George Washington, you will meet men of great faith.

The name Christopher means “Christ-bearer” and Columbus became convinced that God was calling him to bear the Light of Christ to undiscovered lands.

Many people you will meet in this book were not always good examples for Christ. There has been more than one “Watergate” in this great nation's history.

Today our land seems to be in turmoil. Nations to whom we have given freely are almost unanimous in their hatred of us. Our economy is unstable. Drugs, alcohol, sexual promiscuity, pornography, etc. are just a few problems that concern Christian people. Some people say America has reached the “point of no return.” Yet such is God's mercy that He does not even require the whole nation to repent. It is enough for those who know Him as He tells us in II Chronicles 7:14:

“If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

CHURCH VOTES TO BUILD

The church in a special business meeting last Sunday evening approved the recommendation of the Deacons and Building Planning Committee which awards a contract for the building of the North Wing and Elevator. At the same time a recommendation was approved that we engage in a special campaign to raise the necessary funds for this project.

BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY - 6:30 P.M.

in the Sanctuary

AGENDA

1. Recommendation of Deacons concerning Pulpit Committee
2. Report of Nominating Committee

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Mrs. Nancy Beuris, Membership Secretary
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.

LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study	1368
Main Sunday School	1349
Crippled Children's Home	19
The Church in Training	708
Christian Training Hour	204
Other Training Activities	504
Coming for Membership	10
Baptized	12
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$12,104.64
Specials	\$ 5,126.57
Total Offering	\$17,231.21

MENU

October 19, 1977
Baked Ham
Macaroni and Cheese
Buttered Lima Beans
Roll and Butter
Dessert
Tea Coffee



OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, October 16

- 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
 New Member Class No. 1
- 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
 4:45 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
 7:15 P.M.—Pleitz Appreciation Service

Monday, October 17

10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group

Tuesday, October 18

- 9:30 A.M.—Baptist Young Women —
 Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 A.M.—Laura Stoessen Roundtable
 with Mrs. A. C. Johnson,
 611 Woodbine Drive

Wednesday, October 19

- 4:45 P.M.—Children's Choirs
 Middle School Choir
 High School Acteens
- 5:45 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- 6:00 P.M.—College Choir Rehearsal
- 6:10 P.M.—Prayer Service
- 6:25 P.M.—Mission Friends, GA's, RA's
- 6:30 P.M.—Business Meeting in Sanctuary

Thursday, October 20

- 9:00 A.M.—Assn. Meeting - Boulevard
- 9:30 A.M.—Internationals
- 12:00 noon—Faithful Workers Sunday
 School Annual Luncheon
 Dining Room
- 7:00 P.M.—Assn. Meeting - Union Hill

Friday, October 21

9:00 A.M.—Assn. Meeting - FBC Canton-
 ment

Saturday, October 22

8:30 A.M.—Bus Visitation Breakfast
 Meeting - The Cellar

THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was
placed there in honor of

MISS LAURA ALLASON ELLIS
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Keith Ellis
born October 8, 1977