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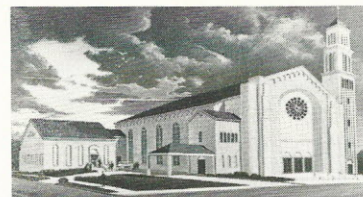
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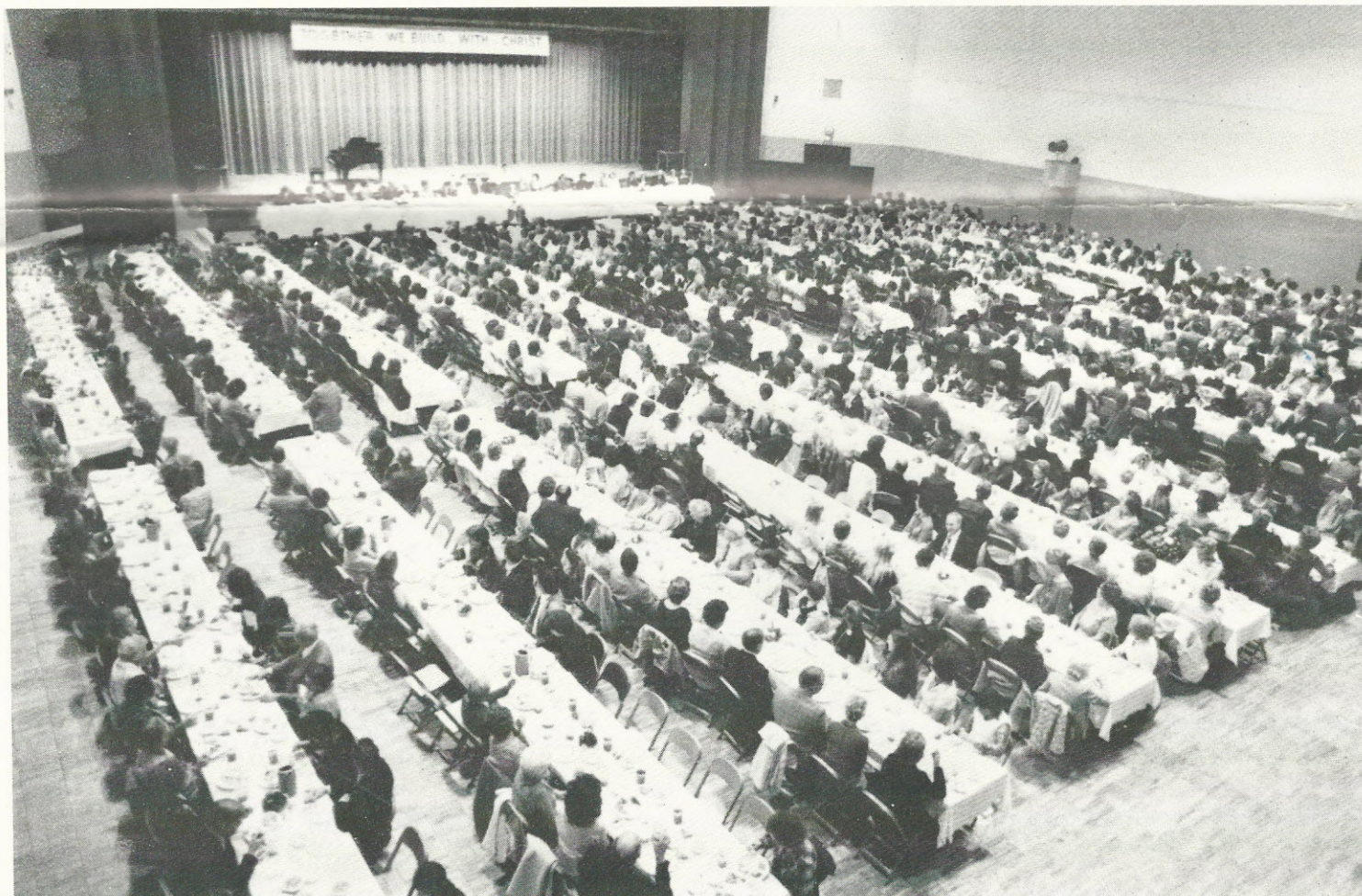


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1,000 Present For Building Banquet



About a thousand people were present for the Building Banquet on Monday night. It was a time of rich Christian fellowship and inspiration. The fellowship, the testimonies, the message, the music inspired all who were present to do our share in "Together . . . We Build . . . With Christ."

FELLOWSHIP/REPORT MEETING

Now that the general canvassing is under-way, regular report meetings will be held for those teams visiting to return completed pledge cards to Mr. Bob Salter, Canvass Chairman, at these meetings.

These report meetings will be informal get-togethers in the dining room. Mr. Theron Guthrie and his committee will have light refreshments ready each time. Workers may serve themselves after making their reports.

A final report meeting will be Sunday evening, November 27, which is the time for the return of all cards. The final total of the campaign will be announced the following Sunday in the worship service.

CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES CENTER SCHEDULE

Monday, Nov. 21

12:00-1:30 P.M.—Men's Exercise
6:00-10:00 P.M.—PCRA Volleyball League

Tuesday, Nov. 22

Basketball Practice

5:00-6:00 P.M.—11 & Under—
Bill Thompson
6:00-7:00 P.M.—13 & Under—
Joel Enderson
7:00-8:00 P.M.—15 & Under—
Bob Crumpton
7:00-9:00 P.M.—Macrame Class
7:00-9:00 P.M.—Puppet Practice

Wednesday, Nov. 23

12:00-1:30 P.M.—Men's Exercise
7:30-9:30 P.M.—Open Activities
8:30-10:00 P.M.—17 and under Basketball Practice—Barry Royal

Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24-25

Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays

REC. NOTES

Many people have requested that we make available some new and different styles of shirts and jerseys through the CAC. This has now been done. Three styles of shirts have been ordered that will suit the taste of even the most discriminating. All the styles and various colors will make an excellent gift for yourself or others. Watch for more news about these as their date of arrival is December 15.

"IN THE GARDEN"

PRAYER RETREAT

All Baptist Women

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

1:30 - 3:30

The Cellar

INTRODUCING

Anis Shorosh: The liberated Palestinian



Sunday in our church we are to have Anis Shorosh. This man grew up in Nazareth. Anis' parents were led to Christ by Southern Baptist missionaries in Nazareth. His father was the first Palestinian Arab to be ordained a Baptist minister. His father was killed in the battle of Nazareth in 1948. When the Israelis occupied Nazareth, Mrs. Shorosh and the three children fled on camels to Jordan. Missionaries at the Southern Baptist hospital in Ajlun, Jordan trained him as a lab technician. He did so well that the Baptists recommended him for a scholarship in the United States. He did not have a high school diploma when he arrived in Mississippi, but 33 months later he received his B.A. degree in English from Mississippi College. He felt called to the ministry and completed his studies in theology at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. There he met Nell Martz, a young nurse from Alabama who became his wife. After graduation in 1959, they returned to the Middle East. Anis was Chaplain of the Mission Hospital in Ajlun and village evangelist; Nell taught in the Nursing School. Then they moved to Jerusalem where Anis was pastor of the Jerusalem Baptist Church. In 1966, after 7 years in the Holy Land, Anis obeyed God's call to full time evangelism. He moved his wife and four children to Mobile, Alabama where they still live. He preaches in churches literally all over the world. We look forward to hearing him Sunday.



Our bus outreach workers are continuing to minister in a tremendous way to physical and spiritual needs of families. Home Life magazines have been distributed to all of our bus families. Food, clothing and furniture have been delivered and donations are continuing to come in for several families in special need.

The Middle School Youth Council and Sunday School Workers will be distributing EVENT magazines to all Middle School youth Saturday. The outreach project will also include organizing and planning for ministering to needy families at Thanksgiving.

BUS OUTREACH REPORT

November 13, 1977

Bus No.	Captain	Enr.	Riders	Workers	Total
1	Driskell	51	20	2	22
2	Nelson	56	32	5	37
3	Ackerman	72	28	4	32
4	McNeill	64	19	3	22
*5	Holley	72	42	2	44
6	Watson	47	25	4	29
7	Holt	27	10	4	14
Vans		7	4	2	6
		396	180	26	206

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

DEACONS OF THE WEEK FOR NEXT WEEK

John K. Edwards—433-2356

Ed Bell—476-5990

Jack Overman—433-2904

The deacons of the week will participate in the worship services on Sunday and then will be assisting in various ministries such as hospital visitation during the week.

TRIP TO BIRMINGHAM FESTIVAL OF SACRED MUSIC NOVEMBER 25-26, 1977

We have a few spaces available on our trip to Birmingham to the Festival of Sacred Music on November 25 and 26th. If you are interested in going with us, please call the church office for details. We need to complete plans within the next few days.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mrs. Nellie Howland and are given by Frank and Todd Howland.

THE CANVASS BEGINS! PRAY ABOUT YOUR PLEDGE

In order to raise a minimum of \$750,000 in three-year pledges, it has been agreed that we will conduct between November 15 and November 27th an organized intensive person-to-person solicitation for building fund pledges payable weekly.

We will solicit each family of the church INDIVIDUALLY and PRIVATELY in the homes during the canvass period. There will be no solicitation in groups or meetings. Nor, will any solicitation be conducted by mail.

These pledges are to be over and above the usual church budget pledge and are expected to lift the giver into the realm of sacrificial giving.

EQUAL SACRIFICES—NOT EQUAL PLEDGES—MUST BE SOUGHT. EACH FAMILY WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE THE LARGEST SACRIFICE OF THEIR LIFETIME FOR THEIR CHRIST AND THEIR CHURCH.

Our church will be able to successfully complete this campaign only if each of us gives as he believes that:

- To SERVE our faith is more important than being served.
- The mission of our church is EXTENSION rather than subsistence.
- GIVING is the Christian "Way of Life."
- Each needs to give for the good of HIS spiritual vitality.
- Completion of the building program will provide us many opportunities for expanded service.

Increased giving will develop greatly increased interest in our church and in our own spiritual lives. Church members should look upon this canvass as the opportunity to make the GREATEST SACRIFICE OF THEIR LIFETIME FOR THE LORD. This sacrifice will represent a truly great investment in the cultivation of spiritual lives.

Christ poured out his life in loving concern for the lost. We must let the love of Christ shine through our own hearts until we show forth his courage in guiding others into the way of unselfishness and joyous giving.

This campaign presents an opportunity for each of our members to face the question of whether he adheres to the Christian values professed. It should be recognized that the real goal of the canvass is to find out how much the members of this church are willing to sacrifice.

EARNEST PRAYER IS ESSENTIAL. Each family member is urged to pray before making a pledge. It takes courage to make a sacrificial pledge. That courage comes to those who pray.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE DECISION TO SACRIFICE, A SPIRITUAL IMPACT WILL BE FELT. Each will feel a new sense of stewardship of his talents and resources. Interests in the church will be increased. A new sense of brotherhood will emerge. New leadership will be born into the life of the church.

REACH OUT

For the next two Sundays, Adult Sunday School teachers and class officers will be encouraging members to sign the PERSONAL COMMITMENT CARD for Reach Out Visitation November 29. High School Department workers will sign up the High School Youth. With several hundred new prospects in the church updated prospect file, the task is great. We, as members, need to match the challenge with several hundred visitors on REACH OUT TUESDAY in order to enjoy a great blessing from a task well done.

CANVASS TIMETABLE

Most of our six-week "Together . . . We Build . . . With Christ" campaign this far has been devoted to informing the membership and training campaign workers. Three weeks remain for an intensive period of canvassing when each member makes his pledge toward the \$750,000 goal.

SPECIAL GIFTS—Most of those included in the special gifts area have already made their pledge. Dr. Don Jacobs and the special gifts canvassers are contacting the rest of these individuals now.

CANVASSERS—The canvassers started calling in the homes of our membership on Tuesday, November 15. All pledge cards are to be turned in no later than Sunday afternoon, November 27th at 4:00 p.m.

ADULTS IN CHURCH TRAINING

These are the Adult Church Training Groups presently meeting:

1. Leader, Charles Griffin—meets in Adult 6
A study of the Synoptic Gospels, the Books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, exploring the similarities and the differences in these Books of the Bible, set in a Historical and Theological background. Emphasis on the teachings of Jesus.
2. Leader—James Callaway—meets in Adult I
A verse-by-verse study of the Book of James, in a discussion format, relying on participation of class members. Approximately 8-10 verses being covered each week.
3. Leaders, Dr. Robert Wilson & Mike Johnson—Meets in Church Dining Room
A survey of the first five Books of the Bible, emphasizing the significant Historical Events, important Biblical Concepts, and key individuals described in these Books.
4. Leader, John Entrekin—Meets in Adult II—Behind Library
A study of prayer, exploring the Bible to learn, among other things, why we ought to pray, how to pray, what to expect from prayer and how to perceive and accept God's answers to our prayers.

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP



Gage Clevenger

*Mr. and Mrs. Estus Louie Puckett
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter*

Patricia Ann

to

*Mr. Charles Carson Walker, Jr.
on Saturday, the twenty-sixth of November
Nineteen hundred and seventy-seven
at half after seven o'clock in the evening
First Baptist Church
Pensacola, Florida*

PRAY FOR THE PULPIT COMMITTEE

Your Pulpit Committee has received nearly a hundred suggestions from members of the congregation and others. Every one of the men suggested is being prayerfully and seriously considered in seeking God's will for our church. Since the committee's appointment weeks ago, it has met with denominational leaders, staff, Seminary Presidents, former pulpit committee members and several other church leaders. Committee members have traveled thousands of miles to visit ten outstanding pastors in five states these past three Sundays.

Information and suggestions from any of you will be welcome. We ask for your continuing prayers and support.

T. A. SHELL
Chairman

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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 study	1,287
Main Sunday School	1,263
Crippled children's home	24
The Church in Training	688
Christian Training Hour	209
Other Training Activities	479
Coming for Membership	1
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$11,995.61
Building Fund	6,010.00
Specials	945.50
Total Offering	\$18,951.11

MENU

November 23, 1977

Fried Chicken
 Buttered Corn
 Congealed Salad
 Roll & Butter
 Dessert
 Tea Coffee



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mr. Morris Nunn, Mrs. J. P. Fiveash,
 Mrs. Lottie Bowman.

Specialty Care:

Mrs. R. L. (Lillie) Kendrick.

Sacred Heart:

Mr. W. D. Gibson, Jr.

West Florida:

Mrs. Paul (Bonnie) Royal.

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mr. Otis Forehand, Mrs. A. Read
 Saunders, Mrs. William R. (Myriam)
 Hood.

DIVISION LEADERS HAVE MADE THEIR PLEDGE



At a recent meeting, the Division Leaders
 are shown turning in their pledges to Can-
 vass Director Bob Salter. You will have an
 opportunity to turn in your pledge when a
 canvasser calls in your home.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

The bi-monthly Prayer Breakfast will be
 held Tuesday, November 22, at 6:45 A.M.
 in the church dining room. All are invited
 to attend.

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, November 20

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

Monday, November 21

10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
 7:00 P.M.—Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, November 22

6:45 A.M.—Prayer Breakfast—
 Dining Room
 7:00 P.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group—
 Library
 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts—Cellar

Wednesday, November 23

- ° 4:45 P.M.—Children's Choirs
- ° 5:45 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- ° 6:25 P.M.—Mission Friends
- ° 6:30 P.M.—Thanksgiving Service—
 Sanctuary
- ° 7:30 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 24

THANKSGIVING—OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 26

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

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP NOVEMBER 13, 1977

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:

20. Marc Hudson, 11 Emory Dr.

ADULTS IN CHURCH TRAINING

On Sunday evening, our visiting preacher,
 Anis Shorosh, will give his testimony and
 show a film at the Church Training Hour.
 You will not want to miss this as you will
 not want to miss hearing him at 11:00
 and 7:15.