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### BUILDING GOING UP



Dr. Paul Gray and Bob Hinson, General Co-Chairmen of our TOGETHER ... WE BUILD ... WITH CHRIST effort, are shown here examining the progress of the building. Even as the walls are going up, our people are responding to the need for funds to construct this building. Every dollar given now will save us interest in the future. Let's all join in and "Together . . . Build . . . With Christ."

## WILL YOU DO LESS?

"I pledge allegiance to the flag . . . ." "On my honor I . . . ." "I do," "To tell the truth, the whole truth and . . . ." Each of these phrases suggests a commitment, a dedication, a pledge to a worthy cause.

The man who refuses to pledge is a man without God, country, wife, home, charge accounts, utilities, job, voting rights, driver's license. Yet some men and women find it within their hearts to refuse to give positive support to their church and its ministries around the world. Definite support is withdrawn through the use of this simple statement, "I don't believe in pledging."

To refuse to pledge is to refuse the promises of the Lord as recorded in Psalms and Proverbs.

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" (Psalm 37:5). "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established" (Proverbs 16:3).

The book of Nehemiah records for us the account of Nehemiah's magnificent leadership in rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem and the respect for the Lord within the hearts of the people. At one point in the rebuilding of the wall, as recorded in Chapter 5, strife strikes from within. The people became selfish and bitter. Nehemiah calls the people together and says to them, "It is not good that ye do; ought ye not to walk in the fear of the Lord?" Then Nehemiah "took an oath of them, that they should do according to this promise . . . ." "And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the Lord. And the people did according to this promise."

The people were challenged and they responded with a pledge to do the will of the Lord. Will you do less?

## CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES CENTER SCHEDULE

Monday, November 28

12 noon—Men's Exercise

Tuesday, November 29

Basketball Practice:

5-6 P.M.—11 & under—Bill Thompson  
6-7 P.M.—13 & under—Joel Enderson  
7-8 P.M.—15 & under—Bob Crumpton  
8-9 P.M.—High School Girls—Bob Harrison  
7-9 P.M.—Macrame Class  
7-9 P.M.—Puppet Practice

Wednesday, November 30

12 noon—Men's Exercise

7:30-9:30 P.M.—Open Activities

8:30 P.M.—17 & under Basketball Practice—  
Barry Royal

Thursday, December 1

7-9 P.M.—FBC Intramural Volleyball

Friday, December 2

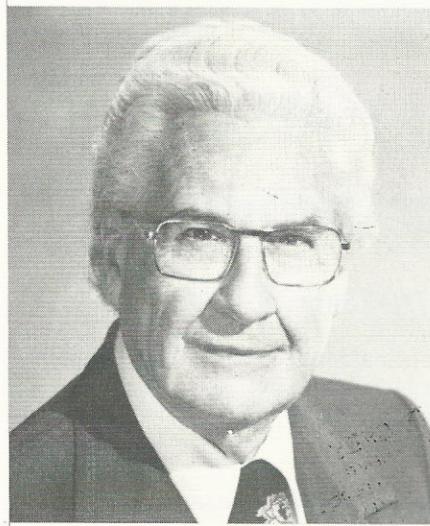
12 noon—Men's Exercise

REC. NOTES

Basketball season is upon us! This year we will have teams in the following age groups:

11 & Under Boys—Coach: Bill Thompson—  
476-5653  
13 & Under Boys—Coach: Joel Enderson—  
455-7011  
15 & Under Boys—Coach: Bob Crumpton—  
932-2915  
17 & Under Boys—Coach: Barry Royal—  
432-8573  
Middle School Girls—Coach: Linda Holt—  
434-5060  
High School Girls—Coach: Bob Harrison—  
438-0104

## DR. J. D. GREY TO PREACH SUNDAY



Our preacher for Sunday will be Dr. J. D. Grey, Pastor Emeritus, First Baptist Church, New Orleans. Dr. Grey is a native of Kentucky; a graduate of Union University and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Three of our Baptist Colleges, including his own Alma Mater, have conferred upon him honorary Doctoral degrees.

He served student pastorates in Tennessee and Texas and then served as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Denton, Texas, before going to the pastorate of First Baptist Church, New Orleans, where he served for 35 years. Under his leadership the membership of the church grew from 1500 to more than 4,000 and the annual contributions increased from \$26,000 to \$650,000.

He has served as President of the Louisiana Baptist Convention and as President of the Southern Baptist Convention. He was active in civic affairs in the city of New Orleans and in Louisiana.

You will want to hear him twice Sunday.

## THE VERY NEWEST

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

MASTER STEPHEN CARL  
LEATHERWOOD  
son of

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Richard Leatherwood  
born November 4, 1977

## 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.

## IN MEMORIAM

MORRIS NUNN  
1815 W. LaRue St.

Joined our church by Baptism:  
April 28, 1974

Deceased November 18, 1977

## IN MEMORIAM

ROLAND L. MOZO, JR.  
1630 Hwy. 297 A

Joined our church by Baptism:  
July 2, 1967

Deceased November 18, 1977

Men's Teams 1, 2 & 3—Coach: Joe Palmer—  
433-6700

Anyone interested in playing should call the coach of that team. We need you to play and you need to be practicing with your team *now!* There will be sign-up sheets in each department for you to add your name to.



Clothing items are needed for several families in the Bus Outreach Ministry.

Shirt sizes are 7 and 8-10 (Boys)

Slack sizes are 6 slim, 10 (Boys); 2, 3 (girls)

Blankets and linens are also needed.

For further information contact either Steve Ackerman, 453-1010 or John McInnis. Clothing can be brought to the church office.

Thanksgiving will be more enjoyable for several families because of the many Middle School youth who donated food last Sunday. We appreciate their concern and help in this ministry.

## BUS OUTREACH REPORT

November 20, 1977

Bus No.	Captain	Enr.	Riders	Workers	Total
1	Driskell	53	15	3	18
2	Nelson	53	25	3	28
*3	Ackerman	72	32	3	35
4	McNeill	64	30	3	33
5	Holley	79	29	3	32
6	Watson	48	19	4	23
7	Holt	28	13	4	17
Van 1		4	3	2	5
Van 2		3	3	1	4
		404	169	26	195

Other Bus Services 20

Total Bus Services 215

\*High Attendance: Steve Ackerman, Nix and Linnea Daniel, Vicki Brown, Phil Boyles.

## MOST COMMON EXCUSES FOR NOT PLEDGING

Sometimes there are those who give excuses for not pledging. Consider these commonly used ones and the answers.

1. "I don't believe in pledging." But the pledge is more important than the gift. The matter of pledging oneself is at the very heart of Jesus' teaching. True Christianity without pledging is impossible. On a purely commercial level, our entire business civilization is founded upon the pledge. We subscribe ourselves financially every day. If we bought or used only what we paid for in advance, our lives would be a turmoil. On a purely selfish level, consider that we will subscribe for anything we want badly enough: a home, a car, a refrigerator. If we want a new church building badly enough (or, to be more accurate, if we want a real spiritual existence for ourselves) we will subscribe ourselves for it.

2. "I was compelled to go to church when I was young." I was too, and I have always been deeply grateful to my parents for requiring me to do so. We were compelled to go to school, to learn to work, to keep clean, and to do a dozen other necessary things that we considered extremely burdensome at the time. One needs God at every age as his religion expands with his growing life. On the foundation laid in your boyhood you can build a strong faith and a rich life.

3. "I'll leave it up to my wife (husband)." The ideal situation, of course, is where you and your wife unite your giving at the same time. You worship together, and the spirit of your home is Christian. Where the refusal on the part of the husband or wife has extended across the years, it becomes the clear duty of the one who desires to give to the church to do so. Each one owes a personal obligation to God, which one must discharge regardless of the refusal of anyone else. Often such an individual commitment causes others in the family circle to make a favorable decision.

4. "I can't give to the church what I should like to." None of us can. Each one of us pledges "according to his ability," and that is all God wishes us to do. *Give to the church only what you think God would have you give.*

5. "I'm out of the city so often on Sunday." While we should like to have you with us in our services every Sunday, you could, as a Christian, worship in some church in the community where you are. Most loyal Christians make it a point of conscience to worship in some church on Sunday, wherever they are. You could do this, could you not? Then you could be with us in your own church the rest of the time, and your subscription could be paid then.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### Baptist:

Mrs. Brenda Beck

#### Specialty Care:

Mrs. R. L. (Lillie) Kendrick, Mrs. Mamie Graham, Mr. Johnnie Sewell, Jr.

#### Sacred Heart:

Mr. W. D. Gibson, Mr. Bennie Swain

#### Naval Hospital:

Mr. George Kitchen

### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Ella Richbourg, Mrs. H. G. (Catherine) Gray, Mrs. Lottie Bowman, Mrs. Paul (Bonnie) Royal, Mrs. J. P. Fiveash.

### SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Eugene Key in the death of her Father.

Mrs. Morris Nunn in the death of her husband.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

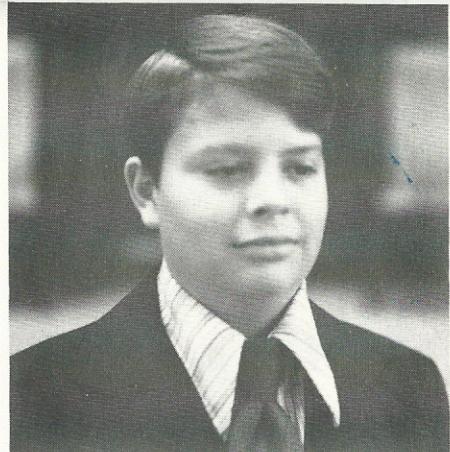
Janis Sutton and Steve Price on their marriage November 19.

## 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



Marc Hudson

## ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the Pensacola Bay Baptist Association Brotherhood will meet at Myrtle Grove Baptist Church Monday, November 28, 6:30 P.M.

This November meeting is a joint meeting of Brotherhood and WMU with a Foreign Missions emphasis.

The speaker will be Anis Shorosh.

Reservations are to be made by calling the Pensacola Bay Baptist Association, 434-0243, not later than Sunday, November 27.

## COMING DECEMBER 9-11

### MISSIONARIES

#### BANQUET ON

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

MISSIONARIES IN SUNDAY

SCHOOL AND MORNING WORSHIP

SERVICE ON DECEMBER 11.

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### CHURCH OFFICERS

Charles Griffin, Chairman of Deacons ..... 476-2085  
Hiram Smith, Jr., S.S. Director ..... 432-4697  
Miss Sarah Andress, W.M.U. Director ..... 432-5594  
Mrs. Joseph F. Boykin, Sr.  
Director of Library Services ..... 455-7925

### CHURCH STAFF — Residence Phones

Clyde K. Bizzell, Asst. to Pastor ..... 432-7237  
Paul Royal, Minister of Music ..... 432-8573  
Joe Scott, Organist & Music Assistant ..... 477-1460  
John G. McInnis, Jr., Minister of  
Outreach and Middle School Youth ..... 433-8605  
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Activities and High School Youth ..... 477-5885  
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Mrs. Charlotte Martin, Financial Secretary  
Mrs. Georgia Sees, Educational Secretary  
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	1,370
Main Sunday School	1,347
Crippled Children's Home	23
The Church in Training	838
Christian Training Hour	436
Other Training Activities	402
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$14,354.10
Bldg. Fund	1,429.00
Specials	5,070.29
Total Offering	\$20,853.39

## MENU

November 30, 1977  
Bar-B-Que Beef  
Potato Salad  
Cole Slaw  
Dessert  
Tea Coffee



## CHRISTMAS MUSIC

"The Many Faces of Christmas" will be presented by the Children's Choirs on Sunday, December 11, at 7:15 P.M. Children four years through the 5th graders will be participating in this service of carols.

"The Many Moods of Christmas" will be presented by the Church Choir on Sunday, December 18, and Monday, December 19, at 7:15 P.M. This beautiful work of carols will be accompanied by an orchestra and will include dramatic vignettes and special costuming and lighting.

## 'O FATHER, THOU WHO GIVEST ALL

O Father, thou who givest all  
The bounty of thy perfect love,  
We thank thee that upon us fall  
Such tender blessings from above.

We thank thee for the grace of home,  
For mother's love and father's care:  
For friends and teachers—all who come  
Our joys and hopes and fears to share.

For eyes to see and ears to hear,  
For hands to serve and arms to lift,  
For shoulders broad and strong to bear,  
For feet to run on errands swift.

For faith to conquer doubt and fear,  
For love to answer every call,  
For strength to do, and will to dare,  
We thank thee, O thou Lord of all.  
—John Haynes Holmes, 1879—

## CHURCH TRAINING "M" NIGHT

Date—Monday, December 5  
Time—7:00 P.M.  
Place—Olive Baptist Church  
Speaker—Rev. Fred Wolf, Pastor of the Cottage Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, for the Adult session.  
—Rev. Jerry Mixon, Pastor of the Goss Baptist Church, Columbia, Mississippi, for the Youth session.  
Nursery provided for birth through age 3.

## A DECEMBER TO REMEMBER IN OUR PULPIT

December 4—Dr. Ione North  
December 11—A.M.—Missionaries  
P.M.—Children's Choirs  
December 18—A.M.—Dr. Harold Bennett  
P.M.—"Many Moods of Christmas"  
December 25—A.M.—Dr. Otis Williams  
P.M.—Tom Ansley

## OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

**Sunday, November 27**

- \* 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 28**

10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group

**Tuesday, November 29**

7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts—Cellar

**Wednesday, November 30**

- \* 4:45 P.M.—Children's Choirs  
—Middle School Choir  
—High School Acteens
- \* 5:45 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- \* 6:10 P.M.—Prayer Service
- \* 6:25 P.M.—Mission Friends, GA's, RA's,  
Middle School Acteens, Joy Group, Sunday School Dept. Meetings  
—Prayer Group
- \* 7:15 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, December 1**

- \* 9:30 A.M.—Internationals
- 10:00 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship

**Saturday, December 3**

8:30 A.M.—Bus Visitation/Breakfast Meeting—Cellar  
6:30 P.M.—Adult 4 Couples Class Covered Dish Get Together at Home of Tom and Barbara McVoy, 161 Euclid Dr.

## SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Our meeting on Thursday, December 1, will begin at 10:00 A.M. Mrs. S. G. Kennedy will speak on the King Tut Exhibition. Lunch will be at 11:30. Also a part of the program that day will be a video tape presentation of the King Tut Exhibition.

Though designed especially for those persons going to see the King Tut Exhibition, the presentation by Mrs. Kennedy and the video cassette presentation will be of interest to anyone.

Call the church office for reservations for lunch.