

# TOGETHER ... WE BUILD ... WITH CHRIST

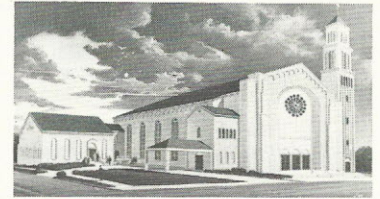
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## BUILDING GOING UP



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withdrawn through the use of this simple  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 prom-  
ises 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 leader-  
ship 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 Chap-  
ter 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

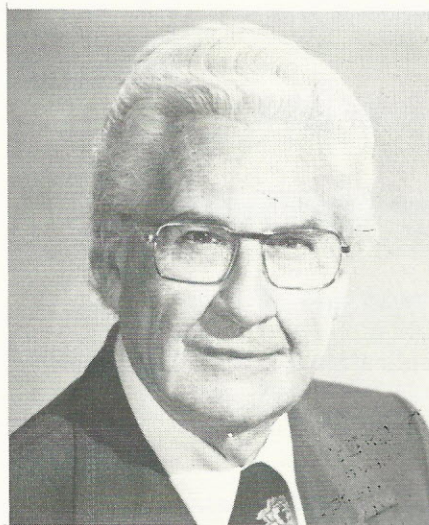
15 & Under Boys—Coach: Bob Crumpton—  
932-2915

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 Sun-  
day 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.

## 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 Entekin—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

## 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.

## REACH OUT

Sign up for REACH OUT visitation this Sunday in Sunday School. All adults who are members of adult Sunday School departments, adults who work with preschool, youth and High School youth will have a chance to sign up and be a part of this great ministry. We are expecting over 200 visitors on REACH OUT Tuesday, November 29. Wednesday, November 30, is Follow-up Report Time. So make your visits and then report them on Wednesday at supper. A recognition award will be given to the department with the highest percentage of its members visiting.

## 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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**CENTER** .....433-6700

### CHURCH OFFICERS

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 Hiram Smith, Jr., S.S. Director .....432-4697  
 Miss Sarah Address, 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  
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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 writ-  
 ing, 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.