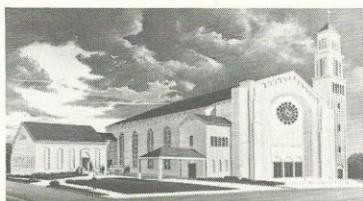


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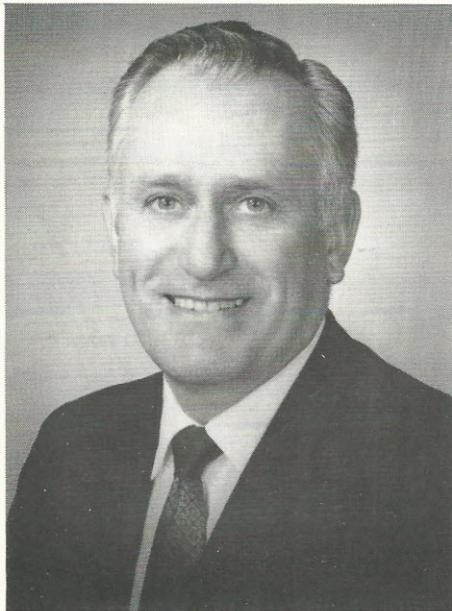


Woman's Missionary Union is seeking to raise 34 million dollars for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. Our First Baptist Church goal is \$22,000.

Last weekend eight missionaries challenged us concerning missions. These dedicated young people are recent appointees who within a matter of weeks will be going to their assignments.

Each glowing light on the wreath will represent \$750 in gifts from our congregation. Thirty lights will indicate that we've reached our goal.

Let us "Declare" His love to all men.



DR. HAROLD C. BENNETT TO PREACH SUNDAY

Our preacher for Sunday will be Dr. Harold C. Bennett, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Florida Baptist Convention since 1967. Dr. Bennett is a native of North Carolina; a graduate of Wake Forest College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has served pastorates in North Carolina, Kentucky, Louisiana, and Arkansas; served with the Baptist Sunday School Board, Home Mission Board and served as Director of the Missions Division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas before coming to the Florida Baptist Convention in 1967.

Don't miss hearing him Sunday at 11:00 A. M.

CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES CENTER SCHEDULE

Monday, December 19

12 Noon - 1:30 P.M. - Men's Exercise
6:00-10:00 P.M. - PCRA Men's Basketball

Tuesday, December 20

No Macrame Class
No Puppets
Basketball Practice - Check with Coach

Wednesday, December 21

12 Noon - 1:30 P.M. - Men's Exercise
7:30-9:30 P.M. - Open Activities

Thursday, December 22

9 A.M.-1:30 P.M. - Senior Adult Fellowship
Basketball Practice - Check with coach

Friday, December 23

12 Noon - 1:30 P.M. - Men's Exercise



BUS OUTREACH REPORT DECEMBER 11, 1977

Bus	No.	Captain	Enr.	Riders	Workers	Total
1		Driskell	58	15	2	17
2			50	27	3	30
*3		Ackerman	67	33	3	36
4		McNeill	60	22	3	25
5		Holley	70	30	3	33
6		Watson	46	19	7	26
7		Holt	33	11	3	14
Van 1		Hutton	4	4	2	6
		Thompson				
Van 2		Royal	3	3	1	4
			391	163	28	191
		Other Bus Services				18
		Toital Bus Services				209

*High Attendance: Steve Ackerman, Captain; Nix & Linnea Daniel, Vicki Brown, Phil Boyles

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mr. Henry Nettles, Mr. Horace Lowery,
Mrs. Virginia Miles

Specialty Care

Mrs. Mamie Graham

Sacred Heart

Mrs. Bill (Ava) Holley, Mrs. Oliver
(Virginia) Gore, Miss Pat Adams, Craig
Gomillion

West Florida

Mr. S. E. Swann

Touro, New Orleans

Mr. Claude Adkison

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. R. L. (Sheila) Ridle, Mr. Robert
Caison, Mrs. Paul (Jean) Rasmussen

SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. John Edward Sutton in the death of
his Mother.
Mr. Paul Royal, Darrell, Barry and Paula
in the death of their wife and Mother.
Mrs. Edgar E. Olsen and Mrs. George
Liveakos in the death of their sister.
Mrs. Susie Eddins in the death of her
daughter.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. E. L. Sutton
5203 N. 9th Avenue
Joined our church by Letter:
December 21, 1975
Deceased December 8, 1977

Dear Family:

Words cannot adequately describe the deep emotions that are born when a loved one who is more precious than life itself is attacked by a hideous disease that threatens to end a cherished physical relationship that God Himself has ordained and is so richly blessing.

But even deeper and more enduring are the results of your ministry of prayer and caring and sharing. We love you and thank you for the warmth, joy, peace, confidence, strength, and affirmation that you have brought into our lives. Let me assure you that Bonnie's needs — physical, spiritual and emotional are being met totally and miraculously. You are seeing to this. Thank you.

Most remarkable is God's amazing Grace and the presence of His Holy Spirit as He ministers perfectly to our every need and replaces our transient doubts with the absolute assurance that "He watching over (Bonnie Bess) slumbers not nor sleeps." Praise the Lord!

Our prayer is for healing and our faith affirms it. Our commitment is to God, His sovereign will and to His Son, Jesus.

Bonnie, Paula, Barry, Darrell and I offer you our deepest love and gratitude. We pray that He will prepare your hearts to receive your most blessed Christmas season ever.

Gratefully,
Paul Royal

Mrs. Bonnie Royal passed away Monday, December 12.)

WHITE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

When you come to the Wednesday Fellowship Dinner on December 21, bring your white Christmas gift. These donations of food need to be wrapped in white paper and placed under the white Christmas tree in the Sanctuary. Food should be staple, non-perishable items such as canned goods, and packaged items such as sugar, flour, rice, etc. Do not bring vegetables or food that needs refrigeration.

These donations will be distributed to many needy families in Pensacola. Last year fourteen families were assisted with sizeable gifts of food. This year, with more families in need, you will want to share more abundantly to this ministry. For further information about White Christmas, contact John McInnis at the church office.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK FOR NEXT WEEK

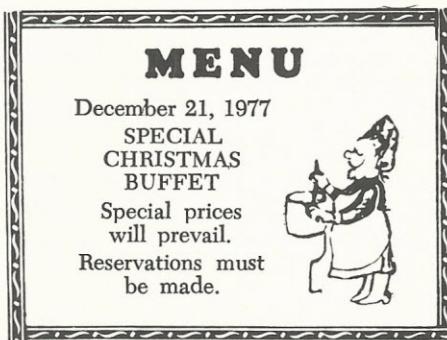
Bill Lee, Jr. — 434-6792
Aubrey Gomillion — 476-5209

Joe Ladner — 476-4177

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.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The list of memorial flowers to be placed in the Sanctuary in 1978 is now being prepared. Anyone wishing to place flowers in the Sanctuary during 1978 should contact the church office.



JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

January 8 — 11
Dr. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr.

"THE MANY MOODS OF CHRISTMAS"

"The Many Moods of Christmas" will be presented by the Adult Choir Sunday evening at 7:15 P. M.

This is a collection of eighteen of the world's most beautiful Christmas Carols magnificently arranged by Robert Shaw and Robert Russell Bennett.

You and your family will want to attend this beautiful Christmas Celebration. Invite your friends to share in this worship experience with you.

REC. NOTES

The end of the year proves to be a time of reflection for most people and so it is for the recreation ministry. One begins to wonder if the goals for Christian Recreation are being met by the existing programs of league sports, crafts, fellowships, Family Nights, etc.

Probably the only way you'll be able to know if the program is adequate is to participate. We invite you and yes, urge you to find a way of fellowship with other First Baptist Church members and friends. The warm church feeling comes from every church member finding the true meaning of friendship.

During the month of November we had over 1880 people use the Christian Activities Center. This included Family Nights, open recreation, league sports, intermural volleyball, lock-ins, birthday parties and more.

Won't you be a part of this arm of the church as we start a new year. We'll be looking for you.

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Miss Sarah Andress, W.M.U. Director	432-5594
Mr. Joseph F. Boykin, Sr. Director of Library Services	455-7925

CHURCH STAFF — Residence Phones

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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	1,369
Main Sunday School	1,351
Crippled children's home	18
The Church in Training	510
Christian Training Hour	129
Other Training Activities	381
Coming for Membership	2
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$12,577.01
Bldg. Fund	7,118.99
Specials	6,123.02
Total Offering	\$25,819.02



ONLY 2

Sundays left to give your
tithes and offerings in 1977



OPPORTUNITIES Of The WEEK

Sunday, December 18

- * 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 "Many
 Moods of Christmas" Adult
 Choir

Monday, December 19

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group

Tuesday, December 20

- 9:30 A.M.—Baptist Young Women
- 10:00 A.M.—Virginia Cobb Circle -Mrs.
 Sidney Kennedy's Home
 2100 E. Mallory Street
- 7:00 P.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group -
 Library
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts - Cellar

Wednesday, December 21

- * 5:50 P.M.—Christmas Buffet
- * 6:30 P.M.—White Christmas Program
 Sanctuary

Thursday, December 22

- * 9:30 A.M.—Internationals
- 9:30 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship-CAC

Saturday, December 24

OFFICE CLOSED

- * Nursery Provided

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

December 11, 1977

BY LETTER:

27. Garland Wayne Calhoun, 100 Redwood
 Cr. No. 618
 From: First Baptist, Texas City, Tx.
28. Mrs. Garland Wayne Calhoun (Elanda)

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Paul (Bonnie) Royal
 3710 Baisden Rd.
 Joined our church by Letter:
 December 4, 1966
 Deceased December 12, 1977