

# The Baptist Builder

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
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PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

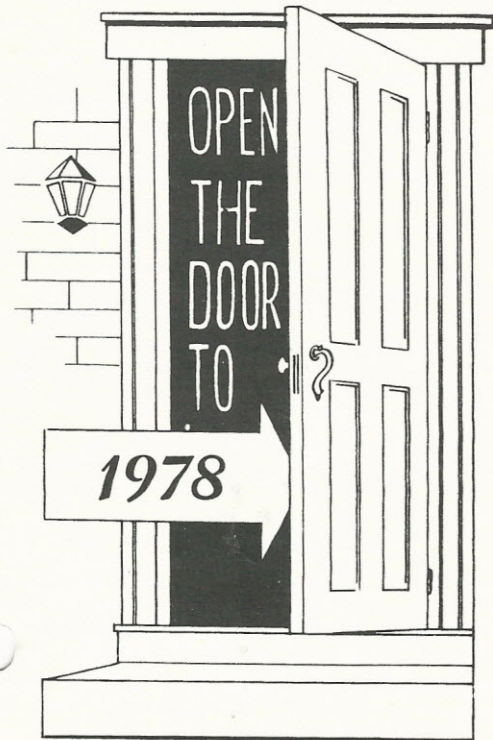
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## Happy New Year

## for 1978



Rev. 3:8

*... behold, I have set before thee  
an open door ...*

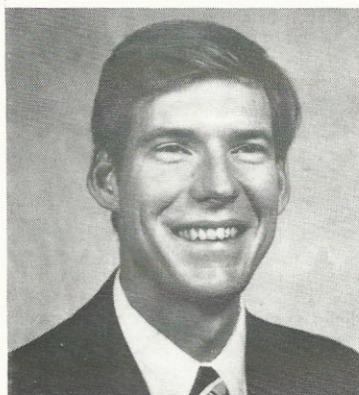
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- *Spiritual Growth*
- *Christian Service*
- *A Daily Witness*

## PREACHING SUNDAY

11:00 A. M.

7:15 P. M.



**JOHN LADNER**  
Southwestern Seminary



**BILL WARREN**  
Southern Seminary

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

#### IN THE HOSPITALS:

##### *Baptist*

Mr. Arthur B. Lane, Mrs. Bennie L.  
(Christine) Woolam

##### *Specialty Care*

Mr. Calvin Heine, Sr.

##### *Sacred Heart*

Mrs. Bill (Ava) Holley, Steve Gimlin

#### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Virginia Miles, Mr. Horace Lowery,  
Mrs. Mamie Graham, Mrs. Oliver (Vir-  
ginia) Gore, Craig Gomillion, Mr. Claude  
Adkison, Mrs. James (Laura) Riddle, Sr.,  
Mr. Letcher Lamkin

#### SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. W. J. Nettles in the death of his  
sister.

### MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sun-  
day are in memory of Mr. W. H. Smith  
and are given by Mary Ellen, Cricket  
and Susie.

### "THE BAPTIST HOUR"

Beginning next Sunday, January 1, 1978,  
our church is sponsoring the 30 minute  
radio broadcast entitled "The Baptist Hour"  
on WCOA. Tune in WCOA 1370 on the  
dial, 7:30 to 8:00 A.M. each Sunday morn-  
ing.

### BUS OUTREACH REPORT

Total Outreach ..... 293

### DEACONS OF THE WEEK FOR NEXT WEEK

Joseph Napier-932-5122

Dave Raley, Sr.-438-5877

Billy Renfroe-932-3626

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.

### LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Our Goal ..... \$22,000.00

Given to Date ..... \$13,209.16

### JANUARY IN OUR PULPIT

January 1-A.M. - John Ladner  
P.M. - Bill Warren

January 8-Dr. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr.  
Former Pastor

January 15-Dr. Glendon McCullough  
Brotherhood Commission

January 22-Bob Sunderland  
Home Mission Board

January 29-Dr. James L. Sullivan  
Former President, Baptist  
Sunday School Board



## 1977 GIVING 1978 GIVING

Sunday is the first Sunday of a brand new year. Our 1978 budget is approximately 6% higher than the 1977 budget. Because of our "Together . . . We Build" campaign, we have not asked for pledges for the 1978 budget. We are assuming that members of the congregation will continue to give to the regular budget offering knowing that we need to dig a little deeper and give a little more.

You should have received in the mail your 1978 offering envelopes. If you have not received them, please call the church office.

Even as you read this item prior to Sunday, January 1, you may wish to make additional contributions to your 1977 giving record. These gifts must be in the church office or postmarked by December 31.

### LIBRARY NOTES

NO FINES will be collected on overdue Library books if brought in before January 2, 1978. Look on the bookshelf — Look in the closet — Look under the bed — Look in the car and everywhere — Remember, no fines through January 1, 1978.

### EXODUS:

Called for Redemptive Mission

the theme for our

Annual January Bible Study

January 8 - 11

taught by

Dr. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

If you missed Sunday School this past Sunday and do not have a quarterly, the text for most of our Adult Classes will be John 11:45 to 12:11.

### A GOOD PRAYER AS WE BEGIN ANOTHER YEAR

"Keep us, O God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed. Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.

"May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face without self-pity and without prejudice.

"May we be never hasty in judgment and always generous.

"Let us take time for all things; make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.

"Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward, and unafraid.

"Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences, that in the big things of life we are as one.

"And may we strive to touch and to know the great common human heart of us all, and O Lord God, let us forget not to be kind."

—Selected

## THE GATE OF THE YEAR

I said to a man  
Who stood at the gate—  
The gate of the coming year  
"Give me a light  
That I may safely tread  
Into the dark  
And unknown land;  
Give me a light to banish fear.  
Take from my heart  
This haunting dread."  
He said to me,  
This man who stood  
At the gate of the coming year:  
"Go into the dark  
And unknown land,  
And place in God's  
Your trembling hand.  
Far better than the light of day,  
Far safer than any man-known way!"  
At the open gate—  
The gate of the coming year.

—Minnie Louise Haskins

### ANOTHER YEAR

Another year is dawning!  
Dear Master, let it be,  
In working or in waiting,  
Another year with Thee.

Another year of leaning  
Upon Thy loving breast,  
Of ever-deeping truthfulness,  
O quiet, happy rest.

Another year of mercies,  
Of faithfulness and grace;  
Another year of gladness  
In the shining of Thy face.

Another year of progress,  
Another year of praise;  
Another year of proving  
Thy presence 'all the days.'

Another year of service,  
Of witness for Thy love;  
Another year of training  
For holier work above.

Another year of dawning,  
Dear Master, let it be,  
On earth, or else in heaven,  
Another year for Thee!

—F. R. Havergal.

### THANK YOU

The Church Staff would like to say "Thank You" to the church family for remembering us in such a tangible way at Christmas.

The gifts, cards, calls, and other expressions are deeply appreciated and bring further joy in serving the Lord and you. We look forward to serving you together in 1978.

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 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 ..... 783  
 Main Sunday School ..... 757  
 Crippled children's home ..... 26  
 Tithes and Offerings:  
 Budget ..... \$12,182.19  
 Building Fund ..... 15,379.18  
 Specials ..... 3,047.33  
 Total Offerings ..... \$30,608.70

## MENU

January 4, 1978  
 Spaghetti with  
 Homemade Meat Sauce  
 Cole Slaw  
 French Roll & Butter  
 Dessert  
 Tea Coffee



## OPPORTUNITIES Of The WEEK

*Sunday, January 1*

- \* 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, January 2*

**HOLIDAY — OFFICE CLOSED**

*Tuesday, January 3*

- \* 9:45 A.M.—Baptist Women (Day)
- 6:00 P.M.—Baptist Women (Night)
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts—Cellar

*Wednesday, January 4*

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

*Thursday, January 5*

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

*Friday, January 6*

6:30 P.M.—Adult 2 Bible Study—Cellar

*Saturday, January 7*

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

## RESOLVE . . .

- . . . To get behind YOUR  
 Church Program
- . . . only with the help and  
 cooperation of  
 ALL Our Membership
- . . . Can We Accomplish For  
 the Lord What Is Expected  
 of Us . . .