



A YEAR OF ADVANCE, 1979 - 80

SEPTEMBER: SUNDAY SCHOOL PREPARATION

The First Baptist Builder

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Brian's Lines

Did you know that at the heart of every strong, dynamic, growing church is a vibrant Sunday School? That's right. Because the Sunday School is the hub from which all of the important emphases of a church evolve Fellowship, Bible Study, ministry, evangelism, financial support — all of these must be rooted in the Sunday School. That is why we are committing this year as a year of Sunday School growth. That's why I am going to begin teaching the Sanctuary class in October. That's why we are encouraging you to try Sunday School. Even without the nearly 200 that we used to bring in on the busses, our attendance Sunday was near 1250. What a foundation to build on for the new Sunday School year.



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HARVEST . . . What is it? It is a month for spiritual renewal. It will begin with Advancement Day on October 7. It will climax with Great Day in the Morning on October 28. In between will be efforts to reach our community with the message of Christ featuring three great nights of revival. October could be our greatest month. Let's pray to that end. Let's expect it to happen. Then, let's do what we can to make it happen. I like the way someone once said it. "I pray as if everything depended on God. Then I work as if everything depended on me." The result of that kind of approach will be a fantastic harvest in October.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING PEOPLE LOOK FOR IN A CHURCH? . . . It's not the facilities or the location. It is not even the staff leadership or the program. Friendliness and excitement are two key ingredients in making people feel at home and encouraging them to join with us. Make a special effort in your Sunday School classes, in your departments, and in the worship service to extend a warm welcome to our visitors. Talk to them. Find out about them. Tell them about what is happening at the church. Make them feel welcome. We're doing a good job at this, so let's keep it up.

ADVANCEMENT DAY OCTOBER 7

New Classes and
Departments

New
Leadership

Children and Preschoolers
to bring apples to
teacher

Pastor to begin teaching
Sanctuary Class



FAMILY NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 14 — 6:30 P.M.

FEATURING A "WINNIE THE POOH" movie and a delicious dinner of hot dogs, baked beans, and potato salad. Come join us for a fun evening and bring a friend!

LADIES LUNCHEON . . . We'll have our first Ladies Luncheon of the Fall on Tuesday, September 25. Begin to spread the word to the ladies. We'll start at 12:00 and finish at 12:45. I'll do a short Bible Study.

THIS SUNDAY . . . I will preach two more sermons from the eighteenth chapter of John's Gospel: "The Kingdom of God," and "What Is Truth?". I'll see you at church for another exciting day.

Harry Piland Urges Greater Emphasis on Adults

(This article is from a press release by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. In the light of more adult participation in the Sunday School, we urge the congregation to read this word from Harry Piland, director of the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board.)

Building a strong Sunday School requires an emphasis on reaching and teaching adults, according to Harry Piland, director of the Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department. Piland is quick to add his belief that giving attention to adults through the Sunday School will strengthen rather than weaken ministries with other age groups.

He cited the numbers of adults and the fact that they provide the leadership and financial base in churches among his reasons for giving priority to adult Sunday School work.

When adults are reached they bring their preschoolers, children and youth with them. "When adults grow, all areas grow," he said.

He noted that during a three-year period at First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, the average attendance of pre-schoolers grew from 325 to 700. During the same period, attendance of adults doubled — from 1000 to 2000.

Piland served as minister of education at the Houston church for five years prior to assuming leadership of Southern Baptist Sunday School work in 1978.

Numerically, adults comprise 68.1 per cent of the population in the United States today. In Sunday School enrollment, Piland said adults make up 50 per cent of the congregation in most churches and up to 80 per cent of the prospects.

"The sheer weight of the numbers of adults demands our attention," Piland said. "If we neglect this area, we neglect the major segment of the population."

Piland also noted that while "adults give most of the money and pay the bills, they should be reached because they are important as individuals. The time remaining to reach them is less and less with every passing year."

"Church ministries with preschoolers, youth and adults could not exist without sufficient numbers of trained adults to work with them," Piland said. "Without adults, classes would go without teachers and the church would lose its ability to penetrate its community with mature, capable and aggressive leadership."

To give adequate attention to Sunday School work, Piland listed six needed actions. *First*, he said, leaders with adults must be committed and trained. *Second*, he urged strong emphasis on weekly workers meetings, which have great potential "for training, fellowship, planning, preparation and prayer."

Piland said churches should provide adequate space and equipment for adult Sunday School classes and departments, plan socials, retreats and conferences for them and provide funds to send some adult workers to Glorieta and Ridgecrest for training.

Finally, he advocated leading adults to minister to one another. "When class members study and discuss his word, pray together and have fun together, they come to know each other," Piland said. "The potential for loving counsel and real concern in an adult class is unlimited."

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mr. Neil Blue, Mr. James Riddle

Specialty Care

Cynthia Cheshire, Mrs. Marguerite Emmons

Sacred Heart

Mrs. Louise Pohlmann

West Florida

Mr. Bill Bumgarner, Mrs. Pearl Owens

VA Hospital, Biloxi, Ms.

Mr. Alger Hart, Jr.

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Sue Allen, Mrs. Faith Peterson, Mr. Lawrence Foxworth, Mrs. Janie Todd, Mr. Bill Baggett

DEACONS OF THE WEEK FOR NEXT WEEK

Charles Clevenger — 476-1331
T. A. Shell — 432-9533
Jack Overman — 433-2904

Church Music

Be A Music Scout

Scouting for football teams is an important part of recruiting new players. We need talent scouts to assist us in finding musicians and enlisting them. We are looking for singers and instrumentalists. Please inform Mr. Kerrick or Mrs. Graham, Music Secretary, when you have a scouting report.

Handbells To Begin

The Adult Handbell Ringers will meet Sunday Evening at 6:00 P.M. in the Handbell Room, directed by Mrs. Kerrick. Youth Handbells will meet on Sunday Morning at 8:15 A.M., directed by Mr. Kerrick. These groups will meet first on September 16.

Choir Officers Elected

Mr. Steve Baker has been elected president of the Adult Choir. The election of additional officers will be forthcoming. Congratulations to these Youth Choir Officers:

Steve Findley, President
Suzanne Griffin, Secretary
Lee Anne Coker, Devotion
Melanye Ray, Librarian
Sarah Edmisten, Social
Jeff Dunson, Food

ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING SCHOOL

Scenic Heights Baptist Church
3351 Creighton Blvd.
September 17-18 — 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

THEME:

"Bold Outreach for Bible Study"

RECREATION

By LaDon Boyd, Minister of Activities

FAMILY NIGHT — SEPTEMBER 14

Plan to be with us for this very special evening of fun and fellowship. It's back to the Hundred Acre Wood with Winnie the Pooh and his friends. Join us for this movie plus hot dogs, baked beans, and potato salad. Looks like fun — come and bring a friend!



VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE — SEPTEMBER 24

Volleyball starts in a couple of weeks. There will be a mixed youth league, mixed adult league, and a power league for men that are serious about it. There will be a registration fee of \$5.00 for the power league and you must register at the CAC in order to play. Contact your Sunday School Director about starting a team for your department.



ADULT CHAPTER OF FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

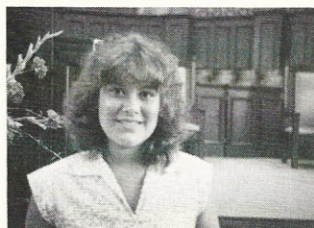
If you're looking for a special way to witness to young people this is it. There's not a great deal of time involved, just an interest in planting seeds of faith in the high schools. We are supporting the FCA Huddle Groups in the local high schools. We meet the fourth Tuesday night of each month. Call the CAC for details (433-6700).



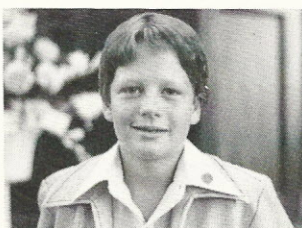
QUIT SMOKING WORKSHOP — SEPTEMBER 22

John Conrad is offering this workshop for anyone interested at 10:00 A.M. at the CAC. We must have enough signed up before we offer it, so call the CAC for details.

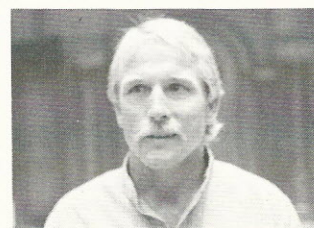
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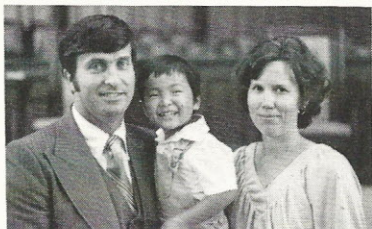
Dena Bradley



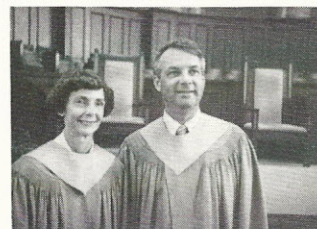
Keith Curington



Will Norris



George and Lynette Sanders
Also shown: Charles Sanders



Robert and Martha Trotter

ENROLLMENT FOR ADULT BIBLE CLASS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT NOW OPEN

The Old Testament Bible Class called "Prophets, Priests, and Kings", taught by Toni Clevenger, is open for the new Sunday School year. Any adult wishing to join this study on Sunday mornings should call Mrs. Clevenger at 476-1331 or the church office. The first Sunday in October will begin a new series starting with the Fall of Jerusalem and continuing throughout the year to include the period in history between the Old and the New Testament.

THREE GREAT NIGHTS OF REVIVAL

October will be a month of spiritual renewal and outreach into our community. The features of the month will be three great nights of revival, all on Wednesday. On October 10 Bob Baggett, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Opelika, Alabama, will be here to preach. On October 17, Ron Herrod, pastor of First Baptist Church in Kenner, Louisiana, will bring the message. The final night of revival, October 24, will feature Bill Causey, pastor of the Parkway Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi.

All three are dynamic preachers who pastor growing churches. The entire church will be involved in these nights of revival. Mark these nights on your calendar. And begin to spread the word.

STUDENT MISSION TEAMS

Ethnic Branch of New Orleans Baptist
Theological Seminary

First Indian Baptist Church of Brighton
(Building Assistance)

Just some of the specific allocations for the

STATE MISSION OFFERING

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GOAL...\$1,400

Given to Date\$211.86

PASTOR TO TEACH SANCTUARY BIBLE CLASS

Beginning October 7, Dr. Harbour will be teaching the Sanctuary Bible Class. This is an existing class, but its ministry will be expanded during this year. This class is not for those who are already attending other Sunday School classes. This is for those who are not now in Sunday School but would be interested in an upgraded class led by the pastor.

Dr. Harbour will give an overview of one book of the Bible each week. An outline will be provided and each week he will give an introduction to the book, outline the book, and give its major themes, and then deal with one or two specific passages.

If you would like to get involved in Sunday School again but do not know where to go, this is an alternative you might want to look into.

CHURCH COLLEGE ROSTER BEING COMPILED

for monthly mailouts to all college students of First Baptist Church. If you are a college student, make sure the church office has your address. Parents of college students are encouraged to help us obtain these addresses.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO . . .

Shirley and Bill Bulia, Dot and Frank Hamilton, Gayle and John Wiley, Jessie and Walter Ashe, and Susie and Buddy Kisner for their help with the Middle School 8th Grade Ski Party. There was a lot of fun and fine fellowship at the party. Thanks again to those who helped make it all possible.

JUST FOR YOU FROM THE YOUTH

Our high school young people will present a Sunday evening of love, thanks and song to be enjoyed and shared by all of us at First Baptist. Many of the leaders and some of the deacons of this church today were leaders among their own groups when they were in the high school program here. Come and share the enthusiasm, talents and efforts for the Lord of these fine young people. Someday you may enjoy saying, "I knew them when . . ."

BUSINESSMEN'S LUNCHEON AND BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday at 12:00 Noon
in the Church Dining Room.

BRING A BUDDY
and Share the Good Time
of Inspiration and Fellowship.
Cost is only \$2.00 per person.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mr. Ira Burl Chambers and are given by his family.

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All material to be included in the Builder
should be in the office, in writing, not
later than 10:00 a.m. Mondays.

LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

Sunday School 1246
Married Adults 654
Single Adults 45
College 25
Youth 182
Children 179
Preschool 135
Crippled Children's Home 26
Christian Training Hour 205
Coming for Membership 5

DESIGNATED OFFERINGS

SEPTEMBER 9, 1979

Building Fund \$1,894.32
Specials 1,178.07
Total \$3,072.39

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER MENU

Hamburger Steak
with Mushroom Gravy
Snowflake Potatoes
Green Beans
Roll and Butter
Dessert
Coffee and Tea



COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

SEPTEMBER 9, 1979

BY LETTER:

161. Dena Bradley, 1600 E. LaRue St.
From: First Baptist of Cutler Ridge,
Miami, FL.
162. Dr. Robert Trotter, 4491 Whisper Dr.
From: St. Charles Ave. Baptist,
New Orleans, La.
163. Mrs. Robert Trotter (Martha),
4491 Whisper Dr.

BY STATEMENT:

14. Herbert Frashuer, 5600 Keystone Rd.
15. Mrs. Herbert Frashuer (Mary Lou),
5600 Keystone Rd.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

SERMON TOPICS

September 16, 1979

11:00 A.M.

"THE KINGDOM OF GOD"

(John 18:33-36)

7:15 P.M.

"WHAT IS TRUTH?"

(John 18:37-38)

BUDGET OFFERING REPORT

Sept. 9, 1979

Receipts \$ 16,495.88
Weekly Budget Needs 16,346.15
Budget Receipts
Year to Date 532,096.47
Budget Needs
Year to Date 577,949.15

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, September 16

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
- * 11:00 A.M.—Worship
5:00 P.M.—Nominating Committee —
Rm. S-126
- 6:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- * 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- * 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship Service

Monday, September 17

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
- 12:00 Noon—Men's Noon Exercise (CAC)
- 7:00 P.M.—Deacon's Meeting
- 7:00 P.M.—Lydia Sunday School Class
Party — Dining Room

Tuesday, September 18

- 10:00 A.M.—Leisure Timers —
Dining Room
- * 9:00 A.M.—11:30 A.M.—BYW —
SAII Assembly Room

Wednesday, September 19

- 12:00 Noon—Men's Noon Exercise (CAC)
- * 4:45 P.M.—Children's Choirs
Ages 4 through 5th Grade
Middle School and High
School Acteens
- * 5:30 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- * 6:15 P.M.—Bible Study for Adults
Mission Friends
G.A.'s and R.A.'s
Middle School Choir
Joy Group
- * 6:45 P.M.—Prayer Service
- * 6:45 P.M.—Planning Meeting
for Teachers
—Committee Meetings
- * 7:00 P.M.—Recreation Time for Children
- * 7:30 P.M.—Adult Choir
—Boy Scouts (Cellar)

Thursday, September 20

- 9:30 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship
(CAC)
- 12:00 Noon—Businessmen's Luncheon
and Bible Study
- 7:00 P.M.—Reflector Sunday School
Class Party — Dining Room

Friday, September 21

- * 9:00 A.M.—Mother's Day Out
- 12:00 Noon—Men's Noon Exercise (CAC)
- 5:00 P.M.—Senior Adults Fish Fry —
Home of Max and Martha
Dickson
- 7:00 P.M.—G.A. Banquet — Dining Room

SINGLES GROUP — City-Wide (CAC)

* Nursery Provided