

A YEAR OF ADVANCE, 1979-80

DECEMBER: MISSIONS



The First Baptist Builder

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Brian's Lines

Our first Sunday in December was marvelous. Thank you for the beautiful spirit with which you participate in our worship service. I was especially pleased with the assistance of the Acteens Sunday night in helping us to catch the worldwide scope of our mission involvement as Southern Baptists.

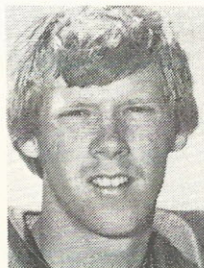


MISSIONS BEGIN AT HOME . . . We know that, and have been involved in meeting people's needs right where we live. I was reminded of that this week when I received a letter from Ted Houston, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Gulf Shores, Alabama. He wrote to thank our men who went over to their church following Frederick to help repair their church and clear the yards of people in their community. These men who went were involved in missions. And I am thankful for them.

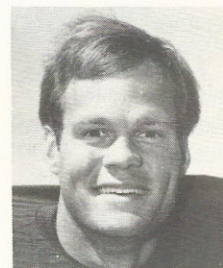
CHURCH COUNCIL . . . I met this last Wednesday night with our church council. Serving on this are the leaders of our various organizations and the chairmen of some of the major committees. We discussed many things, both in evaluating the last couple of months and planning for those months to come. One of the most important decisions the Council reached was to return in January to a monthly outreach night with a dinner at the church. We've not done that during the fall. This time of outreach will be called First Night. It will be on the fourth Tuesday of each month. At noon, on those days, we will have our Ladies' Luncheon. Anyone who wants to visit during the day instead of at night can get an assignment at the luncheon. Sunday our deacons began visiting the prospects who attend the morning worship each week. Many of our Sunday School departments are reaching out with real concern. As we continue to go with the message of Christ and the invitation to join our church, we will be saying to our community that we care about them.

DECEMBER . . . is a time for fun, fellowship, food, and family. Let's not forget also the challenge financially. We need

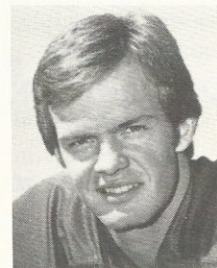
ALL THIS AND MUCH MORE



JIMMY JORDAN
Florida State University



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University of Alabama



KEITH PUGH
University of Alabama

DON'T MISS THE 11TH ANNUAL CHALLENGER AWARD BANQUET

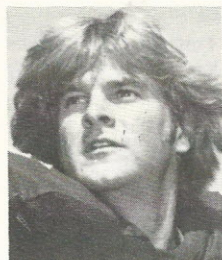
With Dave Diles, ABC-TV Sports

DECEMBER 11 — 7:00 P.M.

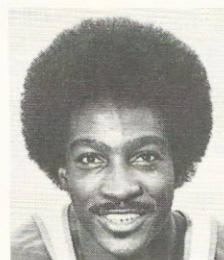
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to give extra generously this month to make up as much of our 1979 budget deficit as we can. This month is traditionally an outstanding month financially for our church. We need it to be this year. In addition, this is the month in which we seek to provide \$25,000 for Foreign Missions through our Lottie Moon Offering. In the midst of your

spending on Christmas gifts, don't forget the Lord.

THIS SUNDAY . . . I will continue on the series in Acts Sunday morning with a sermon entitled, "When the Lord Comes." Sunday night we will be blessed by our children's choirs and several other special music groups. I'll see you here for another exciting day.

MINISTRY OF ADULTS

By JERRY SPIVEY

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS

We are expecting immediately arrival of a new video tape player/recorder and television set which will enable us to utilize the "Sunday School Preview" tapes available from Video Dynamics. These tapes are made by noted SBC Bible scholars and are designed to give our teachers a weekly preview of the following Sunday's Life and Work lesson. Beginning Wednesday, January 2, and continuing weekly, the films will be shown at 6:45 P.M. I urge each teacher to participate in this excellent opportunity.

4TH TUESDAY OUTREACH TO RESUME

Beginning January 22, the 4th Tuesday of each month will again be designated "Outreach Day" at First Baptist Church. This effort is designed to supplement outreach through our Sunday School and not replace it. The most effective means of reaching people for Christ and church membership is through an organized Sunday School.

"LEISURE TIMERS"

The monthly "Leisure Timers" meeting for December will be combined with our Adult 7 Christmas Party December 17, 7:00 P.M. in the Dining Room. I'll look forward to seeing you on that evening.

POINSETTIAS TO DECORATE SANCTUARY

Each Christmas our sanctuary is beautifully adorned with poinsettias. This year the poinsettias will arrive on December 14, and will be here through December 23, when we will ask sixty of you to take one and deliver it that evening or on Christmas Eve to one of our Homebound members. Each plant will have attached a card with the name and address of one of these special people.

VIETNAMESE UPDATE

Thanks to all who have helped welcome our new Vietnamese family. Your generosity has been overwhelming. The Le' family, which consists of five men and one 11-year-old boy, has just arrived from the Philippines. Several family members, including their wives, were unfortunately left in Vietnam. The Le's now reside at 304 Freedom Lane and have become very active in a new Sunday School Class taught by Mr. Hong Dang. My personal thanks to Mr. Dang and Mr. Gene Roberts for their coordinating the ministry to the Le' family.

CHURCH CONFERENCE REPORT

The church met in its regular monthly session on Wednesday night, November 28. The following business was dealt with.

1. The finance report was given by Bob Hinson, chairman of the Finance Committee. The total receipts for the year were \$645,533.48 and a deficit of \$1,929.44 was shown in the disbursements as over against receipts for the year.
2. Members requesting letters to other churches were granted leaving a total membership at First Baptist of 3987.
3. A recommendation came from the deacons to continue with a voluntary position as church pianist. Attached to this recommendation was another recommendation concerning Mark Markham. In order to show him our appreciation for his contribution to the church during this year, the deacons recommended that the night of December 16 be set aside to take a special offering for Mark. The church approved the recommendation.
4. The committees for the new year as submitted by the Committee on Committees were approved.

ATTENTION!

DECEMBER 19 -

Buffet Dinner & White Christmas Service
No children's choir or mission activities

DECEMBER 23 -

No Church Training
Candlelight Service at 7:15

DECEMBER 26 -

Prayer Service only at 6:00
No supper on that night and no children's activities

DECEMBER 30

Regular Schedule

JANUARY 2 -

Supper and Prayer Service
No children's activities

Pastor's Sanctuary Class

December 9

2 SAMUEL

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mr. James Riddle, Mr. Duaine Macon
Mrs. Sarah Diamond, Mrs. Ella Ruth
Sansing, Mr. Neil Blue

Navy Hospital

Phillip Taylor

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mr. Neil Blue, Mrs. Judd Gatlin, Mrs.
Martha Trotter, Mrs. Doris Berlin, Mr.
John Walker, Mr. John Gregory, Mr. Bob
Parrish, Mrs. Mary Powell, Mr. Carol
Hughes, Sarah Dukes

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Wyndy McDaniel in the death of
her Mother.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mary Ruth Garrett and Douglas McArthur
Holt on their marriage December 1.

BAPTIST WOMEN (DAY) GROUP MEETINGS

Tuesday, December 11, 1979

10:00 A.M.—RALPH BETHEA

with Mrs. Herbert Frashuer
5600 Keystone Road

—STANLEY DAVIS

with Mrs. Mack Faulk
Rt. 1, Box 445, Cantonment

—CHARLOTTE OWENS

with Mrs. H. J. Nettles
3371 Edgewater Drive

—LAURA FRANCES SNOW

with Mrs. George Yarbrough
921 North Palafox

—BETTY TOMLINSON

with Mrs. T. M. Jernigan
8116 Strasburg Drive
co/hos. Mrs. Angus Andrews

11:00 A.M.—DALE TERRY

Christmas Luncheon
with Mrs. Glenn Brontley
4139 Lyric Lane

2:00 P.M.—HARVEY HEADRICK

with Mrs. M. A. Farmer
730 West Jordan Street

Tuesday, December 18, 1979

10:00 A.M.—VIRGINIA COBB

with Mrs. S. G. Kennedy
2100 East Mallory Street

BAPTIST WOMEN (NIGHT) GROUP MEETING

December 11, 1979

Prayer and Bible Study
Guest Speaker — Mrs. Irene Williams
Home of Sarah Andress,
3007 Blackshear

ARTICLES PUBLISHED

Our pastor has another article in a Southern Baptist publication. His article "Resources for Special Occasions" appears in the January-March issue of PROCLAIM, a journal to which he is a frequent contributor. Another of our members, Pat Foran, has an article in the December issue of ACCENT entitled H.E.L.P. (Hints for Effective Leadership Production).



J. C. and Alma Collis

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP
DECEMBER 2, 1979



Arlie and Mary Gallion



Charles (Chuck) Griffin, Jr.



Mike Johnson



Bill and Andrea Raines
Traci, Kim and John Silvey

MUSIC MINISTRY



Graded Choirs:

Christmas Choral Worship

All of our Graded Choirs will be singing on Sunday evening, December 9. The Youth Choir and the Middle School Choir will also be singing. The Adult Vocal Ensemble will be making its first appearance and the Celebration Singers will sing. Included in the Graded Choirs are Four Year through Fifth Grade: Melody Makers I, Melody Makers II, Music Makers I, Music Makers II, Music Makers III and Young Musicians.

Adult Choir Cantata

Our Adult Choir assisted by instrumentalists and drama cast will present THE GREAT GLAD TIDINGS TELL by Duane Blakley on the Evening of December 16. The musical contains twenty-three folk songs and hymns of Christmas. The congregation is involved as a participant in identifying familiar melodies and observing stage action and in singing of hymns which conclude each suite or section.



TAKE TIME TO FIND THOSE HIDDEN LIBRARY BOOKS

December is the month that the Library will let you return your overdue books and not pay a fine. If you have an overdue library book on the shelf in your closet or laying in the back seat of your car or anywhere else that you may have one, if you return it to the church library before December 31, then there will be no overdue fine charged to you. Take this opportunity not to have to pay that fine and return that book(s) so that someone else may read it.

Thank you.

JUST FOR YOUTH

By FRANZ CORNELIUS



YOUTH CALENDAR

By now you have received a November and December calendar. The purpose of this calendar is to keep you up to date on youth-related events. You should keep this calendar in your room and add those events that you want to become part of.

On the reverse side is all the information you need concerning each date. Some events you can add to your calendar are: December 21, The Youth Council is planning to have a high school Christmas Party at 7:00 P.M. Further information to follow.

December 12, the Joy Group will have a movie, "Flying High."

December 16, Youth Council. Don't forget the meeting.

December 26 there will be a special Joy Group meeting at 6:30. Don't miss this one.

December 27 the high school youth will be playing football and other games at the beach. (1:00 P.M. next to the casino).

SPECIAL DAYS

Starting this day, I would like for you to make this Christmas Season a special season for you. Each day pick a symbol of Christmas and relate it to the real meaning of Christmas. Make the symbol and wear it on your blouse or shirt all day to remind you of the true meaning of Christmas. Who knows, someone may ask you what that symbol means.

BASKETBALL PRACTICE SCHEDULE

MONDAY

7:00 P.M. - Til—Men's team

TUESDAY

5:00 - 6:00—11 years old and under

6:00 - 7:00—15 years old and under

7:00 - 8:30—High School Girls

8:30 - Til—High School Boys

THURSDAY

5:00 - 6:00—Middle School Girls

6:00 - 7:00—13 years old and under

7:00 - 8:30—High School Girls

8:30 - Til—High School Boys

WANTED!

All your plastic detergent bottles are needed by the Football Banquet Committee. Please bring your containers to the church office by December 10th. Thank you.

MAX DICKSON

DEACONS OF THE WEEK FOR NEXT WEEK

David L. Raley, Sr. — 438-5877

John P. Register — 438-6614

Charles H. Overman, Jr. — 476-3123

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Mrs. Susan Graham, Music Secretary
Mrs. Lorraine Pulley, Dietician
Mrs. Josephine Williams, Custodial Supervisor
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 School1290
Married Adults684
Single Adults63
College18
Youth203
Children174
Preschool123
Crippled Children's Home.....25
Christian Training Hour153
Coming for Membership11
Baptized7

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER MENU

DECEMBER 12, 1979

Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes
with Gravy
Lima Beans
Roll and Butter
Dessert
Coffee and Tea



DESIGNATED OFFERINGS

DECEMBER 2, 1979

Building Fund\$4,227.98
Specials4,387.69
Total\$8,615.67

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett B. Bray, Sr. and are given by Mr. and Mrs. D. E. MaHugh.

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP DECEMBER 2, 1979

BY LETTER:

30. J. C. Collis, 7960 Lancelot Dr.
From: North Brewton Baptist,
Brewton, Al.
 31. Mrs. J. C. Collis (Alma),
7960 Lancelot Dr.
 32. Arlie Gallion, 4055 Bedevere Dr.
From: First Baptist, Clendenin, W. Va.
 33. Mrs. Arlie Gallion (Mary),
4055 Bedevere Dr.
 34. Bill Raines, 319 Dolphin St.
From: First Baptist, Chattanooga, Tn.
 35. Mrs. Bill Raines (Andrea),
319 Dolphin St.
 36. Kim Silvey, 319 Dolphin St.
 37. Traci Silvey, 319 Dolphin St.
 38. John Silvey, 319 Dolphin St.
- ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:
16. Charles H. Griffin, Jr.,
6455 Guilford Dr.
 17. Mike Johnson
7155 N. 9th Ave., #201-G.

BAPTIZED:

Jerry Goddard, Susan Goddard, Brian
Taylor, Mike Johnson, Charlie Snow, Jeff
Bowman, Charles Griffin, Jr.

SERMON TOPICS

December 9

10:55 A.M.

"WHEN THE LORD COMES"

(Acts 1:10-11)

7:15 P.M.

Children's Music Ministry

BUDGET OFFERING REPORT

December 2, 1979

Receipts\$ 20,538.73
Weekly Budget Needs.....16,346.15
Budget Receipts
Year to Date.....731,700.73
Budget Needs
Year to Date.....784,615.20

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

First Baptist Church Goal.....\$25,000.00
Given to Date\$ 1,724.99

NEW HOURS

The church office has new hours. The
office will be open at 8:30 as usual, but
will close at 4:30 P.M.

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
- * 10:55 A.M.—Worship Service
- 12:00 Noon—"Potluck Dinner, Adult 3 —
Dining Hall
- 2:00-4:00—Bridal Tea — CAC
- 5:00 P.M.—Celebration Singers Rehearsal
- * 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- * 7:00 P.M.—Evening Worship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

- * 9:00 A.M.—Needlepoint — CAC
- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
- 12:00 Noon—Men's Noon Exercise
- 12:00 Noon—Mary Martha Sunday School
Class Luncheon, Yd 9
- * 5:30 P.M.—Adult Vocal Ensemble
- 6:00 P.M.—Naomi Sunday School Class
Christmas Party—Dining Hall
- 7:00 P.M.—Youth Handbells

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 5:00-8:30—Basketball Practice — CAC
- * 7:00 P.M.—Football Banquet —
Municipal Auditorium

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 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
- 6:30-7:30—Mission Friend's Christmas
Party
- 7:00 P.M.—Recreation Time for Children
- * 7:30 P.M.—Adult Choir
Boy Scouts — Cellar

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 12:00 Noon—Businessmen's Luncheon
and Bible Study
- 5:00-8:30—Basketball Practice — CAC
- 6:30 P.M.—Christmas Play — Children,
Choir Room
- 7:00 P.M.—Silent Christmas Dinner —
Dining Hall

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

- * 9:00 A.M.—Mother's Day Out
- 12:00 Noon—Men's Noon Exercise — CAC
- 12:00 Noon—Library Christmas Luncheon,
Dining Hall
- * 6:30 P.M.—Family Night
- * 7:30 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal —
Sanctuary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 9:30 A.M.—Acteens Bazaar at Escambia
Nursing Home
- 6:30 P.M.—Basketball Practice — CAC
- 6:30-10:00 P.M.—Youth 13 Sunday
School Party
- 7:00 P.M.—Instrumental Rehearsal
- * Nursery Provided