



The First Baptist Builder

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Brian's Lines

As we move into the Christmas season, our thoughts turn to Christ and the magnificent good news that He brought to our world. Dot Walker spoke of this good news in a moving way on Sunday morning, and issued a challenge to



our church to give generously to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering so that this good news may be spread into all the earth. Our local church goal is \$40,000. Will you do your part?

ONE OF THE JOYS . . . of working in the church is that you get to know so many powerful people. Some of our fine members, Ron and Kay Scott, were very active in our church, but have moved to another city. I received a letter from them this week which said in part, "We want to thank you all for the support you have been to us and First Baptist Church. We especially appreciated your visits, prayers and support when my mother had surgery and when Bonnie was in Children's Hospital for 3 weeks. It meant a great deal to us to see you there and all the staff members who came so often. I especially appreciated Jan's and Dot's visit the first day or so. They were both so thoughtful and sensitive to how I was feeling." That is what the church is about, ministering to each other in times of need. Ron and Kay were a part of that ministry when they were here, and will be in the church to which they have moved in Battle Creek, Michigan. Let us continue to be that kind of church.

TWO IMPORTANT STEPS . . . were taken at our most recent business conference. The church endorsed the concept of an Adult Choir Mission Trip to Japan in the summer of 1983. The choir will be going to the churches in the area where Mike and Bonnie served as missionaries. What a tremendous mission opportunity this will be. At the same conference, we endorsed the use of our building for a Congregate Meal site for senior citizens. Instead of taking the food to the people as in the meals-on-wheels program, this food is provided for those who can come to the church. This meal is served every day during the week, and it is a beautiful way to "give a cup of cold water in Jesus' name." Both on foreign fields and here at home, First Baptist Church is concerned with missions.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PENSACOLA
HONORS AREA HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS

13TH ANNUAL CHALLENGER AWARD BANQUET

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1981 — 7:00 P.M.

Tickets — \$8.00

Feature Speaker: Eddie Robinson, Head Coach, Grambling University
Special Guest: Miss Sheri Ryman, 1981 "Miss Texas"

A DECEMBER TO REMEMBER

Sunday, December 6

6:15 p.m.—Children's Choir Program

Sunday, December 13

6:15 p.m.—High School Choir Musical:
"Unto Us A Child Is Born" by Ron Huff

Wednesday, December 16

5:15 p.m.—Churchwide Christmas Buffet
6:15 p.m.—White Christmas Service (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 20

6:15 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Presentation:
"Gloria" by Vivaldi

Thursday, December 24

5:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 27

6:15 p.m.—Student Night Program

ANOTHER GOOD MONTH IN SUNDAY SCHOOL . . . These first two months in our new Sunday School year have been the best since I came to be your pastor. The comparison below indicates that we are experiencing significant growth in our Sunday School.

	1980	1981
October	1235	1349
November	1167	1315

I RECEIVED THIS WEEK . . . The proofs on my new book, *From Cover to Cover*, which will be out in January. The book will feature one sermon from every book of the Bible. Both of the sermons I preached this last Sunday will

be in the book. I am praying that God will use the book to spread the message of His Word.

ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN . . . I will be presenting another children's sermon this Sunday morning in the worship service. Be sure to tell your parents that you want to stay, and when I ask for you to come forward, participate in this time of sharing just for you.

THIS SUNDAY . . . I will be preaching a sermon entitled, "The Christ of Christmas." Sunday night we will be blessed by the music of our children's choirs. I'll see you here for another exciting day.

How Shall They Hear?



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Our Church Goal: \$40,000

We Southern Baptists have promised to send the light of God's love to our world by the year 2000. There are more than two and a half million people who have never even heard that there is the Son with his promise of eternal life. How shall they hear? You are the answer!

SONG LEADER NEEDED

To direct First Baptist Church services at Pensacola Health Care Facility 2nd & 4th Mondays - 2:00 P.M. Minimal Time - Meaningful Service Contact Jerry Spivey in the church office.

THAT'S INCREDIBLE!

After months of anticipation the pictorial directories have arrived in our office.

To celebrate, we will have an informal and exciting churchwide fellowship Sunday evening, December 6, following the worship service, to begin distribution of the directories.

Each family or individual who was photographed, or who turned in a picture for the directory, will be entitled to one free copy. Additional copies may be purchased for \$2.00 each.

After Sunday, the directories will be available in the church office.

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS MUSIC	
Dec. 6	A.M.—Middle School Handbells P.M.—Graded Choir Christmas Program
Dec. 13	A.M.—High School Handbells P.M.—High School Choir "Unto Us a Child Is Born"
Dec. 20	A.M.—Adult Handbells P.M.—Sanctuary Choir "Gloria" by Vivaldi
Dec. 24	5:00 P.M.—Candlelight Service

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP NOVEMBER 29, 1981



Alice Potter

OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN THE HOSPITALS:

- Baptist**
Mrs. Lennie Bonham, Mrs. Susie Eddins, Mrs. Ella Ruth Sansing, Mr. John Ralowicz
- Sacred Heart**
Mr. Winnie Abney, Mr. Ray Overton, Mrs. Louise Pohlmann
- West Florida**
Mr. Bill Osborne, Mrs. Edith Royals
- Rehabilitation Center**
Mrs. Velma Landers
- University of Alabama Hospital, Birmingham**
Mr. Bubba Thames
- Springhill Mem., Mobile**
Mrs. Wilda Stubblefield

- HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:**
Mrs. Hazel Hudson, Mrs. Lola Nance, Mrs. Imogene Stewart, Mrs. Barbara Reynolds, Mr. Carl Bond, Leigh Johnston, Sharon Thompson, Mrs. Kim Taing, Mr. K. K. Knight, Mrs. Gladys Knight, Mr. Fred Avant, Mr. Clarence Dannelly
- CONGRATULATIONS TO:**
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jordan on the birth of a baby girl, Melinda Grace, November 25 in Seattle, Washington. Proud paternal grandparents are Fred and Nancy Jordan.
Rev. and Mrs. John Ladner on the birth of a baby girl, Rachel Anne, on November 26, in Tacoma, Washington. Proud paternal grandparents are Joe and Vivian Ladner.
- SYMPATHY TO:**
The family of Dr. and Mrs. S. H. Shippey in their death.

MUSIC MINISTRY

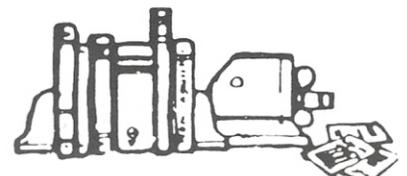
Mike Simoneaux

THIS WEEK'S "Music Ministry" is designed to be cut out and kept by Sanctuary and Youth choir members.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

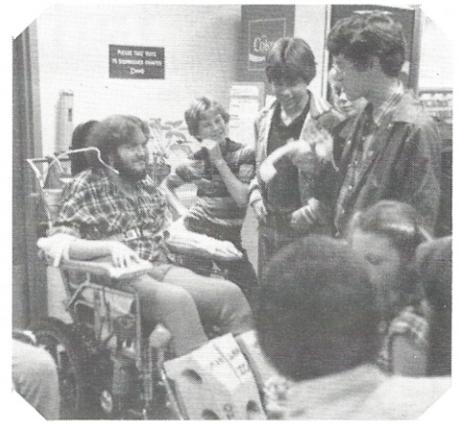
- SANCTUARY CHOIR**
Sunday, Dec. 6th, A.M.—Sing "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring."
Pot luck lunch in dining hall at 1:30, then sing in Seville Square Gazebo.
Wednesday, Dec. 9th—Rehearsal from 7 to 9 P.M.
Sunday, Dec. 13th, A.M.—Sing "Behold, the Saviour Cometh"
Wednesday, Dec. 16th—Rehearsal from 7 to 9 P.M.
Thursday, Dec. 17th—Rehearsal from 6:30 to 9 P.M.
Sunday, Dec. 20th, A.M.—Sing theme from "Gloria"
P.M.—Vivaldi's "Gloria"
- YOUTH CHOIR**
Sunday, Dec. 6th—Rehearsal from 3 to 6 P.M.
Thursday, Dec. 10th—Rehearsal from 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. (in Sanctuary)
Saturday, Dec. 12th—Rehearsal 10:00 A.M. on (with orchestra)
Sunday, Dec. 13th, P.M.—"Unto Us A Child Is Born"
Friday, Dec. 18th—Navarre Beach Holiday Concert
Leave church at 6:00 P.M.

CHURCH LIBRARY



END OF YEAR ROUND-UP OF BOOKS

Over 100 books have been forgotten in some dark corner, on a shelf, in your car, or somewhere else. No fines will be charged if overdue books are returned before December 31st. Please check to make sure you do not have one.



MOMENTS TO REMEMBER

It was Tuesday night, November 24th and the JOY group helped the Acteens give a Thanksgiving Party for the patients at the Rehabilitation Center.

There was a special feeling for everyone. The patients enjoyed taking part in funny skits that made everyone laugh. Songs were sung and friendships were shared.

As the party was ending one patient was heard saying, "Please come back soon so I can laugh again."



**BAPTIST WOMEN (DAY)
GROUP MEETINGS**

Tuesday, December 8, 1981

- 10:00 A.M.—ALTA ALLISON
with Mrs. Ben Aultman
102 Drew Circle for a covered dish luncheon. (Bring gifts for Escambia Nursing Home.)
- RALPH BETHEA
with Mrs. Claude Hawkins
4120 Piedmont Road
co/hos. Mrs. C. F. Scarborough
- VIRGINIA COBB
with Mrs. S. C. Kennedy
2100 E. Mallory St.
- STANLEY DAVIS
with Mrs. G. A. Hartline
Christian Activities Center
Covered Dish
- LINDA LEECH
with Mary Ethel Harrison
851 N. 10th Ave.
- DOROTHY MADDOX
with Mrs. George H. Forsberg
206 Man O'War Circle
- CHARLOTTE OWENS
with Mrs. Paul R. Gray
511 Yesterbrook Circle
- BETTY TOMLINSON
with Mrs. Kent Phillips
864 Tanglewood Drive
co/hos. Mrs. Irvin Roberts
and Mrs. Emory Rogers
- 2:00 P.M.—ROSIE BEDSOLE
with Mrs. M. A. Farmer
730 W. Jordan St.

**DATES FOR YOUTH
TO REMEMBER**

- Dec. 5 Royal Ambassador Associational Hike-A-Thon.
- 6 Colorado Ski trip registration begins.
- 7 Challenger Award Banquet
- 10 Mrs. Fleming's Children's Christmas play.
- 15 8th Grade Fruit Basket delivery.
- 16 7th Grade Christmas caroling party.
H. S. work party for White Christmas.
- 18 M. S. Christmas Lock-In.
- 19 M. S. Christmas Party for the blind.
- 20 H. S. Ridgecrest After-Church Fellowship.
- 24 H. S. Christmas caroling after church Candlelight Service.
- 30 M. S. Polarscavengeroid
- 31 H. S. New Year's Eve Party

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Dickie Creel and are given by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woody Creel and his sister, Dr. and Mrs. James Brown.

IN MEMORIAM

DR. & MRS. S. H. SHIPPEY
10100 Hillview Road
Joined our church by Letter:
August 2, 1981
Deceased: November 26, 1981

**ADULTS IN CHURCH TRAINING
5 O'CLOCK SUNDAYS**

- "The Life of Christ"—Led by Nix Daniel (S-112)
- Bible Survey Series—"A Nation in the Making"—led by Dave Mullis (S-108)
- Young Adults—"The Spiritual Walk"—led by Steve Brassell (S-311)
- Video Tape Series—"What Every Christian Should Know"—by Dr. Adrian Rogers (S-104)



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SPREE

On December 12th the Acteens will be sponsoring the 5th Annual Christmas Shopping Spree at Escambia County Nursing Home. This will enable residents in the nursing home to shop for Christmas gifts for friends and family. If you would like to share in this Christmas joy, turn in men's or women's gifts to the church office by December 9th.

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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.

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

- 8:30 A.M.—Singles Ensemble Rehearsal
- 9:00 A.M.—Homebound Class
- 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
- 10:55 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 1:30 P.M.—Sanctuary Choir at Seville Square
- 3:00 P.M.—Youth Choir (3-hour Rehearsal)
- 3:30 P.M.—Vietnamese Bible Class
- 4:00 P.M.—Middle School Handbells Instrumental Ensemble
- 5:00 P.M.—Church Training Hour Children's Bible Drill Adult Handbells
- 6:15 P.M.—Evening Worship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 9:00 A.M.—Needlepoint — CAC Aerobics — CAC
- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
- 10:30 A.M.—Ladies' Skating
- 12:00 Noon—Men's Exercise — CAC
- 7:00 P.M.—CHALLENGER AWARD BANQUET —Needlepoint — CAC

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

- Baptist Women Group Meetings — Listed elsewhere in the BUILDER
- 6:30 P.M.—Youth Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 9:00 A.M.—Aerobics — CAC
- 10:30 A.M.—Ladies' Skating
- 12:00 Noon—Men's Exercise — CAC
- 3:45 P.M.—Youth Handbells
- 4:45 P.M.—High School Acteens Middle School Choir Graded Choirs
- 5:30 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- 6:15 P.M.—Bible Study for Adults High School JOY College JOY (S-311) Mission Friends Middle School Acteens Royal Ambassadors G.A.'s Sunday School Workers Weekly Meeting
- 6:35 P.M.—Adult Lesson Preview
- 6:45 P.M.—Music Reading
- 7:00 P.M.—Sanctuary Choir (2-hour Rehearsal)
- 7:15 P.M.—Boy Scouts — Cellar

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 9:30 A.M.—Senior Adults — CAC
- 12:00 Noon—Businessmen's Luncheon
- 6:00 P.M.—5th Grade Christmas Play (Choir Room)
- 6:30 P.M.—Naomi S.S. Class Dinner Youth Choir (2-hour Rehearsal)

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP NOVEMBER 29, 1981

BY LETTER:

- 25. Alice M. Potter, 74 Highpoint Drive From: Kanto Plains Baptist, Japan
- BAPTIZED: Jennifer Slye, Dwight Edenfield and Karen Sue Cantrell

BUDGET OFFERING REPORT

November 29, 1981	
Receipts	\$ 14,687.26
Weekly Budget Needs	18,911.00
Budget Receipts	
Year To Date	881,116.95
Budget Needs	
Year To Date	907,728.00

SERMON TOPICS

December 6
10:55 A.M.
"THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS"
(Heb. 12:1-3)
6:15 P.M.
CHILDREN'S CHOIR PROGRAM

DESIGNATED GIFTS

BUILDING FUND	\$1,439.50
SPECIALS	\$1,021.00

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

First Baptist Church	
Goal	\$40,000.00
Received to Date	\$ 1,197.84

- 7:00 P.M.—YSA/College Bible Study
- 7:30 P.M.—Square Dancing — CAC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 9:00 A.M.—Mother's Day Out Aerobics — CAC
- 12:00 Noon—Men's Exercise — CAC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 10:00 A.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal (With Orchestra)

* Nursery Provided

LAST WEEK'S REPORT



SUNDAY SCHOOL	1,222
Married Adults	626
Single Adults	125
Youth	179
Children	166
Preschool	101
The Village Chapel	25
CHURCH TRAINING	173
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER MENU

December 9, 1981

- Pork Chops
- Rice & Gravy
- Steamed Cabbage or Tossed Salad
- Roll and Butter
- Dessert
- Tea and Coffee

