



# The First Baptist Builder

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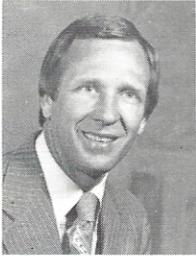
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## Brian's Lines

We felt the specialness of the Christmas season on Sunday as we worshipped together. We had our largest Sunday School attendance of the fall, our best attended worship service of the fall, and a moving presentation by our music ministry. In addition, we hosted the area deaf retreat. Then, to top it off, we received our long-awaited Church Pictorial Directories. December 6 will be a day we long remember as God continues to move powerfully in our midst.



TO PENSACOLA WITH LOVE . . . seems like a long time ago, but we still continue to receive positive responses about it. I received a letter this week from Favorhouse of Northwest Florida conveying their appreciation for the members of our church who were involved in the home repair last Spring and this Fall. Andy Trammell and his workers had a part in the renovation of a new shelter home for abused spouses. The letter concluded with this paragraph: "Each of the men that helped us have our deepest gratitude for getting us started in a grand way on this big undertaking. Your commitment has led others to help us in assisting victims of spouse abuse." That is the church, reaching out in love to our community.

FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS . . . Some of our members mentioned their disappointment this week that my new book would not be here in time to give it as a Christmas present. We do have some copies of both *Famous Singles of the Bible* and *Famous Couples of the Bible*. If you would be interested in getting some for Christmas presents, contact Mrs. Camp in the church office.

PRINTED SERMONS . . . We have had a large increase of response to the printed sermons that we make available each month. We print two sermons that I have preached during the month and make those available in the foyer and in the church library. You may also subscribe for a year for a \$5.00 fee which covers the material and postage. The two sermons printed this month are "The Sufficient Home" which provides an alternative view to the headship theory of family life, and "Good News To Be Thankful For" which was my Thanks-

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## THE YOUTH CHOIR SINGS the JOY OF CHRISTMAS

# UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

arranged by Ron Huff

Accompanied by Pensacola Youth Orchestra

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

6:15 P.M.

## New Offering Envelopes for 1982!



*Pictured is the Banking Committee at work with their regular Monday morning job of counting the church offering. The committee has been given a briefing on the new envelope system.*

A new offering envelope system for our church has been instituted.

Each month, members will receive a set of envelopes for use the following month.

There are several advantages to this new envelope system:

**LARGER IN SIZE** — Currency and personal checks will fit this envelope without folding.

**MAILED EACH MONTH** — As members are added or deleted (or addresses changed), the mailing list will remain accurate.

**CONVENIENT** — Easy to handle for the contributor *and* the Banking Committee counters.

**EFFICIENT** — Appropriate envelopes for mission offerings, revival, and "Prove the Tithe" day will be included at the proper time during the year.

## WHERE DO I DEPOSIT MY OFFERING?

The regular offering time and procedure will remain in effect as a vital part of our worship services. Many church members want to make their contribution during the worship service. However, there will be a renewed effort to encourage members who attend Sunday School to make their contribution through the Sunday School.

## WHITE CHRISTMAS

The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Each year First Baptist Church takes this Scripture to heart with the White Christmas service. This year we will be helping twenty-two (22) needy families for Christmas. If you would like to help by donating items which we have listed below, please bring them to the church on December 16th. Wrap the gifts in white paper and keep them in your possession until a given time in the service when they will be placed under our white Christmas tree in the Sanctuary.

Food — Staple goods, fruit, etc.

Toys — For preschool and elementary-age children.

Household Items — Kitchen utensils, towels, linens.

## CHRISTMAS BUFFET DECEMBER 16

The Annual Christmas Buffet will be held on Wednesday, December 16. The prices will be:

Adults .....	\$2.00
Students .....	\$1.50
Preschoolers .....	\$.50

The food service process will be convenient because of several buffet serving lines, beginning at 5:15 p.m.

## AN INVITATION

To: Leisure Timers and Adult 2 Department

For: Annual Christmas Party & Dinner

Date: Tuesday, December 15, 1981

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Place: Church Dining Hall

Special Program Presented by: The Milton High School Chorus

Dinner Served: 10:30 A.M.

Cost: \$1.50

Bring a *FUN GIFT* to exchange!



Thank you, Fifth Grade, for the beautiful way you told "The Christmas Story."

## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Fifty Million Dollars  
\$50 Million Dollars  
\$50,000,000

Any way you look at it, \$50 million is a spectacular goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

But Southern Baptists have a long way to go before accomplishing the goals of Bold Mission Thrust. And we have only a few years in which to get the job done.

**Our Church Goal: \$40,000**

How shall they hear?  
YOU are the answer!



## CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

On your way to the Library, stop and look at the Christmas tree in the Missions window. The ornaments show Christmas around the world, and Christian symbols. At the top is the descending dove, representing the Holy Spirit.

These ornaments were made by members of Dorothy Maddox group, the newest group of Baptist Women, whose leader is Eloise Shell.

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giving sermon this year. I hope that you will use these for further study, and then pass them on to extend the witness of our church.

**DON'T FORGET . . .** to take advantage of all the special services during this Christmas season. The White Christmas Service and Christmas Buffet on December 16, and the Candlelight Service at 5:00 on Christmas Eve will be a real blessing to you.

**OUR GOAL . . .** for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering is \$40,000. Be sure to do your part. Our church has a strong tradition of mission support, and we want to continue to be a leader in this area.

**THIS SUNDAY . . .** Dr. Bill O'Brien, Vice President of the Foreign Mission Board, will be preaching on Sunday morning. Our youth choir will present their Christmas music on Sunday night. I will be here to share with you in another exciting day.

## MISSION FRIENDS NEWS

December 16—Four and five year olds will meet in the Sanctuary for the White Christmas Program. Two and three year olds will be meeting as usual.

December 23 & 30—No Meeting

## END OF YEAR ROUNDUP OF BOOKS

No fines will be charged if overdue books are returned before December 31. Take time to search for any that might be hidden around your home or in your car. Someone else might like to read it.

## 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)

THANKS RECEIVED FROM Jean and Ray Strebeck for the cards, prayers, and visits to her mother, Velma Landers, during her convalescence.

THANKS TO Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Shel and Dr. and Mrs. Bob Trotter for hosting the College/YSA Department in their homes at various times during the Thanksgiving holidays.

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

#### IN THE HOSPITALS:

##### Baptist

Mrs. Lennie Bonham, Mrs. Anna Wilson

##### Specialty Care

Mrs. Susie Eddins

##### Sacred Heart

Mr. Quinton Shafer, Mr. Ray Overton,  
Mrs. Louise Pohlmann, Mrs. Carol Johnson

##### West Florida

Mrs. Ida Guilbert

#### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Ella Ruth Sansing, Mr. John Ralowicz, Mr. Winnie Abney, Mr. Bill Osborne, Mrs. Edith Royals, Mr. Bubba Thames, Mrs. Wilda Stubblefield

#### TRANSFERRED TO THE BLUFFS

Mrs. Velma Landers

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Donna and Mike Mixson on the birth of a baby boy December 1. Proud maternal grandmother is Mrs. Dot Walker.

### RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP

DECEMBER 6, 1981



Billy and Mary Evans



Marla Anderson

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Mike Simoneaux

*UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN*, a Christmas cantata arranged by Ron Huff, will be presented by the High School Choir this Sunday night, December 13. They will be accompanied on chorale sections by the Pensacola Youth Orchestra. Mr. Gene Clark, director of the orchestra, will also direct the group as they present the evening prelude. I encourage all members to arrive early to enjoy this special time of worship music.

Reverend Bill O'Brien, former music missionary to Indonesia, now Vice-President of the Foreign Mission Board, will not only be speaking on Sunday morning, but will be bringing special music. Let's welcome Bill O'Brien as he contributes his gifts in music for our worship this Sunday.

THE NEW YEAR will bring a number of new opportunities in the music ministry of FBC. VOICE CLASS will be starting along with GUITAR CLASS and PIANO CLASS. Please be on the lookout for times and places regarding these classes. SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES will be available after January in the area of music therapy, with private classes for children with dyslexia and speech difficulties. These will be arranged on a private basis after an interview with parents and child.

A BOYS CHOIR patterned after the Vienna Boys Choir will be started in January. This will be open to any boy, *on an audition basis*, on condition that he is able to read and if his voice has not changed. This will be a select group with mandatory rehearsal attendance. Auditions will begin on Thursday, January 7, after school. A parent is requested to attend with the child.



Bill O'Brien

We are indeed fortunate to share in the gifts and spirit of Dr. Bill O'Brien, Vice President of the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, on Sunday, December 13, in our morning worship service.



### PARENT-BABY DEDICATION

Our nursery has been blessed with many new babies. We are planning a Parent-Baby Dedication on Sunday, January 3, 1982, during the morning worship service. Please contact Dot Walker in the church office if you wish to be a part of this beautiful ceremony.

### MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mr. T. H. Miller and are given by his family.

## JUST FOR YOUTH

FRANZ CORNELIUS



### Sunday School Success

For two months now the Middle School Sunday School has set some impressive average-attendance records. For example, this past Sunday the Seventh Grade Department was one member short of a 100% attendance. Every Sunday is a new learning experience and young people are delighted with the fact that learning can be fun.

This success just didn't happen. Every department has been working very hard at team teaching and making extensive efforts in outreach. With the leadership of Dolly Flowers, division director, and the team work of each department, young people are coming to know the Lord in a very special way.

### High School Work Party

After the White Christmas services Wednesday, the 16th, the high school youth will have a work party. We will prepare the gifts for delivery. This will be an opportunity for the youth to serve the church. We will have a snack and the fellowship will be fun.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Haylock  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Janet Lee

to  
Mr. William Frank Crawford, Jr.  
Saturday, the nineteenth of December  
Nineteen hundred and eighty-one  
at seven o'clock in the evening

First Baptist Church  
555 Fairpoint Drive  
Gulf Breeze, Florida

Reception following ceremony  
in Fellowship Hall

**LAST WEEK'S  
REPORT**



TOTAL BIBLE STUDY .....	1,704
SUNDAY SCHOOL .....	1,528
Married Adults .....	794
Single Adults .....	126
Youth .....	213
Children .....	202
Preschool .....	147
The Village Chapel .....	46
WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES .....	176
CHURCH TRAINING .....	297
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM....	614
COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP .....	3

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
SUPPER MENU**

December 16, 1981

SPECIAL  
CHRISTMAS  
BUFFET



**COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP  
DECEMBER 6, 1981**

BY LETTER:

- 26. Billy W. Evans, 3455 Dunwoody Dr.  
From: First Baptist, Kingsville, Tx.
- 27. Mrs. Billy W. Evans (Mary),  
3455 Dunwoody Dr.

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:

- 13. Marla Anderson, 4503 Ellysee Way

**SUNDAY IN OUR CHURCH**  
December 13, 1981  
10:55 A.M.  
Dr. Bill O'Brien  
Vice-President, Foreign Mission Board  
6:15 P.M.  
HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR  
PROGRAM

**BUDGET OFFERING  
REPORT**  
December 6, 1981

Receipts .....	\$ 25,620.06
Weekly Budget Needs .....	18,911.00
Budget Receipts	
Year To Date .....	883,679.01
Budget Needs	
Year To Date .....	926,639.00

**DESIGNATED GIFTS**

BUILDING FUND .....	\$4,130.54
SPECIALS .....	\$ 699.00

**LOTTIE MOON  
CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

Our Goal: .....	\$40,000.00
Given to date: .....	8,268.15

NO GRADED CHOIRS from Decem-  
ber 16 on. Will resume January 6,  
1982.

**OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 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
- 3:30 P.M.—Vietnamese Bible Class
- 4:00 P.M.—Middle School Handbells  
Instrumental Ensemble
- \* 5:00 P.M.—Church Training Hour  
Youth Choir  
Children's Bible Drill  
Adult Handbells
- \* 6:15 P.M.—Youth Choir Program

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

- \* 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.—Needlepoint

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 10:00 A.M.—Leisure Timers
- 6:30 P.M.—Youth Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 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

- \* 5:30 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- \* 6:15 P.M.—White Christmas Program
- \* 6:45 P.M.—Music Reading
- \* 7:00 P.M.—Sanctuary Choir
- 7:15 P.M.—Boy Scouts — Cellar
- 7:30 P.M.—7th Grade Carol Sing

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 9:30 A.M.—Senior Adults — CAC
- 12:00 Noon—Businessmen's Luncheon
- 6:30 P.M.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 P.M.—YSA/College Bible Study
- 7:30 P.M.—Square Dancing — CAC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

- \* 9:00 A.M.—Mother's Day Out  
Aerobics — CAC
- 12:00 Noon—Men's Exercise — CAC
- 6:00 P.M.—High School Choir to  
Holidome
- 6:30 P.M.—YA I & II Dinner
- 9:00 P.M.—Middle School Lock-in

\* Nursery Provided