



The Great Challenge The First Baptist Builder

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In the Heart of Pensacola . . . With Pensacola on Our Hearts

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Brian's Lines



What a day we had Sunday! The attendance all day was outstanding. The music was heavenly. Mike had nearly 130 in the adult choir Sunday morning. The spirit of the services was inspiring. I hope you were here for a beautiful day.

AND WHAT A MONTH . . . I have not seen the final attendance figures for Sunday in Sunday School, but I believe that we will average 1400 in Sunday School during the five weeks in October. What is the secret of our tremendous growth in Sunday School over the last fifteen months? Several factors are key.

1. An excitement in the leadership.
2. An outreach mentality.
3. Well prepared lessons centered in God's Word.
4. Weekly planning meetings.
5. Strong fellowship.

We averaged 1239 in Sunday School in 1981. We have averaged 1306 in Sunday School in 1982. We're shooting for 1400 this year. Sunday School teachers and leaders — keep up the good work.

OUR CHURCH LETTER . . . was recently sent in, giving a report of our church life for 1981-82. During that time we had 233 new members join our church, bringing our total membership to 4195. We baptized 55 during the last twelve months. Our average Sunday School attendance was 1306. We have 526 enrolled in our church music programs. We have over 500 involved in our mission programs. Our offering to Home Missions was \$16,776. Our gift to the Lottie Moon offering for foreign missions was \$46,263. Total gifts received during this time was \$1,598,548. Of that we gave \$284,491 to mission causes. God has richly blessed our church during this last year, and we are thankful for all that He has done.

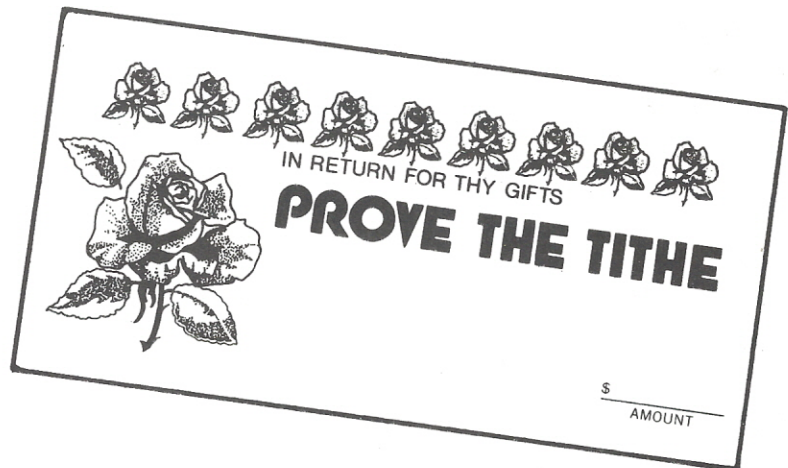
I COVET YOUR PRAYERS . . . this next week as I present the Bible Study for each session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. I pastored in Mississippi for two years, and have many friends there. As I speak at each session, I represent you. So be sure to pray for me on Monday through Wednesday.

A SPECIAL THANKS . . . goes to Jack Archer and the kitchen committee and to Mrs. Pulley and the kitchen workers. Think of their schedule for last week!

PROVE THE TITHE DAY Sunday, November 7 A Tither's Demonstration

"Prove the Tithe Day" will do several things for our church:

- It will give those who do not tithe regularly a chance to practice and experience the joy of tithing.
- It will demonstrate what our financial possibilities are when each member gives a tithe of his or her income.
- It will prove what God can do when we open ourselves to His Spirit.



*Please use the special "Prove the Tithe" envelope in your packet on that day.
(There is also a regular envelope dated November 7 — use it if you prefer.)*

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RECORD SET!

1412 Weekly Average for October

For the five Sundays in October our Sunday School averaged 1412, which is more than any other month in the history of First Baptist Church.

They fed over 200 at noon on Tuesday for the Ladies' Luncheon. On Wednesday night they fed over 600 for our regular Wednesday night meal. Thursday at noon they fed over 150 for our men's luncheon. Then, on Thursday night, they fed another 600 at our Great Challenge banquet. Add them up and you will find that over 1500 people were fed out of our church kitchen last week. It boggles my mind to think about it. What a tremendous job

these people do, and they certainly deserve a special thanks.

THIS SUNDAY . . . we begin our annual Stewardship emphasis. My morning sermon will address that subject. Sunday night we will continue in the series of redemptive history as I preach a sermon entitled, *"The Destruction of the Kingdom."* I'll see you here for another exciting day.

THANKS, LADIES!



Marcia Howell, Avery Morrison, and Jill Findley look over the Fall leaves (from the South Carolina mountains, no less) as they decorated for the stewardship banquet last week.



Hazel Cobb and Margaret Phillips (along with Doris Mooty, Alma Hendricks and Jo McCormick) learned how to use these cute little machines to assemble our budget booklets.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Mike Simoneaux

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES IN THE MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday, November 7 — "Prove the Tithe Day" — 100% in Sanctuary Choir

4:00 P.M. — Middle School Handbells
Youth Ensemble

5:00 P.M. — Youth Choir
Adult Handbells
Guitar Class
College / Singles I Choir

Monday, November 8 —

7:00 P.M. — Adult Ensemble

Tuesday, November 9 —

12:00 Noon — Adult Piano Lessons
12:30 P.M. — Singing Seniors
1:00 P.M. — Voice Class
3:30 P.M. — Children's Piano Lessons

Wednesday, November 10 —

4:00 P.M. — Boys Choir
4:45 P.M. — Graded and Middle School Choirs
5:30 P.M. — Music Committee Meeting Cancelled
6:15 P.M. — *Missions Sunday* — Men's Voice Class Cancelled
Music Reading Class Cancelled
7:00 P.M. — *Missions Study* — Sanctuary Choir will begin immediately following the missions study.

LOOK AT THE FIELDS!



I saw the world last night
through the eyes of Jesus. . . .

Where was I?

Strange . . .

But it seemed I was everywhere at once.

The world was . . . so small that
everyone was my neighbor!

"The harvest is plentiful but the laborers
are few. Pray therefore the Lord of the
harvest to send out laborers. . . . Look at
the fields. They wait, they want, but the
laborers are few" (Matt. 9:37-38, Milam
paraphrased).

The WMU invites you to experience an Asian evening. Enjoy an Oriental dinner and a mission adventure.

Date: Wednesday, November 10

Time: 5:15 Dinner

6:15 Program

Location: Dining Room*

Teacher: Dr. Jessie Ashe

Dress: Asian (if you like)

MENU:

Sweet and Sour Pork

Rolls and Butter

Tea and Coffee

Rice

English Peas or Salad

Steamed Carrot Pudding

Milk — 25¢

* (G.A.'s, R.A.'s and Mission Friends will meet at 6:15 for their individual studies.)

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mrs. Mary Charles Renfroe, Mr. Carroll Hughes, Mr. James MacArthur, Mr. Jack Neuman

Specialty Care

Mrs. Gloria Knowles

Sacred Heart

Mr. Preston Sutton

Children's Hospital

Matthew Adams

West Florida

Mrs. Geneva Holt, Mrs. Cleo Ansley

Rehabilitation Institute

Mrs. Ovie Blue

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mr. Roger Yonker, Mrs. Katie Pippin,

Mr. Joe Boykin, Miss Terri Driskell

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Lauree MacNeil and Andy Whitener on their marriage October 30.

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Edres Payne in the death of her husband.

Mrs. Evelyn Bratcher in the death of her brother.

Mrs. Clara Boyer in the death of her mother.

Mrs. A. S. Waters in the death of her husband.

Mr. Bill Waters in the death of his father.



The Great Challenge

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

PROVE THE TITHE DAY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

INFORMAL BUDGET DISCUSSION

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON
1983 BUDGET

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

PLEDGE DAY

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS NEEDED

URGENTLY NEEDED: A baby bed for a Vietnamese family and a refrigerator for a Cambodian family. If you have either, please call Joan Peterson (433-1478).

HANDICAPPED PARKING

In the area immediately behind the North wing, additional spaces are being designated for parking by those who have difficulty walking.

Please honor these marked parking spaces (on Sunday mornings, especially).

PERRY SANDERS TAPES AVAILABLE

Anyone wishing to have a cassette tape recording of Dr. Sander's message at the stewardship banquet may order one through our Tape Ministry by calling the church office (433-5631). Cost is \$2.00.

**BAPTIST WOMEN (DAY)
GROUP MEETINGS**

Tuesday, November 9

- 10:00 A.M.—ALTA ALLISON
with Mrs. Frank Barrineau
921 North 19th Ave.
—RALPH BETHEA
with Mrs. Herman Williams
3636 Menendez Dr.
—VIRGINIA COBB
with Mrs. C. E. Green
1688 East Jordan St.
—STANLEY DAVIS
with Mrs. G. A. Hartline
Church cellar for covered
dish luncheon
—LINDA LEECH
with Mrs. Verble Beasley
2119 Sunbury Cr.
—DOROTHY MADDOX
with Mrs. Sandy Sansing
4830 Velasquez Dr.
—CHARLOTTE OWENS
with Mrs. William Nettles
3371 Edgewater Dr., G.B.
—BETTIE TOMLINSON
with Mrs. Tim Jernigan
Church Room S-112 for
covered dish luncheon
2:00 A.M.—ROSIE BEDSOLE
with Mrs. Lewis Mack
731 West Hernandez St.
* * * * *
- BAPTIST WOMEN (NIGHT)**
6:00 P.M.—PRAYER GROUP
with Miss Florence Scott
1312 East Hernandez
(dinner meeting)
7:00 P.M.—BIBLE STUDY GROUP
with Polly Wiginton
3661 Scenic Highway

JAPAN MISSION PROJECT NEWS

Thank you for the growing response to the mission project. Some have asked how we can contribute to the expenses of the project. There are two ways. First, by contributing to the "General Fund" you contribute to the entire project. There is a goal of \$100,000 for the "General Fund." Secondly, you may contribute in someone's name. These contributions made in a name will go towards the \$1,000 individual contribution that each choir member is making. Finally, and most important, the project needs your prayer support. This tremendous undertaking cannot be done in any one person's power, but in the strength of the Lord and His leading. Pray that His will be done.



NOTE TO PARENTS:

Have you noticed? Buzzers have been installed on doors of the three youngest preschool hallways. For security reasons these doors are often locked. When children and workers are in the back rooms you cannot be heard at the door. Now you may buzz (gently) and someone will let you in.

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP — OCTOBER 31, 1982



ALAN and JULIE STAVRAKIS



GLORIA CHOATE



**The First Place
For Singles**

**SINGLE LIVING SEMINAR
November 12-13, 1982**

BRITTON WOOD
Seminar Leader

**Minister with Adults at Broadway Baptist Church,
Fort Worth, Texas**

Friday, November 12

- 6:00 P.M.—REGISTRATION
6:30 P.M.—BANQUET
7:00 P.M.—WELCOME and
INTRODUCTIONS
7:30 P.M.—SESSION 1 - Britton Wood

Saturday, November 13

- 8:30 A.M.—CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
(For leaders of Singles, or those
who would like to work with
Singles.)
9:00 A.M.—LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP
Britton Wood
11:00 A.M.—SESSION 2 - Britton Wood
12:30 P.M.—LUNCH
1:30 P.M.—SESSION 3 - Britton Wood

Cost: \$10.00 (Includes Two Meals)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 433-6700

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CHURCH OFFICERS

Mr. Danny Kepner, Chairman of Deacons.....433-0956
Dr. Hiram Smith, Jr., S.S. Director.....432-4697
Mr. Frank Rabold, Church Training Director 478-7939
Mrs. Jenna Young, W.M.U. Director.....433-8498
Mrs. Earl Gentry, Director of Library Services 478-1367

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Robert Nash and are given by his wife, Norma.

IN MEMORIAM

A. STILLMAN WATERS
Route 4, Box 211

Joined our church by Letter:
March 8, 1970

Deceased: November 2, 1982

LAST week

OCTOBER 26-31, 1982

TOTAL BIBLE STUDY.....	2,116
SUNDAY SCHOOL	1,591
Married Adults	873
Single Adults	174
Youth	209
Children	188
Preschool	147
WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES.....	525
CHURCH TRAINING	215
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM.....	616
COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP.....	3
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Sweet and Sour Pork
Rice
English Peas or Salad
Roll and Butter
Steamed Carrot Pudding
Tea and Coffee
Milk - 25¢

(Hamburger dinner available for
children by reservation only.)

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 9:00 A.M.—Homebound Class
College / Singles I Breakfast
- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
Deaf Revival
- * 10:55 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 3:30 P.M.—Vietnamese Bible Class
- 4:00 P.M.—Middle School Handbells
Youth Ensemble
- * 5:00 P.M.—Church Training Hour
Youth Choir
Children's Bible Drill
Adult Handbells
Guitar Class
College / Singles I Choir
- * 6:15 P.M.—Evening Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- * 9:00 A.M.—“Needle” Workshop — CAC
Ladies' Intermediate Aerobics
- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
- 10:15 A.M.—Ladies' Skating
- 12:00 Noon—Men's Exercise — CAC
- 7:00 P.M.—“Needle” Workshop — CAC
Adult Ensemble
Single Adult Bible Study

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- Baptist Women Group Meetings —
Listed elsewhere in BUILDER
- 9:00 A.M.—Beginner Aerobics
- 10:15 A.M.—Ladies' Skating
- 12:00 Noon—Adult Piano Lessons
Foundation Committee
- 12:30 P.M.—Singing Seniors
- 1:00 P.M.—Voice Class
- 3:30 P.M.—Children's Piano Lessons
- 5:30 P.M.—Ladies' Beginner Aerobics
- 6:30 P.M.—Youth Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 9:00 A.M.—Ladies' Intermediate Aerobics
- 10:15 A.M.—Ladies' Skating
- 12:00 Noon—Men's Exercise — CAC
- 4:00 P.M.—Boys Choir
- 4:45 P.M.—High School Acteens
Graded Choirs
Middle School Choir
- * 5:30 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
Music Committee
- * 6:15 P.M.—Mission Study for Adults
High School JOY
Growth Group
Mission Friends
Middle School Acteens
Royal Ambassadors
G.A.'s
Sunday School Workers
Men's Voice Class
Music Reading
- * 6:35 P.M.—Adult Lesson Preview
- * 7:00 P.M.—Sanctuary Choir
- 7:15 P.M.—Boy Scouts — Cellar
Informal Budget Discussion

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 9:00 A.M.—Beginner Aerobics
- 9:30 A.M.—Senior Adults — CAC
- 10:15 A.M.—Ladies' Skating
- 12:00 Noon—Businessmen's Luncheon

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

OCTOBER 31, 1982

BY LETTER:

- 10. Gloria Choate,
TRSUPP 3480 NASP — 453-1791
From: Bellevue Baptist, Memphis, Tn.
 - 11. Alan Stavakis,
4505 Charmonte — 433-1382
From: First Baptist, Montgomery, Al.
 - 12. Mrs. Alan Stavakis (Julie),
4505 Charmonte
From: Manhattan Baptist, Tampa, Fl.
- BAPTIZED:
Adam Chamness, Monica Chamness,
Eddie W. Daniel, Don Jackson and
Ben Heng

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Beginning November 7

LaDon Boyd	476-8029
Gene Langston	478-0292
Frank Rabold	478-7939
Paul Gray	932-3872

SERMON TOPICS

November 7, 1982

10:55 A.M.

“WE ARE ABLE”
(Num. 13:1-33)

6:15 P.M.

“THE DESTRUCTION OF
THE KINGDOM”
(2 Kings)

BUDGET OFFERING REPORT

October 31, 1982

Receipts	\$ 22,483.49
Weekly Budget Needs.....	20,809.00
Budget Receipts	
Year To Date.....	929,037.74
Budget Needs	
Year To Date.....	915,596.00

DESIGNATED GIFTS

Building Fund	\$ 1,243.10
Specials	743.00
Japan Mission Project (Given To Date).....	51,524.07

- 5:30 P.M.—Ladies' Beginning Aerobics
 - 7:00 P.M.—Singles' Bible Study
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12
- * 9:00 A.M.—Mother's Day Out
Ladies' Intermediate Aerobics
 - 12:00 Noon—Men's Exercise — CAC
 - 6:00 P.M.—Single Living Seminar
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13
- 8:30 A.M.—Single Living Seminar
 - * Nursery Provided