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

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Brian's Lines

Wow! I have never been through such a night as Sunday night! As I told the folks who were here, it was like taking a seminary course on Baptist Church polity. We had a Sunday School Leadership Training



time in the afternoon, a baptism, a gospel music presentation, a deacon ordination, received a new member into the church, had a church conference and a meeting of the church corporation, celebrated the anniversary of a staff member, and then

had a time of fellowship. I felt like I had just run a marathon when I got home Sunday night. But I also felt deeply grateful: grateful for the five fantastic years that we have had together as pastor and people, grateful for the large number of you who have told me that you pray for me and my family every day, grateful for the warm expressions of your love and support during the fellowship hour, grateful for the flowers for Jan and for the radio-recorder, grateful for the gift of money, grateful for the Spirit of enthusiasm and excitement which is gripping the hearts of our people, grateful that God has seen fit to use me in this way. Thank you for five great years.

NEW DEACON LEADERSHIP . . . was elected at our last meeting. Joe Napier will serve as chairman of the deacons this year. Bob Gowing will be vice-chairman. Jack Overman will again serve as clerk and Bill Lee will serve as deputy-clerk. I think we need to say a word of thanks to Danny Kepner and his fine leadership during this past year. I like the way Joe Napier expressed it in his prayer. He said that Danny was strong when he needed to be strong and compassionate when compassion was called for. That says it very well. Thanks, Danny, for an excellent job.

PRAYER PARTNERS . . . We want every one of you to get a prayer partner and commit yourself to pray for the church every day during the first week of the new year. I will be asking you Sunday morning as a part of Bold Commitment Day to acknowledge your participation in this plan. Then, on October 2-9, I want you and your prayer partner to pray each day for the needs of our church. Perhaps, on some days, you will have to do it over the phone if you can't get together in person. That would be fine. We begin a new year with the theme "Catch the Spirit." Let's pray that this will happen in 1984.

ADVANCEMENT DAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL BOLD COMMITMENT DAY IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2



Pictured left to right: Eddie Benton, Minister of Youth; David Chism, Minister of Education and Outreach; Dot Walker, Minister of Childhood Education; and Jay Johnston, Minister of Activities and Singles.

Pictured above is the Educational Staff of our church, photographed at the recent Monday night Sunday School Leadership Banquet.

The Leadership Conference was a great success and excitement is high as we move into a new year in the Sunday School program of the church. Bible Study and Outreach will continue to be the keynotes of our Sunday School!

(See Page 2 for details on Bold Commitment Day.)

DEACON OFFICERS ELECTED

Joe Napier, Deacon Chairman for 1983-84



Pictured above are the deacon officers for 1983-84 (left to right): Joe Napier, chairman; Bob Gowing, vice chairman; Bill Lee, deputy clerk; Jack Overman III, clerk; Danny Kepner, immediate past president.

THE ATTENDANCE . . . was outstanding this last Sunday. The two services are balancing out very well. I am so pleased to see the second service filling out. We had about 70 in each adult choir for the two services. This coming Sunday will be another banner day. We will be moving to new Sunday School classes. The worship attendance should be much stronger. The adult choir will come back together

for this Sunday and sing in the second service. It should be a glorious day.

I WILL BE PREACHING . . . in both services Sunday. Sunday morning will be a sermon on the church entitled, "The Kind of Church God Wants Us To Be." Sunday night I will continue my series on Revelation with a sermon entitled, "Let the Son Shine." I'll see you here for another exciting day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LAURA STOESSEN!



Mrs. Laura Stoesen will be 90 years old on October 6. Her ministry has extended to different parts of the world but she admits that "most of my traveling I have done on my knees." She was appointed a missionary to Puerto Rico in 1919 and when she and her husband returned to the States she found many ways to use her fluency in several languages. She has taught English to Mexicans in Texas, and since arriving in Pensacola she met ships at the docks, seeking Norwegians, Spaniards, Portuguese and others who cared to attend church with her or needed her friendship.

She has enlisted other women to help her baby-sit during naturalization ceremonies at the federal court building. In our church she teaches a Spanish class and can assist the teaching in translating to the deaf in Sunday School.

A remarkable person — say "happy birthday" to her.

BOLD COMMITMENT DAY PRAYER PARTNER PLAN

Bold Commitment Day on Sunday, October 2, will enable us to begin a new church year with a renewed dedication to the Lord and His church. The pastor's message will be entitled, "The Kind of Church God Wants Us To Be." The morning services will end with a call to a new level of commitment as we seek to reach our city for Christ.

A special focus will be given to prayer. We have achieved new heights in the church this year. But we have not accomplished as much as we should because we have not claimed in prayer God's promises of power. A special invitation will be given Sunday to commit yourself to prayer.

We want each of you to select a prayer partner to pray with during the first week of the new church year. During the invitation Sunday morning, you will have an opportunity to indicate that you will participate in the Prayer Partner Plan. Partners will pray for the ministries of our church and the needs within our community.

We will ask you to remember especially these seven areas in your prayer: the unsaved people of the world; the missionary personnel and their work; career missionaries' families; doors opening for missionaries to enter new countries; current political crises where missionaries serve; mission giving, and more from our own congregation to commit themselves to vocational mission work.

Bold commitment Day will be a day of renewed dedication to the church and a renewed determination to claim through prayer God's power for reaching our goals.



MISSION ACTION MOTIVATIONAL TRAINING

Come Join Us Friday, October 7 — 9:30 A.M.
in Room S-112

THIS TRAINING IS FOR:

1. Anyone interested in Mission Action.
2. Mission Action Directors of Baptist Women, Young Baptist Women, and Baptist Young Women.
3. Baptist Women Group Leaders.
4. Women already involved in Mission Action Group projects or individual projects.
5. Acteen, C.A., Mission Friend, Baptist Women, Young Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women Directors.
6. WMU Council.

This is a "how to" workshop. It will be a time to share, a time of prayer, a time to join together to fulfill our theme for this year in WMU . . . "PARTNERS IN PRAYER AND MINISTRY."

OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mrs. Myrtle Johns, Mr. Henry Smith

Specialty Care

Mrs. Mary Charles Renfroe

Sacred Heart

Mr. W. W. Foster, Mr. L. Winford Abney,
Mrs. Barbara Lang

West Florida

Mr. Carroll Hughes

Transferred to West Florida

Rehabilitation Center

Mrs. Anna Rue Camp

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mr. Lester E. Wiggins, Mrs. Deborah
Nobles, Mr. Myrlin Brooks

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Emily Dobson in the death of her
husband.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Pam Parker and David Lauer on their
marriage September 24.

THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday
was placed there in honor of
MASTER JAMES CLAYTON BRUCE
son of

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bruce
born September 9, 1983

INTRODUCING SUE PIERCE

We welcome to our church office Mrs.
Sue Pierce, who will be working as Edu-
cation Secretary.

Sue and her husband, Roger, are the
parents of three children. They moved to
Pensacola in July from Annapolis, Mary-
land. Roger is a Chaplain at CNET, NAS.

Stop by the Education Office and say
"hello" to Sue.

MEN'S CHORUS SUNDAY NIGHT

Men, please come to the choir room
at 5:45 Sunday evening to rehearse be-
fore the Worship Service. Let's fill the
choir loft!

EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

BED BABIES . . . Lynn Alford
CREEPERS . . . Diane Busbee
TODDLERS . . . Norma Driskell
2's . . . Cara Gullede
Martha Kent
3's . . . Barbara Burks
4's . . . Ebbie Roberts

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sun-
day are in loving memory of Leon E.
Singletary, Sr. and are given by Mrs.
Leon E. Singletary, Sr., Children and
Grandchildren.

WITNESSING WOMEN WORKSHOP

Through the Baptist Young Women

Sessions each week for six weeks,
beginning October 11 - November 15,
7:30 P.M.

Locations:

October 11, 18, 25 - JOHANNA HALL
462 E. Burgess Road, Apt. 462
(Sundance Village Apts.)
(432-5692)

November 1, 8, 15 - SUSAN HANNA
6150 Jasmine Road
(432-1222)

AN ALBUM FOR WEDDING PHOTO-GRAPHS has been placed in the Church Library by Ed and Margaret Bell in honor of their daughter and son-in-law, Rich and Angela Shepherd. Members of the church family are invited to place a wedding picture (size 5 x 7), with identifying information regarding time of wedding and participants, in the album. This can be a valuable addition to the history of First Baptist Church and its families.

STATE ACTEENS COMETOGETHER

The Fall Florida Acteens meeting will be at Blue Springs Baptist Assembly October 21-22, 1983. The cost is \$16.00. This will include registration, lodging, and three meals. Acteens and leaders will leave the church at 3:00 p.m. on October 21st and return to the church at 6:30 p.m. on the 22nd. For Acteens planning to attend, the entire \$16.00 must be turned in to the Acteens leaders by October 5th.

"JOURNEY TO JAPAN THRU BOOKS"



James Young, Brent Hicks, Britt Young
(front row), Kelley Hamilton, Beatrice
Threadgill, Carrie Camp.

Pictured above are some of the participants in the Summer Reading Program. Others participating, but not pictured, are Angie Holt, Christian Howard, Mark Gunnels, Laura Murray, Lew Belvin, Bersy Lynn Howard.

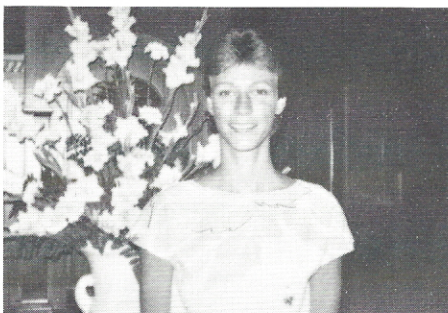
A book brought from Japan has been placed in the Mission Library in honor of the person who traveled the most miles through reading:

James Young - Grades 1, 2, 3
Britt Young - Grades 4, 5, 6

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5 6:30 A.M.

In lieu of individual home prayer groups, the men of the church are invited to attend this prayer breakfast on the first Wednesday of each month.

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP — SEPTEMBER 25, 1983



AMY MELZER



LAURA ANTHONY

RECREATION News

FAMILY NIGHT was Great! Thanks to Rick Gill, Bob Wilson and Rod Williamson for being captains and leading their respective teams in "Almost Anything Goes!"; to all those wonderful people who helped serve the food; to Martha Gay and Judd Wilson for assisting during the games; and a big "thank-you" to Jennifer Daniel who headed up "Almost Anything Goes." A BIG "thank-you" to the participants and cheering squad without whom "Almost Anything Would Not Have Gone."

BRECKENRIDGE Christmas Ski Retreat is now open to all church members. The dates are December 25 - January 2 and a deposit of \$35.00 will hold a place for you. Total cost is \$410 for skiers. Non-skiers will be less. Contact Jay Johnston for details.

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL with the New Orleans Saints. This trip is for all church members. We plan to leave the CAC on Monday, November 21, at noon. We'll shop and eat in the French Quarter and go to the game in the Superdome. Return trip will be immediately after the game. The cost for the trip is \$20.00 each which includes transportation and game ticket.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Mike Simoneaux

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR — Don't forget that we are to sing at the 8:30 service this Sunday, October 2. Please be in your place at 8:15 a.m. at the latest. We will sing "Power and The Glory."

SANCTUARY CHOIR — Thank you for your cooperation during this time of spectacular growth and excitement. In order to make our robes and music go further, we are unassigning names to both robes and folders. Folders will be available on a first-come basis. Robes will be hung in robing rooms by height. Now everyone will have a robe and a folder, at least until we consistently go over 150 each week. I want to thank the choir officers for their input and help and also for agreeing to serve until the new year. See you at 11:00 Sunday.

MEN'S CHORUS — This Sunday night we will have a male chorus. Please meet in the choir room at 5:45 for a brief rehearsal. This is open to all men of the church.

PLEASE NOTE — Due to a special staff meeting, all music activities previously scheduled for Tuesday, October 4th, are canceled.

COMING EVENTS — *Instrumental Ensemble*, beginning on Tuesday nights at 7:00. Watch for starting dates and dust off your old instruments. *Singing Seniors* — Due to schedule conflicts, this group will start on the first Tuesday in November (November 1) at 1:00 in the afternoon. The Tuesday schedule will alternate Singing Seniors (1st and 3rd Tuesday's) with Voice Class (2nd and 4th Tuesday's). Both will begin at 1:00.

ZIP CODE CHANGES

If you live in the 32503 and 32504 Zip Code Area and your number has been changed, please notify the church office.

CALLING ALL WOMEN! TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:00 A.M.—YOUNG BAPTIST WOMEN

10:00 A.M.—BAPTIST WOMEN
(Beginning with coffee
and tea at 9:30)

11:30 A.M.—LUNCHEON

6:30 P.M.—BAPTIST WOMEN (Night)

IN MEMORIAM

JIM DOBSON

4325 Burtonwood Drive

Joined our church by Letter:

September 12, 1982

Deceased: September 23, 1983

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CHURCH OFFICERS

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Dr. Brian L. Harbour, Pastor.....434-3308
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Mrs. Nancy Beuris, Membership/Children Secretary
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Mrs. Susie Walker,
Recreation/Singles/Youth Secretary
Mrs. Jill Findley, Music Secretary
Mrs. Lorraine Pulley, Dietician
Mrs. Josephine Williams, Receptionist

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

LAST week

SEPTEMBER 19 - 25, 1983

TOTAL BIBLE STUDY.....1,739
SUNDAY SCHOOL1,347
Married Adults 669
Single Adults 161
Youth 173
Children 198
Preschool 146
WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES..... 392
CHURCH TRAINING 300
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM..... 623
COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP..... 2



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Sweet and Sour Pork
Over Rice
Steamed Cabbage or Slaw
Roll or Cornbread
Dessert
Tea and Coffee
Milk — 25¢

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

- * 8:30 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 9:00 A.M.—Homebound Class
- 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
- * 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 3:30 P.M.—Children's Bible Study
- 4:00 P.M.—Youth Ensemble
Middle School Handbells
- * 5:00 P.M.—Church Training Hour
High School Choir
Children's Bible Drill
Adult Handbells
College / Single Adult Choir
- 5:15 P.M.—M.S. Church Training
- * 6:15 P.M.—Evening Worship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

- * 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
- 7:00 P.M.—“Needle” Workshop — CAC
Adult Ensemble
- 7:30 P.M.—College / Single Adult Bible Study

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 9:00 A.M.—Beginner Aerobics
Young Baptist Women
- 10:00 A.M.—Baptist Women
- 10:15 A.M.—Ladies' Skating
- 11:30 A.M.—Luncheon
- 1:00 P.M.—Voice Class
- 5:30 P.M.—Ladies' Beginner Aerobics
- 6:30 P.M.—H.S. Discipleship Class
Baptist Women (Night)
- 7:00 P.M.—College / Single Adult Visitation

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 6:30 A.M.—Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:00 A.M.—Ladies' Intermediate Aerobics
- 10:15 A.M.—Ladies' Skating
- 12:00 Noon—Men's Exercise
- * 4:45 P.M.—High School Acteens
Graded Choirs
Middle School Choir
- * 5:30 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
Choir Officers
Recreation Committee
Boy Scout Committee
- * 6:15 P.M.—Bible Study for Adults
S.S. Weekly Workers Mtg.
High School JOY
College / Singles JOY
Mission Friends
Middle School Acteens
Royal Ambassadors
G.A.'s
Japanese Class
- * 7:00 P.M.—Sanctuary Choir
H.S. Discipleship Class
- 7:15 P.M.—Boy Scouts
CAC Opens (Closes at 9:00)

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP SEPTEMBER 25, 1983

BY LETTER:

179. Amy Melzer, 1912½ E. Gadsden St.
(01) — 432-5551
From: Olive Baptist, Pensacola, Fl.
180. Laura Anthony, 935 Commonwealth
Rd. (04) — 477-7372
From: Temple Baptist,
Hattiesburg, Ms.
BAPTIZED: Phuong Duong

MISSION GIFTS

State Missions

GOAL\$3,000.00
GIVEN TO DATE..... 1,646.17

BUDGET OFFERING REPORT

September 25, 1983
Receipts\$ 16,984.80
Weekly Budget Needs.... 25,840.00
Budget Receipts
Year To Date..... 874,794.29
Budget Needs
Year To Date..... 1,007,760.00

DESIGNATED GIFTS

BUILDING FUND\$ 143.00
SPECIALS 10,352.10
JAPAN MISSION TRIP
Given toward Church's
Goal of \$75,470..... 44,083.15

SERMON TOPICS

OCTOBER 2, 1983

8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

“THE KIND OF CHURCH
GOD WANTS US TO BE”

6:15 P.M.

“LET THE SON SHINE”

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

- 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
 - 5:30 P.M.—Ladies' Beginning Aerobics
 - 7:00 P.M.—Singles' Bible Study
- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7
- * 9:00 A.M.—Mother's Day Out
Ladies' Intermediate Aerobics
 - 9:30 A.M.—Mission Action Skills
Workshop
 - 12:00 Noon—Men's Exercise
 - * Nursery Provided