

Giving: A Spiritual Investment

The Baptist Builder



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

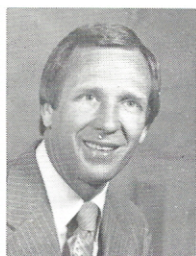
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Brian's Lines

I appreciate your response to the messages on Sunday. You are always so warm and gracious in your comments. But Sunday,



you seemed to be especially so. We are planning to print the sermon from Sunday morning so you can get it either on tape or in print. The sermons on Revelation will all be available on tape. I have preached four now — six more to go. After the service

Sunday morning, Ed Holt confirmed what I had said about the balance in the two morning worship services. They are within fifty of each other each Sunday. Thank you for your beautiful response.

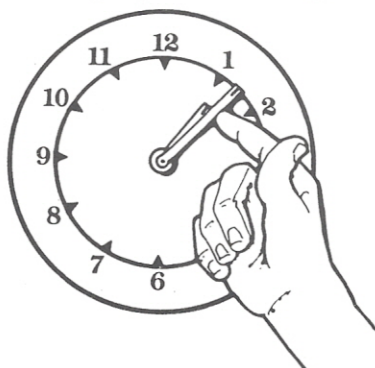
THANKS TOO . . . for the kind expressions of love for me on my birthday. Some asked me last week if I was 45. The boys on my soccer team told their parents that I was 22! Actually, 39 is not too bad. The staff gave me a new pair of Nike's. Eddie said that he hoped it would help me in our weekly basketball game. I told him I thought it would take more than that. One thing about it, if these birthdays keep rolling around I will not only be getting older, I will also be getting fatter, thanks to the cakes, cookies, etc. But thanks — every expression of love means a great deal to me.

PRAYER . . . is at the heart of all that we are doing as a church. Let's continue to pray individually every day. Let's continue to pray with our prayer partners. Let's continue to pray together on Wednesday night. Let's continue to pray in our prayer groups. Prayer is vital to the life of our church. As you pray this week, remember to pray for the following:

1. For Bill Santo, Bob and Jean Askew in their partnership evangelism venture in Japan.
2. For our church as we consider and adopt our budget for 1984.
3. For Jay Johnston as he leads in the preparation for the Annual Challenger Award Football Banquet on December 5.

TIME FOR ANOTHER TIME CHANGE:

"Daylight Saving Time" Ends Sunday, October 30



Please note that although you change your clocks and watches, *no service times* are different with this Fall time change.

Of particular interest is the fact that Church Training activities begin at 5:00 p.m. and the Evening Service begins at 6:15 p.m.

INFORMAL QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION Scheduled By The Budget Planning Committee Wednesday Evening, November 2 — 7:00 P.M.

This meeting is an opportunity to see the budget booklet, describing the proposed budget in detail, and ask questions of the committee members regarding the various items. The churchwide discussion and vote on the 1984 budget will be held on Wednesday, November 9.

LEISURE TIMERS CHOIR — A NEW BEGINNING Tuesday, November 1 — 1:00 P.M.

(See Page 2 for Details.)

4. For Mike Simoneaux as he leads in the preparation for the Christmas pageant on December 11 - 12.
5. For me as I preach at Chapel at New Orleans Seminary on November 2.

THIS SUNDAY . . . I will be continuing my series on Revelation in the evening service with a sermon entitled, "Good News In A Bad World" from Revelation 4-7. Sunday morning the sermon will be from the book of Acts. I'll see you here for another exciting day.

GIVING: A SPIRITUAL INVESTMENT



When we consider an investment we think of the profits we will make. As I consider giving as a Spiritual Investment, I wonder about those profits. Does the Lord need my money and time, or is it I who need the giving? I have come to the conclusion that it is I who profit the most. It is one of the few ways I have of actually showing Him that my words of love are not in vain and that He is truly important to me. It is my firm conviction that He, too, profits — not only by the money or service rendered — but most of all by the reinforcement that His love to us is not only recognized but returned.

It is not hard to look around us and see His blessings. They are abundant! Because He is so good and because we are so sure of His love, we find it easy to take advantage of Him. However, our tithes need not be “payments to insure a happy life.” How exciting it would be if our giving could be typified by the words from a familiar hymn.

*“Not with the hope of gaining aught,
Not seeking a reward.
But as thyself has loved me
O everlasting Lord.
E'en so I love thee, and will love
And in thy praise will sing (give)
Solely because thou art my God
And my Eternal King!”*

MARY BAKER

MUSIC MINISTRY

Mike Simoneaux

LEISURE TIMERS CHOIR — Our singing group designed especially for seniors will resume Tuesday, November 1st, at 1:00 in the Choir Room. We will meet on the first and third Tuesday's each month. I hope that our response will be as good as it has been in the past. Come and bring a friend.

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE — The time is just around the corner for the starting of our instrumental ensemble. Our first meeting will be Sunday afternoon, November 6th, at 5:00. Search your closet for that instrument you once played and bring it along with you. After we see what instrumentation we have, we will make plans for rehearsals and performances. This is open to middle schoolers, high schoolers and adults. **THERE WILL BE NO AUDITION.**

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE IN THE CHURCH OR COMMUNITY WHO IS A SINGER and you believe would be a prospect for our Sanctuary Choir? If so, please contact the Music Office with a name and we will do the rest. We are on our way to two 100-voice choirs on Sunday morning. You can help us reach our goal!

LIBRARY LOSES OVER \$1500!

This will become a true statement if the 238 books now overdue are not returned! This amount is more than the Library is allotted for one year in the church budget.

Some of the books are old, some brand new, some are irreplaceable, some given as memorials. One family has checked out 16, another 10, but most are sitting alone waiting to be returned.

If you have a book, please return it so that it can be enjoyed by others. **NOW IS THE TIME. OCTOBER 30 IS THE LAST DAY OF FINE FREE MONTH!**

OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist Specialty Care

Mrs. Mary Charles Renfroe

Sacred Heart

Mrs. Myrtle Johns, Mrs. Bertha Kingry

*University of Alabama Medical Center,
Birmingham*

Mr. Pete Sutton

Bay Memorial, Panama City

Mr. Cecil Ray

Rehabilitation Institute

Mrs. Anna Rue Camp, Mrs. Barbara Lang

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Julie Smith, Mr. Carroll Hughes, Drake Crossland

SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Bill Ranson in the death of his Mother.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Timothy and Daisy Philpot on the birth of a baby boy, Thomas Roy, October 7.

NEW MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

THURSDAY MORNINGS — 7:00 A.M.

at the home of

Jack Archer, 4608 Marseille

WITNESSING WOMEN WORKSHOP

Through the Baptist Young Women

7:30 P.M.

November 1, 8, 15 — Susan Hanna

6161 Jasmine Road (432-1222)

PAPER DRIVE

The Acteens are continuing their paper drive. Please bring all contributions to the big bin beside the Activities Center.

MISSION GIFTS

State Missions

GOAL\$3,000.00
GIVEN TO DATE..... 3,427.71

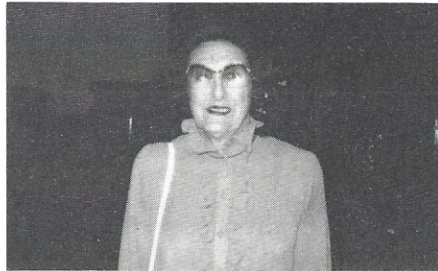
MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Keith and are given by Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Sutton and Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Kenney.

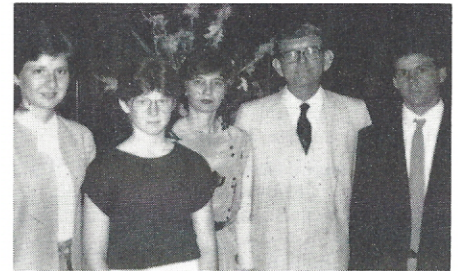
RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP — OCTOBER 23, 1983



Richard Jensen



Helen Smith



James and Carol Wilson,
David, Susan and Lisa Wilson

PARTNERSHIP EVANGELISM NEWS

OUR TEAM: Bob and Jean Askew,
Bill Santo

DATE OF MISSION PROJECT:
October 30 - November 6

CHURCH: Edamitsu Baptist Church
Osamu Matsukura, Pastor
Kitakyushu, Japan

Please pray for our team, for the Japanese Pastor, for witnessing opportunities, for the Evangelistic Services on November 4, 5, and 6.

WEEKLY PRAYER REMINDER

"Praise waiteth for thee, O God..."
Ps. 65:1

"I will bless the Lord at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth." Ps. 34:1

Praise unto God is a commitment of the situation into God's hands for His solution. It can be summed up this way: I have prayed about this need, now Lord, I am praising You even before I see the answer. I rest in you Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

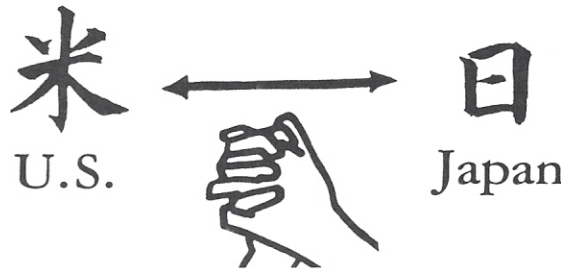
Let's give our budget into the hands of the Lord and then let's praise Him before we see the answer. Our praises can release His power in our lives thus in the life of His church (victorious pledging).



EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS

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FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

BED BABIES . . .
CREEPERS . . . Cheryl Dunaway
TODDLERS . . . Julie Holley
2's . . .
Tammy Williams
3's . . . Jacki Benton
4's . . .



WMU GENERAL MEETING

November 1, 1983

Dr. Andy White will show his slides and tell us about his mission trip to Japan with the Choir.

The Young Baptist Women will serve tea at 9:30. Then you will have a chance to look at the mementoes from the Japan trip which other Choir members will bring to share with you. Anyone else who has treasures from Japan is urged to bring them to add to the display which Marcia Howell will be arranging.

Mrs. Pulley has promised her Cashew Chicken for lunch — we'll furnish the chopsticks! Barbara Jacobs is doing the tables and she promises some surprises, too.

If you have a kimono, put it on, bring a friend, and come on to the WMU General Meeting. Those of us without kimonos will be welcome also.

Please call for reservations if you are not a "regular" for lunch or nursery.

9:30 — TEA 10:00 — GENERAL MEETING 11:30 — LUNCH

STEWARDSHIP DATES OF INTEREST

WEDNESDAY, November 2.....*Informal Question - and - Answer Session with Budget Planning Committee*

SUNDAY, November 6.....*PROVE THE TITHE DAY*

WEDNESDAY, November 9.....*Budget Presented to Church for Discussion and Adoption*

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14.....*Prayer Emphasis on Tithing and the Budget*

SUNDAY, November 20.....*PLEDGE DAY*

HIGH SCHOOL FIFTH QUARTER

Friday, November 4

10:00 - 11:30 P.M.

Following the
Washington / Woodham
Game.



TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Thank you for your prayers, concern, visits and other kindnesses shown us during Winford's recent times in the hospital.

In Christian love,
WINFORD and EDNA ABNEY

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES FOR NOVEMBER

Susie Walker, Office1979
Marie McCracken, Kitchen1979
Joe Sims, Custodian1980

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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

SERMON TOPICS

October 30, 1983

8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

"WHEN OUR BEST INTENTIONS
ARE MISUNDERSTOOD"

(Acts 21:22-28)

6:15 P.M.

"GOOD NEWS IN A BAD WORLD"
(Rev. 4-7)

LAST week

OCTOBER 17 - 23, 1983

TOTAL BIBLE STUDY.....	1,704
SUNDAY SCHOOL	1,293
Married Adults	636
Single Adults	147
Youth	170
Children	200
Preschool	140
WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES.....	411
CHURCH TRAINING	135
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM....	609
COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP.....	7
BAPTIZED	1



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Baked Ham
Baked Potato
Steamed Cabbage or Slaw
Cornbread or Roll
Dessert
Tea and Coffee
Milk - 25¢

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

- * 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
- Instrumental Ensemble
- College / Single Adult Choir
- 5:15 P.M.—M.S. Church Training
- * 6:15 P.M.—Evening Worship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

- * 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, NOVEMBER 1

- 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
- Leisure Timers Choir
- 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, NOVEMBER 2

- 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 / Single JOY
- Mission Friends
- Middle School Acteens
- Royal Ambassadors
- G.A.'s
- Japanese Class
- * 7:00 P.M.—Sanctuary Choir
- H.S. Discipleship Class
- Budget Discussion with
- Budget Planning Committee

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP OCTOBER 23, 1983

BY LETTER:

10. Richard N. Jensen,
1084 Sanibel Ln. — 932-8147
From: First Baptist, Winter Park, FL.
11. Helen Smith, 5655 N. 9th Ave.,
Apt. L-107 — 477-4134
From: East Hill Baptist, Pensacola, FL.
12. Dr. James R. Wilson, Jr.,
710 Chesapeake Dr. — 932-7825
From: First Baptist, Beaufort, SC
13. Mrs. James R. Wilson (Carol),
710 Chesapeake Dr. — 932-7825
14. David Wilson, 710 Chesapeake Dr.
15. Susan Wilson, 710 Chesapeake Dr.
16. Lisa Wilson, 710 Chesapeake Dr.

BAPTIZED: Brent Hicks

BUDGET OFFERING REPORT

October 23, 1983	
Receipts	\$ 20,763.66
Weekly Budget Needs....	25,840.00
Budget Receipts	
Year To Date.....	972,092.46
Budget Needs	
Year To Date.....	1,111,120.00

DESIGNATED GIFTS

BUILDING FUND	\$ 171.00
SPECIALS	1,714.05
JAPAN MISSION TRIP	
Given toward Church's	
Goal of \$75,470.....	46,315.05

7:15 P.M.—Boy Scouts
CAC Opens (Closes at 9:00)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 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, NOVEMBER 4

- * 9:00 A.M.—Mother's Day Out
- Ladies' Intermediate Aerobics
- 12:00 Noon—Men's Exercise
- 6:00 P.M.—Master Workmen S.S. Dinner
- 7:00 P.M.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 P.M.—Fifth Quarter
- * Nursery Provided